

KARNATAKA TRUST VOTE: COALITION GOVT FALLS AFTER 99 IN SUPPORT, 105 AGAINST

Numbers game lost, exit Cong-JD(S)

Betrayal, BJP misled rebel MLAs, says Congress; victory for democracy, says BJP's CM candidate Yeddyurappa

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BENGALURU, JULY 23

AFTER AT least five failed attempts over the last 14 months to topple the Congress-JD(S) coalition government in Karnataka, the Opposition BJP finally tasted success Tuesday by defeating a confidence motion moved by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy by six votes in a House where 20 coalition MLAs remained absent.

Amid delaying tactics by the coalition to lure back its 15 MLAs who had resigned since July 6, the BJP, which had waited four days for Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar to put the confidence motion to vote, registered 105 votes to the coalition's 99.

While all BJP MLAs were present for the trust vote, the coalition had 17 MLAs missing, apart from a BSP MLA and two Independents who were earlier allied with the government. The half-way mark in the 224-member Assembly is 113 but with its strength reduced by the absence of 20 coalition MLAs, the BJP won a simple majority.

"This is a victory for democracy. The 14-month-old government of Kumaraswamy had become a source of frustration for the people. In the coming days, the state is going to witness a wave of new development," Chief Minister candidate and state BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa, 76, who masterminded attempts to topple the coalition, said.

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CM Kumaraswamy leaves the House after the trust vote. ANI

BJP says natural claimant to power, BSY plans return to chair lost 14 months ago

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

FOURTEEN MONTHS ago, the BJP's government in Karnataka collapsed within three days as Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa resigned without facing a trust vote. On Tuesday night, its successor, the Congress-JD(S) coalition led by H D Kumaraswamy, lost the trust vote 99-105, returning the spotlight to the BJP.

The BJP legislature party will meet Wednesday before its MLAs go to Governor Vajubhai Vala to stake claim.

"The BJP is a natural claimant with majority on its side in the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Part of seashore in South Mumbai to become govt land

CM says in-principle OK, subject to CRZ law; developer plans highrise

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, JULY 23

A PROPOSAL of the Maharashtra revenue department to treat a portion of the Arabian Sea foreshore in South Mumbai as revenue land has been cleared by the state government. This, officials say, sets an "unhealthy" precedent since it amounts to recognising unauthorised reclamation.

Official documents obtained by *The Indian Express* under the Right to Information Act show that on July 15, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis approved in principle the revenue department's proposal to treat a foreshore portion on the seaward side of the High Tide Line (HTL) in the Nepean Sea Road area as revenue land.

Mumbai's latest coastal zone



The foreshore land during high tide. Nirmal Harindran

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management plan, approved by the Centre on August 16, 2018, shows that the portion in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



The five men who were released on Tuesday. Hamza Khan

'We are acquitted but who will bring back the (23) years'

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 23

THE SKY was overcast, but, for the first time in over two decades, they were no longer under cloud, as they stepped out of the Jaipur Central Jail Tuesday, a day after the Rajasthan High Court acquitted them in the 1996 Samleti blast case.

At 5:19 pm Tuesday, Latif Ahmed Baja (42), Ali Bhatt (48), Mirza Nisar (39), Abdul Goni (57) and Rayees Beg (56), stepped out of prison; Beg had been incarcerated since June 8, 1997, while the

others were imprisoned between June 17, 1996 and July 27, 1996. During this time, they were lodged in jails in Delhi and Ahmedabad, but were never released on parole or bail.

While acquitting them on Monday, the High Court said the prosecution had failed to provide evidence of conspiracy. It said the prosecution could not establish any link between them and the main accused, Dr Abdul Hameed, whose death sentence was upheld.

After their release Tuesday, the five men said they didn't **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

How Delhi rewound to Osaka to rebut Trump — diplomatically

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

LESS THAN 12 hours after the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar denied US President Donald Trump's claim that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him to play the role of a mediator on Kashmir, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in Parliament Tuesday he would like to "categorically assure" that the Prime Minister had made no such request.

While Jaishankar's statement was made at around 11 am in Rajya Sabha, after the ministry had about 11 hours to check the records in Delhi and Washington, the MEA spokesperson's statement came after 40-45 minutes of deliberations within the government on how to respond to the US



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Minister of State V Muraleedharan in New Delhi on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

President's statement. It was around 10.30 pm on **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Why PM may not speak

INDIA HAS denied President Trump's claim that PM Modi asked him to play mediator. But India is not planning to escalate the issue by getting the PM to speak on it. Delhi counts on Washington's support to lean on Pakistan on terrorism, and Trump's record has been better than many of his predecessors. Delhi would not like to lose that, and hand Pakistan a win.

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GROUP'S REGISTRATION CANCELLED

SC orders ED probe into Amrapali Group fraud in collusion with govt, banks

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

UNDERLINING THE "serious kind of fraud played upon the buyers in active connivance with officials of the Noida and Greater Noida Authorities and that of the banks", the Supreme Court Tuesday cancelled the RERA registration of the Amrapali Group and asked state-run National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) to complete all pending projects and hand them over to home buyers.

Deciding a petition filed by home buyers who had invested in some 42,000 flats of the Group and were duped, the bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit ordered a probe by the



NBCC to complete projects. Abhinav Saha REPORTS, PAGE 4

Enforcement Directorate into diversion of funds and money laundering by the Group.

The bench concluded that Rs 5,619.47 crore of home buyers money had been diverted by the Group, and that a forensic audit had found prima facie violation of Foreign Exchange **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Praising Brahmins, Kerala HC Judge pushes for economic, not caste, quota

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 23

WHILE PRAISING Brahmins as being "twice born" and with "all good qualities", Kerala High Court Judge Justice V Chitambaresh has urged the community to "agitate" for "economic reservation alone, not caste or communal reservation".

Addressing a Tamil Brahmins global meeting in Kochi on July 19, Justice Chitambaresh said: "Who is a Brahmin? A Brahmin



is twice born, because of his *poorva janma sukratham* (good deeds of his past life). He has got certain distinct characteristics, clean habits, lofty thinking, sterling character, mostly vegetarian, a love of Carnatic music. All good qualities rolled into one is a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

New move to save a crucial run at Mumbai's iconic Azad Maidan, minister promises toilets

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 23

NOT ALL runs in cricket at Mumbai's iconic Azad Maidan were sprinted across 22 yards.

Some involved a dash north to Churchgate station, 1.2 km away, or 350m east to CST. And a few were 60m sprints northeast to the end of Fashion Street. Not any more. For the first

time in its over 100-year history, Azad Maidan is set to get toilets of its own.

According to Maharashtra Sports Minister and former Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) president Ashish Shelar, the state government will sanction toilets for clubs situated at Azad Maidan, Cross Maidan and Oval Maidan — the three nurseries of Mumbai, and Indian, cricket.

"We had a meeting with the MCA. The Sports Department will put the matter to the Heritage Committee on the plan prepared



First time in over 100-yr history, Azad Maidan to get toilets

by the MCA for the toilet, which is one of the requirements. We will also put up some sort of a dugout for various club tents. I will follow it up with the Heritage Committee to get the necessary permission," Shelar said.

Shelar's assurance followed a meeting between the BJP leader and representatives of two clubs — National CC and United Cricketers.

"We met Ashishji, and he sanctioned our request. Our maidan clubs don't have this basic facility, we don't even have **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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In Assam, the NRC was first prepared in 1951 — the current exercise is a bid to update the 1951 register, and in the process, determine who is a legal Indian citizen based on a cut-off date: March 24, 1971. The Supreme Court on Tuesday extended the deadline to publish the final NRC to August 31, 2019

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INDIA DENIES TRUMP CLAIM

Trump had said that Modi asked him to mediate on Kashmir

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Rebut Trump

Monday when South Block first saw the reports of Trump's statement — before his bilateral meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan — where he said that Modi had asked him to play the role of an arbitrator and mediator on Kashmir.

"I was with Prime Minister Modi two weeks ago. We talked about this subject, and he actually said would you like to be a mediator or arbitrator? I said: Where? He said: Kashmir. Because this has been going on for many, many years. And if I can help, I would love to be a mediator," Trump said on Monday night.

Senior officials in South Block, who were monitoring the meeting between Khan and Trump, conveyed Trump's remark to Jaishankar, who had returned from his meeting with Russian Deputy PM Yuriy Borisov to discuss preparations for the September summit between Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

While the reports quoted Trump, the officials waited for a video clip of his statement, as they worked the phones. As soon as the video clip was posted, the officials sent it to Jaishankar and the Prime Minister's Office.

Sources said there was "absolute clarity" that Modi had not made any such suggestion during his meeting with Trump on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Osaka on June 27.

"Besides the Prime Minister, there were at least eight Indian officials as well as the External Affairs Minister in the room. There was no confusion on what the PM had said during the meeting," said a source. The officials present included National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale.

The 40-minute Modi-Trump meeting had taken place at the International Exhibition Centre in Osaka, which was the summit venue. Briefing the media after the meeting, Foreign Secretary Gokhale had said four issues were discussed — Iran, 5G, trade and defence. Trump's daughter and advisor, Ivanka Trump, who was part of the meeting, also released a video clip where she spelt out the issues discussed.

"There was no reference to Kashmir in the talks, nor in Gokhale's briefing or Ivanka's video," the source said.

In Osaka, there was one more occasion where the two leaders sat side-by-side — at the dinner. Indian diplomat Nilakshi Saha Sinha, a director in the Central and Western Africa division in the MEA who doubles up as PM's interpreter for such occasions, was sitting just behind Modi to smoothen the flow of conversation with Trump on one side and Australian PM Scott Morrison on the other side.

Sources said Modi did not mention anything about seeking mediation on Kashmir. Sources said the two leaders had a "good conversation" during the dinner, sometimes aided by the official interpreting for them.

There were a few other occasions where the two interacted during the G-20 summit, including the Japan-US-India trilateral meeting (just before the Modi-Trump bilateral meeting) and sometimes in the leaders' lounge, and during the group photographs.

According to standard diplomatic practice, while the records of discussion of the bilateral meeting are prepared by officials present, the conversation over dinner is prepared by the interpreter-diplomat, and if the two leaders have a conversation with no aide by their side (in the lounge or while walking together), they brief the officials on the conversation. In all these cases, records of discussions — called "RoDs", as per diplomatic jargon, are maintained.

While the Indian side was certain that Modi never mentioned mediation on Kashmir, the only question before them was how to rebut Trump's statement. "Since the PM's name had been invoked by the US President, we had to address the issue head-on. There was no ambiguity in that approach... but the key question was how," the source said.

While a draft statement was prepared by officials and sent to Jaishankar, the minister took it to the Prime Minister, and senior officials, including Gokhale and Doval, pitched in. Modi gave his approval to Jaishankar for denying the claim, sources said.

So, the drafting of the statement began around 11.15 pm, and the MEA spokesperson tweeted it at 11.58 pm. During that time, the Indian side checked its records, with MEA's joint secretary (Americas) Gourangal Das concurring that there was nothing to suggest it could have been misinterpreted. But they wanted to be absolutely sure that there was no such suggestion at all in the American records as well.

So, through the night, while Delhi was sleeping, the Indian embassy in the US, led by Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla, also worked the phones with the US government. The records of discussions in the US State Department and the White House were also checked, and the US side confirmed that there was no such reference in their records as well.

In fact, Washington gently walked back on Trump's statement. At 4.47 am on Tuesday, the US State Department's highest ranking official on the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA), Acting Assistant Secretary Alice G Wells — equivalent to joint secretary (Americas) in the MEA — tweeted, "While Kashmir is a bilateral issue for both parties to discuss, the Trump administration welcomes #Pakistan and #India sitting down and the United States stands ready to assist." This was a clear distancing of the US State Department from Trump's statements.

Armed with a reconfirmation from Washington, Jaishankar added in his statement to Parliament that he would like to "categorically assure" the House that no such request has been made by Modi to Trump. "I repeat, no such request was made by the Prime Minister to the US President," he said.

This "categorical assurance" was borne out of the cross-checking of the records on both sides, and Well's tweet.

"I would Sir, also reiterate that it has been India's consistent position that all outstanding issues with Pakistan are discussed only bilaterally. I would further underline that any engagement with Pakistan would require an end to cross-border terrorism. Sir, let me conclude by emphasising that the Shimla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration provide the basis to resolve all issues between India and Pakistan bilaterally. I hope, in view of my very specific and categorical responses, that there is no confusion in the mind of anybody on this matter," he said.

Seashore

question is located in the intertidal zone. The Union Environment Ministry, in its latest CZMP for Mumbai, placed the foreshore portion in the ecologically sensitive coastal regulation zone-IB, where no construction or development can be undertaken with the exception of foreshore facilities like ports, harbours and jetties among others.

The documents also show that the revenue department had processed the proposal after slum developer, M/s DLPI Infrastructure LLP, had approached Fdnavis in this regard. On September 26, 2016, in a letter to the CM, the developer re-

Numbers game lost, exit Cong-JD(S)

The BJP is expected to move swiftly for the constitution of a new government under Yeddyurappa since the finance Bill has to be passed before July 31 to facilitate payments, including salaries.

"The government formation has to be done fast since the Budget passed in February was a vote-on-account one... the full Budget must be passed to ensure the government does not default on payments," BJP leader J C Madhuswamy said.

When they formed the government in 2018, the Congress and JD(S) had praised each other's political acumen for swiftly cobbling together a coalition despite the BJP emerging as the single largest party in the Assembly polls.

For the BJP, the result is a shot in the arm at the national level, too, ahead of a clutch of Assembly elections. The manner in which the party leveraged coalition divisions in Karnataka may also set off alarm bells in Madhya Pradesh, where another Congress-led alliance is in place with a thin majority.

In his final speech as Chief

Minister, JD(S) leader Kumaraswamy highlighted the achievements of his government, including a Rs 44,000-crore loan waiver scheme. "I am not scared of the division of votes and will not run away. Let it be known why the government is being toppled," he said. "The BJP directly influenced all MLAs who were absent today except one MLA Nagendra who obtained permission. They have been prevented from coming to the House. This is a betrayal of democracy. They have misled the MLAs on the anti-defection law and lured them through horse trading," Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah alleged.

Despite buying time of over five days, amid deadlines given by the Governor to complete the trust vote, the coalition could not lure back the rebel rebels — 13 from the Congress and three from JD(S) — who left the flock since July 6, triggering the latest crisis after the BJP won 25 of 28 seats in Lok Sabha elections.

It was only able to convince one MLA — Congress leader Ramalinga Reddy — to withdraw his resignation, and pre-

vent two Independent legislators, H Nagesh and R Shankar, from going to the Assembly for the trust vote Tuesday.

The Congress and JD(S) have initiated disqualification proceedings through the Speaker under the anti-defection law against the rebels. During the trust vote, Kumaraswamy and Siddaramaiah stated that their parties would not take them back even if they returned now. "All those who ditched the party and went away will not be taken back," Siddaramaiah said.

The first disqualification plea was filed by the coalition against 10 rebels on July 10 over their alleged association with the BJP and "anti-party activities". Subsequently, additional pleas were made against a total of 16 MLAs. These were heard by the Speaker Tuesday, with the rebels being represented by former advocate general Ashok Haranahalli and the coalition by former MP V S Ugrappa. The Speaker did not arrive at a decision.

The coalition has claimed that the disqualification process precedes the resigna-

tions of most of the MLAs and should be taken up first while the rebels have argued otherwise.

The Congress and JD(S) are now likely to move a fresh complaint for disqualification. "We issued a whip to all who abstained from the trust vote. By abstaining, they will attract provisions of the anti-defection law or the tenth schedule of the Constitution. Even abstaining is a violation of the whip," Siddaramaiah said.

If disqualified, the MLAs will not be able to hold any Constitutional position, including that of a minister, during the term of this Assembly. If their resignations are accepted, they would have to contest fresh elections to return to the House.

Much would depend on the Speaker who indicated Tuesday that he was carrying his own resignation in his pocket. "I do not know if I will be Speaker or not," Ramesh Kumar said. The new BJP government would have to issue a 14-day notice for a no-confidence motion against the Speaker in order to replace him with their technical majority.

BJP says natural claimant to power

House of which the strength is reduced now. We will be looking to take the responsibility and we will be following the directions of our national president and parliamentary board," P Muralidhar Rao, BJP general secretary in charge of Karnataka, told The Indian Express.

Yeddyurappa is expected to come to Delhi after meeting the Governor to hold discussions with top leaders of the party. If he is to become Chief Minister, the BJP national leadership will have to deal with several other issues including some within

the party. The majority is wafer thin, with help of rebels from the Opposition. And the leadership will also have to balance internal equations, especially with former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, former Deputy CMs K S Eshwarappa and R Ashoka.

There is also the issue of the Speaker, currently from the Congress. The party has to decide on the Speaker as the post is crucial in the backdrop of confusion on the fate of rebel MLAs and the thin majority. The composition of the government may be used by the party as an opportunity to create a successor for Yeddyurappa in the long term.

Going to the Governor with the required number of support in the assembly would be a logical conclusion of Yeddyurappa's persistence, patience and numerous attempts to return to power. At 76, he has crossed BJP's unwritten retirement age of 75.

Despite the publicly known differences with some top leaders in the party, the BJP may have to accept Yeddyurappa as its chief ministerial candidate

when the party goes to stake claim. The party has made it clear that it will form the government in the state.

Rao also gave enough signals it would be Yeddyurappa even as he stressed that the apex decision making body, the party parliamentary board, will take a final decision.

"We have B S Yeddyurappa as the leader of our party and we had sought the mandate under his leadership. Taking all factors into consideration, the leadership will take a decision," he said.

Justice Chitambaresh was the chief guest at the event organised by Kerala Brahmana Sabha.

"As Karimpuzha Raman (president of Kerala Brahmana Sabha) said, it is for you to deliberate as to whether reservation should be based on the community or caste alone. Occupying a Constitutional post, it may not be proper for me to express any opinion. I am not expressing any opinion at all. But I am only kindling your interest or reminding you that there is a platform for you to agitate or voice your concern that economic reservation alone, not caste or communal reservation... Of course, there is 10% reservation for economically backward classes. A son of a Brahmin cook, even if he falls within the non-creamy layer, will not get any reservation. Whereas a son of a timber merchant, who belongs to the other backward communities, will get reservation if he is within the non-creamy layer. I am not expressing my opinion at all. It is for you to deliberate and put forward your views..."

"We should not allow us to be sidelined, we should always be in the mainstream. The time has come for us to play in an orchestra, and not to continue to play solo," he said.

Justice Chitambaresh became an additional judge of the Kerala High Court in 2011, and was elevated to permanent judge in December 2012.

'The (23) years'

know each other until the Criminal Investigation Department (Crime Branch) made them an accused in the case.

While Beg is a resident of Agra, Goni is from Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, and the others are from Srinagar. Before they were jailed, Bhatt had a carpet business, Baja used to sell Kashmiri handicraft in Delhi and Kathmandu, Nisar was a Class IX student and Goni used to run a school.

"We have no idea about the world we are stepping into," says Goni.

"We've lost relatives while we were inside. My mother, father and two uncles passed away. We have been acquitted, but who will bring back those years," says Beg, adding that his sister has since got married and his niece is now about to get married too.

A couple of men hug him and start crying. One is his son, Rizwan, and the other is his brother, Saleem. "We never lost hope all these years," says Saleem, trying to hold back his tears.

"Last night, we couldn't sleep or eat. The anticipation, and then the paper work, seemed to go on forever," says Nisar. He claims that he was just 16 years old when he was made an accused, but the officials showed his age as 19 then. Now 39, he says he would like to get married and try to make a fresh start.

Baja says he hasn't married either, but then points to his bald head and wonders if he will find any bride.

The men ask for help to operate a cellphone, so that they can speak to their relatives. Four of them head to the office of the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, which they credit with playing a crucial role in their acquittal.

They are offered food, but, after tasting freedom, none of them are hungry. Seeing the hullabaloo around him, Baja says he is bewildered and is yet to process what's happening. Recounting his time in jail, he says he and Nisar would exercise regularly. Bhatt copied the Quran, twice, and sent one of the copies to his home in Srinagar.

"His youth passed, our parents died, my tears dried up, and I grew old crying for him," says Goni's sister Suraiya (62), speaking over the phone from Jammu. "My heart has been beating faster since yesterday. Give me a couple of days, let him come home first. I will tell you everything," she adds.

The case dates back to May 22, 1996, when a bomb blast in a bus near Samleti village in Dausa, on the Jaipur-Agra highway, killed 14 people and injured 37 others; the bus was headed to Bikaner from Agra. The blast came a day after the Lajpat Nagar bomb blast in Delhi, in which 13 people were killed.

The chargesheet had said the men were associated with the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front and claimed some of them were also involved in the Sawai Man Singh Stadium blast in Jaipur in 1996. "They were named in multiple cases without any basis. They have been acquitted in all the cases — but after 23 years," says their counsel, Shahid Hasan.

Pointing to the delay, he says the trial only began in 2011. While 12 people were accused in the Samleti case, seven have been acquitted so far. While one was acquitted in 2014, six were acquitted on Tuesday. However, the sixth person, Javed Khan, who is in Tihar Jail, is still an accused in the Lajpat Nagar blast case.

Two others who were accused have been discharged, while one has since died. The High Court bench of Justice Sabina and Justice Govardhan Bardar upheld the death sentence to Dr Abdul Hameed and life sentence to Pappu Salim, a former approver who turned hostile.

Amrapali

Management Act, money laundering by "Amrapali Group/Directors" and other fraudulent activities. It asked the Enforcement

Directorate to investigate, fix liability and report the progress to the court. Noida and Greater Noida authorities and banks, it said, cannot sell the flats of the home buyers or the leased land to realise dues. It said they will have to do this by selling other attached properties.

Making clear that it will monitor the investigation, the bench said: "There was total non-monitoring by the bankers. Money laundering was resorted to by Amrapali Group/Directors. The Noida and Greater Noida Authorities were grossly negligent in reviewing and monitoring the progress of the projects and, in collusion with leaseholders, failed to take action concerning non-payment of dues and illegally permitted the Group to sub-lease the land without payment of dues. Bogus allotments of flats were made. There were other irregularities galore."

"It is apparent from the report of the forensic audit submitted by Forensic Auditors that there is a serious kind of fraud played upon the buyers in active connivance with officials of the Noida and Greater Noida Authorities and that of the banks. The money of the home buyers has been diverted. The Directors diverted the money by the creation of dummy companies, realizing professional fees, creating bogus bills, selling flats at undervalue price, payment of excessive brokerage, etc. They have obtained investment from J P Morgan in violation of FEMA and FDI norms. The shares were overvalued for making payment to J P Morgan. It was adopted as a device for siphoning off the money of the home buyers to foreign countries," the bench said.

It also had a larger message for governments across the country, directing the Centre and states "to take appropriate steps on time-bound basis to do the needful, all other such cases where the projects have remained incomplete and home buyers have been cheated in an aforesaid manner".

Azad Maidan

changing rooms for girls," said Datta Mittabhavkar of National Council From Ajit Wadekar, Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar and Sandeep Patil to Sachin Tendulkar, several generations of Mumbai cricketers have made that unspoke dash in these maidan games.

"It should have happened way back but if it's happening now, it's welcome," said former India opener Wasim Jaffer. "I've seen it many times — a player before the game rushing to nearby stations as maidans didn't have a toilet facility. Sometimes, when we were fielding, we'd look around and wonder where a player had disappeared. I'd be told that he would join soon and we would know why."

While the gymkhana along Marine Drive are well equipped, for individuals have to be factored in for individual players at the maidans in south Mumbai, where the Kanga League, club cricket and office cricket games take place.

Officials, however, warn that a key question remains: Will the Heritage Committee of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) permit the construction of a semi-structure? In the past, a few clubs had built toilets in their tents but those were demolished since Azad Maidan is tagged as a heritage area. "Even in the past, the MCA had approached the Sports Ministry to regularise a semi-permanent structure that was existing and permit new semi-permanent structures for which the plans were also approved. It included a toilet on the premises for the benefit of cricketers. But nothing much happened because permissions are required from the Heritage Committee," said veteran cricketer administrator Ratnakar Shetty.

DCP SAYS INJURIES SELF-INFLICTED

Probe officer tells court: ACP beat up accused in custody

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 23



Saffan Abbas is accused of 25 robberies at gunpoint

A 23-YEAR-OLD man arrested for allegedly committing a series of robberies at gunpoint has alleged before a Delhi court that he was beaten up by an ACP-rank officer while in custody. When confronted with this fact by the judge, the investigation officer (IO) reiterated the man's claims — that the ACP (Rani Bagh sub-division) had allegedly assaulted him with a stick.

was arrested by the North East district police on July 9 for allegedly committing at least 25 gunpoint robberies across Model Town, New Friends Colony, Pandav Nagar, Rani Bagh and Nizamuddin.

DCP (Outer) Seju P Kuruvilla, in his reply filed before the court, has, however, claimed the injuries were self-inflicted. The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) has now referred the matter to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court, and the DCP has been asked again to file his response afresh.

On July 13, he was formally arrested by the Outer district in connection with a Rani Bagh case, and was taken into police custody on July 17. He was produced before the court on July 18 from police custody by sub-inspector Pankaj Tomar.

The accused, Saffan Abbas,

“At the time of signing the jail warrant of accused, Saffan has verbally stated that he has been beaten up in police remand and

blood was oozing out from his head... Mother of accused also states her son has been beaten up mercilessly on the head,” said ACMM Ekta Gauba in her order.

“Saffan should be immediately sent to the medical dispensary... One of the police officers has verbally stated in open court that he has not beaten accused Saffan, but the ACP of Rani Bagh police station has beaten Saffan with a stick,” she stated in her order.

“SHO Rajinder Singh is directed to explain in writing why necessary action should not be taken against the entire police station and especially IO Sanjeev Kumar and Pankaj Tomar for bringing Saffan after police custody drenched in blood and without any bandage, and not getting him medically examined after police remand,” the ACMM wrote in the order, also asking the DCP to appear and file a reply.

On July 19, an explanation was received from the Additional DCP on behalf of DCP Kuruvilla. “Additional DCP present in court has requested that the matter be left with police department to deal with police officer concerned,” the ACMM said.

“In view of the fact that Saffan was produced before me drenched in blood... and any injury caused upon the accused in police custody is a criminal offence... so the matter is sent to the court of CMM of Rohini,” she added.

Kuruvilla, in his reply, stated, “During his custody, Saffan had repeated many times that he would injure himself and get police persons fixed. While being taken before court, he suddenly banged his head on the stairs and fell down due to which he sustained multiple injuries...” The DCP has issued showcause notice to both IOs for not producing him safely.

Unauthorised colonies: Puri takes aim at Delhi govt

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

larise 1,797 of the colonies. “The Delhi government was supposed to carry out a survey of the situation on ground. Only this year, they said they had appointed firms and they were unable to do the work. They wanted time till 2021. This means they were never interested in this,” said Puri. He added, “The whole process is stalled due to the Delhi government's apathy and inaction to finalise the boundaries, after a survey of these colonies.”

UNION URBAN Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri Tuesday announced the Centre's plan to confer ownership rights to residents of unauthorised colonies in Delhi. He also slammed the Delhi government for taking undue credit for their scheme of regularising unauthorised colonies, announced last week, saying they had been stalling the process all along since 2015, by not doing the requisite groundwork.

On Monday, Kejriwal had told his ministers to make sure the Centre is granted full support in implementing the plan. AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj said: “Basic facilities have been provided to these colonies for the first time. Delhi government has done its part, now the ball is in the Central government's court.”

Redevelopment of certain areas under Delhi's Master Plan-2021 faced impediments due to their status as unauthorised colonies. Last week, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announced the Delhi government would regu-

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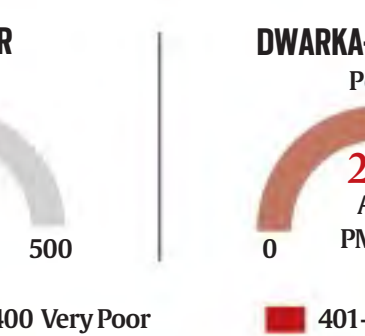
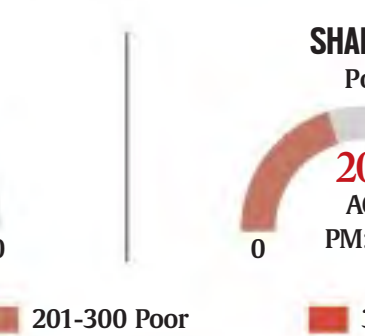
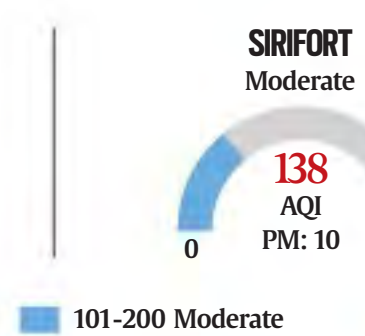
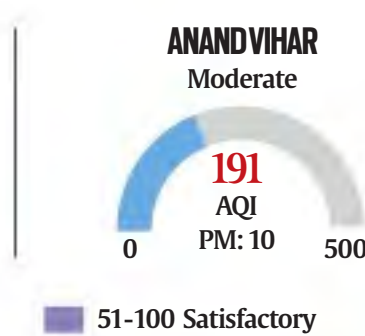
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4 new courses at Jamia

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia has introduced four new courses from the current academic session. "These are Master of Science in Banking and Financial Analytics, MTech in Environmental Science & Engineering, PG Diploma in Molecular Diagnostics, and Advanced Diploma in Turkish," a statement said.

Man killed in scuffle over sleeping space

New Delhi: A homeless man was beaten to death by another after a fight over who gets to sleep on the footpath in North Delhi's Timarpur Tuesday.

Burglar arrested

New Delhi: A 32-year-old man involved in several cases of burglaries was arrested from R K Puram. "He was intercepted by a police team at Vivekanand Marg," DCP (South West) Devender Arya said.

Man held for duping

New Delhi: Delhi Police arrested a man Tuesday from West Bengal for allegedly duping over 100 people by promising them jobs through a website imitating a portal for a government scheme.

Man held over online video

New Delhi: A 25-year-old gym trainer was arrested from West Delhi's Tilak Nagar for allegedly instigating people against a particular community through a video uploaded on social media.

No plastic bottles: SDMC

New Delhi: SDMC standing committee chairperson Bhupender Gupta said the civic body has decided that plastic water bottles will be replaced with paper glasses during meetings at its headquarter in the Civic Centre. **ENS**

SC ORDERS NBCC TO TAKE OVER INCOMPLETE AMRAPALI PROJECTS

Home buyers see light at end of tunnel



The Supreme Court petition was filed by home buyers who had invested in some 42,000 flats of the Amrapali Group. *Abhinav Saha*

All eyes shift to other housing projects in limbo

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JULY 23

THE SUPREME Court order cancelling RERA registration and property leases of Amrapali Group may have an effect on other real estate agencies in NCR, including Jaypee Infrastructure Limited and Unitech, which are embroiled in legal battles with thousands of home buyers.

Jaypee Group is yet to deliver houses to approximately 23,000 home buyers who purchased flats across Noida and Greater Noida. Insolvency proceedings against the company began in 2017 after the NCLAT accepted an application by an IDBI-led bank consortium, after it allegedly defaulted on Rs 9,800 crore worth of loans. Last week, Jaypee proposed clearing off 100% of the debt and finishing projects within the next three years.

"I had purchased a JIL flat in 2012 in Noida's Sector 133 and was promised possession in 36 months. Only 30% of the construction has taken place in the last nine years... We are just concerned with our houses, and want it to be built at a fast pace," said Pramod Kumar, a buyer.

SC will now monitor payment of dues

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UNION MINISTER of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri said Tuesday that the Supreme Court judgment in the Amrapali Group case was "working exactly the way we expected it to".

Speaking at a press conference, Puri said that since the matter was with the apex court, the ministry had distanced itself from it. "If home buyers have gone to apex court, we as the government cannot be seen to be intervening, otherwise we would be undermining the process," Puri said.

The SC judgment directed the NBCC to prepare a project to complete the pending projects. NBCC, a public sector undertaking, was brought on by the Supreme Court in September last year to finish work on incomplete projects. The judgment noted submissions made by the counsel appearing for the Amrapali Group that NBCC has fixed the cost completion of the projects at Rs 6,827 crore, while Amrapali Group had pegged it at Rs 5,630 crore.

Scepticism remains, many say will wait to get possession

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JULY 23

FOR THE last few years, Daleep Bhan has been receiving treatment for colon cancer. That's just one of his worries, though — the 61-year-old has also been waiting, in vain, to get possession of his 2 BHK home in Amrapali Smart City, for which he has already paid Rs 20 lakh.

Battling for his health and struggling to keep up with medical bills, Daleep's only hope is finding permanence inside four walls that are yet to be fully built. "Today's judgment brings some hope. Due to my poor health, I have not been very active in the process (of pushing for the home), but I keep getting news about the status of the case. I purchased the home in 2010 and was promised possession in 2013. Now that the NBCC is supposed to take over, we hope some work is done. It feels like the doors have opened," said

Daleep, who works as a bank manager.

The Supreme Court Tuesday cancelled the RERA registration of Amrapali, acknowledging that the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) needs to step in to complete homes for almost 42,000 buyers. The findings come after a petition was submitted in court over years of defaulting by the Amrapali Group, costing individual buyers lakhs of rupees with no flat possession.

Tired and frustrated of the wait, some home buyers remain sceptical. "It is a welcome step no doubt. The Supreme Court's

findings are in the interest of the buyer. But the fact remains — where will the funding come from? There is still a lot of money required to complete the projects. The next step of financing is crucial," said K K Kaushal, a home buyer and a petitioner in the case.

With properties of Anil Sharma, CMD of Amrapali, and other company assets being auctioned, home buyers recalled loss of pension money, savings and the pinch of monthly EMI for flats that at the moment look like ghost units.

"I have been paying EMI for several years but possession is nowhere in sight. The Supreme Court order will definitely be a catalyst but NBCC was brought in earlier as well and nothing concrete materialised. This money is from our savings and every penny was collected with a lot of hard work. All we want is our house," said Kuldeep, who purchased a 2 BHK in Dream Valley nine years ago.

DOWNWARD SPIRAL

AUG 2015: 900 families that shifted to Amrapali's Sapphire housing project in Noida complained of lack of utilities like power, water

AUG 2016: Cricketer M S Dhoni quits as brand ambassador

SEPT 2017: NCLT initiates insolvency proceedings against Amrapali Infrastructure over Rs 50 crore dues

NOV 2017: Buyers of Amrapali's Dream Valley project, comprising 11,000 flats, move SC against insolvency proceedings

FEB 2018: Amrapali says it will begin work on 19 towers of Leisure Park. Court seeks undertaking project will be finished in 15 months

AUG 2018: SC attaches properties and accounts of 41 companies under Amrapali Group

OCT 2018: Court sends 3 Amrapali directors to police custody for not furnishing details of 46 companies

DEC 2018: Court directs DRT to auction all attached properties, and orders attachment of 15 luxury cars bought by company

MARCH 2019: SC allows police to arrest chairman Anil Sharma and directors Shiv Priya and Ajay Kumar

JULY 13: Delhi court rejects revision petition filed by Sharma against subordinate court's order of framing charges of cheating and fraud in case filed by a home buyer

ABVP protests outside offices of HoDs over DU syllabus revision

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE CONTROVERSY surrounding changes in the syllabi of some undergraduate programmes in Delhi University shows no sign of settling down, with the ABVP-led students' union protesting outside various departments Tuesday.

While ABVP claimed the protest was peaceful, heads of departments of History and English said it was "scary". "They were banging on doors and windows. There were so many women staff members who got

petrified. No demands were handed in," said Sunil Kumar, HoD of the History department.

Raj Kumar, HoD of the English department, said the ABVP submitted a memorandum but did not talk to him. "They just submitted their demands, I don't think they were there for a dialogue... DUSU elections are also around the corner, so they have to show that they are doing something," he said.

DUSU president Shakti Singh blamed a section of teachers for the issue. "It is very unfortunate that while classes have started, the syllabus has

not yet been prepared."

Meanwhile, N Sachin, convenor of the cluster committee from the English department, who was part of formulating the syllabus, has now claimed that one of the short stories — 'Maniben alias Bibijaan' — which was being objected to by a section of teachers, was never part of the revised syllabus. Kumar and AC member Saikat Ghosh confirmed the same.

However, Rasal Singh, NDTF member who raised the objection, said: "If the story was not there, why didn't the English HoD or Saikat Ghosh say so in the AC meeting?"

1,800 DDA flats find no takers

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE DRAW of lots for DDA's 2019 housing scheme found no takers for around 1,800 of the 10,000-plus flats on offer. Once considered prized possessions, this is the first time so many DDA flats remained unsold on the day of draw of lots, though in the past there have been cases of people surrendering their flats later.

"Several flats remained unsold because people had the option to mark seven choices, depending on the flat type and area... many applicants didn't choose the flats in Narela," an official said.

Most flats that didn't find takers were LIG and EWS (economically weaker section) homes in Narela, which has become a perennial problem for the agency due to transport and water problems.

DDA Vice-Chairperson Tarun Kapoor said, "I am a bit disappointed with the response we got for LIG (lower income group) flats, but the good thing is all HIG (higher income group) and MIG (middle income group) flats have been sold."

Kapoor said the agency will not have much trouble selling EWS flats, as their prices have been lowered. For LIG flats, a renewed push will be given after making improvements.

LEFT VACANT	
Total number of flats	10,294
Sold	8,438
Unsold	1,856
Applications received	45,012

Saroj Yadav, an applicant in the disabled category, was the first to be picked as a successful allottee, and got an MIG flat on the ground floor in Vasant Kunj.

Persons with disability are given first preference in the draw of lots to get the ground floor, a

DDA official said.

The 2019 housing scheme received 45,000 applications for 10,294 homes, but flats in Narela remained least favoured. Homes were also up for offer in Vasant Kunj, Bawana and Rohini.

A senior official said most of the applicants prefer MIG and HIG flats. A total of 28 applicants have already asked for a refund. Kapoor said the focus is on ensuring flats sold are not surrendered, rather than trying to make sure all flats are sold in the first go, but people later come up with complaints.

Officials said the price of EWS flats in Narela, priced between Rs 11-19 lakh, had earlier been slashed by 40%.

Unique IDs for families in Gurgaon in pipeline

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GURGAON, JULY 23

EACH FAMILY in Gurgaon will soon have a family ID, along with the rest of the state, with the Haryana government already creating a portal for the purpose, in the hope the document will make it easier to ensure that benefits and services reach the correct recipients without any dilution.

Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon Amit Khatri Tuesday said the data on the portal will be downloaded and verified with the family's head.

"A survey has been conducted by the state government to prepare a data bank of all families, based on which their IDs will be made. However, before making the ID, the family's data will be cross-checked with its head to ensure there is no error. After that, the ID card of the family will be issued," said Khatri.

To verify the data of each family in the district, officials said they will seek the cooperation of Atal Seva Kendras, tehsil offices, block development and panchayat offices, gas agencies, Saral Kendras, schools, colleges, and other educational institutions.

"Before starting verification work, everyone will be informed through the media about where they can go and verify the detail," said Khatri.

FROM GUNS TO DRONES

Made in India defence tech steals show at 2-day police expo

NAOMI KLINGE & SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

"IF THERE is biometric access control for our phones, then why not have it on our weapons too?" asked Gaurav Paliania, as he held a "smart holster" in his hand. Paliania is the director of business development at Hans Energy, that built "smart holster" — a gun holder which releases the weapon only when an authorised user holds it.

The product, made in UP's Kanpur, was among several innovations showcased at the 5th International Police Expo last week. The expo featured high-tech drones with German technology, the latest light-weight bullet resistant jacket made using technology from BARC, and a pipe fitted inside a vehicle's bonnet which can douse a fire in the engine before it spreads.

Among the visitors at the two-day expo were state police, paramilitary forces, and a few people with a penchant for



drones and gun-related paraphernalia.

One of the products that was well received was the 'Bhabha Kavach' — a light-weight jacket which can resist bullets from an AK-47 assault rifle (7.62 mm hard steel core bullets) and the 5.56 mm INSAS rifle — devel-

oped by the Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) and the public sector metals and metal alloys manufacturer, MIDHANI. "Since we have used technology from BARC, the jacket has been called Bhabha Kavach. So far, the BSF, CRPF, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh police forces have shown interest. They will place orders once the MHA approval comes," said V K Chaudhary from OFB.

Also on display were firefighter suits, anti-mine boots, cold weather jackets, portable

shelters, gas masks, barbed wire, survival blankets and fences.

An interesting counter showcased E-Protekt, a pipe installed in a bonnet, which works by measuring the temperature of the car.

The company's regional manager Akhilesh Shukla said, "Once the car engine gets to 120 degrees Celsius, the pipe explodes and douses the fire and avoid incidents such as the recent fire in a car near Akshardham, which resulted in a loss of lives."

Magenta Line disrupted by maintenance

New Delhi: Services on Delhi Metro's Magenta Line were disrupted Tuesday due to maintenance work on a small stretch between the Palam and Sadar Bazar stations of the corridor.

In the first two hours after services began at 6 am, trains ran on a single loop between Sadar Bazar and Janakpuri West, which is one of the line's terminal stations. The other end of the corridor ends at Noida's Botanical Garden station, where passengers can switch to the Blue Line.

"Services were run on the up line between Janakpuri West and Sadar Bazar Cantonment between 6 and 8.18 am. Services were run in a short loop between the Sadar Bazar Cantonment and Botanical Garden at the same time," the DMRC said.

While services on both up and down lines were restored, trains ran on a restricted speed, leading to delays across the corridor. **ENS**

Police given 2 months to get sanction in JNU sedition case

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A DELHI court Tuesday granted police time till September 18 to procure sanction to prosecute former JNU students' union president Kanhaiya Kumar and others in a 2016 sedition case after the investigating officer informed the court that he does not have any information from Delhi government's home department regarding the same.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Manish Khurana told Delhi Police to make its stand clear and passed an order calling for a report by the DCP regarding the status of prosecution sanction on September 18.

Till date, the trial court has



Kanhaiya Kumar is an accused in the case

not taken cognisance of the chargesheet in the absence of prosecution sanction.

Police has claimed in its chargesheet that Kumar was leading a procession and supported seditious slogans raised on campus during an event on February 9, 2016, held to mark

the hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru. Police also charged former JNU students Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya, among others.

The accused have been charged with offences under IPC sections 124A (sedition), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 465 (punishment for forgery), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record), 143 (punishment for being a member of an unlawful assembly), 149 (being a member of an unlawful assembly), 147 (punishment for rioting) and 120B (criminal conspiracy).

IPC Section 124-A (sedition) requires prior sanction from a competent authority and in case sanction is not given, the court

can raise objections after looking at the contents of the chargesheet.

As reported by *The Indian Express*, the Delhi government's standing counsel, in response to a query by the Delhi government on whether or not to grant sanction to Delhi Police to prosecute Kumar and others, is learnt to have given the opinion that the police request be turned down.

Sources in the Delhi government's home department said the law officer, Rahul Mehra — after perusing the original complaint, the findings of JNU's High-Level Committee, and the transcript of the entire incident on February 9, 2016 — came to the conclusion that there was material error on the part of police in filing the chargesheet.

Shooting accused held, changed clothes on the go to mislead cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

TWELVE DAYS after a 38-year-old woman was shot at by two bike-borne assailants outside Hotel Radisson Blu in Dwarka, while she was driving back home after dropping off her nine-year-old son to school, police arrested five men in connection with the attack.

The woman had crashed her car into a divider and was rushed to a hospital by an auto-rickshaw driver, where she is currently undergoing treatment. Joint CP (Western Range) Madhup Tewari said, "During questioning, the accused, Chandraprakash (27), said his uncle met the woman and became close friends with her.

He committed suicide in December 2018, and his family blamed his friendship with the

Five men have been arrested for shooting at a 38-year-old woman in Dwarka. Police said the main accused blamed her for his uncle's suicide

woman for it." Tewari said Chandraprakash, who is accused in another murder case also, "pledged to take revenge for the death of his uncle and hired contract killers".

Police have arrested the bike-borne assailants, Giriraj Tomar (26) and Abhishek (23), who had been hired for Rs 5 lakh.

They have previous cases of rape and robberies against them and had jumped parole earlier this year.

Even though police had ac-

cess to ample CCTV footage of the two accused leaving the spot and driving off, the case took several days to unravel as the investigating team "kept losing track of the accused in the footage". Tewari said, "The accused riding pillion had a bag and the two changed clothes while driving off. In fact, at Chattarpur, they even changed the bike."

Another thing that confused officers investigating the matter was that while the footage showed the accused "talking on the phone, technical surveillance showed no call record at the time". Questioning revealed the accused was "pretending to be on the phone in an effort to mislead".

Police said Chandraprakash had paid Rs 2 lakh in advance. Tewari said, "Chandraprakash met Tomar in jail where the two were lodged, and gave him the contract."

Sailor missing off Iran coast, family cries foul against employer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, JULY 23

A MERCHANT navy sailor trainee working in a Dubai-based company has gone missing from a ship off the coast of Iran, about 30 nautical miles off Port Assaluyeh. Ayush Chaudhury (22), a sailor working on an international ship, allegedly fell off on July 16, ship authorities said. His family, residing in Noida's Sector 12, have raised alarm bells over his disappearance, which they termed suspicious.

On his first assignment after completing his diploma course in merchant navy, Ayush, a trainee sailor, allegedly fell off a bridge on the ship and went under a sudden wave. However, his family have cried foul over the report, which they term as contradictory. The family were in touch with Ayush till July 13, and then got a call from the company on July 17 about his disappearance.

His cousin Shaile Chaudhary (25), who is pursuing law, alleged, "On the phone, they said he fell on July 15. But in the report, they said it was July 16. They said the weather was moderate, and that it was high tide, but haven't mentioned the time... On

the call they said he was on-duty, but in the report it said he was off-duty..."

Shaile added that "he was very trained, he knew how to swim".

Ayush's father is a shopkeeper, his mother a homemaker, and he has two cousins, Priyanka (21) and Shaile (25). The family claimed he earlier complained of feeling unsafe on the ship.

The family also claimed they had to struggle to obtain the contract from the company. "The company said they would pay him \$900/month, but they were paying him around \$125. They did not even give him a contract. Ayush found the company on his own, he didn't tell us anything. It's obvious we have been cheated," Shaile claimed.

The Twitter handle of the Indian Ambassador of the UAE Navdeep Suri had reached out to Priyanka, who had tweeted about a call from the company on July 17 about his disappearance. The family has appealed for help from the Indian authorities in Iran. The MEA is also coordinating with the Indian Embassy in Tehran, which tweeted, "Search and rescue operations were conducted for three days by Iranian authorities, but yielded no results."

Missing from home for over a day, boy's body found inside sewer

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A DAY after a 14-year-old boy went missing from his house, his body was found in a sewer in North West Delhi's Rohini Tuesday. Police suspect the victim, Emaduddin, drowned in the sewer but are awaiting the post-mortem to confirm the same.

"The family registered a missing persons complaint Monday afternoon. We searched for the boy in the neighbourhood but couldn't find him. On Tuesday, the boy's father told us that they found the body. We rushed to the spot and saw that the boy's body was on the shallow end of the sewer. His body was recovered and taken to the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital," said Shank Dhar Mishra, DCP (Rohini). The body was handed over to the family after a post-mortem, police said.

The sewer is reportedly six-seven feet deep and lies in a va-



The body was found in a six-seven feet deep sewer in a vacant plot belonging to the DDA. Amit Mehra

cant plot belonging to the DDA. Mohammed Wasim (40), father of the victim, said, "I left early in the morning to work Monday. After coming back at 1 pm, I couldn't find Emaduddin. My wife and daughter were inside the kitchen and thought he had gone out to play. We asked everyone around but couldn't find him. We called the police and registered a complaint," said Wasim.

Wasim works as a plumber and lives with his wife, Saeeda (36) and three other children — Afsheen (17), Moin (16) and Alimuddin (12) — in a rented house in Tripathi Enclave in Kirari. He said: "I wake up around 4 am every day and go to the mosque. After returning from the mosque Monday, I saw a body floating in the sewer. I tried getting a closer look and found that it was Emaduddin's body. The neigh-

bours and the police helped us to take out his body from the sewer."

Saeeda said that she last saw her son watching a video on the mobile phone at 11 am on Monday. "He had a fever and wasn't attending school for many days. I told him to go and sit outside for some time. He told me that he would come home by lunch time and left with a ball in his hand... but he didn't return," said Saeeda. Locals said the sewer is a major problem, and few even claimed that their cattle often got stuck in it.

Meanwhile, a DDA official said people have encroached on the property. "The land belongs to the DDA. The plot was walled but residents have encroached the area and built unauthorised colonies. Also, people broke parts of the wall and diverted all the drainage to the plot which is now filled with sewage water. We warned the residents several times, but no action was taken. The plot is now a sewer," he said.

Maliwal shares child rape video, deletes it later and apologises

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE DELHI Commission for Women (DCW) chief Swati Maliwal found herself in the eye of a storm Tuesday, after she shared an old video of a minor being raped by a man on Twitter. As the tweet drew criticism — it is illegal to reveal a rape victim's identity — she deleted the tweet and wrote: "Shared video so that he is identified! However, have deleted it and sought a report from Police. Apologise if I have hurt sentiments."

In the initial tweet, Maliwal tagged the Delhi Police and wrote: "Chilled to the bone on watching this. Delhi Police please immediately file FIR and arrest this pervert... he should be arrested." Maliwal claimed to have sent a notice to DCP (Central) Mandeeep Singh Randhawa, which said that

the DCW came across the video on social media and that it was "deeply disturbing... a zero FIR must be registered."

Randhawa said the notice had not been received yet. Additional PRO of the Delhi Police Anil Mittal said, "We have found that the video is not from Delhi."

Before Maliwal deleted her tweet, it had already been retweeted over 200 times.

A Delhi Police officer said, "It's a violation of IPC section 228A (disclosure of the identity of the victim of certain offences), but no complaint has been filed against her... The video has been deleted by Maliwal from Twitter."



Maliwal did not respond to calls seeking a comment

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(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

NCB vs IKECHUKWU CHUKWUBUIKEM STANLEY & Ors
Crime Case No. SC/225/17, PS-NCB U/S21/23/29 NDPS ACT

WHEREAS complaint/case has been made before me that Ikechukwu Chukwubuikem Stanley S/o Shri Ikechukwu R/O TA-28, Shukar Bazar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 21/23/29 NDPS ACT vide Crime Case no. 5C/225/17, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Ikechukwu Chukwubuikem Stanley cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that Ikechukwu Chukwubuikem Stanley has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant), Proclamation is hereby made that said Ikechukwu Chukwubuikem Stanley is required to appear before this Court (or before me) to answer the said complaint/case on 07.09.2019

Sd-
(AJAY KUMAR JAIN)
Special Judge, NDPS Act
Patiala House Court New Delhi

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"You have more confidence in the American President than India's Foreign Minister?"

VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, said amid protests by Opposition members over US President Donald Trump's remarks on Kashmir issue.

LOK SABHA

"Hon'ble Minister, read your entire speech again. Hon'ble members, keep silent."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, said after Amit Shah requested that the Foreign Minister be allowed to make his statement again because it could not be heard earlier amid the uproar.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This type of language will not be allowed. How can such language be spoken?"

AMIT SHAH, Home Minister, during Zero Hour after Saugata Roy used a certain expression while demanding a statement by PM Narendra Modi on Trump's remarks.

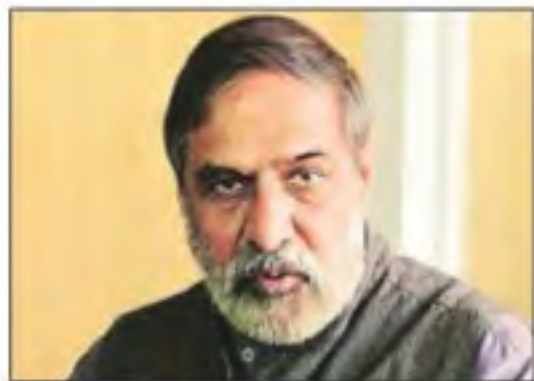
ROLL CALL

PRIME MINISTER: Not Present

SONIA GANDHI: Present

RAHUL GANDHI: Not Present

5 QUESTIONS



CONGRESS MEMBER ANAND SHARMA SPOKE TO MANUJ CG ON THE RUCKUS IN THE RAJYA SABHA OVER US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S STATEMENT ON THE KASHMIR ISSUE.

Rajya Sabha witnessed multiple adjournments on Donald Trump's statement. What was your demand?

The claim of the US President that PM Narendra Modi at the recent G-20 summit in Osaka requested him to mediate on Kashmir has shocked the country. It becomes more serious considering the fact that President Trump conveyed this to the Pakistan PM Imran Khan... So, in an official meeting, this offer was made and conveyed, which seriously compromises India's national interest and position. India has been consistent, firm and clear that this is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan and no third party mediation is acceptable to India.

But the Ministry of External Affairs said yesterday that no such request has been made?

Parliament is in session. It has been a long-standing tradition, practice of this Parliament, since 1952 when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the Prime Minister that the Prime Minister when he goes abroad and meets with the heads of states... comes back and makes a statement before Parliament in both the Houses and the members of Rajya Sabha have a right to seek clarifications. That practice continued until 2014. But that has been discontinued.

Today, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too gave a statement contradicting the US President... That does not suffice for one reason with due respect to the foreign minister. It is not the US Secretary of State who has claimed this. It is US President Donald Trump... So only the Prime Minister can reassure the country and clarify the position... that will settle the matter.

Even the Chairman asked whether the Opposition does not trust the government. The government too posed this question to the Opposition in the House.

We trust the Prime Minister of India, but he has to say so. Prime Minister of India has not said that he did not convey this to the US President.

So you will be satisfied only when the PM makes a statement?

If the PM says he has not made any such offer or made such request... That ends the matter. We don't want to drag it. But the PM must respect Parliament... Opposition has every right to request the PM to clarify.

RS returns Finance Bill amid Oppn boycott, Budget passed

Finance Minister defends tax on petrol, diesel; duty on newsprint import

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE RAJYA Sabha on Tuesday returned Finance Bill (No 2), 2019, and Appropriation Bill (No 2), 2019, even as most of the Opposition walked out without discussing it over the issue of US President Donald Trump's remarks that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked for his intervention on the Kashmir issue.

Both being Money Bills, the Rajya Sabha does not vote on them, and can only return them. The Bills are passed only in the Lok Sabha.

With the Rajya Sabha returning both Bills, the Narendra Modi government's first Budget in its second term was passed by Parliament.

As all Opposition parties, barring the TRS, YSRCP and BJD, walked out, there was barely any criticism of the Bills in the discussion.

In response, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman defended all parts of the Bill. She said that since inflation is at "rock bottom", the government has decided to tax petrol and diesel by Rs 2 per litre. The tax can be lowered, if needed, she maintained.

Defending the 10-per cent duty on newsprint, Sitharaman said it has been imposed to "provide a level-playing field to domestic manufacturers". Newsprint is being imported even though there is "capacity in this country" to produce it, and with global

costs coming down last year, it has affected Indian manufacturers, she said.

The increased tax on super rich will help in "bringing far more equitable development", she asserted.

Sitharaman defended the tax on large cash withdrawals by saying that it will not be over and above tax liability of the individual or the entity, and can be set off when I-T returns are filed. She also said that a report on a Direct Tax Code will be submitted on July 31 and the government was keen to reduce tax compliance burden on taxpayers.

Earlier, following a stormy morning, an unimpressed Opposition continued to disrupt Rajya Sabha proceedings in the afternoon, too. At 2 pm, when the two Bills were to be discussed, Congress leaders said they want Modi to apprise the House of Trump's comments. Deputy Chairman Hariwansh did not let the issue be raised and said that Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu had already decided on it in the morning.

As Hariwansh tried to push through with discussion on the Bills, Opposition leaders stormed the Well. Senior Congress member P Chidambaram said that "if a large section of the Opposition is agitated, you will have to adjourn the House, call them, and try to find a solution".

He said that if this was the way the House will continue to work, then "why have a House at all?". He asked whether the Opposition should "leave the House, leaving only the

Treasury Benches and you present there?"

Leader of the House Thawarchand Gehlot responded by saying that any minister can answer for the government, as there is collective responsibility, but that the Opposition was unhappy after Foreign Minister S Jaishankar's statement in the morning.

The House was adjourned till 3 pm, but not much changed when it resumed. As Opposition leaders continued to protest and demand for a statement from Modi, Deputy Chairman Hariwansh again tried to start discussion on the Bills.

BJP leader Bhupendra Yadav intervened and said that the Lok Sabha is functioning smoothly. Being the House of Elders, he said, the Rajya Sabha should also be allowed to function.

Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad did not take lightly to the comment and said, "If the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were one, then it would be one House." He said the Constitution provides for two Houses. "That House (Lok Sabha) gets dissolved. This House does not get dissolved — it's a permanent House," he said.

He said Bills in Lok Sabha are passed keeping in mind regional, linguistic considerations, and "religious considerations in the last five years", but that does not happen in the Rajya Sabha. He said the government's highhandedness cannot be allowed in the Rajya Sabha and asked the Opposition members to walk out.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla interacts with members of a Chinese delegation during their visit to the Parliament House. The delegation was led by Xiangyang mayor Qie Yingcai. Renuka Puri

Govt introduces 2 Bills in LS to usher in labour reforms, Oppn seeks scrutiny

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THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday introduced two Bills in the Lok Sabha — the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Bill, 2019 and the Code on Wages Bill, 2019 — which together would usher in labour reforms after subsuming 17 laws.

As Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar introduced the Bills in the House, the Opposition made a forceful plea for sending the legislation to a standing committee for detailed examination.

The OSH Code simplifies, amalgamates and rationalises the provisions of 13 central labour laws into a concise volume with certain important changes. It would apply to all establishments having 10 or more workers, except those relating to mines and docks. It will expand the ambit of the provisions relating to working conditions of cine and the-



Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar

atre workers to include them under the category of digital audio-visual workers, encompassing all forms of electronic media.

The Bill will also include journalists working for electronic media, such as e-paper, radio or other media. It will also expand the scope of inter-state migrant workers to include those recruited or engaged by an employer directly from one state to another for employment.

The Code on Wages universalises the provisions of minimum wages and timely payment of wages to employees, irrespective of the sector and wage ceiling.

Opposing the introduction of the Bill, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, floor leader of the Congress, said it will be a "grave injustice" if the Bills are not sent to a standing committee for scrutiny. He said it needs more time for discussion.

Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress alleged that the Bill had been brought in "at the behest of employers". "Workers will not be heard," he said, adding that their interests would not be protected.

N K Premachandran of the RSP pointed out that it was a "fresh" Bill and affected the "entire workforce".

Responding to queries, Gangwar said the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code was sent to the Standing Committee during the 16th Lok Sabha. He said the Bills have been drafted after consulting 13 workers' organisations. The minister asked the members to let the legislation be introduced and offered "to accept whatever the House decides".



Home Minister Amit Shah with BJP working president J P Nadda and other leaders at Parliament House on Tuesday. Anil Sharma

BJP PARLIAMENTARY PARTY MEET

'25 Bills pending, govt may extend House session by 10 days'

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

WITH THE government having a heavy legislative agenda, the current session could be extended by 10 days and at least two Bills could be passed each day, BJP president Amit Shah reportedly told his party MPs on Tuesday.

"He (Shah) said the government is considering extending the current session by 10 days as there are around 25 Bills pending before Parliament. He said at least two Bills could be passed every day," said a source who attended the parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday. "He wanted the MPs to be prepared for it."

However, party leaders familiar with the developments said no final decision has been taken on the extension. "There could be an extension for fewer days," said a senior leader.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters after the meeting, "There is a possibility of this. You will be officially conveyed when a decision is taken."

Opposition parties have conveyed their disapproval of the idea to the government. Congress's chief whip in the Lok Sabha K Suresh said his party is "strongly against" any extension.

The current session, in which Budget and Finance Bills have already been passed, started on June 17 and is scheduled to end on July 26. *The Indian Express* reported on July 17 that the government was contemplating extending the session to complete its legislative business.

In the parliamentary party meeting, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat gave a detailed presentation on water conservation. During the presentation, which lasted 15 minutes, the minister spoke about water conservation, water reuse, judicious use of water and utilising technology in water conservation. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to create a separate ministry for Jal Shakti means that by 2024, India should have a success story on facing the water crisis. According to him, the main objectives of the mission would be linking people with water, protecting the legacy for the future and moving from water controversies to water conservation debates.

While Modi did not address the MPs, Shah reportedly spoke about the 150-km foot march the PM has asked them to undertake to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He asked all MPs to submit a detailed schedule of the programme on the celebrations in their constituencies to party's working president J P Nadda.

LS passes Bill for more transparent transport regulatory mechanism

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THE LOK Sabha on Tuesday passed a Bill that aims to decrease road accidents, bring in better technology for road safety, traffic regulation and improved transportation and make regulatory mechanism more transparent.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019, was passed by voice vote as Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari allayed fears of the Opposition that the Bill encroached upon powers of state governments.

While the Bill was supported by all in general, on various provisions of the Bill, including the National Transport Policy, Opposition members had expressed reservations about violation of the federal structure. Gadkari said the government has no intention of intervening with the power of states.

The National Transportation Policy, which the Bill proposes for ushering in guidelines on transportation of goods and passengers, will be framed only after consultation with states, the minister said. "We will not take away any power of the states... If some states would not like to adopt that, they would be free to do that. It is not a mandatory policy."



Nitin Gadkari

POCSO amendment Bill for stricter penalties moved in RS

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UNION MINISTER for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani moved the Bill to amend the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. The amendments to the POCSO Act of 2012 lay down an expanded definition of child pornography and have provisions for fine and a possible jail term if such material is not destroyed or reported, or is shared with others, in addition to the penalties for commercial use that already exist in the Act.

The Bill also intends to increase the minimum life term for several offences, including sexual assault, from seven to 10 years for a penetrative assault against a child under the age of 16 years, and from 10 to 20 years or even death in cases of aggravated penetrative sexual assault.

Moving the Bill, Irani said that she has risen to speak to the children who "are not vote banks but the foundation of a New India" and said that they "seek protection and security" from the legislators.

Irani said that she was speaking for 39 per cent of India, as 47 crore Indian are younger than 18 years old. "The amendments I move today are ensuring that those who rape our children, especially cases of gang rape, will be met by death," the minister said.

The Bill will be taken up for discussion later.

Cong denies Shah charge on POTA, slams changes to UAPA

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE CONGRESS on Tuesday denied Home Minister Amit Shah's allegation that Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) was repealed by the UPA government in 2004 for "political purpose".

During a debate on a Bill to amend the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in the Lok Sabha, Congress MP Manish Tewari said, "Assertions have been made in this House that POTA was repealed for political purposes. This statement has no truth. An effort to rectify the Act had been started by the BJP itself. Then Home Minister L K Advani had said that POTA was being misused. And then a POTA review committee was made... After it gave its recommendations the NDA government issued an ordinance to make its recommendations mandatory for the Centre



Congress MP Manish Tewari, BJP member Meenakshi Lekhi in Lok Sabha. PTI

and the states," Tewari said, adding that the BJP was forced to do it under pressure from NDA allies.

Shah had last week said in Parliament that the UPA government had repealed POTA for "vote bank politics", and had the Act not been repealed 26/11 would probably not



have happened.

Tewari clarified that in 2004, when UPA repealed the Act, it did not do so in totality. "Its provisions dealing with terrorism were subsumed in the UAPA. Only those provisions which militated against civil liberties of citizens were removed," he said.

Pointing out that of the 1,031 people arrested in POTA's 4,349 cases, only 13 were convicted, Tewari argued that tougher laws were not an answer to combating terrorism and they were always misused.

The Congress leader also criticised the UAPA Amendment Bill, 2019, saying the Act was being made more draconian by allowing for individuals to be declared as terrorists rather than just organisations.

"I want to ask on what basis is this being done? How many lone wolf attacks have happened in India? Which terror attack did not have an organisation behind it? This is going to be misused majorly... Please don't make India a police state," Tewari said.

Earlier, initiating the debate on the Bill, Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy sought the support of all members saying the amendments were minor and in the interest of national security.

"We have zero tolerance towards terrorism and have given a free hand to security forces to deal with terrorists... Through these amendments, we want to give NIA powers to seize terrorist properties spread across various states," Reddy said. He argued that with such properties being spread across various states, seeking permission of every state's DGP for seizure of property becomes a cumbersome process.

The provision was opposed by YSRCP and DMK, which also opposed the Bill in its entirety.

Reddy said that various organisations were banned under UAPA, but individuals within the organisation broke away and started another organisation. So the government was proposing to declare individuals as terrorists.

BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi, who participated in the debate, said it was important to create the fear of the state to fight terrorism.

7 GOVT & POLITICS

KUMARASWAMY LOSES TRUST VOTE

Govt out, all eyes on fate of rebels

Cong leaders confident its 13 MLAs will be disqualified; slam BJP for 'sabotage of a duly elected govt'

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ALTHOUGH THE H D Kumaraswamy-led JD(S)-Congress coalition government in Karnataka has fallen after losing the confidence vote, the sword of disqualification still hangs on the heads of the 13 rebel legislators. Congress leaders were confident that they would be disqualified in a day or two, which would ensure that none of them could become a minister in the new government.

Sources said the party was keenly watching the BJP's next move before deciding its next course of action.

A senior leader told *The Indian Express* that the Speaker's decision on disqualification of the rebel MLAs would come in the next two days. "I am 100 per cent sure they will be disqualified," AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka KC Venugopal said.

Sources said the Speaker could not disqualify them before the confidence vote because, as per rules, seven days' notice is a must for disqualification. The seven-day period ends Wednesday.

The rebels MLAs have, on the other hand, written to the Speaker seeking four weeks to respond to his summons on the disqualification petition moved against them by Congress leader Siddaramaiah. The MLAs have told the Speaker that they have not yet received the copy of the petition and other documents seeking their disqualification.

"You are aware that Disqualification Rules, 1986, require a minimum of 7 days period. In spite of the same, the proceedings are being hurried up. I am not in station now and I require to consult my lawyer after receiving the papers. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Balachandra L Jarkiholi vs B S Yeddyurappa reported in (2011) 7 SCC 1 has held that 7 days notice period is mandatory. In these circumstances, I request you to grant four weeks time to appear," the MLAs' letter said.

The MLAs had got protection

from the Supreme Court against disqualification for not participating in the confidence vote despite the whip issued by the Congress. But Congress leaders claimed the party had demanded their disqualification before the Supreme Court verdict.

The Congress, meanwhile, hit out at the BJP, saying the "sabotage of a duly elected government in Karnataka carried out by the BJP is one of the most heinous and subversive instances of blatant political horse trading the country has ever witnessed". Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "From its first day, the Cong-JDS alliance in Karnataka was a target for vested interests... Their greed won today..." Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted, "One day the BJP will discover that everything cannot be bought, everyone cannot be bullied and every lie is eventually exposed..."

But the fall of the coalition government could not have come at a worse time for the party which has plunged into crisis since Rahul Gandhi stepped down as its chief following the Lok Sabha election rout.

"The driver has run away after the accident. The party is in a mess. What else do you expect?" a senior leader told *The Indian Express* when asked why the party could not save the government.

"The coalition government was brought down by the nefarious joint efforts of the central government, governor, state government of Maharashtra and central BJP leadership. BJP carried out this political drama by offering huge amounts of black money and ministerial berths to the defecting MLAs. The BJP also misused central agencies like Enforcement Directorate and Income-Tax for blackmailing and coercing MLAs. BJP has carried out one of the biggest political subversions and hawala transaction to destabilise the coalition government in Karnataka," Venugopal said.

He said the party would hold nationwide protests "against the immoral, blatant and brazen political destabilisation carried out by the BJP".



BJP state president BS Yeddyurappa with party MLAs in Karnataka Assembly on Tuesday. PTI

Coalition that rode to power with trust vote loses another

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ON MAY 17 last year, the Congress-JD(S) combine — which joined hands after the hung verdict in Karnataka — had made a last-ditch effort to stall the BJP surge in the state with a pre-dawn hearing in the Supreme Court. The apex court had swiftly ordered that then Chief Minister BS Yeddyurappa prove his majority within 24 hours.

On the sidelines, nervous that their own legislators would be poached, the leaders of the coalition had acted quickly and made their newly elected MLAs board buses for an overnight journey to Kochi. And within 48 hours, the Congress-JD(S) coalition ensured the defeat of the BJP government.

On May 25 that year, Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, asserting that he would complete the five-year term, had sailed through the trust vote, with 118 legislators voting in favour of the coalition.

However, 14 months later, the final episode of the coalition government in Karnataka was

an anti-climax. The Congress, which had earlier emerged the winner after herding its flock of MLAs to a private resort ahead of the trust vote, was beaten in the "resort politics" game on Tuesday. On display was the failure of senior coalition leaders to bring back their 16 rebel MLAs — locked up in Mumbai — to the fold. The result: from 118, the number dropped to 99 legislators, who voted in the favour of the Kumaraswamy government.

Kumaraswamy had taken oath at a ceremony that was attended by a clutch of national leaders opposed to the Narendra Modi-led BJP government. The ceremony showcased opposition unity just a year before Lok Sabha elections. In attendance were Sonia Gandhi, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee, N Chandrababu Naidu, Akhilesh Yadav and Sitaram Yechury.

However, the show of unity did not last. Both Kumaraswamy and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who have been rivals for decades, reluctantly ran the government, and the friction between the two parties starting emerging. In January, the

Congress moved its MLAs to a resort in Bengaluru after four MLAs including Ramesh Jarkiholi skipped a Congress Legislative Party meeting.

There was an open tussle between the Congress and JD(S) during seat-sharing negotiations for Lok Sabha polls, with Kumaraswamy demanding 12 seats for his party. And the election results were a major setback. Senior leaders such as G T Deve Gowda kicked up a row by saying that JD(S) workers voted for BJP in Mysore region. This marked the beginning of the end of the coalition. This was followed by Kumaraswamy's ministers openly criticising cabinet decisions.

On the other hand, the state BJP was in full gear with the alleged "Operation Kamala" ahead of Lok Sabha elections. The party led by Yeddyurappa took all its MLAs to a hotel in Gurgaon, but the operation was aborted abruptly and 104 MLAs made to return to the state.

With a resounding victory in the Lok Sabha polls, and with defections from the Congress, it seemed inevitable that the BJP would win the trust vote.

23 DAYS THAT CHANGED GUARDS

JULY 1: Cong MLAs Anand Singh, Ramesh Jarkiholi quit; first resignations linked to the beginning of the political crisis

JULY 6: 11 MLAs — 8 from Congress, 3 from JD(S) — submit resignations at Speaker's office. Later that evening, 11 MLAs meet Governor Vajubhai Vala and subsequently leave for Mumbai

JULY 9: Cong MLA Roshan Baig resigns; Speaker Ramesh Kumar finds fault with eight of 13 resignations received. He summons MLAs to clarify

JULY 10: Senior Cong leader D K Shivakumar and JD(S) MLAs fly to Mumbai to pacify rebels. Denied permission, they are sent back. In Bengaluru, two more Cong MLAs resign, taking total to 16

JULY 12: Kumaraswamy seeks confidence motion as session begins.

JULY 13: M T B Nagaraj meets senior Cong leader; respite for coalition camp hoping to get back numbers

JULY 14: Nagaraj takes U-turn, flies back to Mumbai

JULY 15: Speaker slots time for confidence motion; adjourns session until July 18

JULY 16: Congress MLAs in Bengaluru shifted to resort; SC reserves order for July 17

JULY 17: Whip not applicable to rebel MLAs, says SC; court says Speaker can decide on resignations JD(S) issues whip to its to be present for trust vote in Vidhana Soudha on July 18

JULY 18: Ramalinga Reddy withdraws resignation; no floor test held. Governor Vala directs Speaker to conduct trust vote by end of day. Speaker adjourns House at 6.30 as ruckus continues. BJP leaders say they are ready to stay the whole night in the House; sleep in Vidhana Soudha in protest

JULY 19: House fails to meet second deadline sent by Governor. Session adjourned till July 22

JULY 22: Trust vote postponed again

JULY 23: Kumaraswamy fails to prove majority, Cong-JD(S) government collapses in floor test at Karnataka Assembly

TRUMP'S REMARKS ON KASHMIR

Oppn unites: PM Modi must come to Parliament, make statement



Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the BJP parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

ABANTIKA GHOSH & PRADEEP KAUSHAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

INSISTING THAT Prime Minister Narendra Modi come to Parliament to make a statement on US President Donald Trump's claim that he had asked him to mediate on Kashmir, the Opposition parties Tuesday refused to settle for the statement made in both Houses by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar who denied that any such request was made to Trump.

While the government is yet to formally reach out to Opposition leaders on extending the Parliament session, Opposition leaders are against such a move and may even boycott the extended session, sources said.

The Opposition parties decided not to disrupt the morning sessions during Zero Hour and Question Hour. On the large number of Bills — there are 19 in all — that the government is trying to push through, Opposition leaders agreed to move resolutions on each one, starting with the RTI amendment Bill Tuesday, to send them to Select Committees.

The Opposition staged a walk-out while the Bill was being discussed. On the demand for sending the RTI Bill to the Select Committee, BJP too signed the notice moved by Trinamool Congress.

"We will resist the way they are trying to convert the Parliamentary system of democracy into a Presidential system. We will fight it," said Trinamool Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien. Opposition parties have been agitated ever since last Friday when Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muralidharan read out a long list of Bills for which the Business Advisory Committee allocated time with just five days remaining in the session.

As soon as Lok Sabha met Tuesday, members from the Congress, Trinamool Congress and other Opposition parties

were on their feet shouting slogans over the Trump claim. As the Speaker took up question hour, Congress members were heard shouting: "We want an answer." Congress floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Prime Minister should give an answer. The Speaker assured Opposition members that he would allow them to raise the matter during Zero Hour.

Tewari said the remarks made by Trump were serious and insisted that the Prime Minister personally clarify the matter. The same demand was made by Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress and T R Bалу of the DMK.

When Jaishankar rose to make a statement, it was drowned in protests by the Opposition. He was still reading his statement when the Opposition staged a walkout.

Amid the ruckus in the House, Speaker Om Birla said it was a serious issue and there should not be any politics over the matter. He urged members to rise above party lines and think about national interest. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said Opposition members were trying to belittle the image of the country, which is "highly unfair and uncalled for".

Home Minister Amit Shah requested the Speaker to allow Jaishankar to repeat the statement as it was essential that people hear him clearly. As the Speaker gave his green signal, Jaishankar read out his statement afresh.

In Rajya Sabha, where again the Opposition insisted that the Prime Minister come to the House and clarify, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu asked members not to make national issue into a political issue. "You have more confidence in American president than Indian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister," he said and told the Opposition members that they are sending a wrong signal. "There is a clarification categorically made by the Government... we believe our government," he said before adjourning the House.

J&K parties welcome Trump remarks

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 23

PARTIES ACROSS the political divide in the Valley have welcomed US President Donald Trump's offer to mediate to resolve the Kashmir dispute.

J&K Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) tweeted, "Welcome such a positive development laden with potential to establish permanent peace in the subcontinent. Dialogue and Diplomacy not war-mongering the only means which can deliver some respite to the people of subcontinent engulfed in raging fires of hatred."

National Conference president and MP Farooq Abdullah congratulated PM Narendra Modi for seeking the "intervention" of US President Donald Trump. "It is indeed a welcome step to see the Prime Minister make sincere efforts to solve the issue that has been lingering around for more than seven decades. Any mediation in conflict resolution is not a new approach; it is one of the traditional means of diplomacy that

affords the two conflict-ridden countries reach a suitable solution," he said in a statement.

"If the news is true, it is a good news for the people of Kashmir," Peoples Democratic Front (PDF) chief Hakeem Yaseen said. "The head of two countries should now come forward to resolve this issue." However, Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Gulam Ahmad Mir said Trump's statement has "exposed" PM Modi's "policies". "The statement by US President has exposed the policy of Modi. If he (Trump) is saying something, he is talking with full authority... we will not have third party intervention to resolve all our issues. I guess, today's need is same, to resolve all the issues bilaterally," he said.

Hurriyat Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq welcomed the statement. "Being the most affected party people of Kashmir want an early resolution to the Kashmir conflict. Every effort, pushing India and Pakistan in that direction @POTUS is welcome by the people of J&K," Mirwaiz tweeted.

'Good riddance to alliance of negative agenda'

PMURALIDHARRAO, BJP general secretary in-charge of Karnataka, speaks to LIZ MATHEW about the developments in Karnataka and what lies ahead for the BJP. Excerpts:

What is the BJP's next move?

Now that the government has fallen, we will be waiting to see what the governor does. Based on that we will take directions from the national president on our options and exact formulation of our strategy.

How do you see the developments? Do you think HD Kumaraswamy could have avoided stretching the crisis?

We have been, from the beginning, saying it is an unholy alliance (between Congress and JD-S). It was an alliance of conflicting and competing vote base, there was internal contradiction from the beginning. We have been saying it would not survive and today it has become a reality. It was an al-

liance formed on a negative agenda to keep BJP away. I would call it good riddance. People of Karnataka are freed from the misrule and de-focussed government. Now point is that 15 MLAs had resigned, parties indulged in pretence and exhibitionism while making allegations that BJP was behind it. They have not accepted the directives of the governor; they have subverted the Supreme Court order. Today they exhausted all options and could not find a reason to continue. Naturally BJP is the next claimant with majority on its side in the reduced House. We will be looking to take the responsibility, and follow the directions of our national president and parliamentary board.

Did the SC order on no whip help the BJP?

The order helped democracy in Karnataka. Naturally, we were on the side of Save Democracy movement. The kind of horse-trading the Congress was trying



could not happen. D K Shivakumar was trying with everything he had, but failed.

When Congress and JD(S) alleged that MLAs were paid

money, there was no denial from the BJP. Why?

Entire Karnataka has come to know that due to certain issues inside, the MLAs resigned. They appeared before Speaker, filed affidavits in SC. When their counsel was arguing for them, the world came to know the situation. There was no need to explain more.

Who will be the Chief Minister?

CM candidate will be decided by parliamentary board. We have BS Yeddyurappa as leader of our party and we had sought mandate under his leadership. Taking all factors into consideration, the leadership will take a decision.

The 75-year-old age limit is not applied to him?

There is no such constitutionally stated position in the BJP.

Will you take the rebel MLAs with you and offer them ministerial posts?

Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which was passed by Lok Sabha on Monday amid protests by the Opposition.

UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that the Central government is "hell-bent" on subverting the RTI Act, which now stands on the "brink of extinction".

"It is clear that the present Central government sees the RTI Act as a nuisance and wants to destroy the status and independence of the Central Information Commission, which was put on par with the Central Election Commission and Central Vigilance Commission," she stated.

The Congress, sources said,

The decision will be taken by the national president in consultation with the state party leadership.

BJP always take a high moral ground on issues like this but how does this gel with image you project as a party with a difference, especially with the Congress' allegations?

You know it (allegations) was a Congress mudslinging activity. BJP continues with the position that it is a party with a difference. We are working in a context, not in vacuum. In that context, whatever keeps BJP above board, we will have to evolve pragmatic strategies.

What will be the status of the rebel MLAs?

The Supreme Court had given the Speaker to decide about resignation. There is a constitutional process for it. We have to examine the status. There are many technicalities involved.

OPPN HARDENS STANCE AS GOVT LOOKS TO PUSH THROUGH BILLS

RTI Bill set to face rough weather in Rajya Sabha

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

ON A day the BJP leadership told party MPs that Monsoon Session of Parliament could be extended by 10 days to push through several Bills, opposition parties on Tuesday decided to meet tomorrow to finalise a joint strategy to prevent what they are calling "bulldozing" of Bills in the House.

Senior Congress leaders also asserted that the party will not allow the RTI amendment Bill to be passed in a hurry.

Sources said Congress's Rajya Sabha floor leaders will meet the party's Lok Sabha MPs on Wednesday to evolve a common

strategy. The opposition parties will also try to evolve an "effective strategy" for remainder of the session for both Houses, a senior Congress leader told *The Indian Express*. On Tuesday, opposition leaders were also furious with the government after its demand that Prime Minister Narendra Modi come to the House and clarify his position on US President Donald Trump's remarks on mediation in Kashmir was not accepted.

"The government kept on stonewalling. Finally, we were forced to walk out," a Congress leader said. "This can snowball into something bigger for both Houses. Government is fuelling a larger confrontation and the Opposition has accepted the chal-



Congress leader Sonia Gandhi after a party meeting at Parliament on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

lenge."

As for passage of Bills and extension of the session, he said, "Never have laws been enacted

with this speed without scrutiny. This will be challenged."

And the first confrontation could be over the Right To

Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which was passed by Lok Sabha on Monday amid protests by the Opposition.

UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday alleged that the Central government is "hell-bent" on subverting the RTI Act, which now stands on the "brink of extinction".

The Congress, sources said,

would demand that the Bill be referred to a select committee.

"It is a matter of utmost concern that the Central government is hell-bent on completely subverting the historic Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. This law, prepared after widespread consultations and passed unanimously by Parliament, now stands on the brink of extinction," she said in a statement.

Sonia said more than 60 lakh people have used RTI and helped usher in a new culture of transparency at all levels. "The foundations of our democracy have been strengthened. The weaker sections of the society have benefited greatly by use of RTI by activists and others," she said.



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SIP OF LIFE
GIVING A presentation on water conservation for MPs on Tuesday, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat cited several success stories from India and around the world for inspiration. The first among them was that of David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, who had said that "the solution to water problem lies in the desert". He also spoke about engineer Simcha Blass, who invented drip irrigation, and the story of Arava desert that receives an average 20 mm rain per year and has turned into Israel's vegetable garden. As for local success stories, Shekhawat cited the Chouka method of water-harvesting in Rajasthan, the panchayat-driven water conservation movement in Hiwara Bazar in Maharashtra, the NGO-driven Paani Foundation, and society-driven 'Apna Talaab Abhiyan' in Uttar Pradesh.

LONG WAIT

HNBG CENTRAL University in Uttarakhand has been without a regular head since the HRD Ministry fired the last vice-chancellor, Jawahar Lal Kaul, in 2017, for administrative irregularities. While the government had launched its search for the next V-C within a month of sacking Kaul, there's been no appointment for close to one-and-a-half years. It turns out that the institution's wait for a V-C is only set to get longer as the President's office is learnt to have returned the file with a panel of three finalists submitted by the ministry. Rashtrapati Bhavan is learnt to have asked the government for a fresh set of names for the post, as one of the three finalists, Avinash Khare, was appointed vice-chancellor of Sikim University in the interim.

QUICK RISE

WITHIN DAYS of joining the BJP, former Samajwadi Party MP Neeraj Shekhar is set to be part of a high-profile function on Wednesday, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases a book on former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar. The book has been written by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Hariwansh Neeraj, Chandra Shekhar's son, who had been among the more aggressive Samajwadi Party MPs, had resigned last week. His resignation was accepted immediately, and he joined the BJP the following day.

Security of Akhilesh, Lalu, Sangeet Som downgraded

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

THE HOME Ministry has carried out a large scale review of the security cover provided to 130 VIPs, including leaders of the BJP, RSS and Governors.

The ministry has downgraded the security provided to many politicians and in some cases completely removed them from the central list. These include former UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad, BJP leaders such as Sangeet Som, Suresh Rana and Rajiv Pratap Rudy, and RSS leader Indresh Kumar.

The central security cover to K Vijay Kumar, advisor to the J&K Governor, and Himachal Pradesh Governor Kalraj Mishra, has also been removed.

This is the first full-scale review of VIP protectees by the Union Home Ministry after the Narendra Modi government took charge following the 2019 general election.

It was recommended that a large number of protectees be given protection by the respective state police forces.

The central security cover of

Fake video case : Gujarat HC grants anticipatory bail to Jignesh Mevani

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to Jignesh Mevani, the Independent MLA from Vadgam, after he tendered an apology to the court. The bail was in relation to an FIR accusing him of "defaming a school by tweeting a fake video" in May.

Mevani's plea for anticipatory bail was rejected last week by a

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MP passes Bill to raise OBC quota to 27%, overall 73%

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BHOPAL, JULY 23

THE MADHYA Pradesh Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed a Bill increasing reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from 14 per cent to 27 per cent. The 13 per cent more reservation for OBCs coupled with the 10 per cent quota for economically weaker sections in government jobs takes the quantum of reservation in the Congress-ruled state to 73 per cent.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes get 16 and 20 per cent reservation, respectively, in the state.

Cabinet Minister Govind Singh, who holds the general administration portfolio, said the passage of the Madhya Pradesh Lok Seva (Anusuchit Jatiyon, Anusuchit Jan Jatiyon aur Anya Pichhade Vargon ke Liye Arakshan) Amendment Bill, 2019, will ensure that the needy get their due.

Responding to the debate, the minister said the government will try to fill up posts ly-

EXPLAINED
E. Smooth passage, but hurdle ahead

BY ALL accounts, OBCs account for more than 50 per cent population in the state. Hence, no party can afford to antagonise them. The BJP never spoke about bringing a Bill to increase OBC reservation to 27 per cent though all its three CMs from 2003 to 2018 belonged to that category. But it was in no position to oppose the Bill on the floor of the Assembly, so after nipping the opposition party opted to pass it unanimously. The Bill will go to the governor now. But it will also have to clear a legal challenge because a petition is pending in the High Court.

ing vacant for years in the government and corporations. He said the government will study reservation given by some states to the extremely backward castes (EBCs).

The minister's promise to study EBC reservation came in response to a suggestion by Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava to reserve 7 per cent (out of 27 per cent) posts for EBCs who, he said, suffer while some other castes walk away with all reservation benefits. "There are many families whose

10 members have got government jobs and some have not been able to land a peon's job," Bhargava said.

While backing the amendment, Bhargava asked if the government had brought it only to reap political benefits because no government jobs are available. He also asked if the government would extend the reservation to the private sector, because jobs are being created there. "If it (amendment) is not a lollypop, announce how many jobs are you going to create," the

BJP leader said.

Many other speakers argued that the population of OBCs in the state was more than 50 per cent and so they deserved more reservation.

Pradeep Patel, BJP MLA from Mauganj in Rewa district, said reservation should be extended to semi-government organisations, private sector, cooperatives and in contractual appointments. "Either outsourcing should stop or reservation should be extended there too, so that all castes benefit from it," he said.

BJP MLA from Narsinghpur Jalum Singh Patel said the budget should be allocated to OBCs in proportion to their share in the population and reservation be extended to judiciary, including the Supreme Court and high courts.

BJP MLA Mohan Yadav said he would not give the entire credit for the amendment to the Congress government because it took a cue from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who introduced 10 per cent quota for EWS busting the myth that reservation cannot exceed 50 per cent.

As Kerala declares Ernakulam Nipah-free, youth recalls struggle

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 23

ON A day the Kerala government declared Ernakulam as a district free from Nipah virus, a youth diagnosed with the virus, who returned home on Tuesday after a 54-day treatment schedule at ASTER Medcity in Kochi, said he was "born again on June 16" — the day he was moved from the isolation ward to a hospital room.

The Nipah virus returned to Kerala for the second consecutive year after the 21-year-old college student from Ernakulam district was tested positive for the virus in early June.

At their village, his parents on Tuesday said they have finally emerged from a spell of "social boycott". His father said: "After our son was diagnosed with the virus, we were asked to remain within the house. A neighbour arranged provisions for us. It was a period of social boycott, but we don't have any complaints."

The student said he remembers leaving home for a local hospital — at Kodungallur, in Thrissur district — on May 26, but nothing much after that. "I



Doctors say case gave them chance to study the virus. File

can't even recollect the stages I passed through," he said.

He said he was not told about the virus during any stage of treatment. "I thought I was affected with an advanced stage of fever. In fact, I had fever until two weeks ago. When my parents told me about Nipah two days ago, I could not believe it," he said.

Stating that he does not recall how he contracted the virus, the student said, "I remember eating a guava brought from the market. My parents also consumed it. If that fruit was virus-infested, then my parents would also have contracted the disease."

Even after being moved out of the isolation ward on June 16, the youth said he faced bouts of memory loss, especially after waking up. Such bouts lasted for

about half-an-hour, and it took several days to regain "normal behaviour", he said.

Dr Bobby Varkey, consultant neurologist at ASTER Medcity, said: "We confirmed the disease within 36 hours. Some hospital staff who treated the youth had to be put under observation. The speedy diagnosis helped contain spread of the virus."

Dr Varkey said the most significant aspect of the case was that the health sector could extensively study a Nipah case. "In the outbreak of 2018 in Kozhikode, most affected people died within days of contracting the virus. But in this case, we could thoroughly investigate a sinking case and treat the patient. Now we have a clear picture how Nipah will affect various organs in human body," he said.

Dr Varkey said the achievement will be published in an international medical journal.

Kerala Health Minister K K Shailaja said the state could contain the virus as the government and the private health sector joined hands. "We had observed 338 persons (cases); 17 of them were admitted to isolation wards," she said.

ASTER Medcity bore the youth's cost of treatment.

SP MLA booked for urging boycott of shops run by BJP supporters

Muzaffarnagar: An FIR has been filed against Samajwadi Party MLA from Kairana in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district for allegedly asking people to boycott shops being run by BJP supporters, police said on Tuesday.

The FIR was filed on Monday evening after a video, in which the MLA, Nahid Hasan, was seen making the appeal, went viral, they said. In the video, Hasan is seen asking people to boycott shops being run by BJP supporters in Kairana, Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar said.

He has been booked under Sections 153 (wantonly giving provocation to cause riot), 153 A (promoting enmity between different groups), 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) and 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the IPC, the SP said. An inquiry has been ordered and the probe has been handed over to ASP Rajesh Srivastava, Kumar said. PTI

50 dead cleaning sewers in first 6 months of 2019: panel report

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

FIFTY WORKERS have died cleaning sewers in the first six months of 2019, according to data available with the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK).

This data, although startling, is, by NCSK's own admission, a gross underestimate since it includes figures for only eight states — Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu — out of 36 states and Union Territories.

Moreover, many of these eight states have under-reported numbers, according to NCSK. For instance, as per NCSK's official records accessed by *The Indian Express*, Delhi reported deaths of three sewer workers between January 1 and June 30 this year. But twice as many workers have reportedly died during this period. Deaths of three workers employed to carry out repairs at Delhi Jal Board sewage treatment plant in June have not been confirmed by the state and thus have not been officially recorded by NCSK, which is the only agency in the country that maintains records of manual scavenging deaths.

Even going by such a conservative method of documenting the deaths, the Commission, which only two years ago started collating manual scavenging casualties, has a tally of 817 sewer workers' deaths since 1993, the year the practice was outlawed in India through a legislation. This data is only for 20 states, until June 30 this year, with no reporting from the rest.

In its annual report tabled before Parliament last week, the Commission has made a significant observation about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the NDA government's flagship cleanliness mission: the NCSK "feels that this Abhiyan should not focus just on toilet building but also on eradication of manual scavenging or workers' rehabilitation".

With 210 deaths till date, Tamil Nadu has recorded the highest numbers of such casualties.

DEATH IN SEWER

Haryana	11
Gujarat	11
Maharashtra	9
Tamil Nadu	9
Delhi	3
Karnataka	3
Uttar Pradesh	2
Punjab	2
Total	50

*Recorded by NCSK between January 1 and June 30, 2019

Gujarat, home state of NCSK chairperson Manhar Valjibhai Zala, has documented 156 deaths, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, reporting 77 and 70 deaths, respectively. Eleven deaths in Haryana occurred over the last six months alone.

When it comes to payment of mandatory compensation of Rs 10 lakh to families of the deceased, Tamil Nadu has a better record of making payments in 75 per cent of cases; Gujarat has done it in just over 30 per cent of cases.

NCSK chairperson Zala has now proposed that the Union government should amend The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, so that the principal employers, which are mostly state government agencies and urban local bodies, are held responsible for the deaths, and not just the contractors assigned the work. "I will write to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and ask for an amendment," Zala told *The Indian Express*. "Also, the law allows workers to go in (sewers) if they wear protective covering. Why should a Dalit worker have to enter the sewer in the first place? Deaths will not stop unless states and municipalities invest in mechanised cleaning of sewers and septic tanks."

The Commission's annual report specifically pulls up Indian Railways, stating that the Railways are the "largest employer of safai karamcharis", and the "problem of manual scavenging is nowhere as acute as it is in the Railways".

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Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30-Jun-2019

(₹ in Crores except per share data)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2019	Year Ended 31-Mar-2019	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2018
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Income from operations (net)	2022	7673	1872
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional items	279	919	232
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after exceptional items	279	562	232
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	216	436	163
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	218	469	114
Equity Share Capital	84.62	84.62	84.62
Other Equity excluding Revaluation Reserve		4639	
Earnings per share (of ₹ 5/- each) before exceptional items net of taxes			
Basic & Diluted	12.74	42.45	9.66
Earnings per share (of ₹ 5/- each) after exceptional items net of taxes			
Basic & Diluted	12.74	25.78	9.66

Notes:
1 Summary details of stand-alone audited financial results of Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited:

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2019	Year Ended 31-Mar-2019	Quarter Ended 30-Jun-2018
Net income from operations	1603	5762	1452
Profit before tax	277	935	188
Profit after tax	223	745	122
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	227	768	75

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30-Jun-2019 filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the same, along with the notes, are available on www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.torrentpharma.com.

Place: Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Date: 23-Jul-2019

GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY
SAMBALPUR-768004, ODISHA

RECRUITMENT OF FACULTY

Gangadhar Meher University invites application from eligible Indian citizens for the following positions:

1. PROFESSOR [Pay Band of Rs. 37,400-67,000 with AGP of Rs. 10,000.00] - 23 Posts
2. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR [Pay Band of Rs. 37,400-67,000 with AGP of Rs. 9,000.00] - 35 Posts

General Conditions:

The above positions are available in the following subjects: Anthropology, Biotechnology, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Geography, Hindi, History, Library & Information Science, Mathematics, Odia, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sociology, Statistics and Zoology.

- (i) The Advertisement is for Regular Positions.
- (ii) There is an application fee of INR 2750.00 from candidates belonging to General and SEBC Category. The application fee for SC/ST/PwD and Women candidates is INR 1750.00. Those who have applied earlier against the Advertisement No. 001/REC/GMU/FAC; Sambalpur; Dated: 28.05.2018 need to pay facilitation charges of INR 250.00 only.
- (iii) The link for the detailed advertisement and online application submission module is given herewith: <https://recruitment.gmuniversity.ac.in>
- (iv) The last date for submission of online applications complete in all respects is 19th August 2019 at 23.59. The last date of receipt of print copy of the applications with all supporting documents is 29th August 2019 at 17.00. Online submission of application is mandatory.
- (v) Application fee is non-refundable. Seven printed hard copies of the application form will be accepted, when sent through Speed-Post/Registered Post/Courier only. The candidate must send one set of supporting documents to validate their data.

Adv. No. 003/REC/GMU/FAC; Sambalpur; Dated: 23rd July 2019
Sd/- REGISTRAR
GANGADHAR MEHER UNIVERSITY, SAMBALPUR

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
C-11, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA
Website: www.hspcb.gov.in E-mail: hspcbho@gmail.com
Tele Fax No. 0172-2577870-73

Notice For Public Hearing

It is for the information of all concerned that M/s Wonder Cement Limited wants to install a project of 'Clinker Grinding unit with Cement Production Capacity of 5.0 MTPA (Phase-I 2.5 MTPA & Phase -II 2.5 MTPA) and D.G set (6.5 MW) at Village Jhanswa, Tehsil Matanhail, Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana). SEIAA, has already granted terms of reference vide ToR no SEIAA/HR/2019/141 dated 05.07.2019 to the project. Now the project proponent has applied to the concerned authority for Environmental Clearance and the public hearing regarding the same has been fixed as per details given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Unit	Date of Public Hearing	Time of Public Hearing	Venue of Public Hearing
1.	M/s Wonder Cement Limited at Village Jhanswa, Tehsil Matanhail, Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana) for the Project of "Clinker Grinding unit with Cement Production Capacity of 5.0 MTPA (Phase-I 2.5 MTPA & Phase-II 2.5 MTPA) and D.G set (6.5 MW) was submitted to ToR no. SEIAA/HR/2019/141 dated 05.07.2019.	28.08.2019	11.00 A.M.	At Site

As a part of procedure for seeking the Environmental clearance, as notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide Notification No. S.O. 153 (E) dated 14.09.2006, the project proponent mentioned above has applied. Accordingly the Public Hearing for the above said project has been fixed on 28.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M. for the Project Site mentioned above. Copies of executive summary of the project and EIA study report, submitted by the project proponent are available in the Regional Office of the Board as well as in the following offices which can be perused during office hours, on any working day.

1. Deputy Commissioner, Jhajjar.
2. Regional Officer, HSPCB, SCF No. 42 & 43, Shopping Centre, Sector-6, HUDA, Bahadurgarh.
3. O/o Zila Parishad, Jhajjar.
4. O/o Municipal Corporation, Jhajjar.
5. Joint Director/GM, District Industries Centre, District Jhajjar.
6. Notice is hereby given to all concerned, to file suggestions, views, comments and objections, if any, on the proposed project, to the Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, C-11, Sector-6, Panchkula as well as Regional Officer, Bahadurgarh Haryana State Pollution Control Board, SCF No. 42 & 43 Shopping Centre, Sector-6, HUDA, Bahadurgarh within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Besides a Public Hearing will also be held on the Date, Time & Venue mentioned above at the proposed site of the project, which can be attended by any person including Environmental Groups bonafide residents and others, located at the project site/sites of displacement/sites likely to be affected. Oral/ Written suggestion, if any can also be made during the Public Hearing.

No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the Public Hearing.

S. Narayanan
Member Secretary

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RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in email: workstendercell@gmail.com
TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/S/1438/2019-20/02 Dated 23.07.2019

E-TENDER: On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager/RWF invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website <http://www.irops.gov.in> from experienced/reputed contractors in the field.

Tender No.	RWF_S_TPT_FW_2000_19-20	RWF_TPT_FW_500_19-20
Due date & time	14.08.2019 Tender closing at 14.15 hrs.	16.08.2019 Tender closing at 14.15 hrs.
Scope of work	Transportation of finished products i.e. Railway wheels from Rail Wheel Factory (RWF), Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064 to various consignees in India.	
Distance slab	Above 1000 kms	0- 500 Kms
Quantity	9500 Metric Tonnes	5200 Metric Tonnes
Estt. Tender value	Rs.3,43,90,000/-	Rs. 83,72,000/-
Cost of Tender document	Rs. 10,500/-	Rs.5,250/-
EMD amount	Rs.3,22,000/-	Rs.1,67,400/-
Contract Period	12 (twelve) months from the date of commencement of work.	

PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 50 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, ID Mark : A Tattoo As "OM" on Hand. Wearing : Blue Colour Baniyan & Brown Underwear & Bare Footed. was found dead at Near Public Toilet, Labour Chowk, Bankhandi Mandir, Chandni Chowk, Kotwali, Delhi on 14.07.2019. In this regard, a DD No. 13-A, dated 14.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kotwali, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23977100, 8750870121

DP/249/N/19

Govt. of Bihar

DARBHANGA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, DARBHANGA

MABBI, P.O.- LAL SAHPUR, VIA.- P.T.C., DARBHANGA - 846005 (BIHAR)
Adv. No.- DCE/TEQIP/Pr/03/2019

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

D.C.E., Darbhanga is in the Process of procuring Laptops, Computer Table, MS Office & Laboratory Equipment's for strengthening different laboratories of the Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Computer Sc. & Engineering Department under TEQIP-III. The procurement of Laptops, Computer Table, MS Office & Laboratory Equipment's for different laboratories are to be processed package-wise. An open tender is floated on the institute website for inviting quotations/proposals. The invitation letters along with package wise detailed specification are uploaded on the institute website : <https://www.dce-darbhanga.org/teqip-iii/tenders/>, for reference. Interested suppliers/bidders are required to send their proposal in hard copy through speed post/registered post/courier only to the following address latest by 09-08-2019.

The Principal
Darbhanga College of Engineering, Darbhanga
Mabbi, P.O. - Lal Sahpur, Via-PTC
Darbhanga - 846005,
Bihar, India

For further details please visit website www.prdbihar.gov.in

Principal - cum-IPD
TEQIP-III, D.C.E., Darbhanga

PR. No. 04902 (Sci. & Tech.) 2019-20

बाल विवाह एवं देहेज से संबंधित सूचना टॉल फ्री नं. 181 पर दें।

Kuldeep Bishnoi's residence, offices searched by I-T

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JULY 23

INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT officials from New Delhi carried out searches at the residence and business offices of former Haryana Chief Minister Bhajan Lal's son and Congress leader Kuldeep Bishnoi at five places on Tuesday.

During the searches, which started early Tuesday morning and continued till late evening, the family members of Bishnoi were not allowed to come out of the premises. Speaking to supporters, Kuldeep Bishnoi's son, Bhavya Bishnoi, who contested the Lok Sabha poll from Hisar, termed the action by the agency as "desperation of the BJP government".

Sources close to Bhajan Lal's family said that Kuldeep Bishnoi and his legislator wife Renuka Bishnoi were at their Gurgaon farmhouse when the searches took place. Bhajan Lal's wife Jasma Devi was at their Hisar residence during the I-T reach. The searches were conducted at their residence in New Delhi and business office at Hisar.

कार्यालय उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन

विज्ञापन क्रमांक /386/ E-Tender/2019/ छत्रपति शिवाजी भवन, आगर रोड, उज्जैन (म.प्र.) उज्जैन, दिनांक: 18.07.2019

(Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन के द्वारा संचालित निर्माण कार्य / परियोजनाओं के संपादन हेतु वस्तुनिष्ठ सह परिशोधन प्रबंधन सलाहकार की नियुक्ति किये जाने हेतु आर.एफ.बी. ऑनलाईन जारी की जा रही है। इच्छुक संस्था कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन कर सकती है।

सिस्टम क्र. 1 ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक **02.08.2019** समय **17:30** ऑनलाईन ई.एम.डी राशि एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक **03.08.2019** समय **17:30** रहेगी।

विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट www.mplenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। यदि उपरोक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन होता है तो इसकी सूचना ऑनलाईन दी जावेगी। पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी।

क्र.	टेन्डर फार्म का मूल्य	कार्य का नाम	परियोजना की संभावित राशि की सीमा	अंशदरमनी रु.	समय अवधि
1	5,000/-	नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन के द्वारा संचालित निर्माण कार्य / परियोजनाओं के संपादन हेतु वस्तुनिष्ठ सह परिशोधन प्रबंधन सलाहकार की नियुक्ति कार्य।	3 करोड़ से 10 करोड़ तक	20,000/-	3 वर्ष

अधीक्षक यंत्री
नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender No.2/CE/CS/OT/2019 Dt: 10.07.2019

Principal Chief Engineer for and on behalf of President of India invites ONLINE tenders for manufacture and supply of 1 in 8.5 Trap switch sleepers to DRG No.RDSO/RT-6068 with closing date as 14.08.08.2019.

Further details are available in the detailed tender notice on website <http://www.irops.gov.in>.

Principal Chief Engineer,
Chennai - 600 003.

पश्चिमोत्तर विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.

अति-अल्पकालिन ई-निविदा सूचना

अधोस्ताहकता द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य को निविदा ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से करने हेतु अनुपवी एवं प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों से मुहयन्द निविदाओं के अलग-अलग भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा शुल्क व घोहर राशि इस कार्यलय के खाता सं. 10880224116 आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड SBIN0000685 भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, रेलवे रोड, मुजफ्फरनगर में आर.टी.सी.एन.एन.ई.एफ.टी. के माध्यम से जमा करायी जायेगी एवं निविदा का प्रथम भाग में निविदा शुल्क व घोहर राशि जमा का साक्ष्य यथोचित पु.टी.आर. 9-न-रिप्ल मूल की प्रति, बैंक गारंटी मूल की प्रति (इच्छुद्धि बैंक के कन्फर्मेशन मेल की प्रति) पैक कार्ड, जी.एस.टी., टेको कन्फिर्मेशन शीट ई-टेंडर प्रपत्र के साथ ऑनलाईन ई-निविदा दिनांक 31.07.2019 को 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जायेगी तथा निविदा का द्वितीय भाग (प्राईस बिड) ऑनलाईन दिनांक 31.07.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in पर परी जा सकेगी। निविदा का प्रथम भाग दिनांक 31.07.2019 को सार्थ 02:00 बजे के उपरान्त इस कार्यलय में सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा। अधोस्ताहकता की किसी भी एक अथवा सभी निविदाओं को विना कारण वापस, किसी भी समय निरस्त/संशोधन करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित है। कृपया निविदाओं को विल्टृत जानकारी/निविदा संशोधन/वितरण तिथि/निस्तारीकरण के लिये वेबसाइट www.etender.up.nic.in/ पर लॉगइन करें। 1:- ई-निविदा संख्या 42/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अधीन अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर के अनर्गत उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-द्वितीय/तृतीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत नॉन-आर.ए.पी.डी.आर.पी. क्षेत्र में उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत वकाली/डिफाल्टर श्रेणी में चल रहे विद्युत संयोजनों को विच्छेदित/डिस-कनेक्शन करना व वकाली धनराशि का भुगतान जमा होने के उपरान्त उक्त संयोजन को पुनः चालू/रि-कनेक्शन कराने का कार्य यथाशीघ्र प्रारम्भ किया जाना है। जिसमें सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों में उपरोक्त कार्य करने के लिये 08 नं. गैंग (01 कुशल + 02 अकुशल कुल 03 कार्मिक विद्युत सुरक्षा/विद्युत उपकरणों सहित) एवं साईट की विडियोग्राफी हेतु 08 कुशल कार्मिक तीन माह अथवा विभागीय आवश्यकतानुसार जो भी पहले समाप्त होगी। घोहर राशि रु.- 40000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु.- 1770.00 मात्र। 1:- ई-निविदा संख्या 43/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अधीन अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के अनर्गत उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-प्रथम/चतुर्थ, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत नॉन-आर.ए.पी.डी.आर.पी. क्षेत्र में उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत वकाली/डिफाल्टर श्रेणी में चल रहे विद्युत संयोजनों को विच्छेदित/डिस-कनेक्शन करना व वकाली धनराशि का भुगतान जमा होने के उपरान्त उक्त संयोजन को पुनः चालू/रि-कनेक्शन कराने का कार्य यथाशीघ्र प्रारम्भ किया जाना है। जिसमें सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों में उपरोक्त कार्य करने के लिये 06 नं. गैंग (01 कुशल + 02 अकुशल कुल 03 कार्मिक विद्युत सुरक्षा/विद्युत उपकरणों सहित) एवं साईट की विडियोग्राफी हेतु 06 कुशल कार्मिक तीन माह अथवा विभागीय आवश्यकतानुसार जो भी पहले समाप्त होगी। घोहर राशि रु.- 30000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु.- 1770.00 मात्र। हस्ता./- अधीक्षक अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मंडल मुजफ्फरनगर पत्रांक 2660/वि.वि.मं. मु.नगर.(केम्प) दिनांक 23/7/2019

Woman held for throwing baby from fourth floor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 23

A WOMAN was arrested by Lucknow Police for allegedly killing her ailing three-month-old son by throwing him off the fourth floor of the trauma centre at King George's Medical University on Tuesday.

According to sources at the trauma centre, the child was born at the BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur with a liver condition along with jaundice. The child had been admitted at the KGMU trauma centre for the past two months after being referred.

"Around 6 am, we were informed that the body of an infant was found on the trauma centre premises. We identified the child's mother as Shanti Devi from Kushinagar... But after we found the body, we started investigating. After checking CCTV footage, it was clear that the woman herself threw the child," said circle officer, Chowk Police Station, Durga Prasad Tiwari.

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.	DHBVN	NIT No. TED-336/PD&C/2019	Extended Date of closing of online e-tender for submission of Techno- Commercial Bid & Price Bid on web portal 29.07.2019(UPTO 1700HRS) EXTENDED OPENING DATE OF PART-I OF PROPOSAL ON WEB PORTAL 30.07.2019 AT 1100 HRS	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223216 cepdcdhbvn@gmail.com
2.	DHBVN	16/SE/OP/GGN-II/2018-19	LAST DATE OF UPLOADING BID EXTENDED UP TO 05.08.2019 (13.00 HRS.)	www.dhbvn.org.in	0124-2582106 gurgaonse2@gmail.com
3.	HPGCL	NIT REFERENCE NO. 124399, BIDDING DOCUMENT NO. 3/CE/PLG/NTPC/PTPS/FGD-249, CORRIGENDUM - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 DATED 07.06.2019, 18.06.2019, 20.06.2019, 28.06.2019, 02.07.2019 AND 16.07.2019 RESPECTIVELY.	AMENDMENTS IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.(PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS).	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
4.	HPGCL	NIT REF. NO. 12442 BID DOC. NO. 6/CE/PLG/FGD/PTPS-U6/299CORRIGENDUM-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 DATED 12.06.2019, 20.06.2019, 26.06.2019, 02.07.2019 AND 16.07.2019 RESPECTIVELY.	AMENDMENT IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.(PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS).	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022439 ceplg@hpgcl.org.in
5.	HPGCL	(NIT NO. 38/EMD- IV/104 VOL-IV/2019- 20 DTD. 02.07.2019) (TENDER ID NO. 2019_HBC_84154_1) SUB: AMC /ARC FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FALLING UNDER UNIT- 5&6, PTPS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEAR.	START DT.02.07.2019 AT 17:00 HRS. & END DT.31.07.2019 AT 13:00 HRS.	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
6.	HPGCL	PTP/POM-331748 (EVENT NO. 99890)SUB:-DCS TEMPERATURE INPUT CARD CTT-21 OR EQUIVALENT.	OPENING DT. 24.09.2018 & CLOSING DT.07.08.2019 AT 13.00 HOURS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
7.	HVPNL	01/DKT./COLONY/AMB/2019-20 DT. 1.7.2019(2019_HBC_83889_2)	NO CHANGE IN THE TENDER. ONLY DATE OF OPENING IS EXTENDED UPTO 25.7.2019 DUE TO NON TURNING UP OF ANY BIDDER	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
8.	HVPNL	02/TS/AMB/2019-20 DATED: 2.07.2019(2019_HBC_84103_2)	NO CHANGE IN THE TENDER. ONLY DATE OF OPENING IS EXTENDED UPTO 5.8.2019 DUE TO NON TURNING UP OF ANY BIDDER	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
9.	UHBVN	5/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
10.	UHBVN	7/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
11.	UHBVN	8/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
12.	UHBVN	9/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
13.	UHBVN	10/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
14.	UHBVN	11/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 05-08-2019	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD	PREPARATION/MAKING OF RANGOLI WITH WOODEN BURADA ETC. FOR INTERNATIONAL GITA MAHOTSAV-2019 + 6 OTHER WORKS	OPENING 23.07.2019	3.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-270187 kdbkkr@gmail.com
2	HARTRON	INVITING ONLINE BID FOR PROVIDING MODULAR FURNITURE FOR UNTIL AT HMSDC COMPLEX GURUGRAM	25.07.2019 02.08.2019	28 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570076 engineeringdivision10@gmail.com
3	THE AMBALA DISTT.COOP.MILK PRODUCERS UNION	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (WITH CALIBRATION) FOR PROCESS CONTROL INSTRUMENTS. (CERTIFICATE BY NA, BAC ACCREDITED LAB)	26.07.2019 20.08.2019	5000	http://vitaindia.etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2540614 milklant@vitaambala.com
4	THE SHAHABAD CO-OP SUGAR MILLS LTD	LABOUR JOBS ON CONTRACT BASIS FOR VARIOUS DISMANTLING, FABRICATION & ERECTION JOBS(EMD:- RS.55000/-) FOR SOCIETIES AND RS.1,10,000/- FOR OTHER BIDDERS) + 43 OTHER WORKS	17.07.2019 27.07.2019	1.10 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9991702828 scsmpur@gmail.com
5	HVPNL	REPL./RAISING THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS CROSSING ARRANG. OF 66 KV S/C JORIAN TO GOBINDPURI TRANSMISSION LINE T/L NO. 123 & 124 NEAR JAGADHRI W/SHOP RAILWAY STATION AT KM 217/20-21	19.07.2019 01.08.2019	4.10 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
6	HVPNL	SUPPLY OF ONE NO. NON AC BOLERO CUMPER/JEEP WITH DRIVER (MAKE MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA) FOR SSE 20KW S/STN. PEHOWA UNDER TS DIVN. HVPNL OFFICE KURUKSHETRA. DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20 OR AS PER REQUIREMENT	CLOSING 26.07.2019	3.75 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
7	HSAMB KAITHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. KHERI MATRWA TO DHERDU.(M.C PUNDIR) ID-8764 HONBLE C.M ANNOUNCEMENT 25172 DT 03.03.2019 + 13 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 01.08.2019	1.62 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222374 xenkaithal1.hsamb@gmail.com
8	HSAMB KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM GT ROAD TO DADUPUR KHURD (H-8959) + 4 OTHER WORKS	24.07.2019 02.08.2019	119.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2220964
9	HSAMB JIND	ORDINARY REPAIR OF LINK ROADS OF M.C JIND FROM GROUP NO. 1 TO 6 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20 + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 01.08.2019	17.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-255039 etenders.gov.in
10	HSAMB PANIPAT	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE GARHI CHHAJU TO MATRAULI. ROAD ID H-3474 + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 01.08.2019	2.89 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2661236 xenpnp2019.hsamb@gmail.com
11	HSAMB KAITHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN NEW GRAIN MARKET AT DHAND(M.C DHAND)	CLOSING 01.08.2019	46.75 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222374 xenkaithal1.hsamb@gmail.com
12	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPORTING WALLS WITH ATTACH OF EXISTING WALLS AND FILLING OF EARTH AT OUTSIDE OF DUMPING GROUND SECTION-23, PANCHKULA. RECALL - 5 OTHER WORKS	24.07.2019 05.08.2019	49.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mpanchkula@gmail.com
13	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JIND	M.C JIND OFFICE COMPLEX BUILDING AT IMPROVEMENT TRUST OFFICE LAND (HRY) (RE-TENDER) + 1 OTHER WORK	22.07.2019 01.08.2019	1448.35 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-246358 mcjind2013@gmail.com
14	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TOHANA	CONSTRUCTION OF STREET FROM CHANDIGARH ROAD TO SHAMSHAN GHAT AND LADIES SATSANG HALL TO RUB IN WARD NO.02, M.C TOAHNA AND 5 ANOTHER WORKS	CLOSING 30.07.2019	5.03 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	mctohana@rediffmail.com
15	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE PATAUDI	CONST OF ROAD AND DRAIN FROM ANANDPUR TO H/O LOKU SAINI (REVENUE) WARD 01 + 13 OTHER WORKS	20.07.2019 31.07.2019	92240	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com
16	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SOHNA	CLEANING OF RAIN WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN MC SOHNA	20.07.2019 29.07.2019	11.06	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9813700466
17	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE NANGAL CHOUHARY	CONSTRUCTION OF PARK CUM VYAMSHALA IN NANGAL CHOUHARY	CLOSING 29.07.2019	160.12	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896961938 secymc.nangalchouhary@gmail.com
18	HPGCL	(NIT NO. 05/PTPS/CMD- C / 1098 DTD.16.07.2019) SUB:- WORK OF REPAIRING / WHITE WASHING & DISTEMPERING IN RESIDENTIAL / NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AT PTPS COLONY, PANIPAT .	16.07.2019 19.08.2019	36.02 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-2566015 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com

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BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI Notice No.- PR 310/2019

For- "Selection of Agency for Supply, Installation, Integration & Commissioning of active components for campus Local Wide area Network System (wired & wi-fi) at Bihar School Examination Board Patna and 09 Divisional centres"

Bihar School Examination Board Patna invites Expression of Interest (EOI) directly from the reputed manufacturers & only from their authorised dealers for supply, installation, integration & Commissioning of the Active LAN works at BSEB, Sinha Library Road Patna-17 campus and 09 divisional centres.

Scope of Work : Selection of Agency for Supply, Installation, Integration & Commissioning of active components for campus Local/Wide Area Network System (wired & wi-fi) at Bihar School Examination Board Patna and 09 Divisional Centres.

Cost of EOI document (In Rupees)	EOI processing Fee (Non Refundable) (Inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/ RTGS/ Credit Card/Debit card) (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
500 (Five Hundred Rupees only)	1,180 (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	2,000 (Two Thousand Rupees only)

EOI Schedule/ Programme

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: Duration
Date & time of downloading EOI document from BSEB website:	From 24.07.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 07.08.2019 upto 12:59 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid meeting	29.07.2019 at 11:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date & Time of downloading EOI document from BSEB website	07.08.2019 up to 13:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Last date & time of Submission of Proposal	07.08.2019 up to 13:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time of opening of Proposal	07.08.2019 at 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Place for Submission of Proposal	(https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) In the office of "Secretary, Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017"

Note - The Secretary, Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) reserves the right to reject, reschedule or cancel this Expression of Interest (EOI) and Terms of Reference (TOR) on any stage.

- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.
- For supply related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at 'e-Procurement HELP DESK' First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164 or may visit the link "Vendor info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.
- Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> in itself.
- Contact Details: Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - +91 6299923095, E-Mail ID - eproc.bseb@gmail.com
- Note :- Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all EOI/Tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

MP: Home Minister says no letter exposing Vyapam scam received

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 23

FIVE YEARS after former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan took credit for exposing Vyapam scam by ordering a probe into an anonymous letter, the Congress government contradicted the claim on Monday and said no such letter exists.

Chouhan said in the Assembly in July 2014 that an anonymous letter was received by the Indore Crime Branch in June 2013 and the scam that involved rigging of examinations and recruitment tests conducted by the state professional examination board came to light only because he ordered a probe.

Then in Opposition, the Congress had alleged that the scam not only happened on Chouhan's watch but he was also involved. Home Minister Bala Bachchan said on Monday that no letter warning about irregularities in the pre-medical test to be conducted in Indore, was received.

Chouhan, however, maintained his version and said, "A letter had been received that some imposters were taking the PMT at Indore and the irregularities came to the fore only after I ordered a probe."

RENOV

Explosives haul in Awantipora rings security alarm

NAVEEDIQBAL
SRINAGAR, JULY 23

THE RECOVERY of several hundred kilograms of explosives, stolen from a stone quarry in South Kashmir's Awantipora district, earlier this month has set off alarm bells in the security establishment in Kashmir.

Investigators seized 20 crates of explosives from fields near the quarry and questioned 10-12 people. Each crate contained around 20 kg explosives and some included gelatine rods and other materials, officials said. The explosives were meant to extract limestone in the mines of Khrew on the outskirts of Srinagar.

The haul is significant, especially as it comes after February's Lethpora attack, in which an explosives-laden vehicle detonated on the Srinagar-Jammu highway killing 40 CRPF personnel. In another incident in June, an IED targeted an Army vehicle in Arihal area of Pulwama, in which two jawans were killed and four injured.

Police in the Valley have been on alert for IED devices. While some modules have been busted in recent months, the alert for improvised devices is still in place.

After the explosives were seized in Awantipora, the police are in a quandary about its storage. Awantipora SP Tahir Saleem

Khan told *The Indian Express*, "About 20 crates of explosives were stolen from the magazine (storage infrastructure for explosives) of a cement factory. It was reported to us by the factory owners and we took immediate action. However, we do not have the space or infrastructure to store so much explosives. We are looking at options."

One of the options is to blast all the material to prevent any untoward incident. "Necessary explosive regulations are being strictly followed," senior police officials said.

Officials said that while standard operating procedures — such as bringing in such materials with an armed guard and requisite paperwork — are in place, it is being verified whether the material was guarded at all times and stored properly.

With the Amamath Yatra going on, the security apparatus in Jammu and Kashmir has been operating at enhanced levels of vigilance.

The district administration has now ordered that police be intimated on the purchase of explosives by licence holders and that "the material so purchased be deposited in the concerned police station" after proper inventory of the material. The order also directs holders of such industrial units to take the quantum of material from the police station based on requirement.

TN man held for 'criticising' NIA raids on social media

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 23

A 39-YEAR-OLD man was arrested and remanded in judicial custody for his remarks in a social media

group criticising a recent NIA raid in his village. Police said they arrested M Thaj, from Muthupettai near Tiruvarur, for his message criticising NIA raids and attributing political motives to it.

The message in question ap-

parently referred to recent NIA raids, held simultaneously in 14 locations in Tamil Nadu, to probe 14 Muslim youths for their alleged role in funding an alleged terror module called Ansarullah. After they arrived from the UAE, the

NIA's decision to bring the suspects in a special flight to Chennai from Delhi had raised eyebrows. Asked why Thaj was arrested, M Durai, SP of Tiruvarur, said Thaj has no link to the case being probed by the NIA. "But his social

media post was portraying the NIA case in bad light. He attributed communal motives to the NIA probe," Durai said. A case was filed against Thaj in Muthupettai on a complaint by the local village administrative officer.

He was booked under Sections 153 (purposely giving provocation with an intent to cause a riot) and 153 (A) (promoting enmity between different groups on ground of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc) of the IPC.

Advt. No. 12/2019 HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA - 134151, Website: www.hssc.gov.in

Item(s)	Timeline
Date of Publication	20th July, 2019
Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications	5th August, 2019
Closing Date for Submission of Online Application	20th August, 2019 (by 11.59 P.M.)
Closing Date for Deposit of Fee	24th August, 2019

1.1 Invitation of Applications
Online applications are invited for direct recruitment for 3206 posts of Skill Development & Industrial Training Department mentioned under paragraph 2.1 through the URL address i.e. <http://adv122019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx> from 5th August, 2019 to 20th August, 2019 till 11.59 P.M. Thereafter website link will be disabled. Candidates are advised to read the whole Advertisement and all instructions before filling up the application form at website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in.

1.2 Procedure/Instructions/Guidelines for Online Filing of Application Form
Following are all the general and special instructions for the applicant with respect to the online filling of the application form.

- Apply online well in advance without waiting for last date of submission of online application form.
- Please read the instructions and procedures carefully before you start filling the Online Application Form and check all the particulars filled up in application form after getting the printout to ensure the correctness of information and upload all documents before finally submitting the application.
- The candidate should fill all details while filling the Online Application Form. After applying online, Registration No. and Password will be generated. Take print out of the registration no. and password screen for future reference of your application status and for Reprinting of your online filled application form and e-Challan form. After successful submission of application, candidates can again take final print out of application form and e-Challan.
- The hard copy of application form along with all uploaded documents must be brought at the time when called upon to do so by Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Documents which has not been uploaded, shall not be entertained. No request for change of any particular on the application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
- No offline application form or copy of downloaded application form will be accepted by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
- The Selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Govt. notification No.523-3GS-70/2068, dated 28.01.1970 and further amended time to time.
- Candidates must ensure that they fulfill the qualifications/eligibility conditions on cutoff date. All the Certificates/Documents relating to educational qualification/eligibility conditions and Socio-Economic Criteria etc. will be determined with regard to last date fixed to apply online applications also called as closing date i.e. 20th August, 2019 as given in the advertisement. No confidential result qua minimum qualification shall be entertained. Where the result has been declared prior to closing date of the Advertisement and DMC was issued thereafter, the candidate must bring a certificate issued by the concerned institute/Board/University mentioning the date of declaration of result which should be prior to closing date and upload it and produce the same at the time of scrutiny of documents. The Commission does not scrutinize the documents at the time of submission of online application and the same are checked only at the time of Scrutiny.

Important Note:
1. Candidates are advised to fill their application form carefully such as Name, Father's/Mother's name, Date of Birth and Category, Qualification, marks, obtained passing year, photo, Signature, details & fee, etc. No request for change of any particular on the online application form shall be entertained by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission after submission of application form.
2. After final submission of application form, no change will be allowed. Candidate will be responsible for any mistake in the data of application form and fees paid by him/her.
3. In case candidate feels that he/she has filled up the form erroneously, he/she should fill up a fresh online application form along with fresh requisite fee before closing date.

1.3 Special Instructions for filling application form
1. The online application can be filled up using URL address i.e. <http://adv122019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx>.
2. The decision of the Commission in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/suitability of the candidates, mode and criteria for selection etc. will be final and binding on the candidates. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
3. Candidates applying for a post must ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions on the last date of application.
4. If on verification at any stage starting from submitting application form till appointment and any time even after appointment, it is found that any candidate does not fulfill any of the eligibility condition or it is found that the information furnished is false or incorrect, his/her candidature will be cancelled and he/she will also be liable to be criminally prosecuted. This is irrespective of whether the candidate was benefitted by furnishing the false or incorrect information in his/her application.
5. A candidate whether he belongs to General or reserved category viz. SC, BCA, BCB, EWS, ESP, ESM/DESM, DFF or PwD (persons with disabilities) can submit only one online application form under one particular category of post advertised. Submission of more than one application form will automatically lead to rejection of candidature.
6. Haryana Staff Selection Commission reserves the right to call any candidate personally along with printed copy of the application form with uploaded documents original certificates and photocopy of self-attested certificates along with Photo, Identity Proof i.e. Identity Card/Driving License/Passport/Voter Card/Pan Card/Aadhaar Card etc.

2.1 Details of Post & Qualifications
Skill Development & Industrial Training Department, Haryana, Panchkula

Cat. No. 1. 2 Post of Surveyor Instructor (Theory).
Cat. No. 2. 1 Post of Forger & Heat Treater (Black Smith) Instructor (Theory).
Cat. No. 3. 45 Posts of Librarian (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 4. 93 Posts of Turner Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 5. 38 Posts of Welder (Gas & Electric) Instructor, Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 6. 144 Posts of Fitter Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 7. 114 Posts Employability Skill Instructor, (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 8. 1 Post Surveyor Instructor, Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 9. 59 Posts Computer Instructor (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 10. 68 Posts Mechanical Refrigerator and Air Condition Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 11. 244 Posts Workshop Calculation & Science Instructor (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 12. 227 Posts Engineering Drawing Instructor (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 13. 58 Posts Plumber Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 14. 2 Post Foundry Man (Moulder) Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 15. 3 Architectural Assistant Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 16. 14 Posts of Carpenter Instructor, Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 17. 47 Posts of Wireman Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 18. 112 Posts of Storekeeper (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 19. 18 Posts of Mill wright Mechanic (Electrical/Electronic) Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 20. 8 Post of Machinist Instructor, Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 21. 43 Posts of Mill wright Mechanic (Mechanical) Instructor, Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 22. 132 Posts of Group Instructor/ Apprenticeship Supervisor/Senior Technical Assistant/ Junior apprenticeship and Placement Officer (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 23. 143 Posts of Electrician Instructor Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 24. 38 Posts of Apprenticeship Instructor Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 25. 51 Posts of Turner Instructor Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 26. 123 Posts of Welder (Gas & Electric) Instructor Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 27. 6 Post of Architectural Assistant Instructor Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 28. 44 Posts of Mechanic Electronic Instructor Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 29. 89 Posts of Fitter Instructor Practical (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 30. 31 Posts of Computer Operator Programming Assistant Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 31. 2 Post of Plastic Processing Operator Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 32. 37 Posts of Mechanic Electronic Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 33. 1 Post of Desk Top Publisher Operator Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 34. 6 Post of Plastic Processing Operator Instructor Theory (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 35. 108 Posts of Electrician Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 36. 25 Posts of Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 37. 3 Post of Craft Instructor (women) Fashion Technology (Theory) (Re-Advertised).

Cat. No. 38. 5 Post of Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 39. 40 Posts of Wireman Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 40. 7 Post of Mechanic Computer Hardware Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 41. 12 Posts of Mechanic Computer Hardware Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 42. 43 Posts of Mech. Refrigerator and Air Conditioning Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 43. 2 Post of Desktop Publisher Operator (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 44. 45 Posts of Draughtsman Civil Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 45. 38 Posts of Draughtsman Mechanical Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 46. 41 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) cutting & Sewing (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 47. 28 Posts of Draughtsman Mechanical Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 48. 30 Posts of Craft Stenography Hindi Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 49. 12 Posts of Craft Stenography Hindi Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 50. 73 Posts of Machinist Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 51. 31 Posts of Craft Stenography English Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 52. 21 Posts of Craft Stenography English Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 53. 2 Post of Machinist (Grinder) Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 54. 6 Post of Craft Instructor Health Sanitary Inspector (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 55. 6 Post of Craft Instructor Health Sanitary Inspector (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 56. 7 Posts of Machinist Grinder Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 57. 3 Post of Litho Offset Machine Minder Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised)=3.
Cat. No. 58. 11 Posts of Tool & Die Maker (Dies & Moulds) Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 59. 3 Post of Hospitality Course Senior Instructor (Hospitality) (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 60. 5 Post of Tool & Die Maker (Dies & Moulds) Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 61. 4 Posts of Food production Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 62. 1 Post of Computer Networking and Hardware Technician (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 63. 10 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) Hair & Skin Care (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 64. 5 Post of Computer Operator (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 65. 2 Post of Junior Programmer (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 66. 4 Post of Craft Instructor (women) Fashion Technology (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 67. 28 Post of Plumber Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 68. 19 Posts of Mill Wright Mechanic (Electrical/ Electronics) Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 69. 44 Posts of Mill Wright Mechanic (Mechanical) Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 70. 10 Posts of Group Instructor In-Charge (Women) / Group Instructor (Women) for TTC in Fashion Technology, Cutting and Sewing, Embroidery and Needle Work, Dress making (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 71. 2 Post of Group Instructor In-Charge (Women) / Group Instructor (Women) for TTC in Hair & Skin Care (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 72. 4 Post of Lab Attendant (Food Production, Food & Beverage Service) Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 73. 38 Posts of Painter General Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 74. 56 Posts of Mechanic Motor Vehicle Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 75. 1 Post of Information Technology and Electronics System Maintenance Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 76. 1 Post of Mechanic Machine Tool maintenance Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 77. 25 Posts of Mechanic Motor Vehicle Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 78. 3 Post of Information Technology and Electronics System Maintenance Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 79. 2 Post of Mechanic Machine Tool Maintenance Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 80. 7 Post of Sheet Metal Worker Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 81. 8 Post of Instrument Mechanic Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 82. 19 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) (Dress Making) (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 83. 39 Posts of Mechanic Diesel Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 84. 4 Post of Instrument Mechanic Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 85. 14 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) (Dress Making) (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 86. 19 Posts of Mechanic Diesel Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 87. 5 Post of Mechanic Agriculture Machinery Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 88. 12 Posts of Mechanic Consumer Electronics Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 89. 3 Post of Mechanic Agriculture Machinery Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 90. 30 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) Hair & Skin Care (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 91. 2 Post of Interior Decoration and Designing Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 92. 1 Post of Interior Decoration and Designing Instructor (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 93. 6 Posts of Craft Instructor (women) Computer Aided Embroidery (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 94. 6 Post of Craft Instructor (women) Computer Aided Embroidery (Practical) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 95. 58 Posts of Draughtsman Civil Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 96. 61 Posts of Carpenter Instructor (Theory) (Re-Advertised).
Cat. No. 97. 2 Post of Technical Assistant (Re-Advertised).

2.3 Criteria for Selection, Examination & Syllabus.
(i) The scheme of marks in respect of selection to the posts shall comprise of total 100 marks, as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Subject	Marks
1.	Written Exam	90
2.	Socio-Economic Criteria and Experience	10

(ii) The 90 marks of written examination shall be divided into to parts comprising:-
a) 75% weightage for General Awareness, Reasoning, Maths, Science, Computer, English, Hindi and concerned or relevant subject, as applicable.
b) 25% weightage for History, Current Affairs, Literature, Geography, Civics, Environment, Culture etc. of Haryana.
(iii) The 10 marks for socio-economic criteria and experience shall be allocated as follows:
a. if neither the applicant nor any person from among the applicant's family viz father, mother, spouse, brother, and Son is, was or has been a regular employee in any Department/Board/ Corporation/Company/Statutory Body/ Commission/ Authority of Government of Haryana or any other State Government or Government of India. (5 marks)
b. if the applicant is:-
(i) a widow; or
(ii) the first or the second child and his father had died before attaining the age of 42 years; or
(iii) the first or the second child and his father had died before the applicant had attained the age of 15 years. (5 marks)
c. If the applicant belongs to such a denotified tribe (Vimukt Jatis and Tapriwas Jatis) or Nomadic tribe of the State of Haryana which is neither a Scheduled Caste nor a Backward Class. (5 marks)
d. **Experience:**
One-half (=0.5) mark for each year or part thereof exceeding six month of experience, out of a maximum of sixteen years, on the same or a higher post in any Department/ Board/Corporation/Company/Statutory Body/Commission/Authority of Government of Haryana. No marks shall be awarded for any period less than six months.
2.3 (a) Examination Schedule :- The Examination either Online (CBT) or OMR Based is likely to be held in the month of September & October 2019 and the date, time and place of examination will be as per admit card. However, HSSC reserve the right to reschedule/change the above schedule on administrative grounds or otherwise. Applicants are advised to regularly visit the website as no separate individual intimation shall be send.

Note: Detail advertisement along with the instructions for filling the online application form are available on the website: <http://hssc.gov.in>. The Candidates can apply online using URL address i.e. <http://adv122019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx> from 5th August, 2019 to 20th August, 2019 till 11.59 P.M. Thereafter website link will be disabled. For any Guidance/ Information/ Clarification regarding the filling of the online application form the applicant can call at Helpline No. 0172-5143700 on all working days from 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.

Sd/- Under Secretary,
Place: Panchkula For Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Date: 23rd July, 2019 Panchkula.
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Date: 23/07/2019
Place: Pune
For Bank of Maharashtra
Company Secretary

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RULE NO. 712/191

SHO P/S Bishnah, Jammu vide his office communication No. 1202/5-1 dated 04.07.2019 has intimated that accused Suram Ali @ Sahrhu S/O Mareded Ali R/O Sarore Adda, Jammu is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 117/2018 u/s 341/323/325 RPC of P/S Bishnah, since the commission of crime.

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

Description Roll:

Name : Suram Ali @ Sahrhu
Son of : Mareded Ali
Permanent Address : Sarore Adda, Jammu
Age : 31/32 years
Build : Normal
Height : 5 feet 11 inch
Complexion : Fair

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- SP Hqrs., Jammu : 0191-2439919
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Public spending on health: Jammu & Kashmir, Assam lead

JAMMU AND Kashmir and Assam spent the largest fraction of their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) on public health, according to National Health Accounts Estimates 2015-16, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare told Parliament last week.

The share of Government Health Expenditure (GHE) in the GSDPs of J&K and Assam were 1.7% and 1.5% respectively, the data show. Haryana and Maharashtra are towards the lower end of the table, having spent 0.6% and 0.7% of their GSDPs on health respectively.

In his reply to questions by Su. Thirunavukkarasar of the Congress, and Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Kaushalendra Kumar of the JD(U), Minister of State Ashwini Kumar Choubey said the National Health Policy of 2017 envisaged "increasing state sector health spending to more than 8% of their budget by 2020".

The NITI Aayog's 'Three Year Action



Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20' calls for a significant increase in government expenditure on public health "to cover screenings for the entire population, active case detection, and disease surveillance from the private sector".

It also envisions the mainstreaming of "evidence-based preventive health interventions" such as breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding during up to the age of two through adequate budgetary allocations and national level action plans.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH EXPENDITURE (GHE) AS %AGE OF GSDP

MOST	LEAST
Jammu and Kashmir 1.7	Haryana 0.6
Assam 1.5	Maharashtra 0.7
Himachal Pradesh 1.4	Gujarat, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu 0.8
Uttar Pradesh 1.3	Telangana, Uttarakhand 0.9
Bihar, Rajasthan 1.2	Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Odisha 1

Source: National Health Accounts Estimates 2015-16

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TIANGONG-2

China's decommissioned manned space station

TIANGONG-2 WAS a manned Chinese space station that was destroyed upon its controlled re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere over the Pacific Ocean on July 19. Tiangong-2 was retired from service after it had completed its experiments in space.

Tiangong-2 was 10.4 metres long and 3.35 metres wide at its widest point, and weighed 8.6 metric tonnes. It was launched on September 15, 2016 and, in late 2016, hosted two Chinese astronauts for 30 days in what was China's longest manned space mission so far.

The recently decommissioned space lab followed the Tiangong-1, China's first space station, which crashed into the southern Pacific Ocean on April 1, 2018 after Chinese scientists lost control of the spacecraft in March 2016. China had launched Tiangong-1 in 2011 as proof-of-concept of technologies for future stations. The lab was visited by two teams of Chinese astronauts for 11 days and 13 days respectively.

Unlike Tiangong-1, scientists were always in control of Tiangong-2. The space lab, which China had never intended to be a permanent post in space, was visited by an uncrewed mission in April 2017. The mission refuelled the station, tested



The Tiangong-2 space station. China Manned Space Engineering Office via The NYT

out a new spacecraft, and conducted some "robotic demonstrations". Tiangong means "Heavenly Palace".

Most of Tiangong-2 burnt up in the atmosphere, and the remaining debris fell near Point Nemo, the most remote location on Earth, which is so far from land that its nearest neighbours are often astronauts in space. China expects to complete its space station, Tianhe, which will be able to host three astronauts for long durations, around 2022.

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Reading Trump's Kashmir offer

There is a history of the US seeking to mediate between India and Pakistan. But India has always thwarted these efforts — or ensured the US acts on New Delhi's terms. What could be on Donald Trump's mind?

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
MUMBAI, JULY 23

WITH THE visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan by his side, US President Donald Trump said Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked him to mediate on Kashmir, and that he "would love to help".

Trump's claim has since been rebutted by Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Raveesh Kumar and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. India has reiterated its longstanding position that there is no room for mediation in Kashmir or on any other India-Pakistan issue and that all outstanding matters between the two countries would be resolved through bilateral dialogue — but only when Pakistan ends cross-border terrorism in India.

India then, has all but called President Trump a liar. How this impacts on the present uneven and unpredictable relations with the United States remains to be seen. The response from both sides may well be to bury the episode quietly and move ahead.

Hours after Trump's statement, the State Department tweeted to control the damage: "While Kashmir is a bilateral issue for both parties to discuss, the Trump administration welcomes Pakistan and India sitting down and the United States stands ready to assist."

US Congressmen on both sides of the political divide were reported to have "reiterated support for the longstanding US position on the Kashmir dispute", and criticised Trump's "amateurish and embarrassing mistake".

Why India insists on bilateralism with Pakistan

The Indian position has historically stemmed from its mistrust of outsiders meddling in its internal affairs, the strongly felt need to protect its secular nationhood project, and suspicion that mediators viewed Kashmir through Pakistani eyes.

Jawaharlal Nehru, who took Pakistan's invasion in 1947 to the United Nations, was quick to realise his mistake. The UN missions flowing from the resolutions, including the Dixon Mission, which led to the Dixon Plan of 1950 for partition of some areas of Jammu & Kashmir between India and Pakistan (Ladakh to India, PoK and Northern Areas to Pakistan, with Jammu divided between the two), plus a plebiscite in the Valley, strengthened India's determination to shut the door on international mediation. (See A G Noorani on Dixon Plan, *Frontline*, October 12-25, 2002)

The framework for bilateral resolution of problems between India and Pakistan was written into the 1972 Simla Agreement and reiterated 27 years later in the Lahore Declaration. Nonetheless, Pakistan has continued to view the "internationalisation" of the Kashmir issue as its best bet towards reversing J&K's accession to India, and has used every global forum to criticise India's "illegal occupation" of Kashmir.

The American 'hand', playing out earlier too

While India has mostly succeeded in conveying that it would brook no third-party mediation, Trump's offer is not the first time that an American leader has sought to "help" India and Pakistan resolve the Kashmir dispute.

In 1993, Robin Raphel, who headed the State Department's newly created South Asia division in the first Clinton Administration, sought to junk the Instrument of Accession, and asserted that for the US, Kashmir was "disputed territory", undermining years of Indian diplomatic efforts.

Her statement was taken far more seriously than Trump's remark on Monday, and in India, she was seen as being pro-Pakistan and anti-India. It was at that time that the Kashmiri people began to be viewed as the third side to what was until then perceived as an issue between just India and Pakistan. In 1995, Raphel told the US Senate Foreign



Robin Raphel, a senior State Department official in the first Clinton Administration (seen here with Farooq Abdullah) asserted that for the United States, Kashmir was "disputed territory" and that it had offered to help resolve it. Express Archive

Relations Committee that "[o]ur top foreign policy goals in South Asia reflect the Administration's global priorities. Reducing tensions and helping to resolve conflicts peacefully... We are continuing efforts to persuade them to begin a serious attempt to resolve this dispute... The United States has offered to assist with this process, if India and Pakistan so request. We have no preferred outcome. But we recognize that a resolution is long overdue and essential for the long term stability of the region as a whole."

As New Delhi's post-liberalisation economic clout grew, Raphel's influence in the State Department faded. Clinton 2.0 embraced the Indian stand on bilateralism. But as Pakistan's hand in the 1990's uprising in Kashmir and cross-border terrorism became apparent, it was India that sought outside help to rein in Pakistani meddling in the Valley.

In 1999, the year after India and Pakistan went nuclear, it was US intervention that brought the Kargil crisis to an end. The Vajpayee government had been in touch with the Clinton Administration to get the Nawaz Sharif government to call off the intrusion in Kargil, even as the Indian Army fought the Pakistani forces.

Sharif arrived in Washington on July 3, seeking Clinton's help for a face-saving ceasefire that would include a US-guaranteed settlement on Kashmir. But he had to agree to an unconditional withdrawal of Pakistani forces back to the Line of Control. Clinton denied him a face-saver on Kashmir, and reaffirmed

the US commitment to the bilateral Lahore Declaration signed earlier that year as the best way forward to resolve Kashmir and other issues.

After 9/11, which ushered in the UNSC-backed international legal regime against terrorism, India has looked increasingly to the world for help in dealing with Pakistan. But this was on one issue alone: an end to the terrorist groups that flourish on Pakistani territory, to put pressure on the Pakistan Army and political leadership to desist from permitting anti-India terrorist activity on its territory, and to censure it when such attacks took place. It was the US again that defused tensions, and persuaded India away from a war with Pakistan after the 2001 Jaish-e-Mohammad attack on Parliament.

Asking international players for help on Pakistan is one thing, and telling them to respect India's red lines on other kinds of involvement has had its moments. But for the same reasons that India has been able to get its way mostly on this — the nuclearisation of South Asia and the growing global interest in India's economy — members of the global community have, from time to time, also evinced interest in mediation in Kashmir.

In 2008, when Barack Obama was a candidate for his first term in the White House, he told *Time* in response to a question on Taliban attacks in Afghanistan from across the Pakistan border: "Working with Pakistan and India to try to resolve Kashmir crisis in a serious way... [is among the] critical tasks for the next administration. Kashmir in particular is an interesting situation where that is obviously a potential tar pit diplomatically. But, for us to devote serious diplomatic resources to get a special envoy in there, to figure out a plausible approach, and essentially make the argument to the Indians, you guys are on the brink of being an economic superpower, why do you want to keep on messing with this? To make the argument to the Pakistanis, look at India and what they are doing, why do you want to... [be] bogged down with this particularly at a time where the biggest threat now is coming from the Afghan border? I think there is a moment where potentially we could get their attention. It won't be easy, but it's important."

India was quick to disabuse him of this

idea, and Obama never brought this up again in the eight years of his presidency.

Other efforts: The United Kingdom and Norway

The United Kingdom, which has a large diaspora from the PoK, has also shown interest in being a mediator. International interest in Kashmir has usually found expression when there's a vacuum in India-Pakistan engagement, when "nothing" seems to be happening on the bilateral front, and especially if the Kashmir issue is also on the boil in the same period, as it has been over the last five years.

Last year, apart from the UN Human Rights Council's stinging report on Kashmir, former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik visited Srinagar, met with the separatist leadership there and, after returning, went on to visit Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Norway's long history of mediation in conflict situations prompted much speculation over Bondevik's visit. On the Indian side, he told *The Indian Express*, he had been invited by Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The Indian government, which had evidently cleared and facilitated his trip to the Valley, did not comment; the Norwegian Ambassador to India later clarified that it was a personal visit.

Understanding President Trump's comment

There could be several reasons for Trump trying to wade into Kashmir.

For one, he may think it is easy. In February this year, he claimed to have defused the India-Pakistan standoff that arose from the Pulwama attack. The US is said to have played a part in the release of an Indian Air Force pilot who was captured across the LoC.

The US also played a role in forcing China to agree to the designation of Jaish chief Masood Azhar as a "global terrorist".

And most recently, Trump took credit for the arrest of Hafiz Saeed. Perhaps, the US President thinks he is already half way to solving the problem. He may also believe that if his Administration succeeded in dragging the Taliban to the negotiating table in Afghanistan, it can do the same with India and Pakistan.

What are the Mauritius Leaks, why are they important?

RITU SARIN
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

What are the Mauritius Leaks?

After Swiss Leaks, Panama Papers and Paradise Papers, over 200,000 emails, contracts and bank statements leaked from Mauritius show how the island nation was used by a long list of corporates to facilitate partnerships with multinationals and, without paying any capital gains tax, remit profits as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India.

At the heart of the 18-country collaborative investigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) and *The Indian Express* are data from Conyers Dill & Pearman, an offshore specialist law firm with several Fortune 500 companies as clients, which started operations in 1928 from Bahamas — and in 2009 from Mauritius for investments being routed to Africa and Asia.

What is Conyers Dill & Pearman, the company at the centre of the leaks?

In 1998, Bermuda-based financial analyst Roger Crombie described the company in his book as a "full-service" law firm with an emphasis on corporate and commercial law, and offering property, trust and management services to companies and individuals.

The firm's three founders — James Reginald Conyers, Nicholas Bayard Dill and James Eugene Pearman — were all knighted and held public positions in Bermuda. Over the decades, its Private Client department helped individuals minimise their exposure to taxation, and protect family assets, through various Trust structures. The company opened offices across the world — in Guernsey, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, London and the British Virgin Islands (BVI) — with offshore entities incorporated at these sites under an affiliate company, the Codan Trust.

Why is the Mauritius connection important?

Conyers Dill & Pearman was among those who benefitted in the decades when there were tax breaks for companies and corpora-

tions routing their investments to India via Mauritius, among other offshore destinations. In 2016, India amended its Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) with Mauritius, and the new provisions — capital gains tax, instance — are now fully applicable.

In an interview published in the June 2019 edition of business magazine *CEO Today*, Ashvan Luckraz, an associate in the firm's Mauritius office, said: "The challenges include the recent changes made to the double taxation avoidance agreement between Mauritius and India, which has brought uncertainty to the market. Furthermore, the advent of GAAR (General Anti Avoidance Rule) in India... and CRS (Common Reporting Standard) across major financial centers are bringing the Mauritius corporate structure under more scrutiny."

What did the law firm do in Mauritius before the treaty was amended?

It offers to set up funds, supply local directors, registered local offices, secretarial and administrative services, and assist in bank account opening/government filing.



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A power-point presentation of the firm, which is part of the leaks, claims that it can set up a GBCI (Global Business Company, tax resident in Mauritius) within 10 working days for an annual licence fee of \$1,750. It points out that companies registered in Mauritius had to pay an effective income tax slab not exceeding 3% and no capital gains tax. The presentation notes: "We act on a large number of inward and outward investment transactions involving India and Africa (as well as other jurisdictions) and are notably established in the traditional markets

that invest in India and Mauritius."

It offers attractive "tax benefits and favorable fiscal regime" from Mauritius. They claim to introduce clients and companies to a "low/zero tax regime" where no capital gains tax would be payable in Mauritius.

What are some of the "transactions" listed by the firm in the leaks?

Advised Vodafone Group plc on its \$5.46 billion acquisition of a 33% stake in Vodafone Essar Ltd, a joint venture between Vodafone and Essar.

Advised on the formation of two Mauritius-domiciled investment funds (with a Swiss Bank as manager), which are both investing in India, in listed securities and fixed income products.

Advised a leading venture capital fund on restructuring its India-focused funds, which are domiciled in Mauritius and the Cayman Islands, and advising on the formation of new funds.

How did the tightening of rules in India

affect the firm?

Leaked data show that before countries like India decided to rein in tax treaty benefits to increase their own tax base, bankers and companies like Conyers Dill & Pearman raised red flags over tightening regulations and compliance.

One leaked letter, received by Ashvan Luckraz, lists the concerns of several members of the Association of Trust & Management Companies of Mauritius. One member notes how banks like HSBC and Standard Chartered have removed non-profitable account holders for "compliance reasons".

Another notes: "I believe that insane levels of responsibility and due diligence requirements heaped on them (the banks) has rendered the service all but impossible, and therefore uneconomical. Every time India or the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) clears its throat, we overreact with more destructive regulation..."



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

SOUND AND FURY

Outrage on Trump's Kashmir remarks may be preventing India from seeing significance of Trump-Imran talks on Afghanistan

DIPLMACY IS ESSENTIALLY a craft with words. The objective is to ensure precise communication of a government's intent to friends and foes. That is the reason why diplomats devote so much time to chiseling the language their leaders use in speeches and statements. Sometimes they deliberately resort to imprecision to fudge issues. US President Donald Trump, however, has largely dispensed with the communication teams at the White House. Trump tweets impulsively, is not always deferential to facts, nor stays true to the briefing books. India should therefore treat his remarks at a joint press appearance with Pakistan premier Imran Khan on Monday with more than a pinch of salt. Compare, for example, Trump's remarks on PM Narendra Modi asking him to mediate on Kashmir and his willingness to do so with other recent statements. A few days earlier, Trump had claimed that it was American pressure that led to Pakistan "finding" the LeT boss Hafiz Saeed, a man who never chose to hide. Meeting a group of individuals from around the world facing religious oppression last week at the White House, Trump asked "where Myanmar was" when the discussion turned to the Rohingya.

If Trump is careless with words, India and Pakistan tend to be too obsessed with them, especially when it comes to Jammu and Kashmir. Words like "mediation" and "internationalisation" trigger quick and angry responses from Delhi. Islamabad never misses an opportunity to draw other powers and organisations into the Kashmir question. Words are important, but never more than actions. Every remark by a leader does not signify policy. Under Modi's leadership, Delhi has learnt not to jump every time the word mediation is used by others and treat many of these with the political disdain they deserve. But the media and the political class remain jumpy as ever. When Trump made a direct and specific claim on Modi asking for mediation, the Foreign Office was right to make a quick and unambiguous rebuttal. The government also responded to Trump's claim in Parliament. Recognising the potential damage to relations with Delhi, which has always rejected third party mediation on Kashmir, the US State Department found a way to mollify Indian sentiments without saying Trump was wrong. Its statement calling Kashmir a "bilateral issue" the US would be "ready to assist" on, is a classic use of diplomatese.

Unfortunately, the outrage on Trump's Kashmir remarks may be preventing India from seeing the larger significance of the talks between Trump and Imran on Afghanistan. Trump is eager to end America's prolonged war in Afghanistan and wants Pakistan to extricate him by getting the Taliban to agree to a peace settlement. He is ready to reward Pakistan if there is a deal to his satisfaction. The Pakistan army — which is doing the real negotiation with Trump's officials — is now turning that leverage into specific gains. The outcome of this bargain on Afghanistan will have profound consequences for India's neighbourhood, especially on the political future of Kabul and Pakistan's regional and international position. American mediation on Kashmir should be the last thing Delhi needs to worry about.

THE RIGHT TO KNOW

Government must address apprehensions over amendments to RTI law, send bill to a parliamentary committee

THE AMENDMENTS TO the RTI Act passed in the Lok Sabha on Monday have rightly drawn criticism from the Opposition and a large section of the civil society. The bill, which threatens to dilute the autonomy of the Information Commission at the Centre as well as states, should have been debated extensively in public forums before its passage through the Lok Sabha. The RTI Act was the outcome of grass roots advocacy and public mobilisation by civil society groups. The law has pushed the case for transparency in administration and been a precious tool for activists to force the bureaucracy to share information concerning public policy and delivery of services and goods in the public domain.

The proposed amendments concern Sections 13, 16 and 27 of the RTI Act. These relate to the rank, tenure, salary, terms of service of the information commissioners at the Centre and the states. So far, the appointment of information commissioners has been for a fixed term of five years or up to the age of 65. The amendment proposes that these appointments should be for "such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government". The unamended Act prescribes salaries, allowances and other terms of service of the state chief information commissioner as "the same as that of an Election Commissioner", and the salaries and other terms of service of the state information commissioners as "the same as that of the Chief Secretary to the State Government" — the amendment proposes that these "shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government". Critics argue that these changes are a precursor to the government curtailing the autonomy of the Information Commission. Nearly 60 lakh applications are filed by citizens under the Act to source information. Not surprisingly, state institutions and ruling parties, particularly the BJP, have been hostile to this Act. The pushback has come in the form of exclusion of various offices from the ambit of the Act, deliberate slowing of the process, refusal to fill up vacancies and clear the backlog of RTI applications.

The government should send the bill to a parliamentary standing committee, as demanded by some Opposition MPs. It is unfortunate that changes are proposed to a law meant to make the system more transparent in a non-transparent manner.

OLD TRICKS

FaceApp is being accused of stealing data. The paranoia could be a welcome sign of digital literacy

WHEN YOU GET old, you'll look like yourself, only older. The fact that there's an app to visually illustrate the obvious, should come as no surprise. Nor, perhaps, should the joy that millions of celebrities and commoners seem to be getting by posting digitally-aged photos of themselves. What is a surprise, a refreshing one, is the suspicion over FaceApp's surge in popularity. While the app was first launched in 2017, it has had over 100 million downloads since it introduced the "ageing" feature last month, which allows users to upload a photograph and have it morphed, through a "neural network" AI system-based filter.

Much like Facebook's 10-year-challenge that went viral earlier this year, FaceApp sparked concerns that the vast inventory of photographs it is collecting will be used to develop facial recognition software, make possible identity theft. The "terms of service" of the app state that users grant its creators "perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free, worldwide" use of any data they share. The panic around privacy has been enhanced by the fact that FaceApp's parent-company is Russia-based. "Russian hacking" having become synonymous for some Americans with fixing elections, undermining choice.

The panic around FaceApp could be dismissed as a throwback to Cold War-era paranoia. But in the off chance that Vladimir Putin isn't actually interested in your beach-side selfie, (FaceApp has clarified that it deletes most of its data every 48 hours and stores it on temporary servers in the US), the paranoia may be a positive thing. It could mean that a degree of data literacy has permeated internet users, that the cost of every internet fad will now be weighed and measured.

The change triangle

Things are panning out in favour of a US-Pak thaw. Time may also be right for India-Pak normalisation



KHALED AHMED

PRIME MINISTER IMRAN Khan was accompanied by Pakistan's Army Chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, when he went to the United States on July 20 to meet President Donald Trump at his invitation. The general had to accompany him and take part in the discussions to "legitimise" them. (The widely held view is that the army really rules Pakistan.)

The meeting went unexpectedly well as both leaders abandoned their well-known loose-tongued aggression and agreed on getting together on Afghanistan to help the United States get out of that country. It was clear that Washington believed that Pakistan could get the Afghan Taliban to settle with the Ashraf Ghani government in Kabul while controlling half of Afghanistan. Its unblocking of \$1.2 billion aid to Pakistan clearly signalled this optimism.

The Pakistan-US thaw was coming, mainly because Pakistan, driven into a corner, was willing to change its policy. Clearly, Trump softened after Pakistan submitted to the fiat of the Forward Action Task Force (FATF) to clean up its act of proxy war and arrested its non-state actors bothering India across the Line of Control in Kashmir. General Bajwa had earlier joined Imran Khan to promote "normalisation" with India through the facility of the Kartarpur Corridor — which President Trump pointedly appreciated — and had talked of developing trade and "connectivity" with India.

Things are panning out in favour of a US-Pakistan thaw. The four-party meeting on the Afghan peace process earlier this month, comprising China, the US, Russia and Pakistan, had come up with a "peace settlement" in Afghanistan that literally ousted India and Iran from the conflict. Reacting to the move on July 14, ex-Indian diplomat MK Bhadrakumar wrote that India has lost the Afghan proxy war: "In a

regional setting, it also signifies that Pakistan has inflicted a heavy defeat on India in the decade-old proxy war in Afghanistan."

For Pakistan, Trump's decision to declare the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) as terrorist came as an unexpected gesture despite there being a pro-Free Balochistan lobby in the US Congress. Bhadrakumar's reference to "proxy war" pointed to this development. (Pakistan holds a naval officer of India, accusing him of being a secret agent orchestrating terrorist acts in Balochistan.) Trump also jolted India by accusing it of not opening the Indian economy enough for American trade and threatened to clamp new tariffs on Indian exports to America. New sanctions on Iran also affected Indian trade with Iran. It was forced to stop buying Iranian oil and spend less on its Chabahar Port project. India has also come to the conclusion that Chabahar must be downgraded and has decided to reduce its allocation to the deep-sea port by two-thirds: From Rs 150 crore to Rs 45 crore.

Surprisingly, Trump has also offered to facilitate India-Pakistan normalisation of relations through a resolution of the Kashmir issue. He said Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had requested him to play this role; and Imran Khan immediately accepted it although it is yet unclear how Trump can walk into a strictly bilateral dispute, unless India and Pakistan decide to become normal neighbours.

As the revisionist state, Pakistan realises it has to do most of the changing. After the Pulwama crisis which led to an air skirmish — the first dogfight in 48 years between India and Pakistan — it returned the captured Indian pilot, Abhinandan Varthaman, to India. It can make another gesture of seeking peace with India through the return of Kulbhushan Jadhav. The question is: Does it

want a real normalisation?

India and Pakistan should not discuss Kashmir. They have done it through their bureaucrats a number of times and the results have been disappointing. This "discussion" encourages conflict to which there is no end. The world is disturbed by the action India has taken in Kashmir and what it is doing to its Muslims in the rest of the country through cow vigilantes. The world, however, doesn't want Pakistan to grab Kashmir.

The world knows that Pakistan is helpless in the face of its own internal lack of sovereignty vis-à-vis its non-state underworld of "jihad". It is trying to "reform" its 32,000 madrassas that nurse youths with no real function within Pakistan, threatening it today more than India. It needs India's help to ensure its own survival and that help can come only through normalisation of relations, through connectivity "with" and "through" Pakistan.

The Pakistan Army realises that Pakistan is now threatened on its western border. It is building a wire fence on the Durand Line and wants to cool its eastern border which means it must end its irredentist approach to the Kashmir issue. The eastern border can be cooled by opening up trade and investment with India, allowing it to reach Afghanistan and the Central Asian states through a road network that will transform Pakistan just as the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor promises to do; and which persuades China to pressure Pakistan to seek normalisation with India. The leaders involved are "transformational", too, albeit with their negative aspects.

Imran Khan and Narendra Modi can transform South Asia and make it prosperous, or doom it through conflict.

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A NEW CAST

By elevating D Raja to the post of general secretary, CPI makes history



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THE ELEVATION OF D Raja to General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (CPI) is a historic step. Raja is not only a well-known national communist leader but also a Dalit leader who rose to the status of a seasoned communist, theoretician and inspirational figure. Ever since the pro and anti-Mandal movements changed the course of Indian politics, Raja has been the only communist leader from within the left parties to negotiate between Dalit-Bahujans and communists as a authentic voice.

After Damodaram Sanjivayya, even the Congress has not made a Dalit party president. The BJP promoted Bangaru Laxman, not a very well-known leader in his own right, to the party president's post. Unfortunately, Laxman was caught on camera accepting cash in a sting operation. The only Dalit who has served with distinction as the President of India is K R Narayanan, an intellectual in his own capacity. Ram Nath Kovind is in office now and we will have to wait and see the imprint he will leave on that office.

The CPI first split in 1964. The breakaway group, the CPM, split again with Maoist factions leaving the party. These Left parties could not become a national alternative in the settled constitutional-democratic set up of India. Even so, the CPI remains the fountainhead of the communist ideology, though the CPM has a bigger following and electoral strength.

With the Mandal movement and the growth of Ambedkarite ideology shifting the social and political status of the Dalits-Bahujans, the communist parties suffered a moral setback. In the long history of their existence, since 1925, not a single Dalit leader could become general secretary of either the

CPI or CPM. By elevating Raja at this juncture, and since no ruling party has so far produced a leader of Raja's stature within the party structure — including the Congress, BJP and CPM — the CPI has salvaged the communist movement from the stigma of prejudice.

Though Raja has earned his new position, his party deserves appreciation given the fact that the CPM has not promoted a single Dalit or Adivasi to its Politburo. This is the reason why the Dalit/Adivasi forces see no difference between the CPM and the RSS, which has also not promoted a single Dalit/Adivasi to the top ranks.

The communists need to lead by example, not just by talking. They must understand that the lower-caste masses have produced their own intellectuals who can judge everybody by deeds. As Zhou Enlai, the first premier of the People's Republic of China said, if the communist movement is like a wave in the "Sea of People", the leaders are like the foam that emerges from the waves. But in India, the waves came from the Dalit-Bahujan communities — as workers, peasants and labour — and the leaders came from outside the waves, from the upper castes. The communist leadership from the early days should have cultivated a Dalit-Bahujan leadership, at least from West Bengal and Kerala. But they did not. That gave the impression that the upper-caste leaders were deliberately keeping the Dalit/Adivasi activists at the mass level, never allowing them to become the foam atop the wave.

In a way, the Indian communist leaders believed more in Lenin who said that the intellectual leadership comes from outside the working class. For example, the Brahmins were never supporters of the communist movement but the communist intellectual leaders came from among the Brahmins.

These people were always with the RSS-BJP, as these formations were close to their socio-spiritual heart and mind. On the contrary, the Dalit/OBC masses were with communist parties but not many intellectual leaders have emerged from them. Of course, education and intellectual exposure were a problem among the base mass of the communist parties. This is why their special focus should have been to train leaders from the base. By the time an intellectual class from these communities emerged from universities like JNU, Ambedkarism had generated suspicion among the left-leaning Dalit/OBC youth that the top leadership in the communist parties does not allow lower castes to emerge as leaders.

Raja's elevation definitely creates a new atmosphere between the Left and Ambedkarite circles, as Raja maintained a living relationship between the two. Raja has emerged from Tamil Nadu, which has a long history of lower caste leadership emerging from the days of Periyar E V Ramasamy. Karunanidhi emerged from a barber community (whose ancestors were temple musicians and singers). Now, Raja has emerged from a Dalit community. But Raja's own talent, the sagacity to be a communist through thick and thin, cannot be undermined.

Raja is a non-sectarian leader who can engage with any group without leaving his ideological ground. He is more suited to unite the parliamentary communist parties and groups and take India on the path of Nepal. One hopes that the CPM also uses this opportunity to bring in positive changes in the communist movement.

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JULY 24, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



INDIRA WITH CHARAN
 INDIRA GANDHI HAS extended unconditional support to Charan Singh. But even then the picture is far from clear. Charan Singh now has the support of 177 members — 71 of the Congress (I) and 106 of his own, including 10 each of the H N Bahuguna and the Madhu Limaye-George Fernandes groups. There is now a question mark over the support of 75 members of the Congress, who at one time were firmly on Charan Singh's side. Members from the South and those belonging to the Sharad Pawar group — in all 35 — are having second thoughts. Had the Congress remained solidly behind Charan Singh, he would have had every chance of

forming the next government.

RAJASTHAN FLOODS
 THE DEATH TOLL in the Rajasthan floods has now reached 113. Reports of 19 more deaths from Jodhpur district and 16 more from Jalore district were received at the relief headquarters in Jaipur. The maximum number of deaths — 74 — has been reported from Jodhpur district, closely followed by 17 in Jalore district. The break-up of deaths in other districts is Pali (nine), Barmer (six), Ajmer (five), Nagaur (one) and Bhilwara (one). The death toll is likely to rise further as the number of missing persons in Jodhpur district alone has now gone up to 74.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
 THE PRESIDENT HAS written to Morarji Desai and Charan Singh, the two contenders for prime ministership, to send to him lists of their supporters within two days to prove that they enjoy majority support in the Lok Sabha. The President is reported to have sent identical letters to the two leaders in reply to the communications he has received from them staking their rival claims for forming the government. Shortly after receiving the letter from the President, Desai drove to Rashtrapati Bhavan and met N Sanjiva Reddy for about half an hour. He declined to comment on what he discussed with the President.

How not to educate India

Draft National Education Policy ignores role of states, fails to examine role of private sector, undermines importance of English



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THE DRAFT NATIONAL Education Policy 2019 (DNEP19) is a must-read document as it has implications for India's ability to reap its "demographic dividend". Accelerated economic development is dependent upon the value added by a youthful labour force, which can occur only through appropriate investments in human development, including education. Education is a powerful instrument for reducing poverty and inequality; and it enhances competitiveness in the global economy. Ensuring access to quality education for all is central to the economic and social development of India, according to the World Bank.

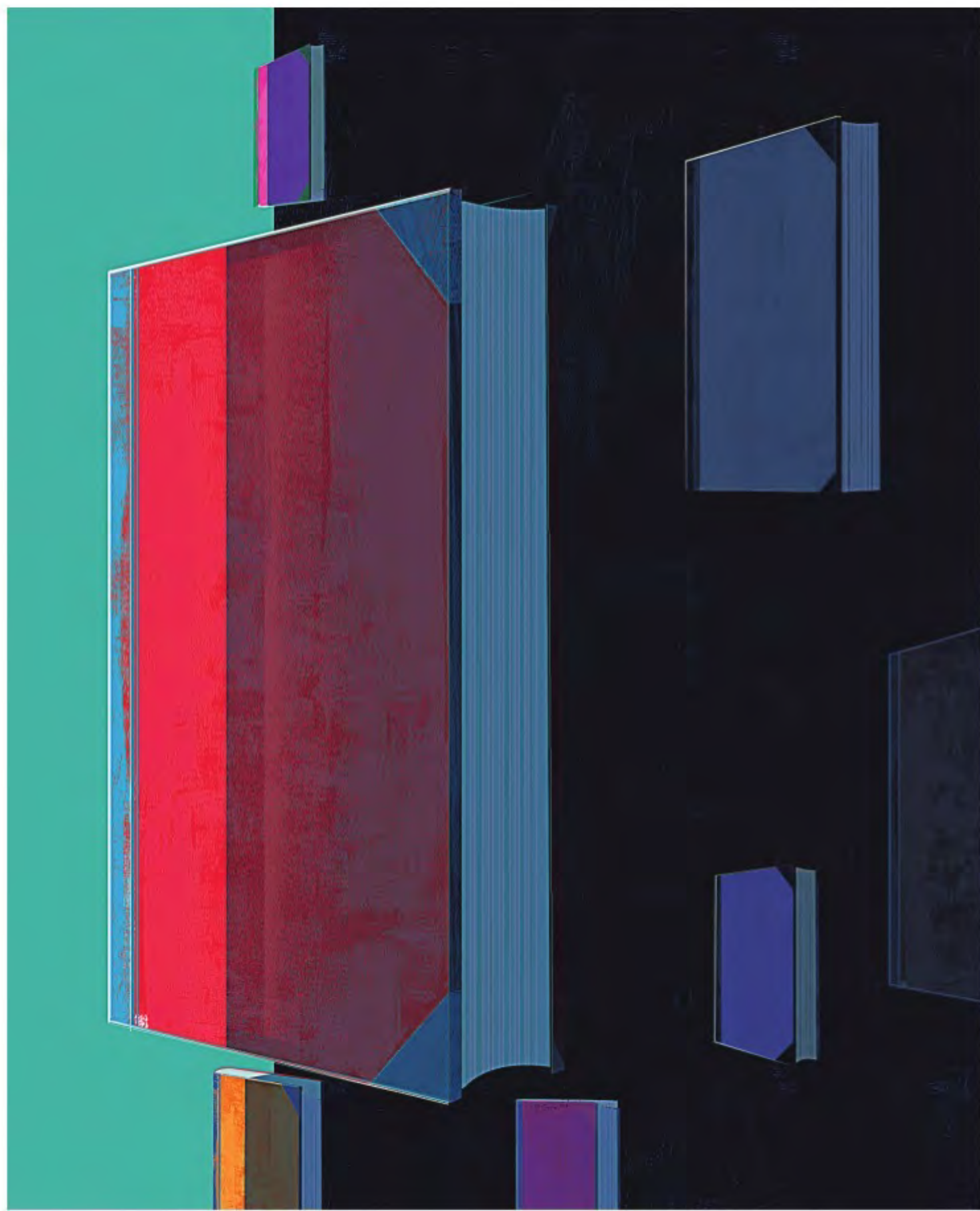
The DNEP19 lays out a vision for, and even romanticises, the need for affordable and quality education for all. This is an elaborate draft of 477 pages, with four parts, an addendum — 23 chapters in all. However, it does not address several relevant issues.

I will discuss five issues that the draft must consider incorporating: One, financing of education; two, privatisation; three, technology (ICT) as a leveler and equity enhancer; four, English as a medium of instruction and five, the state's responsibility in educating the masses. Only the fourth point has been discussed in the DNEP19, and that too mostly by undermining the role and importance of the English language. Given the state of education in India, this report lost an opportunity to discuss the advantages of public investments in elementary and high school education that generate "public good", as against the university-level policy focus on promoting "private good".

The DNEP19 targets investments in education to the tune of 20 per cent of the government's annual revenue. But it forgets to review why India has failed to reach the internationally-recognised level of expenditure (6 per cent of GDP) earmarked for this sector. The current allocation (both Centre and states) amounts to only 3.3 per cent of GDP. This report has appealed to philanthropists and companies to route their corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds to supplement government efforts, but it forgets that such funds will not be ideologically neutral. The report has also not recognised or estimated the role of private investments in education, and the proliferation of private English-medium schools across India. Reckless and unregulated private schools and colleges, besides compromising on quality, will only increase (not reduce) social inequalities in India.

According to the 71st round of the National Sample Survey, 21 per cent of rural and 42 per cent of urban school-going children are enrolled in private-unaided schools. Adjusting for children aged 6-18 years who do not go to school (non-enrollment and dropouts), there are an estimated 50 million children in private schools. It is of utmost importance that primary education is imparted through public sector facilities and that children belonging to various castes, classes and religions must be taught in such schools to generate a sense of belonging and nationalism. One of the main reasons for the emergence of religious intolerance in India is policies that promote segregated primary and elementary education on the lines of caste, religion, class and language.

The report also fails to estimate the share of income that households spend on education. The financing of each level of education — elementary, intermediate and higher-level — comes with its own set of challenges. For example, the government-aided schooling system prevalent in the state of Kerala is not even referred to as a viable model of institutionalised education financing. Maybe a new "public-private-partnership" model will suc-



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ceed in achieving the objectives of quality, affordability and equality of access.

Education reform must focus on certain fundamental principles — standardised yet personalised learning, literacy and numeracy, scientific temper, systems that promote both competition and collaboration between schools and ensure equity of outcomes.

In the 21st century, technology is the most secular and equitable source of education across the world. A common example is the knowledge-sharing done by the Khan Academy, used even by Bill Gates (by his own admission). Such technological platforms must be immediately harnessed to impart equitable access at primary, elementary and high school levels and to increase the quality of education. Consider this: It is quite possible that a child in Dharavi, Mumbai or in Rampur, in the tribal belt of Chhattisgarh, accesses quality education imparted at the best school in US — the Thomas Jefferson High School located in the vicinity of Washington D C. Children all over the world have the same right to education and it must be imparted in an affordable manner to all. Technology has provided a solution which must be used.

Respect the DNEP19 for emphasising the need to protect and promote our culture through the study of classical languages, mother tongues and regional languages. Yet, one cannot deny the income-augmenting character of English in India. Those who are fluent in the English language live in house-

holds with three times higher income than those without any knowledge of English. By ignoring this, the DNEP19 has laid out a "language trap", which will create social inequality and impede economic growth due to loss of the demographic dividend.

The report does not emphasise enough the role and importance of state governments in imparting education to the masses. Special education zones targeting unrepresented groups are talked about; but such a targeting strategy will fail without identifying the states which are laggards in education and reaching out to them.

In the health sector, frequent comparisons are made between states so that the budgetary and policy initiatives are aligned to the best practices and are implemented across states. There is adequate indication that through this report, and possibly through a new bill, "education" will be compromised by being placed under the complete control of the national government. The DNEP19 has not assessed or reviewed the past efforts of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; rather, it has devoted a whole chapter on how to establish and centrally manage the Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog or the National Education Commission. This points towards a centralisation of the education system, which is not only inimical to the economy but also to social harmony.

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sations, rapid deployment and synergy amongst all elements involved in the war effort, particularly the three services". Five, "it is essential to keep the military leadership within the security and strategic decision-making loop." Six, "the political requirement of a military operation and to retain moral high ground (and deny that to the adversary), the country needs a comprehensive media and information strategy."

In conclusion, General Malik writes: "An enduring lesson of Kargil war, indeed most wars, is that for national security, sound defence enables sound domestic and foreign policies."

PAKISTAN DECODED

THERE HAVE BEEN a series of important developments vis-a-vis Pakistan — the International Court of Justice verdict in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case, the arrest of Hafiz Saeed, the re-opening of air space for Indian aircraft and the removal of Khalistan-supporter, Gopal Chawla, from the Kartarpur committee. The natural question, therefore, is: Will Islamabad "mend its behaviour and not allow its soil to breed terrorism, especially against Bharat?" "No!" says Prafulla

Ketkar, editor of *Organiser*, in a signed editorial.

"The very existence of Pakistan," according to Ketkar, "is dependent on an anti-Bharat narrative." The military is the torchbearer of that philosophy. Unless there is a change from within and Pakistan as a society shows a clear sign of reversing the trend and construct a positive idea of existence, there is no reason to believe the little bit of softening and succumbing to pressure.

"Pakistan has deceived the world many times, and after the Lahore Bus initiative, Kargil was the clear case of deception and betrayal," the editorial argues.

The Kulbhushan Jadhav case verdict has proven that Pakistan is a violator of the Geneva Convention. The human rights record and the hypocrisy of the military-run kangaroo courts in Pakistan have also been exposed.

The directive to ensure a free and fair trial to Jadhav along with consular access has not only vindicated India's stance, but also proved that the systems in Pakistan are not in tune with international standards. Similarly, the arrest of Hafiz Saeed by Pakistan's Counter-Terrorism Department is acknowledgment that the Mumbai attack mastermind is a terrorist.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"If Hong Kong continues to regard rule of law as its core value, it must treat police law enforcement correctly." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Cricketers in arms

Cricket might be 'war minus shooting', but in reality few Indian cricketers have seen combat



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Will M S Dhoni serve with his Territorial Army (TA) battalion stationed in the Kashmir Valley or will he just train with them? That is a significant difference because serving in an operational deployment carries its own risks which training — however gruelling it may be — does not have. As someone bestowed with the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel after India's world cup win in 2011, Dhoni doesn't need to do either. Other professionals who join the TA after a selection process of ten get waivers for their annual attachment with the battalion for training.

Cricket and military training, though, have a linkage. The Pakistan cricket team trained at the country's military academy before the 2016 England tour and the players were doing push-ups after reaching a landmark, the way rookie military recruits celebrate their success. Pakistani cricket and its army have quite a connection — and we are not referring to Imran Khan being "selected" as PM by its army last year — which can be seen by a cursory search on YouTube of Wasim Akram acing a military field obstacle course.

But these training were for the purpose of improving their chosen game of cricket. They weren't for operational deployment, for which Dhoni has already shown his penchant by completing five parachute jumps. It points to a level of interest and commitment which has not been witnessed among any of the other sportsmen who were given an honorary rank. Sachin Tendulkar is a Group Captain in the IAF and is present in uniform on most Air Force Day parades, sitting in the front row, and has taken a joy ride in a fighter jet, but his linkage ends there.

The connection between cricket and military in India has been rather tenuous so far. The only name that comes to mind is of Colonel CK Nayudu, who was given the rank as a honour in the Holkar's army for being an outstanding cricketer. Then there was Lt Colonel Hemu Adhikari, an army officer whose military career doesn't show any active combat experience in uniform. Adhikari captained India in one Test against the West Indies, the fourth captain in a five-match series, and he agreed to take the responsibility because of a military order.

When the selectors approached him, Adhikari was posted at Dharamshala and he initially refused to lead India in the Test; he even turned down his wife's request. He recalled: "My chief sent me a message asking me to come and report to him immediately. He told me the same thing: India needs you. Your country is bigger than the individual. Just go and play and let the public feel what wrong the Board has done to you."

But in the active wars fought by India since Independence, there have perhaps been no Test cricketers who have participated. Besides Adhikari, five other military

personnel played Test cricket for India: Chandrasekhar Gadkari, Narain Swamy, Raman Surendranath, Apoorva Sengupta, and Venatappa Muddiah. Of these Sengupta played only a solitary Test but retired as a three-star general from the armoured corps.

Even though cricket between India and Pakistan has often been compared to war, there was a time when both players were in the same team as the two countries were at war. In his memoirs, Sunil Gavaskar has recounted that some of the Indian and Pakistani players were playing for the Rest of the World XI in Australia during the 1971 War and were still close to each other as they followed the news, worried about the fate of their families and hometowns.

Gavaskar and Tendulkar may not have joined military service but another batting great, Don Bradman did join the Australian Air Force in June 1940. Subsequently shifted to Australian Army, he was commissioned as a lieutenant, with the task of Physical Training Officer. But he was diagnosed with fibrositis of the back and discharged from service in June 1941. For a year, the world's greatest batsman was known as Lieutenant Bradman.

Len Hutton, who had joined as a sergeant instructor, sustained serious injury when he fell in gymnasium in York on military service. An operation and bone grafts left his left-arm shorter and weaker than his right but he still piled on the runs after the war.

But not everyone was as fortunate as the legendary English cricketer. Nigel McCrery's *The Coming Storm: Test and First-Class Cricketers Killed in World War Two* provides details of 12 test cricketers — five Englishmen, two South Africans, one Australian and one New Zealander — who perished in the Second World War along with 130 other first class cricketers. The most famous among them was the great Hedley Verity who died in gunfire in Caserta, Italy in 1943 as he led his troops as an army captain in capturing a building. Other Test cricketers who lost their lives were Dooley Briscoe and Arthur Langton of South Africa, Maurice Turnbull, George Macaulay, Ken Farnes and Geoffrey Legge of England, Ross Gregory of Australia and Sonny Moloney of New Zealand.

Most of these cricketers were recruited for the regular service as the countries needed all able-bodied men to ward off the German-Japanese challenge. But like Dhoni now, Denis Compton was with TA during the war and was posted in Mhow in central India. He ended up scoring 249 not out for Holkar vs Bombay in the final of the Ranji Trophy in 1944-45, with India being the only country where first-class cricket continued to be played during the Second World War. If Dhoni goes on to serve in an operational area and see real combat with the army, his experience would probably mirror that of Australian Keith Miller who became a fighter pilot. Answering a question from Michael Parkinson before one of the Victory Tests played in England immediately after the Second World War, he said, "Pressure? There is no pressure in Test cricket. Real pressure is when you are flying a Mosquito with a Messerschmitt up your arse."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MOON SHINE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Off to the moon' (IE, July 23). The launch of Chandrayaan 2 to the moon will mark a turning point for India if it lands successfully on the lunar surface. India will be the fourth nation to achieve this feat. The scientists at ISRO must be congratulated, and we must be proud as a nation. More importantly, the journey to space should be an occasion for Indians to look beyond petty differences and unite as we venture forth to new horizons.

P N Garg, via email

NO JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Getting away' (IE, July 23). The spate of acquittals in cases pertaining to the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013 shows our legal process in poor light. Unless the long-pending police reforms are brought in, shielding the law from political interference, this travesty of justice is bound to continue, more so in riots where "faceless mobs" are involved. Witnesses must be given due protection. Also, the convoluted judicial proceedings need to become more swift. A stop must be put on buying time as well as buying witnesses.

Vijai Pant Hempur.

ENGAGE ALL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Does India remember Kargil?' (IE, July 23). Pakistan has been the source of the most important national security challenge India has been facing since its Independence.

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

The troika of the Pakistan army, military intelligence and bureaucracy script the country's narrative towards India. Delhi recently articulated its red line on the various international manoeuvres over Afghanistan, where the message was that India is no longer averse to the idea of engaging with any actor that holds sway over the situation in the larger interest. India needs to invoke a similar principle while dealing with Pakistan and engage with all stakeholders to negotiate peace.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

Compiled by Pradeep Kaushal



EXPERTS SAY IT COULD BE CHANDRAYAAN-2 AUSSIES SEE BRIGHT LIGHT IN SKY

India's second Moon mission Chandrayaan-2 could have passed through the Australian sky as hundreds of people in Queensland and the Northern Territory contacted local channels and reported seeing a bright light in the sky. An astronomer on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation channel explained that the light could be Chandrayaan-2.

TOP OF THE WORLD



A Russian A-50 plane

ASIA-PACIFIC

South Korea fires warning shots at Russian aircraft

Seoul: South Korean warplanes fired hundreds of warning shots at a Russian military aircraft that entered South Korean airspace on Tuesday, defence officials said, while Russia denied violating any airspace and accused South Korean pilots of being reckless. It was the first time a Russian military aircraft had violated South Korean airspace, an official at the South Korean Ministry of National Defence said in Seoul. The incident, which also involved China and Japan, could complicate relations and raise tension in a region that has for years been overshadowed by hostility between the US and North Korea. Two Russian Tu-95 bombers and two Chinese H-6 bombers entered the Korea Air Defence Identification Zone together early on Tuesday, South Korea said.

RUSSIA

Four children die in summer camp fire

Moscow: Four children died after a fire ripped through a summer camp in the Russian far east in the early hours of Tuesday, the regional authorities said. The blaze tore through a private children's tent camp near the city of Komsomolsk-on-Amur in the Khabarovsk region, destroying 20 tents and killing a girl on her 11th birthday. Two other girls and a boy suffered extensive burns and later died in hospital, officials said. The camp was being attended by 189 children and teenagers aged between seven and 15. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev publicly berated the regional governor for apparently saying that officials did not know about the existence of the private camp.

AUSTRALIA

Govt to bar return of citizens who fought for IS

Sydney: Australia is poised to bar its citizens who have fought for the Islamic State militant group from returning home for up to two years, under new laws discussed in parliament Tuesday. The controversial legislation would give hardline Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton the ability to invoke "exclusion orders" to prevent suspected terrorists from returning to the country. It is based on similar legislation introduced in the United Kingdom, where a judge is tasked with deciding whether to impose an exclusion order.

TAIWAN

Intel chief resigns over smuggled cigarettes

Taipei: Taiwan's intelligence chief has stepped down after an agent who was accompanying President Tsai Ing-wen on a state visit overseas was caught attempting to smuggle nearly 10,000 cartons of cigarettes. National Security Bureau (NSB) head Peng Sheng-chu tendered his resignation on Monday to take responsibility, the presidential office said. The scandal revolved around a security agent within Tsai's entourage who tried to bring in 9,800 cigarette cartons through a VIP lane as they returned from an official trip to the Caribbean on Monday.

TO TAKE OVER FROM THERESA MAY AFTER SHE STEPS DOWN TODAY

Johnson to be new British PM

Defeats Jeremy Hunt in Conservative Party leadership vote, setting up Brexit showdown with EU

GUY FAULCONBRIDGE & ELIZABETH PIPER
LONDON, JULY 23

BORIS JOHNSON, the ebullient Brexititeer who has promised to lead Britain out of the European Union with or without a deal by Halloween, will replace Theresa May as Prime Minister after winning the leadership of the Conservative Party on Tuesday.

His victory catapults the United Kingdom towards a Brexit showdown with the EU and towards a constitutional crisis at home, as British lawmakers have vowed to bring down any government that tries to leave the bloc without a divorce deal.

Johnson, the face of the 2016 Brexit referendum, won the votes of 92,153 members of the Conservative party, almost twice the 46,656 won by his rival, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

May will leave office on Wednesday after going to meet Queen Elizabeth, who will formally appoint Johnson before he enters Downing Street.

"We are going to get Brexit done on October 31, and we are going to take advantage of all the opportunities it will bring in a new spirit of 'can do,'" Johnson, 55, said after the result was announced. "Like some slumbering giant, we are going to rise and ping off the guy-ropes of self-doubt and negativity."

Johnson said the mantra of his leadership campaign had been to "deliver Brexit, unite the country and defeat (opposition Labour leader) Jeremy Corbyn - and that is what we are going to do".

Shortly after his victory, US President Donald Trump tweeted his congratulations, adding: "He will be great!" **REUTERS**



Boris Johnson speaks after being announced as Britain's next Prime Minister. *Reuters*



Boris and the world

As he spent most of his campaign focusing on Brexit, Boris Johnson has not laid out what his policies will be on other major issues. A look at his past positions on some of those issues:

IRAN

On Iran, Johnson's position has been more aligned with major European powers than the US. While he says the Iranian regime is not easy to deal with, he concedes it is better to negotiate to make sure it doesn't get a nuclear weapon. However, in 2006, he wrote a column in *The Telegraph* titled 'Give Iran the bomb: it might make the regime more pliable'.

US TIES

Johnson has been keen not to antagonise Trump. If, under his stewardship, the UK gets out of the EU without a deal, Johnson will be looking to secure a lucrative trade deal with the US. In a sign that he wants to keep Trump on his side, Johnson did not defend UK's ambassador to US, Kim Darroch, after memos in which the envoy described the Trump administration as "inept" were leaked.

HUAWEI

The very idea that the Theresa May government considered including China's Huawei in Britain's 5G telecoms network has caused controversy in the UK. The final decision on the subject will now have to be taken by Johnson. He has said that while there are benefits to foreign investment, he would not compromise the UK's national security infrastructure.

HONGKONG

The former British colony has seen massive protests and unrest for a few weeks regarding a proposed Bill that allows for extradition to China. This also led to a war of words between Beijing and London. Johnson has expressed his support to the protesters in Hong Kong, telling *Reuters* they have every right to be sceptical about the legislation.

Boris's chaotic path to power finally pays off

JILL LAWLESS
LONDON, JULY 23

BORIS JOHNSON aspires to be a modern-day Winston Churchill. Critics fear he's a British Donald Trump. Johnson won the contest to lead the governing Conservative Party on Tuesday, and is set to become Britain's PM.

Historian Max Hastings, Johnson's former boss at the *Daily Telegraph*, has called him "a man of remarkable gifts, flawed

by an absence of conscience, principle or scruple."

Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson was born in New York in 1964, the eldest child of a close-knit upper middle-class British family. His forebears include Turkish journalist and government minister Ali Kemal, one of Johnson's great-grandfathers.

Johnson attended elite boarding school Eton College, where he began to use his middle name, Boris — his family called him Al — and cultivated

the image of a quick-witted, slightly shambolic entertainer.

After graduating from Oxford, Johnson became a journalist. He survived being fired from *The Times* for making up a quote to become Brussels correspondent for the *Daily Telegraph*. He specialised in exaggerated yarns about the EU's dastardly plans to truss Britain in red tape.

Then came a stint as editor of conservative-leaning news-magazine *The Spectator*, frequent TV appearances and, simultane-

ously, election as an MP.

Stumbles and setbacks were frequent, but quickly overcome.

He was once fired from a senior Conservative post for lying about an extramarital affair.

He bounced back, just as he has done when called out for offensive words and phrases. Johnson has called Papua New Guineans cannibals, and last year compared Muslim women who wear face-covering veils to "letter boxes."

In 2008, he was elected mayor of London, becoming a cheerful

global ambassador for the city.

In 2016, he played a key role in the Brexit campaign. After the country's surprise vote to leave toppled PM David Cameron, Johnson looked set to succeed him. But he dropped out of the race after a key ally, Michael Gove, decided to run against him. May won the contest and made Johnson foreign secretary.

In July 2018, Johnson quit over his opposition to May's Brexit blueprint, and became Britain's Brexit-in-chief. **AP**

Li Peng, hardline Chinese leader in Tiananmen crackdown, dies at 90

MICHAEL MARTINA & TONY MUNROE
BEIJING, JULY 23

FORMER CHINESE Premier Li Peng, reviled by rights activists and many in the Chinese capital as the "Butcher of Beijing" for his role in the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, has died, state media reported on Tuesday.

Li, who was 90, died on Monday night in Beijing, Xinhua said, more than three decades af-



Li Peng remained Chinese premier until 1998. *Reuters*

ter his government authorised a bloody suppression of student-led pro-democracy protests in the early hours of June 4, 1989. Xinhua said Li died following

unsuccessful treatment for an illness, which it did not specify.

Along with then-paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, Li was seen as an unapologetic hard-

liner responsible for ordering the assault that crushed weeks of demonstrations by protesters in central Beijing.

His declaration of martial law over parts of Beijing on national TV in the weeks before tanks and troops swept the square of protesters made him one of the most prominent faces of a crackdown.

The death toll given by officials days after the crackdown was about 300. But rights groups and witnesses say the figure could run into the thousands. **REUTERS**

SECOND MAJOR IMMIGRATION POLICY SHIFT IN 8 DAYS

Trump allows migrants to be sent back without giving access to judges

ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN DIEGO, JULY 23

THE TRUMP administration announced Monday that it will vastly extend the authority of immigration officers to deport migrants without allowing them to appear before judges, its second major policy shift on immigration in eight days.

Starting Tuesday, fast-track deportations can apply to anyone in the country illegally for less than

two years. Previously, those deportations were largely limited to people arrested almost immediately after crossing the Mexican border.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting Homeland Security secretary, portrayed the nationwide extension of "expedited removal" authority as another Trump administration effort to address an "ongoing crisis on the southern border" by freeing up beds in detention facilities and reducing a backlog of more than 900,000 cases in immigration courts.

US authorities do not have space to detain "the vast majority" of people arrested on the Mexican border, leading to the release of hundreds of thousands with notices to appear in court, McAleenan said in the policy directive to be published Tuesday in the Federal Register.

He said Homeland Security officials with the new deportation power will deport migrants in the country illegally more quickly than the Justice Department's immigration courts.

GULALAI ISMAIL HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN TWO MONTHS

In Pakistan, a feminist crusader is under fire and on the run

JEFFREY GETTLEMAN
JULY 23

GULALAI ISMAIL is one of Pakistan's best-known women's rights crusaders, speaking out about forced marriages, gang rapes and crushed dreams.

Her groundbreaking work has carried her around the world, winning her awards and audiences with high-powered women such as Michelle Obama and Queen Elizabeth II.

But in her own country, Ismail has become an enemy of the state, accused of inciting rebellion. And now she is on the run.

For two months, practically no one has seen her. Pakistan's security services, known as among this

region's most cunning and brutal, cannot find her. They have raided her house several times and deployed scores of officers, and, according to Ismail's family, abducted and tortured family friends to extract information.

Her associates said Ismail, 33, is leading a phantom-like existence, shifting from house to house, timing her movements carefully, stepping out only with a scarf over her face and relying on an underground network of fellow feminists across Pakistan's cities who are risking everything to hide her.

Her family says they have had no contact with her since she vanished in May — "All our phones are bugged," said her younger sister, Saba.

Rumours keep surfacing that she was spotted here or arrested there. But security officials said that she was not in custody and that they were relentlessly pursuing her.

The hunt has continued even though Pakistan has recently presented itself as turning a corner, moving away from years of repression and a long record of sponsoring militant Islamic groups.

But as Ismail's case shows, many Pakistanis still live in deep fear of their own security services. The intensity of the pursuit reveals how domineering and perhaps unnerved the country's security services — referred to as "The Establishment" — remain.

"We are in a gray area," said Rasul Bakhsh Rais, a professor of



Gulalai Ismail

political science at Lahore University of Management Sciences. "There's a lot of actual and political chaos in this coun-

try right now." But, he said, he could not see any legitimate reason to go after Ismail.

"What she has been saying, however harsh, falls under freedom of expression," Rais said. "But the institution she has talked about doesn't want to be talked about." That institution, he said, was Pakistan's military.

Pakistani security services have accused Ismail of a litany of serious offenses including sedition, financing terrorism and defaming state institutions, though authorities have not filed formal charges against her.

No Pakistani government official agreed to comment publicly on her case, but several spoke on the condition of anonymity. Her family provided more than a

dozen pages of documents, including police reports and copies of the allegations against her.

Pakistani officials said they had no issue with Ismail's advocacy for women. But they maintained that she had crossed a line in recent months by spreading divisive messages at unlawful rallies held by a grassroots Pashtun rights movement known as PTM.

As PTM has grown, the government has cracked down viciously, arresting some of its leaders and firing on unarmed demonstrators, according to witnesses.

civilians in Pashtun areas.

In January, she aired allegations, on Facebook and Twitter, that government soldiers had raped or sexually abused many Pashtun women. She has also joined chants in which PTM supporters belted out: "The ones responsible for terrorism are the ones in uniform!"

"Her speech against the state and army is an attempt to divide people on ethnic lines and incite them to commit treason," read a police complaint filed in May.

In the past week, Pakistani officials accused her and her parents of money laundering and financing terrorism, saying that they had received large transfers of money from India. The Ismail family denies this. **NYT**

19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹35,720	₹68.94	\$63.06*	₹41,950

*Indian basket as on July 22, 2019

SENSEX: 37,982.74 ▼ 48.39 NIFTY: 11,331.05 ▼ 15.15 NIKKEI: 21,620.88 ▲ 204.09 HANG SENG: 28,466.48 ▲ 95.22 FTSE: 7,561.02 ▲ 46.09 DAX: 12,495.23 ▼ 205.83

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Mauritius route: Four ships, a Hong Kong firm & Jindal Steel

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

AMONG THE assets disposed of by a beleaguered Noble Group, a Hong Kong-based commodity trading giant, in 2018 as part of a \$3.5-billion debt restructuring were four bulk carrier vessels. The Hong Kong company owned these ships through a Mauritius company controlled jointly with Jindal Steel and Power Limited, records of Conyers Dill Pearman show.

An investigation by *The Indian Express* shows that the chain of transactions begins in 2011 when Mudit Paliwal quit his position as co-head of global freight business at Noble Group and set up Panacore Investments Limited (PIL), backed by New Delhi-based entrepreneur Sunil Nihal Duggal. Records show that PIL was owned by Prosperity Investments Worldwide Limited (BVI) where Vision Shipping Private Ltd, a Singapore company set up in August 2011, held 90 per cent stake and Paliwal and his wife Aishwarya the remaining 10 per cent. "The understanding" between Duggal and Paliwal, records show, entitled Paliwal "to take additional 20 per cent shareholding in Prosperity at par."

While Duggal's role in Vision Shipping (Singapore), incorporated months before PIL, remains unclear, he set up Vision Shipping Private Limited in India in 2006. One of its subsidiaries Vision Shipping HK Ltd (later Nihal Group HK Limited) was incorporated in 2009. In an emailed response, Sunil Duggal denied being a beneficiary of Vision Shipping Pte Limited (Singapore), underlining that Vision Shipping Pvt Ltd (India) had "no connection with Panacore businesses" and Vision Shipping (Singapore). In May 2012, PIL placed orders with Chinese builders for four "kamsarmaxes" — 82,000-ton bulk carriers or ships — for \$108 million, plus another \$5 million in legal and delivery expenses.

Four subsidiaries, Core Ambition Limited, Core Forte Limited, Core Integrity Limited and Core Vision Limited, set up in Marshall Islands were to register a ship each upon delivery. Under 80:20 debt:equity ratio, the total equity requirement for purchasing the vessels was \$22.5 million. In August 2012, Jindal Steel and Power (Mauritius) Limited signed an MoU with Duggal and Paliwal to pump in \$9 million into PIL and its freight business company Panacore Shipping Pte Limited (Singapore).

Before JSPML's entry, records show, the already complex offshore structure had a ship-owning company (PIL), a management company (Panacore Resources DMCC, UAE) and freight business company (Panacore Shipping) under a holding company Panacore Group Pte Limited (Singapore) which was owned by Prosperity Investments Worldwide Limited (BVI). Vision Shipping (Singapore) and Paliwal held shares of the BVI company at 90:10 ratio.

CEO Paliwal exited PIL in November 2013. Records show that JSPML kept pumping funds to the tune of \$23 million through the year. Following Paliwal's exit, the holding structure changed and, by February 2014, JSPML held 16,000 shares in PIL and Vision Shipping Pte Ltd the remaining 4,000. In another restructuring, Vision exited the company by transferring its shares to JSPML which in turn passed on 7,000 shares to its subsidiary Blue Castle Ventures Limited (BCVL, Mauritius) in March 2014. Claiming that he did not "remember exactly" the details, Duggal said he was "director (in PIL) for a few years" and



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JSPML SPOKESPERSON

Vision Shipping (Singapore) exited Panacore businesses "around the time Panacore started making huge losses." In April 2014, JSPML sold its 65 per cent stake in PIL to Noble Chartering Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Noble Group Limited. Noble Group also paid off PIL's debts to Vision and Cumulative Investments Limited, a Hong Kong company. It also settled partly what PIL owed to JSPML. The unsettled part of JSPML's loans was transferred to its subsidiary Blue Castle Ventures Limited which continued to hold 35 per cent stake in PIL.

The Jindal group removed PIL and its four subsidiaries as subsidiaries on record from April 8, 2014, the day Noble acquired JSPML's stake in the company. However, records show, Noble and Jindal were "running the business in Joint Venture basis (Jointly Controlled Entity)". In an emailed response, a JSPML spokesperson said: "The prime reason for JSPML to venture into the shipping business was to complement its increasing export and import volumes. Since JSPML did not have any experience in the shipping business, it later decided to divest the majority stake to a strategic partner and accordingly 65 per cent stake was sold to Noble Chartering which was world renowned in the shipping business. However, all the activities with respect to operations (including chartering), financing, financial accounting and reporting and management of PIL was being managed by Noble and JSPML through BCVL."

The four vessels — Ocean Ambition, Ocean Forte, Ocean Integrity and Ocean Vision — were delivered during 2014-15. By 2016, Noble Group's businesses floundered and it ran into debt. In August 2017, Noble Chartering Limited completed its takeover of PIL by acquiring the remaining 35 stake for a consideration of \$1, apparently to facilitate the group's debt restructuring.

The JSPML spokesperson said: "Due to financial constraints at JSPML leading to JSPML defaulting in debt servicing commitments, JSPML/BCVL could not meet its funding commitments towards PIL and Noble continued to fund the same. PIL valuation fell drastically due to the fall in the value of the ships and the continuing operating losses incurred by PIL and JSPML/BCVL had huge liability towards Noble. Against this backdrop JSPML decided to sell its 35 per cent stake in PIL to Noble at US\$1 which was hugely benefiting to JSPML. JSPML did not have to fund the past liabilities." "JSPML complied with all the requisite regulations and made all the filings under the ODI regulations. Further, all requisite disclosures were made in the audited financial statements," the spokesperson said.

It took Noble Group a year to complete sale of mortgaged Panacore vessels by September 2018 for approximately \$95 million, allowing the group to retire \$63 million of debt.

ANDHRA PRADESH MOVE TO REOPEN RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTRACTS

Banks stare at fresh NPAs, debt exposure of ₹21K crore at stake

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A DECISION by the Andhra Pradesh government to reopen contracts signed with wind and solar generators could impact at least 50 of India's biggest RE (renewable energy) developers and puts at stake nearly 5.2 gigawatts (GW) of projects, with an estimated debt exposure of over Rs 21,000 crore.

Nearly half of this capacity, according to rating agency Crisil, is at higher risk of default as they lack liquidity support beyond the project level. The move to reopen contracts, alongside raising serious questions among investors about the sanctity of contracts, could potentially lead to a fresh wave of non-performing assets (NPAs) in the banking sector.

The move is a body blow for RE developers, who have been the only bright spark in the otherwise sluggish electricity generation sector, with FDI inflows of \$3.22 billion over the last four years alongside significant domestic investment leveraged by bank funding. There are concerns that other states could take a cue from this and initiate similar reopening of wind and solar project PPAs on the same grounds cited by the Andhra government — that tariffs discovered in subsequent years have been cheaper.

The Jagan Reddy-led govern-

OTHER STATES MIGHT INITIATE SIMILAR MOVES

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ment in Andhra Pradesh, an ally of the NDA Government at the Centre, had decided to "review" and "bring down" tariffs of all competitively bid renewable power projects in the state. The AP order, issued on July 1, directed a high-level negotiation committee to use "current rates", "rates prevalent at the time of commissioning of projects", and "the current opportunity cost of other sources of power" to benchmark and renegotiate agreements, and also submit its report to the state government in 45 days.

Affected private developers have raised concerns that this move by the state utilities to reopen contracts comes amid a general reluctance by the states to renegotiate pacts signed with old and inefficient state-owned thermal plants, most of which are idling due to high tariffs but the distribution utilities are still forced to fork out fixed charges.

In response to pressure from the Centre seeking a review of the

move, the Andhra Pradesh government has said it would go ahead in renegotiating power purchase agreements with private developers. In a missive to the Prime Minister's Office, the AP government has struck a defiant note and said: "Though we are aware of the legal nature of contracts and their importance, the divided state of Andhra Pradesh and the discoms which are in a debt trap are helpless to honour these high-cost renewable power purchase agreements done with mala fide intent."

As on end-May 2019, a total capacity of around 78.35 GW had been installed in the country of which 40 GW has been added during the last five years. The move by the AP government comes at a time when India's progress towards its March 2022 target of 227 GW of renewable energy capacity is blunted somewhat due to the feeble progress in addressing the damage on account of the country's massive

fleet of aging and inefficient coal and lignite-fueled thermal power plants. Experts say that an exit option would relieve discoms from onerous financial liability and the funds thus released can be used by them to buy cheaper and more power, and supplying it to consumers at better rates.

"Around 5.2 GW projects out of 7.5 GW in AP are supplying power to state discoms under long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) at pre-determined tariffs. They now face renegotiation risk given that their tariffs are above the recent auction prices of below Rs 3 per unit for renewable projects and average power purchase cost of Rs 3.8 per unit in AP in fiscal 2019," Manish Gupta, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings. Assuming a typical debt funding of Rs 4 per MW (1 GW is equal to 1000 MW), this would put around Rs 21,000 crore of debt at risk of default. In the event of any adverse recommendation by committee, generators could take the legal route to stall implementation, which will end up prolonging the resolution and result in further delays in payment to renewable projects.

Issues of tariff renegotiation have also surfaced in the past in AP when discoms requested renegotiation of contracted wind tariffs to lower levels, which was rejected by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Commission by upholding the terms of the signed power purchase agreements.

'Sovereign bond yields to consolidate ahead of rate review'

Post-Budget rally in Indian bonds has lost steam and going forward yields are expected to consolidate ahead of monetary policy review meet next month, as per a DBS report



6.45%

Ten-year yields (generic) bounced to 6.45 per cent on Monday from sub-6.4 per cent late last week

PROFIT-TAKING TRADES: Indications of a pause in rate-cutting cycle and 30 bp slip in yields since Budget, stoked profit-taking trades

WORTH 100 BPS: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das implied that three rate cuts in 2019 accompanied by a change in policy stance could be cumulatively considered as a 100 bps worth reduction in policy rate, with transmission of these cuts likely to be next priority

DATA-DEPENDENT: RBI's preference to be data-dependent is not surprising, "as Indian benchmark rates have been reduced by the most year-to-date vs regional peers"

CLOUDED PATH: Path is also clouded, but further easing cannot be entirely dismissed if inflation stays below the 4 per cent target, core inflation continues to moderate, rains bridge shortfall and oil prices witness two-way price action

Rise in government borrowings might have triggered NBFC crisis, says Acharya

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JULY 23

OUTGOING RESERVE Bank Deputy Governor Viral Acharya has expressed the possibility that the rise in government borrowings in the second half of 2017 might have led to the asset-liability mismatch in the troubled non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector and this "is worthy of further inquiry".

"Might such forces have partly contributed to the surge in asset-liability mismatch of the NBFC sector for twelve months starting in the second half of 2017 when there was an upward revision in the quantum of government borrowings? I find this an intriguing possibility that is worthy of further inquiry," Acharya said.

"Thus, not only does government borrowing crowd out the private sector, but it can also induce the private sector to borrow more short-term, which can increase financial fragility," he said. A series of defaults by some NBFCs and housing finance companies since the second half of 2018 has severely hit the financial sector.

Acharya, who demitted the RBI post on July 23, six months ahead of the end of his three-year tenure, said the ability and willingness of NBFCs to borrow long-term comes down when government borrowing increases. "Not only does their total debt come down in response, but they rely more and more on



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VIRAL ACHARYA

short-term paper. When government debt increases by 10 per cent, the share of long-term debt for NBFCs comes down by 1.7 per cent," he said while delivering the Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation Lecture. The speech was released on the website of Federal Bank.

"If NBFCs rely on short-term debt and are hit by a shock, such

EXPLAINED: Remedy: Hike capex share, cut stake in PSUs

RBI DEPUTY Governor Viral Acharya has warned on the consequences of elevated government borrowings: lesser availability of resources for private sector, poor transmission of lower policy rates into market rates and pressure on non-banking financial companies to borrow short term funds, thereby increasing financial fragility. A remedy for this could be the government increasing its share of capital expenditure — which stands at a low rate of 14 per cent — and divesting stake in public sector enterprises to bring in efficiencies and reduce debt, he argued.

Monetary policy dept under Kanungo

Mumbai: BP Kanungo, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has been given the charge of Monetary Policy Department of the RBI. Viral Acharya who was looking after this crucial department

demitted the office on Tuesday, six months ahead of the end of his three-year tenure. Kanungo will also become a member of the Monetary Policy Committee which sets interest rates. **ENS**

as loan defaults or an inability to roll over the financing against illiquid assets, then they can experience the unfortunate confluence of asset-quality and funding pressures with adverse impact on their balance-sheets and future intermediation activity," he said. Acharya said high levels of issuance of public debt by the government can render monetary

policy actions ineffective by interfering with the sound transmission of monetary policy, raise the cost of borrowings and crowd out the private sector from the market.

Acharya said, "as more government debt floods markets, the relative safety and liquidity premium attached by investors to high-rated corporate bonds diminishes, raising the cost of borrowing espe-

cially for AAA-rated borrowers and making it relatively less sensitive to policy rate cuts."

According to him, when the central bank cuts the policy rate with a view to reduce economy-wide cost of funds, the ultimate objective is to make more and cheaper credit available to the economy, in part also by getting corporate bond market participants to accept lower yields. "Such pass-through of the RBI's interest rate decisions (monetary policy transmission) is generally seen to be much weaker than one-for-one; a standard quarter-point (25 basis points) cut in the repo rate translates during the quarter into a 7.5 bps fall in yields for AAA-rated bonds and a mere 4.25 bps for BBB-rated ones," he said.

On some possible remedies to alleviate the crowding-out effects of government financing, he said, "one possible solution is for the government to improve the share of capital expenditures which currently stands at a meagre 14 per cent for India. Serious rationalisation could be undertaken in the form of cutting back on subsidies and programs that are not delivering long-run growth, and instead, focusing on the provision of public goods..." On June 24, Acharya, a strong votary of central bank's independence who differed with Governor Shaktikanta Das on inflation, growth prospects and rates, resigned from his post "due to unavoidable personal circumstances".

Slow sales: Bajaj Auto, TVS Motor in price cut mode

PRITISH RAJ
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

IN AN effort to combat subdued sales, Bajaj Auto and TVS Motor Co are taking steps like trimming prices between Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 on some products. Some dealers are also sacrificing a part of their margins.

Prices of two-wheelers have risen over the past year on several counts, including higher insurance costs and because vehicles needed to be fitted with anti-lock braking systems from April 1, 2019. While Bajaj Auto said its spokesperson was not available to comment, TVS Motor did not reply to queries till the time of going to press. **FE**

Capex revival 12-18 months away: L&T

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 23

LARSEN AND Toubro (L&T) on Tuesday reported a 21 per cent year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,473 crore, though revenues grew at a sedate 10 per cent y-o-y to Rs 29,636 crore. Moreover, fresh orders during the quarter were up a modest 11 per cent YoY to Rs 38,700 crore. Nonetheless, it stood by its guidance of a 10-12 per cent growth in order inflows and a 12-15 per cent increase in revenues in 2019-20.

Management commentary was more than cautious, with L&T CFO R Shankar Raman saying order inflows were expected to pick up in the second half of the year. "Though some non-industrial capex from private sector has taken place, large industrial in-

vestments will take another 12-18 months as liquidity is a challenge," Shankar Raman said.

"We are not sure if capital markets are ready to provide money. After the latest tax on capital market participants, liquidity in capital market cannot be taken for granted. The debt market is in a shambles, banks are running scared to take credit decisions. In the current environment, the private sector will think 10 times before it commits capital," the CFO said.

L&T CEO & MD SN Subrahmanyan pointed out that on the one hand, the government was tightening the fisc while on the other the private sector "is hardly there". Subrahmanyan said the company was being cautious "about how we move forward", adding it would take two-three months for the situation to ease. **FE**

JUNE 2019 QUARTER HUL profit up 14.4%; Moderation in market as rural growth slowed: CFO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 23

DRIVEN BY improvement in margins, FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) has reported a 14.40 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit at Rs 1,795 crore for the first quarter ended June 2019 as against a net profit of Rs 1,569 crore in the same quarter of the previous financial year.

Net sales during the June 2019 quarter stood at Rs 10,197 crore, a rise of 6.04 per cent as against Rs 9,616 crore in the year-ago period. "Domestic consumer growth was 7 per cent with underlying volume growth at 5 per cent" during the quarter, HUL said in a statement. "Margin expansion was driven by improved mix, leverage in operating and advertising spends and our savings agenda."

Domestic consumer growth was 7% with underlying volume growth at 5% during the quarter, HUL said

HUL chairman and managing director Sanjiv Mehta said, "Against the backdrop of moderate market growth, HUL has delivered a resilient performance driven by expansion of our consumer franchise, improvement in portfolio mix and sustained growth in margins." Its focus on strengthening the core, leading market development and premiumisation, driving channel transformation and building brands with purpose, continues to serve it well, he said.

HUL chief financial officer Srinivas Phatak said there has been some moderation in the market condition as rural growth rate which was ahead of urban growth for several quarters has slowed and has almost become equal to urban growth. "In the quarter, the rural growth has been at par with urban. Earlier, rural use to grow faster than urban, now rural is still growing but it's at par with urban," he said.

HUL's total expenses for the quarter was Rs 7,896 crore as compared with Rs 7,604 crore, a rise of 3.84 per cent. On the outlook, Mehta said, "We believe our business is well-positioned to unlock the structural FMCG India opportunity as well as in terms of navigating the short-term challenges arising from softening of growth."

International market data till 1900 IST

Government aims to cut patent examination time to six months

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

IN A move to improve the ecosystem for innovation in India, the Department of Promotion of Internal Industry and Trade (DPIIT) aims to reduce the time taken to examine patents to six months as part of its five-year plan from 18 months currently.

India hopes to further improve its ranking among the world's most innovative economies, and has set an "ambitious" target for itself. "We have made a benchmark that we must complete all our patent examinations in 18 months. Actually, in our five-year program, we hope to bring it down to six months," said DPIIT secretary Ramesh Abhishek during a briefing before the launch of the Global Innovation Index 2019. "We are definitely hoping for improvement (of our position on the index in 2019), as we have improved in indicators like ease of

India hopes to further improve its ranking among the world's most innovative economies

doing business," he said. India already jumped to the 57th position on the GI in 2018 from the 81st position in 2015. The index, prepared by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), analyses the innovation performance of 129 countries and economies around the world.

This includes the political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication. GI 2019, which is being released in partnership with DPIIT and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Wednesday, focuses on innovation in medical technology.

At the same time, global innovation landscape is faced with hurdles of increasingly protectionist measures by countries,

which has impacted foreign investment, WIPO director general Francis Gurry said. "There is a tendency not to do things multi-laterally. We see this, of course, all around the world and I think this is a crisis and something we all need to think about...We are becoming increasingly interconnected as a world, but institutional cooperation on international level is in some respects reducing or not keeping pace with way in which technology is bringing us together," he said.

"There are important signs of closure, not just in any one country by the way. For example, since the G20 dropped its commitment to a reduction of tariffs, we have seen a large number, in fact a higher percentage, of unilateral measures taken by countries in respect of favouring local champions," he said, adding that foreign direct investment has been on decline globally over last three years and FDI screening has become "much more stringent".

TO FINALISE INCLUSION OF DRUGS IN LIST

Essential medicines: Expert panel calls stakeholder consultations

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

AN EXPERT committee set up last year to update India's latest list of essential medicines has called on industry and civil society bodies this week for discussions before it finalises drugs to be included in it.

The Standing National Committee on Medicines (SNCM) has called pharmaceutical associations, companies and patient groups on Thursday to conduct its "first" stakeholder consultation on the existing National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM). This includes feedback on NLEM 2015, as well as inputs on cancer and cardiology medicines that should be a part of the new list, according to a copy of the invitation that *The Indian Express* has viewed.

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PLANS TO DISCUSS ADDING PENICILLIN IN LIST

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addition of penicillin preparations, which some stakeholders say may be a point of contention as Indian drug makers are highly dependent on Chinese firms for the raw ingredients of such formulations and that the costs of these ingredients have been on the rise.

This is because, once a drug is included in India's NLEM, the Department of Pharmaceuticals notified it under Schedule I of the Drug (Prices Control) Order, 2013,

for price control. Following this, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), India's drug pricing watchdog, caps the ceiling prices of these medicines.

The committee, mandated to look into the issue of AMR while recommending drugs for inclusion and deletion in the latest NLEM, will also be carrying out consultations on this issue.

The consultations also assume importance as they follow

changes to the format of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) global model list of essential medicines. This includes inclusions of expensive new cancer and cardiovascular drugs as well as categorizing antibiotics—those with wide application and low potential to add to AMR (Access), those with higher resistance potential requiring limited access (Watch) and those to be used as a last resort option against multi-drug resistant bacteria (Reserve).

"India would have no choice but to also look into the issue (of the highly priced cancer drugs in WHO's list) to see which ones would be needed here," said Malini Aisola of patient activist group All India Drug Action Network (AIDAN). The list also needs to look at including more medical devices to ensure their affordability, she said.

IMF lowers India growth forecast

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JULY 23

THE IMF on Tuesday projected a slower growth rate for India in 2019 and 2020, saying its GDP will now grow respectively at the rate of 7 and 7.2 per cent reflecting a weaker-than-expected outlook for domestic demand. However, India will still be the fastest growing major economy of the world and much ahead of China, the Washington-based global financial institution said.

"India's economy is set to grow at 7.0 per cent in 2019, picking up to 7.2 per cent in 2020. The downward revision of 0.3 percentage point for both years reflects a weaker-than-expected outlook for domestic demand," IMF said. Releasing the report IMF's Chief Economist Gita Gopinath said the IMF is revising downward its projection for global growth to 3.2 per cent in 2019 and 3.5 per cent in 2020. PTI

Sebi directs Hotel Leela to make additional disclosures to shareholders on asset sale

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

MARKETS REGULATOR Sebi on Tuesday directed Hotel Leela Venture Ltd to make additional disclosures to its shareholders on sale of assets.

Besides, the watchdog will initiate adjudication proceedings against JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company (JMF ARC) for failing to comply with takeover norms. The ruling has come on complaints received from minority shareholders of Hotel Leela alleging violations in relation to postal ballot notice, dated March 18, wherein the company had sought approvals regarding sale of assets to Brookfield.

At the end of June, JMF ARC owned 26 per cent stake in Hotel Leela. The regulator had received complaints from ITC and LIC—minority shareholders in Hotel Leela—alleging violations by promoters and JMF ARC in respect of asset sale transaction mentioned in the postal ballot notice. In its order,

The ruling has come on complaints received from minority shareholders alleging violations in relation to postal ballot notice

Sebi said Hotel Leela should provide various additional disclosures in the postal ballot notice, including all relevant details of each of the sale transactions.

Details of valuation of both asset sale transaction and additional IP transaction, including the methods adopted by the company, should also be disclosed. During the course of the postal ballot, the valuation reports shall be kept for inspection by the shareholders of Hotel Leela, it said. "Sebi may initiate adjudication proceedings under the Sebi Act against JMF ARC for its failure to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of the Takeover Regulations, as deemed fit and appropriate," the order said.

Pramod Mittal 'detained' in Bosnia

REUTERS
SARAJEVO, JULY 23

BUSINESSMAN PRAMOD Mittal has been detained by police at a company in northern Bosnia, a prosecutor said on Tuesday.

Mittal, the younger brother of steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal, heads the supervisory board at metallurgical coke producer Global Ispat Koksna Industrija Lukavac (GIKIL), which has been among Bosnia's biggest exporters. Prosecutor Cazim Serhatlic, from the Tuzla cantonal prosecution department, said on state television that Mittal, GIKIL's General Manager Parmesh Bhattacharyy and Razib Dash, a supervisory board member, had been detained.

"They are arrested on suspicion that they have committed a criminal act of organised crime and abuse of office and authority since 2003," Serhatlic said.

Nobody from the company's management could immediately be reached for comment outside of regular business hours.

Appointed J&K Bank partner after stringent process: IFFCO TOKIO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

A DAY after the J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau searched offices of the IFFCO TOKIO insurance company in Srinagar as part of its ongoing probe into the Jammu and Kashmir Bank and its former chairman Parvez Ahmed, IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance Company Limited, in a press release, said it was "appointed by Jammu & Kashmir Bank as the second bancassurance partner after being selected through an exhaustive and stringent bidding process".

"The regulation of additional bancassurance partner under the IRDAI (Registration of Corporate Agent) Regulations, 2015, allows banks to choose 3 general insurance partners so that their customers get competitive pricing and products," it said.

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IFFCO TOKIO

Jammu and Kashmir Bank that IFFCO TOKIO has offered competitive pricing and regulatory approved commissions have been also paid to the bank based on the business procured by the bank. The company has been servicing the customers promptly and with fairness... customers of Jammu and Kashmir Bank have been benefitted with the second partner. Had Jammu and Kashmir Bank not taken a second partner, customers of Jammu and Kashmir Bank would have missed out on options available," it said.

I-T raids business group in J&K, seizes ₹1.28-cr assets

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

IN A follow-up action in the ongoing probe against financial transactions linked to J&K Bank, the Income-tax Department Tuesday said it conducted a search and seizure operation on premises of a business group leading to seizure of unaccounted jewellery and undisclosed cash of more than Rs 1.28 crore from the promoter of the group.

The tax department in its statement said that the search action revealed apparent siphoning of loans obtained from various public sector banks of more than Rs 74 crore and also revealed "concrete leads" of round tripping of more than Rs 125 crore by the promoters of the group.

"Digital and documentary evidences found during search also clearly reflect machinations of the bank officials in violating prudence norms as well as rules of business to safeguard the banks' interest in grant of loans that exceed Rs 200 crore. These loans have subsequently become

NPAs," the statement said.

Without naming the group in its official release, the income tax department said the group provides security to business establishments and prominent individuals along with running hotels in J&K and other parts of the country. The searched group also held a controlling share in a medical college in Punjab, which had been ordered to be closed by the Medical Council of India in 2014.

Also, to obtain a large tranche of loan from the J&K Bank, the tax department said that the group falsely claimed that 60 rooms of hotel being constructed by them at Mumbai had become operational and cash flow was being generated from such operations. However, the agency said, it was found that the hotel building was under construction and was nowhere near completion.

The I-T team also found evidence of "dummy" manpower expenses as a large number of cheques were issued to fictitious persons, who were supposedly on the rolls of the group for providing security to businesses and prominent individuals, it said.

BRIEFLY 'NHB direction: No major impact on business'

New Delhi: HDFC on Tuesday said the National Housing Bank direction to housing finance companies (HFCs) to desist from providing loans under subvention scheme will not have "significant impact" on growth of its business as the company's exposure is less than 2 per cent of individual loans through this route.

Investments in KVP to double in 9 yrs 5 mths

New Delhi: In view of falling interest rates, the government has increased the time period by 1 month for doubling the money invested in Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) to 9 years and 5 months.

IOB narrows net loss to ₹342 crore

New Delhi: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) on Tuesday reported narrowing of its net losses to Rs 342.08 crore in the first quarter ended June 30. Reduction in net loss was due to lower provisioning and improved recovery, IOB said. PTI

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VACCINE, DGHS
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Details of the tender, terms and conditions for submission of tender are available in our website: www.dirbcglab.gov.in and CPP portal: eprocure.gov.in
Corrigendum/amendments, if any, will be posted only on the above websites.

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No. NH7/2019-20/12204-19
Bidding starts - 2019-20
Date 22.07.2019
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Remaining Misc. Work for Construction of ROB at L.C. No. 132, Abu Road.	201.68 Lac	₹-11/01/20
SITC of X-Ray Baggage Scanner, DFMD, IHMD Scanners & Explosive Detector at New Rajasthan High Court Building, Jodhpur. UBN No.: RRC1920WS0800223	268.00 Lac	अनुबंधी तिथि - ₹-11/01/20
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Description : SITC of P3 LED Video Wall for Auditorium Stage in New Admin Building at ICAT Centre-II, IMT Manesar (Gurugram)
For further details of tender visit our website www.icat.in or e-procurement portal, E-mail: prem.purang@icat.in Ph: +91 124 - 4586111, Fax: +91 124 -2290005

Anand Piramal invests in Snapdeal

New Delhi: Snapdeal on Tuesday said Piramal Group executive director Anand Piramal has made an investment in the e-commerce company. The investment has been made by Piramal in his personal capacity, Snapdeal said in a statement. However, details of the investment and the valuation of Snapdeal post the transaction were not disclosed. PTI

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(A Government of India Enterprise)
Donimalai IRON ORE Mine
Donimalai Township-583118, Dist. Bellary (Karnataka), CIN: L13100AP1958G01001674
CORRIGENDUM Dated: 24.07.2019
Name of work: Construction of Silt Settling Tank at Location N-5 at DIOM.
Last date & Time of download/sale and submission of tender document Up to 15.00 Hrs and for opening of Part-I by 15.30 Hrs.
As per Original Tender Amended as
07.05.2019 03.08.2019
07.06.2019 05.08.2019
08.07.2019 07.06.2019
Other terms / Conditions / clauses etc. of tender document will remain unchanged. The details of tender document can be viewed / downloaded from our website www.nmdc.co.in. Further any amendments/clarification, corrigendum's may please follow the said websites.
For and on behalf of NMDC Limited
Dy. General Manager (Civil)

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
Tender Notice No. PI(EPI)/19-20/03 Phone No. 0172-2756469
Sealed Tenders are invited from the Manufacturers or their Sole Authorized Distributors/ Agents on the Prescribed Form for purchase of various items against Tender No. 1-31 The Manufacturers and their Authorized Dealers/Distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

Sr. No.	Equipment/Item Name	Quantity	EMD	Opening Date
Non Pre Bid cases				
1.	C-R Am Image Intensifier for Skill Lab	01No's	80,000/-	19.08.2019
2.	Intercranial Pressure Monitor	05No's	80,000/-	-do-
3.	Cardiac Monitors	04No's	80,000/-	-do-
4.	Thromboelastometer	01No's	80,000/-	-do-
5.	Clinical Chemistry Analyzer and Kits for Metabolic Evaluation of Urinary Stone Formers	01No's	40,000/-	20.08.2019
6.	Real Time PCR	01No's	39,600/-	-do-
7.	Water Purification System	01No's	60,000/-	-do-
8.	RVG	05No's	60,000/-	-do-
9.	Endoscopic Camera Head HD with CCU, Monitor, Light Source recording system with printer	01No's	60,000/-	21.08.2019
10.	Body Warming System	30No's	60,000/-	-do-
11.	Trans Pulmonary Non-Invasive Cardiac Output Monitors	01No's	60,000/-	-do-
12.	Low Energy Holmium Laser Equipment for ICL of Urinary Stones	01No's	60,000/-	-do-
13.	Defibrillator with Pacemaker	05No's	50,000/-	22.08.2019
14.	Binocular Colposcope with light source, Monitor, Camera Head, recording system, camera control unit and printer	01No's	50,000/-	-do-
15.	Cryostat	01No's	50,000/-	-do-
16.	Transport Ventilator	02No's	32,000/-	-do-
17.	Aqua Water Treatment Unit (WTU) Reverse Osmosis(125 L)	01No's	32,000/-	23.08.2019
18.	Rapid Infuser System	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
19.	Ice Flaking Machine	01No's	20,000/-	-do-
20.	Platelet Aggregometer with Buy Back of existing Aggregometer	01No's	80,000/-	-do-
21.	X-Ray Dosimeter	01No's	23,400/-	26.08.2019
22.	Semi Automatic Microtome	02No's	20,000/-	-do-
23.	Incubator Shaker	02No's	20,000/-	-do-
24.	-80 degree Deep Freezer	01No's	20,000/-	-do-
25.	Real Time PCR	01No's	28,000/-	-do-
Pre Bid Cases				
26.	Equipment for NELS Skill Centre	As per Technical Specifications	Group-A- Rs. 141600/- Group-B- Rs. 64,000/- Group-C- Rs. 600/-	27.08.2019
27.	Blood Gas Analyzer (ABG Machine)	01No's	1,00,000/-	-do-
28.	Non Invasive Output Monitors	06No's	72,000/-	-do-
29.	Blood Donation Camps Vehicle	01No's	70,000/-	28.08.2019
30.	Multimode Reader	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
31.	Bioreactor	01No's	33,936/-	-do-

Tender List can also be downloaded from website: www.pgimer.edu.in and item wise Tender Form with specifications can be downloaded from website: www.eprocure.gov.in. Cost of Tender is Rs.200/- (Non-refundable) which can be deposited in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be in the form of FDR / TDR valid for a period of one year from any one Scheduled Bank in the name of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. EMD in any other Form will not be accepted. Tender can be dropped in the Tender Box placed in the Procurement Branch (Import) manually by 02.30 P.M. on or before the date mentioned against respective item. The Tenders shall be opened on the same date at 03.00 P.M. in the presence of the Authorized Intending Tenderers. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed Form, not accompanied with valid Earnest Money and Tender Cost shall be summarily rejected straightaway. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders received without assigning any reason therefor. "PRE-BID CONFERENCE" WITH INTENDING BIDDERS FOR ITEM Sr. No. 26 to 31 shall be held on 02-08-2019 from 03.00 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE PI(EPI), OFFICE, PGIMER, CHANDIGARH. For more details contact: 0172-2756469 at Procurement Branch (Import). NOTE: If any of the Tender Opening dates happens to be a holiday in PGIMER, Chandigarh, then the same shall be opened on next full working day.
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Name of Work: Online tender for procurement of 48V & 220V TBS Battery, Sets for Pong power house & various Sub Stations of BBMB.
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Last date & Time of online bid submission: 07.08.2019 upto 11:00 hrs
Date & Time of Online Bid Opening at: 07-08-2019 from 11:30 hrs onwards
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For accessing the tender document or download from NMDC limited website <http://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx>.
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Date : 24-07-2019 For and on behalf of NMDC Limited
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Applications for Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited from Reputed, Resourceful and Experienced Parties meeting prescribed QUALIFYING CRITERIA for the work of "Construction of Godown and Ancillary Building(s) including Civil, PHE & Electrical Work etc. for Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd. (OSBCL) Depot at Khurda, Odisha under Odisha State Beverages Corporation Ltd. (OSBCL), Government of Odisha."
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Corrigendum / Addendum, if any shall be hosted in Company's website only.
THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EOI APPLICATION(S): ON OR BEFORE 07.08.2019.

Reserve Bank unveils medium-term strategy framework

THE RESERVE Bank on Tuesday launched 'Utkarsh 2022', its Medium-term Strategy Framework in line with the evolving macroeconomic environment, to achieve excellence in the performance of the RBI's mandates and strengthening the trust of citizens and other institutions.

The strategic framework, unveiled by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, contains the bank's mission, core purpose, values and vision statements, reiterating the bank's commitment to the nation, it said. The medium-term vision statements also set out excellence in performance of statutory and other functions, strengthened trust of citizens and other institutions in the RBI, enhanced relevance and significance in national and global roles and transparent, accountable and ethics-driven internal governance. On Monday, the NHB asked HFCs to "desist" from offering loans under subvention scheme wherein real estate developers pay pre-EMIs on behalf of home buyers for a certain agreed period.

'Apple in talks to buy smartphone chip unit of Intel'

APPLE IS in talks to buy Intel's smartphone modem chip unit, a move that would help the iPhone maker control a key component, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Monday. It cited unnamed people familiar with the matter as saying the deal would cover Intel patents and staff valued at a billion dollars, but that it might not come together. Apple has been investing in its own mobile chips to ramp up performance and features in its devices and reduce its dependence on Qualcomm. Intel earlier this year announced it was abandoning efforts to compete with modem chips for smartphones synched to new-generation "5G" networks.

GERMANY'S AfD

Too far

Germany's far right: strong in the east, weak in the west



Supporters of anti-immigration movement Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West (Pegida) hold flags during a demonstration in Dresden, Germany, in 2015. Reuters

IT IS an ordinary Monday evening in Dresden. Around 1,000 people have gathered, under gunmetal skies and German flags, for the fortnightly demonstration organised by Pegida ("Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the Occident"). It is a peculiar blend of the convivial and the hateful. The crowd laughs and cheers as speakers rail against immigrants, politicians and the media. Later they march through the city centre, swapping insults with balaclava-clad counter-protesters. There are arrests for violence and Holocaust denial. Your correspondent's attempts to interview participants are foiled by a ponytailed protester screaming "Lügenpresse!" ("lying press"), a slur with Nazi overtones revived by Pegida.

Far-right politics has long found a home in Saxony, the east German state of which Dresden is the capital. The NPD, a neo-Nazi outfit, had seats in Saxony's parliament from 2004 to 2014. But in a state election on September 1st the Alternative for Germany (AfD), a far-right party, has a chance of coming first. It will also do well in two other eastern elections: in Brandenburg, on the same day, and Thuringia, in October. It polls much better in the states of the old East Germany than in the (far larger) West. But that difference has become a source of division inside the party.

In the past five years the AfD has transformed itself from a tweedy set of Eurosceptics worried about euro-zone bailouts into a populist-xenophobic outfit in the vein of Austria's Freedom Party or the National Rally in France. It has proved a successful strategy. The party has won seats in all 16 state parliaments and, amid dismay over Angela Merkel's open-door refugee policy, took third place in the general election of 2017, earning 13% of the vote and 94 seats. Yet this success has always rested on an uneasy coalition of disillusioned conservatives, nationalist populists and radicals on the fringes of democracy. Hostility to Mrs Merkel has helped unite these tribes. But they are a fractious lot.

In Germany's east the AfD has acquired a distinctive voice as it puts down local roots. Where radical groups like Pegida and the AfD once sought to prove their mutual independence, now east German AfD stars such as Björn Höcke, the party's leader in Thuringia, make inflammatory speeches at Pegida demos. Pegida's marches are much smaller than at their peak of 2015, when the group could draw up to 30,000 protesters. But the hard core that remains is more coherent, uniting strands of the radical right, explains Johannes Filous, co-founder of Strassengezwitscher, a journalistic group that monitors Saxony's far right. Many demonstrators in Dresden now proudly wave the AfD flag.

Right turn

Mr Höcke, a race-baiting extremist in the charismatic strongman mould, sits at the heart of the Flügel ("Wing"), an ultra-right grouping inside the AfD whose influence far outstrips its support, thought to comprise perhaps one-third of party members. Disciplined and hierarchical, it is dominant in east Germany; it is also gaining strength in the west. That has occasioned drama in sev-

eral AfD state associations. In North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's most populous state, earlier this month most of the party leadership quit in protest at the growing influence of the Flügel, which has left those loyal to Mr Höcke in charge. On July 10th over 100 AfD officials wrote an open letter vowing that they would strive to protect the party from the cult of personality surrounding Mr Höcke.

Tellingly, none of the AfD's national leaders was among them. The leadership "needs to keep both wings together, and that gives the advantage to the radicals," says Werner Patzelt, a political scientist in Dresden. But should Mr Höcke become the voice of the party, conservative AfD voters in the west may be scared off. One party figure has said the AfD may lose ten votes in the west for each one it gains in the east. Paradoxically, success for the AfD in the autumn elections could intensify the party's problems by vindicating the eastern ultras. Some internal differences are "difficult to reconcile," acknowledges Tino Chrupalla, an AfD MP from eastern Saxony. All this comes at an awkward

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time for the party which is sagging in national polls.

It has also been stung by suggestions that its rhetoric encourages violence. Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, the CDU's leader, has said that anyone in her party who is considering working with the AfD should "close their eyes and imagine Walter Lübcke", a ref-

THE EAST IS BLUE

Alternative for Germany, state election polling 2019 or latest, %



Source: Wahlrecht.de *May 2019 Election result

erence to a CDU politician who was murdered recently, allegedly by a neo-Nazi fanatic.

But the AfD's success in the east creates a real problem for mainstream parties who must form governments from a fragmented vote. In Saxony the AfD and the CDU both poll around 25%. Michael Kretschmer, the state's premier and CDU leader, rules out a coalition with the AfD after the election. But others in his party seem less sure. In neighbouring Saxony-Anhalt, where the CDU leads a fractious three-way coalition, some party figures want to open the debate. At municipal level there are signs of informal CDU-AfD co-operation. And even in Saxony, a minority CDU government open to working with all parties, including the AfD, may ultimately look more attractive than the unwieldy three- or four-party coalition that may be the only alternative.

In the long term, the prospects for such deals may depend on the AfD itself. And in the east the party is making itself harder to work with. It has started to foster a nascent "Ossi" nationalism, hinting that easterners'

experience of dictatorship renders them canner than west Germans, corrupted as westerners are by Merkel, migrants and the *Lügenpresse* — and, perhaps, well placed to bring about the necessary revolution. At the Pegida event a speaker attacks the domestic intelligence agency that has declared the Flügel a target for surveillance, triggering cries of "Stasi!" from the crowd. An east Berlin branch of the AfD recently circulated a meme depicting west Germany as an Islamic caliphate, with the national flag reserved for the east.

Needless to say, the audience for this sort of thing in western Germany is limited. Hoping for a showdown, some of the AfD's less radical politicians want the easterners to put themselves up for election to the party's executive board, which is dominated by westerners, later this year. Mr Höcke has vowed that the board will change, but may not stand himself. That makes him a coward, snorts one of his internal opponents. But it is increasingly clear who has the upper hand.

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FRANCE AND AMERICA ARE PROPPING HIM UP

Hanging Chad

Idriss Déby, Chad's despot, is struggling to stay in power

YUSUF NUHAN, a 65-year-old Chadian villager, remembers when he could sail across Lake Chad to visit markets and relatives. His village used to be rich with thousands of cattle, he says. But three years ago, jihadists from Boko Haram attacked and took everything. "They just killed people. We don't know why," he says, fiddling with his prayer beads. "The government has done nothing to help us."

He and his family fled to Baga Sola, a small, dry market town a few kilometres away. They set up camp outside the walls of a United Nations base and prayed that one day they could return to their land. But over the past few months, there has been a resurgence of Boko Haram attacks, killing dozens of soldiers. In theory Mr Nuhan could walk to his childhood home in two hours, but he has given up hope of ever seeing his land again.

Chad is at the heart of Africa's most ungovernable region. Landlocked, it shares borders with conflict-ridden Libya, Sudan, the Central African Republic and Boko Haram's strongholds in Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon. Many Western military officials see the president, Idriss Déby, as a bulwark against that insecurity. Through brutality and military cunning he has managed to hold on to power for almost three decades. But the state he leads is rotten and his rule precarious.

In February three columns of Toyota pickup trucks packed with Chadian rebels sped out of the desert from Libya towards N'Djamena, Chad's capital. The rebels were led by Mr Déby's cousin and were largely dis-

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gruntled members of the president's ethnic group, the Zaghawa. At Chad's request, French warplanes from Barkhane, France's anti-jihadist force in the Sahel, strafed the rebels for three days. France, the former colonial power, had intervened to help out Mr Déby before, but never with such a show of force.

Since the 1960s Lake Chad, on which farmers and fisherfolk depend, has shrunk by half. Almost all of the country's 16m people are poor. Chadians joke: "We are all going to heaven as we've already experienced hell on earth." The president regularly imprisons opponents. But his real source of power is the ability to distribute patronage paid for by Chad's main export, oil.

There has been less of that available since the sharp decline in oil prices in 2014. Big international debts give the government little room for manoeuvre. Civil-servant and army

salaries have been cut. Income per person fell from \$1,200 in 2014 to \$810 in 2017, according to the IMF. "Life is much harder now. Outside the capital, lots of people are struggling and there is serious discontent," says Marielle Debos, the author of "Living by the Gun in Chad".

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But today Mr Déby's army is overstretched. A new wave of attacks by Boko Haram and Islamic State of West Africa (a



Chadian President Idriss Déby attends a ceremony commemorating the six million Jews killed by the Nazis in the Holocaust, in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Centre in Jerusalem in November 2018. Reuters

Boko Haram offshoot) has hit the Lake Chad Basin. Analysts say the new attackers are better trained and better armed than they were in the past. And while the Chadian army is good at fighting outside the country, inside it is less effective. According to Ms Debos, the need for France's intervention showed that some high-ranking officers were unwilling to fight their kith and kin among the rebels.

Relations with neighbouring Sudan are also a problem. Mr Déby backed fighters in

Sudan's rebellious Darfur region. In response the government in Khartoum sponsored Chadian opponents who almost killed the president in 2008. Now that his rival dictator in Sudan, Omar al-Bashir, has been ousted Mr Déby will fear meeting the same fate. Chad does not have a professional middle class like the one that spearheaded Sudan's revolution, but protests erupted last year at Mr Déby's promotion of a law that could allow him to stay as president until

2033, when he will be 81. In response the government banned social media for over a year, only reallowing it on July 14th.

France and America have several thousand troops between them stationed in N'Djamena. These soldiers give the president no small amount of comfort. But Mr Déby's foreign patrons cannot protect him from everything.

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CROSSWORD 3866



- ACROSS**
- See 12 Across
 - Put up a house for sale, perhaps (5)
 - Music master (7)
 - States there's no saint involved (7)
 - Share out everyone has to go back for (5)
 - and 1 Across: Historical example of violence run forth (6,10)
 - Famous man written about in odes (6)
 - Engrave a hunting scene? (5)
 - Destructive workers in a body (7)
 - A short month on a Roman road for Antony's wife (7)
 - Stick-at-home sculptor (5)
 - Together they may make a catch (3,3,4)
- DOWN**
- Unusual spite shown to the French in a letter (7)
 - New duo to excel (5)
 - Sum tot gets wrong to the nth degree (6)
 - Anger over territory is nothing new to it (7)
 - In China talking of one's birth (5)
 - Satisfied, I raise no argument (10)
 - He does well with his money (10)
 - United, yet divided (7)
 - A land is devastated by a Moslem warrior (7)
 - Get on a bit frenetically (6)
 - The whole of his work is a part (5)
 - Carol comes to grief on the reef, perhaps (5)

Solutions Crossword 3865: Across: 1 Phrase, 4 Screws, 9 Egotism, 10 Prior, 11 Slang, 12 Linctus, 13 Fidel Castro, 18 Signora, 20 Ensure, 22 React, 23 Galileo, 24 Yields, 25 Nyrons. Down: 1 Please, 2 Rhoda, 3 Shingle, 5 Capon, 6 Evictor, 7 Stress, 8 Small change, 14 Ingrate, 15 Shelley, 16 Osprey, 17 Tenons, 19 Opted, 21 Salvo.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Times have not become more violent. They have just become more... - Marilyn Manson (9)

CMEEE **CDEULT**

SHIVE **AALNDV**

SOLUTION: ENCEIE, HIVEE, DULCEI, VANDAL
Answer: Times have not become more violent. They have just become more televised.

Difficulty Level 4s

INSTRUCTIONS
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3916



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Name of Work: NIT No. C-1229 For Procurement of spares suitable for WP/II, Make 75 H.P. Vertical Pump, (Model HM TC/1 stage) for Ganguwal Power House
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Last date of Submission of bid: 07/08/2019 upto 14.30 hours
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Quotation for Dry Cleaning Work at J&K House, Chanakyapuri, J&K House.

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- Quotations are invited from firms/agencies for dry cleaning services of sofa sets, Visitors/Executive Chairs, dining chairs, Other types of Chairs, Carpets, curtains etc.
- Interested firms/agencies, may submit their rates in sealed envelopes alongwith client list and experience, duly addressed to the Under Secretary, Resident Commission, Govt of Jammu & Kashmir, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi, on or before 05/08/2019, under Caption "Quotation for dry cleaning work at J&K House Chanakyapuri & 5-Prithvi Raj Road and 7-Akbar Road". The date of the opening of tender shall be communicated separately.
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- Terms & Conditions:**
 - The successful bidder shall be decided on the overall lowest rates offered by the agency.
 - Validity of quotations shall be for a minimum of three months.
 - Principal Resident Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reasons thereof.
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 - No conditionally bid shall be accepted by this office.
 - The validity of the contract shall be for a period of one year from the date of its commencement. However, the competent authority of the Resident Commission reserves the right to extend the period of the contract after its expiry as per the requirement of this office.

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Tender ID No. - 2019_NDMC_176807_1
Name of Work:- Engagement of Consultant of management of NDMC Surplus/Deficit Power through Sale/Purchase at Energy Exchange
Date of release of tender: 22.07.2019
Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,41,55,000/-
EMD Amount: ₹ 2,83,100/-
Date and time for Pre-bid Meeting: 05.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M., in Room No. 1501, 15th Floor, Palika Kendra, New Delhi-110001
Last date/time for receipt of Bid: 23.08.2019 at 3.30 PM
Date/Time for opening of Bid: 23.08.2019 at 4.00 PM
Further details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> or www.ndmc.gov.in
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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
A strange combination of planetary aspects today offers a brief respite from pressure and tension, although there's still plenty to deal with. The faster you act, the better you'll be in tune with the mood of the times. Oh, and don't forget to listen to older or more experienced friends.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You may make careless assumptions when dealing with people you don't know so well. This could be the result of over-confidence and a tendency to take others for granted. You should shoulder your share of the responsibility for group enterprises. That's the least that faithful friends expect.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Out-of-the-ordinary experiences are around at the moment, probably involving a person of exceptional skills. You'll need moral support at work if colleagues come on strong about your lack of commitment in recent months. But, then, certain individuals owe you a favour.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Fresh information could certainly affect your plans. Unexpected news, perhaps concerning a financial or personal matter, could arrive today. You'll be able to see the good in a situation that may be alarming a close friend. In love, you will soon have cause to be proud of a partner.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
From now on, you may be seeing less of people who have both stimulated and disturbed you in the past. Personal issues which have been subject to unlikely twists and turns should soon be straightened out. Mind you, you may be surprised by the consequences.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You're in for what, could be, an amusing period, socially; and associates will no doubt have plenty of ideas for living up an existence which has been rather too routine. You must be flexible - and should be prepared to fit in with the unexpected.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Your best ideas are often triggered by chance discussions or encounters. Yet, when the unexpected does occur, it may be distressing. The secret is to remain flexible and open to suggestion. If you can possibly take your professional plans a significant step forward, then don't give in to doubts and unnecessary delays.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
There is a great deal of uncertainty, at the moment, due to the unsteady and temporary nature of certain planetary movements. At all times you should be alert to emotional undercurrents. At the very least, you will soon be ready to tell a special person how you feel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
You should push ahead with all hopeful enterprises but bear in mind that, with the continuing friction between Saturn and Neptune, the financial implications remain fluid to say the least. Friction at work is likely, but could turn out to have surprisingly positive consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
It's difficult for you to be sure of just what is the best way forward, at the moment, as the planets assume a formation whose results depend almost entirely on your ability to stay one step ahead of events. The best thing to do now might be to watch and wait until clarity is restored.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Not everything is as it seems - as you have discovered. Imaginative get-rich-quick schemes always have hidden pitfalls but, as long as you take the trouble to discover and deal with these, there's no reason why you shouldn't proceed with hope in the future.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Your confidence should be stronger than usual so, although you're a natural worrier, you can make use of current optimism to press ahead with ambitious plans. Financial help is on the way - and about time too, you might think. But, it must be said, you could have done more to assist your own situation.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Annu Kumari D/o Asharfi Lal R/o C-100, Ambedkar Place, Baprola, Nangli Vihar, Najafgarh, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S Ranhola, Delhi since 23.05.2019. In this regard, a case DD No. 9-A, Dated 24.05.2019 has been registered at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under.

Age: 19 Years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 4'8" Face: Round, Wearing: Red colour T-shirt white jeans and jutti in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped girl then please inform P.S. Ranhola, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
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ANNU KUMARI

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) namely Lakhvinder S/o Darvinder Singh R/o H. No. 16-A, Kikar Chowk, Chander Vihar, Delhi Aged - 38 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 14.06.2019 vide DD No. 91-A Dated 17.06.2019 registered at Police Station Nihal Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'10", Face: Round, Clothing: Yellow coloured swiggy t-shirt, blue coloured jeans and black coloured shoes in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Nihal Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
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Lakhvinder

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Virender Kumar Jain R/o Jatni Hosiety 9/575 Krishan Gali, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi also at 5678, Gali No. 116, Block-B, Sant Nagar, Burari Delhi-31 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case CC No.2317/2018 U/s 138 NI Act has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Virender Kumar Jain, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Virender Kumar Jain, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Virender Kumar Jain, CC No. 2317/2018 U/s 138 NI Act required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 26.08.2019.
By Order
Rinku Jain, MM
(NI Act)-02 (West-2),
Room No.279, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
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FIRST IN LINE

Australian actor Markella Kavenagh is the first to be roped in for the series *Lord of the Rings (LOTR)* on Amazon. It will explore the story before the events in JRR Tolkien's first *LOTR* novel, *The Fellowship of the Ring*. JA Bayona is the executive producer of the series.

SNAPSHOT



Biding Adieu

ARGUABLY ONE of the most popular cooking reality TV shows in the world, *MasterChef Australia* has dropped restaurateur and chef Gary Mehigan, chef George Calombaris and food critic Matt Preston as its judges for the upcoming season. The move was announced on the show's social media handles yesterday. "After 11 sensational seasons, we bid a fond farewell to our judges... For more than a decade, #MasterChefAU has celebrated Australian food and made the culinary dreams of everyday home cooks come

true. We thank Matt, George and Gary for being a part of this remarkable *MasterChef* legacy," read the post. The announcement comes in the wake of the revelations that Calombaris has underpaid staff at his restaurants by nearly \$8 million over the last few years. In a statement, Paul Anderson, CEO of Network 10, said, "Despite months of negotiation, 10 has not been able to reach a commercial agreement that was satisfactory to Matt, Gary and George."

The celebrity chefs are household names in India, as the show had a dream run of 11 seasons. The judges not just introduced the audience to the finer nuances of gourmet food but are also known for their accurate assessment of the contestants and for entertaining audiences with their quirky comments.

The three often travel to India. Mehigan has done shows with Mumbai-based pâtissier Pooja Dhingra and has partnered with design brand Nicobar for their cookware line. Several Indian-origin chefs have participated in the show, including Dalwinder Dhani, Nidhi Mahajan, Loki Madireddi and Sashi Cheliah.



Players discussing politics over a game of Shasn; (below) Anand Gandhi



One Play at a Time

A new political strategy game is trying to make politics and policy-making trendy for the apolitical

EKTAA MALIK

FILMMAKER ANAND GANDHI recalls how he was pleasantly surprised when almost a year ago he was presented with the first draft of Shasn, a political strategy board game, at his culture lab Memesys in Goa. "I was taken aback when Zain Memon, the creator of the game, put Shasn in front of me and I experienced it for the first time in its entirety. Strategy games, such as Settlers of Catan, follow the same basic principles of ludology and chaupad. In any dice rolling game, a lot is left to fate but that is not the case with Shasn. It seems like a new game every time you play," says Gandhi, who is the executive producer of the game, along with filmmakers Khushboo Ranka and Vinay Shukla.

Having made his film directorial debut with the short film *Right Here, Right Now* in 2003, Gandhi's first feature-length film *Ship of Theseus* premiered at the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival. Established in 2015, Memesys has produced the documentary *An Insignificant Man* (on Arvind Kejriwal) and virtual reality documentaries such as *Yeh Ballet*, directed by Ranka, and *Submerged* by Nishtha Jain. Shasn is the first game produced by the lab. "We had just fin-



ished *An Insignificant Man* and our team had spent more than three years understanding the political system but as a consumer, a film or literature was not my preferred choice of medium to converse about politics. I have been a gamer since the age of three, so a game seemed like an obvious choice," says Memon, 29.

Released on July 16, Shasn is available on Kickstarter. In the three to five player board game, all the players are politicians contesting in an upcoming election. The game has nine zones etched on the board. The aim is to get majority votes and win the election. The process involves the players/politicians answering tough policy questions, which reflects their chosen political personality —

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ANAND GANDHI

the capitalist, the supremo, the idealist or the showman. They are rewarded with various resources, such as media, clout, trust and funds that can be used to influence the voters or sabotage the opponents. "The idea was to get the focus back on policy. Today politics is reduced to just politicians and their personalities. We have stopped talking to people who have opposing views on policies," says Memon, who's a ludologist and one of the founding members of the lab.

The choice of a board game — in a world driven by virtual game play — might come across as surprising, but Memon notes, "the idea was also to get people to come together and talk face-to-face". For Gandhi,

Shasn is a way to take forward his conversation with the society at large. "We started this idea exchange with *Ship Of Theseus* and continued it with *An Insignificant Man*, *Tumbadd* and our VR enterprise. We wanted to offer an immersive experience that was thought-provoking," he says.

The team at Memesys developed Shasn, priced at USD 60, after about 1330 play tests conducted all over the world and with inputs from foreign journalists, a futurist, a Roman history expert and a statistical expert. "We have four versions of it: India 2020, USA 2020, Republic Rome 40 BC and Future Earth. We have simulations in the game which otherwise would take an entire lecture series in civics and political theory to understand," adds Memon. The questions range from "Will you make a public appearance in an LGBTQ+ Pride march in support?" to "Should the government be able to read all your private messages for national security?"

Gandhi hopes that the game can be a catalyst for the young, who have largely alienated themselves from public affairs and politics. With two feature films and two shows slated for release next year, Gandhi promises, "There's a lot in the pipeline. We want our content to be richer, deeper and rigorous."

Just Enough Cooks

Seven chefs, all alumni of the award-winning restaurant Noma, come together for a collaboration in Gurgaon

POOJA PILLAI

LAST YEAR, seven chefs from around the world got together to collaborate on a meal for 300 people. The venue was Hotel de Kaserne in Den Bosch in the Netherlands, and the chefs were all former interns of the pathbreaking, ingredient-forward restaurant Noma, in the Danish capital, Copenhagen. "We are all friends who are now scattered around the world, developing our skills in other restaurants. But our styles are a little bit similar, thanks to having interned at Noma, where we learnt about how much research goes into making food and developed a curiosity about little-known ingredients, or ingredients that are otherwise ignored," says chef Vanshika Bhatia, who worked in Noma — a two-Michelin-star restaurant considered among the best in the world — in 2013. She now co-owns Together at 12th at Le Meridien, Gurgaon, with bar consultant Nitin Tewari.



Vanshika Bhatia; (top) Low Bamboo Chicken at Together at 12th

Tour in Den Bosch last year, the rule was established that the chefs will be preparing a dish inspired by their home country and will use at least one local ingredient. Bhatia, for instance, made a Goan fish preparation using the locally available red mullet, and purple pulao made with purple cabbage. This year, the brief given to the chefs is to prepare a course from their country, but with Indian ingredients. "We've already started discussing where we will do this next year," says Bhatia. Tewari adds, "Usually, chefs visit a hotel or restaurant and do their own food, but here we're encouraging a collaborative effort."

Each of the chefs will be preparing at least one course of the nine-course menu, which will be served for both lunch and dinner today, and only for dinner tomorrow. In the first edition of Chefs World

PLAYING WITH LIGHT



THE 12TH EDITION of the India Couture Week began at One Style Mile in Delhi on Monday evening, with designer Amit Aggarwal's opening show "Lumen". Inspired by a virtual reality experience at London's Saatchi Gallery called "We Live in an Ocean of Air", the collection invoked an internal play of



light and structure. Actor Kiara Advani (pictured right, with Aggarwal) was the showstopper in a shimmering red gown. The collection featured ensembles in shades of silver, neutral ivory and blue. Embellished with Aggarwal's statement industrial materials, the collection attempts to

offer a new direction for Indian bridal couture. Talking about the collection, Aggarwal said, "I have stepped into the canvas to explore a magical world where the invisible exchange of light and its energy between humans and nature is beautifully brought to life." EFS



Photos: Dikshya Hazarika

Codes to a City

A set of maps on Varanasi routes heritage through its temples, craft and symbolic journeys

SHINY VARGHESE

A LOT has been written about Varanasi — its history, craft, temples — and now the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has turned prose into iconography with its recent maps. The set of four, titled Kashi Bhraman (Banaras City), Kashi Darshan (Vishwanath Temple), Kashi Darpan (Panchkroshi Yatra) and Kashi Chitran (Living Heritage of Banaras), unfold the different layers of the centuries-old city.

Each map is a result of three decades of research by INTACH's respective departments — Intangible Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage and Architectural Heritage. "For nearly 35 years, we have been collating information on Banaras. Few years ago, we listed about 1,200 buildings, did a survey of its intangible heritage and made proposals for its water bodies and the Panchkroshi Yatra. But most of these were academic, so we wanted to convert our findings into maps that everybody could use," says Divya Gupta,



Principal Director, Architectural Heritage Division. Designed by Grafiniti, the maps are in colours associated with the city, ranging from warm saffron to ochre and deep maroon.

The Panchkroshi Yatra map contemporises the ancient pilgrim route by depicting the water bodies at the five halts on the way, and its association with the temples in the area. The circumambulation of Kashi is "dot-



ted with temples, shrines, sacred trees, *kunds*, wells and *dharamshalas*. "A 19th-century interpretation of the Kashi Kshetra focuses on the cosmic significance of the city. "We wanted to present the old versus the new. The old is not a geographic map, it's like a *mandala*, it shows the mythological story when Shiva came with the gods and resided here. Our map is geographical, and our route shows that Kashi is not really a circle but or-

ganic and meandering. Of course, there are many temples that are sited which correspond to the actual location even today," says Gupta.

In Kashi Chitran, one reads of festivals and fairs, rituals at its 84 prime ghats, oral traditions and institutions of knowledge. The map shows the ghat-hugging river Ganga dotted with locations of things handmade and intangible — from textiles to paan and story-



The Kashi Darpan map (left); INTACH has shared its findings about the city of Varanasi in the maps

telling — and universities, including the oldest Sanskrit university in the world, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University. Gupta says these maps have taken a life of their own with students from the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) using them as a resource for city walks.

The journey of map-making led INTACH researchers to many other discoveries. "The Panchkroshi itself was an eye-opener. Nobody had looked at it from an architectural point of view. We found gems of heritage buildings, a 10th-century temple and several *kunds*. Though it has the river, the city once had close to 300 water bodies, and over

1,000 wells. One could see there was ample provision for future planning. Then when the British came, they had a network of water purification systems housed in beautiful buildings," says Gupta.

Speaking about the recent demolitions in the temple town, Gupta is critical of the manner in which it has been executed. "One imagined that Banaras would pave the way as a heritage city but none of the best practices were adopted on how to preserve buildings and remove encroachments. There were ways to repurpose many of them, none of which has happened. Many countries in Southeast Asia now are bringing the old and the new together beautifully, including Nepal and Singapore. Turning the space into a European plaza is so alien to the idea of Banaras. The complete erasure of one of the oldest parts of the town has also ruined its archaeological hope. We could have unearthed so much more about the city's history. Moreover, there has been no documentation of the demolition, no record of the buildings that have been razed. It's now being treated as a greenfield project, as though nothing existed before this," he says.

The maps though do not speak of demolitions or road widening. They present the 'pray, eat, shop' view that everyone is familiar with, of experiences to be had all-year through. At Rs 500 for a set of four, these are available at the INTACH store in Delhi and its website.

Nominated for New Zealander of the Year award, England's World Cup hero Ben Stokes has graciously turned it down, saying Black Caps skipper Kane Williamson is "worthy" of the accolade.

Anderson out of Ireland Test, Roy set to make debut

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JAMES ANDERSON has been ruled out of England's four-day Test against Ireland at Lord's starting on Wednesday but World Cup star Jason Roy will make his debut. Opening bowler Anderson has failed to recover from the right calf injury he sustained when playing for his county Lancashire against Durham on July 2.

"Jimmy will continue to be assessed" ahead of the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston on August 1, an England and Wales Cricket Board statement said on Tuesday.

Chief selector Ed Smith stated when naming the squad last week that England's record wicket-taker would not be risked ahead of the Ashes series if there were any lingering doubts over his injury. Bowling resources have already been stretched by side strains sustained by Mark Wood and Jofra Archer in the recent World Cup victory over New Zealand. Warwickshire paceman Olly Stone will make his Test debut in Anderson's absence, with World Cup-winning batsman Roy also playing his first Test after featuring in 84 one-day internationals. England will play two spinners in Jack Leach and Moeen Ali in an attack led by Stuart Broad, with uncapped all-rounder Lewis Gregory missing out from the original 13-man squad.

Test skipper Root, speaking at Lord's on Tuesday, said Anderson could have played against Ireland but stressed that England did not want to take any chances with their prize asset ahead of a five-Test Ashes series.

"Jimmy probably would have been able to get through this Test match but (it's) just making sure that he's absolutely ready," Root explained. "We thought the last thing we want is him carrying a niggle going into a series so we tried to be sensible about it and give him as much time to be 100 percent going into that series -- a five-match series. So we're very confident that he'll be fit (for the Ashes)."

The powerful Roy will open the innings, as he did during the World Cup, even though he is a middle-order batsman in first-class cricket. "With Jason, we want him to be himself, express himself and trust his instincts as much as possible," Root said. "He brings something different to our Test batting side, he's a proven performer in international cricket and fully capable of making big contributions."



Cricket Ireland's flag flies at Lord's on Tuesday. Reuters

CAB staring at Rs 20 crore loss

Kolkata: The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) is staring at a loss in excess of Rs 20 crore for the financial year 2018-19, The Indian Express understands. The CAB finance committee will meet on Wednesday, where the financial report would be tabled. According to sources, not receiving the BCCI grant for the last three seasons has affected in the state association incurring the loss. "Our cricket expenditure per season is close to Rs 40 crore," the source said. In October 2016, the Supreme Court had stopped the BCCI funds to state associations till they accepted the Lodha Committee reforms in "letter and spirit".

ENS

New plans for planned city

Chandigarh, hometown of Kapil Dev and Yuvraj Singh, may soon become a voting BCCI member; Ranji debut on cards as well

Kamleshwar Singh



Aspiring cricketers train at the Sector-16 stadium in Chandigarh on Tuesday. Players learn their cricket in the city, but have to leave for other states (mainly Punjab, Haryana) if they want to pursue their careers.

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY & NITIN SHARMA
KOLKATA/CHANDIGARH, JULY 23

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) are inching towards inducting Chandigarh as a BCCI member through a unified cricket association from the Union Territory. Chandigarh has produced India's greatest all-rounder, Kapil Dev, and arguably the country's biggest match-winner in white-ball cricket, Yuvraj Singh. Chandigarh might not make their Ranji Trophy debut in the upcoming season, but if things go to plan, the unified association from the city will have voting rights at the BCCI AGM scheduled on October 22.

Kapil played for Haryana, while Yuvraj played for Punjab in Indian domestic cricket despite both being from Chandigarh. Players from that region either play for Haryana or Punjab because one Chandigarh Cricket Association is affiliated to the Haryana Cricket Association (CCA-H), while the other Chandigarh Cricket Association is affiliated to the Punjab Cricket Association (CCA-P). There's a third cricket association — UT Cricket Association (UTCA). And all three associations are seeking direct affiliation with the BCCI.

The CoA email on July 19, accessed by The Indian Express, addressed the issue of the proposed merger. It asked the parties concerned to confirm "within four days" if the merger of the CCA-H and CCA-P with the UTCA has happened and asked them to submit "documentary evidence" of the merger. The deadline ended on Tuesday.

"In the event, you are unable to do so within the stipulated time, the Committee of Administrators will proceed to pass and issue its final decision on the matter of affiliation of an Association from the Union Territory of Chandigarh," the CoA mail stated.

If a separate body independent of the PCA and HCA and affiliated to the BCCI emerges, it will have far-reaching repercussions, with regards to cricket in the region. The affiliated

body eventually will have its own team like Pondicherry, eligible to play in all national domestic tournaments. And given that Chandigarh is the epicentre of cricket for both Punjab and Haryana, the entire cricketing landscape of the region could change.

"The CoA sent an affiliation team and they found cricketers all stay in Chandigarh, because facilities are all in Chandigarh. Chandigarh will get the membership and will vote, because there's a court direction. The CoA will have to give it to the court, with regards to their entry to first-class cricket. If the court accepts, they will play first-class cricket like Pondicherry," sources close to the CoA told this paper.

Former players more or less welcomed the proposed development. "The main challenge for the new body will be the setting up and organisation of infrastructure. As in the case of the states like Sikkim and other north-eastern units, the BCCI will also help the new body with the funds for stadium and other training facilities and such things will play a key role in the development of the new teams," former first-class cricketer and the cricket board chief curator Daljit Singh told this paper.

He added: "Since Chandigarh is the capital of both Punjab and Haryana, players from these two states are also expected to come to train and settle and think about playing from Chandigarh. We have already seen players like Shubman Gill coming from Jalalabad and opting to train at Mohali."

"If we talk either of Punjab or Haryana, while most of the Chandigarh players opted to play in the Punjab Inter-District Championships, the city cricketers had to face challenges in terms of the available berths. Right from the 1980s to the new millennium, when we saw some Chandigarh players joined the rival ICL, there had been at least five-six players, or even more, who were in the reckoning... Some cricketers would miss their chances in the Punjab or Haryana sides, as there would be more competition in terms of each individual slot. With the full team, it

will be the start of new era for such players," ex-Punjab captain and national selector Bhopinder Singh Sr said.

"It's a good thing for young cricketers. It's good for players like us, as our playing days are not over. Last year, I opted to play for Sikkim, because Chandigarh doesn't have a team. I played for Himachal Pradesh and I'm thankful to them for giving me an opportunity and same with Punjab. But to play for a team from Chandigarh is a different feeling

for any player. Chandigarh players won't have to go out and if the body is given affiliation by the BCCI, it will only provide an impetus to cricket in the region," left-arm spinner Bipul Sharma, an IPL regular, opined.

"Cricket in Chandigarh will get more competitive and it will also mean a further influx of talent, aiming for the spots at the U-16, U-17, U-19 and senior levels," former Punjab cricketer Amit Uniyal said.

According to former Punjab women's team coach RP Singh, the proposed development will help women's cricket as well. "We have seen current Indian team cricketers like Taniya Bhatia playing for Chandigarh at district level and representing Punjab. While it's completely a player's choice which team to play for, formation of the new BCCI-affiliated body in Chandigarh will also help women's cricket. Currently two players from the city, Taniya Bhatia and Harleen Deol, are in the Indian women's team and the city has a talent pool of more than 50 senior players." Deol plays for Himachal, Bhatia represents Punjab.

"It's good to see that there are talks of the formation of the new cricket body from Chandigarh and we can see players playing in the Ranji Trophy wearing Chandigarh colours," former Haryana Ranji Trophy player Rakesh Jolly said, while Sanjiv DP Azad spoke about how his legendary father, DP Azad, wanted to see cricketers from Chandigarh "represent Chandigarh in the Ranji Trophy".

A senior BCCI official, however, contended that the CoA is going against the Supreme Court order and the BCCI constitution. "First of all, the Supreme Court in its order has said, 'reconstitution is best left to BCCI'... The Hon'ble Court has also left it to the 'discretion of BCCI' whether the Union Territories would field individual or combined teams. So, only the BCCI general body has the authority to take policy decisions," the official told this paper, adding: "Rule 3 of the BCCI constitution that deals with membership and jurisdiction of members, doesn't mention Chandigarh and Pondicherry as Full Members. So, the

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legally correct course available — induction of a new Associate Member — to the CoA would have been to inform the Hon'ble Court with regards to the content and viability of the representation and any decision/view thereupon. Once the Hon'ble Court, after due application of judicial mind, had passed an order thereupon, the CoA or the BCCI ought to then have acted in terms of the said order."

The UT Cricket Association is headed by city BJP president Sanjay Tandon, and the BCCI official questioned the CoA's intention. "Is the CoA trying to get into the politics of Punjab and Haryana over Chandigarh? Or are the CoA and CEO trying to ensure backdoor entry of their own people in the BCCI?"

Cricket Association of Bengal joint-secretary Avishek Dalmiya spoke about creating equal opportunities for all Union Territories. "Andamans and Lakshadweep have been wanting to play official cricket for a long time. They should be given the opportunities to play at least at the junior level. Like the BCCI has one state-one vote policy; but then if we are actually deviating from that and we are allowing the Union Territories, then we should allow other Union Territories also. They are Indians, who love the game and shouldn't be deprived. There should be one policy for all. And there was always a provision in the Lodha report to field a common Union Territory side," Avishek told this paper.

EXPLAINED E UT or Unified Team?

"IT IS also left to the discretion of the BCCI whether the Union Territories would field individual or combined teams for tournaments," stated the Lodha report, approved by the Supreme Court. The spirit of the Lodha Committee report, with regards to fielding a combined team representing the Union Territories, and also "the States of the North-East", was basically about creating competitive sides that can at least meet the standards of the national-level competitions.

Chandigarh's case is different from the other Union Territories. The city has produced the likes of Kapil Dev and Yuvraj Singh, and also former India cricketers like Chetan Sharma, Dinesh Mongia and VRV Singh. Unlike Pondicherry for example, Chandigarh won't have to hire a bucketload of Mumbai discards to make their Ranji team competitive. Unlike the majority of the Plate Group sides, they won't be pushovers.



West Indies have recalled veterans Sunil Narine and Kieron Pollard. BCCI

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

After nearly two years of international wilderness — forced by several factors from loss of form to injuries and disputes with the board to the ever-lingering doubts about the legality of his action — Sunil Narine had been recalled to the West Indies squad for the first two T20s against India. So has been his old ally Kieron Pollard, who was fleetingly plucked out of international obscurity for the T20 series against India at the end of the last year, where he was far from the force he once was and inevitably dumped for the England series.

For much of their hiatus, it was thought their international days were as good as over. But a steady rather than spectacular IPL, besides the new WICB president Ricky Skerritt's burying hatchet with some of the estranged players, plodded their way back into the West Indies frame. Narine picked only 10 wickets,

middling by his standards, but he value-added with his free-wheeling batting at the top, almost always providing KKR with breezy starts. Thinly-stocked as the West Indies were of spin-bowling options, he was in the mix for the World Cup before he voluntarily pulled off, saying the torn ligaments of his right middle finger, an injury he had developed soon after the IPL, hadn't fully healed. "I would restrain me from bowling certain type of deliveries in the longer formats," he had admitted before the World Cup, in which the absence of a quality spinner hampered West Indies campaign, eventually finishing ninth.

Though Narine hasn't featured in any sort of competitive cricket since then, the selectors couldn't look beyond his body of work in T20 leagues the world around, not least with the World Cup on the horizon. "We felt that players like Narine and Pollard, who have played well in T20 leagues around the world, once they are fit and mentally ready to play, we must give them the opportunity to represent the

West Indies again," reasoned Robert Haynes, the interim chairman of the selection panel.

Their experience, no doubt, is staggering, what with being on the payroll of most T20 league Pollard has accumulated 475 T20 games to go with the 59 in the maroon jersey; Narine has racked up 326, besides turning up for West Indies 65 times. Both, though, aren't the same entities as they were at the start of their careers.

Narine's bowling no longer holds mystery, his action has been modified and remodified several times and the variations have dwindled. Nonetheless, he seems far better skilled than some of his successors. Moreover, he transformed into a decent bowling all-rounder.

Pollard no longer multi-tasks these days. He hardly bowls that once-effective assortment of cutters and slower-balls, in fact, he has hardly bowled in any form of cricket this year. His on-field agility too has progressively declined (though he's still an outstanding catcher), and there were running jokes of his

expanding waist-line. However, his batting rediscovered some of the lost blaze towards the backend of the IPL last year. In a group-stage match against Kings XI Punjab, he rolled back the years with a stupefying 31-ball 83. Though he couldn't reprise a similar feat in the tournament, he played a vital hand in Mumbai Indians' one-run sneak over Chennai Super Kings in the final, his 25-ball 41 giving his side that little edge.

The efforts won him a spot among the World Cup probabilities, though he couldn't progress any further. With the team lean on experience, several former players had observed that his presence would prove to be handy, and post another disastrous tournament, a lot of them slammed his sidelining. But having not played any List A games since the mid of last year, Pollard's own priorities are clear. However, he isn't yet a spent force in the T20s, and with the T20 World Cup defence just a year away, this was probably the best time to give him another, and probably the last, tilt at salvaging his

unflattering international career.

Concurred Haynes: "It is important that we find the right combination of players and the right formula for defending our title. We have to make sure that we put certain things in place now, so that when it comes to picking the squad for the T20 World Cup, it becomes easier, so we are giving more players the opportunity to play and get the exposure."

Hence, apart from the T20 galacticos like Andre Russell and skipper Carlos Brathwaite, besides the up-and-coming start Shimron Hetmyer and Nicholas Pooran, he have issued opportunities to Trinidadian left-arm spinner Khary Pierre and wicket-keeper batsman Anthony Bramble. Pierre had made his debut during the India series last year, but without leaving a favourable impression (two wickets at an economy rate of 7.8). The yet-to-debut Bramble's inclusion was puzzling, as he's someone who has made his name largely as a doughty wicket-keeper batsman in the longer formats of the game.

Certainly not her hottest streak

Hima Das recently won five gold medals but she has recorded far better timings against superior opponents in the past

ANDREW AMSAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 23

HIMA DAS may have set the social media ablaze with her five back-to-back gold medals in less than a month but not by any stretch of the imagination is this a hot streak. The prodigious Assamese has had way better performances in her record book and competed against far superior opponents in the past.

Das, who is coming off a back injury that forced her to end her Doha Asian Championships in tears in April, is taking part in these tournaments just to ease herself back into competition mode. The first four races this month were over 200m, not her pet event anymore. According to those close to the athlete, the idea was to gradually increase the workload and thus in only the fifth event of the month, did she take part in a 400m race.

It's no secret that elite athletes don't take part in as many competitions in a month with the aim of solely winning medals. It was part of the training regimen designed by India's Russian-American quarter-mile coach Galina Bukharina. It has been learnt that the coach is pleased with Hima's effort considering the fact that she is still in the recovery phase. Even the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) hasn't gone to town over Hima's five gold medals.

A close scrutiny of her timings in the last one month and a background check of her opponents (see box) makes it clear that Hima wasn't facing a world-class field. In one of the races, at Kladno in the Czech Republic, she was up against three other runners. Among those whom she beat was Sierra Leone's Hafsatu Kamara, a 27-year-old who has never won a major title and finished 26th in the 400m at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. There was also Brazil's De Lis Tamaris, who has run a sub-24 200m just once in the last five years.

Labelling Hima's events as "international" competitions just because they were conducted overseas would be a little unfair. In her only 400m race, her pet event, her opponents were all Indian athletes. In this race, Hima's timing of 52.09 seconds was a lot slower than her national record of 50.79.

In Tabor (Czech Republic), her 200m opponents included two heptathletes and VK Vismaya, who like her, is a quarter-mile specialist. At the Kutno athletics meet in Poland, the competition was so poor that out of the 15 participants, 11 finished with a timing of 25 seconds or more. Several participants don't even have a profile page on the comprehensive IAAF database. India's 200m national record is 22.82 and the world record is 21.34.

Those involved with Hima's training say that the hype is misplaced but the athlete's participation in these races shouldn't be questioned. They say that Indian athletes and coaches often complain about not having regular competitions and since Hima, like other quarter-milers, was training in Poland, they didn't want to miss out on a chance to be part of competitive races.

Other national campers like Vismaya and Mohammed Anas immensely benefitted from the regular competition. Anas broke his 400m national record to qualify for the Worlds in Kladno with 45.21 seconds on the clock and Vismaya improved her personal mark twice in the span of a month.

Hima, who burst onto the scene in 2018 with the IAAF World U20 gold, is yet to achieve the World Championship qualification mark of 51.80s. Her season's best of 52.09 is 75th in the world this year as Shaunae Miller-Uibot sits atop the chart clocking 49.05s. The 200m isn't her go-to event anymore and it's highly unlikely she would even attempt to qualify for it. The 19-year-old has roughly two months to crack the Worlds' mark and the recent rush of medals would have instilled more confidence in her.

FIVE GOLD FAR FROM HER PERSONAL BEST

Quartermiler Hima Das recorded five top-of-the-podium finishes within three weeks this month. Four of them came in a race, 200m, which isn't her main event while the quality of the tournaments and the level of opponents left a lot to be desired



RACE 1

HIMA DAS: SEASON-BEST:
23.25s; personal best: 23.10s

INDIA RECORD:
22.82s (Saraswati Saha); World Championship qualification mark: 23.02s

BEST THIS YEAR:
World: 22.00s - Elaine Thompson; Asia: 22.51s - Salwa Eid Naser; India: 23.24s - Duttee Chand



JULY 2: POZNAN ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX, POLAND

23.65s

1ST: HIMA DAS

2ND: Thomas Tamzin (23.71s)
The 21-year-old is South African national champion is a full-time sports management student. Her last major tournament was the World University Games in Naples, Italy where she couldn't qualify for the finals of the 100 and 200m events.

3RD: Vismaya VK (23.75s)

Like Hima, Vismaya too isn't a regular in the 200m circuit. The quarter-miler is part of the relay squads training in Spala under coach Galina Bukharina. Her season and personal best is 23.43s

**None of the other finalists were 200m specialists*

RACE 3

JULY 13: 200M, Kladno ATHLETICS MEET, CZECH REPUBLIC

23.43s

1ST: HIMA DAS

2ND: Hafsatu Kamara (24.25s)

■ Hfsatu, a 27-year-old Sierra Leonean, has represented her country in top events like the World Championships and the Olympics (100m) but her performances have been far from impressive in them. She faced a first-round exit in 2015 Worlds and finished 8th in Rio heats. At the CWG, she stood 26th in the heats.

3RD: De Lis Tamaris (24.28s)

■ The 24-year Brazil athlete has run below 24 seconds just once in the last five years. Despite being part of the Olympic team twice she hasn't proved her mettle in the senior circuit.

4TH: Diana Bazalar (24.83s)

■ The 24-year-old Peruvian is more adpet in the 100 and 100h hurdles event. Infact, her three national titles have come in hurdles events alone.

RACE 5



JULY 7: 200M, KUTNO ATHLETICS MEET, POLAND

23.97s

1ST: HIMA DAS

2ND: Vismaya VK (24.06)

3RD: Ewa Ochocka (24.64s)

Ewa, in her own words, prefers to run shorter distances. The Polish athlete is yet to run a sub 24s race in the 200m.

4TH: V Subha (24.96s)

5TH: Katarzyna Tuniewicz (25.00s)

■ The 24-year-old Polish athlete's career graph in 200 began at a lowly 27.41s seven years back and clocked her best-ever time at 25.00s this month. Even India's junior national record is way better than her best run.

**Aleksandra Nowak, who finished 12th, has no records for 200m. The IAAF database shows her last race was back in 2005 that too in 1500m.*

RACE 2

RACE 4

JULY 17: 200M, TABOR ATHLETICS MEET, CZECH REPUBLIC

23.25s

1ST: HIMA DAS

2ND: Vismaya (23.43s)

3RD: Kalra Seidlova - 23.80s

■ The runner from Czech Republic was among those who did not turn up for the 200m race in Kladno. As per her IAAF records she hasn't won any major titles in the 200m event so far. She has two national titles but in 100 amid 4x100 relays.

4TH: Martina Hofmanova (23.98s)

■ The 24-year-old Czech's profile on their national federation suggests she is a heptathlete and not a specialised sprinter. This year alone, she has taken part in five different disciplines including 400m obstacles (not an Olympic discipline)

5TH: Weigertová Monika (24.19s)

■ Like Hofmanova the Slovenian is a heptathlete. She's never won a major title in the 200m sprint.

JULY 20: 400M, NOVE MESTO AND METUJI GP, CZECH REPUBLIC

52.09s

1ST: HIMA DAS

■ This was an all-Indian race, with no international athlete competing in her group.

Mission Tokyo: No sweets, spicy food for hockey team

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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THE INDIAN women's hockey players have been told to not indulge in their favourite spicy dishes and sweets as part of a strict diet aimed at maximising their chances of qualifying for Tokyo Olympics.

High on confidence after its title win in FIH Hockey series in Hiroshima last month, the women's team is practicing hard for the final Olympic qualifier, to be held in November.

Captain Rani Rampal claims that this is the fittest Indian team in a long time and praised scientific adviser, Wayne Lombard, for this change. "I can say that this is the fittest Indian women hockey team I have ever seen. Wayne has been working very hard on each individual and the team. We all are following his diet plans and results are for everyone to see. He says that if we want to do well on field, we have to take healthy diet," Rani said. "We have stopped eating sweets, chocolates, spicy and oily food. We are taking low carbs and balanced diet and feeling better," she said.

They do cheat but not on regular basis. "I was craving for Rajma Chawal made by my mother when we came back from Japan. He allows us to cheat on diet plan once in a while but not on regular basis," she said in a lighter vein.

India's best performance in Olympics came at the 1980 Moscow Games when they finished fourth. That was also the sport's Olympic debut in women's hockey. The team then had to wait for 36 years to qualify for Olympics and finished 12th in Rio in 2016. "Rio was a learning experience for us. We could not perform at that level but learnt a lot. We have been playing very well after that. All the girls are excited and highly motivated to perform this time," she said.

When asked if they considered themselves as a medal hope, Rani replied in positive. "First of all we have to qualify and I am sure we will. We have the potential to win medal. In world hockey today, rankings don't matter and except Netherlands any team can beat any team on their day. So I am very optimistic about our chances," said the veteran striker who was the player of the tournament in FIH world series.

When asked about the ongoing camp in Bengaluru, she said that apart from technical things the focus is also on team bonding and decision making on and off field. "We had a fruitful camp with legendary defender Fargus Kavanagh. We are working on defense, attack, penalty corner and team bonding. We are also learning to take quick decisions on and off the field," she added.

India will play a four-nation tournament in Tokyo next month, where Australia and Japan will be the other teams, apart from host Japan. After that the team will play a Test series against England.



Rani Rampal will lead India's challenge in the Tokyo qualifiers later this year.

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Sai Praneeth upsets Nishimoto in Japan

Indian shuttler Sai Praneeth entered the second round of the Japan Open after beating Kento Nishimoto in straight games in Tokyo on Tuesday. The unseeded Praneeth recorded a comfortable 21-17 21-13 win over the Japanese shuttler in just 42 minutes at the BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament. He will face another Japanese in Kanta Tsuneyama in his next match. In mixed doubles, Satwiksairaj Rankredy and Ashwini Ponnappa started their campaign on a winning note. The duo beat the German combine of Marvin Seidel and Linda Efler in straight games 21-14 31-19. However, it was a bad day for the men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and Sumeeth B Reddy, who crashed out with a 12-21 16-21 loss to Malaysia's Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin.

BCCI gives approval for players' association

The BCCI has approved the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA), the body formed as per the board's new constitution to look after the interest of former players. The ICA is not affiliated to the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA) and is only open to former men and women cricketers, unlike the players' associations in most countries. "The Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI") hereby formally recognises the Indian Cricketers' Association (the "ICA"), a non-profit company limited by guarantee incorporated on July 5, 2019 under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, as the official association for ex-cricketers in India," read an official BCCI notice. Former cricketers Kapil Dev, Ajit Agarkar and Shantha Rangaswamy are the directors at ICA until elections are held.

Taymazov stripped of second gold for doping

Wrestler Artur Taymazov has been stripped of a second Olympic gold medal for doping. The International Olympic Committee says Taymazov, who already lost his 2008 gold medal for doping, has now been stripped of the 2012 gold in the 120-kilogram category. The IOC says he tested positive for the banned steroid turinabol. Silver medalist Davit Modzmanashvili was already disqualified back in January.



Australia's Caleb Ewan after Tuesday's stage of the Tour de France. Reuters

Caleb wins stage as Thomas takes a tumble

Australia's Caleb Ewan claimed his second victory in this year's Tour de France when he prevailed in a bunch sprint at the end of a crash-hit 16th stage on Tuesday. The Lotto Soudal rider beat Italian Elia Viviani and Dutchman Dylan Groenewegen, who took second and third place respectively at the end of a 177-km ride around Nimes as temperatures reached 40 degrees Celsius. Defending champion Geraint Thomas took yet another tumble but escaped unhurt to stay 1:35 behind the overall leader, Julian Alaphilippe of France. "He's ok, he fell on his left side. He was checked by the team doctor, it doesn't seem to be serious," his Team Ineos sports director Nicolas Portal said. Dane Jakob Fuglsang, who started the day ninth overall, crashed 28.5 km from the finish and abandoned the race. One of the pre-race favourites after winning the Criterium du Dauphine last month, Fuglsang crashed out of the race for the second time in the last three editions. Ewan, competing in his first Tour de France, is now the only sprint specialist with two wins this year, having already prevailed on the 11th stage in Toulouse last Wednesday.

Russian boxer dies after brain injury in fight

Boxer Maxim Dadashev has died after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28. The Russian Boxing Federation says Dadashev died "as a result of the injuries he sustained" in Friday's light-welterweight fight with Subriel Matias in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Dadashev was hospitalised shortly after the fight, which was stopped by his corner following the 11th round after Dadashev took numerous shots to the head. Footage from the fight shows Dadashev shaking his head as his trainer, Buddy McGirt, pleads with him to stop the fight, telling him: "You're getting hit too much, Max. Please, Max, please let me do this." Both fighters were 13-0 before the fight, which offered the winner the right to challenge IBF title-holder Josh Taylor.



Mayweather to help China's Olympic boxers

Retired superstar Floyd Mayweather has been named "special advisor" to China's boxing team as they look to improve their medal count at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the Chinese Boxing Federation said. The federation said American legend Mayweather had pledged to "go all-out to use his influence and resources to support the Chinese boxing project in achieving excellent results at the Tokyo Olympics." It made the announcement in a post dated Sunday on its official account on Chinese social media platform WeChat. Mayweather made no mention of the appointment on his social media accounts, and the Chinese announcement gave no further details of his role. Boxing legend Mayweather had a perfect 50-0 record in the ring with 27 knockouts.

Newcastle sign Brazil's Joelinton in record deal

Newcastle United have signed Brazilian forward Joelinton in record six-year deal for the Premier League club, they said on Tuesday. No financial details were disclosed but British media reports put the fee in the region of £40 million (\$49.76 million). The 22-year-old is Newcastle's first signing of the transfer window and also the first under new manager Steve Bruce, who replaced the departed Rafa Benitez this month.

Guardiola blasts 'false' report of City 'disrespect' in China

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
HONG KONG, JULY 23

MANCHESTER CITY boss Pep Guardiola blasted a report in Chinese state media as "false" on Tuesday after the Premier League champions were accused of showing "utter disrespect" during their tour of China.

Guardiola hit out at the lengthy commentary posted on the English-language website of Xinhua, the state news agency, which said Manchester City snubbed fans and only visited China for commercial reasons. "I don't agree but I should say too that it's false. To make a statement like this they have to know exactly what's happening in our club," Guardiola told media in Hong Kong. "I don't understand how people can say that. Maybe one journalist is a little bit upset, I don't know why. But it's far away from what is reality," he added.

The opinion piece, which accused City of an "attitude of arrogance" and lashed out at arrangements for Chinese media, brought a sour end to a difficult tour of mainland China. A frazzled City — minority-owned by a Chinese state investment company — arrived two days late and played two games in four days, before heading off for further friendlies in Hong Kong and Japan. "So we came here, 23 hours. One day later we travelled two hours by train to play in another city, then came back to Shanghai and now here, and then we're going to Tokyo," Guardiola said. "And always with the biggest smile. We don't sleep that well during the night but we had good training sessions. I'm impressed with all my players, what they have done so far."

Hong Kong protests

Guardiola, who earlier said the whirlwind visit was all about "survival", will take City into the Community Shield, the English season's curtain-raiser, against Liverpool in less than two weeks. England striker Raheem Sterling said he thought the players had made a "really good connection" with fans during their time in China.

"We took a little bit longer than we expected to get to China, the turnaround was a bit fast and there was a lot we had to catch up on as well. A lot of us have been struggling with sleep," he said. "But no, in China I thought it was a great experience. We all loved it."

Guardiola also insisted he felt completely safe in Hong Kong, which has been rocked by weeks of anti-government protests and where a stick-wielding mob indiscriminately attacked people at a railway station on Sunday, injuring dozens. "I'm pretty sure that people are going to reach an agreement," he said. "Just sit and talk like human beings. Both sides talk and talk and they are going to solve the problem."

Wednesday's friendly against Hong Kong club Kitchee could be affected by the political turmoil, as there have been calls for a protest against Hong Kong police during the game.

Zidane: Bale declined to play

Washington: Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane has denied disrespecting Wales star Gareth Bale as he discussed the expected transfer of the 30-year-old forward from the La Liga giants on Monday.

Speaking to reporters on the eve of Real Madrid's friendly with Arsenal at FedEx Field — home of the NFL's Washington Redskins — Zidane said it was Bale who chose not to play in Madrid's 3-1 friendly defeat to Bayern in Houston on Saturday. "I did not disrespect anyone, least of all Gareth," a frustrated-sounding Zidane said. "I said that the club is working to facilitate Bale's departure, nothing more. The other day, Gareth did not dress for the game, he did not want to because the club was negotiating his departure," he added.

Zidane had been branded a "disgrace" by Bale's agent for his comments after the Saturday match, when he said he hoped Bale's move from the club happened soon "for everyone's sake." "He shows no respect for a player that has done so much for Real Madrid," agent Jonathan Barnett fumed.

Bale has been frozen out in Madrid by Zidane despite helping his side to a Spanish title and four Champions Leagues since arriving from Tottenham Hotspur six years ago.



NEW SEASON'S RESOLUTIONS

Manchester City's Angelino, David Silva and Oleksandr Zinchenko in Hong Kong during the team's pre-season tour of Asia. Reuters

For Desai, not business as usual

Rare sportsman from the commercial hub of Surat, 26-year-old wins Commonwealth Championship title

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, JULY 23

HARMEET DESAI'S early years in table tennis were marked by taunts every time he went to school. It's not that he was bad at academics, or that his table tennis exploits were insignificant. But when you come from Surat, a business hub, professional ambitions in sport were largely looked down upon. It's for that reason that the 26-year-old hated school while growing up.

"I would be away from school for many days because of outstation tournaments, so the teachers used to say things to me like 'you're wasting your parents' money' or 'why do you even bother coming to school,'" Desai recalls. "When I'd win tournaments and come back, I had to stand in front of the class and explain where I went, what the tournament was, but nobody would understand the relevance. People didn't follow sport because the city had a strong business culture."

In time, Desai would become one of the first sportspersons to emerge from the city, and then the trophies became bigger and more prestigious. So far, he has an Asian Games bronze medal in the men's team event, a gold (men's team) and bronze (men's doubles) at the Commonwealth Games, and two gold medals from the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in 2015 — which was incidentally held in Surat.

On Monday, at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in Cuttack, he pulled off an upset over compatriot Gnanasekaran Sathiyam to win the men's title — his biggest singles victory. The triumph wasn't expected, and Desai had to muster every ounce of his tenacity and aggression, and also something he's never tried before — patience.

"I lost the first two sets and realised that I needed to keep more balls on the table, make the rallies go on for longer and then wait for openings," he explains. "I had to believe that I could win, and just had to be patient on every point. It worked."

There's a strong friendship Desai shares



Harmeet Desai added the Commonwealth title to his tally of Asian Games bronze in the men's team event and CWG gold (men's team) and bronze (men's doubles).

with Sathiyam. It was over a decade ago that they made their way into the national set-up and have remained key figures in Indian table tennis ever since. But over time, their paths have led to different routes. Desai had risen to as high as 60th in the world, but could not find consistency in his play and dropped down to No. 120, where he sits currently. Sathiyam, meanwhile, took a brief hiatus from the sport to pursue an engineering degree and now, ranked 24th in the world, is the only Indian to have ever broken into the top 25.

That's what made the win even sweeter for Desai.

"It always feels great to beat such a top player," he says. "I've beaten a few former top 20 players, but this match really gave me a lot of information about myself. It showed me

what I need to do to get to a higher level, and since I did get the win, I know I have it in me."

The journey to this title has taken Desai 20 years. He remembers being six when his father brought home a table to play with his friends. But it was the son, despite not being tall enough for the table, who was adamant to play. That's when the first hurdle presented itself.

"The table was for my dad and his friends to play. So they'd shoo me away and tell me 'I'm not big enough for it,'" he says. "So I used to cry to my mother, she'd get tired of me and then tell my father to let me play. That was the only way I'd get to play."

It took him a year of those start-stop playing sessions to realise that this was the path he wanted to take up professionally. And it

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HARMEET DESAI

was a decision that sat well with his parents. He was sent to train at the fabled Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) Academy in Ajmer for a year. After that, his father would arrange sessions with coaches from West Bengal — a table tennis hub. In 2010, Desai won a scholarship to train at the prestigious Peter Karlsson Academy in Sweden.

"That's where I learnt the true meaning of being a professional," he says. "All aspects of the game were addressed, especially off-table work, which was something I had never done. The general perception here is that you have to do a lot of running and agility work for table tennis. But in Sweden, I started doing weight training. That's how you get the power in your shots."

Desai stayed in Sweden for five years, then shifted to Austria for a year and spent two years in Portugal. Now he plays for Bad Homburg in the second division of the German Bundesliga — the most sought-after league in the world.

He will visit home before his next trip to Europe. And when he does get back to Surat, he will have a new trophy to parade. This time though, no explanations will be required.

Ronaldo will not face rape charges in USA

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LOS ANGELES, JULY 23

JUVENTUS STAR Cristiano Ronaldo will not face any charges over an alleged rape in Las Vegas a decade ago after US prosecutors said Monday they did not have enough evidence to proceed.

A district attorney in the state of Nevada said it would not prosecute the Portuguese soccer player because it "cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt" that a sexual assault occurred. Kathryn Mayorga, a former model, alleges that Ronaldo raped her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2009.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid forward reached a financial settlement with her one year after the incident. He has always denied allegations of sexual assault, insisting their encounter was consensual. The Clark County District Attorney's Office said it had received a report from Mayorga — who it identified only as "V" — on June 13, 2009, reporting that she had been the victim of a sexual assault. Police could not conduct "any meaningful investigation" at the time because she declined to say who assaulted her or where it occurred, the office said in a statement.

As a result, detectives were "unable to search for and impound vital forensic evidence," and video showing Ronaldo and Mayorga together was lost, it added. Mayorga contacted police in August of last year to ask that the case be reopened, at which point she named Ronaldo as the alleged assailant.

The case was reopened "in spite of the passage of over nine years," prosecutors said. "Based upon a review of the information presented at this time, the allegations of sexual assault against Cristiano Ronaldo cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt," prosecutors said. "Therefore, no charges will be forthcoming."

#MeToo movement

Mayorga's attorney has stated that she agreed to an out-of-court settlement to keep her name from going public, but was later inspired to speak out by the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment. Mayorga has also said that her emotional trauma at the time did not allow her to participate in the mediation process for the financial settlement.

Neither Ronaldo's nor Mayorga's lawyers responded to AFP's request for comment on the decision to end the investigation. The player has yet to respond on social media. In October last year, Ronaldo said he was "an exemplary person."

"I know who I am and what I did. The truth will come out," he told France Football magazine. "And the people who criticize me and who expose my life today, who make a song and dance about it, these people will see." The allegations have taken a toll on his life, and in particular on his family, he said. In January, a Spanish court handed Ronaldo a suspended two-year prison sentence for committing tax fraud while he was at Real Madrid.

This was immediately reduced to a fine of 365,000 euros (\$410,000), on top of another penalty of 3.2 million euros (\$3.6 million). Ronaldo is widely considered one of the greatest footballers in the history of the game, having won the Champions League title five times — once with Manchester United and four times with Real Madrid.

He also led Portugal to the Euro 2016 title in France. Ronaldo, who is based in Turin, is currently on Juventus' pre-season tour of Asia.

The Clark County District Attorney's Office said it had received a report from Mayorga — who it identified only as 'V' — on June 13, 2009, reporting that she had been the victim of a sexual assault. Police could not conduct "any meaningful investigation" at the time

2020 OLYMPICS: ONE YEAR TO GO

Embracing radar technology, USA go high-tech to tackle Tokyo challenges



Organisers unveil a 'one year to go' banner at a Tokyo Olympics venue on Tuesday. AP

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US OLYMPIC officials are counting on cutting edge technology to help American athletes refine their training and prepare for the unique challenges of Tokyo in pursuit of another dominant display at the 2020 Games. Wednesday marks the start of the one-year-to-go countdown to Tokyo 2020, and Finbarr Kirwan, the vice president of summer sport performance for the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), said the milestone was a good opportunity to assess preparations for the Games.

The US topped the medals table in Rio with 46 gold medals and a total of 121. Kirwan, speaking to reporters on a conference call on Monday, said the USOPC had already fostered sophisticated projects aimed at boosting performance. That included the use of radar technology to aid the training of

athletes in the track and field throws such as shot put, javelin and hammer, which allowed athletes and coaches to better analyze data on flight, speed of release and angle of release to improve performance.

The realization came after the Rio Games. "I think there was a realization coming out of Rio that we basically needed to up our game in the use of technology because other nations were getting the jump on us," Ireland's Kirwan said.

At the USOPC's high altitude training facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado, endurance athletes can artificially experience the kind of high heat and humidity expected in Japan. "What that allows us to do then is adjust fluid intake, we can look at feeding strategies, there are a whole bunch of things we can put in place to support those athletes," Kirwan said.

That said, they haven't shed some of the conventional stuff either. "We're also looking at straightforward stuff like ice baths. We're in

middle of project with those to make sure our athletes are able to get access to the best quality ice baths that are out there."

Kirwan said USOPC sports science and medical staff would also work with national governing bodies of all sports to determine "appropriate sleep protocols" for athletes. We have experienced athletes, but travelling to Asia you need to be prepared for that," he said. Some US Paralympic athletes may have a chance to acclimate by training on US military bases in Japan, Julie Dussilliere, USOPC chief of Paralympic sport, said.

Dussilliere said officials were working with the Department of Defense to try to provide "unique training opportunities" for up to five paraspport NGBs to place athletes at bases.

She said such a move "clearly gives us a little bit of a home court advantage in terms of being on a US base surrounded by other Americans with top-notch facilities and group support services."

Exciting times

There has been plenty of turmoil in the US Olympic movement since the 2016 Rio Games, with the US Olympic chiefs coming under fire for failing to react swiftly when first warned of abuse allegations surrounding former national gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar. The scandal has brought Congressional scrutiny, and a reform commission has recommended an overhaul of the USOPC to increase athlete representation. Amid continuing uncertainties, however, the US team for Tokyo is already taking shape. Haley Anderson, a 2010 Olympic silver medalist, earned 10km open water silver at the FINA World Championships in South Korea last week to punch her ticket to Tokyo.

While America's powerful pool swimmers and track and field athletes will be tested at World Championships this year before they try to qualify for the Games next year, the upcoming Pan American Games in Lima will offer competitors in some sports a path to Tokyo.