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The Muzaffarnagar whitewash: Like in murder, accused got away in rape, rioting cases too

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M MUZAFFARNAGAR, JULY 19

WITNESS AFTER witness, even police officers, turning hostile; victims openly alleging fear and intimidation; long delays in medical examination in gangrape cases, in one case a delay of three months; no cross-examination of doctors or police — the list goes on.

In 40 of the 41 Muzaffarnagar riot cases, all the accused walked free. An investigation of court records of these cases by *The Indian Express* shows that just as with the 10 cases of murder reported Friday, in the four cases of alleged gangrape and 26 cases

CASE BY CASE
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Burnt houses of riot victims in Shamli. Gajendra Yadav

of rioting as well, there were glaring gaps in prosecution which resulted in the acquittals

of 168 men. All acquittals are in cases involving attacks on Muslims.

At least 65 people were killed in the 2013 riots, all these cases were registered and investigation began when the Akhilesh Yadav government was in power, the trial spanned both his and the current BJP government.

Consider the key findings in the four gangrape cases that the court used to justify the acquittals:

■ A victim in one case deposed that her medical examination was conducted after three months. The doctor told the court: "We did not find any bodily injuries during the medical examination."
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KARNATAKA FACEOFF DEEPENS

Governor's 2nd deadline passes, Speaker fixes Monday for trust vote

Kumaraswamy moves SC on Raj Bhavan deadline, party whip order

JOHNSON TA & ANANTHAKRISHNAN G BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, JULY 19

AS KARNATAKA Governor Vajubhai Vala issued a second deadline to Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, directing him to complete the trust vote by the end of the day, Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar Friday extended confidence motion proceedings until Monday after Congress-JD(S) coalition MLAs and Kumaraswamy sought more time to discuss the motion.

While the Opposition BJP insisted the trust be completed Friday, the Speaker stated that the debate on the trust vote should conclude by July 22 and underscored that the Chief Minister must face the trust vote Monday.

Earlier, in a plea to the Supreme Court, Kumaraswamy questioned Governor Vala's deadlines to the Karnataka Assembly and also sought clarification on the top court's direction that 15 rebel coalition MLAs cannot be "compelled" to attend the proceedings of the House.

In his application through advocate Sunil Fernandes, Kumaraswamy said: "It is respectfully submitted that no such



Ruling and Opposition MLAs in the House on Friday. PTI

direction could have been issued by the Hon'ble Governor when the confidence motion has already been initiated... the Hon'ble Governor cannot dictate to the House the manner in which

the debate of the confidence motion has to be taken up."
"However, the Hon'ble Governor has again sent a communication that the trust vote should be completed by July 22."
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Credit agencies bent over backwards for IL&FS: Forensic report

SANDEEP SINGH, KRISHN KAUSHIK & AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JULY 19

TOP CREDIT rating agencies not only provided IL&FS executives with advance rating reports, they allegedly allowed them to influence these ratings. In some cases, they even went to the extent of letting IL&FS officials re-write portions of their reports before these were made public. IL&FS executives discussed payments to keep negative reports in the private domain; agencies initially didn't give high ratings to IL&FS firms in the absence of strong credentials but then, inexplicably, upgraded them.

These revelations are at the heart of a scathing indictment of top agencies in a draft forensic report on alleged wrongdoing as IL&FS slipped into default.

The report, prepared by tax

EXPLAINED

The challenge of regulation

THE ALLEGATIONS in the Grant Thornton report highlight issues of corporate governance and raise questions regarding oversight of credit rating agencies. One key issue is their revenue model in which agencies are paid by the companies they rate. RBI and SEBI are working on revising the regulatory framework.

and advisory firm Grant Thornton and commissioned by the new IL&FS board, said:
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SONBHADRA KILLINGS

Before tractors rolled in with guns, pradhan & his men targeted the tillers

MANISH SAHU & AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, JULY 19

AS THE UP government drew Opposition fire and suspended a sub-divisional magistrate and four police personnel while announcing probes into the killing of 10 persons over a land dispute in Ghorawal area of Sonbhadra district two days ago, it emerged that gram pradhan Yagya Dutt, the arrested main accused, and his family had been targeting the Gond tillers of the land long

before the incident. From the time Yagya Dutt and 10 others of his family bought 145 bighas of the disputed land from the wife and daughter of a retired Bihar cadre IAS officer (the daughter is also married to an IAS officer) in 2017, they had been trying to take possession of the land from the Gond tillers. Calling the sale illegal, the tillers complained first to the revenue department.
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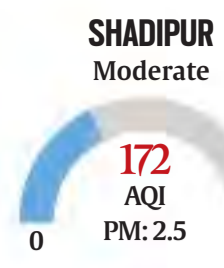
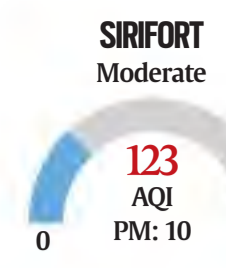
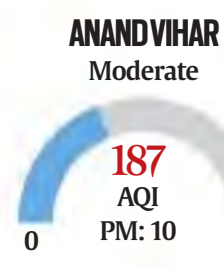
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CRPF constable dead as Mercedes being driven by 19-year-old rams into his car

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JULY 19

A 34-YEAR-OLD man posted with CRPF's Special Duty Group as a constable died Friday morning after a Mercedes Benz being driven by a 19-year-old rams into his car.

The victim, Narendra Baswal, was accompanied by his colleagues Vinod Kumar (36) and Babulal Yadav (38), who escaped with minor injuries. The Mercedes was being driven by 19-year-old Sandhya Garg, a resident of Model Town, who has been arrested and a case under IPC sections 304A (causing death by negligence), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life) and 279 (rash driving) has been registered against him.

According to police, Garg was visiting Delhi from London, where he is attending college. He was returning to his home in Model Town after visiting his grandmother in Saket. His father, Ashish, runs an iron business in Noida and the car is registered under his name, said police.

"A PCR call was received at 10.59 pm regarding an accident at Archana crossing on the BRT. At the spot, there was a black Mercedes, which was coming from Siri Fort Road side and had hit a WagonR after jumping the red light. The WagonR was coming from Moolchand and was heading towards Chirag Delhi," said DCP (South) Vijay Kumar.

The victims were pulled out of the car and rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre, where Baswal died in the morning due to "internal injuries he had suffered,"



The accident took place at Archana crossing on BRT, Thursday. After hitting the WagonR, the Mercedes hit the divider and broke the traffic signal. Praveen Khanna



hospital authorities said. Vinod and Yadav received injuries to their limbs and were discharged from the hospital on Thursday night.

After hitting the WagonR, the Mercedes hit the divider and broke the traffic signal. Police said Garg did not suffer any injuries as he was protected by air bags in the vehicle.

The WagonR belongs to Vinod, who was driving at the time of the accident while Baswal was sitting at the back. "The accused jumped the red light and was speeding. It crashed into our car and for a moment, I blacked out. Our car toppled twice. When I regained consciousness, I saw Baswal was unconscious and Yadav was injured but conscious. I got out of the car and tried to pull out the others, but couldn't," Vinod, who made the PCR call, claimed.

Was going with colleague to buy phone; wife dealt another blow on way to Delhi

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JULY 19



AN HOUR after finishing his duty at 8 pm, Narendra Baswal (34) accompanied his two colleagues for a quick trip to Lajpat Nagar market Thursday night. His colleague at the Old JNU Campus, CRPF constable Babulal Yadav, wanted to buy a new phone, a Nokia 106, for Rs 1,200. Not long afterwards, the trip took a tragic turn when a Mercedes Benz rams into their WagonR, killing Baswal.

Baswal, who lived in the CRPF quarters in South Delhi's Pushp Vihar, hailed from Rajasthan's

Alwar. His father Dattaram (58) said, "He came home two weeks ago to visit us and was happy about his new posting at the Old JNU campus in Delhi. He has been living in Delhi for more than five years. We were informed about the accident on Friday morning at 9 am, after his death," Dattaram owns a small farm in Alwar's Kishangarh.

Baswal's wife Madhu (30), meanwhile, had been dealt a double blow. "I was at my parent's home in Alwar when we were informed about the accident. We left for Delhi but on our way, in Manesar, the car had a flat tyre.

My father got out to check the tyre but got hit by a bus. He was rushed to Prakash Hospital in Manesar, and has suffered injuries to his limbs and head," she told The Indian Express.

Madhu and Baswal got married in 2006 and have two sons, Ajay (8) and Ashish (5). "I visited Delhi on July 11 to meet my husband. I wanted to shift with my sons to Delhi due to a family dispute in Alwar," she said.

Dinesh (36), Baswal's elder brother, who works as a teacher in Alwar, said, "He had been working for the CRPF for more than 14 years. We want justice for our brother."

Court acquits two in businessman's murder: Pistol appears planted

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, JULY 19

TEN YEARS ago, a woman told police she had heard her husband being shot dead while she was talking to him over the phone. She also claimed to have heard the voice of the shooter. Her husband Satish Yadav, a businessman from Mianwali Nagar, was killed in public outside an eatery in West Delhi in 2009. Police had arrested two men, Mohit Chhabra and Krishan Antil, a week later near a hospital. Police had recovered two pistols from the men.

A Delhi court has now acquitted the two men after it held that there was no material on record to connect the injury suffered by the victim with the firearm alleged to have been recovered from the accused persons, and that a star prosecution witness made contradictory statements which could not corroborate the wife's claim that she heard the shooting.

Additional Sessions Judge Gorakh Nath Pandey, while acquitting the two accused, said: "The recovery of the country-made pistols appears to be false and planted in view of doubtful features and infirmities in prosecution evidence. It is not safe to rely merely upon the testimony of the police officer, whose evidence needs to be scrutinized with great care and caution. There are fatal infirmities in the entire prosecution case and the entire genesis and the manner of the incident is doubtful, and the entire story deserves to be rejected."

As per court records, the woman claimed that after hearing the shooting, she tried to talk to her husband, who did not answer. She then called her relatives, and the prosecution witness had informed them about the shooting. However, during his deposition, the prosecution witness told the court that he spoke to the woman about the shooting at the hospital.

"The claim of the witness (woman) regarding the conversation with the deceased and hearing of the live noise of firing is contrary to the claim of PW1 (the star witness), who informed regarding the incident to the witness in the nursing home," the court said.

The court also held that the conduct of another witness and the nephew of the victim is "totally in contradiction to the act of a reasonable man".

The nephew had deposed that he had witnessed the incident while he was returning after distributing a wedding invitation, but did not raise a hue and cry, inform police or accompany the victim to the hospital, said the court.

BRIEFLY

Manu Sharma release plea rejected

New Delhi: The Delhi Sentence Review Board Friday rejected the release pleas of high-profile murder convicts Manu Sharma and Santosh Singh. Sharma had shot dead model Jessica Lal in 1999 while Singh was convicted for the rape and murder of law student Priyadarshini Mattoo.

150 kg heroin seized

New Delhi: The Special Cell of Delhi Police has busted an international drug cartel of Afghan heroin worth Rs 600 crore and arrested five men, two of whom are Afghan nationals. Police claim to have recovered 150 kg of heroin from the accused in South Delhi's Lajpat Nagar.

FIR against 3 policemen

Ghaziabad: An FIR was filed against three Ghaziabad policemen for alleged corruption, following an order by the anti-corruption court in Meerut.

Self-defence classes in govt schools

New Delhi: Self-defence training for girls in classes VI-X at Delhi government schools commence today. The module has been prepared with the assistance of Delhi Police.

Cop injured

New Delhi: A 28-year-old traffic police constable was injured after he was allegedly attacked with a stone by a passerby in Paharganj Wednesday night. ENS



The tomb is the third ASI-protected monument in Delhi to be illuminated. Amit Mehra

Safdarjung Tomb lights up

DIVYA A NEW DELHI, JULY 19

ON FRIDAY evening, Safdarjung Tomb became the third ASI-protected monument in Delhi to be illuminated, after Red Fort and Purana Qila. Last year, the ASI had embarked on a project to restore and highlight the architectural beauty of important Mughal-era monuments. Next up are Qutab Minar and Tughlaqabad Fort.

"We are working towards offering the youth an opportunity to know the history and culture of the country better, and to encourage a sense of shared identity," Union Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel said.

New Delhi MP Meenakshi Lekhi urged the Ministry and the

ASI to also create facilities for "coffee and sandwiches for visitors" at monuments.

To highlight the architecture of the 17th Century monument, including arches and minarets, 213 technologically advanced LED lights are being used. These will consume 62% less electricity as compared to conventional light fixtures. This will cast programmed light on domes, ramparts, minarets, arches and balconies from different directions to highlight architectural details.

The new illumination comprises simple yellow and static

lighting that accentuates the monument's silhouette.

The duration of the illumination will be from 7.30 pm to 11 pm, at a monthly cost of Rs 9,000, said Rajendra Dehuri of ASI's Delhi Circle, adding that only warm lights have been used since they won't adversely affect the monument's facade.

In 2010, during the Commonwealth Games, the tomb was illuminated by the ITDC at a cost of Rs 3 crore. It was discontinued soon after, owing to a lack of manpower to maintain late hours.

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SONBHADRA KILLINGS: SDM, 4 POLICE PERSONNEL SUSPENDED; 2 PROBES ANNOUNCED

CM blames Cong govts for illegal land transfer



Yogi Adityanath addresses a press conference after the Assembly session. Vishal Srivastav

Congress worked to grab the rights of a big community in a wrong manner, says Adityanath in Assembly

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JULY 19

UNDER FIRE after 10 people were killed and 28 injured in clashes and shooting over a land dispute in Ghorawal area of Sonbhadra district two days ago, the Uttar Pradesh government Friday suspended the area subdivisional magistrate, police circle officer, SHO, beat sub-inspector and a constable for alleged laxity, and formed two inquiry committees with the direction to submit reports within 10 days.

In the state assembly, where the Opposition staged a noisy protest and held the government responsible for breakdown of law and order, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath promised action and justice to the victims, saying the guilty individuals will not be spared, no matter how important they are.

At a press conference, the Chief Minister, targeting the previous Congress governments, said the "neev" (foundation) of the July 17 incident was laid in 1955 when the tehsildar transferred gram sabha land illegally to the Adarsha Co-operative Society. In 1989, he said, this land was transferred from the Adarsha Society to individuals.

At both times, there were Congress governments in the state which, along with the administration, "worked to grab

the rights of a big community in a wrong manner (*ek bade samudaye ke haq ko harapne ka karya kiya*)".

Referring to the involvement of Bihar cadre officers in the matter, Adityanath said the land was transferred from Adarsha Society to some individuals in 1989: "*Kuchh Bihar cadre se jude huay prashashanik adhikariyon ke naam bhi hain... un logon ke naam par is land ko kar diya gaya* (There are names of some Bihar cadre administrative officers too in this. This land was transferred in their name)."

He said these individuals could not take possession of the land since tribals had been tilling the land, even before Independence. The tribals, he said, used to pay "lagaan", first to the Adarsha Society and then to the individuals after transfer of the land.

In 2017, one of these individuals tried to sell this land to the gram pradhan of Umbha. Several revenue and criminal cases, filed by the gram pradhan and area residents, are still pending, he said, adding that the clash took place when attempts were made to vacate the tribals from the land — most victims are from the Scheduled Caste Gond community.

He said a committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary Revenue will look into the series of anomalies, from

1955 till date, and fix responsibility. The ADG, Varanasi zone has been asked to investigate the legal and criminal cases filed in relation to the land.

"Despite the dispute between the two factions in the past and apprehension of breach of peace, adequate action was not taken by the officers. The SDM, circle officer and inspector, all posted in Ghorawal, have been suspended on the basis of the report of the probe committee constituted on July 17. The beat sub-inspector and constable have also been suspended," he said.

In the assembly, the Opposition rejected the CM's claims. Congress MLA Aradhana Mishra said: "Chief Minister is trying to shift the blame of the failure of his government. The land was transferred in the name of the gram pradhan in 2017 and there has been tension since. Recently, orders were issued to take possession of the land. So what action was taken by the present government?"

BSP's Lalji Verma demanded the resignation of the Chief Minister, saying the Sonbhadra incident shows he has lost administrative control. Leader of Opposition and SP leader Ram Govind Chaudhary said, "The state is burning. There are murders, dacoity, snatching, kidnapping, policemen are getting killed."



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was detained on her way to Sonbhadra in Mirzapur on Friday. PTI

Priyanka detained on way to Sonbhadra, Cong protests

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JULY 19

CONGRESS LEADER Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was detained at Chunar guest house in Mirzapur on Friday after she sat on dharna to insist that she be allowed to go to Sonbhadra to meet the families of those killed and injured in the firing on Wednesday. Party leaders later staged protests in several districts against the police action to stop her from going to Sonbhadra.

UP DGP O P Singh said that Priyanka and others were not allowed to go there because CrP Section 144 was in force in Sonbhadra district to maintain peace.

On Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath blaming policies of Congress governments in 1955 and 1989 for the incident, Priyanka said, "This is too much. Such murders are taking place during your rule and you are blaming the Congress government of 1955. You are the Chief Minister, so whose duty is it to stop such incidents? It is your responsibility. It seems there is no law and order or governance considering the prevailing circumstances." She was speaking to reporters while sitting on dharna on the Varanasi-Mirzapur border.

Earlier, she reached Varanasi to meet the victims admitted at Banaras Hindu University. As she tried to go towards Sonbhadra, she was stopped by police who cited Section 144. Priyanka said she would go only with four party members, but the police refused permission, following which she sat on dharna. The Congress alleged that Priyanka was arrested, and organised protests in various parts of Uttar Pradesh including Lucknow.

Additional Director General, Varanasi zone, Braj Bhushan said, "No one was arrested. We did not allow Priyanka and others to go to the spot fearing it may cause a law and order problem."

After she was taken to Chunar guest house, Priyanka said, "The villagers had warned that such a thing might happen." She alleged that she was stopped by the police who failed to show any papers, and that there were orders from higher up.

As Priyanka and Congress workers remained at the guest house, where there was no electricity till late night, Congress leaders alleged that power was purposely disconnected. The workers shared photographs of Priyanka interacting with them in the light of mobile phones even as party leader Raj Babbar tweeted, "Prashashanne Chunar

guest house mein bilji-pani ki supply band kar di hai." He also wrote that if the administration thinks that Priyanka would go back fearing such tactics, then they are mistaken.

Priyanka tweeted, "It is the duty of the UP government to catch the criminals. It is my duty to stand with the victims of crime. The BJP has failed to stop the crime but is stopping me from fulfilling my duty."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi came out in support of his sister and tweeted, "The illegal arrest of Priyanka in Sonbhadra, UP, is disturbing. This arbitrary application of power, to prevent her from meeting families of the 10 Adivasi farmers brutally gunned down for refusing to vacate their own land, reveals the BJP Govt's increasing insecurity in UP."

AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal wrote to all state units to organise demonstrations to "register anger against the arrest and atrocities done over common man by the BJP government".

"By arresting Priyanka Gandhi, keeping her in Chunar, will the UP government be able to cover up the killing of 10 people of a tribal family in Sonbhadra?" Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala tweeted.

Bihar police stations to have separate officers for investigation and law and order

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JULY 19

COME AUGUST 15, each of the 1,060 police stations in Bihar will have separate sets of officers, head constables and constables to look after investigation and law and order.

The Bihar police, which had long been trying to bifurcate its forces on the lines of investigation and law and order, is finally implementing it at the base level of police stations.

The move comes in the backdrop of improper investigation and pendency of cases. About 1.4 lakh cases are pending in the state. In 2018, 2,62,802 cases were lodged. In 2019 till April, 86,161 cases were registered.

Speaking on law and order in the Assembly on Thursday, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said: "First, we have listened to every demand of the police and tried to meet them. More than 23,000 additional policemen have been appointed in a phased manner in the last few years. Now, there is a clear instruction to divide the forces on lines of investigation and law and order. We have made it a point to give minimum two years' posting for either job. This will help them focus."

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Amit Kumar said: "As of now, we have 87,000 policemen. Thirty-three sanctioned posts will be filled up in two-three years."

A police station can now devote up to 70 per cent of its force for investigation. In less sensitive police stations the ratio can be



Nitish Kumar

50:50 or as decided by the station in-charge. Under a police station in-charge, there will be two police station in-charge — one in-charge of investigation and another in-charge of law and order.

The state police has identified 43 "sensitive" subdivisions where there will be post of additional subdivision police officer to assist the SDPO. The government has also done away with system of zone where inspectors general were posted. There will be only three layers — headquarters, range and district. A range will have posting of either an inspector general of police or a deputy inspector general of police.

Nitish said that the mixed job of policing and investigation affected the concentration of policemen. "Now we have raised their sundry allowances and have been giving an additional one-month salary because they work almost without any leave. We have given a world-class police headquarters building that has a helipad and can withstand earthquake... But we have great expectations from them now. Those who will not perform will be punished. Those facing three departmental inquiries will not get field posting for 10 years."

Women police personnel will not be posted at police stations, which do not have separate toilets for women.

Capital projects won't stop: Andhra Minister on World Bank pullout

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HYDERABAD, JULY 19

THE CONSTRUCTION of projects will continue in Amaravati even without funding from the World Bank, Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Botsa Satyanarayana has said.

"We have not cancelled contracts under progress. Construction will continue even if World Bank has decided to drop out. The YSRCP government has cancelled only those contracts that were awarded in haste by the TDP after the elections were announced. Some contracts are under scrutiny because we feel there was corruption. We will look for other sources of funding," he said.

The World Bank this week

dropped out of funding Amaravati Sustainable Infrastructure and Institutional Development Project. It had earlier agreed to loan \$300 million and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank was supposed to loan \$200 million for the same project.

To a query by *The Indian Express* to World Bank on whether there are specific reasons for the change in its stance, a spokesperson said, "The Government of India has withdrawn its request to the World Bank for financing the proposed project. The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has been informed that the proposed project is no longer under preparation."

Meanwhile, AIBB has indicated to state officials that it will review its involvement in the project after the withdrawal by World Bank.

Apex court stays case against Telangana forest officer under SC/ST Act

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NEW DELHI, JULY 19

THE SUPREME Court on Friday stayed the case registered against Telangana forest officer C Anitha under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Anitha had been assaulted on June 30 by a mob led by brother of an MLA from TRS, the ruling party in the state.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta ordered the stay after Advocate A D N Rao, who is assisting the court in environment-related cases, brought the development to its notice.

After the attack on Anitha, a complaint was lodged by one Saroja, who comes from a tribal community, claiming that the land belonged to her. She accused Anitha of allegedly using caste slurs.

Advocate Rao submitted that a similar incident had occurred in Maharashtra and urged the court to direct state administrations to provide security to such officials. The court agreed and asked states to provide security to the women officers whenever needed.

The bench also asked Chief Secretaries of the two states to file action-taken reports. The court will hear the matter again on July 29.

Maya: BJP, Cong govts responsible for atrocities on tribals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 19

HOURS AFTER Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Adityanath alleged that the Congress was responsible for the land dispute in Sonbhadra, BSP chief Mayawati on Friday targeted the Congress and the BJP governments at the Centre and said they were to blame for the frequent cases of atrocities on people from the tribal community.

In a series of tweets, she wrote, "It is well-known that the Congress governments at the Centre and now the BJP are responsible for the atrocities on tribals. During Congress rule, tribals were evicted from forests because of which several of them turned Naxals."

"Now, during BJP rule in the state, in Sonbhadra, people belonging to the tribal/Kol community were evicted from the land and were killed. But the interesting thing is that whichever party out of the two is in opposition, sheds crocodile tears when these communities are exploited," she wrote. In another tweet, she

wrote, "Today, after a few days these things can be seen in Sonbhadra. However, the BSP's representatives have been putting pressure on the administration to get justice for the victims. The BSP appeals to the BJP government to ensure justice to the victims."

A statement issued by the BSP chief slammed the BJP and the RSS and said "the party and the outfit are casteist and can't see anyone who belongs to the Dalit, Adivasi and other backward castes grow in business or education." "They (BJP and RSS) are using all types of tactics to ensure that people don't grow," the statement said.

The Samajwadi Party hit out at the BJP after a group of SP leaders was stopped from entering Sonbhadra's gram sabha Murtiya (Umma). "This shows the BJP is trying to hide its sins," a statement issued by party spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said. "The BJP government, police and administration are responsible for the killings in Sonbhadra," the statement added. "The incident in Sonbhadra is representative of the state of affairs in the entire state.

'Lost two family members in clash, will fight for the land till death'

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JULY 19

TEN PEOPLE were killed and 28 injured in clashes and shooting over a land dispute in Ghorawal area of Sonbhadra district on Wednesday. *The Indian Express* spoke to some of those who have been affected by the incident:

SITA DEVI (40)

Sita Devi's husband Ram Sunder died of a bullet injury on Wednesday. He had gone along with others after hearing that the accused had come to take possession of the land.

Sita Devi said she had one bigha land and her eldest son Laloo Singh (24) used to help Ram Sunder in farming. Their one bigha falls in the disputed area.

Ram Sunder's younger brothers Ram Dheen and Ram Nath were also injured in the firing. Ram Nath's wife Sukwanti died of bullet injury. She is survived by two daughters aged four and one.

"I lost two family members in the clash. We will fight for the land till death," said Sita Devi.



The bodies reached Umbha village on Thursday. Vishal Srivastav

RAM DHEEN GOND (35)

He suffered two bullet injuries — on his hand and stomach. Ram Dheen, brother of deceased Ram Sunder, was sent to a Varanasi hospital for treatment. He returned to Sonbhadra's district hospital on Friday after doctors in Varanasi stated his condition was stable.

Ram Dheen, who is illiterate, said he has one bigha land for farming. "We used to be scared whenever the pradhan and his associates came. We will not let anyone take our land we have

farmed for decades."

Ram Dheen has four sons and a daughter. His eldest son Rajian helps him in farming.

RAMJI GOND (36)

Ramji suffered injuries on his face. He said that when the assailants opened fire, they ran for cover. "Some of the assailants carrying sticks hit people, who fell down while trying to escape. I also fell and they hit me with sticks."

Ramji's two sons aged 17 and 20 were at home when the clash

took place. Ramji, who is admitted in hospital, said he has one bigha land which is part of the disputed land.

"We want the government to intervene and solve the dispute over the land, which is our only source of income," said Ramji.

KAMLAVATI DEVI (45)

She had gone to the field with food for her son Santosh Gond, who was working there. Kamlavati Devi joined other residents, who had come to stop the pradhan and his associates from entering the disputed land. "After a talk, the assailants started firing on us and hit us with sticks. I suffered injuries on the hand and shoulder. We have just two bigha land for farming," said Kamlavati Devi, who is admitted in the hospital. Her husband Ram Pati Singh was at home with fever. "Santosh is safe. He managed to escape. We will all meet and decide how to fight the case in court. Many families of our community lost their members in Wednesday's clash," said Kamlavati Devi, who has three daughters and two sons.

Jharkhand death: Kin point to lack of food, govt officials cite illness

ABHISHEK ANGAD
CHATRA, JULY 19

JHINGUR BHUYIA, 42, died in Dorhagara village of Kanhabhatta block of Jharkhand on Tuesday night. He left behind two children aged six and one, and wife Rubi Devi, who attributed his death to illness and lack of food.

Rubi Devi said her husband, who used to work as a daily wage labourer, was paralysed for a year, and the family did not have any income or a ration card. Her husband's death, she said, was due to "his prolonged illness and lack of food at home, due to which he could not be fed well."

She said she had borrowed Rs 100 from her neighbours to buy milk for her husband.

Denying that Bhuyia's death was caused by hunger, Deputy Commissioner Jitendra Singh told reporters, "Prima facie, the death was due to illness."

According to Singh: "Two months ago, Bhuyia had a paralytic attack on his face and could not eat solid food. The family had a ration card in his mother's and sister-in-law's name and his family got their share. There was a request by Bhuyia's wife to add their names in the ration card, which has now been done. Our investigation says there was no food scarcity at home. This is not

a case of death due to hunger."

SDO Deepu Kumar, part of the inquiry team, told *The Indian Express* that the "actual cause of death" will be known after the post-mortem report. He added, "It is a baseless claim that the family did not have a ration card." Bhuyia's mother Maso Budhni (now deceased) had an Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) card and his sister-in-law Basanti Devi has a ration card.

Rubi Devi said, "These cards are not in our name, and are being used by my brother-in-law who lives separately. They used to give me around 5-6 kg rice, which we could use for a few days. For the rest of the month, we had to often depend on other villagers."



Bhuyia's wife Rubi Devi along with her two children in Dorhagara village in Jharkhand. Abhishek Angad

AAY households constitute the poorest of the poor and are entitled to 35 kg foodgrain a month. Rubi Devi said she received

her Aadhaar card a few months ago, but could not get a ration card from the local PDS dealer despite going to his shop several times. The PDS dealer could not be contacted. "Before his death, it was a struggle. I had to ask everyone for food. Many people helped...," Rubi Devi said, sitting outside her kucha house. "Our food comprised the rice and potatoes. Rarely did we have pulses."

She added, "We have a small piece of land, but due to lack of water, the produce is limited to one season. We will harvest corn in a few months. This is divided between the three brothers, and we don't get much." She also said she was never

offered any job under MGN-REGA. The MGNREGA website states that Bhuyia had a job card made in his and his wife's name in 2007, but does not have any work details.

When contacted, the panchayat's Mukhiya Rajwanti Devi said the family never approached her for any job or problems. "The family should have told us so that I could have gone to higher officials," she said.

According to the family members, Bhuyia was treated at an "ayurvedic centre" in Bishnugarh, more than 100 km away. Villagers said they did not trust the public health centres (PHC) as the doctors are usually not available. Less

than 2 km from the village at Kanhabhatta block area, an additional PHC is run with three Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM). There is no doctor. ANM Sulekha Kumari said, "Doctors rarely visit this centre, few people come to us. Deliveries happen quite often, but we face problems because of water scarcity. We get water in buckets from neighbouring area for deliveries."

On this, DC Singh said he would have to check, "It is a fact that there is shortage of doctors and vacancy of 130 doctors in Chatra," he said. An additional PHC covers population of 20-30,000 and acts as a referral unit for health-sub centres.

WRITES LETTER TO GOVERNOR

J&K journalist alleges hospital negligence led to his babies' death

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JULY 19

A JOURNALIST has written an open letter to J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik alleging that medical negligence at Lal Ded Hospital in Srinagar led to the death of his two newborn babies.

unprofessional people. Sympathy, empathy or even principles to save lives meant nothing on the dreadful night of June 28...

According to Soffi, his wife started having contractions on the night of June 28. To make sure my wife was alright I decided to take her to LD Hospital, a decision I will have

to live with for the rest of my life. The doctors on duty asked her to lie on the bed and without any test... declared that both the babies have died.

Thereafter, Soffi said, his wife was taken to the labour ward. The first baby was delivered at around 0030 hours on June 29 and he was alive. It was only after a junior doctor insisted, the baby (wrapped in a cloth) was taken to the ICU for children.

Later, Soffi said, he was in-

formed that both the infants were dead.

He said that after the last rites were performed, he approached the Medical Superintendent of Lal Ded Hospital, "who looked at the file of my wife and asked if there was a second part to the file".

"Then the lady doctor said the babies were born premature and I should be relieved that they are dead or else if they survived and had complications, I would have had to face difficulties." Hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr Shabir Siddiqui told The Indian Express that he has not received any complaint, but that Soffi met him in his office.

Later, Soffi said, he was in-

adding that it was a premature delivery case.

Meanwhile, the J&K State Commission for Protection of Women and Child Rights has taken suo motu cognizance of the matter.

Saying an investigation was required, Soffi requested the governor to intervene in all cases where families have claimed death due to negligence at the hospital.

Referring to Soffi's letter, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said, "This is shocking Abid. I will put in my own efforts at every level possible to ensure the tragedy you, your wife & the rest of your family have had to face isn't repeated. I can't begin to imagine how you must be feeling. May Allah grant your babies jannat."

TENURE OF SPECIAL JUDGE TO BE EXTENDED

SC fixes 9-month deadline for ruling in Babri case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 19

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday fixed a nine-month deadline for completion of trial and pronouncement of judgment in the Babri Masjid demolition case, in which prominent BJP leaders L K Advani and M M Joshi are among the accused.

"Judgment in this case must be delivered maximum within a period of nine months from now," a bench of Justices RF Nariman and Surya Kant ordered while directing that the tenure of the Special Judge S K Yadav hearing the matter be extended till the judgment is delivered.

Friday's order means that judgment in the case will

have to be delivered before April 19, 2020.

The judge who is set to retire by the end of September this year had written to the court saying that despite best efforts, he would need six more months to conclude the matter.

Following this, the Supreme Court asked the Uttar Pradesh government to inform it about the procedure for extension of service of judges.

Appearing for the state government, Senior Advocate Aishwarya Bhati told the bench on Friday that there was no provision for this in service rules. But the court referred to a rule under which the service of government servants may be extended till the age of 62 years if such extension is required in the

greater interest of justice and reasons to be recorded in writing.

The bench said it was invoking its inherent jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution to allow extension of service to the judge only for trial in this case.

It asked the state government to pass necessary orders in consultation with the High Court within four weeks extending the tenure of the judge who is scheduled to retire on September 30.

The court also directed the Chief Secretary to file an affidavit about the steps taken.

In April 2017, the apex court had asked the special judge to complete the trial in two years. The top court also ordered that the judge should not be transferred till the trial concludes.

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Odisha govt faces heat from own MLA over potato mission

SAMPADPATNAIK BHUBANESWAR, JULY 19

THE BJD government, which has an overwhelming majority in the Odisha Assembly, is facing scrutiny over its policies by its own MLAs, leading to some unconventional exchanges during the ongoing session.

During Question Hour on Wednesday, BJD's Pradeep Maharathy asked, "How many multi-purpose cold storage units are present in Odisha and of them how many are defunct? Are these units being used by potato farmers in our state?"

To this, Finance and Excise Minister Niranjana Pujari, replying on behalf of the Agriculture Minister, said, "He (Maharathy) has done doctorate in agriculture and always claims to be the son of a farmer. I am also the son of a farmer. Potato Mission was started when he (Maharathy) was minister and it ended with his tenure. We are trying to revamp it... There are 128 cold storage units of which 80 became defunct in his tenure (as agriculture minister)."

Following Pujari's response, reports surfaced that Maharathy was unhappy with the minister's conduct and decided not to eat anything for the day.

On Thursday, BJD's Chief Whip Pramilla Mallick

waded into the controversy. "Maharathy is not angry with any minister or government. He speaks like a theatre personality. This is not to be taken seriously," Mallick said, adding that it was inconceivable that Maharathy, being a diabetic, had not eaten for a day.

Taking a dig at Mallick, Maharathy told reporters, "I don't know when my elder sister abandoned politics and started studying medical science."

Responding to Pujari's statement over his tenure as the agriculture minister, the BJD MLA said, "He thought he was speaking in the lobby, but this is the House and (a response) is forever on record."

"As (agriculture) minister, I had won Krishi Karman award four times... As minister, I ensured that 48 cold storage units started functioning. As far as failing in Potato Mission is concerned, our state needs 2,90,000 metric tonnes of potato of which 10,000 metric tonnes were short. I increased potato cultivation area from 12,500 to 25,000 hectares," he told the media.

Meanwhile, citing 41 natural calamities in 50 years, BJD MLA Prafulla Samal on Thursday asked, "Is there any scientific solution... can we change the wind speed or direction of natural calamities like Fani?"

Radha Mohan in-charge of panel to oversee BJP internal polls

New Delhi: Ahead of the new organisational elections, BJP president Amit Shah on Friday appointed senior party leader and former Union minister Radha Mohan Singh as the in-charge of a panel to oversee the elections, the BJP said in a statement.

Singh, an MP from Bihar, will be assisted by three other party leaders - Lok Sabha member from UP Vinod Sonkar, former MP Hansraj Ahir, and C T Ravi, Karnataka MLA, it said.

The organisational polls are likely to begin next month after the party's membership drive is over. The exercise is expected to be completed by December.

Shah, who has become the Home Minister, has already appointed J P Nadda as working president of the party, till the organisational elections are over.

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SAMJHAUTA BLAST
Pak woman challenges acquittal of Aseemanand, three others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JULY 19

A PAKISTANI national, the daughter of one of the 68 people killed in the 2007 Samjhauta Express blast, on Friday filed an appeal before the Punjab and Haryana High Court challenging the acquittal of Swami Aseemanand and the other accused in the case.

Hafizabad resident Rahila Wakil, whose father Muhammad Wakil was killed in the blast, filed the appeal through a relative based in Uttar Pradesh. However, the plea has not been cleared by the High Court Registry yet for hearing due to certain technical objections.

"We have filed the appeal and it will soon come up for hearing," said advocate Momin Malik, who represents Wakil. Haryana Police, NIA and the Centre have been included as respondents in the case besides the accused, who stand acquitted at present.

Twelve years after the blast, a special NIA court in Panchkula on March 20 had acquitted Aseemanand, Lokesh Sharma, Kamal Chauhan and Rajinder Chaudhary. The court had observed that a "dastardly act of violence" remains unpunished for want of credible and admissible evidence. Neither the NIA, nor the Centre has filed any appeal in the case.

Pertinently, hours before the verdict, NIA special judge Jagdeep Singh had dismissed the plea filed by Wakil for the examination of several eyewitnesses from her country. The court had said it was apparent that the application "is nothing but an effort to seek publicity" and "an effort to get the matter prolonged..."

Scarlett death case: One sentenced to 10 yrs in jail

SMITA NAIR
PANAJI, JULY 19

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday awarded ten years rigorous imprisonment to convict Samson D'Souza a day after he was found guilty of culpable homicide, drugging and sexually assaulting British teenager Scarlett Keeling at Goa's Anjuna beach in February 2008.

D'Souza and Placido Carvalho were both accused of the crime and an eight-year-long trial in a Goa Children's Court had culminated with both of them being acquitted.

On Wednesday, a bench of Justices R D Dhanuka and Prithviraj Chavan overturned the trial court order acquitting D'Souza and convicted him under sections 328 (causing hurt by means of poison), 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 304 (ii) (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 201 (destruction of evidence) of Indian

Penal Code and Section 8(II) (grave sexual assault) of Goa Children's Act. The HC however, upheld the acquittal of Carvalho. D'Souza broke down after the sentencing and applied for time to surrender and to appeal before the Supreme Court, which was objected to by the prosecution and rejected by the court.

During the trial, his lawyer, Shaileendra Bhohe, pushed for leniency saying his client was the sole earning member of his family and that he had already served a six-and-a-half months in prison, during the course of the investigation. Bhohe added that his client had, "no other criminal record in the past or in the eleven years the trial was in progress or any other blemishes in his record". Bhohe also pleaded that the bench take the case as a "matter of commission" claiming that D'Souza's "nature of crime was not harsh or gruesome or cruel".

At this point, Justice Chavan said, "that part is over. Please only tell us the part where the quan-

tum of sentence is to be decided."

Prosecution lawyer Ejaz Khan, in turn, said, "D'Souza was a waiter then. When he saw the young girl in such a state, he should have acted as an adult. Instead, the accused gave her drugs, morphine and liquor, and left her to die without informing anyone. He did not co-operate during the time of investigation. His conduct reflects his mindset. Under Section 8(II) we are asking for life imprisonment as it involves a child, and his act of sexually assaulting is grave..."

Lawyer Vikram Verma, who represented Scarlett's mother Fiona, was allowed to speak at this point despite the defence lawyer's objections. "The world over child abuse and paedophilia is taken very seriously," he told the bench. "In this case, reform is not possible," he reiterated.

After the judgment was pronounced, Fiona, speaking to a section of reporters said she was happy with the punishment but hoped "he stays inside for that long", said a BBC report.

Monsoon covers entire country four days late, to make comeback by July 25

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, JULY 19

THE SOUTHWEST Monsoon covered the entire country on Friday, four days after its normal date of July 15, according to a statement from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

Over the past week, rainfall has been concentrated near the Himalayan foothills, lashing the eastern and northeastern portions of the country. On the other hand, the central and southern regions have experienced very little rainfall so far. As a result, the overall rainfall for the season in the country so far has remained 18 per cent below normal, as on

KERALA ON RED ALERT; FISHERMEN 'MISSING'

Thiruvananthapuram: With the Southwest monsoon gathering strength in Kerala since Thursday, the Met department on Friday sounded a red alert in several districts for the next four days. Seven fishermen in South Kerala, who ventured into the sea on Wednesday, are reportedly missing. **ENS**

July 19. The presence of Cyclone Vayu impeded the movement of the monsoon this year causing a delay of two to three weeks be-

fore it hit Central India, according to the IMD. In turn, the window for kharif crop sowing in states like Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh drastically shortened.

"Due to this, the June rainfall ended remaining a 33 per cent deficit. But, the rainfall improved in July. Till July 19, the month's rainfall stands 3 per cent short of normal," the statement said.

According to officials at IMD, there may be a revival in the monsoon after July 25. Kerala and other places along the west coast have been placed on 'red alert' for the next three to four days, they said.

"During the last few days, the

monsoon has shifted towards and has remained active along the foothills of the Himalayas. But, with a low pressure system likely to form in the Bay of Bengal and other atmospheric conditions building up, monsoon revival is expected around July 25," DS Pai, Head of Climate Research and Services at IMD, Pune, told The Indian Express.

A conducive situation for a revival is also being delayed because the El Nino has not completely waned yet, officials noted.

El Nino is an abnormal warming along the equator at the Pacific Ocean and is known to suppress the Indian summer monsoon.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय मण्डल उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान जल मन्त्र, 'बी' ब्लॉक, नेहरू कॉलोनी, देहरादून						
ई-निविदा सूचना						
क्र.सं.	कार्य विवरण	अंदाजित खर्च (₹)	निविदा पत्र बनाने की तिथि एवं समय	ई-निविदा पत्र जमा करने की तिथि एवं समय	बidding की तिथि एवं समय	बidding की तिथि एवं समय
1	Item 1: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar & IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
2	Item 2: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
3	Item 3: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
4	Item 4: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
5	Item 5: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
6	Item 6: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
7	Item 7: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.
8	Item 8: 2nd stage of SITC of Energy Efficient centrifugal Pumping Plant at MPS Dev Nagar, IPS 1st 'B' Bagri under New Tehri Pumping W/S Scheme.	1,40,000.00	20.07.19 from 11:00 am	03.08.19 upto 5.00 p.m.	05.08.19 at 11:00 a.m.	24.07.19 at 11:00 a.m.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing umbrella scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" for their empowerment through education w.e.f. 1st April, 2018. There are six components of this scheme i.e. Pre-matric, Post-matric, Top Class Education, National Overseas, National Fellowship and Free Coaching. The brief details of umbrella scheme are given below:

S. No	Components	Courses covered	No. of Scholar, ships per year	Parental income ceiling per annum (Rs.)	Rate of scholarship	How to apply
1.	Pre-matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	Class IX and X	20,000	2.50 lakh	Scholarship of Rs.500 per month for day scholars and Rs.800 per month for hostellers plus book grant and disability allowance ranging from Rs.2000/- to Rs.4000/- per annum.	These three scholarships scheme are being implemented through National Scholarship Portal. Apply online on National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) The portal has been opened for Registration from 15th July, 2019. The last date for submission of online applications is :- 1. Pre-matric: 15th October, 2019. 2. Post-matric: 31st October, 2019.
2.	Post-matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	Class XI to Master's Degree or Diploma level	17000	2.50 lakh	There are different rates of maintenance allowance for Post-Graduate, Graduate, Diploma, professional courses leading to degree, diploma etc. in different disciplines. It ranges from Rs.900-1600 p.m. for hosteller and Rs.550- 750 p.m. for day scholars plus tuition fee (maximum ceiling Rs.1.50 lakh per annum), book allowance and disability allowance ranging from Rs.2000/- to Rs.4000/- per annum.	3. Top Class Education: 31st October, 2019
3.	Scholarship for Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities	Graduate/ Post Graduate Degree or Diploma in 240 notified institutions of excellence	300	6.00 lakh	Monthly maintenance allowance of Rs.3000/- for hostellers, Rs.1500/- for day scholars, Rs.2000/- per month disability allowance, book grant Rs.5000/-per annum and tuition fee upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.	The proforma for submission of application is given in the website of this Department i.e. www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in Application may be submitted in the prescribed proforma to Under Secretary (Scholarships), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Room No.516, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003 throughout the year.
4.	National Overseas Scholarships for Students with Disabilities	Master's degree and Doctorate degree in foreign universities abroad	20	6.00 lakh	Maintenance allowance of Pound (Great Britain) 9,900 per annum for UK and US \$15,400 for other countries, plus tuition fees, annual contingency allowance, cost of air passage, etc.	Selection is done by the University Grants Commission. The candidates may like to apply online as and when applications are invited by UGC. No application is required to be sent to Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
5.	National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities	M.Phil/Ph.D in Indian Universities	200	No income ceiling	Monthly Rs.31,000/- for JRF (first two years) and Rs.35,000/- for SRF (3rd year onwards upto complete duration of the course) and contingency grant, escort allowance/ reader allowance and House Rent Allowance (at applicable rates).	Students may contact empanelled Coaching Institutes. The list of empanelled Institutes is available in the website of this Department.
6.	Free Coaching	For appearing in competitive examinations for jobs in Government/ Public Sector and admission to technical and professional courses	2000	6.00 lakh	Coaching fee shall be payable to empanelled Institute by this Department Specially and Special allowance for Disability @ Rs 7,000/- per month for outstanding candidates and Rs.4,500/- per month for local candidates shall be payable	

All the above scholarship are applicable to students with disabilities with more than 40% disability and having a proper disability certificate to this effect issued by a competent medical authority. Disability is as defined in Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. For further details about the scholarship schemes, please visit www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019 (₹ in Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended
		30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)	30.06.2018 (Unaudited)	30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2019 (Audited)	30.06.2018 (Unaudited)
1	Total Income from operations	22,274.65	1,02,704.25	22,154.58	22,274.65	1,02,704.25	22,154.58
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,084.13	15,395.52	2,112.28	2,072.51	15,395.52	2,112.28
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,084.13	15,395.52	2,112.28	2,072.51	15,395.52	2,112.28
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,479.23	11,257.58	1,618.35	1,467.61	11,257.58	1,618.35
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and other Comprehensive Income (OCI) after tax]	1,464.23	11,206.96	1,640.85	1,452.61	11,206.96	1,640.85
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital [Face value of ₹ 2/- per Equity Share]	951.57	951.57	981.57	951.57	951.57	981.57
7	Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance sheet of previous year)		63,270.45			63,270.45	
8	Earning Per share (for continuing and discontinued operations) (of ₹ 2/- each) (not annualised)						
	- Basic EPS (in ₹)	3.11	23.02	3.30	3.08	23.02	3.30
	- Diluted EPS (in ₹)	3.11	23.02	3.30	3.08	23.02	3.30

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter ended Financial Results are available on the website of BSE & NSE where the Company's shares are listed i.e. at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and on the Company's website, www.dhanuka.com.
- The above results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2019 which have been subjected to review by Statutory Auditors of the Company were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 19th July, 2019, in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

For and on behalf of the Board
Sd/-
(M. K. Dhanuka)
Managing Director
DIN-0628039

Place: Gurugram (Haryana)
Dated: 19th July, 2019

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

03.08.2019

Transparent procedure for allotment of plots

Cold stores deep freezer IQF facility

Silos & testing lab facility

Ease of doing business by self-certification

Provision for built up standard design factories

Warehouse for raw material & finished goods

HSIIDC invites

Online applications for allotment of industrial plots/sheds on leasehold basis for setting up food processing industry in **Mega Food Park, Barhi**

Sr. No.	Plot Size (Tentative)	No. of Plots/Sheds (Tentative)				Land Premium (Tentative)
		General	NRI	PWD	TOTAL	
1	450	0	1	0	1	Rs.12,000 psm ²
2	1012.5	3	1	0	4	
3	1800	2	2	1	5	
4	3515	1	0	0	1	
5	4275	2	1	0	3	
6	Shed-Ground Floor	11	1	0	12	Rs.80.00 Lakh/Unit*
7	Shed-First Floor	11	1	0	12	Rs.70.00 Lakh/Unit*
Total		30	7	1	38	

*GST as applicable shall be extra.

- The number of plots /sheds offered for allotment are tentative and the Corporation reserves the right to withdraw any plot(s)/ shed(s) from allotment or add any plot(s)/sheds(s) for allotment at any stage, without assigning any reason
- The allotment shall be on lease hold basis as per Mega Food Park Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (Mo/FPI), Govt. of India and allotment procedure defined in EMP-2015, as amended from time to time;
- The initial period of lease would be 33 years with an option for conversion from lease hold to freehold after 10 years on payment of nominal charges;
- The land premium rate is tentative and final rate will be the one applicable at the time of issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI);
- Besides land premium, annual lease rentals @ Rs.2.50 per sq. mtr., per annum with an increase of Re.1 per sq. mtr., on an annual basis shall also be payable;
- Units in Mega Food Park shall be eligible for grant under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (Mo/FPI), Govt. of India and credit facilities on concessional rates from NABARD, if any available at present;
- Mega Food Park, Barhi has been set up with term loan assistance from NABARD (sanctioned amount Rs.81.65 crore) under mortgage arrangement, through its Security Trustee - M/s Vistra ITCL (India) Ltd.
- For detailed terms & conditions and procedure for filing online applications, visit e-Governance portal of HSIIDC <http://www.hsiidcsewa.org.in>. Online applications shall be accepted only through single window portal of the State Government <http://investharyana.in>

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Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Vidhi Binani W/o Amritesh Jatia R/o B-50 Gulmohar-Park, Delhi-110049. Have Changed My Name To Vidhi Jatia. For Future. 0040503927-10

I, Usha Devi w/o Satish Kumar Batti H.No-2064, street no.161, Ganesh pura-B, tri nagar delhi-35 have changed my name to Usha. 0040503942-2

I, Tazeen W/O Dr. Ansar Ahmed R/O New Delhi Have Changed My Name To Tazeen Siddiqui For All Future Purposes. 007066568-1

I, T.B Bishwakarma S/o Sh. Rook Bahadur Bishwakarma R/O A-73, Sector-35, Noida, G.B. Nagar, U.P. have changed my name to T.B Bishwakarma to Tul Bahadur Bishwakarma for all future purposes. 0040503920-3

I, Sushil Dabral R/o H.No.1182, Type-1, Sec-2, RK Puram, NewDelhi-110022 have changed my minor son's name from Ansh Dabral to Anshuman Dabral. 0040503932-2

I, Trilok Singh S/o Kushal Singh Bisht, R/o B-1/104, Second Floor, New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Trilok Singh Bisht. 0040503875-2

I, Surjeet Singh Tomar R/o Village-Hoshiyarpur, Matawali Gali, Sector-51, Noida, UP-201301 declares that my name is wrongly written in my minor sons RISHABH TOMAR school records as SUDHEER instead of SURJEET SINGH TOMAR. 0040503880-3

I, Sumit S/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar R/o 9/1, Masjid Gali, Hans Enclave, Sector-33, Near Rajeev Chowk, Gurugram, Haryana have changed my name from Sumit to Sumit Sahay for all purposes 0040503898-1

I, Sneh Lata W/o Ajay Tokas R/O E-107 Munirka Village, New Delhi-110067, inform that Sneh Lata Tokas and Sneh Lata is one and same person. 0040503927-8

I, Sivadass K S/O Hariharan, K, R/O-115, Pkt-C, Group-1, Janta-Flats, Hastals-Vikasपुरी, New-Delhi-110059. Have Changed My Name To Sivadass Kanjinhath. 0040503927-2

I, Shkuntla Rani D/o Ishwar Lal W/o Raj Kumar Mittal R/O B-1878 Shastri Nagar Delhi-52. have changed my name to Shkuntala Gupta for all purposes. 0040503942-7

I, Shashi Rani Sabharwal W/o-Ashok Kumar Sabharwal R/O-H.No.34, Rishinagar, Rani-Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Shashi Sabharwal. 0040503951-4

I, Shalu D/o Daya Chand R/o A-9 Chand-Bagh Karawal Nagar Road, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Heena for all purposes. 0040503927-6

I, Seeta Ram S/o Ram Sukh R/O 13 Block-G, Pocket-8, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Sita Ram Verma permanently. 0040503883-2

I, Saurabh Savita S/o Vijay Kumar Savita R/O-C-10, New Cottage Road Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Changed my name to Saurabh Shrivastav. 0040503951-8

I, Sanjeev Kumar Tomar R/O.House.No.-18/3, Block-A, Shivshakti Apartments, Sector-71, Noida, UP-201301 have changed my minor daughters name from RICHHA to ANUSHKA TOMAR permanently, whereas my name is wrongly written in her school records as SANJEEV KUMAR instead of SANJEEV KUMAR TOMAR. 0040503945-1

I, Salek Kumar S/o L.R. Sayat Gehlot R/O C-694, Dakshinapuri, New-Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Salek Gehlot. 0040503927-7

I, Saksham S/O R.S.P Singh R/O-A-4/M-3D, Shalimar Garden, Extn-1I, Ghaziabad-(up) have changed my name to saksham singh for all purpose 0040503856-1

I, SUPRIYA D/O M Rama subramanian R/o-246, Akshardham-Apartments, Sector-19, Pocket 3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075. have changed my name to R. SUPRIYA., for all purposes. Both are same person. 0040503932-10

I, Riya Ojha D/o, Sanjeev Ranjan Ojha R/O 1-A, Type 6, HUDCO Place, New Delhi, have changed my name to Arshiya Ojha for all purposes. 0040503905-1

I, Riya Ojha D/O, Sanjeev Ranjan Ojha R/O 1-a, Type 6, Hudco Place, New Delhi, have changed my name to Arshiya Ojha for all purposes. 0040503907-1

I, Ravinder Singh Rai S/o Major Singh R/O.H.No.54, Street.No.7, Onkar-Nagar-B, TriNagar Delhi-110035. Have changed my name Gurmeet Kaur for all purposes. 0040503927-5

I, Rachna W/O Gulshan Kumar R/O-1045/24 Jagdish-Colony Rohtak, Haryana-124001 Have Changed My Name To Komal Ahuja. 0040503932-8

I, Ankush Kumar S/O Satish Kumar R/O H.No-82, Street No-2, Abohar Fazilka punjab, Have changed my name Name Ankush Gawri. 0040503942-9

I, Gaurav S/o Puran Bahadur R/O 898, Saraswaturam, JNU, New Delhi-110067. have changed my name to Gaurav Khatri. 0040503951-9

I, Deepak S/O Madan Singh Patwal R/O H.No.-227, Niti Khand-III, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Deepak Singh Patwal. 0040503860-1

I, Deepak Kumar Sharma S/O Ram Avtar Sharma residing at A-28/C, Dev Kunj, Gayatri Mandir Chowk, Raj Nagar II, Delhi 110077 have changed my name to Deepak Sharma vide affidavit dated 17/07/2019 at Delhi 0050151755-1

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Sunil Kumar R/o.D-141, Sector Gamma-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Arush Singh for all future Purposes. 0040503880-5

I, DEVENDER KUMAR S/O RAM SUKH YADAV R/O C1/42B Krishna Vihar New Delhi 110086, Have changed my Name to DEVENDER KUMAR YADAV 0040503881-2

I, Chirag S/O Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O 68/5, Ashok Nagar, Tilak Nagar S.O., West-Delhi, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Chirag Tutlani for all purposes. 0040503866-1

I, Ashok Sabharwal S/o Chan Prakash Sabharwal R/O H.No.34, Rishinagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Sabharwal. 0040503951-5

I, Anurag S/O Jagdish Singh R/O 14/6 East Guru Angad Nagar Delhi-92 changed my name to Anurag Rawat. 0040503942-8

I, Arvind Kumar R/O-Dayanapur, Kandhi, Kanpur Dehat, Kandhi, U.P.-209115, my Daughter name Riya Katiyar & my Son name Rishi Katiyar, have changed my Daughter & Son Mother's name from Renu katiyar to Renu Devi permanently. 0040503880-1

I, Anju W/O Vimal Chand R/O-Rz J-23/262/1, West Sagarpur New Delhi-110046. Have Changed My Name To Anju Ramola. 0040503927-1

I, Albil T Tomy S/O Tomy Tharayil Chacko R/O.A-10-D, VishalKunj, Vishal-Enclave, tagore Garden, N.D-27. have changed my name to Albil Tharayil Tomy. 0040503932-5

I, Anant S/O Jagsharan R/O 2/330, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Anant Kumar for all purposes. 0040503968-1

I, Akshay Rathore S/O Anil Rathod R/O E-15E, MIG Flats, Vatika Apartments, Mayapuri, Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Akshay Kumar Rathod. 0040503889-2

I, Agastaya Jain R/O CU-42, Pitam Pura, Delhi-34, have change my son's name from Ivaan Jain to Ivaan Agastaya Jain for all purposes. Ivaan Jain & Ivaan Agastaya Jain is the same person. 0040503872-1

I, Aakash Kumar Singh S/O Pramod Kumar R/O 22A, B-12A Dhawalgiri apartment, Sector-34 Noida have changed my name to Aakash Kumar for all future purposes. 0040503920-2

I, Udhvander Giri S/O Nanak Giri Resident Vpo-Datauli, Tehsil-Ganaur, Distt-Sonapat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Yudhvander Goswami. 0040503951-1

I, Renu Bala D/o Captail Lal Arora R/O BG2/15B Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Renu Sehgal. 0040503881-1

I, Rekha Devi W/o-Sanjay Kumar Singh R/O-Plot.No.-2 Kh.No.49/6-7, Gali.No.41A, B-Block, Part-2, Kaushik-Enclave Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name from Rekha Kumari to Rekha Devi. 0040503951-7

I, Rajwinder Kaur R/O A-2/46, 3rd Floor, Hastal Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed my Minor Daughter Name Jasmeet Kaur to Manmeet Kaur. 0040503942-5

I, Mohan Singh S/O Bakhtari Singh R/O H.No-7, Village-Rampur, Rampur Almora Uttarakhand-263656, Have changed name my Name Mohan Ram. 0040503942-1

I, Loveleen Arora W/O Jatin Matta R/O WZ-35, Gali No-11, First Floor, Krishna Park, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 Have Changed my Name to Loveleen Matta. 0040503942-4

I, L.D. Nailwal & My Wife Babita R/O 72A/B-10A Udaigiri Ist-Floor Sector-34 Noida GB Nagar have Changed My name to Lila Dhar Nailwal & My Wife name Babita Nailwal Permanently. 0040503934-2

I, Brajesh Kumar S/O Bhagwat Singh R/O-Advocate Colony, Plot.No.1, 2 Birondi Chakraseepur, Distt.-G.B.Nagar, Inform you that Brajesh Kumar & Brajesh Kumar Nagar both name are of the same person & both are correct. 0040503880-4

I, Ashok Kumar Srivastava S/O Balchandra Srivastava R/O-13-C, A-3, Sector-71, Jagriti Apartment Noida have change my name to Ashok Srivastava. 0040503942-6

I, Shiv Kumar R/O.Y-216A, Sector-12, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P., my Daughter name kratika Pratap & my Son name Prabhav Pratap have changed my Daughter & Son Mother's name from Alka to Alka Rani permanently. 0040503880-2

I, Aravind Menon S/O Kannadi Valloli Kamalasanan R/O JG-3/200-A, Vikasपुरी, New-Delhi-110018 Have Changed my Name to Achattil Aravind Menon. 0040503942-3

I, Ajay Kapoor S/O Pran Nath Kapoor R/O-505A, Mukherjee Nagar. Have Changed My Name To Ajay Kapoor. 0040503951-2

I, Nirmal Singh S/O M.C.J. Singh R/O F-15 fast-floor Sector-41 Noida GB Nagar have Changed my name to Nirmal Prkash Singh Permanently. 0040503934-1

We, Amit Swaroop (Father) and Komal Kulshrestha (Mother) of Palash Swaroop declare for knowledge of Public at large that correct name of our son is Palash Swaroop which was wrongly-written as Palash Amit Swaroop in his educational documents, now his correct name for all purposes be written as Palash Swaroop. 0040503951-6

It is for general information I Chandar Prakash Dhawan S/o Shri Lt. Pooran R/O 17/437 Kalyan Puri, Delhi-91 inform that name of my father has been wrongly written as Puran Chand in my Educational documents, Driving License, Domicile, Vehicle RC and Passport. The actual name of father is Pooran respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040503868-1

I, Surendra Singh Bakshi, S/O Devender Singh Bakshi, R/O 16/229, Sadarpur Colony, Sector-45, Noida-201301, in my Daughter (Navjeet Kaur Bakshi), School Record My name is Mention as S.S. Bakshi Instead of Surendra Singh Bakshi and Mother name Inder Pal Kaur Bakshi. 0040503954-1

I, Ginny Bhardwaj w/o Sheetal Bhardwaj, R/O A-5/256, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name to Ginny Bhardwaj. 0040503875-1

I, Deepak Singh Patwal R/O H.No.-227, Niti Khand-III, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed name of my daughter from Palak to Palak Patwal. 0040503860-3

I, hitherto known as Oxana Nikiforova, Daughter of Vyacheslav, wife of Ravi Dutt, residing at 89, Surbhi Apts, Sector-XI, Pkt-1, Dwarka, New Delhi-110045 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Oxana Datt 0040503906-1

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EDUCATIONAL

DOWSING Workshop-School Of Indian Dowisers 160th Workshop On 28th July In Mumbai. Civil Engineers, Architects, Reiki Healers, Geologists, Land Examination Experts And For All In General Dowising Is Useful. Learn Geopathic Stress, Underground Radiation And How To Search Water. Become Certificateholders & Expert. Earn More Income. Guidance By World Famous Dowising Expert Professor Ravi Vaidya. Contact- 9821349038/9821380289. See Feedback Of 150 Photos On website www.indiandowisers.org. 0070665451-2

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It is notified for the information that my original certificate and marksheet of class 10th examination year 1997 with roll no 0359599 and class 12th examination year 1999 with roll no 0214471 issued by Board of High School And Intermediate education UP has been actually lost. Candidate Name Km. Poonam. Address H-40, Gali No-1 Garhwali Mohalla, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92. 0040503886-1

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NAGPUR HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, NAGPUR
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E-Tender Notice for the Year 2019-20

Digitally Signed & unconditional online tenders in form 'C' Agreement are invited for Survey, Soil Investigation, Designing, Construction & Obtaining all Relevant Permissions and Required Completion Certificate from Concerned Local Authority on Lump-Sum Turn-Key basis for Construction of 584 EWS flats under PMAY at Kh. No. 395 to 400 Mouza- P i n g l a i, Tah / Dist. Bhandara.

Estimated cost : Rs. 28,80,81,758/- (Excluding GST)
EMD - 0.50% : Rs. 14,40,410/-
Period of completion of work : 30 Months (Including Monsoon)
Cost of Document : Rs. 3360/- (Including GST)
Document sale Start to End : 19/07/2019 @ 12.00 Hrs. To 13/08/2019 @ 17.00 Hrs.

The detailed tender notice and all other details are available on portal for e-tender. Contractor is required to get enrolled on the portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> and www.mhada.gov.in and get empanelled in relevant sub portal. The registered contractor has to obtain the Digital Certificate.

Executive Engineer - PMAY
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Nagpur, Phone No. 0712-2565692

MADHYA PRADESH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
Regional Office, Atulya IT Park, Khandwa Road, Indore
MPIDC/IND/UJJTS/2019/9731
Date : 19.07.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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Group Details of Machines No.	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Cost of Tender
1 Cylindrical grinding Machine (Universal type) Center height 150mm, ABC min. 500mm, with all standard accessories.	01	20,000/-	2360
2 CNC EDM Machine with X-300, Y-200, Z-250 mm, with all standard accessories.	01	20,000/-	2360
3 Laser Engraving Machine, 50 watt, with all standard accessories.	01	30,000/-	5900
4 VMC Machine, X-1000, Y-500, Z-500 mm, with all standard accessories.	01	70,000/-	11800
5 CMM, X-700, Y-1000, Z-600 mm with Touch probe & Scanner, with all standard accessories.	01	65,000/-	11800
6 CNC turning Center, Max. Turning Dia. 350mm, Max. Turning length 500 mm, with all standard accessories.	01	80,000/-	11800
7 Jig Boring machine, X-800, Y-600, Spindle to Bed-600 mm min., with all standard accessories.	01	35,000/-	5900
8 Electrical operated Stackler, 1.5 MT, with all standard accessories.	01	12,000/-	2360
9 D.G. set, 150 KVA	01	12,000/-	2360
10 Measuring Instruments.	As per list	14,000/-	2360
11 Cutting Tools.	As per list	30,000/-	5900
12 CAD CAM Software, NX	01	14,000/-	2360

Last date of bid submission - 19.08.2019
Pre Bid meeting date At MPIDC Office Atulya IT Park, Indore - 02.08.2019

Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on above mentioned portal. The Corrigendum if any shall not be published in the news paper; it will be uploaded on the e-procurement system. The bidder shall quote rates inclusive of all duties, taxes, royalties, transportation cost and other levies and the Employer shall not be liable for the same however the rate quoted shall be exclusive of GST (Goods And Services Tax) which will be paid separately.

M.P. Madhyam/94542/2019
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DAPORIJO DIVISION RWD, DAPORIJO NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. DRWD/DRJ/17/2018-19/ Dated : 19.07.2019

1. The Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, RWD, AP, invites on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, invites sealed Item Rate tender in RWD Form-8 from the registered firms/ contractors in Class-I(A) category with RWD/ PWD/ CPWD/ NEEPCO/ BRO/ RAILWAYS etc. for the work as stated below.

SI No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Tender Paper(Rs)	Time of Completion
DRWD/ NIT/ NESIDS/ 2018-19/ 07	Construction of Road from Bomikot circle HQ via Sima-Dha.(Full stage)	Rs. 35,68,00,000.00	Rs. 35,68,000.00	Rs. 1500/-	24 Months

- Eligibility Criteria :** The participants must have successfully executed in Central/ State Govt./ PSU's three similar works each of value 40% of the estimated cost or two similar works each of value 60% of the estimated cost or one similar work of value 80% of the estimated cost during last five years.
- The participants must submit proof of possessing T&Ps as required under SCHEDULE-"F" of the tender document without which tender shall be rejected.
- The participants must submit proof of having technical personnel's with proof of qualification, experience, age, address etc. as required under SCHEDULE - "F" of the tender document without which the tender shall be rejected.
- Tender paper can be purchased from the **Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, RWD, AP** on all working days by submitting application alongwith requisite experience certificate and on payment of Cost of Tender Paper in cash (non-refundable) from **20.07.2019 to 29.07.2019 (upto 1600 hrs)**. Tender Document requested by mail/ post will be dispatched by registered/ speed post on payment of an extra amount of **Rs. 500.00** (Five hundred). The department will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same.
- Tender must be delivered to the **Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, Daporijo** on or before **01.08.2019 at 1230 hrs.** The Tender will be opened on the same day at **1500 hrs** in his office by him or his authorized representative in presence of intending tenderers.
- The Earnest Money of the amount specified above in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt/ Term Deposit Receipt in favour of the **Executive Engineer, Daporijo Division, RWD, AP** and should be enclosed with the Tender document in separate sealed cover.
- The intending Firms/ Contractors should furnish the No-Due Certificate (NDC)/ No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Arunachal Pradesh State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited, duly issued by the Managing Director Cum Chief Executive Officer, Naharlagun. No Tender Paper shall be issued to any intending bidder without submission of NDC from Arunachal Pradesh State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited.
- The intending Firms/ Contractor should submit Income Tax clearance Certificate for the last one year or Income Tax exemption certificate as the case may be.
- Other document/ information required to be furnished by the tenderers are described in the Tender documents.
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- The competent authority reserved the right to reject any or all the Tenders without assigning any reason.
- The Tender without earnest money in proper form shall be summarily rejected.
- The APST contractors shall submit ST Certificate to avail relaxation of Earnest Money in favour of them. Original ST Certificate should be produced at the time of opening of the Tender. No relaxation shall be admissible without submission of ST Certificate.
- The scheme sanctioned by the Govt. but fund allotted in phase manner. Hence, the payment shall be released to the contractor as per availability of fund.
- The Arunachal Pradesh District Based Entrepreneurs, Professionals, Incentives, Developments & promotional Act 2015 shall be applicable in this Tender.
- The Contractor shall have to produce Contractor Registration documents before issue of Tender documents.
- The undersigned reserves all the rights to accept or reject any/ all tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Sd/-
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13 BODY & MIND

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"We now have a much better understanding of the immunological pathways involved in vitiligo, which is providing insight on how to target and treat the disease better," said Dr Seth J Orlow, chairman of dermatology at New York University School of Medicine. "Although most of the latest treatment studies have involved only a small number of patients, there have been some very promising results," he said in an interview. Most promising have been two drugs already on the market for other conditions, tofacitinib and ruxolitinib, used in combination with one of the oldest vitiligo treatments: targeted exposure to a narrow band of ultraviolet B light, the rays that cause tanning and sunburn. The drugs, called JAK inhibitors, block the body's misdirected immunological attack on melanocytes, and the UVB light stimulates residual pigment cells to restore color to the bleached patches of skin, Orlow explained.

The approach is especially effective if people are treated before all the melanocytes in the affected areas of skin are destroyed. "If 10 per cent of the cells remain, they can be induced to creep in and

repopulate the depigmented area," Orlow said.

Another therapy that relies on medication used for other conditions is topical application of prostaglandin E2, a glaucoma therapy, on localised areas of vitiligo. In two studies, six months of this treatment produced moderate to complete repigmentation in a majority of patients, Orlow and colleagues reported in *F1000 Research*.

And in a study that used the topical glaucoma treatment latanoprost in combination with narrow-band UVB, greater repigmentation occurred than with either substance used alone.

Like most autoimmune conditions, vitiligo is an acquired disorder. Rarely are children born affected, though they may be genetically susceptible to developing an autoimmune disorder. People with vitiligo, including Pavlides's 51-year-old son, often have other autoimmune disorders like thyroid disease, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes or alopecia areata. In some families, premature greying of the hair results from an autoimmune loss of melanocytes in the hair follicles.

"There are families in which people are prone to autoimmune conditions, but each member gets a different one, and there are other families in which multiple people have vitiligo, perhaps because of something different about their pigment cells," Orlow said.

Vitiligo can first show up in early childhood or as late in life as one's 80s. It involves no microorganism and is not contagious, even though in some countries vitiligo patients are treated as if they had leprosy. The disorder typically starts as small irregular

white patches on the skin that gradually enlarge and change shape. Its expression is often provoked by a physical, physiological or emotional stress, like a sunburn, certain chemical exposures, a car accident or a divorce. However, most of the time the triggering event is unknown.

A common underlying mechanism is oxidative stress, an inability of the body to neutralise damaging molecules like free radicals with antioxidants. This may explain the case of a man whose vitiligo regressed when he was taking a high dose of a statin to treat high cholesterol. Statins have, among their effects, the ability to scavenge free radicals.

If medication is not effective, another option involves taking healthy skin cells, for example, from the buttocks, and grafting them to the depigmented areas. And if vitiligo is especially severe and too extensive to treat directly, there remains the government-approved option of total depigmentation therapy, using monobenzone to bleach the unaffected skin, an approach Michael Jackson said to have used to make his vitiligo less obvious.

But treatment of the vitiligo alone may be insufficient to limit the psychological toll vitiligo can exact. Dr Brett King, associate professor of dermatology at Yale University School of Medicine, who conducted a successful study of tofacitinib and UVB light therapy, said that "vitiligo affects the way the world interacts with you. It can be frustrating and embarrassing, and for some, it leads to clinical depression and anxiety." In two cases known to the American Vitiligo Research Foundation, people with the condition committed suicide.

Experts urge that, when needed, patients should be referred to therapists for psychological support, which might have lessened the emotional distress Pavlides experienced for so many years. **NYT**

DIET DIARY

Eating right to fight air pollution

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BY ISHI KHOSLA

AIR POLLUTION is staring in the face as a huge threat to public health. The truth is that this has not happened suddenly. Even in the 1970s and early 1980s, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Indian government had initiated steps to control air pollution in the country.

Air pollution worldwide has been associated with increased risk of respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses and other diseases, including cancer and auto-immune disorders. Among the most commonly studied air pollutants are fine particulate matter capable of moving through bronchioles of the lungs to the alveoli (air sacs in the lung lining), hindering oxygen exchange and depositing metals and other toxic compounds in the blood stream.

Several scientific studies have suggested that health impacts of some air pollutants may be reduced by the intake of dietary components such as antioxidants and anti-inflammatory constituents. These include vitamins such as Vitamin A, beta carotene, B complex vitamins (B2, B6 & B12), folic acid, Vitamin C & E and minerals, including selenium, zinc, iron, copper, and magnesium, essential fats including omega-3 fats, phytonutrients and probiotics.

Foods rich in Vitamin A and beta carotene, including dark greens such as coriander leaves, methi, parsley, cabbage, lettuce, spinach and vegetables such as carrots, spinach, broccoli, apricots, avocados and mango, butter, egg yolk, cheese, fish liver oils, should be made part of the diet. They are known to fight inflammation, strengthen cell membranes and act as antioxidants.

Vitamin C acts as antioxidant and protects against reactive chemicals produced by the body which can be harmful. Good sources of Vitamin C include amla, citrus fruits, guavas, tomatoes, green peppers, green leafy vegetables, kiwi, broccoli and strawberries.

Zinc is known to improve immune response when taken in combination with trace minerals, including copper, iron, and manganese. Good sources of zinc include nuts, seeds and whole grains. Fresh foods such as vegetable juices, salads, sprouts and fruits are loaded with phytonutrients and enzymes which help scavenge free radicals and detoxify the body.

Traditional medicine suggests the role of foods such as jaggery, ginger, tulsi, turmeric and ghee to combat air pollution. Turmeric is said to help protect lungs from the toxic effects of pollutants.

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Born to walk barefoot

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GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

WEARING SHOES when we walk changes how our feet interact with the ground below us, according to a novel new study in the journal *Nature* of shod and unshod walkers, the state of their feet and the extent of the forces they generate with every step.

The study, which echoes some of the research that first popularised barefoot running, finds that walkers move differently when they are barefoot or shod and have differing sensitivity to the ground, potentially affecting balance and joint loading. The results intimate that there could be advantages to perambulating with naked feet, not the least of which, surprisingly, involves developing calluses.

We humans are born to walk. Distance running during hunts may have been important for the survival of early homo sapiens, most evolutionary biologists agree. But our forebears al-

most certainly spent far more time walking than jogging, just as modern hunter-gatherers do.

Shoes, though, are new to us. Archaeological finds indicate that humans first started wearing rudimentary sandals about 40,000 years ago, an eyeblink in our history as a species. Before then, nature seems to have deemed that our best protection for bare feet would be tough skin. So, people who walk without shoes develop hard, leathery calluses on the heels and balls of their feet that can reduce sensations of pain when they stride over small obstacles like gravel.

Today, many of us might consider such calluses unsightly and disagreeable. But Daniel Lieberman, an evolutionary biologist at Harvard University who, with various colleagues, conducted much of the early research into barefoot running, began to wonder recently whether those calluses might have a hidden utility and beauty. Might they, he wondered, protect and guide feet during walking



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in ways that shoes cannot? And, if so, what does that tell us about walking and footwear?

To learn more, he and a team of collaborators travelled to Kenya for the new study with a portable ultrasound machine and a device that sends slight prickles of electrical current through the skin to test nerve reactions.

In Kenya, they recruited 81 local men and women, about half of whom had grown up in cities wearing shoes, while the rest had spent

most of their lives walking barefoot. They asked everyone to remove their shoes, if they wore them, and examined the revealed skin.

As they had expected, they found that people who had grown up walking barefoot had large, tough calluses on their feet. Ultrasound readings showed that these skin patches were about 25 per cent to 30 per cent thicker than any calluses on the feet of the group who usually wore shoes.

More unexpected, the calluses were sensitive, in specialised ways. Lieberman and his colleagues had thought that the hardened skin might block nerves deep within the skin from sensing the ground, which could affect balance and movement. But when they measured those nerves' reactions in people with and without calluses, they found few differences, suggesting that while calluses lessen people's sensation of walking over pebbles, they do not prevent us from feeling the earth.

Finally, to test whether being barefoot and having calluses do affect how people move, Lieberman and his collaborators asked some of the Kenyans to walk unshod over a plate that measures forces generated while striding. The plate registered almost no variations in their strides, whether they had thick calluses or none.

But back in Boston for the final element of the study, the researchers found that shoes can shake up a walk. When male and female volunteers strolled on treadmills at Lieberman's lab while barefoot, they struck the ground in about the same way as the unshod walkers in Kenya had. But when those same volunteers donned average, cushioned sneakers, their walking subtly altered. They began striking the ground a little more lightly at first, presumably because the footwear's cushioning absorbed some of the force, but

the impacts from each stride lingered longer than when they were barefoot.

Such persistent impacts tend to move up and dissipate through our leg bones, ankles and knee joints, whereas the shorter, sharper jolts created when we walk barefoot are more likely to rise through our soft muscles and tendons, Lieberman says.

What these findings suggest, in aggregate, is that what we wear on our feet shapes the way that we walk, and that nature would make a fine footwear engineer, Lieberman says. Shoes protect our feet and sop up some of the slight pounding during a walk, he says, but they also alter our strides and could, over time, increase the pressure and wear on our leg joints. Meanwhile, calluses shield us from some of the discomforts and pointy objects we encounter while barefoot, but do not reduce our contact with and feel for the ground.

So, the message of the study would seem to be that people who have concerns about their balance or their knees but not their pedicures might consider sometimes walking barefoot, he says. "Walking barefoot can be fun," he says, although it is not for everyone or every situation. When winter ends and warmth returns to Harvard, he often sheds his shoes and encourages new calluses, he says. "But I wear shoes most of the time." **NYT**

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top to bottom. Now, as founder and head of the American Vitiligo Research Foundation, Pavlides is a role model for the young people who come to the organisation's summer retreat.

I first wrote about vitiligo 18 years ago. It is still incurable, but significant progress has been made in treating it and recognising and reducing the tremendous emotional toll it can take, especially in children and adolescents, who represent half of the approximately 1 per cent of the affected population.

"We now have a much better understanding of the immunological pathways involved in vitiligo, which is providing insight on how to target and treat the disease better," said Dr Seth J Orlow, chairman of dermatology at New York University School of Medicine. "Although most of the latest treatment studies have involved only a small number of patients, there have been some very promising results," he said in an interview. Most promising have been two drugs already on the market for other conditions, tofacitinib and ruxolitinib, used in combination with one of the oldest vitiligo treatments: targeted exposure to a narrow band of ultraviolet B light, the rays that cause tanning and sunburn. The drugs, called JAK inhibitors, block the body's misdirected immunological attack on melanocytes, and the UVB light stimulates residual pigment cells to restore color to the bleached patches of skin, Orlow explained.

The approach is especially effective if people are treated before all the melanocytes in the affected areas of skin are destroyed. "If 10 per cent of the cells remain, they can be induced to creep in and

repopulate the depigmented area," Orlow said.

Another therapy that relies on medication used for other conditions is topical application of prostaglandin E2, a glaucoma therapy, on localised areas of vitiligo. In two studies, six months of this treatment produced moderate to complete repigmentation in a majority of patients, Orlow and colleagues reported in *F1000 Research*.

And in a study that used the topical glaucoma treatment latanoprost in combination with narrow-band UVB, greater repigmentation occurred than with either substance used alone.

Like most autoimmune conditions, vitiligo is an acquired disorder. Rarely are children born affected, though they may be genetically susceptible to developing an autoimmune disorder. People with vitiligo, including Pavlides's 51-year-old son, often have other autoimmune disorders like thyroid disease, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes or alopecia areata. In some families, premature greying of the hair results from an autoimmune loss of melanocytes in the hair follicles.

"There are families in which people are prone to autoimmune conditions, but each member gets a different one, and there are other families in which multiple people have vitiligo, perhaps because of something different about their pigment cells," Orlow said.

Vitiligo can first show up in early childhood or as late in life as one's 80s. It involves no microorganism and is not contagious, even though in some countries vitiligo patients are treated as if they had leprosy. The disorder typically starts as small irregular

white patches on the skin that gradually enlarge and change shape. Its expression is often provoked by a physical, physiological or emotional stress, like a sunburn, certain chemical exposures, a car accident or a divorce. However, most of the time the triggering event is unknown.

A common underlying mechanism is oxidative stress, an inability of the body to neutralise damaging molecules like free radicals with antioxidants. This may explain the case of a man whose vitiligo regressed when he was taking a high dose of a statin to treat high cholesterol. Statins have, among their effects, the ability to scavenge free radicals.

If medication is not effective, another option involves taking healthy skin cells, for example, from the buttocks, and grafting them to the depigmented areas. And if vitiligo is especially severe and too extensive to treat directly, there remains the government-approved option of total depigmentation therapy, using monobenzone to bleach the unaffected skin, an approach Michael Jackson said to have used to make his vitiligo less obvious.

But treatment of the vitiligo alone may be insufficient to limit the psychological toll vitiligo can exact. Dr Brett King, associate professor of dermatology at Yale University School of Medicine, who conducted a successful study of tofacitinib and UVB light therapy, said that "vitiligo affects the way the world interacts with you. It can be frustrating and embarrassing, and for some, it leads to clinical depression and anxiety." In two cases known to the American Vitiligo Research Foundation, people with the condition committed suicide.

Experts urge that, when needed, patients should be referred to therapists for psychological support, which might have lessened the emotional distress Pavlides experienced for so many years. **NYT**

DIET DIARY

Eating right to fight air pollution

Several studies have suggested impacts of pollutants may be reduced by intake of anti-inflammatory constituents



BY ISHI KHOSLA

AIR POLLUTION is staring in the face as a huge threat to public health. The truth is that this has not happened suddenly. Even in the 1970s and early 1980s, the World Health Organization (WHO) and Indian government had initiated steps to control air pollution in the country.

Air pollution worldwide has been associated with increased risk of respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses and other diseases, including cancer and auto-immune disorders. Among the most commonly studied air pollutants are fine particulate matter capable of moving through bronchioles of the lungs to the alveoli (air sacs in the lung lining), hindering oxygen exchange and depositing metals and other toxic compounds in the blood stream.

Several scientific studies have suggested that health impacts of some air pollutants may be reduced by the intake of dietary components such as antioxidants and anti-inflammatory constituents. These include vitamins such as Vitamin A, beta carotene, B complex vitamins (B2, B6 & B12), folic acid, Vitamin C & E and minerals, including selenium, zinc, iron, copper, and magnesium, essential fats including omega-3 fats, phytonutrients and probiotics.

Foods rich in Vitamin A and beta carotene, including dark greens such as coriander leaves, methi, parsley, cabbage, lettuce, spinach and vegetables such as carrots, spinach, broccoli, apricots, avocados and mango, butter, egg yolk, cheese, fish liver oils, should be made part of the diet. They are known to fight inflammation, strengthen cell membranes and act as antioxidants.

Vitamin C acts as antioxidant and protects against reactive chemicals produced by the body which can be harmful. Good sources of Vitamin C include amla, citrus fruits, guavas, tomatoes, green peppers, green leafy vegetables, kiwi, broccoli and strawberries.

Zinc is known to improve immune response when taken in combination with trace minerals, including copper, iron, and manganese. Good sources of zinc include nuts, seeds and whole grains. Fresh foods such as vegetable juices, salads, sprouts and fruits are loaded with phytonutrients and enzymes which help scavenge free radicals and detoxify the body.

Traditional medicine suggests the role of foods such as jaggery, ginger, tulsi, turmeric and ghee to combat air pollution. Turmeric is said to help protect lungs from the toxic effects of pollutants.

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Born to walk barefoot

Shoes protect our feet, but they also alter our strides and could increase the wear on our leg joints

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WEARING SHOES when we walk changes how our feet interact with the ground below us, according to a novel new study in the journal *Nature* of shod and unshod walkers, the state of their feet and the extent of the forces they generate with every step.

The study, which echoes some of the research that first popularised barefoot running, finds that walkers move differently when they are barefoot or shod and have differing sensitivity to the ground, potentially affecting balance and joint loading. The results intimate that there could be advantages to perambulating with naked feet, not the least of which, surprisingly, involves developing calluses.

We humans are born to walk. Distance running during hunts may have been important for the survival of early homo sapiens, most evolutionary biologists agree. But our forebears al-

most certainly spent far more time walking than jogging, just as modern hunter-gatherers do.

Shoes, though, are new to us. Archaeological finds indicate that humans first started wearing rudimentary sandals about 40,000 years ago, an eyeblink in our history as a species. Before then, nature seems to have deemed that our best protection for bare feet would be tough skin. So, people who walk without shoes develop hard, leathery calluses on the heels and balls of their feet that can reduce sensations of pain when they stride over small obstacles like gravel.

Today, many of us might consider such calluses unsightly and disagreeable. But Daniel Lieberman, an evolutionary biologist at Harvard University who, with various colleagues, conducted much of the early research into barefoot running, began to wonder recently whether those calluses might have a hidden utility and beauty. Might they, he wondered, protect and guide feet during walking



The study finds that walkers move differently when they are barefoot

in ways that shoes cannot? And, if so, what does that tell us about walking and footwear?

To learn more, he and a team of collaborators travelled to Kenya for the new study with a portable ultrasound machine and a device that sends slight prickles of electrical current through the skin to test nerve reactions.

In Kenya, they recruited 81 local men and women, about half of whom had grown up in cities wearing shoes, while the rest had spent

most of their lives walking barefoot. They asked everyone to remove their shoes, if they wore them, and examined the revealed skin.

As they had expected, they found that people who had grown up walking barefoot had large, tough calluses on their feet. Ultrasound readings showed that these skin patches were about 25 per cent to 30 per cent thicker than any calluses on the feet of the group who usually wore shoes.

More unexpected, the calluses were sensitive, in specialised ways. Lieberman and his colleagues had thought that the hardened skin might block nerves deep within the skin from sensing the ground, which could affect balance and movement. But when they measured those nerves' reactions in people with and without calluses, they found few differences, suggesting that while calluses lessen people's sensation of walking over pebbles, they do not prevent us from feeling the earth.

Finally, to test whether being barefoot and having calluses do affect how people move, Lieberman and his collaborators asked some of the Kenyans to walk unshod over a plate that measures forces generated while striding. The plate registered almost no variations in their strides, whether they had thick calluses or none.

But back in Boston for the final element of the study, the researchers found that shoes can shake up a walk. When male and female volunteers strolled on treadmills at Lieberman's lab while barefoot, they struck the ground in about the same way as the unshod walkers in Kenya had. But when those same volunteers donned average, cushioned sneakers, their walking subtly altered. They began striking the ground a little more lightly at first, presumably because the footwear's cushioning absorbed some of the force, but

the impacts from each stride lingered longer than when they were barefoot.

Such persistent impacts tend to move up and dissipate through our leg bones, ankles and knee joints, whereas the shorter, sharper jolts created when we walk barefoot are more likely to rise through our soft muscles and tendons, Lieberman says.

What these findings suggest, in aggregate, is that what we wear on our feet shapes the way that we walk, and that nature would make a fine footwear engineer, Lieberman says. Shoes protect our feet and sop up some of the slight pounding during a walk, he says, but they also alter our strides and could, over time, increase the pressure and wear on our leg joints. Meanwhile, calluses shield us from some of the discomforts and pointy objects we encounter while barefoot, but do not reduce our contact with and feel for the ground.

So, the message of the study would seem to be that people who have concerns about their balance or their knees but not their pedicures might consider sometimes walking barefoot, he says. "Walking barefoot can be fun," he says, although it is not for everyone or every situation. When winter ends and warmth returns to Harvard, he often sheds his shoes and encourages new calluses, he says. "But I wear shoes most of the time." **NYT**



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

The moon and us

It may have lost a bit of its mystique for the poet, but it continues to entice and challenge the scientist



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NOT AT ANY RATE

New revelations in the IL&FS fiasco call for a comprehensive review of the credit rating architecture

EVER SINCE THE collapse of IL&FS, credit rating agencies in India have been under the scanner for having failed to flag the financial stress at the firm and its subsidiaries. Reports paint an even more worrying picture. The rot runs deeper. Investigations into the IL&FS fiasco have revealed that its group companies were able to retain high credit ratings, even as they were facing a liquidity crunch, allegedly in return for favours to rating agencies. This practice was apparently going on for years. These reports come after the heads of two rating agencies were sent on leave by their respective company boards in response to questions raised over the assigned ratings. In response to concerns, last month, SEBI had mandated "enhanced disclosures" from credit rating agencies in order to boost transparency and accountability. Clearly, more needs to be done.

At the heart of the matter is the "issuer pay" business model. Under this model, the firm that is being rated pays for the ratings, which are then used by investors to evaluate the level of risk that a firm/instrument poses. This creates a conflict of interest. As rating agencies, which are profit-making enterprises, depend on fees paid by issuers, they are more susceptible to being influenced by them. But as ratings serve as a guide for investors, providing signals about the ability of the issuer to repay the debt, this raises legitimate questions over who is safeguarding the interests of investors. A case in point: Recently, a rating agency downgraded a firm's rating by nine notches, from AA+ to D, in a single stroke, leaving investors in disarray. There has been some discussion on how to deal with this issue in India. In fact, in February, the parliamentary standing committee on finance had suggested the government explore shifting to an investor or regulator pays model. While switching to a new architecture is likely to be resisted by rating agencies, as it would hurt their profitability, there is a genuine case for re-examining the incentive structure of rating agencies. Mere tinkering will not yield the desired outcomes.

Globally, credit rating agencies came under the scanner in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2008, with accusations of flawed methodology and rating shopping being made. Subsequently, they were penalised to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars to settle cases over their ratings of risky mortgage securities. But, imposing hefty fines is only a part of the solution. The regulator needs to undertake a comprehensive review of the ratings architecture in India. The first step could be to enforce mandatory rotation of rating agencies. This could address the issue of familiarity exerting influence. The option of compulsory rating of a firm/instrument by more than one rating agency could also be explored.

WAYS OF SEEING

Fifty years ago, Apollo 11 established us as a spacefaring species, and also gave us the perspective to go with it

ABOUT 2,250 YEARS ago, Archimedes demanded a lever long enough to move the world. Fifty years ago, via the crew of Apollo 11 and the thousands of scientists and technicians who powered the Saturn V into orbit and the Eagle lander down to Mare Tranquillitatis on the moon, Nasa provided the human race with that lever, visibly changing our world view forever with distant images of men on the moon and the footprints they left behind for eternity in lunar dust. The benefit of distance is what Archimedes had sought, and here was visible proof that it had been achieved. These are the images that we recall when we think of Apollo 11, and they changed our perception of humanity. In the popular imagination, an earthbound bipedal species became a spacefaring race on July 20, 1969, ready to launch itself into the void. After this, the universe was the limit.

But there were other images from the Apollo 11 moon landing that produced another and equally powerful change in the imagination. It was a set of amazingly clear pictures of earthrise, with the home planet peeping over the lunar horizon. Point of view determines ways of seeing. Here, at the length of a cosmic arm, was evidence of what we had known theoretically for centuries — that we are tiny beings on a tiny though colourful planet, circling an unremarkable sun at the end of a spiral arm of the Milky Way galaxy, far from the anvil of stars at the centre. Denizens of a provincial planet, who are nevertheless rapidly developing the science to reach for the stars.

Much is made of the contributions of the moon mission to how we live. It is said to have spun off Velcro and Teflon, for instance. It is Booker-quality fiction, for they were invented much earlier in Switzerland and by DuPont, respectively. Apollo 11 did spin off innovations like car vacuum cleaners, handheld machine tools and the oxygen masks which, in the litany of the airlines' safety drill, "drop down from the panel above you" in emergencies. But its technical innovations were unremarkable in comparison to the mind-altering quality of its message. Fifty years after, with two Asian powers shooting for the moon and private enterprise planning manned Mars missions and commercial flights at the edge of space, the human race is almost ready to fly the coop.

DOSA DON

Saravana Bhavan founder, who died a murder convict, will be remembered for the food he served

RAJAGOPAL, WHO died on Thursday, was described as the "Dosa King". It's true that the dosas at Saravana Bhavan, the chain of restaurants started by him, have become the gold standard for South Indian restaurant fare, especially outside the region. Crisp, golden and stuffed with spicy potatoes, onion or cottage cheese and served with an assortment of tangy chutneys and hot sambar, these dosas have found devotees in places as diverse as Delhi, Muscat, Stockholm and Singapore. But the restaurant chain, whose first outlet opened in Madras in 1981, is as much of a draw for its deep-fried and soft vadas, spongy saucer-shaped idlis and stringy idiyappams served with a delectable mix of vegetable kurma and sweetened coconut milk.

Born to a family of onion farmers in Tamil Nadu's Tuticorin district, Rajagopal dropped out of school when he was in the seventh grade and moved to Chennai. He had to wipe tables in restaurants for a living, before starting a modest grocery business in the city's K K Nagar area. A chance conversation with one of his customers about the dearth of quality eateries in K K Nagar moved Rajagopal to buy a loss-making restaurant in the area. Thus was born the first Saravana Bhavan outlet. Rajagopal used quality ingredients and paid his employees well, even when his outfit made losses. Eventually, word got around about Saravana Bhavan's pocket-friendly fare. South Indian snacks became part of the eating out experience in different parts of the country — and the world. Rajagopal leaves behind more than 80 restaurants, 47 outside the country.

Rajagopal was convicted in a 2001 murder case. But he will be remembered for the food served at his restaurants. It's a testimony to Rajagopal's entrepreneurial skills that the waiting time at Saravana Bhavan outlets across the world exceeds half-an-hour at most times of the day.

THE VERSATILE POET and Bollywood lyricist, Shamsul Huda Bihari, once in a radio interview lamented the landing of humans on the moon. He rued the fact that technology and science have ruined the poetic imagination where the moon, especially the full moon, was frequently used to describe the beloved's beauty. He should know — he had penned the memorable "yeh chaand sa raushan chehra" for the Sixties' hit *Kashmir ki Kali*.

An otherwise unremarkable object in the vast cosmos, our natural satellite, the moon, has of course fascinated humans for millennia. The regularity of its phases was the reason why most calendar systems in human history have been lunar. Poets, philosophers and astrologers took keen interest in it. Aristotle, in the 4th century BCE, argued for a spherical Earth by observing its shadow during a lunar eclipse. After the 16th century, telescopes made more detailed observations of the moon possible. And yet, it was still a heavenly object out there — amenable to observations but not direct contact.

All that changed on September 13, 1959 when the Soviet lunar probe, Luna 2, crashed into the moon. Suddenly that familiar, near-yet-so-distant object seemed amenable to human ingenuity. Of course, the Luna 2 mission did more than that — it suddenly made the Americans realise that their Cold War opponent was competent not just to launch a satellite (Sputnik had been launched a year earlier), but also capable of the complex guidance technology required for an operation to send a spacecraft to the moon. The Space Race was on in earnest.

With the announcement in 1961 by President John F Kennedy of the commitment to land humans on the moon in a decade, the American space programme got a huge boost. That it happened soon after Yuri Gagarin's maiden space flight was not a coincidence. The Apollo programme, from 1961 to 1972, became the focus for NASA.

Developing rockets which were powerful enough for the mission of taking humans to their closest heavenly neighbour, guidance and communication systems to ensure the exact trajectory and, most importantly, making sure that the risks to human life were minimal, were daunting tasks. The commitment was total — costing \$25 billion and employing nearly half a million people and supporting thousands of industries. It seemed that the whole economic and technological might of America was put to use.

And then, on July 20, 1969, mankind (sic) took the giant leap — Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on lunar soil. The pictures of the Stars and Stripes on the desolate lunar landscape being reflected in Armstrong's visor were flashed all over the globe. And for people like SH Bihari, the poetic mystique of the moon was shattered for good.

After the landing on the moon, the Apollo programme continued for a few more years but once the chest-thumping patriotism had petered out, it was realised that the programme was too costly to justify its continuation and so was axed in 1972. The Soviets continued sending unmanned spacecraft to the moon and performing experiments and collecting samples till 1976 when the Luna programme was also terminated. The awe and wonder of the moon had waned and human ambition took up other challenges in the solar system — Mars, Venus, Jupiter and even beyond. The moon was passé.

But like retro fashion, the moon has made a reappearance in the scientific firmament in the 21st century. More than a dozen missions have been sent to the moon (including our very own Chandrayaan 1), though these have been lunar orbiters and not landers till recently.

Why the moon? The answer to this question is less frivolous than the classic retort (misattributed to Edmund Hillary but actu-

ally said by George Mallory) "Because it's there". The study of the geology and chemistry of lunar rocks has proved to be of immense use in expanding our understanding of the solar system. The moon is believed to have formed when a Mars-sized body impacted the Earth some 4.5 billion years ago. The impact hypothesis is one of the several theories about the origin of the moon. Catastrophic impacts were quite common in the early history of the solar system and the study of the composition of rocks gathered from the lunar surface by the Apollo astronauts as well as the many unmanned missions has thrown light on the origins of the moon as well as the early solar system. With the latest Chinese mission, Chang'e 4, landing on the far side of the moon, a new era in the study of lunar geology has begun.

In 2008, an instrument called the Moon Mineralogy Mapper on board the lunar orbiter, Chandrayaan 1, confirmed the presence of surface ice on the moon. This is extremely significant because one of the motivations for the recent resurgence of interest in the moon has been the setting up of a lunar base for interplanetary travel. And with entrepreneurs like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos getting into the game, space is no longer a not-for-profit venture. If all goes according to schedule, the first commercial landing on the moon could be as early as 2020 and within a couple of decades we might see semi-permanent habitation on the moon.

In the five decades since Armstrong stepped on the Sea of Tranquility, scientific interest in the moon has waxed and waned — from a dark period at the end of the 20th century to the surge in exploration now. In fact, we might even witness people staying on the moon in our lifetimes. The *chaand* might have lost its shine for the poets but this is surely the *Shukla Paksha* for the scientists.

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Now, MISSION ECONOMY

To achieve \$5 trillion target, tax system, laws, attitude to private sector need overhaul

FIFTY YEARS AGO, Apollo 11 landed on the moon and realised the audacious goal set by the US President Kennedy in 1961 of sending a man to the moon and bringing him back safely by the end of the decade. Equally audacious is the goal set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of increasing India's GDP from \$2.8 trillion to \$5 trillion in just five years.

NASA engineers asked a critical question: What are the most essential things that must be dealt with to achieve this goal? They came up with three issues: Navigation, propulsion and life-support (for the astronauts). It is equally necessary for India to identify the most critical things that it has to grapple with to achieve the \$5 trillion target. These are our tax system, regulatory laws and the attitude towards the private sector.

The biggest stumbling block to achieving the \$5 trillion target is that each of these factors work in their own sphere unmindful of the fact that while their actions may achieve their individual goals, they may cause serious damage to the national policy objective. Our policy is to encourage foreign direct investment but our tax laws and the tax administration are so aggressively anti-industry that most foreign investors would rather set up manufacturing units in China, Thailand or Vietnam. The tax authorities have a single-minded focus of achieving their revenue targets, and any method justifies the end. This results in the most ridiculous tax demands that lead to extensive litigation. It is a matter of serious concern that India, with less than 2

per cent of global trade, has more transfer-pricing disputes than any other country.

Our regulatory and labour laws, particularly at the state level, still require multiple licences and permits that make it very difficult to set up an industry. A large number of these laws have to be dismantled if Make in India is to become a reality. The land acquisition laws now require at least 48 months to set up a large project. The sugar industry is a classic example of the government's populist policy crippling an entire industry. No industry can survive if the state-regulated raw material price is more than the market-driven selling price of the final product.

The third factor is critical to achieving our ambitious target. There has to be a change in the attitude towards the private sector, particularly big business. We must stop treating private enterprise as a necessary evil rather than as an affirmative good. China, whose GDP equaled India's a few decades ago, is now a \$13 trillion economy with almost the same population. It has become the largest manufacturing centre only because of private enterprise. Just one example shows the gap: China's garment exports in 2017 were \$110 billion, while India's exports were just \$17 billion.

The same story is repeated in several sectors. None of this would have been possible without the Chinese government actively and aggressively encouraging the private sector. We will have to examine what are the tax, labour and regulatory laws that have made China so successful? And how

many of these incentives and policies can be replicated?

We have just five years to achieve this target. Jim Collins, the famous management guru, laments that several companies choose to ignore the "brutal facts"; so do nations, at their peril. Several industries are in a precarious position and there is an overall slowdown of the economy. The Indian economy is in need of a serious overhaul if we are to generate large-scale employment. The failure of several "global investors" conferences is a grim indicator that India is not an attractive investment destination.

The task of achieving the \$5 trillion goal has to be equally shared by states. With the same party in power in the Centre and several states, it will be easier to implement large-scale reforms that are now necessary. We have two options: To continue with the status quo of focusing on large government sponsored infrastructure and welfare schemes to drive growth, with the attendant requirement of massive borrowings or actively encourage private investment to make India the second-largest manufacturing nation. Only the second option will enable India to reach the target by 2024. The tax and regulatory laws must function in unison and must be designed to become growth oriented. If we change course, like NASA, we can achieve our ambitious goal. If we continue on the existing path, the \$5 trillion dream will remain a mirage.

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JULY 20, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

GOVT BY WEEKEND
WHILE THE JANATA Party remained sharply divided over the question of who should be its leader — Morarji Desai or Jagjivan Ram — the newly-formed alliance of the Congress and the Janata (S) claimed it would be able to form a government by the weekend. Repeated efforts were made by various sections of the Janata Party to persuade Desai to step down from the leadership of the party but he refused to yield. A three-man committee consisting of H M Patel, S S Bhandari, and Madhu Dandavate was at work most of the day looking for ways to get Desai to vacate the seat for Jagjivan Ram but to no avail. Desai is reported to have the the committee

that it should first assess who has the majority support in the Parliamentary Party, he or Jagjivan Ram.

LEADERSHIP QUESTION
CONGRESS AND JANATA (S) leaders, after a two-hour meeting this afternoon, agreed in principle to form a coalition government at the Centre. In a joint statement, the 12 leaders said: "We are confident that the country will soon have a stable government, of secular, democratic and socialist unity backed by a solid parliamentary majority". C Subramaniam of the Congress, at whose house the meeting was held, did not divulge who the leader of the coalition would be. He

said: "The question of the leader of the group has not been gone into. In fact, no details were discussed except the need for a stable front," he said.

CONGRESS RUSH
THERE WAS HECTIC activity in the Congress camp as Y B Chavan, Swaran Singh and several other Congress leaders talked with various parties and groups — the CPI, CPM, AIADMK, Janata (S) and others. But it was still not clear at the end of the day whether the Congress would be able to conquer the formidable arithmetic of forming a government in the three days that the President has given it.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

That's right, blame it on Hindi

Every language, culture has its history of oppression. But it is also in the infinite plurality of language that tensions of identity, of politics, are resolved



MRINAL PANDE

ONCE UPON A time (some four decades ago), it was the done thing to blame all the ills of the nation on feminism — from errant children to the break up of joint families, rise in crime, pornography and prostitution. Today, Hindi has become the favourite punching bag. It is being hit at for imposing its supremacist regime over all other Indian languages, for the rise of casteism, racism, for introducing a string of foul abuse words in polite discourse, through Bollywood films and serials on Netflix. Worse still, across the board, all Hindi wallahs are increasingly being stigmatised as supporters of a totalitarianism whose ideas are fast permeating social media, publishing and the government machinery.

As a second-generation Hindi writer from what was then Uttar Pradesh and now Uttarakhand, the act of writing to me includes three essential areas: The world, my own self and language. The first is undeniably dominated by English and will never exactly be mine like my mother tongue, the second I explore and gauge through my writings, and the third is not only a writer's tool but also the body of what I write. I cannot just put it away, like a painter would his brushes or a carpenter his tools.

If we go by the undeniable decadal census data, Hindi is the mother tongue to a majority in the dozen most-populous states and the medium for governments' subsidised education therein. It's true that Hindi is spoken in different accents and flecked with dozens of local dialects. But it is also true that the standardised Hindi used by school texts, in government correspondence and translations was not crafted by creative writers or the Hindi-speaking public. It was created (borrowing the Nagari script from Sanskrit), by four clerics (Bhakha Munshis) at the Fort William College in Calcutta around 1805, under orders from the British. It went on to create a vast Habermasian public sphere — the government-run school system, publishers, native politicians and social reformers. From Gandhi to Dayanand Saraswati to yes, even Raja Ram Mohan Roy rushed in and used it to communicate their revolutionary ideas verbally to mostly illiterate masses.

There is another side to the picture. Around the 1930s, my mother was at Shantiniketan and wrote a story, her first and last in Bangla, which she spoke like a native. When she took it to Gurudev Tagore for his opinion, he smiled and told her never to forget that she must write in her mother tongue. And it is this ever-changing and highly malleable language that all our greats from Premchand, Phanishwar Nath Renu, Manohar Shyam Joshi, Nirmal Verma, Krishna Sobti and young Alka Saraogi have been using. It comes liberally mixed with dialects, other vernaculars and yes, even English (read young Gaurav Solanki's *Gyarahveen Ake Ladke*). The editorial writing of the last five decades by journalists like Rajendra Mathur, Prabhash Joshi, SP Singh, Udayan Sharma and many others has vastly benefited from this linguistic pool and crafted a Hindi that has made Hindi newspapers and digital media garner the largest chunk of readers.

Let me hesitantly acknowledge here the perceived absurdity of someone's position



Suvajit Dey

who writes in both English and Hindi against the hegemonic push for Hindi by the present dispensation, but also stoutly defends Hindi and demands the just dues the publishing and media houses have largely denied it. Like a child asking if she may have some candy with one already put in her mouth, a sly question is posed to me in public gatherings: Is it fair of you to continue to describe English as part of colonial baggage in the Subcontinent and, therefore, incapable of expressing the whole truth as experienced by non-English speakers? Looking at how it has been heavily politicised and is being used by the Right why can't you admit now that Hindi today is less a language and more of a tool to push the saffron agenda?

In the 1950s, I was sent to various Hindi medium sarkari schools (Lucknow, Shahjahanpur, Almora, Mukteshwar and Nainital) by my peripatetic father, who was often transferred mid-term, thereby leaving us to cope with badly mauled second-hand school texts. Even so, I never realised that my schooling was in any way provisional or experimental compared to those studying in the local English-medium private schools, where my much younger siblings were sent around the latter half of the 60s. I simply came alive in the Hindi speaking school environment everywhere I went. My friends were from varied backgrounds and included a local dhabewallah's son, the criminal lawyer's granddaughter and also one-eyed Mohan, whose family had fled Lahore and in the melee, a stray pellet had blinded him in one eye. In Nainital, where I spent the longest time in school, it was another medley of children from all over the hill districts of UP.

Recent readings on how Hindi has hidden the real history of India's caste, class and communal warfare from countless children in Hindi-medium schools by putting everything in a Brahminical idiom, dismay me no end. At school (Lucknow and Nainital) we had read and acted in poems and plays of the 19th century great grandfather of Hindi, Bhartendu Harishchandra. Bhartendu, the scion of a wealthy Agrawal family in Kashi, came out as a jolly iconoclast who ripped apart the Brahminical elite of the Kashi of his times and wrote folk songs for singing women and prayers for Lord Krishna. He had listed 12 kinds of Hindi, including 'Railway Hindi' (a variety laced with plenty of anگریزی) and also written a welcome song for Queen Victoria and her son in Hindi.

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So, by the time we finished school (1964), none of us in GGIC (Government Girls' Inter College) were naive enough to believe that ours was a harmonious society with one language, one anthem and one irreplaceable Leader. Schools taught me that racial or linguistic homogeneity is not always a guarantor of peace, nor of discord. Only the stubbornly blind will fail to see that in a nation as vast and varied as ours, in society, languages and families, progress can only be incremental. That no community is entirely free of venality, brutality and envy. No people have a history without bloodstains and shame. But there is incremental progress notwithstanding. Till a few years ago, the non-availability of Hindi books was a constant complaint and also cited as proof that no one, no one well-educated that is, read Hindi. Today, on Amazon, one can order at least two dozen titles in Hindi by Dalits that include not just fiction and poetry but essays and autobiographies. Another two dozen by tribal writers. And these have not seen the light of the day as exotica, but because they sell. Ditto with the YouTube.

As a Hindi writer and anchor, I lost jobs again and again but never my faith in the power of words. My relations with many of my anglocentric owner-managers have been disastrous because of my stubbornness in not allowing substandard matter when I manned the guard posts; but I do not hate the market. I realise the world I knew has changed. But some changes are ahistorical. Like people, languages remain internally plural. They hide whole registers of infinite variety within them. Like a good musician, the writer just has to enter their insides and tease out notes long ignored or buried within. Nations like ours experiencing impossible identities in the 21st century can build up terrible tensions within themselves by clinging to binaries on languages. The beauty of good creative writing in any language, remains in how it highlights and resolves that tension through bold, perverse, politically unbecoming words.

The writer is a senior journalist and author

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"An estimated 1 million Uighurs and other minorities are held in China's camps. But Beijing's power has silenced many of those who one might expect to criticise it." —THE GUARDIAN

If Taliban returns

Children, women will have to bear the brunt of an Islamist revival in Kabul



KHALED AHMED

THE US-TALIBAN talks have bogged down because the latter is not willing to negotiate with the Ashraf Ghani government in Kabul. Washington is keen to leave Afghanistan and save the \$45 billion it spends there annually but is troubled over what the Taliban will do to Afghanistan after it leaves. The Taliban has refused to talk to the US-supported Ghani government because they already control half of Afghanistan and fear internal splits if they play ball and negotiate.

Pakistan had tried to manipulate the Taliban over policy and suffered damage at the hands of the Pakistani Taliban. It fears the return of the Taliban government after the Americans leave and wants to keep its options open. Pakistani Taliban, operating from inside Afghanistan, will be strengthened after the Americans leave; and the Ghani government is unable to control the situation. There was a time when Pakistan was hosting around four million Afghan refugees, most of whom returned home in 2002 leaving 1.3 million "registered" ones still stuck in Pakistan while the "unregistered" ones remain outside this count. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province has 81 per cent of them, Punjab 10 per cent, Balochistan seven per cent and Sindh one per cent.

What is the plight of these "registered" Afghan refugees? According to a recently published report, "nearly half this number is believed to be children under the age of 14, with another 20 per cent reportedly between 15 and 24 years old". In 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had reported that "a staggering 80 per cent of Afghan children in Pakistan were out of school". Add to this number, the "44 per cent of all children in Pakistan that don't receive any education". Pakistan's future will be decided by these children who are destined to come of age without any education. Add to this number the Afghan children who will grow up not feeling a part of Pakistan.

An article by Mahwish Qayyum in *Newsweek Pakistan* has lifted the curtain slightly on what is in store. She reports that one Saad Agha, a refugee himself, had established a low-cost school consisting of six rooms and one bathroom at an informal settlement in Islamabad's I-12 sector with a donation of Rs 1,70,000. (This Islamabad sector has 3,424 refugees, including 2,136 children.) The primary school had enrolled 400 local children, but it was forced to shut down after three months because Agha could not come up

with more money.

What will over a million Afghan refugees do in Pakistan? First, there is the prospect of a couple of million more refugees coming to Pakistan if there is no solution to the crisis in Afghanistan where America is not winning and is keen to leave; and the Taliban controls half of the country. The Taliban doesn't like modern "un-Islamic" education and is opposed to girls getting any education at all. Even today it is able to target and kill "progressive" women who venture out of their homes to take up jobs to sustain their starving, often "fatherless", families. Pakistani Taliban, aligned with Uzbek warriors and sworn to the same "piety" as the Afghan Taliban, had destroyed all girls' schools in the valley of Swat in 2012 and shot Pakistan's Nobel Laureate Malala Yusufzai in the head because she wouldn't stop going to school.

The mood is no different in Afghanistan. The Taliban simply don't want modern education and prefer the madrassa that they see as the future inspiration of Afghanistan. They destroy schools wherever they see them: The number of attacks on schools tripled, according to UNICEF, rising from 68 in 2017 to 192 in 2018. The war has closed down 1,000 schools, depriving some 5,00,000 children of their right to learning. Pakistan has its own 32,000 madrassas doing far better than the state-run schools where conditions are hostile to learning because of ramshackle buildings and savagely illiterate teachers.

Afghanistan, like Somalia, is hardly a "centralised" state. Kabul didn't ever control most of the territory where Uzbek and Tajik warlords ruled with or without the government's consent. Pakistan, unfortunately, didn't learn from the chaos of Afghanistan and kept itself "uncentralised" without proper writ of the state in almost 60 per cent of its territory, somewhat in imitation of Afghanistan. The Tribal Areas in the north and northwest, almost the whole of Balochistan and interior Sindh — with some Sindh feudal influence rubbing off on South Punjab — remained without proper policing. The next post-US withdrawal war in Afghanistan is bound to send more refugees into Pakistan that is now fencing the 1,640 mile-long Durand Line border, which the Taliban doesn't recognise. It has 235 "crossing points", where infiltration goes on.

Ideology and a collapsing economy don't let Pakistan look after its children the way it should. What a child needs growing up anywhere is good education. Pakistan has neither the money nor the thinking to provide it. In fact, due to its ideological orientation, even if it succeeds in providing education to its children, it is going to be close to what the madrassas are already doing free of cost.

The writer is consulting editor, Newsweek Pakistan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IMMORAL MLAS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Dishonouring the mandate' (IE, July 19). A shameful display of "horse trading" is taking place in Karnataka. Contrary to expectations, the BJP has not set high moral standards. It's time to amend the anti-defection laws because when elected members change parties, they betray the people's mandate. If legislators do want to change their political affiliation, they must seek a fresh mandate. The nation can afford to foot the bill for fresh elections. It cannot afford to be governed by such turncoats.

Ashok Goswami, Mumbai

SPIRITUAL, CREATIVE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Zaira's choice' (IE, July 18). The issue is, of course, about Zaira Wasim's freedom to pursue a budding career in Bollywood to pursue a life of spirituality, to which her career was an impediment. But the writer confuses religion with spirituality, and the materialistic life with creativity. An artist can be spiritual. Are Shabana Azmi, Naseeruddin Shah, Nandita Das, Raghu Rai and others not spiritual or good human beings? To be spiritual, one does not have to give up one's profession. Zaira Wasim is a gifted and creative artist. In case she is a victim of circumstances, that will become manifest soon. Let nothing stop young Zaira from realising her talents. But at the end of the day, we are answerable to ourselves alone and should live our lives as per our conscience.

R D Singh, Ambala

THE NEXT BIG STEP

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The original sin' (IE, July 19). The level of penetration of banking services cannot be assessed solely on the basis of the increase in the number of bank branches. Effective financial inclusion

LETTER OF THE WEEK

TAGORE'S WORDS

THIS REFERS TO E P Unny's 'Freeze Frame' cartoon (IE, July 15). Rabindranath Tagore is shown as handcuffed. The way political atmosphere is currently changing in our country, this cartoon may become a reality soon. In *Bharat Teertha*, Tagore wrote: "O Aryans, non-Aryans, come here. O Hindus and Mussalmans, come here. You Englishmen, and Christians, come here. Come here, O Brahmins with a clean heart, and join hands with everyone. Come here all downtrodden, letting go of your past humiliations." In another instance, Tagore writes, "Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads. Whom are you worshipping in this lonely dark corner of a temple, keeping all its doors shut? Open your eyes and see that your God is not present before you!" With the way we are going, it is likely that Tagore will soon be censored by the powers that be.

Ranjan Das, Mumbai

has to be gauged on the basis of the uptake of different financial services. The point of banking service delivery has to be reimagined beyond the bank teller as the primary facilitator of retail banking services. The banks of tomorrow will be technology driven. The government should create an environment for the banking sector to develop the digital infrastructure that is needed to take this next big leap.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata



S C NAGPAL

A blueprint for emergencies

AES outbreak in Bihar can serve as a catalyst for a medical rapid response system

THE DEATHS OF over 150 children in Bihar from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome over weeks are in the process of becoming a bad memory. Most critical analyses have found serious faults with the state's healthcare system. This provides a context to explore if the inadequacies in healthcare could have been offset, even compensated for, by rapid administrative action.

Investigations found that certain positive factors also existed, though notionally, in Bihar. For example, research finds that AES is treatable. Second, the government had already put in place robust and comprehensive healthcare programmes. The situation in Bihar apparently came more like a flash flood. This, along with the weak medical infrastructure, ignoring preventive measures and other healthcare programmes, worsened the AES outbreak.

There are examples where states in India have taken the primary healthcare seriously, and followed up on preventive healthcare programmes comprehensively. States like Bihar can learn from their example, and the past. What follows is a draft framework to deal with medical health emergencies.

The first step should be to declare a public health emergency within the affected region with immediate effect. This would mean that the state healthcare and other

concerned agencies, including the district administration and disaster management authorities, will pool their wisdom and resources. A group (henceforth Group) comprising representatives from such organisations should be constituted and be headed by a dedicated administrative officer with the requisite expertise and experience. This Group will come into operation no later than 24 hours of the declaration of the emergency, and will take full control and responsibility for ensuring prompt life-saving medical services, including essential nutritional supplements.

The Group will be a largely autonomous body with defined administrative and financial powers. It will take necessary decisions and coordinate efforts, including putting in place research work, and additional infrastructural support from within the state and outside it. The Group's mandate will be all-inclusive, and will start with ensuring dissemination of information (by means of the media and field health workers) on the disease, general awareness on government nutrition and hygiene programmes, precautionary measures, obtaining and sharing of diagnosis-treatment protocol, taking feedback on the treated patients and finally, the disbursement of compensation to the unfortunate victim's entitled kith and kin speedily.

A blueprint of the suggested administrative mechanism can be kept ready by each state, with various functionaries nominated and notified. This can be done in districts with a poor public health record. The Group will conduct periodic mock drills in a professional manner, particularly in more vulnerable areas. This blueprint will be actually realised as and when a need arises. The Group's resources can be unscaled suiting situational demands. The Group must also organise frequent field visits to see all arrangements work flawlessly.

Yet another significant policy measure would be to reorganise working of the existing government hospitals, particularly at the primary and middle level. As health centres across most states have adequate built up space and other infrastructure available, a part of the same can be leased to private hospital chains. In normal times, these privately-run units will provide regular, on payment, healthcare. Indeed, such private medical centres with their enhanced medical capacities in place can be recognised and co-opted under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. In situations like the one under discussion here, these units can be commandeered to attend to the emergency.

Long-term plans to create and expand

healthcare infrastructure demand more time and resources. The proposed reorganisation of health centres, besides substantially adding to the existing health services at literally no cost to the government, will also help to generate a healthier work culture.

Finally, it is of utmost importance that the functioning of such reorganised health centres be closely and professionally monitored. They should also be monitored by the local community and panchayati raj institutions.

It may also be useful to urgently fill the perennially existing vacancies at health centres. This can be accomplished in most healthcare institutions, particularly in remote rural areas, through the contractual appointment of doctors and para medical staff by from amongst retired personnel (both civil and military).

These ideas and models are practical and have been tried by this author in Ambala, Bareilly, Agra, and Delhi. India and its governance system cannot let people die, and must adopt fresh approaches. A crisis like the AES outbreak is not merely a medical battle, it must be seen as an administrative mission.

The writer is a retired civil servant

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CHINA'S EXPERIMENTAL SPACE LAB TIANGONG-2 RE-ENTERS ATMOSPHERE

China's experimental space lab Tiangong-2 on Friday made a "controlled re-entry" into the earth's atmosphere and a small amount of its debris fell into the South Pacific Ocean, the country's space agency said. The space lab has worked in the orbit for over 1,000 days, much longer than its 2-year designed life, reports said.

REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS SAY FOOTAGE DISPROVES CLAIM

Tensions mount in Gulf as US says it took down Iranian drone

Will continue to shoot down drones that fly too close to our ships: US

STEVE HOLLAND & IDREES ALI
WASHINGTON, JULY 19

THE UNITED States said on Thursday that a US Navy ship had "destroyed" an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz after the aircraft threatened the vessel, which Iran denied, stating all its unmanned planes were accounted for.

In the latest episode to stir tensions in the Gulf, US President Donald Trump told an event at the White House that the drone had flown to within 1,000 yards (metres) of the USS Boxer and had ignored "multiple calls to stand down."

"The drone was immediately destroyed," he added.

Iran dismissed the report.

"All drones belonging to Iran in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz ... returned safely to their bases after their mission of identification and control," Abolfazl Shekarchi, a senior armed forces spokesman, was quoted as saying by the semi-official Tasnim news agency. "And there is no report of any operational response by USS Boxer."

This is the latest of many provocative and hostile actions by Iran against vessels operating in international waters. The United States reserves the right to defend our personnel, facilities and interests"
— DONALD TRUMP

Iran's state television on Friday aired footage it said disproved the US assertion. The video published by the Revolutionary Guards showed aerial views of warships. The television station said the drone had captured the footage and timing notations showed the drone was still filming after Washington said it had been downed in the Strait of Hormuz.

A Pentagon spokeswoman, Commander Rebecca Rebarich, said, "We do assess it was an Iranian drone."

Tensions in the Gulf region are high, with fears that the United States and Iran could stumble into war. **REUTERS**

US FINDS FEW TAKERS FOR SECURITY PLAN



■ The US is struggling to win its allies' support for an initiative to heighten surveillance of vital Middle East oil shipping lanes because of fears it will increase tension with Iran, six sources familiar with the matter said

■ France does not plan to escort ships and views the United States' plan as counterproductive, as it would be seen as anti-Iran, a French official said.

■ The British security source said it was not viable to escort every commercial vessel.

■ A senior Western official in Beijing said there was 'no way' China would join a maritime coalition.

■ A decision by Japan to join the initiative would likely inflame a divide in Japanese public opinion over sending troops abroad

■ Tehran has said that foreign powers should leave securing shipping lanes to Tehran and other countries in the region

EXPLAINED

Low export of oil adds to strain

AMID TENSE relations and the reimposition of sanctions by the US, Iran's oil exports have dropped nearly tenfold, possibly more, according to data.

While Tehran shipped 2.8 million barrels per day (bpd) in early 2018, industry estimates place the amount of oil shipped in June at 0.3 million bpd. This serves as an indicator that the Trump administration's sanctions have already begun to have an effect on Iran's main source of income. It also indicates that the standoff between the two countries is unlikely to be sustainable in the long term.



Outside the Kyoto Animation building on Friday. *Reuters*

DAY AFTER BLAZE KILLS 33

Japan fire killed mostly women, at studio known for hiring them

EIMI YAMAMITSU, MOTOKO RICH & MAKIKO INOUE
KYOTO, JULY 19

HE CAN'T get the women out of his mind.

A day after an apparent arson killed 33 people at an animation studio in the Japanese city of Kyoto, a neighbor, the 81-year-old Ken Okumura, remembered seeing several women jump from the building's second floor. They were so badly burned that blood was coming from their noses, and all of their clothes but their underwear were gone.

"Just horrible," Okumura said on Friday, as the smell of burning still hung in the humid air.

Much was still unknown about the Thursday fire, which appeared to be Japan's worst mass killing in decades. The police identified Shinji Aoba, 41, as a suspect in the case. They said he had not been arrested.

As of Friday, none of the names of the 33 people killed had been released. What was known was that almost two-thirds of them - 20 - were women. That appears to reflect a trend in Japan's animation industry, as well as the hiring practices at Kyoto Animation.

There are about twice as many women as men among working animators in their 20s, according to Daisuke Okeada, a lawyer and adviser to the Japan Animation Creators Association.

'HE BELIEVED STUDIO STOLE HIS NOVEL'

Tokyo: The man suspected of torching an animation studio and killing 33 people in Japan's worst mass killing in two decades had been convicted of robbery and carried out the attack because he believed his novel had been plagiarised, media said Friday. He "seemed to be discontented, he seemed to get angry, shouting something about how he had been plagiarised", a woman who saw him being detained said. **REUTERS**

More than half of the workers in the burned building were women, based on figures released by the Kyoto fire officials about the dead as well as the dozens of injured.

On Friday, a man distraught about his 21-year-old granddaughter, who worked at Kyoto Animation, told the public broadcaster NHK that he could not find her name on lists of people taken to local hospitals.

"She was my pride," the man, Kazuo Okada, 69, said of his granddaughter, Megumu Ohno. "Her name started appearing on the screens of anime movies. I was so happy to see that. I was proud of her. I want to see her face soon." **NYT**

AFTER BALAKOT STRIKE

Pak suffers \$50 mn loss due to airspace closure

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KARACHI, JULY 19

PAKISTAN HAS incurred a loss of over Rs 8 billion (\$50 million) due to the closure of its airspace following the Balakot air strikes in February, a report said Friday.

Pakistan fully closed its airspace on February 26 after the Indian Air Force (IAF) struck a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist training camp in Balakot in retaliation for the Pulwama attack.

Normal air traffic operations between India and Pakistan resumed on Tuesday with Islamabad opening its airspace for all civilian flights.

Addressing a press conference at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) headquarters

here, Federal Minister for Aviation Ghulam Sarwar Khan said that the CAA suffered a loss of Rs 8.5 billion because of the airspace restrictions.

"It's a huge loss for our overall [aviation] industry. But this restriction hit India harder than Pakistan. The loss of India is almost double. But at this juncture detente and harmony are required from both sides," the minister was quoted as saying by the *Dawn* newspaper.

"The recent bifurcation of CAA functions into regulatory roles vis-a-vis commercial and service provider is simply to optimise its efficiency and performance," he said.

Khan said there is no proposal of any downsizing or right-sizing in CAA after its bifurcation.

8 dead, 33 injured in Kabul blast

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KABUL, JULY 19

AT LEAST eight people were killed and dozens more wounded Friday when a bomb detonated near a major university in Kabul while students were waiting to take an exam, officials said.

The blast comes amid an ending wave of violence across Afghanistan, where civilians are being killed every day in the country's conflict, now in its 18th year. The Taliban denied any involvement in Friday's blast, which took place near the southern entrance to Kabul University, an official with the interior ministry's media office told AFP. Health ministry spokesman Wahidullah Mayar said the death toll had reached eight, with another 33 injured.



AT WEST BANK

An Israeli border police member during a Palestinian protest against the nearby Jewish settlement of Qadomem, in the village of Kofr Qadom in the Israeli-occupied West Bank on Friday. *Reuters*

Trump distances himself from 'send her back' chant

JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
WASHINGTON, JULY 19

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump on Thursday disavowed the "send her back" chant that broke out at his reelection rally Wednesday night when he railed against a Somali-born congresswoman, as Republicans in Congress rushed to distance themselves and their party from the ugly refrain.

Trump said he was "not happy" with the chant, directed at Rep Ihan Omar of Minnesota, a hijab-wearing freshman

Democrat whom the president has singled out repeatedly for verbal exhortation. On Thursday he claimed he had tried to cut off the chant, an assertion contradicted by video of the event. Asked why he did not stop it, Trump said, "I think I did - I started speaking very quickly."

In fact, as the crowd roared "send her back," Trump looked around silently and paused as the scene unfolded in front of him, doing nothing to halt the chorus.

"I was not happy with it," Trump said Thursday. "I didn't say that," he added. "They did." **NYT**

Democrats brace for round 2

The second debate for 2020 Democratic candidates will begin at July end

A BIDEN-HARRIS REPRISE
A back-and-forth between former Vice President Joe Biden and US Senator Kamala Harris over his record on race was one of the most contentious exchanges in the first debate, held in June. The two will again share the stage on July 31

WARREN, BERNIE GO TOE-TO-TOE
US Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders



At the first debate. *File*

could be chance for one to prove they should be the candidate of choice

WHO IS THE PARTY'S RISING STAR?

Democratic leader Beto O'Rourke finds himself eclipsed in many polls by Pete Buttigieg (37), the openly gay mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who took a leave of absence to serve with the US military in Afghanistan. *Reuters*

will share the stage for the first time. The two are close in opinion polls and July 30

TOPOF THE WORLD



Boris Johnson

UK In blow to Boris, MPs act against no-deal Brexit

London: British lawmakers on Thursday passed a measure to stop the next Prime Minister from suspending the Parliament, and forcing through a no-deal Brexit, undermining the hard-line strategy of Boris Johnson, who is expected to win the post next week. Johnson's critics have called a potential suspension of Parliament undemocratic, and said it would threaten to draw the queen into the Brexit fight. Lawmakers strongly backed the proposal, voting 315-274, and denting Johnson's authority even before he had had the chance to enter Downing Street.

EGYPT At least 20 killed in Sinai airstrikes

El-Arish: Egyptian security officials say airstrikes targeting Islamic militants are underway in the Sinai Peninsula, killing at least 20 insurgents. Officials said Egypt's air force on Friday hit more than 100 mountainous hideouts of militant groups in the city of El-Arish and the small town of Bir al-Abd. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief the media. The airstrikes come on the heels of a suicide bombing attack that left two killed.

US Indian-origin woman jailed for smuggling illegal aliens

New York: A 51-year-old Indian-origin woman was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and ordered to forfeit more than \$7 million for her role in smuggling hundreds of undocumented people, primarily from India, into the US, in exchange for fees ranging from approximately \$28,000 to \$60,000 per person. In June last year, Hema Patel pleaded guilty to alien smuggling for financial gain by fraudulently bonding illegal aliens from immigration custody and sending them to the US.

'I TOLD HER I CAN'T BE THERE... BECAUSE THE LAW WON'T ALLOW ME'

A border between him, daughter, he came only in time to say goodbye

CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM & MIRIAM JORDAN
BRENTWOOD, JULY 19

HEYDI GÁMEZ García was discovered by her aunt just after midnight.

In recent weeks, Heydi, a 13-year-old immigrant from Honduras, had become increasingly depressed about her father, who had been held in detention since he was caught illegally crossing the southern border in early June. It had been his third attempt in four years to reach the United States to be with his only child, who was living with his sisters in New York. But as days

turned into weeks and more than a month passed without his release, the young girl seemed to lose hope, her family said.

Around 10.30 pm one recent night, Heydi shut herself in a room, saying she wanted to be alone. About an hour and a half later, her aunt, Zoila, gently opened the door to offer her a snack. But the bed with blue and violet flowered sheets was empty. Zoila peered out the window, and then caught a glimpse of the closet on the opposite end of the room: There was Heydi, hanging from a phone-charging cable that she had fashioned into a noose. She was unconscious, on the edge of death. She had left no

note - nothing to help explain what, of the many things that can lead young people to take their own lives, had prompted her to try to end hers.

"She was so smart, it doesn't make sense why she made a decision like this," said Jessica Gámez, 32, the aunt Heydi lived with in Brentwood.

Heydi grew up in a modest concrete home in El Progreso, a town in northwest Honduras. But by the time Heydi was born in March 2006, El Progreso had also become host to some of the country's many violent gangs, including MS-13. One day in June 2014, the security in which Heydi's grandparents had en-



Manuel Gámez with his daughter Heydi. *NYT*

veloped her was shattered. After months of rebuffing gang members' demands that he hand over his small SUV, her

grandfather was gunned down two blocks from their home. With four of his siblings in Long Island and the fear of further re-

taliation from the gangs weighing on him, Gámez decided that Heydi and Zoila must go to the United States to be safe.

On Sept 25, 2015, after nearly two months in a migrant shelter for minors, the 9-year-old Heydi landed at La Guardia Airport. In June 2016, Heydi won asylum, entitling her to live permanently and legally in the United States.

In September 2017, immigration officials detained Gámez near Santa Teresa, NM. "I told her, 'I can't be there right now because the law won't allow me,'" he recalled. "But how do you explain that to a child? How do you explain what laws are to her?" On Heydi's 13th birthday in

March, Gámez promised her he would be with her to celebrate her quinceañera, the traditional coming-of-age celebration.

After illegally entering the United States, he was apprehended by Border Patrol agents and sent again into detention. When Heydi learned he was in custody, she broke into tears.

At 12.36 am on the morning of July 3, the police responded to a 911 call from Zoila's house, where medics tried to resuscitate Heydi. She was taken to Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park, where doctors determined she was "neurologically devastated." A week later, they declared her brain-dead.

On July 13, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agreed to a request from Gámez's lawyer, Romero, to release him from custody to be with his dying daughter. Gámez did not fully grasp that his daughter was brain-dead - until he saw her.

"My dear, my dear, please," he said softly, stroking the crown of her head. "Please, if you see a light, don't go toward it, please." "I'm here, I love you," he whispered.

On Thursday evening, doctors took Heydi off life support. The family decided to donate her organs. "...maybe she can live on in another person, she can help another person live," Manuel said. **NYT**

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: Imran S/o Suleman R/o H. No. 3552, 4th Floor, Chawari Bazar, Delhi, with wife namely: Sapna has been missing/kidnapped from the jurisdiction of P.S. Hauz Qazi since 11.07.2019. In this lodged DD No. 73-A dated 11.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Couple but no clue has come to notice so far.

There physical description is as under:- Sex: Male, Age: 26 years, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Build: Medium, Wearing: Checkdar Shirt, Jeans Pant and Black Colour Shoes in feet. Sex: Male, Age: 27 years, Height: 5'1" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Build: Strong. Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped Couple may kindly inform to the following:- SHO Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Ph. No.: 011-23210414, 23212482 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No- 8750870425 Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/6441/CD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: Unknown, S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : 65 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Fair, Wearing: White colour Baniyan & Slatee colour long nikker has been found dead at In front of 16, Rajpur Road, MCD office, Ridge Nursery Park, Civil lines, Delhi on 12.07.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 46 A dated 12.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found dead person may kindly inform to the following:- SHO : P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi North Distt., Delhi DP/245/N/19 Tel. No. 011-23810633, 23815444

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 55 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Gender : Male, Face : Round, Built : Thin, Wearing: Khaki Pajama was found dead at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi on 14.07.2019 at 16:24. In this regard, FIR/DD No.

34A dated 14.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following. SHO P.S., Adarsh Nagar, Delhi DP/9156/NW/19 Ph. : 011-27674452, 8750870233

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

Aditya Birla Finance Limited Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 266 CIN NO. : U65990GJ1991PLC064603

APPENDIX IV [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 17.05.2019 Calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers of KAPCO Enterprises, Mrs. Anita Kapur, Mr. Arohan Kapur, Mr. Vikana Kapur, Mr. Virender Kapur to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 6,61,95,276/- (Rupees Six Crore Sixty One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six only) 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/co-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 and 9 of the said rule on this 18th Day of July of the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The borrower/ co-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 Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 6,61,95,276/- (Rupees Six Crore Sixty One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six only) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :-

All that piece and parcel of Entire Built-Up Residential Property Being Plot No. 46, Block A, admeasuring area 420 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at, Residential Colony Known as Green Woods City, in and around Village Kanhai & Jharsa, Tehsil & District Gurgaon, Haryana, 122003 which is owned by Mr. Virender Kapur and Mrs. Anita Kapur ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED Sd/- PLACE : HARYANA AUTHORIZED OFFICER DATE : 20-07-2019

TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION / REGULATION AND RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK AT TILAK BRIDGE STATION

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Non-Interlocking work at Tilak Bridge station in connection with 5th & 6th line between New Delhi and Tilak Bridge stations. To execute this work, Railways will take appropriate traffic blocks upto 22.07.2019. Consequently, The following trains will temporarily be affected on the dates shown against each:-

Table with 2 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station). Lists various train cancellations from July 20, 2019.

DIVERSION OF TRAINS

Table with 3 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Diverted via, Date (s) (from originating station). Lists train diversions.

Walk-in-Interview

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) (An Autonomous Body of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India) P.O. NEW FOREST, DEHRADUN - 248 006

Table with 3 columns: S. No., Name of Projects, Name & No. of posts, Duration. Lists consultancy projects.

Table with 4 columns: Position, Vacancy, Stipend (Rs./Month), Essential Qualification, Desirable Qualification. Lists job openings.

Age: Upper age limit for Project Associate is 35 years and 30 years for Senior Project Fellow, which is relaxable up to 5 years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/Women, PH, and OBC as per ICFRE Rules.

General Conditions: Awards of the assignment on contract are governed by the prevailing Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Rules and other relevant Rules as applicable, and do not guarantee subsequent employment under the Council.

- 1. The interested candidates shall submit a scanned copy of their resume along with self attested copies of testimonials and recent passport size 01 photograph with their signed application on or before 05.08.2019 positively through E-mail at : singhan@icfre.org OR dransmit@gmail.com for further needful at this end. 2. This advertisement is also available on ICFRE website www.icfre.org -Recruitment (Home page) (Dr. A. N. Singh) Scientist - F, EM Division, Directorate of Extension

Table with 3 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Station, Date. Lists train schedules and cancellations.

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

Table with 4 columns: Train No. & Train Name, Short Terminate at/ Originate from, Partially Cancelled Between Stations, Date (s) (from originating station). Lists partial cancellations.

REGULATION/RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS

Train No. 12716 Amritsar-H. Sahib Nanded Express will be rescheduled by 120 minutes on 20.07.2019 & 180 minutes on 21.07.2019 from Amritsar. Train No. 16032 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Chennai Central Andaman Express will be regulated from 45 minutes on 20.07.2019 at Sonarpur Jn.

Note: For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.

Security Helpline No. 182 and Passenger Complaint Helpline No. 138. Includes Northern Railway logo and contact information.

Reliance Industries Limited

Regd. Office: 3rd Floor, Maker Chambers IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. Phone: 022-3655 5000 • Fax: 022-3655 5111 E-mail: investor.relations@ril.com CIN: L17110MH1973PLC019786

Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June, 2019

Table with 3 columns: Particulars, Quarter Ended 30th June, 2019, Quarter Ended 30th June, 2018. Shows financial data for Reliance Industries.

* Includes Non-Controlling Interest ** Reserve excluding revaluation reserves for the year ended 31st March, 2019 was ₹ 381,188 crore.

Notes: 1. The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 19th July, 2019. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the aforesaid results.

Table with 3 columns: Particulars, Quarter Ended 30th June, 2019, Quarter Ended 30th June, 2018. Shows financial data for Reliance Industries.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The full format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2019 are available on the Stock Exchanges' websites (www.bseindia.com / www.nseindia.com) and the Company's website www.ril.com. For Reliance Industries Limited Sd/- Mukesh D. Ambani Chairman & Managing Director Date : 19th July, 2019 www.ril.com

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Cancellation of Open E-Tender

No. MC-8-Watering-MGS-19-23

Earlier published e-tender notice No. MC-8-Watering-MGS-19-23, dtd. 26.06.2019, regarding 'Daily watering of coaches of en-route trains during halt at DDU station platform for 04 years (1461 days), opening date : 19.07.2019 is cancelled due to some unavoidable administrative reason.

DEnHM,
East Central Rail/ Mughalsara,
PR/00818/MGS/MECH/ C/19-20/20

मोतीलाल नेहरू राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान इलाहाबाद
Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad
प्रयागराज-211004 (भारत),Prayagraj - 211004 (India)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Director, MNIT Allahabad, invites Bid from eligible & interested suppliers/agencies, for supply of (i) 'High Performance Computing Equipment' and (ii) Programmable Pattern Generator and Tunable Laser Source at MNIT Allahabad.

For further details, please visit: www.mnit.ac.in &
www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Last date of ONLINE bid submission is- 20.08.2019

All corrigendum, addendum, extension etc., (if any), shall be published on the above mentioned website, only.

Director

PUNJAB STATE URBAN LIVELIHOODS MISSION
Room No. 405, 4th Floor, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Sector 35-A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh.

Advertisement-cum-Corrigendum

In reference to the tender uploaded at Punjab E-tender website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Execution of Annual Rate Contract

- For Purchase of Computer Stationery and Computer Ink refilling. (Tender No. 4444 Dated 25.06.2019)
- For Video and Photograph (Tender No. 4231 Dated 25.06.2019)
- For Purchase of Office Stationery Items (Tender No. 6146 Dated 24.06.2019)

It is hereby informed that due to administrative reasons, key dates for bidding process have been extended for 7 days. For more terms and conditions kindly visit the Punjab E-tender website. Therefore, this Corrigendum shall be considered as Advertisement-cum-Corrigendum to aforesaid uploaded tender.

Sd/-
Additional Project Director

D-5719/Pb

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-35-T-2019-20-E3, illumination of office building (Rail Bhawan, Baroda House, HN2M station & Anand Vihar station) on the occasion of Independence day 2019 & 2020 & Republic Day 2020 & 2021 and other occasion as per Railway Board/H.Q. instruction

Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 49.81 lacs. Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Earnest Money: Rs. 99,600/- Date & time of submission of tender: 02.08.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Opening of tender: 02.08.2019, 15:15 Hrs. Website & notice board: www.inps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi: 2351/2019

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender Notice No. RE-DNR-Engg-G-201-WT-05 B Date - 16.07.2019

On behalf of the President of India, Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, invites open & sealed e-tender for the following work from experienced, financially and technically sound contractors, to be opened on 08.08.2019.

- Name of the work & its location :** Balance work of construction of OHE Cum PSL Depot, TSS Control Building, Tower Wagon Shed with Sliding, DEE Office and Repair center with all ancillary works viz. Earth Work Boundary wall, Water supply and Sanitary installation, Drains, road, pathway etc. at Hazaribagh Station and provision of Protective Screen over FOB and ROB in connection with Railway Electrification of Kodarma-Hazaribagh-Barkakana-Ranchi section of G.201 in Dhanbad Division of E.C.Railway.
- Approximate cost of the work :** Rs. 1.94, 33,755.18/-
- Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 2,47,200.00/-

4. Date for submission of the tender and opening of Tender : For submission - From 25.07.2019 & up to 11.00 hours on 08.08.2019. Tender will be opened at 11.30 Hrs on 08.08.2019. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of e-tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Website <http://ireps.gov.in/> Notice board location & Add. of the office- Office of the Chief Project Director (Engg), Railway Electrification, Danapur (Near Jagjeevan Stadium), PO-Khagaur, Patna-801105, (Bihar)

Chief Project Director (Engg.)
Railway Electrification, Danapur
PR/00798/RE/ELEC/ T/19-20/52

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
(CIN: L74899DL1974G0007417)
A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301
Phone No. 0120-2412294, Extn.2220

Ref. No. 09-1920DAP-Nepal/01E Date: 20.07.2019

NOTICE INVITING Global e- TENDER

BIDS ARE INVITED FOR PURCHASE OF 20,000 MT±5% Bagged DiAmmonium Phosphate in 50 kg bag at Haldia/ Kolkata Ports (EC). For details, visit website: www.nationalfertilizers.com, www.eprocure.gov.in, www.tenderwizard.com/NFL. E-tender No. is NFL-1117. Last date for bid submission is 24th July, 2019 (1400 hrs IST). Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be published only on above websites.

Executive Director (Materials)

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER,
CHHATTISGARH VANIJYIK KAR-GST BHAVAN,
NAYA RAIPUR (C.G.)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF SECURITY HOLOGRAMS

Sealed Tenders under two bid (Technical and Price bid) system are invited from reputed Hologram manufactures for supply of master and security hologram in pool form (hologram size 15mm x 80 mm) for application on Liquor bottles and cans.

- Approximate quantity of : 80 (Eighty) Crores in a year. security Hologram:
- Estimated Cost: Rs 77 Crores.
- EMD Amount: Rs 50 Lakhs.
- Last date of issue of tender Documents 21/08/2019
- Last date of receipt of tender: 3.00 P.M. on 22/08/2019
- Opening of Tender bid Part - "A": 3.30 P.M. on 22/08/2019 (Technical)
- The tender document can be purchased from the office of the Excise Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, Raipur on any working day on payment of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) through Demand Draft drawn in favour of Excise Commissioner Chhattisgarh, Raipur payable at Raipur.
- The tenders received after the due date and stipulated time due to any reason whatsoever including postal delay will not be considered.
- The Excise Commissioner Chhattisgarh, Raipur reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.
- The tender document can be viewed at www.excise.cg.nic.in

Place : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Date: 17/07/2019

sd/-
Excise Commissioner
Chhattisgarh, Raipur

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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.	Irrigation & Water Resources Department Panchkula	Letter No. 2801-17/6-A Dt. 15.07.2019	Correction in "Other Special Conditions of Contract" Horticulture	e-tenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570325 xenconst1@yahoo.com

77664/HRY. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office.: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813; Website: www.pspcl.in

E-Tender Enquiry No. 7143/P-1/EMP-11620 dated. 15.07.19 & ID: 45637

Scope of Work: Specifications for procurement of DA and O2 gas under GS Group for the year 2019-20.

Qty: As per NIT

EMD: @2% of tender value

Date & time upto which tender shall be received: 22.08.2019 & 11.00 AM. Date & time of opening of Tender: 22.08.2019 & 11.30 AM

Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://pspcl.abprocure.com/> & no hard copy of the same will be issued by this office.

Note:

- In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and or M/S e-procurement Technologies Ltd. Contact No.+91-079-68136833/54/48/49/50 It is also requested to get their digital signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.
- The prospective bidders are requested to visit the PSPCL website: periodically even after purchasing the the specifications to check for corrigendum issued, if any No corrigendum shall be published in newspaper.

Sd/-
DY,SE/Monitoring,
GGSSTP, Roopnagar

RTP-55/19
C-6338/PB

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER,
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Place : Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Date: 17/07/2019

sd/-
Excise Commissioner
Chhattisgarh, Raipur

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

DAM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(Loan No.7943-IN and IDA credit No.4787-IN)
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

BID INVITATION No.01/ PBC / Tvmalai /2019-20 /F-460-DRIP/ JDO-2/ Dt:18.07.2019.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu through GOI has received a credit (4787-IN) from the International Development Association (IDA) and a loan (7943-IN) from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD) towards the cost of Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the IBRD Guidelines for Procurement. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with Government of Tamil Nadu, or other State Governments / Government of India, or State / Central Government Undertakings. Bidders who are registered as a Small Scale Industrial Unit in the Department of Industries and Commerce of the Government of Tamil Nadu or Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India are also eligible. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.
- For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai - 606 603, Tamil Nadu invites bids for the construction of works detailed in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following works.
- Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased from the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai - 606 603 from 20.07.2019 to 21.08.2019 upto 17.45 hours (IST) for a non-refundable fee (three sets) of Rs. 15,000/- cost of bid documents + Rs. 1800/- (GST @ 12% on cost of Bid documents) Total Rs. 16800/- in the form of cash or Demand Draft on any Scheduled bank payable at Dharmapuri in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD., WRD., Upper Pennaiyar Basin Division, Dharmapuri - 636 705 for the work mentioned in the table. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address. Bidding documents requested by mail will be despatched by registered / speed post on payment of an extra amount of Rs.500/- The Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai - 606 603 will not be held responsible for the postal delay if any, in the delivery of the documents or non-receipt of the same. Bidding documents may also be downloaded from its website "www.tenders.in.gov.in" at free of cost. In such case the bidder will be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available in web site, it is also downloaded and incorporated.
- Bids must be accompanied by security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, PWD., WRD., Upper Pennaiyar Basin Division, Dharmapuri - 636 705. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid.
- Bids must be delivered to the Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai - 606 603 on or before 12.00 hours IST on 22.08.2019 for the works mentioned and will be opened on the same day as stated against them and the time as mentioned in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 02.08.2019 at 11.00 hrs IST at the office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai - 606 603 to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9.2 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

S.No	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in lakhs)	Bid security (Rs. in lakhs)	Cost of bidding documents	Period of completion (Including Rainy season Period)	Date and Time of opening Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Design, Procurement, Fabrication, Corrosion Protection, Transportation and Delivery at Project site, local transportation at Project site, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Gates in vent No.2 to B in Krishnagiri Dam in Krishnagiri taluk & district under DRIP (Loan No.7943-IN and IDA credit No.4787-IN)	Rs.1907.00 (including GST)	38.15 Lakhs	Rs.15000 + 1800(GST)	18 Months (including Rainy Season period)	22.08.19 12.30 Hrs IST

Note :
Index plan: Refer section 6 of Bid Document
Period of rainy season (Approximated): 6 Months

Superintending Engineer, (i/c), PWD.,WRD.,
Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Thiruvananthai.
Office Ph. No. : 04175 - 236921
Fax No: 04175 - 236921
email ID : sepbcs2@yahoo.co.in

DIPR/2453/Tender/2019

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.	DHBN	NIT NO. 4/SE/OP/RWR/2019-20.	DATE EXTENDED UP TO 05.08.2019	www.dhbn.org.in	01274-242103 xendharuhara@gmail.com
2.	DHBN	NIT NO. TED-336/PD&C/2019	REVISED PRICE BID FORMAT FOR QUOTING THE RATES.BIDDER MUST QUOTE ITS RATES ON THE REVISED PRICE BID FORMAT, ELSE BIDDER IS LIABLE TO BE REJECTED FOR THIS TENDER.	www.dhbn.org.in	01662-223216 cepdcdbn@gmail.com
3.	DHBN	NIT NO. 634/DH/MM DATED 27.06.19 AGAINST QD-815/2019_HBC_82918_1	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 23.07.19 & BOQ REVISED	www.dhbn.org.in	8813999434 semmdhbn@gmail.com
4.	DHBN	NIT NO. 633/DH/MM DATED 21.06.19 AGAINSTQD-814/2019_HBC_82078_1	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 22.07.19 & BOQ REVISED	www.dhbn.org.in	8059888680 semmdhbn@gmail.com
5.	DHBN	NIT NO. TER-36/SMF BATTERIES/R-APDRP/2019DATED 02.07.2019.	DATED EXTENDED UPTO 24.07.2019 (13.00 HRS.)	www.dhbn.org.in	01662-223194 serapdrp@dhbn.org.in
6.	UHBVN KURUKSHETRA	OCC-198/SEOPKR/2019-20	THE DATE OF OPENING OF THE ABOVE TENDER WHICH WAS TO BE OPENED ON 16.07.2019 AT 10.00 A.M. IS HEREBY EXTENDED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASON. NOW, THE LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID AND EARNEST MONEY IS 22.07.2019 UPTO 11.00 AM AND WILL BE OPENED ON THE SAME DAY	www.uhbvn.org.in	094662-71326
7.	HPGCL	07/CE/PLG/ WYC/SPP-271/VIOL-II DATED 12.06.2019	THE DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 01.08.2019 TILL 13.00 HRS. AND OPENING OF PART I (TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID) SHALL BE ON 05.08.2019 AT 15.00 HRS. (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS).	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 cepplg@hpgcl.org.in
8.	HPGCL	E-NIT NO. 08/CE/PLG/SOLAR/CD-300 DATED 12.06.2019. CORRIGENDUM-1 DATED 09.07.2019.	UPDATED FINANCIAL BID/ BOQ HAS BEEN UPLOADED ON THE WEB PORTAL. THE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION EXTENDED UPTO 24.07.2019 AT 13.30 HRS & OPENING OF STAGE- I/ TECHNICAL BID ON 26.07.2019 AT 16.00 HRS (PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE(S) FOR FURTHER DETAILS).	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 cepplg@hpgcl.org.in
9.	HVPN	17/CCD-274 DATED 28.02.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 29.07.2019	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
10.	HVPN	NIT NO. 1045(QDP-1183) DATED: 18.06.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 06.08.2019 UP TO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

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1.	HSAMB BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN NEW GRAIN MARKET AT SIWANI DISTT. BHIWANI + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 29.07.2019	1.07 CRORE	http://etender.hry.nic.in	xenbhivani2.hsamb@gmail.com
2.	HSAMB KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD RISALWA TO DIDWADA ROAD(H-9688)-CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE-23267 + 3 OTHER WORKS	19.07.2019 30.07.2019	161.90 LACS	http://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2220964
3.	HSAMB ROHTAK	ORDINARY REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS OF KALANAUR CONSTITUENCY AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS MANDIS/BOARD PROPERTIES FALLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ROHTAK DIVISION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20	CLOSING 29.07.2019	AS PER DNIT	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 xenrohtak.hsamb@gmail.com
4.	HSAMB JIND	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM JULANI TO AHIRKA + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 30.07.2019	66.50 LACS	http://etender.hry.nic.in	01681-255039 etenders.gov.in
5.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	3RD EXTENSION FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF OUTDOOR IP CCTV SURVILLANCE IN VARIOUS SECTOR MARKET IN PANCHKULA CITY	19.07.2019 05.08.2019	241 LACS	http://etender.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
6.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR - JAGADHRI	CLEANING OF STORM WATER PIPE LINE IN HUDA SECTOR-17 WARD NO-7, JAGADHRI + 6 OTHER WORKS	19.07.2019 24.07.2019	1.05 CRORE	https://etender.hry.nic.in	8708884382 xen.mcnyn@gmail.com
7.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NANGAL CHOUDHARY	CONST OF ROAD FROM H/O SUMER TO H/O AJIT MASTER MOHANPUR IN WARD NO 1 + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 23.07.2019	51.03	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896961938 secy.mc.nangalchoudhary@gmail.com
8.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	RE-CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RASTA WITH RMC M.40 TO PEER BABA AND REMAINING STREETS INCLUDING SEWER LINE(RECENTLY APPROVED AREA) IN VILLAGE TIKRI, WARD NO.29, ZONE-IV UNDER MCG	CLOSING 25.07.2019	69.87 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	7988669791 ee3@mcg.gov.in
9.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 20 NO'S LEACH PITS INSIDE OF VARIOUS PARK IN M.C KARNAL + 11 OTHER WORKS	15.07.2019 22.07.2019	426.37	http://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2254220 nagarnigamkarnal@yahoo.com
10.	HARTRON	INVITING ONLINE BID FOR RENOVATION OF SOME MODULES NO.103A, 101B, 102B AND 203B AT ELECTRONIC CITY, SECTOR-18, GURUGRAM	22.07.2019 29.07.2019	25.70 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570076 engineeringdivision10@gmail.com
11.	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION	HIRING OF VEHICLE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SWEETENED FLAVOURED MILK TO VARIOUS GOVT.SCHOOL	29.07.2019 20.08.2019	20000	http://vita-india.etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2540614 milkplant@vitaambala.com
12.	HPGCL	(E-NIT NO. 1/CE/ADMIN/2019 DATED 17.07.2019 SUB- TO CARRY OUT PHOTOSTAT WORK OF VARIOUS OFFICES OF CHIEF ENGINEER/ADMIN., HPGCL, CORPORATE OFFICE AT PANCHKULA.	17.07.2019 07.08.2019	1.90 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5023425 dsgenl@hpgcl.org.in
13.	HVPN	REPAIR & RECONSTRUCTION OF 16 NUMBER RUSTY STUBS OF 132KV PTPS -- IOCL LINE, 132KV PTPS -- PANIPAT LINE AND 132KV SEWAH -- GHAROUNDA LINE.	17.07.2019 29.07.2019	2.77 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
14.	HVPN	PROVIDING GENERAL ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL/ NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND REST HOUSES IN POWER HOUSE COLONY, PROVIDING SANITATION SERVICES, ARBORICULTURE SERVICES & SECURITY SERVICES IN POWER HOUSE COLONY AT DHULKOTE COMPLEX AMBALA. (FOR THE PERIOD 01.08.2019 TO 31.03.2020).	18.07.2019 25.07.2019	2.48 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
15.	KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY BOARD	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 03 NOS. PILLAR AC'S CAPACITY 4 TON EACH MAKE HITACHI, BLUE STAR, O GENERAL VOLTAS & HAIER WITH ALL ACCESSORIES REQUIRED AT SITE.	20.07.2019 05.08.2019	NIT PUBLISHED ONLINE	http://etender.hry.nic.in	kdbkk@gmail.com
16.	DHBN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER MGJG SCHEME ON RDS FEEDERS IN (OP) S/DIVN., DHBN, TAURU	16.07.2019 06.08.2019	5.80 CRORE	www.dhbn.org.in	0124-2582106 gurgaonse2@gmail.com
17.	DHBN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER MGJG SCHEME ON RDS FEEDERS IN (OP) S/DIVN., DHBN, SOHNA	16.07.2019 06.08.2019	5.20 CRORE	www.dhbn.org.in	0124-2582106 gurgaonse2@gmail.com
18.	DHBN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER LRP SCHEME ON URBAN FEEDERS IN (OP) S/DIVN., DHBN, BADSHAHPUR	16.07.2019 06.08.2019	12.71 CRORE	www.dhbn.org.in	0124-2582106 gurgaonse2@gmail.com
19.	DHBN	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRIC LINES UP TO 11 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL ON TURNKEY BASIS BY EXECUTING THE WORK UNDER LRP SCHEME ON URBAN FEEDERS IN (OP) S/DIVN., DHBN, TAURU	16.07.2019 06.08.201			

FORENSIC AUDIT GRANT THORNTON REPORT

IL&FS 'gifts' for key rating officials: Deal on villa, Fitbit watch and football tickets

AANCHAL MAGAZINE, KRISHN KAUSHIK & SANDEEP SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 19

A DISCOUNT on villa, tickets for a football match in Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box, Fitbit watch and proposed donation of Rs 25 lakh to a trust featured as gifts handed out by the IL&FS to officials of various ratings agencies. These are some of the favours stated in the email exchanges cited by Grant Thornton in its interim forensic audit report relating to credit rating agencies.

The report has flagged "potential favours/gifts to key officials of credit rating agencies" in return of favourable ratings.

According to the report, in one of the emails exchanged during September 2012 to August 2016, it appeared that then MD & CEO of IL&FS Financial Service Limited (IFIN), Ramesh Bawa, had facilitated purchase of a villa worth Rs 3.12 crore for Jyotsna Srivastava, wife of Ambresh Srivastava (head of Financial Institutions — South and Southeast Asia, Fitch Ratings). Bawa had also apparently helped them obtain discount of about Rs 43 lakh on purchase of the villa and requested Unitech Ltd's MD Ajay Chandra to personally get involved and resolve the issue that Jyotsna Srivastava was facing with regard to interest charged on delayed payments for the villa.

Also, D Ravishankar (founder & director, Brickwork Ratings) in an email dated April 21, 2015, to IL&FS joint managing director & CEO, Arun Saha, thanked him for arranging tickets for a football match at Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box. "This email suggests potential favours which are arranged for the key officials of credit rating agency (CRA) by one of the former IL&FS management personnel," the Thornton report said.

The interim forensic audit report also found that an email dated February 20, 2008, sent by Meenakshi Kanagat (manager, IL&FS Ltd) to then IL&FS chairman Ravi Parthasarthy, indicates donation of Rs 25 lakh to be given to a trust of which a former ICRA chairman was a managing trustee, the report said.

A Fitbit watch was stated as one of the favourites of an official of CARE in one of the email exchanges cited in the Thornton report. Saha and IL&FS chief credit and risk officer Sujoy Das were planning to provide Fitbit watch as a gift to Rajesh Mokashi, managing director of CARE in one of the emails dated September 17, 2013, cited in the report.

In an email dated August 29, 2016, which was sent by Lalita Jagtiani (employee, IL&FS) to Melita Pereira (employee, IL&FS), it appears that IL&FS had provided gifts in the form of shirts to various key

'FOR FAVOURABLE CREDIT RATINGS'

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managerial personnel of IL&FS as well as Ambresh Srivastava, managing director, Fitch, "indicating potential close relationships between IL&FS and the CRA management team", the report said.

It has been seen several times that when the rating was not favourable, IL&FS senior management would fix a meeting with the head of the agency and later it is found that the initial rating was changed. "We noted instances where after meeting with the then key employees of IL&FS, CRA would not downgrade the ratings which it initially decided," said the report.

While these are some of the alleged favours that top executives of rating agencies took from IL&FS, the email exchanges in the report hints possible quid pro quo. IL&FS group companies continued to get high ratings even as the rating agencies identified multiple issues with regard to operations of the companies.

"It was noted that although Credit Rating Agencies had concerns/issues with the operations of the IL&FS group (including potential stress and liquidity indicators) during the period June 2012 to June 2018, the ratings assigned by them were consistently high and the same were reversed/ downgraded only post June /July 2018," said the Thornton report. It points that there were instances where in case if the then key employees of IL&FS did not receive the desired rating from the CRA they used to potentially pressurise rating agencies to either withdraw the credit ratings or credit rating request or approach other rating agencies who would provide the desired ratings.

A spokesperson for Brickworks said that "on the specific instance of alleged favours taken by Mr D Ravishankar, a detailed response on the same has been shared with the new management at IL&FS Ltd".

INDIGO Q1 NET UP 43-FOLD; HIGHEST EVER QUARTERLY PROFIT Board meet spills over; promoter issues, changes in AoA on table

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 19

AS INTERGLOBE Aviation, parent firm of India's largest airline IndiGo, reported its highest ever quarterly net profit at Rs 1,203.14 crore for April-June, its board discussed addressing some of the issues raised by promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal that are at the centre of the feud between him and his co-promoter Rahul Bhatia.

The board also discussed appointment of a woman independent director to comply with regulatory norms. In a post-earnings conference call, the airline's CEO Ronojoy Dutta said that the board meeting will continue on Saturday, and the directors will discuss further matters.

"I just want to confirm that we had a board meeting today and this board meeting will continue tomorrow as well. The board in its meeting today had a discussion on the appointment of an independent woman director to the board of the company. Of course, we have to take the step to comply with the law but in order to induct an independent woman director, we need to change the Articles of Association of the company which now needs to be amended. We are working on

TALKS ON INDEPENDENT WOMAN DIRECTOR

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this and a final decision on this subject will be made tomorrow," Dutta said during the call.

"The board is having a... discussion on all issues. We obviously had a number of committee meetings today including audit committee and the board covered a whole range of issues and will convene to do so tomorrow. I mentioned the independent woman director issue because it is a compliance issue with the law so it is very urgent for us to resolve this and we hope to have a solution tomorrow," Dutta added.

Currently, there is only one woman director on IndiGo's board — Rohini Bhatia — who is the wife of Rahul Bhatia. Regulations stipulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) require at least one

appointment of a woman independent director to comply with regulatory norms. In a post-earnings conference call, the airline's CEO Ronojoy Dutta said that the board meeting will continue on Saturday, and the directors will discuss further matters.

woman independent director in the top 500 listed entities by market capitalisation by April 1, 2019 and in the top 1,000 listed entities by April 1, 2020.

IndiGo's management also said that the company has submitted its response to Sebi, which sought explanations over Gangwal's complaints alleging serious corporate governance lapses at the company. In addition to this, the company will respond to clarifications sought by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs by end of next week, Dutta said, adding that there was no disagreement between the promoters over the airline's growth strategy. Fuelled by higher passenger revenues during the June-quarter partially helped by the fall of Jet Airways, the company's net profit increased 43

times year-on-year. InterGlobe Aviation had reported a profit after tax of Rs 27.79 crore in the year-ago period. Total income climbed to Rs 9,786.94 crore for the June quarter from Rs 8,259.69 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing.

"Strong passenger revenues along with a sharp improvement in cargo performance were key drivers to this improved profitability," he said.

Its revenue from operations jumped nearly 45 per cent to Rs 9,420 crore. Yield, which is an indicator of revenue earned for every kilometre flown, jumped to 12.8 per cent in the latest quarter.

Even as the fall of Jet Airways allowed airlines to rationalise fares that translated into higher fares during the three-month period, Dutta pointed out that meaningful impact of Jet Airways is unlikely to continue as all airlines have replaced the capacity vacated by Jet. "Unfortunately, we are witnessing some lower fares in the 0-15 day booking window and expect this to add some pressure to our unit revenues in the second quarter," he said.

Friday, InterGlobe Aviation's share ended trading 0.32 per cent higher than its previous close at Rs 1,463.35 on the BSE.

RIL Q1 net up 6.8% to ₹10,104 cr on jump in digital, retail revenue Profit down 2.5% from March qtr; R-Jio net up 45.6%; Retail revenue rises 47.5%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 19

AIDED BY a strong revenue growth in digital and retail businesses, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), India's largest company in terms of market valuation, has reported a 6.8 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 10,104 crore for the June 2019 quarter as against Rs 9,459 crore in the same period of last year. However, the net profit declined by 2.5 per cent from Rs 10,362 in the March 2019 quarter when compared on a sequential quarter-on-quarter basis.

The company achieved a revenue of Rs 172,956 crore, an increase of 22.1 per cent as compared to Rs 141,699 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. Growth in revenue was led by sharp increase in revenue from digital services and retail business, which recorded an increase of 55 per cent and 48 per cent on a year-on-year basis respectively. "Higher refinery throughput on a Y-o-Y basis contributed to the increase in revenue for the refining business," RIL said.

RIL's telecom and digital arm Reliance Jio reported a 45.6 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 891 crore for the June quarter as against Rs 612 crore in the same period of last year. Operating revenue shot up by 44 per cent to Rs 11,679 crore from 8,109 crore a year ago.

RIL chairman and managing director Mukesh D Ambani said: "Our first quarter earnings were strong despite weak global macroeconomic environment and challenging hydrocarbon market conditions. Our downstream businesses delivered resilient performance in an environment of slower demand growth and incremental supplies. The performance reflects the benefits of deep refining and petrochemicals integration, chain economics and feedstock flexibility."

"The company continues to make major strides in its retail and digital services businesses led by focus on growth markets with offerings in the right product segments and compelling value proposition. We are pleased with the robust growth both in revenues and operating income for Reliance Retail. Our digital services business continues to transform the mobility market in India while scaling newer milestones."

On the digital business, Ambani said, "Growth in Jio mo-

Brookfield to invest ₹25K cr in RIL tower arm

Mumbai: Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited (RIIHL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has entered into an agreement with BIFV Jarvis India Pte Limited, an affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management Inc (along with co-investors), for an investment of Rs 25,215 crore in the units proposed to be issued by the Tower Infrastructure Trust. This is the single largest foreign investment in an Indian infrastructure vehicle, RIL said.

"Brookfield's investment is subject to conditions precedent, including receipt of requisite government and regulatory approvals," RIL said in a regulatory filing. RIIHL is the Sponsor of the Trust and the Trust currently holds 51 per cent of the issued and paid up equity share capital of Reliance Jio Infratel Private Limited (RJ IPL) to which the tower assets undertaking of Reliance Jio Infocomm was transferred as a going concern. ENS

bility services has continued to surpass all expectations. In less than two years of commercial operations, Jio network carried almost 11 exabytes of data traffic during the recently concluded fiscal quarter. Jio management is focused on giving unmatched digital experience at most affordable price to every citizen of the country, and accordingly expanding the network capacity and coverage to keep pace with demand."

According to Ambani, Jio has started connecting enterprises with its next-gen connectivity solutions on the back of its extensive fiber network across the country. In the retail segment, revenue for the June quarter grew by 47.5 per cent Rs 38,196 crore as against Rs 25,890 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) for the quarter rose by 69.9 per cent to Rs 2,049 crore as against Rs 1,206 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

'Better career prospects attract expats to India'

India has emerged as a popular destination for expatriates as working here boosts their careers and provides sense of fulfilment, says HSBC '12th Annual League Table of Best Places to Live and Work' survey

18,059:

Number of expats from 163 markets, who took part an online questionnaire in February and March 2019, as part of the survey conducted by YouGov and commissioned by HSBC Expats

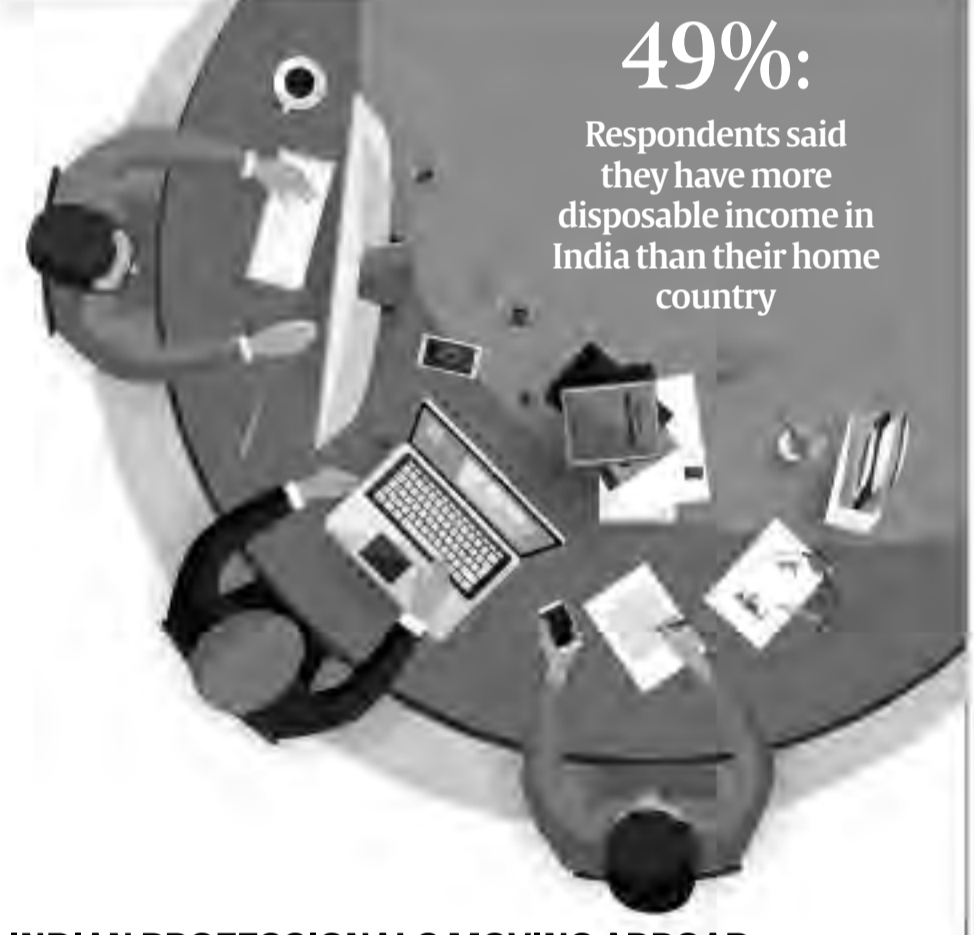
48%: OVERSEAS professionals who noticed benefits of working in India, as against global average of 42 per cent professionals who achieved sense of fulfilment after relocating

29%: PROFESSIONALS said they were promoted more rapidly due to relocating

58%: PROFESSIONALS who believe India provides a good place to pick up new work-related skills

24%: RISE in gross annual personal income reported by professionals since relocating

32%: PROFESSIONALS working in India who said they earn \$100,000 or more per year; far above global average of 18 per cent



INDIAN PROFESSIONALS MOVING ABROAD:

More experienced Indian professionals are moving abroad to countries like UK, UAE and US for career progression, mainly in fields of:

- Financial services: 24%
Health: 11%
Engineering/Design: 11%

No tax relief for FPIs pulls Sensex down 560 points

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE BSE Sensex on Friday ignored a global market rally and crashed 560 points after the government declined to give any tax relief for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).

With this, the Sensex has fallen 818 points in the last two days, largely on the FPI tax worries. On Friday, led by a sell-off in auto and banking stocks, the 30-share plunged 560.45 points or 1.44 per cent to settle at 38,337.01. It hit an intra-day low of 38,271.35 and a high of 39,058.73, swinging 787 points. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 177.65 points or 1.53 per cent to 11,419.25.

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However, other Asian markets rallied as comments from a top Federal Reserve official were pounced on by investors as indicating the US central bank will unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month. In Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng, Kospi and Nikkei ended up to 2 per cent higher. Bourses in Europe were also trading higher in early sessions.

The selling spree was triggered after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday declined

to remove or relax the applicability of the new surcharge on the super rich on FPIs, but advised those staring at an increase in tax outflows to shift to the corporate structure where the Budget hasn't made any change in tax treatment. On a net basis, FPIs sold equities worth Rs 1,404.86 crore Thursday. FPIs have sold equity worth over Rs 7,700 crore in July so far. According to tax experts, such a shift by FPIs using the trust structure would have been easier if the government had given them

a one-time waiver from capital gains tax.

According to Jagannadham Thunuguntla, head of research, Centrum Broking, "Indian capital markets are in capitulation mode, as there has been dearth of good news. The continuous corporate defaults, high-tax regime, weak earnings season and fragile economy are not helping the already-delicate sentiment. With the crisis deepening and widening, markets are eagerly looking forward if policy makers can talk-up the markets with market-friendly tone." "Going forward, Fed's policy holds key to revive the market sentiment if they can provide delight with 50 bps rate cut," he said.

EXPLAINED Domestic markets defy global rally on hopes of US rate cut

THE SELLING spree in domestic bourses — the benchmark Sensex having fallen over 800 points in the last two days — was triggered largely by the Finance Minister declining to relax the applicability of the new surcharge announced in the Budget.

Those affected, including FPIs, were, instead, advised to shift to the corporate structure. The slide in the markets in India was in contrast to the trend in other Asian markets, which rallied as comments from a US Fed official indicated that the American central bank could unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month.

US-China officials talk trade tariffs over phone; Mnuchin eyes possible in-person discussions

REUTERS CHANTILLY/WASHINGTON, JULY 19

US AND Chinese officials spoke by telephone on Thursday as the world's two largest economies seek to end a year-long trade war, with US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin suggesting in-person talks could follow.

Mnuchin and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer spoke with their Chinese counterparts over the phone, Lighthizer's office said on Thursday, following earlier comments by the Treasury secretary in an interview on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in



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STEVEN MNUCHIN, US TREASURY SECRETARY

Chantilly, France.

The United States and China have been embroiled in a tit-for-tat tariff battle since July 2018, as Washington presses Beijing to address what it sees as decades of

unfair and illegal trading practices.

China has countered that any deal needs to be fair and equitable, leaving the two sides apparently still far from an agreement to end the back-and-forth.

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Asked if Thursday's call could lead to a face-to-face meeting, Mnuchin said: "It's possible, but I'm not going to speculate on the outcome." Lighthizer's office later confirmed that the conversation took place as scheduled, but gave no details.

China's foreign ministry said on Friday the two sides had discussed ways to implement the consensus reached by the two countries' presidents, but gave no other details.

US Fed officials lay out case for rate cuts

TREVOR HUNNICUTT NEW YORK, JUNE 19

TWO INFLUENTIAL US Federal Reserve officials on Thursday sharpened their public case for acting, quickly if needed, to support the country's economy, reviving bets the central bank may deliver a double-barreled interest rate cut this month.

Absent clear-and-present signs of a recession, policymakers are suggesting the US-China trade war is denting US business confidence, and that a global manufacturing slowdown and domestic inflation below the Fed's target of 2 per cent a year may be enough to act quickly and aggressively.

FAULTY THOUGHT PROCESS: TRUMP ON FED

Keeping up his pressure on the Federal Reserve, US President Donald Trump, in a tweet, reiterated his call for lower interest rates and slammed the Fed for what he called its "faulty thought process"



tee and head of the regional Fed bank in New York that implement those policies, said when rates and inflation are low, policymakers cannot afford to keep their "powder dry" and wait for potential economic problems to materialise. He did not say whether that

view meant he would support a cut later this month.

"It's better to take preventative measures than to wait for disaster to unfold," with rates in a range of 2.25-2.50 per cent and closer to zero than has historically been the case, Williams told an academic

conference in New York focused on central banking issues. "When you only have so much stimulus at your disposal, it pays to act quickly to lower rates at the first sign of economic distress."

US Fed Board of Governors Vice Chair Richard Clarida, meanwhile, said policymakers might need to act early to stimulate the US economy as an insurance policy against rising risks.

"You don't have to wait until things get so bad to have a dramatic series of rate cuts," Clarida said in an interview with the Fox Business Network. "You don't want to wait until data turns decisively if you can afford to."

Markets reacted swiftly to remarks by two of the most senior Fed officials next to Chairman Jerome Powell. REUTERS



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CREDIT RATINGS'

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ADISCOUNT on villa, tickets for a football match in Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box, a Fitbit watch and proposed donation of Rs 25 lakh to a trust featured as gifts handed out by the IL&FS to officials of various ratings agencies. These are some of the favours stated in the email exchanges cited by Grant Thornton in its interim forensic audit report relating to credit rating agencies (CRAs).

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According to the Thornton report, in one of the emails exchanged during September 2012 to August 2016, it appeared that then MD and CEO of IL&FS Financial Service Limited (IFIN), Ramesh Bawa, had facilitated purchase of a villa worth Rs 3.12 crore for Jyotsna Srivastava, wife of Ambresh Srivastava (head of Financial Institutions—South and Southeast Asia, Fitch Ratings). Bawa had also apparently helped them obtain discount of about Rs 43 lakh on purchase of the villa and requested Unitech Ltd's MD Ajay Chandra to personally get involved and resolve the issue that Jyotsna Srivastava was facing with regard to interest charged on delayed payments for the villa.

Also, D Ravishankar (founder and director, Brickwork Ratings), in an email dated April 21, 2015, to IL&FS joint managing director and CEO, Arun Saha, thanked him for arranging tickets for a football match at Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box. "This email suggests potential favours which are arranged for the key officials of credit rating agency (CRA) by one of the former IL&FS management personnel," the report said.

The interim forensic audit report also found that an email dated February 20, 2008, sent by Meenakshi Kanagat (manager, IL&FS Ltd) to then IL&FS chairman Ravi Parthasarthy, indicates donation of Rs 25 lakh to be given to a trust of which a former ICRA chairman was a managing trustee, the report said.

A Fitbit watch was stated as one of the favourites of an official of CARE in one of the email exchanges cited in the Thornton report. Saha and IL&FS chief credit and risk officer Sujoy Das were planning to provide a Fitbit watch as a gift to Rajesh Mokashi, managing director of CARE, in one of the emails dated September 17, 2013, cited in the report.

In an email dated August 29, 2016, which was sent by Lalita Jagtiani (employee, IL&FS) to Melita Pereira (employee, IL&FS), it appears that IL&FS had provided gifts in the form of shirts to various key

managerial personnel of IL&FS as well as Ambresh Srivastava, managing director, Fitch, "indicating potential close relationships between IL&FS and the CRA management team", the report said.

It has been seen several times that when the rating was not favourable, IL&FS senior management would fix a meeting with the head of the agency and later it is found that the initial rating was changed. "We noted instances where after meeting with the then key employees of IL&FS, CRA would not downgrade the ratings which it initially decided," said the report.

While these are some of the alleged favours that top executives of rating agencies took from IL&FS, the email exchanges in the report hint at possible quid pro quo. IL&FS group companies continued to get high ratings even as the rating agencies identified multiple issues with regard to operations of the companies.

"It was noted that although Credit Rating Agencies had concerns/issues with the operations of the IL&FS group (including potential stress and liquidity indicators) during the period June 2012 to June 2018, the ratings assigned by them were consistently high and the same were reversed/downgraded only post June [July 2018]," said the Thornton report. It points that there were instances where in case if the then key employees of IL&FS did not receive the desired rating from the CRA they used to potentially pressure rating agencies to either withdraw the credit ratings or credit rating request or approach other rating agencies which would provide the desired ratings.

A spokesperson for Brickwork said that "on the specific instance of alleged favours taken by Mr D Ravishankar, a detailed response on the same has been shared with the new management at IL&FS Ltd".

INDIGO Q1 NET UP 43-FOLD; HIGHEST EVER QUARTERLY PROFIT
Board meet spills over; promoter
issues, changes in AoA on tableENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

AS INTERGLOBE Aviation, parent firm of India's largest airline IndiGo, reported its highest ever quarterly net profit at Rs 1,203.14 crore for April-June, its board discussed addressing some of the issues raised by promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal that are at the centre of the feud between him and his co-promoter Rahul Bhatia.

The board also discussed appointment of a woman independent director to comply with regulatory norms. In a post-earnings conference call, the airline's CEO Ronojoy Dutta said that the board meeting will continue on Saturday, and the directors will discuss further matters.

"I just want to confirm that we had a board meeting today and this board meeting will continue tomorrow as well. The board in its meeting today had a discussion on the appointment of an independent woman director to the board of the company. Of course, we have to take the step to comply with the law but in order to induct an independent woman director, we need to change the Articles of Association (AoA) of the company which now needs to be amended. We are working on

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this and a final decision on this subject will be made tomorrow," Dutta said during the call.

"The board is having a ... discussion on all issues. We obviously had a number of committee meetings today including audit committee and the board covered a whole range of issues and will convene to do so tomorrow. I mentioned the independent woman director issue because it is a compliance issue with the law so it is very urgent for us to resolve this and we hope to have a solution tomorrow," Dutta added.

Currently, there is only one woman director on IndiGo's board—Rohini Bhatia—who is the wife of Rahul Bhatia. Regulations stipulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) require at least one

times year-on-year. InterGlobe Aviation had reported a profit after tax of Rs 27.79 crore in the year-ago period. Total income climbed to Rs 9,786.94 crore for the June quarter from Rs 8,259.69 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing.

"Strong passenger revenues along with a sharp improvement in cargo performance were key drivers to this improved profitability," he said.

Its revenue from operations jumped nearly 45 per cent to Rs 9,420 crore. Yield, which is an indicator of revenue earned for every kilometre flown, jumped to 12.8 per cent in the latest quarter.

Even as the fall of Jet Airways allowed airlines to rationalise fares that translated into higher fares during the three-month period, Dutta pointed out that meaningful impact of Jet Airways is unlikely to continue as all airlines have replaced the capacity vacated by Jet. "Unfortunately, we are witnessing some lower fares in the 0-15 day booking window and expect this to add some pressure to our unit revenues in the second quarter," he said.

Friday, InterGlobe Aviation's share ended trading 0.32 per cent higher than its previous close at Rs 1,463.35 on the BSE.

woman independent director in the top 500 listed entities by market capitalisation by April 1, 2019 and in the top 1,000 listed entities by April 1, 2020.

IndiGo's management also said that the company has submitted its response to Sebi, which sought explanations over Gangwal's complaints alleging serious corporate governance lapses at the company. In addition to this, the company will respond to clarifications sought by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs by end of next week, Dutta said, adding that there was no disagreement between the promoters over the airline's growth strategy. Fuelled by higher passenger revenues during the June-quarter partially helped by the fall of Jet Airways, the company's net profit increased 43

'Better career prospects
attract expats to India'

India has emerged as a popular destination for expatriates as working here boosts their careers and provides sense of fulfilment, said HSBC's '12th Annual League Table of Best Places to Live and Work'

18,059:

Number of expats from 163 markets, who took part an online questionnaire in February and March 2019, as part of the survey conducted by YouGov and commissioned by HSBC Expats

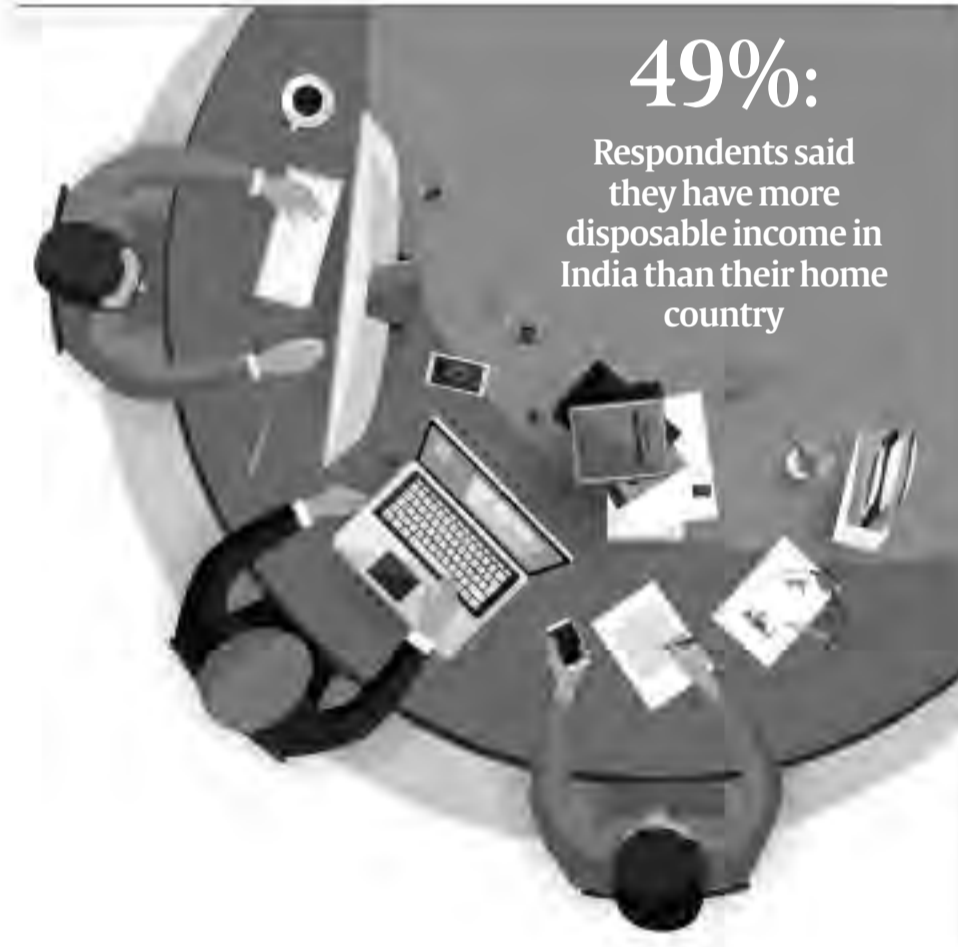
~48%: OVERSEAS professionals who noticed benefits of working in India, as against global average of 42 per cent professionals who achieved sense of fulfilment after relocating

>29%: PROFESSIONALS said they were promoted more rapidly due to relocating

~58%: PROFESSIONALS who believe India provides a good place to pick up new work-related skills

~24%: RISE in gross annual personal income reported by professionals since relocating

~32%: PROFESSIONALS working in India who said they earn \$100,000 or more per year; far above global average of 18 per cent



INDIAN PROFESSIONALS MOVING ABROAD:

More experienced Indian professionals are moving abroad to countries like UK, UAE and US for career progression, mainly in

- fields of:
- Financial services: 24%
- Health: 11%
- Engineering/Design: 11%

No tax relief for FPIs pulls Sensex down 560 points

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE BSE Sensex on Friday ignored a global market rally and crashed 560 points after the government declined to give any tax relief for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).

With this, the Sensex has fallen 818 points in the last two days, largely on the FPI tax worries. On Friday, led by a sell-off in auto and banking stocks, the 30-share index plunged 560.45 points or 1.44 per cent to settle at 38,337.01. It hit an intra-day low of 38,271.35 and a high of 39,058.73, swinging 787 points. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 177.65 points or 1.53 per cent to 11,419.25.

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However, other Asian markets rallied as comments from a top Federal Reserve official were pounced on by investors as indicating that the US central bank will unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month. In Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng, Kospi and Nikkei ended up to 2 per cent higher. Bourses in Europe were also trading higher in early sessions.

The selling spree was triggered after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday declined

a one-time waiver from capital gains tax.

According to Jagannadham Thunuguntla, head of research, Centrum Broking, "Indian capital markets are in capitulation mode, as there has been dearth of good news. The continuous corporate defaults, high-tax regime, weak earnings season and fragile economy are not helping the already-delicate sentiment. With the crisis deepening and widening, markets are eagerly looking forward if policy makers can talk up the markets with market-friendly tone."

"Going forward, Fed's policy holds key to revive the market sentiment if they can provide delight with 50bps rate cut," he said.

US-China officials talk trade tariffs over phone;
Mnuchin eyes possible in-person discussionsREUTERS
CHANTILLY/WASHINGTON,
JULY 19

US AND Chinese officials spoke by telephone on Thursday as the world's two largest economies seek to end a year-long trade war, with US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin suggesting in-person talks could follow.

Mnuchin and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer spoke with their Chinese counterparts over the phone, Lighthizer's office said on Thursday, following earlier comments by the Treasury secretary in an interview on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in



"Right now we're having principal-level calls and to the extent that it makes sense for us to set up in-person meetings, I would anticipate that we would be doing that," Mnuchin told Reuters.

Asked if Thursday's call could lead to a face-to-face meeting, Mnuchin said: "It's possible, but I'm not going to speculate on the outcome." Lighthizer's office later confirmed that the conversation took place as scheduled, but gave no details.

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TREVOR HUNNICUTT
NEW YORK, JUNE 19

TWO INFLUENTIAL US Federal Reserve officials on Thursday sharpened their public case for acting, quickly if needed, to support the country's economy, reviving bets the central bank may deliver a double-barreled interest rate cut this month.

Absent clear-and-present signs of a recession, policymakers are suggesting the US-China trade war is denting US business confidence, and that a global manufacturing slowdown and domestic inflation below the Fed's target of 2 per cent a year may be enough to act quickly and aggressively.

John Williams, vice chairman of the Fed's rate-setting commit-

FAULTY THOUGHT PROCESS: TRUMP ON FED

■ Keeping up his pressure on the Federal Reserve, US President Donald Trump, in a tweet, reiterated his call for lower interest rates and slammed the Fed for what he called its "faulty thought process", as per a Reuters report



tee and head of the regional Fed bank in New York that implements those policies, said when rates and inflation are low, policymakers cannot afford to keep their "powder dry" and wait for potential economic problems to materialise. He did not say whether that

view meant he would support a cut later this month.

"It's better to take preventative measures than to wait for disaster to unfold," with rates in a range of 2.25-2.50 per cent and closer to zero than has historically been the case, Williams told an academic

Brookfield to
invest ₹25K cr in
RIL tower arm

Mumbai: Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited (RIIHL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has entered into an agreement with BIFV India Pte Limited, an affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management Inc (along with co-investors), for an investment of Rs 25,215 crore in the units proposed to be issued by the Tower Infrastructure Trust. This is the single largest foreign investment in an Indian infrastructure vehicle, RIL said.

"Brookfield's investment is subject to conditions precedent, including receipt of requisite government and regulatory approvals," RIL said in a regulatory filing. RIILHL is the Sponsor of the Trust and the Trust currently holds 51 per cent of the issued and paid up equity share capital of Reliance Jio Infratech Private Limited (RJIFL), to which the tower assets undertaking of Reliance Jio Infocomm was transferred as a going concern. ENS

bility services has continued to surpass all expectations. In less than two years of commercial operations, Jio network carried almost 11 exabytes of data traffic during the recently concluded fiscal quarter. Jio management is focused on giving unmatched digital experience at most affordable price to every citizen of the country, and accordingly expanding the network capacity and coverage to keep pace with demand."

According to Ambani, Jio has started connecting enterprises with its next-gen connectivity solutions on the back of its extensive fiber network across the country.

In the retail segment, revenue for the June quarter grew by 47.5 per cent to Rs 38,196 crore as against Rs 25,890 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) for the quarter rose by 69.9 per cent to Rs 2,049 crore as against Rs 1,206 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

EXPLAINED
Domestic markets
defy global rally on
hopes of US rate cut

THE SELLING spree in domestic bourses—the benchmark Sensex having fallen over 800 points in the last two days—was triggered largely by the Finance Minister declining to relax the applicability of the new surcharge announced in the Budget.

Those affected, including FPIs, were, instead, advised to shift to the corporate structure. The slide in the markets in India was in contrast to the trend in other Asian markets, which rallied as comments from a US Fed official indicated that the American central bank could unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month.

conference in New York focused on central banking issues. "When you only have so much stimulus at your disposal, it pays to act quickly to lower rates at the first sign of economic distress."

US Fed Board of Governors Vice Chair Richard Clarida, meanwhile, said policymakers might need to act early to stimulate the US economy as an insurance policy against rising risks.

"You don't have to wait until things get so bad to have a dramatic series of rate cuts," Clarida said in an interview with the Fox Business Network. "You don't want to wait until data turns decisively if you can afford to."

Markets reacted swiftly to remarks by two of the most senior Fed officials next to Chairman Jerome Powell. REUTERS

Simplify procedures to attract vendors: Goyal to GeM officials

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

COMMERCE AND Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked officials of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to simplify the public procurement portal's procedures and make it "less time consuming" to attract more vendors, especially in micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector.

With the government aiming to achieve Rs 1 lakh crore in GeM's gross merchandise volume this financial year, Goyal has suggested measures such as incentives for ministries procuring products and services through GeM, bringing in technical experts for specialised products and creating more categories to maximise usage of the portal.

During a review meeting on Thursday to formulate an action plan to achieve the government's target, Goyal said, "Greater transparency and quality of products must be ensured on the platform in order to get the railways, defence, telecom and PSUs (public sector undertakings) like oil, power, heavy industry to place orders worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore

INCENTIVES FOR MINISTRIES SUGGESTED

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Ease of getting registered on the GeM platform has to be ensured so that public sector banks, PSUs, ministries and departments of the state governments and local bodies at the district level are able to procure through GeM easily and smoothly, according to the minister.

"Possibilities may also be explored for incentivising ministries and states who procure more products and services from GeM.

"During the review meeting, the Commerce and Industry Minister also examined the possibility of DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) to provide the services of their staff in regional centres all over the country to promote GeM and in-

crease the procurement through GeM in their areas," stated the Commerce Ministry on Friday in a release about the meeting.

As per the release, Goyal also discussed ways with the secretaries of different ministries to bring in external technical experts for specialised products required in the railways, oil PSUs and health sectors, "so that more categories are created in GeM in shortest time and complaints about substandard material is completely eliminated."

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INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS NBFC ISSUES ALSO TAKEN UP RBI Gov, state-run bank CEOs discuss slow rate transmission

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 19

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday discussed the slower transmission of rate reduction and stressed asset resolution with the chief executive officers of public sector banks (PSBs) and the chief executive of Indian Banks Association (IBA).

During the meeting, the issue of less than desired level of transmission of monetary policy rates was discussed with the CEOs of banks, the central bank said. Even though the RBI has cut the Repo rate by 75 basis points in 2019, banks have not fully passed on the benefits to their customers.

Analysts are expecting another rate cut in the next policy review in August.

In his opening remarks, the RBI Governor acknowledged discernible improvements in the banking sector while underscoring that several challenges still remain to be addressed,

TRANSMISSION LEVEL 'LESS THAN DESIRED'

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particularly with regard to the stressed asset resolution and credit flows to needy sectors.

"Other subjects taken up for discussion included credit and deposit growth on the back of a slowing economy, flow of credit to needy sectors while following prudent lending, robust risk assessment and monitoring standards and improving recovery efforts," the RBI said.

The meeting also discussed

about giving impetus to resolution of stressed assets facilitated by revised framework for resolution announced by the RBI on June 7, 2019, and strengthening internal control mechanism for improved fraud risk management.

The recent initiatives to address issues relating to non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and the role banks can play in mitigating lingering con-

BRIEFLY

'Incentives only for commercial EV owners'

New Delhi: Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday asserted that subsidies for promotion of electric mobility in India will be only for commercial vehicles, and automobiles for personal usage will not be included.

Bandhan Bank Q1 net jumps 45% to ₹701 cr

New Delhi: Bandhan Bank Friday reported a jump of over 45 per cent in its net profit to Rs 701 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, on healthy core income.

AB InBev sells Australian brewer to Asahi

Brussels/London: Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer, is selling its Australian operations to Japan's Asahi for \$11 billion.

Dabur elevates Amit Burman as chairman

New Delhi: FMCG firm Dabur India on Friday said it has elevated Amit Burman as the company's chairman as part of the family succession. He was earlier designated as vice-chairman. PTI

BMW picks insider Oliver Zipse as CEO

Frankfurt: BMW has named Oliver Zipse as its new CEO, continuing the German carmaker's tradition of promoting production chiefs to the top job even as the auto industry expands into new areas such as technology and services. Hailing Zipse's "decisive" leadership style, BMW hopes the 55-year-old can help the firm regain its edge in electric cars and win back the market lead lost.

Bayer welcomes judge's call in Glyphosate case

Frankfurt: Germany's Bayer AG welcomed on Friday a call by a United States judge to cut a \$2 billion damages award to a Californian couple by a jury which found that its glyphosate-based weed killer had caused their cancer. REUTERS

Centre raises over ₹10,000 crore on net basis via CPSE ETF

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

GIVING A boost to disinvestment receipts, the Centre on Friday raised over Rs 10,000 crore on a net basis from the 5th further fund offer (FFO) of the CPSE ETF.

The two-day ETF issue garnered over Rs 40,000 crore bids from investors, of which Rs 11,500 crore were accepted, an official said.

However, the receipts to the Centre would be lower by Rs 1,500 crore due to purchase of Indian Oil shares from market to maintain the stock's weight in the index as the government's stake in the company is at the threshold of 52 per cent (a norm applicable to all the stocks in the index).

With the mobilisation through the CPSE ETF, the Centre has raised about Rs 12,400 crore so far in FY20 or 12 per cent of the full year disinvestment revenue target of Rs 1.05 lakh crore.

A record Rs 45,080 crore via two extant ETFs — Rs 26,350 crore from CPSE ETF and Rs 18,730 crore from Bharat-22 ETF — helped the Centre mobilise 53 per cent of the disinvestment receipts in FY19.

It could try to repeat the feat

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in FY20 as well. Besides the two extant ETFs, it may launch three new sectoral ETFs consisting of PSUs in financial sector, energy, and metal and commodity.

The CPSE ETF was conceptualised in 2014, offering the benefits of diversification, risk management and lower expenses to investors. Through the FFO4 of the CPSE ETF, the Centre had raised Rs 9,350 crore or 2.7 times of the base offer size of Rs 3,500 crore in March.

In November 2018, the Centre had raised Rs 17,000 crore from FFO3 of the CPSE ETF as against the base offer size of Rs 8,000 crore as retail and institutional investors put in bids worth Rs 30,899 crore.

Analysts are of the view that India's ETF market is expected to witness robust growth in the coming years due to a structural shift in asset-class preference from fixed income to equities as interest rates moderate. FE

Ford India recalls 22,690 units of previous-gen Endeavour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

FORD INDIA on Friday said it is recalling 22,690 units of previous-generation of premium SUV Endeavour to check faulty airbag inflators.

The automobile manufacturer further said it is carrying out an inspection of battery monitoring system (BMS) wiring harnesses installation for all vehicles, numbering around 30,000 made at its Sanand plant between September 2017 and April 2019.

In a statement, Ford India said it is voluntarily inspecting front airbag inflators on 22,690 previous-generation Ford Endeavour vehicles.

These vehicles were manufactured at the company's Chennai plant between February 2014 and September 2014, it added.

Ford India also said the inspection of BMS wiring harnesses installation will cover all the units of Freestyle, New Figo and New Aspire models that were manufactured at its Sanand plant between September 2017 and April 2019.

Individual customers will be informed and requested to bring their car to the Ford dealership, the statement said.

Oyo founder inks deal to buy back shares worth \$2 bn; his stake to rise threefold

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

HOSPITALITY FIRM Oyo on Friday said its founder Ritesh Agarwal has signed a deal to buy back shares worth \$2 billion (around Rs 13,770 crore) from early investors through his Cayman Islands-registered entity, RA Hospitality Holdings, to almost triple his stake in the company.

Lightspeed Venture Partners and Sequoia India, Oyo's early supporters, are selling part of their holdings in order to help Agarwal increase his stake, while remaining invested significantly in the company's long-term mission, Oyo said in a statement.

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RITESH AGARWAL
FOUNDER AND CEO, OYO

CEO Ritesh Agarwal, through RA Hospitality Holdings (Cayman), has signed \$2 billion primary and secondary management investment round, supported by global institutional banks and his finan-

cial partners," it added.

As per sources in know of the matter, after the entire process is completed, Agarwal's stake in Oyo will rise from the current 9-10 per cent to around 30 per cent. This would take the valuation of the company to around \$10 billion.

"As an entrepreneur and on behalf of the company's management, I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to re-define ourselves to the company's mission of building the world's most loved hospitality brand that is focused on bringing a better lifestyle for the common man," Agarwal said.

The company has attracted some of the world's leading investors, including Airbnb,

SoftBank Vision Fund, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Greenoaks Capital, Sequoia India and Hero Enterprise, the statement said.

"I am ... delighted to have gotten the support of all our investors, the board and above all the institutionalised financial partners that have provided the necessary financial support towards realising this vision," Agarwal said.

"We have confidence in Ritesh's vision for Oyo and how the team has come together to build a truly global brand from India. It has been an exciting journey so far and we hope to achieve many more milestones together in the time to come," SoftBank Vision Fund managing partner Munish Varma said. FE

Sebi tweaks formats for limited review, audit reports

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

SEBI ON Friday tweaked the formats for limited review and audit report of listed entities in order to align them with the revised auditing standards. Providing new formats for audit report and limited review report in a circular, the regulator said that in view of revision in auditing standards (SA 700) by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), "audit report formats need to be aligned with SA 700 (revised)".

This will also be applicable to entities whose accounts are to be

consolidated with the listed entity. "This circular shall be applicable with respect to the financial results for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 and after," the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said.

In March, Sebi released procedure and formats for limited review and audit report of listed entities after a new sub-regulation was inserted in the LODR norms, which require a listed entity's statutory auditor to do a limited review of the audit of all entities or firms whose accounts are to be consolidated with the listed entity as per the Accounting Standard 21.

Insider trading: Format to report code of conduct violations set

New Delhi: Sebi on Friday came out with standardized format for reporting violations of code of conduct, formulated under Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) norms. Besides these, all listed firms, intermediaries and fiduciaries are required to formulate a code of conduct for designated persons as well as for their relatives and inform the regulator about any such violation.

Under the code of conduct, the designated persons and their relatives are barred from trading while in the possession of unpublished price sensitive information (UPI). Besides these, they are required to maintain the confidentiality of the UPI, among other restrictions are placed. Sebi said it has been receiving various references from listed firms regarding violations related to code of conduct. PTI

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTICE
Commercial Tender No.: 02/2019-20/W Dated: 19/07/2019

Inviting Tenders in Sealed Envelope for Cleaning and Upkeep of Station on Ratnagiri Station of Konkan Railway. Prescribed application form can obtain from Regional Railway Manager Office, Konkan Railway, M.J.D.C, Mirje, Ratnagiri. Pin 415639 from 20/07/2019 to 20/08/2019 on all working days from 10.00 am to 16.00 pm. by paying Demand Draft of Rs. 5,900/- in favor of "Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd." payable at Ratnagiri. For more information, please contact the Regional Railway Manager Office, Ratnagiri. Also, the details of the tender are available on the Konkan Railway website www.konkanrailway.com. The last date for submission of Tender is 21/08/2019 up to 11.00 hrs. Regional Railway Manager Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Ratnagiri

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No. AEDC/JB-IS&S/2019-20/02 Dated: 19-07-2019

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders in two bids system (Technical & Financial bids) for Installation of Integrated Security & Surveillance Systems on Turnkey basis including Operation & Maintenance for period of 5 years are invited from eligible bidders by the undersigned on behalf of the General Administration Department, Government of Assam. Submission of bid shall be through e-procurement portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Further details and subsequent communication may be seen at <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of bids is 15:00 hours on the 9th of August, 2019. Sd/- Managing Director A.E.D.C. Ltd.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
B-22, GREEN CAMPUS, GANDERBAL-191201

CORRIGENDUM
HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES
(NIT No. Est. - 03 of 2019)

This is in continuation to Tender Notice No. Est. 3 of 2019, dated 17.07.2019, due to some Technical Difficulties, the Revised Tender Schedule/Critical Dates shall be as under:-

TENDER SCHEDULE/CRITICAL DATES

1. Bid Submission Start Date	17.07.2019 (10:00 A.M.)
2. Pre-Bid Meeting Date	23.07.2019 (03:00 P.M.)
3. Bid Submission End Date	05.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)
4. Last Date for Receiving Hard Copy of Technical Bid along with Cost of Tender and Original EMD	05.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)
5. Date & Time of Opening of Bids	06.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)

The detailed Bid/Tender Document consisting of Qualifying Information, Eligibility Criteria, Specifications, Set of Terms & Conditions of the Contract and other Relevant Information is available on the Website: www.cukashmir.ac.in and on CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) or can be obtained from Estates Section, Central University of Kashmir, B-22, Green Campus, Ganderbal, J&K-191201 as per the Notified schedule. The e-Tenders/Bids are to be submitted at CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) only. However, Bidders have to submit the Hard Copy of the Technical Bid along with all the requisite documents mentioned in the NIT. No. Est - 3 of 2019 Sd/- Registrar, Date: 17.07.2019 CUK-158 0194-2416107

श्री अग्रवाल शिक्षा समिति, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, जयपुर

शासकीय शिक्षा के वर्ष 2019 में सम्पन्न होने वाले चुनाव का कार्यक्रम

1. नामांकन प्रसूची	दिनांक 20 जुलाई 2019 सम्पन्न प्रातः 09.30 बजे से सायं 04.30 बजे तक व 21 जुलाई 2019 प्रातः 09.30 बजे से दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक
2. नामांकन फार्म की सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 02.05 बजे से दोपहर 02.35 बजे तक
3. योग्य उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 नामांकन फार्म की जांच के बाद दोपहर 02.45 बजे तक
4. नाम बाबिल लेना	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 02.45 बजे से दोपहर 03.15 बजे तक।
5. उम्मीदवारों की अन्तिम सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 03.30 बजे तक
6. यदि निर्धारित सदस्य पदों हेतु निर्धारित सदस्य पदों से अधिक नामांकन नहीं मिलने पर दिनांक 21.07.2019 को दोपहर 03.30 बजे परिणाम घोषित कर दिया जायेगा।	
7. मतदान (यदि निर्धारित सदस्य पदों से अधिक नामांकन प्राप्त हुए तो)	रविवार 18 अगस्त 2019 प्रातः 09.00 बजे से सायं 04.00 बजे तक
8. मतगणना	सोमवार दिनांक 19 अगस्त 2019 प्रातः 09.00 बजे से
9. मतगणना स्थल	अग्रवाल सैनियर सैकण्डरी स्कूल, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, अग्रवाल कॉलेज कैम्पस, महाराजा अग्रसेन मार्ग, आमरा रोड, जयपुर।
10. चुनाव कार्यालय	केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, श्री अग्रवाल शिक्षा समिति, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, अग्रवाल कॉलेज कैम्पस, महाराजा अग्रसेन मार्ग, आमरा रोड, जयपुर।

नोट: 1. मतदाता सूची (500/- रु शुल्क पर) नामांकन पर (50/- रुपये शुल्क पर दिनांक 20 जुलाई 2019 से 21 जुलाई 2019 को दोपहर 01.55 बजे तक चुनाव कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं एवं नाम बाबिल फार्म भी नि:शुल्क प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। 2. नामांकन शुल्क रु. 500/- प्रति उम्मीदवार हेतु जो किसी भी परिधि में वापस देव नहीं होगा। सामान्यतः अग्रवाल अग्रवाल मोहित-द्वारा प्रशिक्षण सी. बी. गौरव चुनाव संयोजक सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी 9414064547 9414079866 9001335000 9414046543 9828013900

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NOTICE INVITING BID (UBN No. MCJ1920GLRC00054)

Sealed Single Stage Two-envelopes unconditional online Bids for One Year Rate Contract, are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the procurement of Goods as listed below, from manufacturers/ distributors/ authorized dealers/ stockists/ bona fide dealers/ Marketing Agents up to 5.00 PM on 13.8.2019.

S. No.	Name of Goods	Estimated Cost for One Year (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. in Lakhs)	Price of Bidding Document (Rs.)	RISL Processing Fee (Rs.)
1	Generic and low cost branded drugs & Medicines, Injectable, Surgical including Disposable & Consumable Items etc. for BSBY and other schemes of GOR/GOI, on the Basis of Maximum Discount on MRP.	400.00	08.00	1000.00	1000.00

Details of the NIT, Bidding Schedule, conditions and Bidding Document may be seen on the website of the State Public Procurement Portal <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> or e-procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there. Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum, Member Secretary, RMRS, Jaipur

DIPR/C/5747/2019

Highest market share in nearly 5 yrs for SpiceJet, but IndiGo still on top

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

BUDGET CARRIER SpiceJet captured its highest domestic market share in close to five years at 15.6 per cent this June, as it inducted 30 aircraft of Jet Airways to its fleet. The Gurgaon-based carrier had reported 17.3 per cent share of the domestic aviation market in October 2014.

According to data for June 2019 released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday, while IndiGo commanded 48 per cent share of the domestic skies, Air India held 12.9 per cent. This was followed by GoAir, Air Asia and Vistara, with 11.1 per cent, 6.4 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively. SpiceJet, now the second-

largest domestic carrier, added 30 planes — mostly Boeing 737s — taking its operational fleet strength to 95. Jet Airways suspended all operations on April 17 due to financial crisis.

Domestic passenger traffic growth picked up during the holiday month of June by 6.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y). A total of 12.02 million passengers booked for air travel in June, as against 11.32 million in June 2018. Air traffic growth in June was the second best in calendar year 2019 after January, which recorded 9.1 per cent y-o-y rise.

Domestic passenger growth has been 3.2 per cent y-o-y for first half of 2019 due to higher fares and grounding of Jet. The Civil Aviation Ministry has allocated Jet's vacant airport slots to rival carriers for operations. FE

Former IL&FS auditors again question NCLT jurisdiction to ban them

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JULY 19

FORMER AUDITORS of IL&FS group, Deloitte and BSR Associates, Friday reiterated their contention that the NCLT has no jurisdiction to ban them saying existing law says only those auditors on board can be penalised.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells and BSR Associates, which is an affiliate of KPMG, are no longer the auditors of the crippled IL&FS group, with the former resigning in FY18 and the latter as recently as last month. But the Corporate Affairs Ministry has sought a five-year ban on them for their failure to do the statutory job properly.

Representing Deloitte, Janak Dwarakadas argued that Section 140(5) of the Companies Act does not apply if the auditors are no longer with a company. The said

section deals with resignation of auditors. "Section 140(5) is only applicable to existing auditors," he said and pointed out that Deloitte had retired due to rotational laws in FY18. "Section 140(5) has a limited purpose to remove or change an auditor, (and not punish them)," he said adding SPIO findings against Deloitte are subject to legal challenges.

Echoing similar views, BSR counsel Darius Khambata also said the Companies Act says an auditor can be punished only under Sections 132 and 447, while Section 140(5) allows the government to only remove an auditor. Countering these arguments, ministry's counsel Sanjay Shorey said once there is an allegation of fraud, consequences will follow. An auditor cannot be absolved of consequences of his past omissions and commissions in the name of "interpretation", he added.

PROLONGED GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT Boeing takes \$4.9 billion charge for 737 MAX

ERICM JOHNSON
SEATTLE, JULY 19

BOEING CO said on Thursday it would take an after-tax charge of \$4.9 billion in the second quarter on estimated disruptions from the prolonged grounding of its lucrative 737 MAX passenger jets

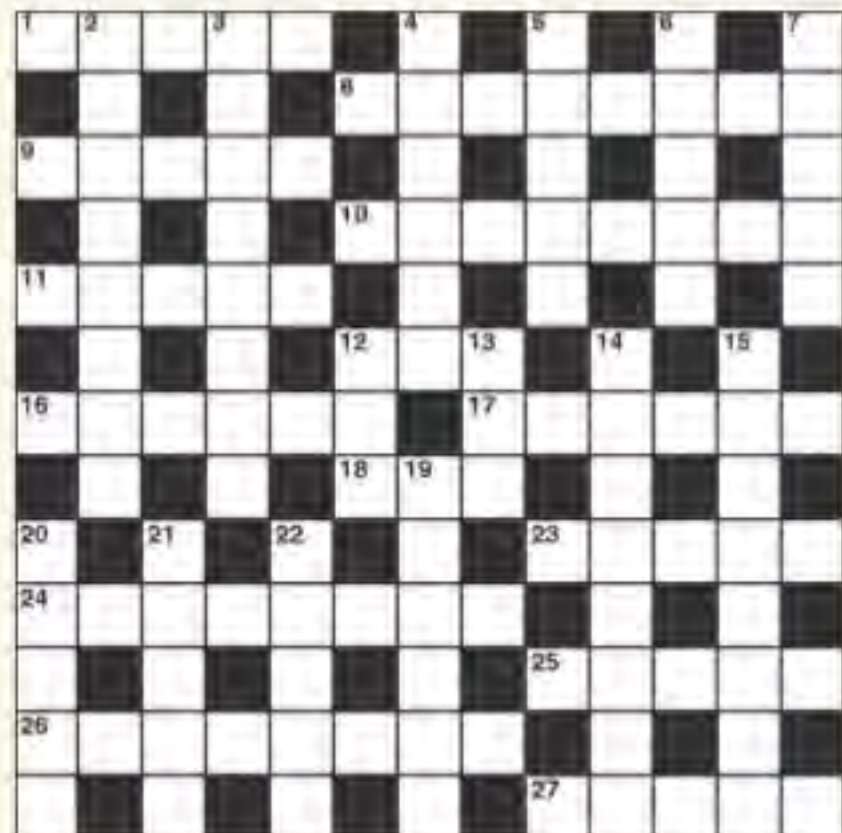
after two deadly crashes. The charge is from "potential concessions and other considerations to customers," and the impact of continued lower production, the world's largest planemaker said in a statement, as airlines that use the planes extend flight cancellations until November.

The charge will result in a \$5.6 billion reduction in revenue and pre-tax earnings in the second quarter, Boeing said.

Boeing's stock rose 2 per cent in after-hours trading, which a Morgan Stanley analyst said was a sign that investors were comfortable with the size of the charge and Boeing's production

plans, disclosed less than a week before the company plans to release quarterly financial results on July 24. Boeing is facing one of the worst crises as its 737 MAX has been grounded since March after crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia that together killed 346 people in a span of five months. REUTERS

CROSSWORD 3863



ACROSS

- 1 Didn't stand around to see an animal changing colour (5)
8 The good side of a dual personality (2,6)
9 Piece of land in on lease (5)
10 Do they help one to see what one is eating? (3-5)
11 Opera socially acceptable in Lent, for example (5)
12 Material agent (3)
16 Girl Colin goes out East to see (6)
17 Well-known bather's shout (6)
18 He deals with beastly complaints (3)
23 Used for boxing and often hit during fights (5)
24 Very warm fabric, possibly stolen? (3,5)
25 Claud reformed with grace (5)
26 Political victim of restrictive practice? (8)
27 Brilliant combination of the Hebrew and the Spanish (5)

DOWN

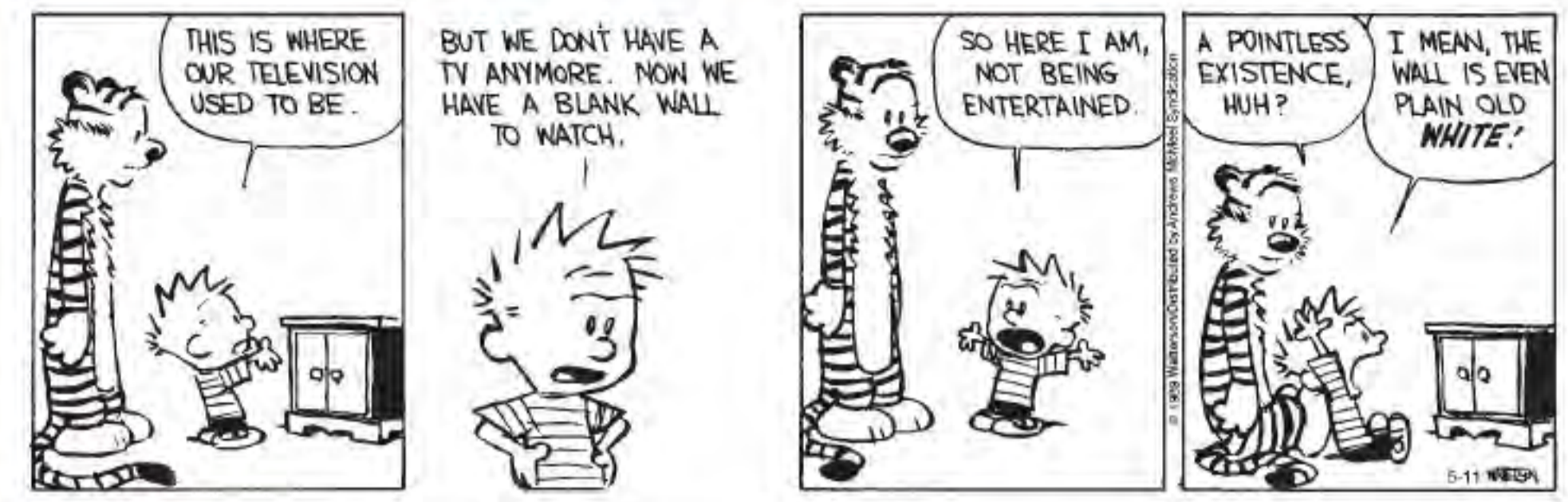
- 2 Australia's largest territorial detachment (8)
3 A translation that creates antipathy (8)
4 Badly rhymed, like the other side of 8 Across (2,4)
5 Decimal fraction (5)
6 Instruments that produce false notes? (5)
7 Hawaiian love may be welcome to strangers (5)
12 Short clergyman appears to accelerate (3)
13 The favourite shows ill-humour (3)
14 Noble combination of duck and hare (8)
15 The work of a high-minded artist? (8)
19 Feel free if inside the tower (6)
20 Nothing among the new rich can be got for a song (5)
21 Condition put into words (5)
22 Keep a shop (5)

Solutions Crossword 3862: Across: 1 Withdrawal, 6 Clef, 10 Stall, 11 Destroyer, 12 Belabour, 13 Trust, 15 Marches, 17 Aerosol, 19 Re-enter, 21 Seaways, 22 Plumb, 24 Pea-green, 27 Principal, 28 Idaho, 29 Reed, 30 Crowd scene. Down: 1 Wasp, 2 To a degree, 3 Delia, 4 Arduous, 5 Austria, 7 Lay by, 8 First flush, 9 Criteria, 14 Emery paper, 16 Hits back, 18 Space race, 20 Repaper, 21 Shallow, 23 Unite, 25 Rails, 26 Coke.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLER WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Word jumble puzzles: HLSEE, TILTED, BOSAS, DINYGH. Includes a grid for letters and a solution key.

Difficulty Level 1s 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.

SUDOKU 3913 grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3912 grid with the solved numbers for the previous puzzle.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Kanchan, D/o Gyan Chand, R/o H.No. K-433, Dakshin Puri, New Delhi Age: 15 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Colour Jeans, Black T-Shirt & Chappal in her feet has been kidnapped from her house since 15.03.2019.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Jyoti, D/o: Late Manoj Gupta, R/o: D-2/41, Mangolpuri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 04.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Simi, D/o: Dinesh, R/o: RZE-163, Gali No. 6, Satsang Road, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 17 Years 6 months, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Green Top-Black Pant, Golden Colour Jutti in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 04.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Karnti Devi W/o Om Sharma R/o 80-B, Defence Enclave, Mohan Garden, Delhi has been missing from his house since 20.05.2019.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Sweta Kumari, D/o Sh. Sambhu Mishra, R/o Kh. 15/11, Dipanshu colony, Gali No.02, Jharoda Part-iii, Delhi, Age: 16 years 6 month, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Healthy, Wearing: Blue T-shirt with Trouser and white Hawai Chappal in feet, has been missing dated 19.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Wazirabad, New Delhi.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'6", was wearing Red colour T-Shirt & Blue colour Half Jeans, was found dead in front of Bajrang Transport Company, Near Rly. Quarters, in the area of P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Mr. Ram Prasad Nisad, S/o Sh. Udai Ram, R/o Village-Veerbhata, P.S. Malkharoda, Post+Tehsil Malkharoda, District Janjgir Champa, Chattisgarh, Age: 50 years, Height: 5' 1", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Wearing: Light Blue Colour Shirt, Light Grey colour pant and sleepers in feet. He has been missing from Buster Pump, Delhi Jal Board, D Block, CR Park, New Delhi since 04.06.2019 at about 11.30 pm from the area of P.S. C R Park, New Delhi.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused, Raju S/o Sh. Param Padhya, R/o H.No.-20, Sahipur, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi also at Jhuggi No. 107, E-E-Block, Gandhi Camp, Prayags, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 205/14 u/s 457/380/511/34 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Raju, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Raju, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one lady, Namely: Govindi Devi, W/o: Sher Singh, R/o:RZ-201, D-Block, Jai Vihar, Nafagarh, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 22.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard, a case vide DD No. 45-A, Dated 23.05.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

Office Of The Executive Engineer C-1 Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board: Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi

1st Floor, Circle Office Building, Near Dtc Bus Terminal, Raja Garden New Delhi 110027. NOTICE INVITING TENDER The Executive Engineer C-1, BUSIB, invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for following work:-

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 35 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 52", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Moustache: Black, Wearing: Dark Green Pant, who was found lying at Back Side, Bus Stand, Bhairo Mandir Park, Bhairo Road, New Delhi. He was admitted in LHMC Hospital, During the treatment doctors declared him dead. Dead Body has been kept preserved in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours for identification.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one man Namely: Parmal, S/o: Harkesh, R/o: RZ-B-280, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 04.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 62-A dated 05.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under: Age: 58 years, Height: 5' 8", Face: Oval, Complexion: Fair, I/D Mark: Mentally weak, Wearing: Pink colour Shirt, Brown colour Pant and Black colour shoes in feet.

'We don't teach our culture so how will people know that religion and liberalism can co-exist'



Author Amish (centre) with *The Indian Express* Deputy Editor Seema Chishti (left) and Associate Editor Paromita Chakrabarti at the Express Adda in Delhi

At the Express Adda held in Delhi, author Amish spoke to *The Indian Express* Deputy Editor Seema Chishti and Associate Editor Paromita Chakrabarti on what distinguishes history from mythology, the need to teach culture and how fantastical interpretations flourish in an atmosphere of ignorance

On atheism and his return to faith

I became an atheist in my teenage years and was one for a good 10-12 years. Writing the first book of the Shiva trilogy, *Immortals of Meluha* (2010), slowly brought me back to faith. I grew up in a very religious family. My grandfather was a pandit in Kashi. So we grew up in that atmosphere. And in a sense, it was a sort of return. Sadly, in modern India, we have lost much of our ancient wisdom. There is this assumption that atheism is somehow wrong, which is not the way our ancestors saw it. So we need to imbibe that there is nothing wrong with atheism, and, in India, atheism did not emerge as a reaction to an intrusive organised religion. So, even atheism in India was not as extremist as modern atheism in the West, where they tend to judge religious people. Our ancestors were a lot more chilled out than we are. We could learn from them, frankly.

On his Rama Chandra series and why he chose the *Ramayana*

There is this lovely line that I read once — 'No Indian, regardless of his religion, regardless of the *varna* he comes from, regardless of the language they speak at home, no Indian hears the *Ramayana* for the first time'. We're almost born with it. And it's true in many ways. It is part of our genes, part of our bones. But a part of our celebration of the *adi kavya*, which is what the *Ramayana* was, or the *itihasa*—the *Mahabharata*, we kept exploring different perspectives of it. We're truly fascinated by our gods and goddesses, and the way we approached our gods and goddesses, because there is no concept of judgment in the ancient Indian way. The perspective was more to understand, learn and apply in your own life. So, we keep approaching those stories from different perspectives.

On the Indian tradition of questioning the gods

Is there a translation for the English word 'blasphemy' in Vedic Sanskrit? No, there isn't. (Our ancestors) never had a word for it because the concept wasn't there. Nothing was beyond question. If you read the *Natyashastra*, a text which I think should be taught in our schools — sadly, we don't learn enough about our kick-ass ancestors — the first chapter is a paean to freedom of expression. It's a retelling of the first play ever performed and that was used as an excuse to discuss freedom of expression. Those are our intrinsic roots.

Sadly, we've forgotten them.

On his new work, *Raavan*, being his darkest novel

It's *Raavan*, he is not going to be a good boy! So, obviously, it will end up being a dark book. But I think, modern urban understanding of *Raavan* has been driven a lot by television serials, which tend to look at him in a very simplistic way. We've forgotten many of the ancient versions which looked at *Raavan* from a very nuanced perspective and showed his good points as well. He was a deep, complex man. He wasn't just a violent thug. He was a scholar. He was a brilliant musician. Those things can't be denied. He was a brilliant administrator.

On a book carrying the writer's message

A book without a philosophy is as bad or as pointless as a body without a soul. So it doesn't matter if the readers agree with the philosophy or not. It doesn't matter if they get the philosophy or don't get the philosophy. But the writer must put out his thoughts, his ideologies, his philosophies into the book. That's the purpose of a book. A story is essentially a wrapper to convey the philosophies that you want to convey. At least that's the way I think a book should be approached.

On multiple interpretations and disagreements

In terms of multiple interpretations, I think, many of these problems emerge simply because of lack of knowledge. If we don't teach people enough about our culture, then, in the atmosphere of ignorance, simplistic or fantastical interpretations will emerge. It has to be understood, it is a natural by-product of ignorance. So, if a north Indian travels to the south, he will obviously, immediately understand there is a different perspective. I mean, this is a north Indian audience. If I ask you, who is elder, Lord Ganesha or Lord Karthik, what would your answer be? Everyone will say Lord Karthik. Any south Indians here? What do you have to say? Lord Ganesha, right? What is the day for Lord Hanuman if you want to worship him? North Indians, Tuesday. What is the day for Maharashtra? Saturday. (But) is there even a concept of a week in the traditional Indian calendar? It doesn't have the concept of a week. So where does this Tuesday and Saturday come from? Now, the point is that if people get this, they'll obviously instinctively understand multiple truths. And they'll instinctively learn to respect



Amish at the Express Adda



Jaya Jaitley, Former President, Samata Party, and Founder, Dastkari Haat Samiti



Dilip Chenozy, Secretary General, FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)



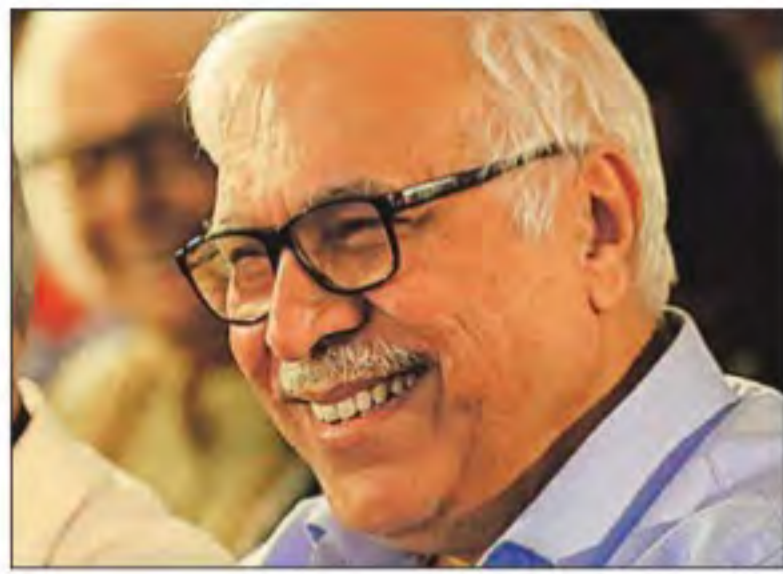
(From left) Kishwar Desai, Chairperson, The Arts And Cultural Heritage Trust with author and daughter Malika Ahluwalia and Abha Dalmia, Co-founder, FICCI Ladies Organisation



The audience at the Express Adda



Navin Chawla, Former Chief Election Commissioner



SY Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner



Satyananda Mishra, former Chief Information Commissioner



Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, presents a portrait to Amish, made by Suvajit Dey, Illustrator, The Indian Express



Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog (left) with Amish



George Varghese, Group CEO, The Indian Express



Author Jaishree Misra



Pavan K Varma, National General Secretary and National Spokesman, Janata Dal (United)



Shivnath Thukral, Public Policy Director, India and South Asia, Facebook



Former bureaucrat Arun Kumar Mago

multiple truths.

On the need to teach culture

I keep saying this repeatedly. We need to teach people our culture. We're still carrying on with the education system we inherited from the British. I dislike the habit of blaming the British for everything. They have been gone for 70 years. Now the fault is clearly ours. If we change our education system, the Queen of England is not going to come and do a *dharna* here, right? See, nothing is stopping us from changing it, and reconnecting our education system with our roots, which will actually help our society. That brings me back to the Constitution. The Constitution is not as respectful of individual rights as we think it is. It often tends to recognise group rights a lot more. And true liberalism emerges when we can respect individual rights a lot more strongly.

On distinguishing between mythology and history

In many ways, both cannot lay claim to absolute truth. Mythology just takes fantasy a little further, that's all. These are interpretations which you imbibe as a culture to give you fuel for the greatness today or give you fuel for liberalism today. Find the truth, find the theory which works for you today, which gives you the succour, the peace, the fuel, that you need for today. That's the practical, pragmatic thing to do.

On what we can learn from our ancestors

I've never said that our ancestors were perfect. They themselves never said that they were perfect. In fact, in the ancient Indian way, even the divine is not seen as perfect. There is no perfection anywhere. Perfection was only at that one moment of creation, and, then, it will be again at that one moment of destruction, and then, on the other side, creation begins once again, and it goes on in an endless cycle. It's not that they had all the answers. Why I speak of our ancestors is because I think they actually have some damn good stuff, which is useful for our society today. It's in our self-interest. That is one aspect. The second aspect is that our ancestors have left an answer which can probably help not just us

but, perhaps, the wider world. In the West, liberalism is based on the concept of individualism. I know I spoke of individualism in constitutionality but the Constitution is different. That's for the state. In society, we take individualism to an extreme. A side effect is that it also leads to a very lonely society. In the West, loneliness is an epidemic. So liberalism carried to an extreme leads to loneliness. If you destroy all traditions, there is nothing to back you up. When you're in trouble, you need family structures, you need some traditions. On the other hand, you have societies which are so traditional that they become so high-bound that they are fanatical and rigid. Our ancestors figured a way to have traditions and be liberal at the same time. That you can have a marriage of both — isn't that worth exploring, and isn't that worth learning in modern India and worth sharing with the world?

On the clash between religion and liberalism

Because we do not teach anything of our culture, how will they (people) know that religion and liberalism can co-exist? Our literature classes speak more of Shakespeare — I have nothing against Shakespeare — but teach our own texts first. If you read Kalidasa first or Bhasa first, or Mirza Ghalib first, we'll realise the innate liberalism that is a part of our soil. And, I am repeating again, this is not just something to do with Hinduism.

On teaching Indian texts

I would suggest we, at least, explore texts which come from our traditions. Like in literature, there is nothing wrong with Tennyson (Alfred) and Shakespeare, they were fantastic, but first let's start with our own. We must teach people of one state about literature from another state. So people in UP must learn about the works of Thiruvalluvar. People in Tamil Nadu and Kerala should learn the works of Kalidasa or Mirza Ghalib. When you speak of mathematics — I did a BSc in mathematics — they taught us nothing about our mathematics. In medicine, why can't we teach our own texts first? What will also happen is that we will create a class of people who are more connected to our roots. There is a real

consequence of desperately trying to Europeanise our people through our education system. You'll find that even when they are out of college, they keep trying to create a Europe... That's the disconnect, because our education creates it.

On his plans for the Nehru Centre in London

I think it might be a little early to speak on that. There are still some processes to take place. Once one takes charge (as director), then is the best time to speak. Having said that, I think India needs to be a lot more confident about its culture. I genuinely think we can help many in the world. Speaking of loneliness in the Western world, we can speak of a message of tradition and liberalism co-existing with each other.

There are many things that are a part of our tradition, a part of our way of life, which, I think, can help others and we should speak of it a lot more confidently. I think Indian Islam certainly has a message for the rest of the world. Only an Indian Muslim could have said, '*Ya toh masjid mein sharaab peene de saqi, ya aisi jagah bata jaha khuda na ho* (Let me drink in the mosque or show me a place where there is no God)'. This beautiful liberal attitude comes from us, from our soil. These are things we can celebrate and help the rest of the world. It is a globalised world where many cultures which have never interacted with each other are now banging up against each other. They have to find a way to get along. And India can genuinely teach something to the world, and I'm sure we can learn something from them as well, so this is an opportunity.

On setting up a writing lab

It is an idea because the problem I have is that I have too many story ideas but not enough capacity to write them. And at the pace I write, I will carry many of my stories into my cremation pyre!

There are core stories that I'm emotional about which only I will write. But there are other ideas that are spin-offs from the universe that has been created. So, essentially, I'm starting a writers' centre where I'll hire writers and I'll tell them the story and they'll prepare the first draft, and then we bring that out. That's the idea. Three projects have started already.



Amish with members of the audience



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JAYA JAITLEY, FORMER PRESIDENT, SAMATA PARTY, AND FOUNDER, DASTKARI HAAT SAMITI



You have spoken effectively about the lack of teaching our own literature. Now whenever we have tried to do it, at one side there is a lot of noise about saffronisation and, on the other, when people do it, it is aggressive and unidimensional. So these two sides tend to put us in a jam and we don't seem to be getting anywhere. Would you look at it that way?

One of the problems in our public debates is that it has got captured by two groups, the left wing extremists and the right wing extremists who tend to approach things simplistically. And truly they are *Ram milaae jodi*. They feed each other. They are the ones who keep each other alive, but the sad part is, those of us who are in the centre, and, which, in my opinion, is a vast majority, don't speak enough.

PUNEETA MAYALL, DIRECTOR-TAX AND REGULATORY, KPMG



We have never seen Sita as a warrior. So when you wrote her, what was your inspiration?

Our image of Sita *ma* is largely driven through modern television serials. But that was not the case necessarily in our ancient traditions. There is an Adbhut Ramayana in which she's the one who kills the elder Ravana. There's a wonderful line in it, '*Yada yada hi dharmasya glanir bhavati suvratam, abhyuthanam adharmasya tada prakruti sambhav'* — which means that whenever *adhama* rises, or *dharma* declines, remember the keeper of righteous vows, the mother will incarnate, our *prakruti* will incarnate. This is part of our ancient traditions, we're just not aware of them.

NISHTHA MISHRA, ANALYST AND DOCTORAL FELLOW, PACIFIC COUNCIL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY, LOS ANGELES



To what extent can writing help build social consciousness around contemporary issues in India today?

A book without some philosophy is like a body without a soul. So, I should, at least, try to put thoughts that I feel strongly about in my books. Whether I succeed or not is best left to the readers to decide, but I do try.

RAHUL GAUR, GENERAL MANAGER-MARKETING, APEX TUBES PVT LTD



There is an ugly dimension to our society — caste. Many people allege that it is attributable to our ancient culture. What is your take on it?

A book by Dr Ambedkar, *Who Were the Shudras* (1946), has analysed this question. His theory, based on textual sources, was that the *varna* system was not based on birth. It was very flexible around 1,500 years ago. Then, it started becoming rigid. If you read our ancient versions, you won't find the *varna* system being rigid... why it started becoming rigid, I don't know. The caste system, in my mind, is evil.

SMITA SAHGAL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HISTORY, LADY SHRI RAM COLLEGE



You said mythology is something which has contemporary relevance but to whom? Ultimately there is politics behind who controls the propaganda of that mythology.

You're talking of the narrative being captured. That becomes a serious problem in societies which are top down, where things are controlled by an organisation, an entire country. Like say what happens in China. I'm not deriding it — there are benefits to that system. But India is not that kind of country. India is a bottom-up country because, at our core, we are a rebellious society. So, for someone to capture the narrative of the entire 1.3 billion people is extremely difficult and those who are efficient in this have actually done hard work at the ground level. Debates, talks, convince people, that is the way to cause social change.

KISHWAR DESAI, AUTHOR AND CHAIRPERSON, THE ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE TRUST



Mythology by itself is extremely complex and your books do tend to distill and simplify them for even the youngest reader you would have. That's the real challenge and it can be a bit false as well. How do you deal with that and how do you come to your basic narrative?

You know it's a belief that Ved Vyasji was the composer of the Mahabharat. It was believed that he compiled the Vedas but he thought that it's too difficult for some people to understand, so he should compile the philosophies into a real page-turning, fantastic story so that, without realising it, you imbibe the philosophies of the Vedas. So, this attitude of using fast-paced stories to convey philosophies was always there. In terms of what ways a story comes together, my honest answer is that I genuinely believe it's the blessings of Lord Shiva.

PAVANK VARMA, NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY, JDU, AND AUTHOR



Do you feel that the tradition of civilised dialogues is under threat because people are giving up their openness to the possibility that truth can be debated?

The Bhakti traditions played a strong role in the revival of our traditions, but did they inadvertently end up harming the cause of debate? One of the things I've learned from my grandfather is that duality is the fundamental reality. You have to accept that whatever happens, there will be some side effect of that... His thing was that each of these paths have a risk as well, that the path of *bhakti*, which is the path of love, leads to the risk — it, too, ends up hating what you don't love. So hatred ends up being a natural by-product of love... So is this something that ended up happening in India because of the Bhakti movement?



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THE LION KING

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Director: Jon Favreau Voices of: Donald Grover, Beyonce Knowles, Chiwetel Ejiofor, James Earl Jones, John Oliver, JD McCrary, Seth Rogen, Billy Eichner

Return to the Pride Lands

SHALINI LANGER

IN 1994, we had seen, and especially heard, nothing like *The Lion King*. Even while coming from the trusted Disney stable, it had an original tale with shades of Shakespeare, and dipped into the beguiling treasures of Africa to weave its magic of a very human story told through very lovable animals — one of them a king in the tradition of great rulers who bask in the light; and the other a villain in the line of many who reign in the shadows. Years did little to dim that magic, as parents like us with children since would affirm. Simba, Nala, Mufasa, Rafiki, Zazu, even Timon and Pumbaa, were toys-for-keeps in playrooms long after, and the songs they sung fresh as the day's hits. Plus, admit it, who had heard of warthog and meerkats before *The Lion King*, or thought hyenas looked like 'that'?

So do we really need an updated *Lion King* for our times, polished with "photo-realistic approach" towards its "computer-generated" visuals. Yes, and no.

This film after all is directed by Jon

Favreau, who brings a certain jubilation to almost everything he touches (think *The Iron Man*). More importantly for Disney's moneymaking machine, it was Favreau who worked wonders with his retelling of the studio's *The Jungle Book*. In *The Lion King*, the technology Favreau wields has got another update, to deliver every single, wind-blown hair in the beautiful manes of Simba and Mufasa.

It can also be argued that who could say no to a *Lion King* in which all the main characters are voiced now by Black actors and superstars like Knowles. The original earned flak for not doing that, despite the story being set in Africa, except in casting James Earl Jones for Mufasa (Jones is the only one from the 1994 version who makes a reappearance this time).

It's also too much to ask for *The Lion King* to be changed so as to be bettered, especially when it would certainly require several lion-hearts to tell the story from Nala's point of view. Animal experts have argued that Disney has had it wrong all along as to who would take charge in case the pride was under siege.

Favreau is perhaps a bit too aware of all this, which makes his *Lion King* almost a shot-by-shot and song-by-song recreation of 1994 — with the animals this time rendered uglier by "realism", and incapable of rendering the range of emotions the script demands of them. The fans of

Jeremy Irons's scurrilous Scar are not likely to be pleased either with Ejiofor's valiant efforts to play him, especially given the pared-down version of Scar's delightful martial number *Be prepared*.

Where the film is allowed a freer hand is in reimagining characters other than Simba, Mufasa and Scar. Updated, with newer scenes and more dialogues, all make an impact, from Knowles's more assertive Nala, to Rogen-Eichner's banter as Pumbaa-Timon, and Keegan-Michael Key and Eric André's riffs as the scary-as-ever hyenas.

And that tuft of Simba's hair, floating back to the Pride Lands, being picked up by Rafiki, and sending a ripple of hope through the kingdom ravaged by Scar since killing Mufasa? Well, this time it makes its way there travelling right down and up the food chain.

Circle of Life? You can roar that again.

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A Few Men in the Hood

FAMILY OF THAKURGANJ

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Director: Manoj K. Jha
Cast: Jimmy Sheirgill, Saurabh Shukla, Mahie Gill, Nandish Singh, Supriya Pilgaonkar, Mukesh Tiwari, Yashpal Sharma, Pavan Malhotra, Raj Zutshi, Manoj Pahwa

SHUBHRA GUPTA

NUNNU AND Munnu are brothers, but given how different they are, one law-abiding, the other a terror, they could well be from different planets. As they say, you can choose your friends, not family, and these two constitute a family in the fictional town of Thakurganj in which bullets fly, crime is rampant, and the law is an ass.

Or rather, a corpulent wise guy called Baba Bhandari, played by Saurabh Shukla, while handing out a pithy saying here, a death sentence there. Under his menacing benevolence thrives Nunnu (Sheirgill) whose criminal bent is supported by the two women in his life, mom (Pilgaonkar)

and wife (Gill). Biting at the jib is Nunnu's rival (Tiwari), a colourful killer in dreadlocks (Zutshi), and a whole bunch of crooked cops, and hoods, and general hangers-on.

With lots of sneaky ambushes and rustic fellows brandishing guns, and a terrain where any moment could be your last, this film clearly wants to revel in the small-town-gangster-giri we've seen in *Gangs Of Wasseypur* and the *Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster* franchise, especially because the latter has the same pair of Sheirgill and Gill.

But this film feels like a tired retread on all counts. How you can pull off such a feat with so many good actors is an achievement in itself. In a better film, the combined efforts of Shukla, Sheirgill, Tiwari, Sharma, Pahwa, could have yielded the desired results. Here, they all go waste, and this includes the barely-there acts of the two ladies.

For an effective film, you need both plot and treatment. *Family Of Thakurganj* has neither, and a solid ensemble cast is let down, once again, by inept handling.

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Comedy of Crassness



JHOOTHA KAHIN KA

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Director: Smeep Kang
Cast: Rishi Kapoor, Jimmy Sheirgill, Lilette Dubey, Sunny Singh, Omkar Kapoor, Manoj Joshi, Rakesh Bedi

VARUN (OMKAR) and Karan (Sunny) are friends and partners-in-crime, and their course which consists of a) girls b) girls c) girls. Don't get me wrong, they aren't playing fast and loose; they are steadfast. But they are liars. They lie for true love.

Haha? No, boo hoo. This alleged comedy of errors, in which are complicit such veterans as Rishi Kapoor and Rakesh Bedi, bids fair to leap straight into the worst films of the year list. The dialogue is risible. The performances are loud. The film is beyond awful.

Rishi Kapoor plays a son-of-the-Punjab-soil who arrives with his *sala* and the latter's wife in Mauritius to locate his errant son, the selfsame Varun. Another family unit, comprising a crabby wheelchair user (Joshi)

who is constantly running down his wife (Dubey), and their daughter, is dragged into this half-baked plot, making things go from bad to worse. And finally, Jimmy Sheirgill shows up as a hoodlum called Tommy, leading to many lame digs about men who go by the name of dogs, and so on.

I have no idea why demeaning women is considered funny by Bollywood scriptwriters, but maybe they are on to something because the more vile the joke, the louder is the laughter amongst the audience. There was much tittering behind me as one character berated another thus: *patni ho ya panauti*.

The lines pile up. As does the crassness. Finally, after being numbed by the tone-deafness of this 'comedy', you stagger out wondering what Rishi Kapoor is doing in a film like this, especially when he has to confront a line like this: *mann mein jhol aur chaddi mein hole*.

You need chutzpah to work such a line like this. The film has none.

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An Overcrowded House of Horror

TYPEWRITER

★★★

Writer and Director: Sujoy Ghosh
Cast: Palomi Ghosh, Purab Kohli, Kanwaljeet, Aarna Sharma and Sahil Kochar

EKTAA MALIK

IF YOU wanted a Cliff Notes version of everything fantastical and horrific that has captured popular culture through the ages, then *Typewriter*, the latest offering from Netflix is your answer. But as those of us who have used Cliff Notes would know, we can only rely on them for scraping through an exam, nothing more. *Typewriter*, which is being dubbed as India's answer to *Stranger Things* — the international hit horror show — does follow a similar template, but sadly is not able to replicate the formula successfully. Directed by Sujoy Ghosh, who gave us the edge-of-your seat thriller *Kahaani*, *Typewriter* and its premise was very much in his wheelhouse. But *Typewriter* is no *Kahaani*.

The story begins in the mid-eighties, at the ominous Bardez Villa, in lush Goa, which has seen some mysterious, unexplained occurrences in its rambling premises. Madhav Mathews (Kanwaljeet), a successful ghost story writer, who wrote *Ghost of Sultampore* on a Remington typewriter, dies of a heart



attack when he sees a doppelganger ghost of his adolescent granddaughter, Jenny. He then shifts to present day, and Jenny is grown up and has returned to live at Bardez Villa with her husband and two kids. All these new happenings are being observed by a motley crew of three kids and a dog, who've fashioned themselves as a local 'ghost club', and their sole interest is to venture into the haunted villa. Headed by Sameera, all of them have grown up reading Mathews's book and believe it to be true. Things start to unravel when the old Remington typewriter resurfaces and bodies start dropping. The ghost club, which has major throwback feels to *The Famous Five* series by Enid Blyton, takes on the mission to capture the ghost. Their search takes them to a surly man who lives on a boat and has a wooden leg, there is a trip to a carnival to seek the

help of a 'spirit doctor' and they stumble on the legend of Faker, a shape-shifting, supernatural entity who apparently was last seen at the Villa and was central to the plot of *Ghosts of Sultampore*. Throw in a well-intentioned police officer Ravi Anand (Purab Kohli), who happens to be the father of founder of the ghost club, Sameera.

For a country seeped in folklore that has been passed down orally for centuries, we don't do horror well. We might have progressed from the 'woman-in-a-white-saree-holding-a-candle' trope, but we are nowhere close to having a *Stranger Things* or even a *Sixth Sense* of our own, and *Typewriter* just reiterates this point. The first episode starts off brilliantly and we have numerous moments where your heart skips a beat, but by the fifth episode we are just crossing off themes and motifs from a whiteboard. Using

a self-writing typewriter, with the clickity-clack of the keys echoing in a house, was a brilliant premise — and a welcome change from the tinkle of anklets and creaking floorboards and doors that have dominated the soundscape of Indian horror — but it's not explored enough. The show turns into a meandering exercise, with every possible ghost reference in play — blood money, ghosts trapped between planes, ghosts that are actually good ghosts etc, nothing that we haven't seen, heard or interpreted before. Horror has always been about 'show, don't tell', but many times obvious statements and dialogues take away the attention from the screen. The end is quite predictable and the series could have done with some crisp editing and shortened its 50 minute per episode length. It's surprising that the show, which has many children central to the narrative, it doesn't shy away from showing blood and gore. Additionally with a 16+ rating, it has alienated that demography. It's strange that in these times of tiger and helicopter parenting, we see the kids gallivanting across Goa, confiding in strange men, witnessing murders and attending funerals.

Watch it if you are missing Goa and your fifth recurring plan to visit it with your friends this year alone has collapsed.

Typewriter is streaming on Netflix

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Moon Beam

The Apollo 11 landing transmission was perhaps the most politically significant TV programme ever made, signalling the dominance of America in the Cold War



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

ON THIS day 50 years ago, 600 million people the world over were glued to their TV sets watching, almost in real time, Neil Armstrong set foot in the Sea of Tranquility, and take "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind". It was really a leap rather than a step, since the

telescopic ladder of the Eagle lander ended above the lunar surface and, before the television broadcast began, he took a quick leap back up, just to make sure that he would be able to get aboard again after the US flag had been planted, a bit of moonwalking done, and everything had been satisfactorily televised for the folks back home.

The Apollo 11 landing transmission was perhaps the most politically significant TV programme ever made. It was the footage from the finish line camera of the space race, signalling the dominance of America in the Cold War, 20 years before the Berlin Wall fell. The USSR had taken the lead earlier, sending Laika, Yuri Gagarin and Valentina Tereshkova to space after putting Sputnik in orbit. When Sputnik

passed overhead, people on the ground, from farmers to heads of state, listened for its cheerfully triumphant beep on their short wave radios at home. It beamed the message of Soviet technological superiority worldwide, and the newspaper pictures of Gagarin and Tereshkova back on earth, which appeared later, drove the point home.

Two weeks before Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Canaveral, NASA promised the world the political antidote — not radio beeps or grainy news images, but a direct telecast of men walking on the moon. (I don't think Doordarshan, which broadcast at the time and had the pioneers Pratima Puri and Salma Sultan on board, transmitted it in real time — it was the middle of the night in India. But older readers would recall more reliably.) Two years earlier on June 25, 1967, 400 million people had watched *Our*

World, the first global satellite TV programme piloted by the BBC and the European Broadcasting Union, in which artists, performers, academics and leaders from 19 nations had participated. They had included Pablo Picasso, Maria Callas, Lyndon B Johnson and Alexei Kosygin. The Beatles, representing the UK, premiered *All you need is love*, even as the Soviet Bloc withdrew from the programme in protest over the Six Day War.

But that was entertainment. In 1969, NASA reached out to 600 million people with hard news from the moon, broadcast almost in real time. The dramatis personae, Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, had the easiest roles in this pathbreaking transmission from the edge of the unknown. For the backroom boys and girls running NASA's telemetry stations, it was a leap into the dark, using equipment that had not been

fully tested in a satellite communications network stretching from NASA Mission Control in Houston to listening posts near Canberra, Australia.

The story of that technological effort, and the split-second decision-making by TV producers that brought Armstrong live and clear into living rooms across the world, was told in 2000 in the Australian film *The Dish*. Recently, it was covered in print in the meticulously researched *Honeysuckle Creek: The Story of Tom Reid, a Little Dish and Neil Armstrong's First Step* (NewSouth Publishing, Australia, November 2018), by the former Australian MP, shadow cabinet member, lawyer and biographer Andrew Tink.

NASA's Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station near Canberra was the backup dish antenna for covering the moon landing, but the main dish at Parkes was at a disadvantage. It would be just after moonrise at Parkes when Armstrong pulled a cable to release the Eagle's external camera, and the signal would be too unreliable for showing the crucial moment when he set foot on the moon. And so the tiny, 85 foot dish at Honeysuckle Creek was selected to receive the signal and relay it to Houston and the world.

Of the images that the Eagle lander

beamed back, two stills have lingered in the human imagination — a colour image of Buzz Aldrin with Armstrong and the Eagle reflected in his helmet visor, and the stark, monochrome image of the print of Armstrong's space boot in the lunar dust. Its imprint marks one waypoint in the journey of the human race, another being marked by the barefoot prints left behind 3.5 million years ago by Australopithecus afarensis in the dust of Laetoli, Tanzania. Both are for ever.

In 2005, on the CBS programme *60 Minutes*, Armstrong was asked how he felt about his footprints remaining on the moon. Self-deprecating as always, he replied: "I kind of hope that somebody goes up there one of these days and cleans them up". Rather, as Andy Weir suggests in *Artemis*, if the moon is ever populated, those footprints would be cordoned off and become a major tourist attraction for visitors from the earth. And no doubt, there would be a vintage vacuum tube TV nearby playing on a loop the footage that Honeysuckle Creek received from the Sea of Tranquility on this day in 1969.

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The Power and the Glory

The story of Chandra Shekhar, the maverick in Indian politics

MANISHANKARAIYAR

CHANDRASHEKHAR brought to our politics a refreshing change from the usual run of sycophants and time-servers. Ever the maverick, and never the team-worker, he rarely allowed ground realities to deter him. He often challenged the great precisely because they were the great, but then allowed them to use him for their own purposes because he valued the uses of power. He disguised this contradiction by consistently holding that political differences did not amount to personal differences. He saw himself as high-minded and principled, but he comes through as vain and self-righteous, with a remarkable capacity for cloaking himself in virtue when betraying his leaders and switching sides. This enabled him to straddle the spectrum of political parties and shifting alliances while persuading himself that he was being ideologically consistent.

Of humble origins, this 'Balliat' — the derogatory expression used at Allahabad University to describe country bumpkins — decided in his student days that "socialism would be his life's ideal" and joined the Socialist Party. But within a year or so, in 1952, he was "outraged" at the way tickets were being distributed by the leaders of the Socialists to the well-heeled. Yet, he remained with the party, became its joint secretary and, following a run-in with Ram Manohar Lohia, eventually emerged as a supporter of the Narendra Dev/Asoka Mehta faction that labelled itself the Praja Socialist Party (PSP), and entered the Rajya Sabha on its ticket in 1962. There, he soon made himself a name as a vociferous critic of Jawaharlal Nehru and his family.

So, when his leader, Asoka Mehta, responded favourably to Nehru's outreach to all socialists to unite after the humiliating defeat India had suffered at China's hands, Chandra Shekhar went off in a huff, leading to his expulsion from the PSP, but after six months as a lonely Independent he decided to join the Congress. It was his third party move in 10 years! There were many more still to come. Consistency in spouting the dogma of "socialism" but inconsistency in choosing the instruments for reaching his ideological goal marked his political life.

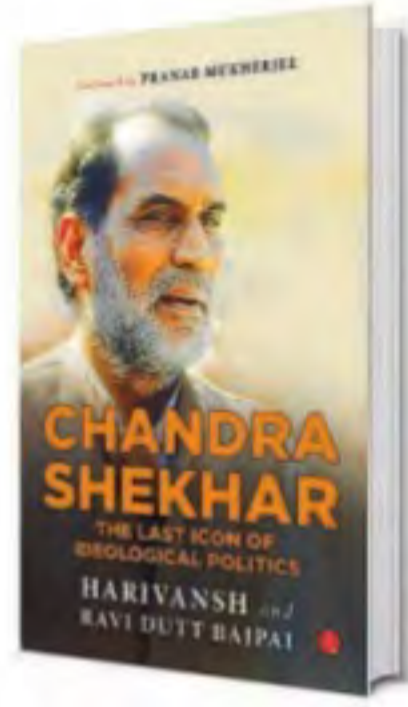
So, although as a socialist ideologue he had raised a host of issues that were to define Indira Gandhi's reign in the Seventies, including bank nationalisation and the abolition of privy purses, he was principally celebrated in the Sixties for his harsh criticism of Indira Gandhi and his virulent expose of the wrongdoings of industrial houses and their dubious connections to the Congress party. Yet, it was none other than Indira Gandhi who overruled her party veterans to grant Chandra Shekhar a second term in the House. For in Chandra Shekhar's Young Turks, Indira had found the allies she needed to confront the Syndicate.

Certainly, the Young Turks constituted the commandos in Indira's battle with the Syndicate, but in less than a year of her prevailing, she targeted the intra-party critics of her government, led by Chandra Shekhar, as "arm-chair critics who did not care to know the reality of the situation". Over the next few years, the gap between the two grew. On June 25, 1975, Chandra Shekhar was among the first to be arrested and incarcerated under the proclamation of Emergency.

On his release, he was involved in frenetic moves to unite the un-uniteable in the Janata Party, and then presided over its unravelling. By the mid-Eighties, the party was over and this politician of principle drifted into the company of Arun Nehru, whom he dis-



Chandra Shekhar with VP Singh. Express Archive



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trusted, and VP Singh, whom he disliked, to dislodge the Rajiv Gandhi regime. It was a pyrrhic victory. Within weeks, he was back to fighting his colleagues in government. VP Singh went and less than a year after turfing out Rajiv Gandhi, Chandra Shekhar moved in as Prime Minister, but thanks only to Rajiv loaning him the parliamentary support that his own small rump lacked.

Instead of recognising that this obliged him to run the government in close association with those who had made him PM, he desisted from consultation and insisted on having his own unfettered way. Moreover, none of this had anything to do with "socialism": the balance-of-payments crisis drew him into the embrace of the very Bretton Woods institutions that he, as a dyed-in-the-wool socialist, had viewed with deep suspicion all his life. Their support, in turn, depended on accepting an obligatory package of non-socialist — indeed, anti-socialist — economic reforms. Even more crucially, the package could be devised only with US ap-

proval. And that approval was contingent on India providing refuelling facilities to US aircraft and bunkering for the US Navy in their assault on Iraq. This meant the abandonment of Non-alignment. At this crucial juncture, Chandra Shekhar failed to carry, or even consult, his principal partner. He also thwarted Rajiv's attempt to defuse the Babri Masjid issue by asking the president to request the Supreme Court to give a binding finding on the essential question of whether the masjid had indeed been built after destroying an extant temple.

It was the breakdown in mutual trust occasioned by Chandra Shekhar's self-defeating violation of what Atal Bihari Vajpayee was to later call the "coalition *dharma*" that led to his ignominious fall. Historians would have examined this angle; hagiographers would not. If only the authors had been less worshipful of their hero, this might have been a very good book.

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Every Man's Land

A bird's-eye view of the land records systems that represent the main models in India

SVIJAY KUMAR

ALL OF us use land, rural or urban, for a variety of purposes, but most of us do not fully appreciate the issues of land ownership and all that it entails. Its fair and transparent regulation is at the heart of modern society, and devising a satisfactory mechanism for recording of ownership and occupancy and its consequent regulation is a sovereign function of governments, arising in part out of the imperative of taxation. Colonial administrators took a practical view and adopted the approach of identifying (with the help of the local village community) persons claiming ownership of each parcel of land, resolving in a summary manner any competing claims, and recording a presumptive title for each parcel of land in the land records, primarily for the purpose of determining the landowner's liability to pay land revenue for the land that he cultivated.

The current record of land ownership maintained by the Revenue Department in the various states (even though the record has now been extensively computerised and is available on the internet in most cases) is, therefore, mostly a record based on presumptive title, unrebuted over many generations. Presumptive titles are subject to a conclusive determination of title by a civil court

based on evidence. To those who are not familiar with the intricacies of the Indian system of land records, it would seem that the current system of presumptive titling based on deed-registration is unsatisfactory for the purposes of transactions of land because of the uncertainty surrounding the title of ownership, and that "conclusive titling" is the natural way forward as part of any reform. Even to those who are familiar with the system of survey and settlement and the making and updating of the record-of-rights, "conclusive titling" may seem a more satisfactory way of recording rights.

BK Agarwal, who has extensive first-hand knowledge of how the land records system works in India, has departed from conventional wisdom, but after considerable analysis and research of how the systems work in various other countries (the US, France and the Netherlands for deed registration and Australia, England and Germany for title registration) and the implications for India. He points out that title-based systems are easy to implement if there is not much investigation involved at the time of first registration, and that is not the case in India.

He concludes, giving detailed reasons, that at this stage, shifting to a "conclusive title" registration system in India is not advisable, is likely to be a lengthy process and that the benefits would take a long time to be re-



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alised. The legal principles relating to title-based registration are quite different for the current deed-based registration. Instead, he advocates improvement in the presumptive-titling based system, including compulsory registration of wills; *prima facie* inquiry into the title of the transferor at time of transfers and a more exact description of property in the transfer deed.

Agarwal provides a bird's-eye view of the land records systems in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab and West Bengal, which

represent the main models in India (Punjab under the Mahalwari system, West Bengal under the Zamindari system and Maharashtra and Karnataka with their Ryotwari system). It is certainly an easier task to improve the current systems than to switch over to a new system, though the long-term utility of doing so is unquestionable. Those who agree with Agarwal's conclusions could, for instance, take recourse to current-day technologies like blockchain, and identification systems such as Aadhaar to get substantial improvements.

Agarwal's book is a must-read for practitioners, and for policy-makers looking at land record reform as part of larger economic reform. Lack of accurate land records does impede industrialisation, urbanisation and infrastructure creation. Excessive reliance on compulsory land acquisition (which tends to extinguish all previous titles by law) is also symptomatic of the state of the land record as it exists. Title-based records would introduce new legal principles; it would require all properties to be brought onto a title register through an investigative/adjudicatory process. And a dual system of both conclusive and presumptive titling would need to be operated for a long time until the switchover is complete.

The real issues lie in making the transition from presumptive to conclusive titling as painless, fair and transparent as possible. All this calls for a clear and determined leadership (at central as well as state levels) over several decades (yes, decades), during the transition period.

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GOOD OMENS

British Yoruba author Tade Thompson's alien-invasion novel, *Rosewater* (2016), wins the 2019 Arthur C Clarke award, the UK's most prestigious prize for science fiction novels. Thompson blends sci-fi invention with sly wit in the first part of his *Wormwood Trilogy*, that is set in Nigeria in 2066. Thompson received £2,019 in prize.

Road to Redemption

Nemat Sadat's debut novel is an ode to beauty and hope, even in dark times

RAM SARANGAN

THERE IS a part of Nemat Sadat's *The Carpet Weaver* which talks about Rabia Balkhi, an Afghan poet-princess who was executed for writing odes to her beloved, a castle servant. What the book's protagonist, Kanishka, says about Rabia's story comes close to capturing the essence of Sadat's work — "How courageous she was to defiantly love whom she pleased, defend her art and live her existence fully until its tragic end."

The book is set in the 1970s and '80s in Afghanistan, a particularly tumultuous period for the restive country. The very first page of the book sets the tone by describing a birthday party for Kanishka, in which one of his uncles uses the word *kumi* — a derogatory word for a gay man — and calls them "immoral, impure, unpardonable and wretched". Kanishka is already aware of his sexual orientation by then, and his fear of it being exposed is a constant theme throughout the book, even as he falls in love with his friend Maihan, who returns his affections. The relationship, and the accompanying moments of happiness and troubles, is a thread that runs the course of the book — the protagonist's feelings for Maihan a rare constant even as his world faces constant upheaval.

First, there is the Maoist father (Baba), a well-regarded carpet seller who secretly meets his fellows in Kabul's *hamams*. When he takes Kanishka to one such meeting, the covert politics pales for the protagonist when compared to what he has heard of the city's baths — that they are often a refuge for "men seeking the company of men". And just as his father used coded phrases to access the meeting, he finds that there are other signals at play in the premises as well. Under the regime of Daoud Khan, the group discusses politics and the spreading of Maoism, even as winds of uncertainty swept through Afghanistan's repressive society. The group is soon cut off from Beijing's support, even as Daoud's death and a Soviet invasion looms on the horizon.

But these larger forces are largely muted as the first-person narration keeps the reader focused on the twists and turns of Kanishka's life — from a thorough dressing-down when he plays dress-up with Maihan and their friend Faiz to an attack by schoolmates who discover the couple together. Kanishka's father is arrested by the secret police even as an army coup leads to a bloody, Soviet-led regime change.

Keeping the personal narrative at the forefront is a tricky exercise that Sadat carries out successfully, for the most part. But there are times when the muted nature in which larger events are introduced fail to deliver the proper impact. One such example is when Kanishka, offered a chance by Maihan to spy for the CIA in exchange for a green card and passage to the US, refuses saying it would be a betrayal of Afghanistan and his father's cause. This comes as a bit of a surprise, as there was no



THE CARPET WEAVER
NEMAT SADAT
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previous inking that he felt so strongly about politics. His encounters with his father's group and cause were described from an entirely personal angle — his love for his father, his trepidation for his family's safety and so on. To suddenly discover in him a political will strong enough to deny the opportunity for safety at that moment was a little jarring.

Perhaps, the one consistent element of beauty and hope throughout the book is art, be it poetry or carpet-weaving. While Kanishka's initial love for his father's profession was suppressed strictly by the man himself, it is this that turns out to be his salvation when the family makes its way to a tyrannical refugee camp in Pakistan. The time at the camp is one of the darkest in Kanishka's story, but it is also where he rediscovers his passion for carpet-weaving — and through it, a path to survival — in a space where refugees were forced to make them night and day.

Sadat's greatest strength is his eye for complexity and detail — be it a birthday party, a tender moment or a turmoil-filled interior monologue. The period set in Afghanistan is, perhaps, the standout portion of the book, if only because of the way the writer speaks of a bygone era, with all its intolerance and complexities. The spell is broken from time to time, when Sadat bows to the necessity of having to provide historical context by delivering information dumps that take away from otherwise sharp writing.

The novel's dedication to portraying the fragility of life is evident in its complexities. Most happy moments are bittersweet, no emotion is fully evident, no motive is completely understandable, no space is truly safe and no memory is completely untainted. Perhaps, that is what makes its ending, and everything that leads up to it, so relatable. The story might be set in the 1980s, but it lives and breathes in today's world.

SHELF LIFE

Fates and Furies



MAGICAL WOMEN
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IN A 1990 interview with the *Paris Review*, Margaret Atwood said, "Men often ask me, 'Why are your female characters so paranoid?' It's not paranoia. It's recognition of their situation." Her words resonate with many, particularly in the wake of the #MeToo revelations last year. Indeed, occasionally over those turbulent few months, it felt like the relationship between various genders would always be marked by mistrust and paranoia.

Turning the tables on their (mostly male) abusers appears to be one function that some of the stories in *Magical Women* serve. This short story anthology, edited by Sukanya Venkatraghavan, writer of *Dark Things* (2016), is about what it means to be powerful and magical, especially for a woman. As Venkatraghavan writes in her Editor's Note, "We need to tell these tales embedded in our culture and imagination, about magic we have forgotten we possess, or are told we don't, because the world is afraid of a female

who knows she is powerful." And so there are stories like 'Gul' by Shreya Ila Anasuya, 'Gandaberunda' by SV Sujatha, 'Earth and Evolution Walk Into A Bar...' by Sejal Mehta, 'Tridevi Turbulence' by Trisha Das, Venkatraghavan's own 'The Rakshasi's Rose Garden' and 'Apocalyptic' by Krishna Udayasankar, in which a woman (or women) takes back her power, even if it means following a path of destruction.

Which is when it starts to get a little exhausting. Anger is a powerful emotion, but it seems a little reductive that a show of female power should occur mainly within this paradigm of violence and retribution. Indeed, the weakest stories in the book are those where female rage and vengeance are the only things driving the plot. 'Gandaberunda', in particular, feels like a missed opportunity because it never escapes the confines of its admittedly excellent concept to acquire a full-fledged, multi-note plot. Contrast it with 'The Rakshasi's Rose Garden', which, by the end, becomes a moving tale about how anger can transform from a barren emotion to one that drives a person's creative side.

The best stories here are the ones leavened with wonder and a sense of humour, and which allow a little room for love and softness. So you have the delightfully mad and blackly funny 'Grandma Garam's Kitty Party' in which interesting things happen at a gathering of witches. Tashan Mehta's 'Rulebook for Creating a Universe' is the most captivating story of the lot, for creating an immersive world even as it tells the tale of a girl who asked inconvenient questions.

The imaginative world-building attempts in many of the stories is admirable, but they frequently come off as laboured. We know that stories are sometimes the best vehicle for messages, but when the message doesn't form an organic part of the story, all it does is break the illusion.

POOJA PILLAI

Sri Lanka's sports minister has ordered the sacking of the national cricket coach after a lacklustre World Cup campaign.

Dhoni has no plans to retire soon, claims friend Pandey

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 19

MAHENDRA SINGH Dhoni has no plans to retire, claims his close friend and business partner Arun Pandey, adding that Team India desperately requires his services right now.

"The team needs him more than him needing the team," Pandey told *The Indian Express*.

Since the time India lost to New Zealand in the World Cup semifinals, Pandey feels unnecessary pressure has been put on the former India skipper to hang up his boots.

"There is no plan as such (to retire), no one has thought about it. It is an unnecessary debate. It seems a few people were waiting for the World Cup to get over so that they could talk about Dhoni," he asserted.

Pandey, who also looks after player management firm Rheti Sports which has been taking care of Dhoni's business interests for a long time, felt vested interests are



According to Arun Pandey (left), MS Dhoni has no fitness or performance issues, and hence the retirement speculation is baseless. *File*

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ARUN PANDEY
MS DHONI'S FRIEND AND BUSINESS PARTNER

"It's shameful that people are talking in this way. The day he (Dhoni) feels he is not giving his hundred per cent, he will move on. There is no plan as such. He retired in 2014 when he wanted to retire from Test cricket. He is not one to stretch his career unnecessarily."

The relationship between Dhoni and Pandey goes back more than two decades. The friends became business partners and soon, the latter started negotiating endorsement deals for the emerging big star in Indian cricket. Rheti Sports began man-

at play wanting the wicketkeeper-batsman to retire. He claimed the Indian team can't afford to let Dhoni go at this moment, even though he is 38 now.

"There is no issue of his fitness, his performance. Whether he should continue playing or not, that's another issue," Pandey said.



Morgan is gearing up to lead Dublin in Euro T20 Slam. *AP*

Morgan yet to decide on his England future

London: Eoin Morgan says he has not yet decided whether to remain as England's white-ball skipper following their dramatic World Cup win against New Zealand. Morgan, 32, told BBC Sport it would be a "big commitment" to continue until the 2023 World Cup, with next year's T20 World Cup a "more realistic" target.

"I don't think I'm in a good state to make a decision at the moment, just simply that I haven't had a chance to get away from the madness and the craze of winning the World Cup," said Morgan.

"I've not been able to get into a logical mindset and actually ask myself a couple of questions. It's taken a huge amount out of me, both mentally and physically, so once everything calms down over the next couple of months I'll hopefully come to a decision that at the forefront of it will be my family and the team."

England suffered a humiliating group-stage exit at the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand just weeks after Morgan was appointed as the 50-over captain. But under his leadership they climbed to the top of the international rankings and also reached the final of the World Twenty20 in 2016.

Head coach Trevor Bayliss, another architect of England's success, will leave his position after the upcoming Ashes campaign. Asked if England's World Cup triumph, and the remarkable circumstances in which they won it, had sunk in yet, Morgan said: "No, I think it will take time. The madness has been taken to a new level everywhere I go."

Ireland-born batsman Morgan will lead the Dublin franchise in the inaugural Euro T20 Slam, a new 20-over league featuring six teams in Ireland, the Netherlands and Scotland. The 32-year-old Dubliner was the star attraction at the tournament's first draft in London on Friday, when more than 100 international and domestic players were selected for the Amsterdam Knights, Belfast Titans, Dublin Chiefs, Edinburgh Rocks, Glasgow Giants and Rotterdam Rhinos.

"It's important to lay a platform to give people opportunities to play on a more consistent basis against some of the best players in the world," Morgan said at the player auction. "It's brilliant and I think there's a market for it as well." International stars included Pakistan's Babar Azam and Mohammad Amir, Australia's Shane Watson, South Africa's JP Duminy and New Zealander Martin Gupthill. *AFP*

Head coach Trevor Bayliss, another architect of England's success, will leave his position after the upcoming Ashes campaign.

At stumps, Zimbabwe all out

ICC's suspension of the country's cricket board has left its cricketers utterly devastated

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
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ZIMBABWE CRICKETERS were left shocked and heartbroken after the ICC suspended the country's board for government interference, a decision which they believe ended their careers and reduced the team to a bunch of strangers. The ICC on Thursday suspended Zimbabwe Cricket with immediate effect for violation of the global body's constitution which doesn't allow any government intervention.

Zimbabwe's Sports and Recreation Commission (SRC) had suspended Zimbabwe Cricket board in June and formed an interim committee to manage cricket affairs in the country, prompting ICC to suspend ZC.

With the ICC action, its funding to ZC has been frozen and representative teams from the African nation will not be allowed to participate in any ICC event.

In an emotional post on Twitter, Sikandar Raza said this is not how he wanted to bid goodbye to the sport. "How one decision has made a team, strangers. How one decision has made so many people unemployed. How one decision affects so many families. How one decision has ended so many careers. Certainly not how I wanted to say goodbye to international cricket @ICC," Raza posted.

Former Zimbabwe skipper Brendan Taylor said the decision ended the careers of many people who have been associated with the sport in the country. "@ICC It's heartbreaking to hear your verdict and suspend cricket in Zimbabwe. The @ZimbabweSrc has no government back round yet our Chairman is an MP? Hundreds of honest people, players, support staff, ground staff totally devoted to ZC out of a job, just like that," Taylor tweeted. Fast bowler Kyle Jarvis too expressed his disappointment on social media. "A lot of good people have just been put out of work @ICC," he wrote on his Twitter handle before adding: "Gutted".

India tour in limbo

Zimbabwe were scheduled to tour India in January 2020 to play three Twenty20 International (T20I) matches. They last travelled to India in February and March 2002. That series is now clouded by uncertainty.

"Right now, we are not really thinking of any back-up plan. We will wait for the ICC quarterly meeting on October 16. Since they have been given three months to get their house in order, it is only prudent that we wait," a senior BCCI official privy to the developments in ICC said on Friday.



Zimbabwe's last international match was against Ireland in Bready on July 14, which they won by eight wickets. *AP*

@SRAZAB24
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ence in cricket matters and insisted that the commission which disbanded Zimbabwe Cricket was a "public body".

No govt interference, claims minister

In a series of tweets, Coventry, a two-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer, said, "There has been no Government Interference @ICC !!!" She argued that "good governance" was required to run the sport in the country. "I am devastated that the @ICC ruling has affected our @ZimCricketv Players. There is need for good governance at ZC for the international success we all want to see. Any decisions towards that should never affect the Players."

She insisted that it was not government-inspired decision. "Minister of Sport elects SRC

board (ICC do not see this as Govt interference). SRC is not Government - they are a Public Body," read her tweet.

In her last post, Coventry said she will meet both men's and women's captains. Former Zimbabwe pacer Henry Olonga seemed to be on a different page as he blamed the poor administration for the mass exodus of talent from his country. He named Colin De Grandhomme, Gary Ballance, Tom Curran, Sam Curran and David Pocock, who left the country and joined other international teams.

De Grandhomme was part of World Cup finalists New Zealand's squad while Tom Curran was in champions England's squad though he did not get a game. ".....Just a few Zimbos done well abroad. Why don't we hold on to them." ".....I pose the question to highlight that the mass exodus of players has nothing to do with the lack of talent."

Nobody can be member of two state associations, rules CoA

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JULY 19

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) has decided to make dual membership null and void, stating that a person can be a member of only one state association under the BCCI. In a directive issued on Friday, the Supreme Court-appointed panel said this has been done in accordance with the Lodha Committee recommendations.

"...in order to implement Cricket Reforms process, membership of a person should be restricted to one (1) State Association and therefore, a person shall only be entitled to membership of one (1) State Association at a time," the CoA directive stated.

It added: "In light of the above, it is directed that any person holding memberships to more than one (1) State Associations will have to choose the State Association to which he/she desires to remain a member. Further, the State Associations are directed to ensure that their respective members do not hold membership in any other State Association."

There have been instances of persons having memberships in more than one state association. The Lodha Committee, in its report, addressed the issue, saying: "There does not seem to be any guideline or basis for membership, and there seems to be ad-hoc, often at the pleasure of the incumbents."

As for the CoA, it had earlier mandated that every state association would have to grant membership to all former international players hailing from the state. And the committee made it clear that former players would be entitled to membership of only one state association at a time. Several former players turned out for different states during their careers. They will have to choose one state association where they want to remain a member.

"The Committee of Administrators, keeping in mind the principle of de-centralisation of power and influence (which lies at the very core of the Cricket Reforms) directed that such former international players are required to indicate the State Association to which membership is to be granted. Further, the former international players are only entitled to membership to only one (1) State Association at a time," stated the CoA directive.

JUNIOR WORLD CUP

Tomar takes bed-time shikaar tales literally, goes for medal hunt in Suhl

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 19

GROWING UP, Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar would fondly listen to the shikaar tales of his father, Veer Bahadur Singh. And then in the first two months of every year, the Ratanpur village native in Madhya Pradesh would insist his father take him to the district capital Khargone for the Navgrah fairs, so that the youngster could do some shikaar of his own at the balloon shooting stalls.

Those memories seem to have been from another era for the young Tomar, and over time, his shooting ambitions changed. On Friday, the 18-year-old forged a strong lead and did not falter as he set a new junior world record en route to capturing gold in the final of the men's 50m 3 position rifle event at the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

"Being a landlord (of 50 acres of land), I own more than three guns and we would often go hunting when Aishwarya was young," recalls an emotional Veer Bahadur, who had travelled with the family to Shirdi to pay homage on Friday. "There was nobody to tell



Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, gold medallist in men's 50m 3 position rifle at the World Junior Championships in Suhl, with coach Suma Shirur.

first learned about sport shooting from a cousin, Navdeep Singh Rathore, an international shooter himself, who was also a member of the Indian team that competed at the 2010 Youth Olympics in Singapore.

It was during a visit to Rathore in Bhopal during holidays that Tomar would first attend a summer camp at the Madhya Pradesh Shooting Academy. His skill shone immediately, but for him to harness it he would have to shift base from his home over 250 kms away.

"When I was selected in the trials for the MP Shooting Academy, I knew that I had to stay away from my family," Tomar says. "It was tough initially but I made it a point to visit the village on festivals. And I also make it a point to go to the Navgrah fair."

The fascination for shooting never dwindled once the rigours of training started. At the Academy he had to manage his time between three different events, the 10 m air rifle, 50 m prone and the three position that he's now starting to master. But the workload didn't push him into a shell. Instead, he became even more curious about the sport.

By January 2018, crucially, veteran shooter Suma Shirur, who is the high per-

formance coach of the junior India rifle team, joined the Academy in Bhopal, putting her in clear sight of the budding marksman.

"Aishwarya's biggest strength has been his focus and it helped me to coach him when I joined the academy," says Shirur. "We would work a lot on his basics and he would always show his eagerness to compete in all the three events, which is good for a young shooter. 3P requires a lot of stamina since it goes for more than three hours. But Aishwarya would never hesitate to train extra for the event."

Fourth in qualification

On Friday, Tomar shot a score of 1171 to finish fourth in the qualification round, ten points behind top ranked Chinese shooter Changhong Zhang. In the final though, his closest rival was Hungarian teenager Zalan Pekler. He shot a score of 153.4 in the kneeling position to grab the lead after the first three series.

After the three series of prone, Tomar dropped to second place with a total of 307.2, 1.7 points behind Pekler. In the first two series of the standing position, Tomar shot scores of 49.3 and 51.1 to grab a lead he would

never relinquish. Eventually, he won by 4.5 points and his finals tally of 459.3 would set a new junior world record.

Last year, at the very same World Cup, Tomar finished 30th. But the sudden jump to gold has not just given him his first international title in the junior level, he's also caught the attention of India's senior rifle coach Deepak Kumar Dubey.

"In the World Cups this year, where he competed in MQS category, he shot scores of 624 in 10 M Air Rifle event and it added to his exposure," Dubey explains. "And he displayed that in the elimination round here that the standing series is his strength. The scores in kneeling and prone helped him but the way he shot under pressure in the standing elimination round was brilliant. He won by a good margin, but a single mistake could have costed him the gold."

The only international medal Tomar had won previously was a bronze at the Asian Championships in Taiwan earlier this year. It gave him some momentum to progress further. But for Tomar, who once championed the balloon shooting stalls at the Navgrah fairs, he's now hit the jackpot on the biggest stage on the junior international circuit.



AFI considers banning state secretaries to curb age-fudging

ANDREW AMSAN
AGRA, JULY 19

IN A bid to clamp down on age-fudging, the Athletics Federation of India has now decided to stop the buck at a top official of the state body which the offending athlete is representing. On the first day of its two-day Annual General Meeting, a proposal was put forward seeking to ban the secretary of the state unit for a year and set up an ad-hoc committee if two or more of its athletes are caught in age manipulation.

AFI president Adille Sumariwalla felt that some state federations were complicit with age manipulators and it was high time to "give a knock" on their heads. "The state federations have to start working and clean up this mess. It's for them to sort it out at the state level and weed out athletes who are overage before they reach the national meets," he said at the end of the first day's proceedings.

The national body asked its affiliated units to conduct the prescribed age verification tests on suspect athletes and scrutinise their documents. Objections were raised by a few state units over the feasibility of conducting the tests but Sumariwalla and AFI Planning Commission Chairman Lalit Bhanot refused to budge.

"We don't have the funds to conduct age verification tests," a state official complained. But Sumariwalla snapped back, "Then find someone who can get you funds."

Age-manipulation and doping are two ills plaguing Indian athletics for decades. At the National Youth Athletics Championships in Raipur this year, 41 competitors failed age verification tests. Despite suspending state bodies in the past, the age-fraud menace doesn't seem to subside. "We will also be issuing unique identification numbers and getting biometric data. It's a worldwide phenomenon. In all developing nations, this problem is there. Unless the state becomes strong we cannot eradicate it," added Sumariwalla.

World Championship bronze medalist Anju Bobby George agreed with AFI's proposal to punish the state office-bearers. Anju, who unveiled India's new jersey on Friday, narrated an incident when she caught an athlete running proxy for his younger brother. "Unless such steps are taken, they won't change. And it won't happen overnight and will take a few years at least. But this is a step in the right direction," she said.

Curbing doping was another issue discussed at length during the meeting. The AFI, according to Sumariwalla, has been pushing for criminalising the offence for over five years now. The national body feels the state units need to become more accountable.

"There are some countries where doping is already a criminal offence. I'll be happy if it happens in India too. We can't go to every district and find out who's doping. That is where the state body needs to come in. At the national camps, we have regular tests so there is no way anyone can dope there. We have information that there are certain centres in Haryana that have become a hub for doping and that needs to be dealt with," said Sumariwalla.

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ADILLE SUMARIWALLA
PRESIDENT, ATHLETICS FEDERATION OF INDIA



No quarters given

PV Sindhu in action against Nozomi Okuhara in the quarterfinals of Indonesia Open on Friday. Sindhu won 21-14 21-7. AP

Sindhu beats Okuhara to storm into semis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAKARTA, JULY 19

TOP INDIAN shuttler PV Sindhu stormed into the semifinals of the Indonesia Open after beating Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in straight games in the women's singles event here on Friday.

Olympic silver medalist Sindhu, seeded fifth, hardly had to break a sweat as she posted a comfortable 21-14 21-7 win over the third seeded Japanese shuttler in just 44 minutes. The Indian will face second seeded Chen Yu Fei of China in the last-four clash of the BWF World Tour Super 1000 tournament.

Sindhu, also a multiple-time World Championship medallist, dominated the proceedings from the start to finish. She took little time to get into the groove and once she broke away from tied 6-6, there was no looking back for the shuttler from Hyderabad. Sindhu reeled off four consecutive points to move ahead 10-6 and although Okuhara managed to earn a couple of points, the Indian went into the break at 11-8.

After the interval, Sindhu simply tightened the noose and kept widening the gap to take the first game 21-14. The second game turned out to be a one-sided affair as Sindhu ran away with the game with hardly any resistance from the higher seeded opponent.

Vanakkam badminton

Lying in the shadow of traditional badminton hotbeds for decades, Tamil Nadu is a sleeping giant beginning to stir

SHIVANI NAIK
MUMBAI, JULY 19

LIKE THE westerly winds that bypass it every so often, India's badminton breeze had skipped Tamil Nadu entirely all these years. Neighbouring states Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka had led India's global success in singles, while Kerala traditionally nursed a vibrant doubles culture and remained a feeder for the paired event.

But now, Tamil Nadu is catching up with its illustrious neighbours: its cross-court smash and wristy deception at the net with low retrieves, the tall hard hitter, 18, followed his cousin Arunkumar onto the court. Fitness is his forte.

Tamil Nadu's Sankar Muthuswamy, K Sathish Kumar and Sidhanth Gupta, all boys' singles players, and top girls' doubles junior VS Varshini are headed to Suzhou, China, for the July 20-28 Asian juniors meet.

For long, the hub of chess and tennis in which it boasted great depth, and the fulcrum of squash and table tennis, Tamil Nadu is now tossing up talent in badminton, which prompts Chennai's top coach Jerry Martin to say, "Seniors will take time, but Tamil Nadu is the best state in juniors currently in India."

He credits this spurt in numbers and quality to cash prizes at district and state meets for players and monetary incentives starting from Rs 25,000 per month for coaches producing players. "Cash prizes are performance-based, and while the state never had facilities - courts or coaches - earlier, the success of Saina (Nehwal) and (PV) Sindhu has led to hundreds of children taking up the sport in the last few years. Girls outnumber boys three to one," Jerry says.

He sees another eye-popping trend. "South Indians don't take risks at all, so sacrificing studies for sport was unheard of. Now suddenly, they all want to get into Open School, and train long hours in badminton. Parents themselves come up with that option. For kids, badminton is trendy, carrying that kitbag is stylish," he laughs.

Jerry played at the state and national level, quit in 1993 for coaching, but took up five courts at Kodambakkam only in the last few years where he runs elite (two courts) and beginners (three) batches. Over the years, he got used to receiving im-



Three of the four boys' singles players picked for this month's Asian Junior Championship — (L-R) Sankar Muthuswamy, K Sathish Kumar and Sidhanth Gupta — along with top girls' doubles junior VS Varshini hail from Tamil Nadu.

promptly invites from PMK politician Anbumani Ramadoss, who would fancy a game of shuttle at the Madras Race Course courts in Guindy whenever he could sneak in time.

In 2017, Ramadoss started his second term as president of the Tamil Nadu Badminton Association, but he'd insisted on incentives for players and coaches from much earlier. "He carries the badminton kitbag wherever he goes and is crazy about playing the sport. His idea to pay the coaches well really paid off," Jerry says.

Sankar Muthuswamy, 15, who trains on the 6-court fireball academy at Annanagar in Chennai, is the youngest of the lot, a left-handed prodigy and currently India's finest junior retriever known for his speed and accuracy. "I was first interested in outdoor sports and thought I'd pick tennis. But I found the indoors more comfortable and grew to like badminton very quickly. Now, the competition within Tamil Nadu is very high, and we are as good as players from states playing for many years," he insists.

Varshini is a naturally attacking stroke-maker from Madurai, tipped to rise on the doubles scene, after inheriting a fair bit of explosive power from her father Vishwanath, a volleyball player. Sidhanth Gupta is a cerebral chameleon on court - capable of adapting to offence or defence and playing varied styles within one 21-point game. Sathish

started under coach Venkatesh in Coimbatore. Known for his metronomic consistency, assured footwork, his cross-court smash and wristy deception at the net with low retrieves, the tall hard hitter, 18, followed his cousin Arunkumar onto the court. Fitness is his forte.

Tamil Nadu rarely figured on the national scene with just three podium finishers at the junior levels in known memory: there was Kanhaialal in the late 1970s, P Vadana winning silver in the sub-juniors and Ajith Haridas who was junior national doubles champion in 1991, the same year that P Gopichand won his first junior singles crown.

Ambitious programme

Now, Ajith helms an ambitious programme to raise champions at the state-of-the-art Hatsun academy in Thiruthangal near Madurai - where Sidhanth Gupta trains. Jerry Martin and coach Aravind (who trained Sankar) have training facilities in Chennai, while the trio of coaches Venkatesh, Shibu and Mahendra are churning out impressive juniors from Coimbatore. Badminton is witnessing an upsurge in all three major cities.

According to Aravind, "I'm seeing a lot of tennis talent moving to badminton. After years of trying at tennis, badminton is looking more realistic and less costly because Indians are seen competing at highest levels." Sankar's father had played tennis, but

didn't think twice before enrolling daughter Laxmi Priyanka and Sankar into badminton. The Tamil Nadu story is encouraging also because the state's insistence on demanding birth certificates that are verified, and almost always issued within a month of the birth - unlike the several delayed ones in age-fraud cases. "For a long time, our boys and girls would lose to overage players. But now our quality is so good that Tamil Nadu players are consistently beating much older shuttlers relying on better fitness and technique," Jerry explains.

Priorities are on track - almost every promising shuttler in the state is seeking fitness support from institutes like Quantum Leap Performance (QLP) of former cricket trainer Ramji Srinivasan, or the sophisticated strength conditioning programs at YMCA, led by trainer Riyaz. The focus is not merely on pretty strokes, but peak fitness, with agility and endurance workouts starting as early as the age of 10.

Chennai had once been content gently applauding Saina when she won her first Krishna Khaitan Memorial (India's top junior event) title there before the tournament moved to Chandigarh. India's former junior coach Sanjeev Sachdeva ran a rudimentary training centre in Chetpet 15 years ago. Youngster Aditya Elango was much touted at that time, but plateaued unlike a

Kidambi Srikanth whose stock rose with top titles.

While Karan Rajan (who broke into the Top 100) brought Tamil Nadu its first ever senior singles title, winning the minor Guatemala Future series, and finishing runner-up at an International Series in Lagos, Sankar Muthusamy brought happy news winning a bronze in the U15 singles at the Asian championships. Tamil Nadu now boasts three shuttlers in the under-19 Top 10 boys' singles rankings, while Rhuthvik Sanjeevi, Kavin Thangam and Sidhanth are quickly rising among under-17s.

Ajith Haridas, who reached the national junior singles semifinals in 1992 but de-toured away from badminton, recalls the struggle back then to play at Corporation Stadium where ballot boxes would be stored. Setting up the cutting edge Hatsun academy near Virudunagar district, funded by dairy behemoth Hatsun Agro, Ajith says that the residential facility's no-distraction environs and scientific approach will soon yield dividends.

"We're looking at fitness from a very early age. Our players are not going to lose on stamina. We're aiming for top-tier endurance, strength, agility, and quickness. I tell my shuttlers they have to be like gymnasts in the lower body," he explains. Top nutritionists design their diets from as early as 10 and the early hours are devoted to meditation, with sports psychology and healing included into the daily programme.

Hatsun head RG Chandramogam, who has nurtured many brands, insists that results will be seen in the next 10 years, aiming at 2028. "Both our All England champions came from south India - so I always wondered why we in Tamil Nadu couldn't produce a champion," says the tennis-loving dairy mogul who saw no charm in investing in cricket, but loved a game of badminton himself.

Most coaches in the state are aware that the nous and experience that comes with playing internationally is missing amongst them, and their wards stumble at familiar hurdles - lacking in belief and confidence.

"There's inhibitions in our kids; they aren't very proactive on court. And taking risk and aggression is missing," Ajith explains, adding that game-wise, the mostly good retrievers are slowly building attacking arsenals as their shoulders build strength.

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Two-year suspension for Sanjivani

Long-distance runner Sanjivani Yadav has been handed a two-year suspension by the IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for a doping violation. The 23-year-old won the 10,000m bronze at the 2019 Asian Championships and 5000m bronze in the 2017 edition. In the order issued on Thursday, the AIU, the international federation's body for combating doping, said the athlete admitted to her first violation resulting in disqualification all past results since June 29, 2018. The suspension period also commenced from June 29, 2018.

India's Asiad silver set to be upgraded to gold

India are in line to get the Asian Games gold in 4x400 mixed relay with Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain being handed a four-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for failing a dope test. India's mixed relay team of Mohammad Anas, Hima Das, Arokia Rajiv and M R Poovamma had won the silver in the event at the Asian Games in Jakarta last year. The ban on Adekoya, who was part of the gold winning team, means India's silver is set to be upgraded. The AIU said that Adekoya's results between August 24, 2018 and November 26, 2018 will be disqualified. Following the race, India had officially lodged a complaint against Bahrain for obstruction, but it was turned down. Adekoya had also won the 400m hurdles gold at the Asian Games with India's Anu Raghavan finishing fourth. Raghavan is in line for the bronze.

North Korea win Intercontinental Cup

North Korea triumphed in the second edition of Intercontinental Cup football tournament beating Tajikistan by a solitary goal in the final in Ahmedabad on Friday. The Koreans grabbed the lead in the 71st minute through Pak Hyon Il, who found the net just after coming on as a substitute at the EKA Arena by TransStadia. Both finalists were the two lowest ranked teams of the four-nation tournament, the other participants being hosts India and Syria. Having pipped hosts India (world no. 101) and Syria (85) in the league stage to seal their places in the final, both Tajikistan (120) and North Korea (122) entered the game on a confident note.



Archana Kamath beat Ho Tin-Tin 8-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-9. PTI

Men defend TT crown, maiden title for women

Indian men defended their crown beating England while the women blanked Singapore for their maiden title at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Cuttack Friday. England tried to change the script but the Indian men brought in a twist to the tale through birthday boy Harmeet Desai to end the English hopes to lift the Host Association's Cup. The men beat England 3-2 while Indian women did the impossible downing Singapore 3-0 to dethrone the defending champions Singapore who had a stranglehold on the trophy since 1997. **RESULTS: Men:** India bt England 3-2 (A. Sharath Kamal lost to Thomas Jarvis 7-11, 8-11, 4-11; G. Sathiyam lost to Samuel Walker 11-5, 11-9, 4-11, 8-11, 8-11; Harmeet Desai bt David McBeath 4-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-8, 11-8; G. Sathiyam bt Thomas Jarvis 11-2, 6-11, 11-4, 11-4; Sharath Kamal bt Samuel Walker 15-13, 12-10, 11-6). **Women:** India bt England 3-0 (Archana Girish Kamath bt Ho Tin-Tin 8-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-9; Manika Batra bt Denise Payet 11-6, 11-4, 11-3; Madhurika Patkar bt Emily Bolton 11-9, 11-7, 11-6).

LPGA: Aditi-Stahl make cut in Midland

Aditi Ashok and Louise Stahl, playing as a team in the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational on the LPGA staged a great recovery after a disastrous start on the first day in Midland. The pair was four-over for the front nine and another bogey on 11th made them five-over after 11 holes. Then they fought back with three birdies on 12th, 13th and 14th. That kept alive their chances as the carded 72. On the second day in the foursomes, Aditi and Stahl combined superbly to shoot six-under 64 and at a combined four-under, they were tied 31st. The French pair of Celine Boutier and Karine Icher cut right to the top of the leaderboard on Thursday.



Alaphilippe extends Tour de France lead

France's Julian Alaphilippe continued to amaze as he claimed an impressive victory in the 13th stage of the Tour de France, a 272-km individual time trial, to extend his overall lead on Friday. The Deceuninck-Quick Step rider clocked 35 minutes over the lumpy course to beat defending champion Geraint Thomas by 14 seconds and Belgian Thomas De Gendt by 36 seconds. Alaphilippe leads Thomas, who is emerging as Team Ineos' sole leader, by 1:26 and Dutchman Steven Kruijswijk by 2:12. Saturday's 14th stage is a 117.5-km mountain trek from Tarbes ending at top of the Col du Tourmalet, where the pre-race favourites will show their hands. "I knew on that kind of course I could perform but I didn't think I could win. The route suited me so I told myself 'give everything, you have nothing to lose,'" Alaphilippe said.

Pro Kabaddi League to get underway today

Telugu Titans and U Mumba will clash in the opening game of the seventh edition of Pro Kabaddi League at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad on Saturday. Defending champions Bengaluru Bulls will also be in action on Saturday when they take on three-time champions Patna Pirates. The organisers unveiled the trophy on Friday in the presence of all 12 captains. The league has changed its format, replacing the old one that split the 12 teams into two zones with a double round robin format, which will ensure each team play each other twice.

Better, but not good enough

After an ugly 78, Woods shoots one-under 70 but fails to make cut at The Open

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PORTRUSH (NORTHERN IRELAND), JULY 19

TIGER WOODS turned and saluted the fans at Royal Portrush who saw him for two days at this British Open, but no more.

A Masters champion in April, Woods ended the major championship season by missing another cut after a 1-over 70, and then said he would skip the World Golf Championship next week to rest up.

"It's more frustrating than anything else because this is a major championship and I love playing in these events," Woods said after finishing two rounds at 6-over 148 with no birdies on the par 5s for the week. "And unfortunately, I've only had a chance to win one of them and was able to do it. But the other three, I didn't do very well."

"Holmes is doing better than he would have imagined a few months ago. He had a 3-under 68 before the wind and rain arrived in Northern Ireland and had a one-shot lead over the early starters in the second round.

Holmes was at 8-under 134, with the English duo of Tommy Fleetwood and Lee Westwood one shot behind, both with 67s.

He won the Genesis Open at Riviera in February, and then failed to make the cut in eight of his next 12 tournaments, two of them majors. The problem was a two-way miss, and Holmes felt he began to turn the corner three weeks ago at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit.

"Half of it's just freeing up and not having to think about your golf swing," he said. "Before I was really struggling, trying to think on every swing and get the club in the right position. Now I can just free up and go."

Westwood, who makes the strongest case as the best active player to have never won a major, came to life on the back nine with four birdies over his last seven holes and no bogeys on his card.

He hasn't been this close to the lead going into the weekend at the British Open since Muirfield in 2013, where he had a 54-hole lead until he was overtaken on the last day by Phil Mickelson.

A former No. 1 player in the world, Westwood wasn't ready to think about finally winning a major at this stage in his career.



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of sticking around. He opened with a 35-foot birdie putt. He was left of the green on the par-5 second, which looked like a simple up-and-down for birdie until his putt barely reached the green. And after a birdie-birdie start to the back nine, he didn't make another one.

The only other time Woods missed more than one cut in a major in a year was in 2015, when he didn't play the weekend in the final three. And then he had two back surgeries before the end of the year.

"Those were some of the lowest times of my life. This is not," Woods said. "This is just me not playing well and not scoring well, and adds up to high scores."

He finished at 6-over 148, his second-highest total for 36 holes at the British Open. He said he wanted to go home, where at least a green jacket is still in the closet.

India's Shubhankar Sharma assured himself of the weekend action after signing for a one-over-par 72 in the second round.

It will be the second time he would make the cut in as many starts at the Open.

With 70-72, he is even par for 36 holes and T-51, but that will change as more than half the field is yet to finish.


For Shubhankar, the three birdies on the front nine on Par-5s second and ninth, promised another fine round like one-under 70 on the first day, but two holes – the 11th and 12th – ruined those hopes. He had three birdies, all on the front nine, and none on the back nine. He had two bogeys on either side of the course for a round of 72, which added up to even par 142.

Wanted to join Juventus even before Ronaldo chat: De Ligt

JUVENTUS DEFENDER Matthijs de Ligt had made up his mind to join the Serie A champions even before Cristiano Ronaldo asked him about a potential move to Italy, the teenager said on Friday. Juventus announced the signing

of the 19-year-old on Thursday, landing one of the most sought-after young players in world soccer from Ajax Amsterdam for 75 million euros (\$84.39 million). The Netherlands international said last month that he had been asked by Portugal's Ronaldo following the Nations League final about linking up in Turin. "After the final I was already sure I wanted to

join Juve ... it was a big compliment to have Ronaldo ask me to join ... but it didn't make the difference," De Ligt said. "I spoke to (manager) Maurizio Sarri just to get to know each other. He was one of the reasons I wanted to join here, I've heard a lot of good things about him and I like his footballing philosophy and how he prepares his defence." REUTERS



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