

Yediyurappa sails through trust vote, Speaker puts in his papers



B S Yediyurappa during the trust vote on Monday. PTI

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BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, JULY 29

ENDING WEEKS of political turmoil in Karnataka, the BJP government led by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa Monday sailed through the confidence motion in the Assembly. The process lasted for around an hour with the BJP placed comfortably in the numbers game after Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar Sunday disqualified 14 more rebels.

And as Kumar resigned as Speaker after the trust vote, two rebel Congress MLAs he disqualified on July 25, Ramesh Jarkiholi and Mahesh Kumathalli, approached the Supreme Court Monday alleging that the action smacked of bias, was "completely arbitrary...unreasonable...grossly illegal, irrational, mala fide and violative of constitutional mandate" and deserved to be set aside.

After brief speeches by Yediyurappa while moving the one-line motion expressing confidence in the government headed by him, and by JD(S) and Congress leaders, the Speaker took up the trust vote and declared that it has been carried by voice vote amid thumping of desks by the treasury benches.

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ACCIDENT CASE TOO TRANSFERRED TO CBI AS OUTRAGE MOUNTS

Unnao rape victim fights for life after accident, murder FIR against BJP MLA



The truck which collided with the car in which the woman, her relatives and lawyer were travelling. PTI

Uncle claims her security detail leaked her whereabouts, police say checking

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, JULY 29

A DAY after the Unnao rape victim and her lawyer were critically injured and two of her aunts killed in a road accident, the Rae Bareilly police Monday lodged an FIR against BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who is in jail on charges of rape, and his brother Manoj. Both, along with eight others, have been charged with murder and attempt to murder at the Gurubakshganj police station.

The woman was injured Sunday afternoon when the car in which she, her lawyer and two aunts were travelling collided with a truck, which had one number plate blacked out, in Gurubakshganj. The truck owner and the driver have been detained on charges of conspiracy. The woman's uncle has



BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar. PTI file

accused Sengar of planning the accident and alleged that the truck owner is an associate of the MLA. The woman was on her way to visit her uncle, who is in the Rae Bareilly district jail, when the accident took place.

Even as the Uttar Pradesh

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Police personnel deployed at the village of the Unnao rape victim on Monday. Vishal Srivastava

In her village, grief & fear: We are afraid of Sengar's henchmen

MAULSHREE SETH & AVANESH MISRA
UNNAO, LUCKNOW, JULY 29

SAAZISH AND *chela*. Conspiracy and henchmen. The two words echo across the village in Uttar Pradesh to which the Unnao victim and BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who she has accused of sexual assault, belong.

Amid the uncharacteristically quiet village, there were more policemen visible on the roads Monday than residents. And a day after the woman and her lawyer were critically injured

and her two aunts killed after the car they were travelling in was hit by a truck on the highway, locals talk of a possible *saazish* (conspiracy) but only with caution. They say they constantly fear that words they speak might reach the ears of *chela* (henchmen) of the locally powerful Sengar.

Residents of the village speak of how they have heard that the woman's mother had recently complained of threats, of how the number plates on the truck that hit her car were blacked out and of how her police escort had

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Tiger numbers double since 2006 but no presence in 3 reserves: Census

2,967 is new total; different cut-off age in reports for 2014 and 2018

JAY MAZOOMDAAR & ABBINAYA KUZHANTHAIVEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

INDIA'S TIGER population has jumped to an estimated 2,967, a rise by 33% over 2,226 reported in 2014. This is also an incredible 210% rise from 1,411 recorded in 2006, according to the all-India estimation — 'Status of Tigers, Co-predators, Prey and their Habitat, 2018' — released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

Behind the big headline, hidden in fine print is a discrepancy in methodology: In 2014, tigers aged 1.5 years or older were counted. The current report has the cut-off age as 1 year.

Principal scientists with Wildlife Institute of India did not respond to queries on how the data are comparable, how many tigers are in the 12-18 month age group in the population of 2,967, and how the estimation determines the age of a tiger.

"Tiger cubs don't grow very fast beyond 3 months. Hence, 1 and 1.5 year are synonymous in the context as the difference is not occupationally discernible," said a senior official of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

Releasing the report, the Prime Minister said: "It was decided in St Petersburg that target of doubling tiger population would be 2022, we achieved it

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At the release of the report in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

EXPLAINED

Tech big help in big cat count

THE IMPRESSIVE rise in numbers gains credibility from the fact that 2,461 individual tigers — 83% of the total estimated 2,967 — were recorded in camera-trap. This limits the scope of extrapolation and potential bias or flaws in the estimation process. On the flip side, tigers relinquished 20% of their 2014 habitat though the overall occupancy remained stable due to dispersal to new areas.

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In first 6 months, 82% militants killed in J&K were Valley recruits

South Kashmir remains hotbed of militancy, says official data

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

OF THE 121 militants killed in Jammu and Kashmir by security forces in the first half of 2019, only 21 were from Pakistan, which means that 82% of the militants killed in the state were locals. Most of these encounters took place in south Kashmir, with 36 militants being killed in Pulwama, 34 in Shopian and 16 in Anantnag districts.

Recruitment of locals into militancy did not witness a decline in 2019, as 76 locals picked up guns in the first half of the year, with 39 of them joining Hizbul Mujahideen and 21 Jaish-e-Mohammad. The majority of those who joined militancy were from south Kashmir districts: 20 young men from Pulwama, 15 from Shopian, and 13 each from Anantnag and Kulgam joined militancy between January and June this year.

These details about the state

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MILITANTS KILLED			
MONTH	2017	2018	2019
JANUARY	09	04	17
FEBRUARY	10	01	22
MARCH	11	22	21
APRIL	11	22	11
MAY	04	14	27
JUNE	12	13	23
JULY	16	11	
AUGUST	19	22	
SEPTEMBER	14	23	
OCTOBER	09	23	
NOVEMBER	21	39	
DECEMBER	09	21	

AGITATIONS, INCIDENTS			
MONTH	STONE PELTING	CIVILIAN PROTEST	BANDH CALL
MAY 2018	80	55	04
JUNE 2018	53	46	05
JULY 2018	34	26	02
AUGUST 2018	64	98	09
SEPTEMBER 2018	35	53	07
OCTOBER 2018	53	54	07
NOVEMBER 2018	39	35	02
DECEMBER 2018	39	40	07
JANUARY 2019	23	49	04
FEBRUARY 2019	18	42	04
MARCH 2019	18	54	02
APRIL 2019	51	38	00
MAY 2019	101	114	00
JUNE 2019	17	49	00

Srinagar SPs told to collect details of all mosques

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, JULY 29

ALL THE five Superintendents of Police (SPs) in Srinagar district have been told to submit details of "mosques and their managements" in their respective areas "immediately".

"Please provide details of mosques and their managements falling within your respective jurisdictions as per enclosed proforma to this office immediately for onward submission to higher authorities," says an order dated July 28, issued by the office of the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Srinagar district.

When contacted, SSP, Srinagar, Haseeb Mughal confirmed the order but said it was a "routine exercise". "It is an exercise only to update the basic beat book of the police stations. This exercise is done periodically," he told *The Indian Express*. He added that the "timing of the letter is wrong" and people may have got apprehensive.

The order, which is being circulated on social media, has

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MAYO CLINIC ARM ENTERED INTO JV WITH GMR, APOLLO FOR HYDERABAD HOSPITAL
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MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE WORDS 'shooting' and 'refugees' are often linked together, but seldom in a positive context. Two Olympic gold medalists, however, have joined hands to change that.

Abhinav Bindra and Niccolo Campriani's careers ended on the same day in 2016, but in a highly contrasting fashion. Bindra, with his last shot at the

Congress flaunted forest rights law in Delhi, dodges it in Bastar

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

WHILE THE Congress celebrates the Forest Rights Act, 2006 as one of its major achievements in the ongoing session of Parliament, the party-led Chhattisgarh government, in its submission to the Supreme Court, has sought to skirt the Act based on an UPA-era circular already struck down by a High Court.

Referring to a letter issued by the Environment Ministry in February 2013, the Chhattisgarh

government submitted that "for projects like construction of roads, canals, laying of pipelines etc where linear diversion of forest land is involved, there is no requirement to obtain the consent" of the gram sabhas concerned unless right of primitive tribal groups are affected, which is not the case in Bastar.

In a landmark judgment on March 6 this year, the Andhra Pradesh High Court set aside the February 2013 circular as inconsistent with FRA and Section (4) of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act.

The Chhattisgarh govern-

ment submitted its affidavit as respondent in a civil appeal filed in the Supreme Court, challenging a National Green Tribunal (NGT) order that upheld the forest clearance granted in May 2014 for the construction of Dalli Rajhara-Rowghat railway line. The petitioner claims that clearance for 83.12 hectare forest land was issued without the consent of the gram sabhas concerned or settling forest rights.

The next hearing of the case is on August 2.

Senior Chhattisgarh forest officials defended the affidavit

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Bindra trains 3 for refugee team to Olympics



Italian shooter Niccolo Campriani at a selection process earlier this year

Olympic Games, missed podium finish by a heartbreakingly narrow margin. Campriani's farewell shot, in equally dramatic circumstances, fetched him an Olympic gold, the third of his stellar career.

Three years after that epic 10m air rifle final in Rio, they have reunited to nurture another Olympic dream. Campriani and Bindra have collaborated to help three refugees — Khaoula, Luna and Mahdi — qualify for the Tokyo Olympics next July.

Over the next one year, Campriani will mentor them to help them achieve a minimum qualifying score that will make them eligible for the Refugee Olympic Team, which made its debut at the Rio Games. The Italian legend is the face of the project, whose launch coincided with the 500 days countdown to the Games. Bindra, who has held two coaching sessions so far, will play a more behind-the-scenes role.

The five-time Olympian is

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When Vajpayee vetoed Jaswant on joining US war after 9/11

After services chiefs said no to India joining Enduring Freedom, PM said 'isko thoda sochna padega', writes Admiral Sushil Kumar who was Navy chief then

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

SHORTLY AFTER the 9/11 attacks in the US in 2001, a high-level delegation, deputised by the US President, came to India with a request that it join its war on terror in Afghanistan. At a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh was all for India joining Operation Enduring Freedom. But the three

chiefs of the Indian armed forces did not want to get involved. After listening to all, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said: "Isko thoda aur sochna padega" (this may need more thought).

Known for his one-liners, some of which disarmed his political rivals and some created history, Vajpayee's remark put an end to weeks of negotiations and dialogue between New Delhi and Washington over a united war on terror.

Admiral Sushil Kumar, who was Navy chief between December 1998 and December 2001, offers this glimpse into Vajpayee's way of handling issues in his book *A Prime Minister To Remember: Memories of a Military Chief*, published by Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd.

According to Kumar, Admiral Dennis Blair, Commander-in-Chief of the US Pacific Command (now known as US Indo-Pacific Command) had led a large entourage to India with several

high-ranking US military officers. Blair told Kumar that the delegation was personally deputised by the US President because the "US government was keen on India's support for its war on terror" and that a separate delegation headed by Strobe Talbott, former US Deputy Secretary of State, was in dialogue with Indian officials including Jaswant Singh and NSA Brajesh Mishra.

Making a presentation on Enduring Freedom, the delega-



Atal Bihari Vajpayee, George Fernandes, Sushil Kumar. Express archive

tion proposed tasks for the Indian Navy including underway replenishment at sea and combat-related support for US carrier battle groups while the IAF was to make its air bases available for staging long-range US aircraft, and the Army was to prepare for induction of troops in Afghanistan for ground operations.

But the three chiefs — General S Padmanabhan, Air Chief Marshal A Y Tipnis and Admiral Kumar — unanimously decided to advise the government against it. "Neither was this a United Nations operation, nor was this a United

Nations operation, nor was India at war with Afghanistan. Moreover with its policy of non-alignment, India had never been part of a military pact or alliance," Admiral Kumar writes in the book.

At the CCS meeting, Jaswant Singh "waxed eloquent on the need to join this operation as it was part of a global war on terror and could garner international support" and "the opportunity India had to engage with the US, the only super power."

But according to Admiral Kumar, Vajpayee "noticed my look of disapproval" and said

"Hamare Admiral khush nahin hai" (our Admiral is not happy). When he got the chance, the Admiral expressed his reservations and asked whether such a move would not appear as if India was at war with Afghanistan. When Vajpayee turned to Defence Minister George Fernandes, he responded: "Our military chiefs have said it all."

"Prime Minister Vajpayee graciously put the matter to rest with a philosophical quip: 'Isko thoda aur sochna padega'."

In the book, Admiral Kumar mentions how Op Parakram, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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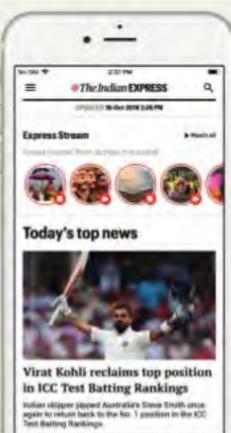


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JAVED AKHTAR SLAMS SHEKHAR KAPUR FOR CALLING HIMSELF A 'REFUGEE'

Film director Shekhar Kapur was criticised on Twitter by renowned lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar after the film director claimed he was always in "fear of intellectuals" and their acceptance felt like the bite of a "snake".

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J&K militants

of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir are part of a government document which shows that militancy continues to be on the rise in the districts of south Kashmir and is now dominated by locals who are picking up guns. As reported by The Indian Express earlier, there have been no reports of cross-border action or infiltration across the Line of Control (LoC) this summer, with a majority of ceasefire violations from small arms firing, and limited to south of Pir Panjal ranges.

Among the 100 incidents initiated by militants in the first half of the year, 32 of them were in Pulwama, 23 in Shopian, 15 in Anantnag and 10 in Srinagar districts. A majority of these incidents are of militants firing on security forces, but also include grenade attacks, detonation of improvised explosive devices (IED), throwing of petrol bombs,

weapon snatching and abductions.

Meanwhile, there have been 228 recorded incidents of stone-pelting, 346 incidents of civilian protests and 10 bandh calls given in the first six months of 2019 which saw the conduct of Lok Sabha elections in multiple phases for security reasons. It was in the month of May that agitations had shot up with 101 incidents of stone-pelting and 114 incidents of civilian protests being recorded by the authorities.

During the same period, security forces have lost 71 men in J&K and 115 of them have been injured. The majority of deaths occurred in the February 14 bombing of the CRPF bus at Pulwama where it lost 40 personnel. Army has lost 15 soldiers and CAPF 48 personnel while Jammu and Kashmir Police has lost 8 policemen in the first half of the year.

Karnataka

On Sunday, Speaker Kumar had disqualified 11 Congress MLAs and three JD(S) lawmakers until the end of the current term of the House in 2023, bringing down the majority mark to 105, equivalent to the current strength of 105 of the BJP, which also enjoyed the support of an Independent. The Congress has 66 members, JD(S) 34, the Speaker (who has a casting vote in case of a tie) and one expelled BSP member who was thrown out of the party for violating its directive to support the H D Kumaraswamy government during the trust vote on July 23.

With Yediyurappa proving majority, the next focus is on cabinet expansion, which is likely to be completed by end of this week, senior BJP leaders said. The House also passed the Appropriation Bill, seeking a vote on account for three months and supplementary estimates.

The Speaker had said on Thursday while announcing action against three rebels that a disqualified member cannot contest or get elected until the expiry of the term of the House, a contention strongly contested by the BJP, rebels and many legal experts.

In the Supreme Court, MLAs Jarkiholi and Kumathalli said in their petition that they have a fundamental right under Article 19 to carry on any trade, business and profession. "Their right to resign from the post of MLA and carry on any vocation of their choice including public service cannot be denied by the...Speaker by a completely illegal and unconstitutional order," the plea said.

The Speaker, they contended, has grossly erred in holding that the resignations of the petitioners were not 'voluntary and genuine'. Under Article 190 of the Constitution read with Rule 202 of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, a member can deliver a resignation signed in his own hand and the Speaker is only to satisfy himself about the "genuineness and voluntariness of the Resignation".

J&K mosques

added to the fear and speculation triggered by the deployment of additional forces in the Valley. It comes days after a police wireless message asked officers to "communicate short of riot-control equipment/ gas gun, TSMs" for "special law and order duties".

Also, a letter was purportedly issued by the office of the Senior Divisional Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force (RPF), Srinagar, asking employees to stock ration and drinking water, not to keep their families in Kashmir, and to restrict leave due to the "emergency situation". In its clarification, the Ministry of Railways said the officer "was not authorised to issue such a letter and did not have the approval of the competent authority to do so either".

Responding to a question on the issue, K Vijay Kumar, advisor to the Governor, said on Monday: "If somebody is causing panic or spreading a rumour on social media, then I shouldn't be countering it. It won't be proper. All I am trying to say is what is the source of this rumour."

On the deployment of additional security forces, he said: "Somebody said extra security is coming. It (deployment) is calculated, a deliberate, consulted response to the security grid which is available here. There was reduction of the security grid due to our focus on the Amarnath Yatra. Therefore, a need arose to requisition more forces."

Forest rights

"cleared by the competent authority" for submission. Prem Kumar, CCF, Kanker Circle, said: "The forest clearance process in question was completed in 2014, long before the 2013 circular was

Tiger numbers double since 2006

4 years in advance... I feel it is possible to strike a healthy balance between development and environment. In our policies, in our economics, we have to change the conversation about conservation."

One significant aspect of the latest estimation is the capture of 2,461 individual tigers — 83% of the total estimated 2,967 — in camera-traps. This limits the scope of extrapolation and potential bias or flaws in the process. In comparison, only 1,540 unique tigers — 69% of the total estimated population of 2,226 — were camera-trapped in the 2014 estimation.

The increase in tiger photos is due to the much wider deployment of camera-traps during the present estimation exercise. For the 2014 estimate, only 9,735 camera-trap points were used. This time, the coverage increased by 275% to 26,838 camera-trap points.

A worrying aspect of the report is the continuing loss of tiger-occupied areas. While net occupancy remains stable at 88,000-89,000 sq km, tigers relinquished over 40,000 sq km since 2014. Since they also colonised over 25,000 sq km in that period, the report com-

puted the net loss in tiger-occupied area to be 17,881 sq km or 20% of the tiger habitat in four years. This explains the shrinking presence of tigers outside tiger reserves.

In fact, there is bad news from tiger reserves as well. Against the 33% jump in the national tiger population, the report recorded potential extirpation of tigers in three reserves. No tiger was recorded in Buxa (West Bengal), Dampa (Mizoram) and Palamu (Jharkhand) tiger reserves. None of these reserves, however, was rated "poor" in the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) report also released Monday. While Dampa

struck down. So should this have retrospective effect? In any case, the state government tried to get consent from gram sabhas in the project area."

Incidentally, in Rajya Sabha, while defending the FRA and rejection of claims without following due process, Congress MP and former Union Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh warned last month that the proposed amendments to the Indian Forest Act, 1927, would not only undercut the FRA but also come in conflict with the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act.

Olympians helping by funding the initiative through his foundation, Campriani said. "I could put together all the equipment I needed through the donations, but I also needed some cash flow for other expenses. When I was exploring different options, I looked into the Abhinav Bindra Foundation. And then after talking to Abhinav and knowing the work he is doing in India, he proposed his help," Campriani (31) told *The Indian Express* from Bologna, where the refugee shooters competed in their first-ever tournament last weekend.

THE COUNT	
■ Total tiger population estimated: 2,967 (error limit: 2,603-3,345)	■ Tiger population estimated through capture-mark-recapture: 2,591
■ Previous estimated count: 1,411 (2006); 1,706 (2010); 2,225 (2014)	■ Forests surveyed for tiger signs and prey estimation: 3,81,400 sq km
■ Total number of individual tigers camera-trapped: 2,461	■ Camera trap locations in 141 sites: 26,838

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and Palamu have been rated 'fair', Buxa scored an impressive 63.84% which returned a 'good' rating.

Based on the report of the Tiger Task Force appointed by the then Prime Minister in 2005 following the extirpation of tigers in Rajasthan's Sariska, the Environment Ministry moved on from pugmark-based census to a scientific camera-based model developed by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), in collaboration with the State Forest Departments, Conservation NGOs and coordinated by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), has been conduct-

ing a national assessment for the "Status of Tigers, Co-predators, Prey and their Habitat" every four years since 2006.

Dr Rajesh Gopal, Secretary General of Global Tiger Form, the inter-governmental international body said, "The scale and magnitude of the assessment is unparalleled globally. The outcome demonstrates ongoing concerted efforts from the federal, state governments and collaborators."

Asked about the Budget allocation of Rs 350 crore for Project Tiger, Dr Dipankar Ghose, Director, Species and Landscapes Programme, World Wildlife Fund India, said, "The current fiscal's allocation remain unchanged compared to last year. What we need is a cross-sectoral approach towards conservation."

Conservation of natural resources including biodiversity needs to be mainstreamed and all line departments need to be part of the process. The Central government has means and tools for calculating budgets for ministries, it is up to the ministries to collaborate and converge on certain actions like conserving the national animal."

Unnao rape

government decided Monday to transfer accident case to the CBI, the woman and her lawyer, admitted at King George's Medical University (KGMU) Trauma Centre in Lucknow, are in critical condition, according to doctors.

Doctors said both have suffered multiple fractures and head injuries and are on ventilator support at the critical care unit.

As outrage mounted against the state government and BJP, with Opposition parties even disrupting Rajya Sabha proceedings over the incident, the BJP is yet to take visible action against its MLA. A BJP MP from Uttar Pradesh said: "The party has to take action against the MLA. There is no other way. The delay is damaging the image of the party and its leaders."

"We are investigating the case. The government has already offered the family that this also can be handed over to the CBI," Sidharth Nath Singh, senior UP minister told *The Indian Express*.

According to the central BJP leadership, however, taking action against the MLA was up to the state unit. While BJP state President Swatantra Dev Singh refused comment on why his party has not taken action against Sengar, party spokesperson Harish Srivastava said the BJP and the state government stands with the victim and not with the guilty.

"We have also agreed to recommend a CBI probe and are ready to give them all support. The party treats the common man and party functionary equally and would never stand with the guilty. The government is doing its job and even the CBI is conducting its probe and if anyone is guilty, they will not be spared," he said.

Meanwhile, in Rae Bareilly, a team of forensic experts were sent from Lucknow to collect evidence and sources said the car and truck will also be sent for technical examination. The Rae Bareilly police Monday recreated the crime scene to determine the sequence of events. In the FIR, the woman's uncle alleged that police personnel deployed for her security had given information about her whereabouts to Sengar's associates.

He said the suspicion is real since no police personnel, deployed for her security, were present in the car she was travelling in. Nine police personnel were deployed for her security and three of them, including a gunner, were to travel with her at all times.

SP Unnao Madhawa Prasad Verma said that the woman had asked her security escort not to accompany them Sunday as there was no space in the vehicle. "We are probing the matter and verifying statements given by police personnel. No action against any police personnel has been taken so far," he said.

Incidentally, the truck involved in the accident had one number plate blacked out, on which UP ADG Rajeev Krishna said, "The owner told police that he could not pay instalments for the truck and feared the finance company may take away his vehicle. That's why he blacked out the number plate."

The police have also detained the truck's owner Debendra, who purchased vehicle last year, along with the truck's driver Ashish Pal and cleaner Mohan — all residents of Fatehpur district.

The woman's uncle has also alleged that his wife, who died in the accident, and others had told him that Sengar and his associates regularly pressured them to change their statements in court. The uncle claimed that Sengar's associates also threatened to kill his family in a road accident if they failed to strike a compromise with him.

—LIZ MATHEW, MAULSHREE SETH
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DISTRICT WISE KILLED	
Anantnag	16
Budgam	04
Ganderbal	02
Shopian	34
Kulgam	09
Kupwara	01
Pulwama	36
Baramulla	19

TANZEEM WISE KILLED	
HM	35
LeT	19
JeM	48
Al Badr	05
TuM	00
AGUH	07
ISJK	04
UK	04

DISTRICT WISE RECRUITMENT	
Pulwama	20
Shopian	15
Anantnag	13
Kulgam	13
Srinagar	00
Budgam	05
Ganderbal	02
Baramulla	04
Kupwara	01
Bandipora	03

TANZEEM WISE RECRUITMENT	
HM	39
LeT	12
JeM	21
Al Badr	00
TuM	00
AGUH	03
ISJK	00
Not known	01

DISTRICT WISE INCIDENTS INITIATED BY MILITANTS	
Pulwama	32
Shopian	23
Anantnag	15
Kulgam	07
Srinagar	10
Budgam	03
Ganderbal	01
Baramulla	07
Ramban	01
Kishtwar	01

INCIDENTS INITIATED BY MILITANTS	
January	20
February	07
March	19
April	15
May	22
June	17

DISTRICT WISE SECURITY FORCES DEATH AND INJURIES	
Ganderbal	01
Baramulla	07
Ramban	01
Kishtwar	01

SECURITY FORCES DEATH AND INJURIES	
Force	
Army	15
CAPF	48
JKP	08
Injured	73
	23
	19

*All figures of 2019

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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A REPORT incorrectly stated that a gym owner, Rahul Gupta, had been shot dead. Gupta survived after being shot at. The error is regretted.

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'ELECTRICITY SHOULD BE CUT FOR ERRANT CENTRES' HC warns of Surat-like risk at city's coaching centres

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE DELHI High Court Monday pulled up a power company for providing electricity to coaching centres in Mukherjee Nagar area without any fire safety clearance and observed that discoms and its officers were "turning a blind eye" to the problem, which could result in a fire like in Surat.

Expressing displeasure over how the Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL) and its officers were "doing nothing" to address huge electricity consumption by such institutions, a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar sought to know whether any action had been taken against such coaching centres in the last five years.

"The approach of your officers is — 'my children are not studying there'... All coaching centres without permission of municipal corporation or fire clearance, their electricity should be cut forthwith," the bench said.



The bench said that coaching/tuition centres should be shut down if they don't conform to the law

A total of 22 people had died in the Surat fire in May.

The court's oral observation came during hearing of PILs, one of which was represented by advocate Prashant Manchanda, against the illegal running of coaching centres in Mukherjee Nagar and a plea raising concerns about lack of fire safety measures in schools in the capital.

On issue of fire safety in schools, Delhi government additional standing counsel Gautam

sought two weeks to file an affidavit indicating the results.

The bench then directed the fire department, TPDDL and the municipal corporations to carry out a fresh survey of the schools, coaching and tuition centres under their jurisdiction to identify those operating illegally, without fire safety clearance or other mandatory permissions, or were using more electricity than was permissible. The court directed authorities to file affidavits indicating the details it has asked for, and listed the matter for further hearing on September 18.

The bench said that coaching/tuition centres should be given an opportunity to conform to the law, but if they do not, they should be shut down.

All these centres have so many AC units. Any increase in load would lead to sparking or short circuit, resulting in a fire, like it happened in Surat.

It further observed that owners of these centres were not poor and were carrying out a "purely business/commercial activity".

Use PM, President photo at schools: North MCD

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE MAYOR of the North civic body, Avtar Singh, has issued a circular ordering all schools under its jurisdiction to install photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind on campus.

The circular states that all schools under North Delhi Municipal Corporation are being intimidated about this, and the process should be wrapped up before August 15 (Independence Day) so a feeling of nationalism can be inculcated among chil-

dren. "These children will be the future of country and in their hands will be the country's responsibility," the letter reads. "Pictures of these greats will inspire the children, who will be in the future part of the country's democratic process."

Singh told *The Indian Express* that the photos will be installed in the principal's office: "... It is also important for them to know the PM and president of the country."

South body leaders had earlier said they plan to install statues of freedom fighters and Armymen inside schools.

3 robbed people after giving electric shock, held

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THREE MEN have been arrested by the Central district special staff for allegedly robbing people by giving them an electric shock using a taser-like device. Initial investigation has revealed that the gang also operated in Mumbai, Indore, Surat, Ahmedabad and Jaipur.

DCP (Central District) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said the accused have been identified as Prince Vinod (35), Pradeep Mantosh (22) and Kanak Ratnam (39). "Vinod and his ac-

complices targeted people with the 'electric torch'. Once the victim became unconscious, they robbed him," Randhawa said.

According to police, the accused used to be members of the notorious 'thak-thak gangs' operating in the city, but changed their modus operandi a few months ago.

"They got the idea of using an electric shock torch through videos on social media," a police officer said.

Police have recovered Rs 15 lakh, 20 wrist watches, jewellery a country-made pistol, a car and a motorcycle from the possession of the accused.

Photos of missing kids set to be displayed at key spots

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

'DIGITAL MEDIA walls', which will display photographs and other details of missing children, will soon be installed in several spots in the capital to help speed up the search for them, Delhi Police informed the High Court.

A division bench headed by Justice Hima Kohli was also informed that the Delhi Metro has installed display boards at five Metro stations — Kashmere Gate, Rajiv Chowk, Central Secretariat, Chandni Chowk and New Delhi — where information of important cases can be displayed from the Operation Control Centre at Metro Bhawan.

Standing Counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra and advocate Chaitanya Gosain, appearing for the Delhi police, further apprised that the DCP (Legal Cell) has already met with representatives of the civic agencies on two different dates in May and June in this regard.

Mehra, while filing a status report for Delhi Police, said that the South and East MCDs have informed them that, at present, they do not have digital media walls available with them.

However, the status report said that all the civic bodies in the city and Railways have ensured that they will explore the feasibility of installation of video walls at prominent locations in their respective jurisdiction.

The police's response came while hearing a plea filed by the parents of a girl who went missing in July 2014.

After the police failed to trace her, the court directed Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of the Delhi Police's Crime Branch to trace the missing girl, who would have turned 18 now.

The bench had remarked, "Even if it is assumed to be case of elopement, as is suggested to us, the girl could not have simply vanished in the air."

Metro orders probe as footage featuring couple is leaked

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

CCTV FOOTAGE of a couple in a compromising position at a Delhi Metro station has made its way to a porn site, sparking concerns on the handling of surveillance data by the DMRC and CISF. When contacted, DMRC executive director (corporate communications) Anuj Dayal told *The Indian Express* that an internal probe has been ordered.

"Yes, we are carrying out own internal investigation and will take appropriate steps in the matter," Dayal said.

The public transporter has also lodged an FIR with the Delhi Police against unknown persons over "obscenity in a public place".

According to a CISF official,

the CCTV footage from the Delhi Metro network, which is under constant surveillance, can be accessed by DMRC for operational purposes, while CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) is authorised to access it for security purposes.

The footage bears a time and date stamp, and can be seen playing on a monitoring panel. The clip appears to have been shot on a mobile phone, which was used to record what was playing on the monitor.

"The DMRC has lodged an FIR with the Delhi Police regarding this incident for obscenity in a public place. Police are further investigating this matter. We have passed all available information, details and footage of the incident to police authorities and are providing all possible assistance in the matter to

help the investigation. We would request the travelling public not to indulge in such activities on the Metro system," Dayal said.

The incident comes against the backdrop of two ongoing Delhi government projects of installing CCTVs — across the city and in classrooms. Privacy advocacy groups have warned against such large-scale installations without a proper protocol to avoid potential misuse of footage.

In 2013, the DMRC was left red-faced when it emerged that over 200 CCTV clips of couples getting intimate at Metro stations were found on porn sites.

The incident had forced DMRC to order an internal inquiry and lodge a complaint with the cyber cell of Delhi Police.

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Total Income from Operations (Net)	2987.10	12397.06	3191.88
Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(1119.00)	(4783.88)	81.09
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after extraordinary items)	(1119.00)	(4783.88)	81.09
Equity Share Capital	2598.45	2753.17	5824.11
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	6215.52	1613.17	1613.17
Earning Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)	Basic (In Rs.): (4.31)	(14.26)	0.14
	Diluted (In Rs.): (4.31)	(14.26)	0.14
Earning Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)	Basic (In Rs.): (4.31)	(14.26)	0.14
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Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (BSE: www.bseindia.com and NSE: www.nseindia.com) and Bank's website (www.bankofmaharashtra.in)

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FORM G - INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1 Name of the corporate debtor	V Hotels Limited
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	September 05, 2000
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated/registered	Registrar of Companies, Mumbai
4 Corporate identity number/limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U55204MH2000PLC128527
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Registered & Corporate Office: Chander Mukhi Building Basement, behind The Oberoi Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400021, India
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	May 31, 2019
7 Date of invitation for expression of interest	July 30, 2019
8 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	The eligibility criteria is set out in the detailed invitation for expression of interest, accessible at: http://vhoteledcorp.com
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	These norms are set out in the detailed invitation for expression of interest, accessible at: http://vhoteledcorp.com
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	August 30, 2019
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	Any amendment to the aforementioned date shall be updated on the website of the Corporate Debtor accessible at: http://vhoteledcorp.com
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	September 14, 2019
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	September 24, 2019
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	September 14, 2019
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Will be provided by the resolution professional to prospective resolution applicants who are determined to be eligible as per the process laid down in the detailed invitation for expression of interest and in accordance with Regulation 36A and 38B of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016.
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	October 14, 2019
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	As detailed in the request for resolution plans to be issued by the resolution professional in accordance with Regulation 36B of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	November 22, 2019
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Name: Anish Nanavaty Registration No.: 18BI-PA-002/PA0272/2017-18/10830
20 Name, Address and email of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Name: Anish Nanavaty Registered Address with IBBI: 2a/208, Raheja Classique, New Link Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai 400 053, Maharashtra Email: anish.nanavaty@ip@gmail.com Communication Address: Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, Indiabulls Finance Centre, Tower 3, 27th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai-400013 Email id: invlhp@deloitte.com
21 Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Communication Address: Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, Indiabulls Finance Centre, Tower 3, 27th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai-400013 Email id: invlhp@deloitte.com
22 Further Details are available at or with	http://vhoteledcorp.com
23 Date of publication of Form G	July 30, 2019

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11	UARD	54	Kozhikode-8, Kochi-16, Mysore-3, Surat-2, Ahmedabad-6, Bhavnagar-1, Rajkot-2, Vadodara-2, Diu-1, Raipur-5, Indore-3, Bhopal-5
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DIVYA A NEW DELHI, JULY 29

ONE CAN soon take in the sights of Humayun's Tomb and Safdarjung Tomb at night, with the government deciding to keep 10 heritage monuments open to the public from sunrise till 9 pm.

The announcement was made by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel on Monday. Most monuments are closed for visitors by 6 pm.

Besides Humayun's Tomb and Safdarjung Tomb in the capital, the extended timings will apply to Rajarani Temple in Bhubaneswar, Dulhadev Temple in Khajuraho, Sheikh Chilli's Tomb in Kurukshehra, Group of Monuments at Pattadakal in Karnataka, Gol Gumbaz in Karnataka, Group of Temples in Maharashtra (Markanda), Man Mahal in Varanasi and Rani ki Vav in Gujarat's Patan.

The change in timings will be effective for a period of three years, the minister said.

It has not been specified when the change will come into effect.

A senior official of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) said, "Keeping the monuments open till late night requires elaborate security arrangements. As soon as that



Humayun's Tomb; (left) Safdarjung Tomb. The announcement was made by Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel Monday

falls into place, we shall implement the move one by one at these sites."

Most of the monuments mentioned in the list come under the ASI's purview, while others are temples.

"Some places in the list are

Coached under SC scholarship, student cracks IIT

ANANYA TIWARI NEW DELHI, JULY 29

FOR VIJAY Kumar, the dream of studying computer science may or may not come true, but one thing has — studying at the prestigious IIT Delhi. Kumar, after receiving free coaching under the AAP government's financial assistance scheme for members of the Scheduled Caste community, has cracked one of the toughest entrance examinations in the country. He secured rank 918.

Kumar was among the 4,953 students who had enrolled under the AAP government's 'Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana' in 2018-19. He was enrolled at the Sachdeva Colleges Ltd coaching centre in Patel Nagar for four months.

Kumar is aware that his future promises to be nothing like his past. The fact that the lives of his parents is also set for a transformative change is not lost on him either.

But the 16-year-old, the youngest son of a labourer and a domestic help, will breathe easy only when he gets the course of his choice: "I hope I get to study Computer Science, something that I always aspired for."

On Monday, Kumar shared the dais with Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam during a press conference on the "success of the scheme".



Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam with Vijay Kumar

Under the scheme, which was launched in 2017, assistance up to Rs 40,000, along with a Rs 2,500 monthly stipend, is provided to students whose family income is below Rs 6 lakh per annum.

The students are then enrolled in empanelled coaching institutes for competitive exams such as NEET, JEE-Advanced and CAT.

"I took coaching for four months. I was also given books. I got Rs 10,000, and I did not have to pay anything," Kumar, who studied in a Delhi government school in Paschim Vihar, said.

"It was in Class IX or X when a teacher told me about IIT-JEE. So I decided to go for it. No one else in my class sat for the exam or opted for the scheme," he said.

According to an official statement, in 2018-19, 35 of 107 students enrolled under the scheme cracked JEE-Advanced and NEET exams.

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invites tender for the following works:-

- 1) Tender No. T19P080231:** Design, Engineering, Supply, Laying, Jointing, Testing and Commissioning of 220 kV D/C, 1x1200 sq. mm, U/G XLPE Cable from 400 KV Tughlakabad Sub Station to 220 KV Masjid Moth Sub-station on Turnkey Basis, Delhi, India.
- 2) Tender No. T19P080241:** HTLS Re-conducting of 220 kV Mandala-Wazirabad Ckt, II, III & IV ACSR Zebra Conductor Transmission line including Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of HTLS Conductor, Hardware fittings and Accessories on Turnkey Basis, Delhi, India.
- 3) Tender No. T18P107052:** Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 17 nos. of 125 KVA Diesel Generator Set for various 220 kV Sub Station under GM(C&M)-I and GM(O&M)-II complete in all respects as per technical specifications. Last date and time for bid submission 19.08.2019 (for sl.no.3) at 10.30 a.m.

LAST DATE AND TIME FOR (Sl.No.1 & 2):

(i) Start Date and Time of Sale of Tender document: 30.07.2019 for Sl.No.1 & 2 at 10:00 Hrs. (ii) Date of Pre-Bid conference: 09.08.2019 (For Sl.No.1) & 08.08.2019 (For Sl.No.2) at 11:30 Hrs (iii) Last Date and Time for sale of Tender document: 16.09.2019 for Sl.No.1 & 2 at 17:00 Hrs. (iv) Last Date and Time for submission of Bid: 17.09.2019 for Sl.No.1 & 2 upto 11:00 Hrs. (v) Date of Opening of Bid: 17.09.2019 (For Sl.No.1 & 2) at 11:30 Hrs. Venue of Tender purchase, submission and opening: For Sl.No. 1 & 2 office of DGM(T) Contract, C&MM, Room No.107, 1st Floor, Pre-Fabricated Bldg., Rajhat Power House, New Delhi. Ph.No.+911123275290, Fax No.23275289. E-Mail: dgmcontract.cmm@dtl.gov.in For further details please logon Delhi Govt website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> (Tender ID No.2019_DTL_175402_1 (for sl.no.3) and DTL website: <http://www.dtl.gov.in> (Unique No. DTL-6806-290719, DTL-6806-290719 & DTL-6769-030719) respectively.

All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/Clarifications, if any, to the above tender would appear only on the above mentioned website.

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MARTYR OF 208 Bn, CoBRA

CT/GD Pranjal Pachoni of 208, CoBRA made the supreme sacrifice during an operation in jungle area of village Aitrapad, U/p/- Bheji, Distt- Sukma (C.G) on 30th July 2016. The CRPF proudly remembers the braveheart who laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with Maoists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the Force.

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CORRIGENDUM TO e-TENDER NOTICE No.:- PR 309/2019

With reference to e-Tender Notice No. PR 309/2019 issued in various newspapers on 24th July, 2019 for "Selection of Agency for Design, Development & Implementation of Automated Document Management System integrated with Examination record", as per decision the 2nd Pre-Bid meeting would be held on 02.08.2019 at 12:30 PM. The bidders are requested to visit e-procurement website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. HSSC/PGCIL/Lucknow/2019 Dated: 29.07.2019
Online item rate bids are invited on behalf of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited through e-tendering from eligible contractors/firms who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol -I of NIT/PQ document for the work - Construction of NR - III RHQ office Building, Employee Development Centre (EDC) and Transit Camp and their maintenance during Defects Liability Period at Lucknow (U.P). Estimated project cost is Rs. 40.00 Crore. Completion period - 20 Calendar Months. Other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 01.08.2019 and Last Date of submission of Bid is 16.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs. The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSSC and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published. DGM (C), HSSC (India) Limited

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ई-निविदा सूचना

अधोहस्ताक्षरकों द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य की निविदा ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से करने हेतु अनुभवी एवं प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों से मुहर्बन्द निविदाओं को अलग-अलग भागों में आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा शुल्क व धरोहर राशि इस कार्यालय के खता नं. 108S0224116 आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड SBIN000685 भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, रेलवे रोड, मुजफ्फरनगर में आर.टी.जी.एस.एन.ई.एफ.टी. के माध्यम से जमा कराये जायेगी एवं निविदा का प्रथम भाग में निविदा शुल्क व धरोहर राशि जमा का साक्ष्य यथोक्त यू.टी.आर. पे-इन-रिलिय मूल की प्रति, बैंक गारण्टी मूल की प्रति (इश्यूईंग बैंक के कन्फर्मेशन मेल की प्रति) पैक कार्ड, जी.एस.टी., टेकनो कॉन्सिल्ट शर्तें ई-टेंडर प्रपत्र के साथ आनर्वाइड ई-निविदा दिनांक 22.08.2019 को 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जायेगी तथा निविदा का द्वितीय भाग (प्राईस बिड) आनर्वाइड दिनांक 22.08.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे तक वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in पर परी जा सकेगी। निविदा का प्रथम भाग दिनांक 22.08.2019 को सायं 02:00 बजे के उपरान्त इस कार्यालय में सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को किसी भी एक अथवा सभी निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये, किसी भी समय निरस्त/संशोधन करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित है। कृपया निविदाओं को विस्तृत जानकारी/निविदा संशोधन/विस्तारण तिथि/निस्तारीकरण के लिये वेबसाईट www.etender.up.nic.in/ www.pvnl.org पर लॉग इन करें। 1:- ई-निविदा संख्या 44/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खाण्ड-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर के अधीनस्थ उपखाण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखाण्ड-द्वितीय/तृतीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों पर स्थापित पावर परिवर्तकों को सुरक्षा हेतु क्षतिग्रस्त प्रोटेक्शन बोर्ड, आयल टैम्पर मीटर, वार्डिंग टैम्पर मीटर, कॉपर कन्ट्रोल केबिल आदि सामान उपलब्ध कराते हुये बदलने एवं स्थापित करने का पूर्ण कार्य करने हेतु। धरोहर राशि रु. - 2000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु. - 1180.00 मात्र। 2:- ई-निविदा संख्या 45/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खाण्ड-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर के अधीनस्थ उपखाण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखाण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र मुण्डभर पर स्थापित 33 केवी सीमेस मेक 01 नं. वी.सी.बी. एवं कन्ट्रोल पैनल तथा 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्र कुटवा पर स्थापित 33 केवी स्टील मेक 01 नं. वी.सी.बी. कन्ट्रोल पैनल के सही प्रकार से कार्य नहीं करने पर क्षतिग्रस्त सामान के स्थान पर नया सामान उपलब्ध कराते हुये पूर्ण मरम्मत का कार्य करने हेतु। धरोहर राशि रु. - 2000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु. - 1180.00 मात्र। 3:- ई-निविदा संख्या 46/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खाण्ड-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर के अधीनस्थ उपखाण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखाण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अलावलपुर मात्र पर स्थापित 33 केवी क्रोमटैन मेक 01 नं. वी.सी.बी. एवं कन्ट्रोल पैनल तथा 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्र अलावलपुर मात्र पर स्थापित 33 केवी स्टील मेक 01 नं. वी.सी.बी. कन्ट्रोल पैनल के सही प्रकार से कार्य नहीं करने पर क्षतिग्रस्त सामान के स्थान पर नया सामान उपलब्ध कराते हुये पूर्ण मरम्मत का कार्य करने हेतु। धरोहर राशि रु. - 2000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु. - 1180.00 मात्र। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मंडल मुजफ्फरनगर पत्रांक 2787/वि.वि.मं. मु.नगर/कैम्प/ दिनांक 29/7/2019

BRIEFLY

Couple dead after scooter hit by tractor

Noida: A couple died after the scooter they were travelling on was knocked down, allegedly by a tractor, in Noida's Badalpur late Sunday night. They were heading back home in Ghaziabad when the incident took place, said police. The owner of the tractor fled the spot after the accident, said police.

Man dead as truck rams two-wheeler

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man died while his wife and two children had a narrow escape after a truck allegedly rammed into the two-wheeler they were travelling on, at Dwarka's Najafgarh Monday.

School teacher shot at

New Delhi: A 50-year-old government school teacher was shot at, allegedly by two bike-borne men, when he was playing cards with his four friends outside his house in Rohini on Sunday. He is stated to be in a stable condition, said police.

Man dies after drinking poisoned milk

New Delhi: A 33-year-old man allegedly spiked milk with poison and drank it himself after feeding it to his two children at their home in Outer Delhi's Mundka Sunday. Police said that while the man died, his children are receiving treatment at Sanjay Gandhi Hospital. According to police, the man took the extreme step because of an alleged marital dispute.

Wanted man arrested

Noida: A wanted man with a bounty of Rs 1 lakh was arrested after an encounter with police Monday. The accused, Sunny Thakur, was facing 12 cases of loot and dacoity, said police. ENS

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1.	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	WIDENING AND STG. OF ROAD FROM DHANIRAMPURA TO URNAI SAINSA (SECTION URNAI TO SAINSA) (ID 7870) FROM RD 1740 TO 3600M UNDER PD-1, KURUKSHETRA (REINWITE) + 1 OTHER WORK	22.07.2019 02.08.2019	47.28 LACS	http://haryanapwd-bandr.org	01744-238066
2.	PWD B&R, CHARKHI DADRI	CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACHES FOR ROAD UNDER BRIDGE (RUB) AT X-ING NO LC-34 AT CHARKHI DADRI IN CHARKHI DADRI DISTT. (OUTSIDE THE RAILWAY BOUNDARY) (CMA NO 20387 DT 14.10.2017) (RE-INWITE)	23.07.2019 02.08.2019	77.28 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
3.	PWD B&R, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 5' SPAN SLAB TYPE CULVERT AND BRICK MASONRY SIDE DRAIN ON FAZILPUR TO KAIRWALI ROAD (ROAD ID-8859), IN KARNAL DISTRICT	26.07.2019 07.08.2019	19.21 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2251029 pweedepkarnal@hry.nic.in
4.	PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH AT PANCHKULA	DEVELOPMENT OF PLANTATION IN CENTRAL VERGE FOR CON-SURCTION OF 4 LANNING OF KUNJUPURA KARNAL ROAD FROM KM 0.00 TO 7.800 IN DISTT KARNAL + 4 OTHER WORKS	29.07.2019 05.08.2019	41.97 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0172-2560590
5.	HORTICULTURE, RAMNAGAR	MANUFACTURING OF L.S. BEE HIVES WITH FULL SPUR, SHALLOW SUPER AND MATING NUCLEI FOR APIS MELLIFERA BEES AT IBCD RAMNAGAR (KURUKSHETRA)	29.07.2019 08.08.2019	2 EMD 2 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	9215545737 9996788054
6.	HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SONIPAT	PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS CLEANING, HOUSEKEEPING, GDA, SECURITY, MALI AND DHOBI, ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBER, CARPENTER, MASON, LIFT OPERATOR, CSO/CSAS MANIFOLD TECHNICIAN, COMPUTER OPERATOR ETC. AT CIVIL HOSPITAL, SONIPAT	26.07.2019 07.08.2019	5.70 CRORE	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0130-2218407
7.	CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HARYANA	PROVIDING AIR SHUTTLE SERVICES IN HARYANA UNDER THE STATE UDANSCHHEME	25.07.2019 05.08.2019	EMD 5 LACS	www.haraviation.gov.in TENDER NO E-S/CAD	0172-2709386 cavation@hry.nic.in
8.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTING OF WATER BODY AT VILLAGE NILAHERI NEAR RD 12700/L KASNI MINOR.	CLOSING DATE 07.08.2019	83.23 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	9812111077 xendfrtk@gmail.com
9.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	PROVIDING SERVICES OF CHARGE MAN ELECTRICIAN IN LIFT W/S MECH. DIVISION BHIWANI + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2019	EMD 40,000	www.hid.gov.in	01664-242515 xenmechbhiwani@gmail.com
10.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	HIRING TRACTOR MOUNTED PUMPING SET 6'X6" WITH DIESEL DRIVER COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT FOR DEWATERING OF FLOOD WATER.	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2019	EMD 10,000	www.hid.gov.in	01664-242515 xenmechbhiwani@gmail.com
11.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, YAMUNA NAGAR	PROVIDING SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN 6 NOS. VILLAGES FALLING IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR (UNDER C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT (URBAN SEWERAGE) "EARTH FILLING IN LAND POND ALLOTTED FOR IPS AT KANSEPUR & ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO."	26.07.2019 08.08.2019	27.38 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 2019_HFY_89495_1	01732-237826 / ee2ynagar@pheadharyana.gov.in
12.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, AMBALA	PROVIDING NEW TUBEWELL AND WATER SUPPLY IN PAL AND RAJPUT COLONY (PART OF WILL. MIRGHAN) AND PROV. 1 NO. TUBEWELL IN PLACE OF FAILED TUBEWELL IN VILLAGE SHEKHUPURA KHIALSA BLOCK GHARAUNDA DISTT. KARNAL."	26.07.2019 05.08.2019	13 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 2019_HFY_89815_1	0171-2631402 eeamambala@pheadharyana.gov.in
13.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, REWARI	PAL: DETAILS OF ESTIMATE FOR PROV. AND INSTT. OF 3 NOS T/WELL AND LAYING OF CONNECTING PIPELINE AT VILLAGE PALI DISTT. FARIDABAD "DRILLING OF 1 NO. T/WELL AND PROVIDING FIXING OF 1 NO. PUMPING MACHINERY BY R/RIG. METHOD IN VILLAGE PALI DISTT FARIDABAD & ALL OTHER WORKS CONT				

NEW TASK AFTER AMRAPALI

NBCC can take up Unitech projects, Centre tells SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AFTER BEING entrusted with the task of completing unfinished projects of Amrapali real estate group, the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) may soon have more responsibility coming its way.

On Monday, the Centre told a Supreme Court bench of Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice M R Shah that the Corporation was willing to take up the stalled housing projects of yet another beleaguered real estate major, Unitech Ltd, which is facing lawsuits by homebuyers for failing to deliver their homes.

Attorney General K K Venugopal, representing the Centre, conveyed this to the court in response to a direction asking it to submit a proposal to finish the incomplete projects of the group.

The direction had come after the court rejected Unitech Ltd's application seeking permission



NBCC will act as project management consultant

to continue with the construction of the pending projects.

Moved by the plight of homebuyers, the bench had also asked the Centre to suggest the modalities and name of the third-party agency that could undertake and finish the project in a time-bound manner.

On Monday, Venugopal said NBCC Ltd was ready to act as project management consultant for

the stalled housing projects of Unitech. This means that while NBCC will not do the construction work by itself, it will get the same done through other agencies or private players.

Venugopal also informed the court that the Centre had proposed to put in place a high-powered committee, headed by a former High Court judge, to oversee the work. A technocrat could also

be included in it, he added.

Following the Centre's submission, the bench asked advocate Pawan Shree Agrawal, who is assisting the court as amicus curiae in the matter, to update the proposal on the web portal created on the court's orders so that home buyers can give their feedback.

The court also asked Agrawal to collate the suggestions and convey it to the bench.

The bench said it will seek the assistance of the panel headed by former Delhi High Court judge Justice S N Dhinra, which had been entrusted with the task of selling Unitech's assets.

The court will now hear the matter on August 9.

Last week, the top court, while cancelling the registration of Amrapali Group of Companies under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, had asked the NBCC to complete various projects and hand over possession of the flats numbering around 42,000 to the buyers.

Differently abled man denied access to account, court comes to mother's aid

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

A DELHI court Monday expressed displeasure that a widow had to struggle to gain access to the bank account of her son, who is differently abled. Allowing her access to the same, the court observed: "We, as a society, would fail miserably if a person who suffers from mental disability is refused access to his bank account on the pretext that he interrupts the business operation of the bank officials and customers."

The woman had approached the court seeking appointment as her son's guardian along with a guardianship certificate to operate his bank account with Punjab National Bank. As per court documents, bank officials told the woman that her son, who receives his disability pension in the account, "creates nuisance and disturbs the smooth functioning, not only of the bank officials, but also of customers..."

Additional district judge Hargurvarinder Singh Jaggi in

The woman had approached the court, seeking appointment as her son's guardian, to operate his bank account

his judgment said, "I observe this with grave anguish that the inception and origin of this petition is not from a happy place and the same seems to be totally avoidable if the bank handled the situation from a more sensitised and inclusive mindset. A widowed mother had to run helter skelter and seek recourse to the judicial system to gain access to the bank account of her son, who is a mentally differently abled person".

The court also noted that while keeping the mandate of the Disabilities Act in mind, "it is imperative that institutions such as banks are sensitised... shutting their doors to differently abled persons not only deprives them of accessing their bank accounts and disability

pension, but also adds salt to the injury by defeating the whole purpose of inclusion of differently abled persons in the mainstream".

ADJ Jaggi ordered that a guardianship certificate be issued in favour of the petitioner with the condition that she shall "utilise the disability pension and other benefits granted to him as per his rights and entitlement, solely for the welfare of the subject person".

The court also praised the assistance provided by Lila Singh, legal aid counsel (DLSA, South West, Dwarka), observing that she "addressed the submissions with great sensitivity, clarity and industry and above all keeping in mind the 'inclusiveness' mandated by the Parliament".

The court also ordered that the certified copy of the judgment be sent to the managing director and chief executive officer/director, human resources, at Punjab National Bank, "so that an awareness campaign is undertaken with a purpose to promote values of inclusion, tolerance, empathy and respect for diversity".

2 DU students die in crash: Cops question car's driver

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

POLICE PROBING the car crash Sunday, in which two Delhi University students were killed and three injured, have found that the vehicle may have been speeding and that airbags saved the lives of the 19-year-old driver and his friend seated in the passenger seat of the Honda City.

Police said that after hitting the divider, the car toppled over and 18 passengers — Prabhjot Singh (18), Rubal Sama (20) and Keshav (21) — were flung out of the car because of the impact. Prabhjot, who had recently enrolled at DU's School of Open Learning, and Rubal, a student at Daulat Ram College, were declared dead at GTB Hospital. Police said that Keshav is in a critical condition and has been shifted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

"Eyewitnesses said that the car may have been speeding. The driver, Lakshya Malhotra (19), told us that he lost balance and the car crashed. The car has airbags for the front seats, because of which Malhotra and Arshpreet Kaur (19) survived. Malhotra received only minor injuries and was brought in for questioning Sunday," said a senior police officer.

The five were celebrating Arshpreet's birthday near Dilshad Garden Saturday and were returning home early Sunday morning when the accident took place.

Police said that Malhotra was not intoxicated.

"We came to know about the accident Sunday morning after the cops called us. Arshpreet told us that they were returning home after celebrating her birthday and there were barely any other cars on the road. She said they were speeding..." claimed Arshpreet's father, Yagendra Singh.

Keshav's father, Nitin Kalra, meanwhile, said that his son was still unconscious. "He has suffered major injuries on his head and chest and underwent an operation," he said.

Police said that Keshav and Arshpreet were "unfit" to give a statement Monday.



SHARING A MEAL

CM Arvind Kejriwal Monday visited a kanwaria camp in Dilshad Garden. He said the city government has opened 173 camps for devotees this year, up from last year's 100. Praveen Khanna

Groundwater drying up, few takers for treated wastewater at city parks

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AROUND 200 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated wastewater, which could be used for horticulture, has no takers and is being released into the Yamuna, two senior Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials have told *The Indian Express*.

The officials added that agencies managing parks in the capital have been using groundwater for horticulture, even though treated wastewater is available. The agencies include the DDA and municipal corporations.

A DJB policy prohibits extraction of groundwater for horticultural purposes, but allows treatment of sewage taken from nearby parks and other green belts, and its reuse for gardening.

A senior DJB official said, "Groundwater levels are stressed. Despite this, agencies are using water from borewells and tubewells. We've been requesting them to collect treated wastewater by either sending tankers to our sewage treatment plants (STPs) or by laying pipelines."

The department has informed agencies about STPs located within 5 km of parks, he said. A report, compiled earlier this month by the Yamuna monitoring committee, appointed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT),



Only 89 MGD of treated water is being used

said only 89 MGD, or less than 20% of the wastewater, is being utilised out of the total 459 MGD treated by the DJB.

An official said the capacity of water recycling has now in-

creased to around 500 MGD. This means around 200 MGD of excess treated wastewater is being released into the river at the present, in addition to approximately 240 MGD flown into it mandatorily by the department, according to the DJB. The Yamuna committee has asked the NGT to issue directions on the matter.

DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor said pipelines for carrying treated wastewater have been laid in Dwarka, but get choked sometimes "because of muck". "In some areas, the water is available 5 km away. The distance is killing us. If water was available within half a kilometre, it would be more feasible," he said.

MLAs and MPs should send their children to govt schools: Wangchuk

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

NOTING THAT equitable education can be achieved by strengthening government schools, educationist Sonam Wangchuk Monday suggested making it mandatory for children of public representatives to study in these schools.

Wangchuk, director of the Himalayan Institute of Alternatives and the inspiration for popular Bollywood film *3 Idiots*, was speaking at a one-day conference on 'Education for Equity and Social Responsibility'. Earlier in the day, he — along with



Sonam Wangchuk

the education minister of Odisha — had visited an East Delhi government school where a 'happiness festival' is being held.

"I have travelled to many countries but if we talk of equity, I have not seen any country as un-

fair in its education than ours... It's a country where 5-10% children study in such schools which are probably far ahead of schools in US. Around 90% schools are worse than those in sub-Saharan Africa," he said.

Calling the binary of public and private education the biggest shortcoming of education in India, Wangchuk said, "If everybody's children study in government schools, then there would be far more attention... A lot of times we hear that nothing good can happen in government schools. The reason nothing can happen is that the children of those who have a voice do not study in them... As long as the

clientele are not those who can demand greater quality, there will be no one to give it either."

Suggesting a policy intervention in this direction, he suggested that the children of public representatives should study in government schools. "We can't force everybody to do so. But there should be a policy for those who are public representatives — like MLAs and MPs — to use the services which they claim that they are giving others... I can guarantee that in five years, their children will not suffer, and instead everyone's children will improve... teachers will be sent for training, books will be improved..." he said.

CARETAKER UNTRACEABLE

Missing for a month, Delhi's last elephant has officials on its trail

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

"THERE WAS no elephant like it anywhere between Delhi and Jaipur," said Mehboob Ali (29). "It must be under a lot of distress right now, in an environment that is strange and away from home."

Laxmi (37), the last elephant of Delhi, has been missing since July 6 after its mahout, Saddam, allegedly fled with it during a scuffle with the forest department, which had gone to seize the elephant from a shed on the banks of the Yamuna near ITO. Saddam, when contacted, claimed he was in his hometown Samastipur since July 1, and denied that Laxmi was with him.

For now, there's no sign of Laxmi and also a lack of clarity on who owns it. A forest department official said, "Laxmi is untraceable. The chief wildlife warden has sent a letter to adjoining states, mentioning its microchip number."



Laxmi has been missing since July 6

It is alleged that its caretaker Yusuf Ali took hold of the elephant illegally after his brother Yaqoob, who had an ownership certificate, died in 2014. Forest department official also said the elephant does not belong to Yusuf.

Mehboob, Yaqoob's son, said, "Yusuf had an elephant shed close to ours in Sangam Vihar and after my father died, he un-

tied Laxmi from its shed one night and took it away. We tried to take back the elephant, but his family kept making false allegations to police against us."

He claimed a civil and criminal case has been filed against Yusuf and a district court is hearing the matter. The Delhi High Court is also hearing a petition filed by Yusuf against a single-bench order from March 2019,

which directed that the elephant be surrendered to the forest department. In April, the HC had said the elephant should not be moved until requirements specified under a previous order had been met.

The order stated that Laxmi and two other elephants were to be transferred to Ban Santour elephant rehabilitation centre in Haryana, for which an approval had been sought. "It is directed that the elephants would only be seized once necessary arrangements for their transfer to the new sites have been finalised," the order said.

The forest department, meanwhile, received confirmation from Haryana chief wildlife warden on July 1 that Laxmi could be moved there, after which officials went to seize her.

Meanwhile, Yusuf's wife Shabana denied that her husband took hold of the elephant illegally. She said she was unaware of his and Laxmi's whereabouts.

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In the matter of O.A. No. 913/2017/DRT-III
Applicants
VIJAYA BANK
VS
M. SANJEEV KUMAR & ORS.
Defendants

To D-1 MR. SANJEEV KUMAR S/O MR. SATYA NARAYAN MANDAL R/O LIG FLAT NO. 62C BLOCK 16, SECTOR -135, NOIDA.
D-2 MRS. SUSHMA KUMARI W/O MR. SANJEEV KUMAR R/O LIG FLAT NO. 62C BLOCK 16, SECTOR -135, NOIDA.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 02.08.2019 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 26th day of July 2019.
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Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice dated 04.05.2018 calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for the amount mentioned against their names and interest thereon.

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

1. Name of the Borrower:- Mr. Laukesh Kumar S/O Mahendra Singh At Vill-Harpura, Post-Mahamadpur, Gopalpur, P.S.-Bikram, Dist.-Patna, Bihar-801104, Date of Demand Notice:-04.05.2018 & 04.05.2018, Date of Possession:-25.07.2019, Outstanding amount as per demand notice:-₹11,57,044/- + 3,00,829/- as on 30.04.2018 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization, The dues payable as on the date of taking possession:- ₹15,05,607/- with interest thereon at contractual rates rests as agreed, charges etc from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. Description of the Immovable Property:-The land with constructed G+1 Floor bearing sole deed no. 6790 dated 03.11.2014 land measuring area of 15 Dhur (2.345 Decimal) situated at Mauza-Khoraiha, P.S.-Bikram, Thana No. -59, Khata No.-161, Tazui No.Bihar Govt., Survey Plot No.1041(P), Sub-Registry Office-Bikram, Dist.-Patna in the name of Laukesh Kumar S/o Sri Mahendra Singh. Boundary: (As per Deed) North-Sri Ram Pukar Tiwari, South-Smt. Kamala Devi, East-Survey Plot No. 1041, West-Rasta. (As per Valuation report Actual): North-Sri Ram Pukar Tiwari, South-Smt. Kamala Devi, East-Survey Plot No. 1041, West-Rasta.

2. Name of the Borrower:- Mrs. Meera Devi W/O Lav Kush Sharma C/O Gopal Singh, Vill.-Jafra Bhagwanpur, Post-Tishkhora, PS-Naubatpur, Dist.-Patna, Pin-801109. Date of Demand Notice:-04.05.2018, Date of Possession:-25.07.2019, Outstanding amount as per demand notice:-₹2,05,011/- as on 30.04.2018 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization, The dues payable as on the date of taking possession:- ₹2,33,630/- with interest thereon at contractual rates as agreed, charges etc from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. Description of the Immovable Property:-Land measuring area of 3.125 Decimals (1.0 Kattha) situated at Mauza-Bihta, PS-Bihta, Thana No.-47, Khata No.-16 & 30, Tazui No.-2582, Survey Plot No.910,911, Sub Registry Office-Danapur, Dist.-Patna, Bihar in the name of Smt. Meera Devi W/o Sri Lav Kush Sharma. Boundary: (As per Deed) North-Smt. Sulekha Devi, South-Smt. Dharamsheela Devi, East-Sri Rameshwar Singh & Others, Presently 10' wide West Rasta, West-Sri Bhagwat Singh. (As per valuation report Actual): North-H/O Sulekha Devi, South-H/O Dharamsheela Devi, East-12' Kuchha Rasta, West-L/O Bhagwat Singh.

Date : 25.07.2019
Place : Bihta
Authorized Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

FROM THE GALLERY

LOK SABHA PASSES NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION BILL

Govt says NMC Bill to root out inspection raj, Oppn protests

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE LOK Sabha on Monday passed the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, 2019, which seeks to replace the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.

Concluding his reply to questions raised by MPs, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan termed the Bill as one that will "go down in history as one of the greatest reforms of this government".

Several MPs, including those of the Congress, AIADMK, CPI(M) and IUML, opposed the Bill, with Congress floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanding that it be sent to the select committee.

Vardhan said, "Let me assure every MP, medical professional, and student that the basic intent of the government is to ensure and restore utmost standard of integrity in education, particularly medical education. Nobody should have any apprehension about the intention of the government."

He said the Bill is not against the country's federal structure because states, and not the Centre, will issue students Medical-Essentiality Certificates. "The NMC Bill is anti-vested interests. It will help us move away from inspection raj. It will select one-time and full-time regulators," he said.

The Bill lists its intent as provision of medical education system which ensures adequate and high-quality medical professionals, latest medical research, periodic assessment of medical institutions, and an effective grievance redressal mechanism.

Thirty-two MPs spoke during the nearly six-hour discussion on the Bill, with many of

Docs, students rally against 'anti-poor' Bill

New Delhi: More than 5,000 doctors, medical students and healthcare professionals held a protest march in the national capital on Monday against the NMC Bill on a call given by the Indian Medical Association (IMA). IMA national president Dr Santanu Sen said: "NMC is the worst Bill ever introduced in the medical education system.... We will not accept this atrocity at any cost. The Bill is anti-people, anti-poor, anti-students, anti-democratic, and draconian in nature."

Dr Harjit Bhatti, IMA junior doctor's network vice-president, said: "The provision to fix fee of private medical colleges, capped to 50 per cent of the seats, has been further diluted to framing guidelines only." **ENS**

them raising concerns about the NMC members' appointment process, the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), and non-regulation of private medical colleges.

The NMC will have 25 members, all appointed by the Central government on recommendation of a search committee comprising the Cabinet Secretary and five experts nominated by the Centre.

TDP member K Srinivas said this will lead to "favouritism and bureaucratic interference" in the selection process. "Medical education will become more expensive due to this Bill," he said. "Under NMC, medical colleges will

need permission only once since there is no annual renewal mandated. After that, colleges can increase seats beyond the stipulated 250 and can even start postgraduate courses on their own. It will be chaotic and unregulated."

The Bill talks of a uniform NEET exam for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate super-specialty medical education.

Members such as Hasmain Masoodi (National Conference), E T Mohammad Basheer (AIUML) and N K Premachandran (RSP) raised concerns about marginalisation of poor students, especially from rural areas, in the NEET system. Basheer and S Venkatesan (CPI-M) said it will affect the federal structure.

Premachandran said 1.43 lakh students took NEET exams last year, of whom 75,000 qualified. "Where will the rest 68,000 go?"

Members from opposition parties also objected to a clause in the Bill that allows the NMC to only determine fees for up to 50 per cent of the seats in private institutions. Congress MP M K Raghavan said, "This Bill will increase the cost of medical treatment. Leaving it to private institutions to determine fees for the remaining 50 per cent will have an adverse effect."

Minister Harsh Vardhan said all government-run medical colleges already have their fees regulated, and that this Bill seeks regulating 50 per cent fees in even private medical colleges. He said the Bill provides for stronger action against quacks, who are liable for up to one-year jail and Rs 5 lakh fine.

Vardhan said, "NEET has already been institutionalised and the country has seen successful implementation. Forty-five years ago, when we had to enter the medical profession, we had to take 10-12 different exams. Now you have to appear for one exam only," he said.



BJP member Rama Devi outside Parliament on Monday. Renuka Puri

Azam Khan apologises, BJP MP says he is in habit of making such remarks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

IN A tight spot over objectionable remarks against BJP member Rama Devi, Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan tendered an apology in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Devi, who was in the Chair last Thursday when Khan had made the remarks, said the SP member has a habit of uttering words against women. As members appeared restive over his first apology, Khan had to apologise again.

Speaker Om Birla called upon Khan to speak as soon as the House met for the day.

Khan said: "Sir, (in) the issue regarding me, which has come up before you, neither did I feel in such a way towards the Chair, nor is it possible. I was a Parliamentary Affairs minister (in Uttar Pradesh) twice. I have been an MLA nine times, a minister four times and a Rajya Sabha member too. The entire House is aware of my conduct and speech. However, if the Chair still feels that there was something wrong in my feelings (*mujhse bhavana mein koi galati hui hai*), I seek forgiveness for it."

The Speaker then called upon Devi, who said that she could not hear what Khan said, apparently due to noise. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, seated next to Khan, then said, "He has said whatever he had to."

The Speaker told Khan to repeat his remarks.

At this stage, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi intervened to say that Khan should tender an apology in the "right language". As several Opposition members began speaking simultaneously, an agitated Joshi exclaimed, "He has not done it... You want to defend him... What is it that you are doing?"

Yadav objected to an expression used by Devi amid the din and referred to the accident involving the Unnao rape victim, and also claimed that BJP members only shouted "Jai Shri Ram", and never "Jai Siya Ram".



Khan in LS: 'It is not possible for me to say anything against the Chair'. PTI

Turning to Khan, the Speaker said, "Please offer your apology again. You have a big heart."

Khan said, "I had said it before as well. She (Devi) is like my sister. Whether I say something once or a thousand times, it remains the same... It is not possible for me to say anything against the Chair. Still, if my words hurt anyone, I apologise."

The Speaker said, "It is all right." But Devi said Khan's remarks had pained the whole country and that she did not come to the House to hear such things. She said that Khan had made derogatory remarks against women on several occasions outside the House, too, but had now done it inside the House. She said Khan's habit was beyond repair and that he should improve it.

When Yadav tried to speak, Devi asked why he was supporting Khan, and that the latter has a voice of his own.

The Speaker wrapped up the issue with a long observation. "The House," he told the members, "belongs to everybody. It runs with everybody's concurrence. The Chair is yours and it is your responsibility to maintain its prestige. I beseech all of you and also ministers to look towards the Chair while speaking." He said that considering "the apology had been tendered by the member in accordance with the decision of all parties, we should try to ensure that no member should repeat this in future."



Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi and DMK legislator Kanimozhi at Parliament House on Monday. Anil Sharma

RS passes bankruptcy code amendments for clarity on debt resolution mechanism

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

ABILL to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to ensure more clarity in the debt resolution mechanism was passed in the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote on Monday.

Replying to a debate on the Bill to amend the IBC, which was passed by Parliament in 2016, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the changes were "brought in for greater clarity" so that "no grey area prevails", and "no interpretations which are going against the original intent of the Act are still prevalent".

The Bill was discussed for nearly four hours in the House.

The amendments set a deadline to complete the insolvency resolution process — 14 days for admitting or rejecting an application and 330 days for litigation and other judicial processes. It also provides clarity on permissibility of corporate restructuring schemes, the rights and duties of authorised representatives of voters, distribution of the recovery between financial and operations creditors, and makes it binding on Union and state governments.

The Bill states that if owed to a class of creditors, then the group will have a representative on the committee of creditors who will vote on their behalf. The representative's vote should be decided by a majority of the voting share of the creditors it represents.

The balance of stakeholders was becoming an issue, which is why the amendments have been brought in, she said. Sitharaman said IBC has brought down recovery time and has increased the rate of recovery for creditors.

She said that compared to the time when companies went under liquidation and the lenders did not get anything, they are now able to recover 43 per cent of their dues on an average under IBC. If successful bidders do not execute the resolution, there are provisions



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Rajya Sabha. PTI

for criminal prosecution, Sitharaman told the House. The new changes, the Finance Minister said, were in response to "newer challenges".

Beginning the discussion, Congress leader Kapil Sibal said the economy is going through "very difficult times" and the manufacturing sector is in doldrums. Although he appreciated the government for bringing the IBC, which he said is the "need of the hour", Sibal said the government's measures could trigger unemployment.

He claimed that only one of every five cases ended in resolution, while the rest led to liquidation. Sibal said the liquidation of small companies will lead to people losing jobs and demanded that the Bill be sent to a Select Committee — a request made by several members of the Opposition.

Binoy Viswam of the CPI called the Bill a "a manifesto of an unholy alliance between the government, corporates, rich and bureaucrats" and said that neither the government nor the banks are beneficiaries. He demanded that the government should make public the names of 9,331 wilful defaulters. "We want recovery; recovery is not resolution," he said. **FULL REPORT ON**

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House passes Bill to check unregulated deposit schemes

New Delhi: The Banning of Unregulated Deposit Scheme Bill, 2019, which was passed by the Lok Sabha last week, got unanimous support in the Rajya Sabha on Monday. The Bill is aimed at checking chit fund and Ponzi schemes in the country.

BJP leader Suresh Prabhru said the Bill was comprehensive and was required to help mobilise savings. "If you can reach out to the people and get their money into productive means, it is the best thing that can happen," Prabhru said, adding that India needs to increase its savings rate.

Congress member T Subbarami Reddy said the "mechanism by which the depositors can be repaid without delay by attaching the assets of defaulting establishments" is a "very good clause".

Derek O'Brien of the TMC mentioned that the Bill was the first in the House to have been scrutinised by a parliamentary committee.

MoS (Finance) Anurag Thakur, speaking in the Upper House for the first time, said that a "comprehensive Bill" was brought in based on the recommendations of the standing committee. **ENS**

RS disrupted briefly as Oppn raises Unnao issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE OPPOSITION raised the issue of the accident involving the Unnao rape survivor in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, leading to brief disruption of proceedings. The woman had accused BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar of sexual assault in 2017. The woman and her lawyer were critically injured while her two aunts were killed when the car they were travelling in collided with a truck in Gurubakshganj area of Rae Bareilly on Sunday.

Raising the matter during the Zero Hour, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav alleged that an attempt was made to "kill" the woman. He said the trial was to begin in Allahabad on Monday and witnesses were to appear for deposition. The SP leader said the two women who died were witnesses.

"What is unfortunate is that the security (personnel) provided to her had gone on leave. The front and rear registration plates of the truck involved in the accident were also covered with grease," he said. Yadav claimed that an inquiry was ordered into the rape case only



Samajwadi Party member Ram Gopal Yadav alleged bid to kill the rape victim

after the victim had gone to the Chief Minister's residence and threatened to commit suicide.

As soon as Yadav raised the issue, almost the entire Opposition, including members of the SP, BSP, Congress and AAP, stood up, demanding a response from the government.

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said the Home Minister will take note of the matter, but the protesting members did not yield. "It is a state issue but I still allowed it because of the seriousness of the woman's condition and what has happened after the CBI inquiry... Ram Gopalji has mentioned that. That has gone on record. I have already told the government to take note of the same," Naidu said, but the members did not relent after which the House was adjourned for 15 minutes.

RS adjourned for 15 minutes due to smoke

New Delhi: Rajya Sabha was adjourned for 15 minutes on Monday after a member detected smoke coming out of a voting-cum-mike console on a seat in the treasury benches.

During Zero Hour, BJP MP K J Alphons complained of smoke emanating from the mike console. He and his party colleague Parshottam Rupala moved to another seat even as Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu directed Parliament staff to check it.

"Don't be panicky. You may sit in other seats till it is attended to. The staff will take care of it," Naidu said, but soon adjourned proceedings for 15 minutes. When the House reassembled, Naidu said, "It will be inquired to find out the reasons behind short-circuit." **ENS**

Dam safety Bill tabled in LS, Oppn says state subject

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

JAL SHAKTI Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat introduced the Dam Safety Bill, 2019 in Lok Sabha on Monday even as several Opposition members protested against the legislation.

The Bill seeks to set up the National Dam Safety Authority for proper surveillance, inspection and maintenance of specified dams and to address unresolved issues between States.

The key contention of Opposition members was that the Centre was seeking to appropriate powers of the States. Shekhawat



Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

denied the charge.

Among those who opposed the Bill were Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Tarun Gogoi, Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari of the Congress, Bhartruhari Mahtab of the BJD, Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress, A Raja of DMK and N K Premachandran of RSP.

Mahtab urged the minister to "reconsider the Bill, talk to respective (state) governments and come back to us". He said even though Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal had supported the 2010 version of the Bill, the latest legislation was "very different". Tharoor argued that "water" was a State subject. "Parliament does not have competence to make this law." He said there was "no mandate to offer compensation to people who are victims of dam failure and there is also the environmental impact which has not been mentioned so far".

Premachandran said "water and the allied subjects absolutely come within the purview of the State list".

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OPPN HAD ASKED CHAIRMAN TO ENSURE ITS VOICE NOT SMOTHERED

Venkaiah counters Oppn, says Bills sent to panels

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

RAJYA SABHA Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday came out with a point-by-point rebuttal to the Opposition's charge that its voice was being "smothered" in the House, saying empirical evidence prove that the complaint does not stand scrutiny.

Referring to the letter written to him by 17 Opposition leaders, he said it has sent a message that Parliament is not making laws in a proper way and has cast a cloud over functioning of the apex legislature.

The Opposition's main criticism was that Bills were being passed without scrutiny of standing committees or select committees. Responding to the charge, Naidu said he was not in a position to comment on Bills which were introduced in Lok Sabha, but pointed out that eight of the 10 Bills introduced in the Upper House since he had taken over as Chairman had been referred to standing committees.

"I hope that all of you would agree that such a record would not justify the allegation if it is so intended that Rajya Sabha is a party to hurried legislation," Naidu said during Zero Hour.

Naidu said four Bills have been introduced first in Rajya



Venkaiah Naidu

Sabha so far in this session. "Of these, three Bills have been taken up for consideration and passed. These Bills could not be referred to the Standing Committees because they are still to be constituted. The Opposition insisted on only the RTI Bill to be referred to the Select Committee of the House," he said. Naidu said eight Bills to be taken up in Rajya Sabha have already been scrutinised by Standing Committees.

He also responded to the Opposition's charge that the first sessions of the last four Lok Sabhas had about 10 sittings each and "only a handful of Bills, that had undergone parliamentary scrutiny, were passed" whereas the first session of 17th Lok Sabha has had 30 sittings and in this period a "dubious record" has been set up as 14 Bills

have been passed without scrutiny by any Parliamentary Committee.

He also referred to the Opposition charge that in the four weeks of Budget session, only two Short Duration Discussions have been allowed as against the practice of one short duration discussion a week.

Naidu gave details of Short Duration Discussions between 1978 and 2013. "For 16 of these 36 years, the Rajya Sabha took up Short Duration Discussions in the range of one to five in a year... For another 14 years, such discussions were taken up in the range of six to eight per year. Since there are a minimum of three Sessions of Rajya Sabha every year, going by the above data, the number of Short Duration Discussions taken up in Rajya Sabha during those 30 years was less than three per session. This does not support the contention that by convention, one such discussion is taken up every week during the sessions of Rajya Sabha."

"Three Calling Attention Motions have already been taken up in this session... empirical evidence goes to prove that the complaint of smothering the voice of the Opposition in RS also does not stand scrutiny."

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Oppn faces unity test as RS takes up triple talaq Bill today

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AS CHARGES fly thick and fast between Opposition parties over what went wrong with the RTI (Amendment) Bill, their unity will be tested once more on Tuesday when Rajya Sabha takes up the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Bill, 2019.

With the JD(U) having already declared its unhappiness with the Bill, the government will look at some last-minute surprises like it managed in the RTI Bill. The Opposition, on the other hand, seems to be in disarray following the voting on the RTI (amendment) Bill in Rajya Sabha last week where their unity came undone and the legislation cleared the Upper House hurdle.

There have been no coordination meetings between the Opposition parties since then and the trust deficit is evident with questions being asked about key absences in the House when the RTI Bill was passed. It is, therefore, at an opportune moment that the contentious Muslim Women (Protection of Rights of Marriage) Bill, 2019 - commonly known as Triple Talaq Bill - has been listed in the Rajya Sabha list of business for Tuesday.

Some abstentions - like the JD(U)'s in the lower House or

EXPLAINED Trust deficit in Oppn ranks may help govt

THE FINGER pointing, even in private circles, does not augur well for Opposition unity for the rest of this session and may pave the way for the clearance of several of the seven Bills which the parties had agreed to push for legislative scrutiny. Both the RTI and triple talaq Bills were in that list.

some last-minute changes of heart like that of the BJD and the TRS in the RTI Bill is all that the government needs to make the Triple Talaq Ordinance a law. The fate of the Bill, which seeks to criminalise instant Triple Talaq in Muslims, will essentially hinge on what position three parties take - the JD(U) and TRS with six seats each and the YSR Congress with two.

The RTI Bill 2019 was passed in Rajya Sabha Thursday with walkouts and cross-voting that left Opposition parties stumped. Off the record, Opposition leaders questioned the absence of several key MPs on the crucial voting day. Since the voting was held through secret ballot, there is no way to ascertain which way MPs voted. So, everyone is now being put under the lens in Opposition circles even though they are not openly pointing fingers at one another.

"There have been no coordination meetings since Thursday. But to be fair, they (government)

announced the extension suddenly and many leaders were not aware. Some of them have gone back to their constituencies. But yes, there are misgivings," said an Opposition MP.

Meanwhile, the Opposition parties which wrote to Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu last week on Bills being passed without scrutiny were not happy with his response on Monday.

Trinamool Congress's leader in the House, Derek O'Brien, said, "Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is an honourable man. Sadly, his statement this morning in the House we had already read it in the papers yesterday and day before, we are not hearing it for the first time. The letter was not about when somebody became chairman. It was about the fact that 14 bills that have been passed were not scrutinised, Rule 95 was not followed... We have nothing against the chairman, what he said is correct. But we also have to be given an opportunity to reply."

EXPLAIN NO MORE!

EVEN PARTY loyalty, it seems, has its limits of endurance. This was evident in Lok Sabha after the nearly six-hour-long discussion on the National Medical Commission Bill. As the Speaker instructed Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to reply to questions of only MPs who were present in the House, and to all 32 MPs who took part in the discussion, each time Vardhan called out an MP's name, the BJP MPs said in a loud chorus that the MP was not present - even in some cases when the member was very much seated in the House. Towards the end of his long speech, as Harsh Vardhan said, "If members have some more patience and time, I could explain..." he was cut off mid-sentence by BJP MPs with a resounding "No".

STILL NO NEWS

CONGRESS GENERAL secretary in charge of organisation, KC Venugopal, on Monday convened a meeting of party general secretaries and states in-charge scheduled for Wednesday. The development set off speculation that it could be related to the exercise to find a successor to Rahul Gandhi, who has resigned as the party president. Leaders, however, said the meeting is meant to chalk out programmes the party wants to organise to mark the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi next month. Party leaders, meanwhile, indicated that a meeting of the Congress Working Committee would be convened soon, and the date would be decided in the next couple of days. Congress leaders said they are considering whether to convene the meeting of the CWC this weekend, or after Parliament session ends on August 7.

WHOSE BABY?

WHO BROUGHT in the real estate regulator - the RERA - led to a slight digression during the discussion on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Amendment Bill in Rajya Sabha on Monday. BJP's Bhubendra Yadav credited the NDA government for it, but soon as he finished his speech, Kumari Selja of the Congress said the UPA government had brought the Bill. Yadav responded, "You had started it, but we completed it." Satyanarayan Jatiya, who was in the Chair, interjected in the light-hearted banter, saying, "Ismein RERA, kya tera kya mera (in RERA, what is yours, what is mine?)"

UNNAO RAPE VICTIM CRITICALLY INJURED IN ACCIDENT



A protest in support of the Unnao rape victim at India Gate on Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

Ensure free, fair, speedy probe of accident: NCW

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EXPRESSING CONCERN over the accident of the Unnao rape survivor, the National Commission for Women (NCW) directed the Director General of Police (DGP), Uttar Pradesh on Monday to look into the matter and ensure a "free, fair, and speedy investigation".

In her letter addressed to state DGP OP Singh, NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma said, "The Commission is seriously concerned about the unfortunate incident... It is requested to ensure absolutely free, fair, and speedy investigation into the matter and take action deemed appropriate for the crime committed". The letter also directed the UP police to keep the Commission apprised of the investigations at each stage.

The NCW also said that it will dispatch a team from the Commission to investigate the matter.

Earlier in the day, Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Malviyal visited the trauma centre and sent a letter to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

"The girl has suffered tremendously for reporting the crime of rape inflicted on her by sitting MLA of your party... The commission during its interaction with the family members of the victim as well as doctors is of the view that the victims should be urgently treated at the best hospital of Delhi... Further, the most shameful has been the fact that till date Sengar happens to be an MLA. I appeal to you that in the interest of humanity, ensure that he is immediately removed both as a member of BJP as well as the UP legislative Assembly," the letter stated.

Oppn parties cry 'conspiracy'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A DAY after the Unnao rape victim and her lawyer were injured and two of her aunts killed in an accident, Opposition parties pointed to a "conspiracy" and demanded a high-level probe into the matter.

The Congress said it was a "brazen attempt" to kill the rape victim, her family and advocate to "bury the proceedings", and demanded that the Supreme Court take suo motu cognizance and supervise the investigation of the case.

Congress leader Manish Tewari alleged complete breakdown in law and order in Uttar Pradesh. Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi tweeted, "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao. A new special education bulletin for Indian women. Don't ask questions if a BJP MLA is accused of having raped you", while Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked, "Where has the CBI investigation in the case reached so far? Why is accused MLA still in BJP? Why was there negligence in security of the victim?"

The SP and BSP also alleged the incident was a conspiracy to kill the rape victim. "Every mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, and sister of the country is in deep shock with this so-called incident that appears to be an attempt to murder the rape victim. The anger women have with this incident will cost a lot to the government of double standards. Shameful. Commendable," SP leader Akhilesh Yadav tweeted.

BSP chief Mayawati said, "The collision of the Unnao rape victim's car with a truck yesterday in Rae Bareilly prima facie appears to be a conspiracy to kill her... Honorable Supreme Court should ensure strict action against the culprits after taking cognizance of the matter."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee demanded a high-level inquiry and urged PM Narendra Modi to look into the incident.

Hundreds of protesters gathered at India Gate in New Delhi in the evening in solidarity with the rape victim. "We are all here as people, not politicians or activists, to support a girl who has been through a lot in the last two years and is now fighting death," said Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogendra Yadav at the protest.

TMC launches mass contact campaign to reach grassroots

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KOLKATA, JULY 29

TWO MONTHS after losing significant ground to the BJP in the last Lok Sabha elections, the Trinamool Congress on Monday launched a mass outreach programme to strengthen its grassroots connection ahead of the Assembly elections in the state due in 2021.

Announcing the launch of the programme at an event in Kolkata, Trinamool Congress chief and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that as a part of the mass contact programme, more than 1,000 TMC leaders, including its MPs, MLAs, ministers and office bearers will travel to 10,000 villages across the state in the next 100 days to meet people and listen to their problems.

The CM also launched "Didi Ke Bol" (Till Didi) digital campaign - toll-free number 9137091370 and www.didikebolo.com website - through which people could directly convey their grievances or suggestions to her.

Tribunal orders reinstatement of suspended Kerala DGP

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 29

IN A setback to the state government, the Ernakulam bench of Central Administrative Tribunal on Monday ordered that suspended DGP Jacob Thomas, who has been under suspension over the last one-and-a-half years, should be immediately reinstated in a post equivalent to his rank.

The seniormost IPS officer in Kerala was suspended in December 2017 after he criticised the government's rescue efforts in the aftermath of Cyclone Okhi. The government has since then extended his suspension period under the pretext of one probe or another. "... suspension cannot take the form of punishment. Suspension from service of an employee is solely to be resorted to in order to facilitate an impartial inquiry... Mechanically ordering continuance of the suspension period brings no credit to a model employer," said the bench of E K Bharat Bhushan.

'Need counter-view from policy makers on vaccine hesitancy'

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

NINE INDIAN companies produce vaccines prequalified for use by the World Health Organisation; yet in India and the world over, the very success of vaccines is contributing to rising vaccine hesitancy, said Dr Trevor Mundel, President, Global Health Division, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on Monday. According to WHO, vaccine hesitancy refers to delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services.

"You have to rectify the situa-

tion of complacency that seems to have gotten into both at the policy level and among medical specialists who have seen and understand the huge population (level) benefits of vaccination. Take something like measles vaccination, it seems that its very success in eliminating measles has made people forget about the problems of disability and deaths caused by the disease. There needs to be a counter-view from policy makers and the medical field," Dr Mundel told *The Indian Express* on the sidelines of the Leadership Dialogue Series organised by the department of biotechnology and AIIMS.

India since last year has seen a resurgence of diphtheria in big cities including Delhi despite the fact that vaccine for the disease is among the oldest in the public health programme. The comeback of the disease caused the Union Health Ministry to commission a study on vaccine hesitancy.

In his speech at AIIMS, Dr Mundel spoke about India's vaccine industry and his foundation's eagerness to partner with it. "Nine Indian companies produce vaccines that are prequalified for global use by the WHO," he said.

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Madhya Pradesh reclaims 'tiger state' tag from Karnataka

MILIND GHATAWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 29

WITH THE release of the "Status of Tiger, Co-predators and Prey in India" report, Madhya Pradesh on Monday reclaimed the 'Tiger State' tag from Karnataka.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that if the tigers and forests in the country are safe today, the credit goes to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who ensured that the Lok Sabha cleared the Forests Act, 1980, despite opposition. He said she was dubbed anti-development, but the same legislation not only conserved bio-

diversity, but also increased it.

"It would be an injustice to MP to say it is number one in the country because it's number one in the world," he said. Nath said that as Union Minister of State (Independent charge) of Environment and Forests, he extended help to protect tigers and forests in MP and this led to the development of Pench, Sanjay Gandhi and Bandhavgarh national parks.

Expressing satisfaction over the Tiger State label, he said tiger was an identity of the state and it has been proved that MP was the safest place for tiger, forests and other wildlife. Besides congratulating officials and employees of tiger reserves and national parks, he thanked institutions, individuals and experts involved in tiger conservation for alerting the government from time to time.

MP lost the Tiger State tag to Karnataka in 2010. On Monday, it narrowly surged ahead of Karnataka to reclaim the leading position.

Former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said it was a matter of pride that MP again got the "Tiger State of India" status. He said special initiatives had been undertaken to protect tigers when the BJP was in power in the state from 2003 to 2018.

Vacancy at top causing chaos: Cong leaders

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE UNCERTAINTY plaguing the Congress ever since the resignation of Rahul Gandhi as party chief is causing chaos and confusion in the party, senior leaders said on Monday, even as AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal agreed with party MP Shashi Tharoor that lack of clarity over leadership is hurting the party.

Interestingly, the Congress did not disassociate itself from or contradict Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's remarks that AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is an "excellent choice" for the post of Congress president and that she would enjoy all-round support. With regard to Singh's statement, the party said Congressmen are entitled to articulate their point of view.

Asked about Tharoor's remarks, Venugopal told *The Indian Express*, "What he (Tharoor) said is not correct. It is right that the President of the Indian National Congress has resigned. But at the time of his resignation, Rahul Gandhi had said that he would perform his duty till a new president is appointed. And Rahul Gandhi is fulfilling that role and is taking important decisions. So what Tharoor said is not correct. Congress is not rudderless." Venugopal said the Congress



'India is a young nation, will respond to young leader'

Regretting Rahul Gandhi's refusal to take back his resignation, Amarinder further said that Priyanka was ideally suited to head the Congress, which needed a dynamic young leader to rebuild it after the recent Lok Sabha election loss.

"She has the intelligence and instinct to understand and relate to the needs of the nation, and also has the courage to take on any challenge and take the fight to victory," he added.

Amarinder expressed confidence she will easily get the support of the party's rank and file, across regions.



Shashi Tharoor

Working Committee would meet soon and take a decision on the next course of action.

On Singh's remarks, Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari said, "I think you need to draw a distinction. When the party takes a stand, it takes a stand on issues which are extrinsic to the party. On matters which are intrinsic to the party, since we are a democratic party, the people have a right to articulate their point of view."

Several senior leaders admitted that the confusion over leadership is hurting the party.

"Things should happen. When it will happen and what will happen I can't say, but the confusion is hurting the party definitely. There is disquiet and anxiety because of the continuing uncertainty which has demoralised the ranks. And the anxiety emanates from what has happened in many of the states, the latest being the fall of the government in Karnataka. And it is also over the desertions in Telangana, Goa and Maharashtra. There is no battle plan for Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand," a senior CWC member told *The Indian Express*.

Kin say UP teen set on fire after he refused to chant Jai Shri Ram

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A 16-YEAR-OLD Muslim boy has suffered serious burns after four unidentified persons allegedly set him on fire in Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh.

The boy's family members have alleged that he was set on fire after he refused to chant "Jai Shri Ram". He has suffered 50-60 per cent burns, mainly on the stomach and back and sources said his condition is critical.

While an FIR has been registered against unidentified persons, the police have said there are "contradictions" in the statements of the boy as he has named three different spots when asked where the incident took place.

Chandauli SP Santosh Kumar Singh said initial probe suggests

that the allegations made by the boy were false and it was suspected that he set himself on fire owing to superstitious beliefs.

"We were told that a minor boy of Lohia Nagar town was set on fire. The boy was taken to hospital. An FIR was registered on the complaint of the boy's brother, alleging that unidentified members of a certain community in Manrajpur village set him on fire. In different statements, the boy named three villages as the place where the incident occurred," said the SP.

"The boy was referred to BHU trauma centre and later to the burns ward at Varanasi district hospital. By Sunday afternoon, the victim's family alleged that some people asked him to chant Jai Shri Ram and set him afire when he refused," he said, adding that a probe is on.

'Rape victim' who set herself on fire dies, police say no proof of rape yet

HAMZA KHAN JAIPUR, JULY 29

A DAY after she set herself on fire at a police station in Jaipur, a woman succumbed to her injuries on Monday morning, police said. The woman had earlier lodged a police complaint, alleging that she had been raped by a relative.

However, police have said she was in a consensual relationship and added that their "investigation so far doesn't prove her rape accusations".

In a complaint lodged on June 5, the woman alleged that a relative raped her four years ago. She had said that the accused visited her home when her husband, who was in the Army, was away.

She said the accused later called her to different hotels and

raped her while blackmailing her with videos. She had said that due to the repeated assaults, she became pregnant and had to undergo an abortion on October 25, 2016. The accused then took her to multiple hotels in Udaipur, Ajmer, Nainital and Delhi and raped her, she alleged. She also alleged that he used to keep her and her husband's ATM cards with him and extorted money.

Following her complaint, an FIR was lodged under charges of rape and extortion and sections of the IT Act.

On Sunday, the woman reached the police station with her teenage son and inquired about the SHO, who was the investigating officer in the case. The SHO was away on duty and the woman left the building. According to police officers, she then asked her son to go back in and fetch her pen. As soon as he

went inside, she retrieved an inflammable liquid from her two-wheeler and set herself on fire.

The woman was rushed to a government hospital, where her statement was recorded before a magistrate. She succumbed to her injuries at 4.45 am Monday.

Police have said that during their investigation, it was found that woman's marriage was in trouble and that her relationship with the accused was consensual, but differences crept up between the two after he got engaged to another woman.

Jaipur Police Commissioner Anand Srivastava said, "The investigation so far has found that the two had established relations and so far, no strong evidence to prove her accusations has been found."

Moreover, it was found that divorce proceedings between the woman and her husband

were ongoing, police said

Talking to The Indian Express, the woman's husband said, "People with the accused threatened us and openly told us that they have paid Rs 10 lakh to the police, hence no harm will come to them."

On their divorce proceedings, he said, "She used to stay lost all the time and wouldn't say anything. Since she would not communicate, I decided to file for divorce. However, as soon as I filed for divorce, she opened up and told me how she was depressed following her rape, blackmailing and extortion."

He said that she had been driven to the extreme step because the police were not listening to her. "She had gone to the police station but the officials scolded her, due to which she set herself on fire at the police station itself," he said.

2007 RAPE, MURDER OF PUNE BPO EMPLOYEE

HC commutes death penalty of 2 convicts

SAILÉE DHAYALKAR & MAYURA JANWALKAR MUMBAI, JULY 29

MORE THAN two years after their mercy petitions were rejected by the President, the Bombay High Court on Monday commuted the death sentence of two convicts for the 2007 kidnapping, rape and murder of a BPO employee in Pune and sentenced them to life imprisonment, observing that the delay in their execution was "undue, inordinate and unreasonable".

The convicts were to be executed on June 24 at Yerawada Central Prison, but on June 21, the High Court stated that the execution of the men, who had urged the court to quash their execution warrants and commute their death sentence to life imprisonment, "shall not take place" until further orders of the court.

The High Court has now handed a 35-year sentence to the two, which includes the period they have spent in jail. The court observed that in the mercy petitions filed by the convicts, letters exchanged between government departments bore the words "most urgent" and "death penalty" and yet the matter "did not receive the attention it deserved".

"We find that delay in the present matters could have been

easily avoided and the mercy petitions and the final execution could have been dealt with in sense of urgency," wrote Justice B P Dharmadhikar and Justice Swapna Joshi.

The convicts had moved the High Court, stating that they suffered "undue and avoidable delay of 1,509 days in execution of death sentence, solitary confinement lasting more than seven years..."

The victim, who hailed from Gorakhpur, had joined a BPO in December 2006, and stayed with her sister and brother-in-law. At 10 pm on November 1, 2007, one of the convicts, a driver, and his friend, picked her up in the office cab. Police found her body on November 2, 2007, at Gahunje, about 35 km from Pune. The two men were arrested, convicted, and sentenced to death by a sessions court in Pune in March 2012. The sentence was upheld by the High Court in September 2012 and subsequently by the Supreme Court in May 2015.

After the court's decision commuting the death sentence of the two, the woman's brother-in-law told The Indian Express, "We are disheartened. The court may have found reasons to show leniency, but we firmly believe that they do not deserve any mercy..."

(INPUTS FROM SUSHANT KULKARNI IN PUNE)

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CORRIGENDUM The E-Auction Notice (05.08.2019 - 62th E-Auction) Sub Grade Iron Ore Fines as published on dtd. 27.07.2019, the last sentence may be read as "The e-auction shall be held from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM on 05.08.2019" instead of "The e-auction shall be held from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM on 07.08.2019".

SUV drives into crowd at toll booth, 10 injured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, JULY 29

TEN PEOPLE were injured when a driver of an SUV accidentally accelerated his vehicle into a crowd at a toll plaza on the Kishangarh-Jaipur highway, police said.

"Around 6 pm, a white SUV at a toll plaza on Kishangarh-Jaipur highway abruptly reversed, hitting people behind it, and then suddenly accelerated, injuring 10 persons," said ASI Shyooji Lal, posted at Kishangarh police station.

Lal, who had visited the spot, said that the 10 injured included four people who were passengers in the car and had alighted before the accident. The others were toll workers, mainly those employed for its security. "The reason for the accident is not yet clear, as we are still establishing who the driver was," Lal said.

An FIR has been lodged under IPC Sections 279 (rash driving) and 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others). The injured have been admitted to a hospital in Ajmer.



A video grab of the incident

आरखंड सरकार ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामीण कार्य मामले) मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अमियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that an unidentified female Namely : Raj Kuar W/o Lt. Sh. Gopi Chand, R/o B-611, Sudershan Park, Moti Nagar, Delhi Age : 72 years, Height : about 5'2", Complexion : Fair, Face: Round, Built : Thin, Wearing : Printed cream colour suit and black colour pajama...

Bihar School Examination Board CORRIGENDUM TO e-TENDER NOTICE No.- PR 308/2019 With reference to e-Tender Notice No. PR 308/2019 issued in various newspapers on 24th July, 2019 for "Selection of Agency for TR Record Digitisation and Database re-structuring as per decision of BSEB", as per decision the 2nd Pre-Bid Meeting would be held on 02.08.2019 at 12:30 PM.

Office of SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, 1ST CIRCLE Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Mandi-175001 Ph. 01905-224129, Fax: 01905-221576, E-mail: hp-man1@nic.in "NOTICE INVITING TENDER-CORRIGENDUM THEREOF"

Bihar School Examination Board CORRIGENDUM TO EOI NOTICE No.- PR 310/2019 With reference to EOI notice No. PR 310/2019 issued in various newspapers on 24th July 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", after Pre-Bid meeting held on 09/07/2019, the Eligibility criteria has been revised.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-Shed Shakurbasti, for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tender for the under noted work.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, रांची (ग्रामीण) ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सूचना टेंडर रेफरेंस नं०-पा010वि0/रांची (ग्रामीण)-06/2019-20 दिनांक :- 26.07.2019

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UJVN Limited TENDER NOTICE The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhal Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested parties for following work:

THE ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED OMC House, Bhubaneswar- 751001, Odisha CIN: U13100OR1956SGC000313, www.omcltd.in Letter No. 2569/OMC/ROG/2019 Date 26/07/2019 TCN No.02/OMC/ROG/F&E/2019, DATE 26/07/2019 CORRIGENDUM

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C)DR-II DELHI GATE STP PHASE-II, OPPOSITE DELHI SECRETARIAT IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002 E-mail: eecdr2@gmail.com NIT No. 03(Re-invited) (2019-20)EE(C)Dr-II (Tender ID:- 2019_DJB_177093_1)

Table with 6 columns: S. No, Name of work, Estimate Cost (in Rs), Earnest Money (in Rs), Tender Fees (in Rs), Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution, Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution

Baghat man held for 'killing' teen daughter Meerut: Police on Sunday arrested the father of a 17-year-old girl whose half-burnt body was recovered from forests near Maheshpur Chopra village in Baghat district of Uttar Pradesh on July 18. The girl's 28-year-old brother, also an accused, is absconding.

सूचना ल. डिस्ट्रिक्ट जज अदालत, आलिपुर (कोलकाता) टाइटल अपील नं० 214/2015 श्रीमती रतना राय ... अपीलार्थी

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NORTH

35-year-old inebriated man bites snake in Etah

Etah: In a bizarre incident, a 35-year-old man caught a snake and bit it into pieces at Asrauli village here, officials said on Monday. According to family members, Rajkumar was in an inebriated state when he attacked the snake. They said the snake bit Rajkumar. His family members rushed Rajkumar

to the hospital. Dr Rahul Varshney, posted at Etah District Hospital, said, "He was in an inebriated state. The family members also brought the pieces of the snake. They said the man bit the snake after it attacked first. But, when I examined, I found no signs of snakebite," Varshney said. **PTI**



Kargil War hero Satpal Singh, who was working as a traffic constable, being promoted to the post of ASI, by Punjab chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Punjab Police DGP Dinkar Gupta on Monday. Express

WEST

TikTok: Gujarat DGP issues social media conduct norms

Ahmedabad: The Director General of Police (DGP) on Monday issued a circular reminding all police personnel to use social media in accordance with the Gujarat Civil Services (Conduct) Rules (1971) and the Gujarat Police Act (1951). In the circular, DGP Shivanand Jha said that a police personnel, even if not on duty or in uniform, should

abide by the code of conduct deemed appropriate. Last week, both Ahmedabad and Vadodara police commissioners stated that police personnel in uniform should not engage in any act that harms the force's image. TikTok videos of at least five police personnel surfaced last week, becoming a hot topic of debate. **ENS**

EAST

Man lynched on suspicion of child lifting, 17 held

Kolkata: A man was lynched by a mob in West Bengal's Alipuduar district on Sunday over suspicion that he was a child lifter. The police, who faced resistance from local residents, reportedly fired in the air. On Monday, 17 persons were arrested in connection with the case. The identity of the deceased was yet to be as-

certained, police said. "Over 250 people had beaten up the man. He was seriously injured when we saved him from the mob," the officer said. "I cannot confirm or deny that police had to fire in the air. However, when the police went to the spot, local residents resisted... An investigation is on," he said. **ENS**

SOUTH

Rajiv Gandhi assassination: mother of convict meets Shah

Chennai: Arputham Ammal, the mother of A G Perarivalan, convicted in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Monday seeking his intervention for the release of her son, who was arrested in the case in June 1991. With Perarivalan having completed over 28 years in prison in Tamil Nadu, Arputham Ammal re-

quested Shah to take the necessary steps for the release of her son. In 2014, the SC had commuted the death sentence of Perarivalan and three others to a life sentence. The meeting was facilitated by two MPs from Tamil Nadu— VCK leaders Thol Thirumavalavan and D Ravikumar. Ravikumar said Shah's response to her request was positive. **ENS**

J&K parties look at joint plan to defend Art 35A

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JULY 29

AHEAD OF the BJP's core group meeting on Jammu and Kashmir in the national capital, major parties in the state are planning to come together to chalk out a possible joint strategy to prevent any moves by the Centre to unilaterally tamper with Constitutional provisions defining the state's relationship with the Union.

Former J&K Chief Minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said she has approached National Conference (NC) patron and former CM Farooq Abdullah to convene an all-party meet to discuss the panic among people, especially over apprehension that the Centre is working on abrogating Article 35A.

Article 35A empowers J&K legislature to define the state's Permanent Residents.

Mufti on Monday tweeted, "In light of recent developments that have caused a sense of panic amongst people in J&K, I've requested Dr Farooq Abdullah sa-



PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti has urged NC patron Farooq Abdullah to convene an all-party meet

hab to convene an all party meeting. Need of the hour is to come together & forge a united response. We the people of Kashmir need to stand up as one."

Without directly responding to Mufti's call, NC vice-president Omar Abdullah drew attention to growing tensions in the Valley and stated on Twitter that before calling senior leaders from other parties in the state, it is "important to try to understand" from the Centre its intentions.

Lok sabha MP from Srinagar Farooq Abdullah told *The Indian Express*, "We are working on it (all-party meet)...it will be soon." The move was first made by

former Independent legislator and head of Awami Itihad Party Engineer Rashid after the Centre's decision to fly in additional 10,000 paramilitary personnel and a number of leaked police and administration communiques led to apprehensions that the government was planning to unilaterally abrogate Article 35A.

Rashid said, "I had sent Omar-sahab a message this morning, asking him to take the lead on gaining consensus as the party with three MPs. And shortly after that, Mehbooba-ji tweeted her comments."

People's Conference general secretary Imran Ansari told *The Indian Express*, "If it is a matter of defending the special identity of Kashmir and safeguarding the interests of Kashmiris, Peoples Conference will do everything possible and stand up for the rights of Kashmiris. But it depends on if and when such a meeting is called."

Meanwhile, NC MPs gave notice to raise the current situation in the Valley in Lok Sabha and sought time from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

BMC proposes Rs 10,000 fine on feeding cattle in public places

Mumbai: If the proposal gets a final nod, feeding cattle at public places will attract a fine of Rs 10,000.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has decided to increase the penalty by 300 per cent after a BJP corporator moved a notice of motion in the House on March 7.

Since 2004, the act of illegally feeding cows attracted a fine of up to Rs 2,500 for big animals and Rs 1,500 for small animals.

Matunga's BJP corporator Nehal Shah had moved a notice of motion in House, where she said feeding cows or calves had become a "business" and was "creating a nuisance" on the streets. She also said the act amounted to "cruelty towards the animal". **ENS**

IIT-B students claim cattle enter campus regularly, institute says probe ordered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 29

A DAY after the video of a stray cow entering a classroom at Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay (IIT-B) went viral on social media, students identified the venue as the Institute's lecture hall complex, and said that such incidents have taken place at the campus several times. However, the Institute spokesperson said that it was not possible to authenticate whether the incident in the video took place at IIT Bombay and how old it is.

A statement issued by the Institute on Monday said, "The Director has constituted a committee to look into the human vs animal conflict issue on campus. The members have been dis-



A video grab of the cow that entered the classroom.

ussing the matter. They will consult BMC, NGOs and animal experts before taking any conclusive steps. The BMC has removed only 2 bulls from outside the gate. Our staff and security are alert and doing their best. Institute will take best possible

measures to mitigate conflict." An IIT spokesperson said, "These are wild cattle in campus. They do not belong to anyone. At present, Director has requested Chief Security Officer to keep three guards round the clock for shying cattle away from aca-

demuc area, without harming them" Students claim that there are atleast 50 stray cows and bulls all over the campus, and have also entered hostels.

"It is common for us to find stray cows or bulls outside our classroom. During lectures, our classroom door is shut, otherwise the animals can easily come in. We only never thought it as an issue earlier and didn't take videos," said a student. Stray herds of cows that are not domesticated move in and around Powai. Earlier this month, on July 12, an student on the campus was knocked down by a pair of raging bulls.

Akshay Prasanna Latha from College of Engineering, Trivandrum, was pursuing internship at the Institute and had received injuries to his abdomen.

Odisha receives GI tag for 'Rasagola'

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 29

AFTER FOUR years of heated debates on the origins of the rasagola, Odisha on Monday received a geographical indication (GI) tag for the Indian sweet.

A certificate from the Geographical Indication Registry, Government of India, states that the GI tag has been registered in respect of "Odisha Rasagola" in the name of The Odisha Small Industries Corporation Limited and Utkala Mistanna Byabasayee Samiti (Utkala Sweetmakers Business Body). This GI tag, numbered 612, is the second for Odisha. It got its first GI tag for Kandhamal Haldi.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik tweeted, "This mouth-watering culinary delight made of cottage cheese, loved by Odias

EXPLAINED What a geographical indication tag means

A GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATOR tag for a particular product, which experts call a 'legal right', recognises it as distinctive to a particular locality or region or country. As a member of the World Trade Organization, India had enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999, which came into force from 2003.

across the world, is offered to Lord Jagannath as part of bhog since centuries."

Last year, the Odisha government had filed for the recognition of the "Odishara Rasagulla" with the GI Registry office. The state government was under pressure to file for recognition of its variant of the sweet after West Bengal was awarded the GI

tag for its own variant in 2017, prompting heated arguments on the origin of the sweet.

However, questions have been raised whether a GI tag can be awarded to two states for what seems as nearly the same product. "Both GI tags can subsist without contradiction. Rasagulla is the generic name of a sweet. It has variants from

Bengal and Odisha for unique properties in each," said Prashanth Kumar, senior examining officer with the GI.

West Bengal, in its GI application, cited writer Panchanan Bandyopadhyay, who had claimed the rasogolla was invented in the state's Nadia district. The rasogolla was appreciated as being a treasure of Bengal by Rakhaldas Adhikari in his poem Rasikata in 1896, the application had added.

Meanwhile, Odisha, in its application for GI status, had stated that the reference of rasagola was found in the late 15th century, Odia (Dandi) Ramayana written by Balam Das.

It claimed that its rasagola was unique as the colour development is "very specific, where without addition of external colour, various intensity coloured rasagolas are prepared".

SC: Stop development of road in Rajaji reserve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SUPREME COURT on Monday hit out at the Uttarakhnad government over the development of a road in the reserve area of the Rajaji National Park and ordered the cancellation of the project.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta, which perused a report of the Court-mandated Central Empowered Committee, also asked the state to approach the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for environmental clearance for the project.

The court has been hearing a plea against laying roads and building bridges and culverts on the Lalduhng Chillarkhal Road, passing through the corridor between the Rajaji and Corbett Tiger

RPF officer transferred after letter on 'emergency' situation

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 29

TWO DAYS after he purportedly issued a letter asking Railways officials in the Valley to stock up on ration, not to keep their family members in Kashmir and the need to restrict staff leave due to an "emergency situation", Assistant Security Commissioner (ASC) Budgam, Sudesh Nugyal, has been transferred, it was announced on Monday.

The letter created panic among people in the Valley, who started stocking essentials.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has ordered Nugyal's transfer to Central Crime Branch, Railway Board, from Budgam.

The official order stated: "DG/RPF has ordered transfer and posting, in the administrative interest. The above officer is directed to report at his new place of posting immediately".

Sources said Inspector General, Northern Railways, Sanjay Sankrityan arrived in the Valley on Monday morning and chaired an emergency meeting to discuss the fallout of the letter. Sankrityan is learnt to have held a separate meeting with Nugyal.

Sources said another Railways officer posted in the Valley, who had gone on leave, was asked to report back immediately. The officer arrived in Srinagar and resumed duty, they said. According to the letter, issued on Saturday, a precautionary security meeting was held by Nugyal after receiving inputs from "different security agencies" regarding "forecast of deteriorating situation in Kashmir and issue of law and order."

Among others, it asked Railways officials to buy advance dry ration for at least four months, store drinking water for at least seven days, keep their bags ready with adequate amounts of eatables, drinking water, chocolate, money, etc.

On Sunday, Nugyal denied having issued such an order.

The Railways Ministry "revoked" the letter, stating that the officer was "not authorised to issue such a letter and did not have the approval of the competent authority to do so either".

Reserves. During the last hearing, the state government counsel had said that the existing road was not being widened.

However, in Monday's hearing, the court noted the CEC report referred to construction of seven-metre-wide bridges.

"Last time, you told us that not even an inch is being widened. But it's not correct. Look at the bridges. They are seven metres wide," Justice Gupta remarked.

Citing the CEC report, Advocate A D N Rao, assisting the top court as amicus curiae, said the action of the state also violated the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act. He pointed out that the road falls within the buffer region of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve and that the construction was cleared without advice from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).

PDP worker shot at in Pulwama; party hits out

Srinagar: A People's Democratic Party (PDP) worker was shot at and injured by unknown gunmen in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday, police said. Sources said the party worker, identified as Lateef Ahmad, was shot at in Mitrigam village of the district.

"We received a patient with bullet injury. He was referred to Srinagar hospital for further treatment," said a senior health official in Pulwama.

"Attacking political workers who dedicate their lives to the cause of serving common masses is an unfortunate act. We condemn in strongest possible terms attack on our senior worker Lateef Ah Shah from Mitrigam, Pulwama. We pray for his speedy recovery," the PDP wrote on Twitter. **ENS**

Pak invested in keeping Afghanistan destabilised: Afghan delegate

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
MUMBAI, JULY 29

AS US President Donald Trump showered praise on Pakistan and its Prime Minister Imran Khan for helping with the ongoing talks with the Taliban last week, far from Washington DC, in India's financial capital, a group of Afghans visiting India on a US State department programme wondered what price the people of Afghanistan would have to pay for the "secret" deal being worked out.

The Afghan men and women, drawn from a cross-section of civil society, professions and areas of expertise, were here from July 22 to 24 for a US State Department sponsored "tech camp" on the theme 'Re-imagining Our Urban Future'.

As Trump praises Imran for Afghan peace process, people from the country wonder what price they will pay for US 'deal' with Taliban

Together with a similar group from Mumbai and Pune, they discussed problems cities face and how to use data and data apps to address urban challenges — from public transportation to sanitation and sewage treatment, among others.

The *Indian Express* spoke to a few delegates in the 20-strong contingent — among them NGO workers, government officials, businessmen, members of think tanks — about the talks under-way between US special repre-

sentative Zalmay Khalilzad and the Taliban. The US consulate in Mumbai requested their names be withheld for concerns of their security back in Afghanistan.

"Everyone wants peace. It is the most important thing for every Afghan. But we do not know the price of this peace, are the conditions from the Taliban, and what commitments have they made," said one person in the delegation.

The Afghan talks began in earnest in 2018, after Trump announced that he wanted to withdraw US troops from the country. In Washington last week, Trump thanked Imran Khan for "helping out" with the talks. Pakistan, which brought the Taliban to the negotiating table, has described itself as a "facilitator".

The most recent round of talks between Taliban and US

Special representative Zalmay Khalilzad was held in early July in Doha, Qatar. Khalilzad has called it the "most productive of the seven rounds" so far. He was quoted by *The New York Times* saying that the latest round had seen progress on two expectations from the Taliban — a commitment to talk with the Afghan government, and a ceasefire.

However, as underlined by a deadly bomb attack on Sunday targeting Amarullah Saleh, President Ashraf Ghani's running mate for vice-president in the September 28 elections, that killed 20 and left 50 wounded, including Saleh, a former head of the Afghan spy agency NDS, security situation in the country is fast deteriorating.

"Uncertainty", "concern" and "fear" were the words that the Afghans who were part of the delegation in Mumbai used

most often. They believed that the Taliban would soon be back in power in Afghanistan, and that this was the "agenda" behind the talks.

"We had peace before, when the Taliban were ruling Afghanistan. But we had no life then — no right, no jobs, nothing. Will it be different this time? We don't know. Because of what I do, I am going to be a target if the Taliban come back," the person said. He said there was also confusion about how the elections and the peace agreement would fit together. He asked, "Will there be an agreement before the elections, and if so, will there be an election at all?"

A woman who works in a government department said that if the Taliban came back, she and her husband plan to leave the country. "I love my country, but I have five-year-old son. I

thought if the Taliban come back, we would go abroad. I could study more, maybe get a PhD, and later see if it is safe to return."

The woman said she feared that if the Taliban returned to Kabul, "women cannot come out of their homes, they cannot go to university, they cannot go to work".

A man working as a consultant said Afghans do not trust Pakistan to do the right thing. "Pakistan is the main concern. Pakistan has invited in Taliban, and when the Taliban return, Pakistan will not stop interfering. They have invested a lot in keeping Afghanistan destabilised," he said, describing the Taliban as "an instrument of Pakistan."

The man said Afghans do not want "a deal in which Taliban are handed over the government, a

deal that is against national strategy, against national assets, and against the achievements of the last two decades".

Another delegate said he feared that while high-ranking Taliban would join the government, further down the hierarchy, individual Taliban, who are fighting because they get paid for doing so, might switch to groups like the Al Qaeda and the Islamic State.

The delegate, who belongs to a non-Pashtun community, said, "Those from minority communities are afraid a lot. Even if Khalilzad reaches a conclusion, there may be no stability in Afghanistan." He called the peace process "an agenda" for President Trump that had to be completed before the Afghan election.

"Khalilzad's mission to achieve this agenda," he said.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Sunil Mehta S/o Sh. Praveen Mehta R/O 265, First Floor, Bharat Nagar, Ashok Vihar, Phase-IV, Delhi-110052, changed my name from Sunil to Sunil Mehta. Also verified that henceforth Sunil and Sunil Mehta will be same person for all purposes. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040505241-6

I, Rupesh Kumar S/o Om Prakash Srivastava R/O-A-1007, Amarपाली Princely Estate Sector-76, Noida G.B. Nagar (U.P.), have changed my name to Rupesh Kumar Srivastava for all future purposes. 0040505185-1

I, Rishabh Kumar Surana S/o Sh. Prasann Kumar Surana R/O-Purani Anaj Mandi, Gangapur City, Distt-Saahy Madhopur (Raj.), have changed my name to Rishabh Surana. 0040505169-1

I, Rahul Nagar S/o Sanjay Kumar Nagar R/O-R-792-793, Campno. 5, Jwalapuri, Sunder-Vihar, Delhi-87, state that my father's name is mentioned as Sanjay Nagar in my class-Xth CBSE certificates. My father's correct name is Sanjay Kumar Nagar, for all purposes. 0040505210-10

I, Parveen Kumar Sharma D.O.B.09.04.1978, S/o Inderpal Sharma, R/O-D-60, Gali.No.-17, Hindon Vihar, Sector-49, Noida, Distt.G.B.Nagar, U.P.201301, inform that Parveen Sharma & Parveen Kumar Sharma both are one & the same person. 0040505241-5

I, Narainder Singh S/o-Sarwan Singh R/O-WZ-55A, Street No.8, Sant-Garh, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18, inform that Narainder Singh and Narinder Singh are one and the same person. 0040505222-9

I, Mohd Farooq S/o Mohd Harun R/O-B-147, First Floor, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name from S/o Mohd Hasan to Mohd Farooq S/o Mohd Harun for all purpose. 0040505185-4

I, Mahadev Pandey S/o Sh. Murari Lal Pandey R/O-House.No.1154-A, Maruti Vihar, Chakkarpur, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my name to Madhav Pandey for all future purposes. 0040505185-3

I, J. Maria Jaya Reena W/O-No-14417384A Bhm M Sivakumar R/O-G-67, Viswanatha-Nagar, K.Pudur, Madurai-625007, have changed my name. From J. Maria Jaya Reena To J. Maria Jaya Reena. From All Future Purposes. 0040505210-8

I, Sanjiv Kumar Bhel S/O R L Bhel R/O-L-16, Ff, West-Patel Nagar, Delhi-8, have changed my minor son's name. From Tript Bhel To Rudra Bhel (DOB-24/02/2002). 0040505210-6

I, Dinesh Aggarwal S/O Late Sh. Lal Chand Aggarwal R/O-C-440, Gali.No.10 Majlis Park Delhi-33 changed my name to Dinesh Kumar Aggarwal. 0040505264-8

I, Atul Kumar S/o Parmod Kumar R/O House.No.11 Ram Vihar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Atul Goel. 0040505213-1

I, Ashok Kumar, S/o late Sh. Baldevraj R/O-A-77, Narang-Colony, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58, inform that I, have changed my name, from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Rajput, for all future purpose. 0040505210-7

I, Asha Rani Khatri W/O-Sh. Nadesh Kumar Kathpalia (D.O.B-17.07.1971) R/O-H.No.577, F-1 1st Floor, Niti Khand-1, Indrapuram Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to ASHA KATHPALIA for all purposes. 0040505185-2

I, Aarti D/O, Mahavir Singh R/O-B826 Pocket-2, Second Floor Paschim Vihar Delhi, have changed my name to Kavya Singh Rajput for all purposes. 0040505222-1

I, hitherto known as Krishan S/O Natthu Singh R/O-E-55, Gali.No-4, Mukund-Vihar, Karawal-Nagar, Dayalpur, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Krishan Pal. 0040505213-5

I, Usha Sharma W/O Manoj Sharma R/O-WZ-93, Posinganpur, Janakpuri, New Delhi, have changed my name to Rekha Rani for future. 0040505241-8

I, Thomas Varughese Keeruvalliparaiyil S/O Keeruvalliparaiyil Mathen Thomas R/O-A-20-B, Tagore Garden-Extn., N.Delhi-110027, changed my name to Varughese Keeruvalliparaiyil Thomas. 0040505222-5

I, Tanveer Khan S/O Late Jamma Mian Khan R/O-Awadh House-164, Jogabal N/D-25 have changed my name to Tanveer Ahmed Khan. 0040505178-1

I, Syed Khurshid Hussain S/O Zahin Hussain, H.No.C-107, F/F, New-Jafarabad, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Khurshid Hussain. 0040505241-3

I, Sushma Sachdeva, W/O Arvind Sachdeva R/O-Gh-12/76, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-87, Change My Name To Sushma Sachdeva. 0040505210-3

I, Sunita Kumari Sharma W/O Sanjeev Kumar Tripathi R/O-A-1606, 2nd-Floor, Green-Field Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121009, changed my Name To Sunita Tripathi. 0040505264-3

I, Soni Kumari D/O Virender Kumar W/O Naveen Wadhwa R/O-816 Rishi-Nagar Rani-Bagh Delhi-110034, changed my name to Sonia Wadhwa. 0040505222-2

I, Shibani Sahu, W/O Sujet Kumar Choudhary, R/O 374, 1st Floor, Lotus Lane, Niti Khand-2, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014, have changed my name to Shivani Choudhary for all future purposes. 0070666991-2

I, Sarjan W/O Mohammad Ayub R/O H.No.C-177, Raju-Park, Devli-Road, Khanpur, Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Sharjahan. 0040505264-7

I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/O Harpreet Singh H.No-10, Gali.No-6, East Guru Anand Nagar, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092, changed My Name To Sarbjeet Kaur. 0040505264-2

I, Prarthna Suchdeva D/O-Arvind Sachdeva R/O-Gh-12/76, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-87, Change My Name To Prarthna Sachdeva. 0040505210-4

I, Sanjib Kumar Tripathi R/O Hari Narayan Tripathi R/O-A-1606, 2nd-Floor, Green-Field Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121009, changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar Tripathi. 0040505264-4

I, Rakesh Kumar S/O Late Sh. Tilak Raj Bhatia R/O C-38, Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Bhatia for all purposes. 0040505171-1

I, Rajesh Goel S/O Ishwar Chand Goel R/O-Bh-18 East Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-110088, changed My Name To Rajesh Goel., For All Purposes. 0040505213-10

I, Raj Rani Chopra W/O Harbans Lal Chopra R/O H.No.B1, 102, Sector-33-48 Colony Badshahpur Gurugram informed that my property Allotment Letter No. UL:RED:NRRS/01115/18903/09 Dated 31.07.2009 has been actually lost. 0040505219-1

I, Naman Singh Gusein S/O Sanjay Singh Gusein R/O-B-67 (FF), Paryavaran Complex, IGNOU Road, Saidulazab, New Delhi-110030 have changed my name as Naman Gusein for all future purposes. 0040505174-1

I, Mudira Triguna Pandey W/O Triguna Vishwanath Pandey R/O 2-1-161/2/3, Nallakunta Opp Moon Cafe, Nallakunta, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, New Nallakunta, Telangana-500044 have changed my name to Mudita Triguna Pandey for all future purposes. 0040505180-1

I, Monika W/O Ashwani Batra R/O-G-29/165, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Monika Batra, for all purposes. 0040505213-7

I, Monica Bhatia, W/O Sh. Aman Bhatia R/O-B-1671, Block-B, Shastrri-Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name after-marriage, from Monica Jain, to Monica Bhatia, for all future purposes. 0040505213-9

I, Mobina Begum W/O Shujauddin Qureshi H No-42 Chhatta Lal Miyan Darya Ganj New Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Mubeena Qureshi. 0070667124-1

I, Mariamma Varughese W/O Varughese Keeruvalliparaiyil Thomas R/O-A-20-B, Tagore Garden-Extn., N.Delhi-110027, changed my name to Mariamma Nalamvelil Varughese. 0040505222-6

I, Manoj Kumar Rathi R/O-House.No.15, SheelKunj Colony, Roorkee-Road, Modipuram, Meerut, have changed my daughter's name from Vedika Rathi to Kairara Rathi. 0040505222-3

I, M.B. Fabian S/O Mr. Edward R/O-21, Amrita-Shergill Marg, New-Delhi-110003, have changed my name to FABIAN MASCURIAN, for all future purposes. 0040505222-4

I, Lizzykuty George D/O A.K Alexander R/O-18 Block, Qtr. No.403., Sriniwasपुरी N.Delhi-65, have changed my name to Lizzykuty Alex. for all Purposes. 0040505222-10

I, Laxmi Narayan Sharma R/O C-131, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-41, have changed my son's name from Parth Sharma to Piyush Sharma for all future purposes. 0040505179-1

I, Krishna Priyadarshini D/O, Bhagat Singh, W/O Sumit Singh, R/O E-2/240, Nand Nagari, Mandoli-Saboli, Delhi-110093, have changed my name to Sonam Singh for all purposes. 0040505236-1

I, Khaliq, R/O: H.No. 1068, Baba Nagar, behind DPS School, Sector-19, Old Faridabad, Haryana 121002, have changed my name to Khaliq Saifi. 0070667118-1

I, Keshav Kumar R/O 107, Savitri Nagar, Post Office Malviya Nagar, ND-17, have changed my minor daughter's name from Pearl to Pearl Sukhrawa for all purposes. 0040505190-1

I, Mohammad Imran R/O 235, Hauz Rani, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-17 have changed my name to Mohammad Imran Khan 0070667114-1

I, Jitendra Arya DOB 28 June 1968 S/o DinDarya Arya R/O The Retreat 1005 Heights South City 1 Sector 30 Gurgaon 122001 have changed my name to Jai Arya. 0070667122-1

I, Jasdeep Kaur W/O Sh. Tajinder Singh previously called Jasdeep Kaur, R/O H.No. G-76, G-Block, near Transformer, West Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name from Jasdeep Kaur to Jasdeep Kaur for all future purposes. 0040505175-1

I, Inderjeet Kaur W/O, Roshan Singh R/O B78B Tilak Vihar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Inderjeet Kaur for all purposes. 0040505209-1

I, Harish Kumar Sapra S/O Hansraj Sapra R/O B-3/211 Paschim Vihar Delhi-110063 changed my name to Harish Sapra. 0040505264-9

I, Gunjes Kumar Nawin S/O Nawal Kishore Rai, R/O-Ward.No-07, Gram Post Chainpura, Thana-Pupri, Sitamarhi, Bihar-843320, changed My Name To Gunjes Kumar Naveen. 0040505264-1

I, Ashwani S/O Bhola Ram Batra R/O-G-29/165, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Ashwani Batra, for all purposes. 0040505213-6

I, Arvind Kumar Suchdeva S/O Gobind Ram Sachdeva R/O-Gh-12/76, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-87, Change My Name To Arvind Sachdeva. 0040505210-2

I, Arun Kumar Rathore S/O Prem Singh Rathore R/O-B-356, Vikas-Vihar, Vikas-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Arun Rathore. 0040505264-6

I, Anushka Pandit D/O Mr. Ashish Pandit R/O-F-22, 2nd-Floor, Geetanjali-Enclave, Delhi-110017, have changed My Name To Anoushka Pandit, For All Purposes. 0040505210-9

I, Aneeta W/O Anil Kumar R/O-H-2/60-B, G/F, Plot-60-B, Mahavir-Enclave, Palam-Village, Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Anita. 0040505222-7

I, Aneesh S/O Asger Ali, H.No.112, Khureji Khas, Delhi-110051, have changed the name of my minor Daughter from Arfaa to Aarfa Parveen. 0040505241-2

I, Aneesh S/O Asger Ali, H.No.112, Khureji Khas, Delhi-110051, have changed the name of my minor son from Mohammad Saif Anis to Mohd. Saif Aneesh. 0040505241-1

I, Ali Mohamed S/O Mohammad Sharief, H.No.2-22, Gali.No.6, Near-Dilshad-Masjid, Old-Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Ali Mohammad. 0040505241-4

I, Akhil Vij S/O Vijay Vij R/O-H.No. JE-17-B, F/F, Block-JE, Khirki-Extension, Malviya-Nagar, Delhi-110017, have changed minor son's name, from Aryan Vij to Aaryan V. 0040505222-8

I, Sueb Ali S/O Mohammad Ali R/O-B-117/2, Gali.No-2, Shri-Ram-Colony, Rajeev-Nagar, Khajoori, Delhi-110094, have changed my name, from Sueb Ali to Shoab Ali., for all future purposes. 0040505213-4

I, Sudipta Panda D/O Sh Jagannath Sambigrhi R/O # 508, First Floor, Bh Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi have changed my name from Sudipta Panda to Sudipta Sambigrhi also that my correct date of birth is 01.03.1989 both are same person. Please Note. 0020389928-1

I, Subhag Kumar Gupta S/O, Govind Charan Gupta R/O F-125 2nd Flr, Shubant Lok Phase-3, Tigra Gurgaon-122003 have changed my name to Subhag Kumar for all purposes. 0040505241-7

I, Kanishk Batra S/O Ashwani Batra R/O-G-29/165, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Kanishk Batra for all purposes. 0040505213-8

I, Phoola W/O Ram Prasad R/O-30 Saraswati-Camp, Sector-3, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022 Have Changed my Name to Karora Devi. 0040505210-1

I, Paramjeet Verma W/O Arun Kumar Verma R/O-606 Ashadeep Apartment Sector-21-D Faridabad have changed my name to Paramjit verma. 0040505169-2

I, Hitherto known as Ranju Devi Somani, W/O Kailash Kumar Somani R/O-C-140, 3rd-Floor, Surajmal Vihar Delhi-110092, have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as Ranju Somani 0040505213-3

I, Hitherto known as Meenakshi D/O Late. Surindar Singh W/O S. Amarpreet Singh Madan R/O-X/1016 Chand-Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jajji Kaur Madan 0040505213-2

I, Chetna W/O Abhishek Batra R/O 86-B, Gali No-3, Krishna Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029 Have Changed my Name to Chetna Batra. 0040505264-5

I, Ajay Kumar Arora, S/O M.L. Arora R/O-Cb-40-A, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, Have Changed My Minor Son Name Srijan Arora To Medhansh Arora. 0040505210-5

I, Shyam Babbar S/O, Sh. Surender Nath Babbar Resident-H.No.3-D/61B, NIT Faridabad, have changed my minor daughter's name Moulie Babbar to Kiara Babbar for all purposes. 0040505169-3

I, Mukesh Kumar S/O Sh. Ram Nivesh Bansal R/O KU-27, 2nd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-34, have changed my name to Mukesh Bansal for all purposes. 0040505214-1

I, Lakshmi Narayan Shukla, S/O-Chander Bhushan Shukla, R/O-39-C, Janta Flats, Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110052, by mistake my name mentioned Laxmi Narayan Shukla in passport of my son Sadhu Saralsheldass but original name is Lakshmi Narayan Shukla. 0040505161-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Ravinder Kumar S/O Sh. Ram Kishore R/O Flat No.1, Geeta Apartment, Block No.17, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031, have lost Original Second Number Page of Conveyance Deed of above said Flat executed in name of Lalit Goyal. Finders may contact at Mobile No.9810170649. 0040505171-2

I have lost my original marksheet of 10th class Roll. No. 6430026, Year-2008 & SC Certificate. Finder pls contact: Prem Sagar S/O Shri Shishu Pal R/O 1661/15, Gindrapuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019. 0040505185-5

I have lost my allotment letter (Auction letter), NOC Letter of Shed No. 1/4, DSIIDC, Hastals Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, in the name of Om Parkash Batra. Finder may please contact: +919999003758. 0040505177-1

Notify that Original Registry of my Plot no 2, Khassa no 23, Vill- Belsa, Ward- Raja Bijli Post, Lucknow State deed dt 2/6/1989 Registered in Ledger No. 1, Jild no. 3694, Page no 369/270, Sr. No. 70511 dt 19/1/1991, has been lost. Use of which is illegal. -Manish Kumar Rajpal & Nitesh Kumar Rajpal S/O Chamanlal Rajpal R/O H.N.- 11A, Sindhu Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Lucknow, Mh- 700254444

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT SH. RAM KISHAN S/O SH. MOHAN LAL R/O 1189, 883006 PUNJAB DEHLI-110005 I HEREBY (ADVOCATE) SERVE THIS PUBLIC NOTICE THAT WHEREAS MY CLIENT HEREBY SEVERED ALL HIS RELATION WITH HIS SON PRITAM, HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW SAVITA KALKA POKHAN & HIS GRAND SON TEJAS (MINOR) S/O PRITAM R/O UNKNOWN AND HEREBY DEBAR AND DISOWN THEM FROM ALL HIS MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES, AS THEY ARE NOT OBEIDENT TO MY CLIENT, HIS GRAND SON & HIS DISRESPECTFUL, THREATING, OUT OF CONTROL BEHAVIOUR WHICH DEALING WITH THEM WILL BE DOING SO AT HISHER THEIR OWN RISKS AND IN CASE THEY HURT OR HARM FRAUD WITH ANYONE, MY CLIENT SHALL HAVE NO CONCERN.

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my client namely Shri Pardeep Kumar S/O Late Shri Mahesh Raj Sadana R/O H.No. 573 Anjan Street, Pandav Pura, Vishakh Nagar, Sankhaling, Delhi-110032 has debarred & disowned his son Sandeep Sadana from all his movable & immovable properties & has also severed all social & ethical relationship with him & as such, my client shall not be responsible for any debts & litigations committed by him. If anybody deals with him in any manner he would be doing so at his/her own risks, cost, consequences & responsibilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for general information that I, CHAUDHRY ZUBAIR AHMED S/O Shri CHAUDHARY MATEEN AHMAD, residing at C-48/30, Street Number 14/6, Near Noorani Masjid, Chauhan Bazaar, Gurgaon, Mendu, North East Delhi, Delhi-110053, declares that name of mine has been wrongly written as JUBER AHMED in my Driving License No.: DL0520019149057. The actual name of mine is CHAUDHRY ZUBAIR AHMED respectively which may be amended accordingly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is brought to the Notice of the General Public and Banks/ Financial Institutions/ NBFC's by my Client, M/s Sachdeva Land and Finance Private Limited, having its registered office at Plot No.C-3 & C-4, Khassa No.104, Sardar Nagar, Near C.C. Colony, Delhi-110009 have entered into an "Agreement for Loan" dated 7th September, 2015 with M/s Deswal Financial Services, Proprietor Sandeep Singh Deswal, S/O Sh. Umed Singh Deswal, DLF Park Place, Phase-5, Gurgaon, which was authorized by way of pledge of Original Papers viz. Sale Deed, Buyer Seller Agreement, Allotment Letter, Receipts of property having details as 207, 2nd Floor, Palm Square, Sector-66, Emaar MGF (Commercial Space), Golf Course Road Extension, Gurgaon, Haryana, held jointly in the name of his wife Mrs. Samisha Rani Dharwal as the first holder, for which she has also executed a separate "Surety Bond" dated 7th September, 2015 in favour of the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE Whereas the General Public, Banks, Financial Institutions/NBFC's etc. are hereby cautioned that they should not enter into any transaction of whatever nature in respect of the above referred property and if any such person, Bank, Financial Institutions/NBFC's, Company etc. enters into any agreement, understanding for purchase, lease, development etc of the subjected property with the said Sh. Sandeep Singh Deswal and/or Mrs. Santosh Rani Dharwal the same shall not be binding in nature and be void-ab-initio in the eyes of law and would be entirely at their own risks, costs and responsibilities.

Manoj Gupta-Advocate Ch.No.311-12 Civil Wing Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Shri. Kamlesh W/o Late Sh. Jagdish aged about 58 years R/o H.No. 15/514, J1 Colony, Gurgaon, New Delhi-110052 has debarred and disowned his son namely Praveer, his wife Radha and their son Tashir from all their movable and immovable properties/assets. Henceforth, she has no connection or concern with her above named son, his wife and their son. They and their legal heirs will also have no connection/concern or any right in the movable and immovable property of my client. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall be doing so at his/her own risk and cost and my client shall not be responsible for all their acts and deeds whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public that, We are the owner of the property Plot No. C-24, Sector-62, Noida, and the page No. 81 of the lease deed Regd. No. - 640 allotted by Noida Authority on 22.2.2007. Has been lost while shifting the files in the office.

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PROCLAMATION RE-OPENING OF TENDERING OF TENDERS IN THE COURT OF MANISH YADUVANSHI ADOL. DISTT. A SESSION JUDGE (CENTRAL-1), ROOM NO. 318 3RD FLOOR, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-54 SUIT NO. CS/2020/2017 ICICI BANK LTD. PLANTIFF VS SURESH KUMAR T NAIR, DEFENDANT TO Suresh Kumar T. Nair S/o. Mr. Thankappan Nair, Employee of Kiriwalk Apparel International Pvt. Ltd. Deshpriya Colony, Madhav (Emp ID NO1504) Plot No. 9302, Shyam Pur Road, Khanda, Gurgaon -122007. Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 05.08.2019 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined as ex-parte. Given Under my hand and the seal of the Court on 05.08.2019.

सर्वजनिक सूचना मेरे मुविकक महेन्द्र कुमार एण सोनल लतेव नितारी म.न.-ए.-89, फरत फलेर, विकले नितार, केस-11, दिल्ली-95, ये अपने पुत्र कुमल लतेव के अन्ध व्यवहार व कुसंगत के कारण इससे परिवारिक सम्बन्ध समाप्त करके उसे अपनी सम्पत्त अन्ध-अन्ध सम्पत्ति से अदखल कर दिया है। अपने अन्ध-बुर्गे कावो व्यवहार का वह अपने विवेकमेर हेतु, मेरा मुविककल सपरिचर नहीं।

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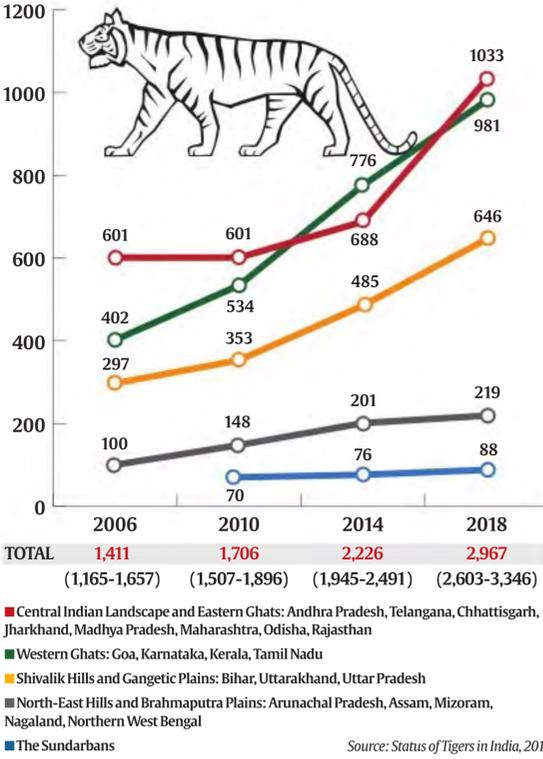
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Where the big cat numbers have grown, and by how much

Since state boundaries do not apply to the movement of tigers, conservationists prefer to talk about tiger numbers in terms of landscapes rather than of states. This is how the five tiger landscapes identified by the census have done over the years.



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ROBOBEE X-WING

A robot that's half the size of a paper clip and can fly untethered

IT IS essentially a flying machine, which can flap its wings 120 times a second and is half the size of a paperclip, as a report in *The Wired* describes it.

In a recently published paper in *Nature*, researchers from the Harvard Microbotics Laboratory in Cambridge have claimed to have made possible the "lightest insect-scale aerial vehicle so far to have achieved sustained, untethered flight." The robot can sustain a flight for less than a second. Initially, the researchers called this lightest centimetre-sized vehicle, "RoboBee", but with the current advancement which makes it possible for RoboBee to fly untethered, its name has been upgraded to, "RoboBee X-Wing".

Along with the electronics required to give RoboBee X-Wing its flight, the robot

weighs 259 mg and uses 110-120 milliwatts of power using solar energy, matching the "thrust efficiency" of similarly sized insects such as bees. Much like aircraft, the robot is heavier than the air it displaces—a concept referred to as "heavier-than-air flight". However, when objects become smaller, achieving a heavier-than-air flight becomes more complicated.

Studying the mechanisms that insects use to flap their wings and navigate in the air is a matter of interest to biologists. Flapping-wing robots can help in addressing questions related to the evolution of flight, the mechanical basis of natural selection and environmental monitoring. Others are interested in replicating these abilities to build a new array of machines.

MEHR GILL

VIVEK DESHPANDE
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THE FOUR-YEAR tiger census report, *Status of Tigers in India, 2018*, released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, shows numbers of the big cat have increased across all landscapes. The total count has risen to 2,967 from 2,226 in 2014—an increase of 741 individuals (aged more than one year), or 33%, in four years.

This is by far the biggest increase in terms of both numbers and percentage since the four-yearly census using camera traps and the capture-mark-recapture method began in 2006. The number that year was 1,411; it rose by 295 (21%) to 1,706 in 2010; and by 520 (30%) to 2,226 in 2014.

Tiger numbers are always projected in a range—2,967, is the mean of an estimated range of 2,603 to 3,346. The 2018 figure has a great degree of credibility because, according to the report, as many as 2,461 individual tigers (83% of the total) have actually been photographed by trap cameras. In 2014, only 1,540 individuals (69%) were photographed.

The report does not contain numbers of other predators like leopards. But better tiger numbers are generally seen as indicating good prey bases and habitat.

Why is a tiger census needed?

The tiger sits at the peak of the food chain, and its conservation is important to ensure the well-being of the forest ecosystem. The tiger estimation exercise includes habitat assessment and prey estimation. The numbers reflect the success or failure of conservation efforts. This is an especially important indicator in a fast-growing economy like India where the pressures of development often run counter to the demands of conservation.

The Global Tiger Forum, an international collaboration of tiger-bearing countries, has set a goal of doubling the count of wild tigers by 2022. More than 80% of the world's wild tigers are in India, and it's crucial to keep

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Counting India's tigers

What are the key takeaways from the tiger census? Which parts of India have done the best and the worst in the conservation effort? How did the exercise reach its estimates? How reliable are they?



In the Tadoba-Andhari reserve in Maharashtra's Chandrapur in 2017. Prashant Nadkar

track of their numbers.

Where has the tiger population increased the most?

The biggest increase has been in Madhya Pradesh—a massive 218 individuals (71%) from 308 in 2014 to 526. In Maharashtra, the number has gone up from 190 to 312 (64%), and in Karnataka, from 406 to 524 (118, or 29%). Uttarakhand has gained over 100 tigers (340 to 442; 30%)

However, since tigers keep moving between states, conservationists prefer to talk about tiger numbers in terms of landscapes. India's five tiger landscapes are: Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains, Central Indian Landscape and Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats, North-East Hills and Brahmaputra Plains, and the Sundarbans.

Which states/regions have done badly?

Only one of the 20 tiger-bearing states has seen a fall in numbers—Chhattisgarh, where the census counted 19 tigers, significantly fewer than the 46 of 2014. The report has cited law and order as the reason—large parts of the state are hit by the Maoist insurgency. Greater conservation efforts are needed

in the "critically vulnerable" Northeast hills and Odisha.

No tiger has been found in the Buxa, Palamu and Dampa reserves.

How were the estimates reached?

The census was carried out in four phases. Phases 1 and 2 covered forest beats, generally spread over 15 sq km each, by Forest Departments, to collect signs of tiger presence like scat and pugmarks. Enumerators walked paths called line transects to estimate the abundance of prey. This was followed by sampling of plots along the transects to assess habitat characteristics, human impact, and prey dung density.

In phase 3, the information was plotted on the forest map prepared with remote-sensing and GIS application. Sample areas were divided in 2-sq-km parcels, and trap cameras were laid in these grids.

In the last phase, data were extrapolated to areas where cameras could not be deployed.

Authorities say the census is the world's most extensive biodiversity mapping exercise. A total 3,81,400 sq km of forests were surveyed; 5,22,996 km on foot. 3,17,958 habi-

nat plots were sampled for vegetation and prey dung. There were 26,838 camera trap locations, which covered 1,21,337 sq km.

A staggering 3,48,58,623 wildlife pictures were captured. Of them, 76,651 were of tigers; 51,777 of leopards. The entire effort consumed 5,93,882 man days.

So, why have the numbers gone up?

The success owes a lot to increased vigilance and conservation efforts by the Forest Department. From 28 in 2006, the number of tiger reserves went up to 50 in 2018, extending protection to larger numbers of tigers over the years. Healthy increases in core area populations eventually lead to migrations to areas outside the core; this is why the 2018 census has found tigers in newer areas. Over the years, there has been increased focus on tigers even in the areas under the territorial and commercial forestry arms of Forest Departments. The brightest spot in the non-protected tiger-bearing areas is the Brahmapuri division of Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, which has more than 40 tigers.

The other important reason is increased vigilance, and the fact that organised poaching rackets have been all but crushed. According to Nitin Desai of Wildlife Protection Society of India, there has been no organised poaching by traditional gangs in Central Indian landscapes since 2013.

The increased protection has encouraged the tiger to breed. According to Wildlife Institute of India Director V B Mathur, tigers are fast breeders when conditions are conducive. Tigresses with four cubs were found living in the shrubby vegetation around the Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station.

The rehabilitation of villages outside core areas in many parts of the country has led to the availability of more inviolate space for tigers.

Also, because estimation exercises have become increasingly more accurate over the years, it is possible that many tigers that eluded enumerators in earlier exercises were counted this time.

Three factors that could impact oil prices

three key factors likely to affect the movement of crude oil prices.

The New Iran Deal

In Vienna on Sunday, officials from Britain, France, Russia, Germany and China met their Iranian counterparts in an emergency meeting hoping to defuse rising geopolitical tensions in West Asia and to salvage the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The JCPOA is better known as the Iran nuclear deal and the US unilaterally pulled out of it in 2018. Since then tensions have escalated between the US and Iran, even as the other countries involved have been trying to avoid the deal from becoming defunct. Over the past few weeks: the US has threatened to launch airstrikes after Iran shot down US drones; the International Atomic Energy Agency has alerted that Iran has breached its side of the bargain by stockpiling more low-enriched uranium (which is used to make nuclear bombs) than it was allowed to in the nuclear deal; and Iran and the United Kingdom have impounded each other's oil tankers.

After the first meeting in Vienna, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi

said: "The atmosphere was constructive. Discussions were good. I cannot say that we resolved everything. I can say there are lots of commitments". This signalled that supply disruptions may not happen and, as a result, oil prices cooled off.

US-China talks

The second big factor is the trade impasse between the US and China. Talks between the two biggest economies restarted in Shanghai Monday. The key worry is that if the tussle carries on between the two economies, it will further slow down global growth (and hence oil demand). The initial response from the talks is pessimistic and as such, here, too, the result has been that oil prices came down a bit, but only after they had first gone up in hope.

Fed rate cut

The third big factor is the decision of the US Federal Reserve later in the week. The Fed, as it is often called, is widely expected to cut interest rates for the first time since the 2008 financial crisis. The link between a cut in interest rates and oil prices is not clear. However, if the rate cut leads to higher demand, chances are oil prices will move up.

CRUDE PRICES HAVE BEEN FLUCTUATING OF LATE

Date	Brent Crude Spot Price (\$/barrel)
Jul 15, 2019	66.86
Jul 16, 2019	65.87
Jul 17, 2019	63.67
Jul 18, 2019	60.7
Jul 19, 2019	61.04
Jul 22, 2019	61.96
Jul 23, 2019	62.28
Jul 24, 2019	63.18
Jul 25, 2019	63.46
Jul 26, 2019	63.46
Jul 29, 2019	63.24

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and Express News Service

Behind Maharashtra's plan to treat a portion of the seashore as 'land'

SANDEEP ASHAR
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THE MAHARASHTRA government has decided to treat a part of the Arabian Sea shoreline at Mumbai's Nepeansea Road as "revenue land"—that is, land that is utilisable and disposable, and which can generate revenues.

Earlier this month, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis gave in-principle approval to a proposal for a survey, and to give a cadastral survey (CS) number to the identified portion of the shoreline.

The part of the shoreline in question (the black rocky patch in the picture) was marked as "sea" at the time of Mumbai's last land survey. Since then, about 100 shanties have come up illegally on a portion of this land.

And even as the Chief Minister has said that the "developability" of the newly surveyed "land" would be assessed in accordance with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms and rules governing construction activity in Mumbai, a developer has submitted an *in situ* slum redevelopment project for the land, which has been admitted by the state-run Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA).

Official documents show the Revenue Department processed the proposal for surveying the foreshore area after the same developer forwarded a request to the CMO.

So where is this portion of the seashore that is proposed to be treated as "land"?

It is the part of the seashore lying between the low tide mark and the high tide mark in this particular part of South Mumbai. Mumbai's latest approved Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) categorises it as an inter-tidal zone or foreshore, and places it in the ecologically sensitive CRZ-1B category. The CZMP shows it as lying to the seaward side of the high tide line (see map).

Officials of Maharashtra's environment department have clarified that as per the CRZ notifications of both 2011 and 2019, no development or construction is permissible on this portion even if it is categorised as revenue land. The 2019 notification allows only foreshore facilities such as jetties, harbours, and ports in such places.

Why then has the developer submitted a plan for this part of the shoreline?

Slum-dwellers on this illegally reclaimed portion of the shore have come together to form a "housing society", and have authorised the developer to carry out *in situ* re-development. Reached for a comment, the developer has told *The Indian Express* that he wants the land to build houses, if the laws permit. According to the builder, the slum has existed on the reclaimed portion since 1985.



Why is a land survey of the kind authorised by the CM necessary in this case?

A cadastral survey is done to determine the land boundaries of a city, ward, or plot. Since the foreshore area was under water when the last survey was carried out, and exists beyond the current boundaries, a survey is necessary to determine its boundaries. The survey will also effectively increase the ward boundaries.



The foreshore near Darabsha Lane in Mumbai (map). During high tide (left), water reaches close to the slum which stands on the illegally reclaimed foreshore land. Nirmal Harindran

CS number and the property card are essential documents for the assessment and development of any land.

A cadastral survey in Mumbai was carried out a century ago—between 1915 and 1919. Land maps have since been updated from time to time to reflect changes in boundaries. The Superintendent of Land Records has said that several new foreshore lands have surfaced across the city since the

last full survey was carried out. In many cases, like the Nepeansea Road plot, land has been illegally reclaimed. Official reclamations were carried out in Backbay Reclamation and the Cuffe Parade area in the mid-70s.

Why is there criticism of the decision to carry out the survey?

Critics say this amounts to recognising illegal reclamation of the seashore. No policy framework exists for dealing with foreshore areas, and some senior officials fear this proposal might lead to similar demands at multiple places along the Mumbai Metropolitan Region shoreline, exposing the coastal areas to a fresh wave of construction. Instead of treating such proposals on a case-to-case basis, a policy should be framed in consultation with affected groups, the various stakeholders, and after examining the impact on coastal livelihoods and the environment, the officials say.

In order to regulate building activity along India's coasts, and to conserve and protect the coastal environment, the union Ministry of Environment and Forests issued a CRZ notification in 1991 under The Environment Protection Act, 1986. The notification was revised in 2011 and 2018, and has been amended from time to time. But activists often complain that these laws are not being followed in letter and spirit.





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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Partnership lessons

On public private partnerships, India must learn from UK. Be realistic, not ideological



TV SOMANATHAN AND GULZAR NATARAJAN

RIDING ROUGHSHOD

Amendments to UAPA law impinge on right to life and liberty, trample over federalism. Government must reconsider

A WEEK AFTER PARLIAMENT passed the National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, the Lok Sabha gave its nod to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment (UAPA), Bill 2019. The UAPA Act currently allows the government to designate any organisation as “terrorist” if it believes that it is involved in terrorism. The amendments passed by the Lok Sabha last week seek to empower the Centre to designate individuals as terrorists. During the debate in the Lok Sabha, Home Minister Amit Shah deployed the national security argument. Banned outfits often change their names. “So, there’s a need for a provision to declare an individual as a terrorist,” he said. There can be little quarrel over the need to bolster national security. But there must be a distinction between an individual and an organisation, and it must be kept in mind that the Constitution guarantees the former the right to life and liberty.

The proposed amendments are also troubling in light of the changes made to the NIA law. The amended NIA law gives the agency the power to “investigate terror crimes relating to Indians and interests of India”. But the amendments do not define “interests of India”, just as the proposed amendments to the UAPA do not spell out who is a terrorist. They merely say that the Centre may designate a person or an outfit “as terrorist if it (he/she) commits or participates in acts of terrorism, prepares for terrorism, promote terrorism, or is otherwise involved in terrorism”. The vagueness at the heart of that formulation means that the Centre and investigative agencies have wide discretionary powers to decide what constitutes a “terrorist offence”. This is a recipe for misuse by governments which, arguably, may view critical voices as inimical to the “interests of India”. During the debate on the UAPA amendments in the Lok Sabha, Home Minister Shah held out the assurance that the new provision will not be misused. But his references to “Urban Maoists” during the debate have raised fears that the government could use its power to tag a person as a “terrorist” to stifle dissent or to target people from specific communities.

The new NIA law gives the agency powers to investigate crimes related to human trafficking, offences related to counterfeit currency, manufacture or sale of prohibited arms, cyber-terrorism and offences under the Explosive Substances Act. These functions were hitherto performed by the police of the state concerned. The policing powers of states will be further curtailed if the amendments to the UAPA act are approved. For example, the provision to empower the head of the NIA to approve the forfeiture of properties of “those involved in terrorist activities” undermines the role of the Director General of Police in the states. In the Lok Sabha, the government used the weight of its numbers to ride roughshod over such concerns. But it would do well to rethink the issues pertaining to the rights of life and liberty, and to federalism, when the amendments to the UAPA come up for debate in the Rajya Sabha.

GOING LOCAL

Broad-based data localisation norms should be resisted. Norms should be contextual, driven by type of data, its specific setting

A HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT panel has recommended doing away with the requirement of foreign firms needing to store a copy of all personal data within India. Firms will now be able to store and process data abroad, though critical personal data will have to be processed and stored in the country. This approach marks a significant departure from the recommendations of the Justice Srikrishna committee report which had suggested that a copy of personal data must be stored in the country. The panel’s decision comes after a rethink by the Reserve Bank of India, which earlier relaxed its April 2018 circular that had mandated that all payment data generated in the country be stored here. This decision, which is likely to be welcomed by foreign companies, who would have seen a surge in costs to comply with these regulations, suggests that a more considered view on localisation norms is evolving in India.

The arguments in favour of data localisation are straightforward — it will address questions on privacy and security, enable greater governmental access to data, and help develop local data infrastructure. But on each of these issues, it is not very clear if the benefits from localisation outweigh the costs. For instance, in the absence of a strong data protection law, questions of privacy and security are unlikely to be addressed. And while there are reasonable arguments to be made in favour of law enforcement having greater access to data, especially when it is not stored in India, interventions such as bilateral treaties aimed at addressing specific issues might be a more prudent approach. This is not to suggest that localisation is never acceptable. There may be cases when it is justified. But these require careful cost-benefit analysis.

The next set of questions are likely to centre around what constitutes critical personal data. The Srikrishna committee report had classified personal data pertaining to finances, health, biometric and genetic data, religious and political beliefs, among others, as sensitive personal data. It had envisaged a data protection agency which would list out further categories of sensitive personal data. But it is debatable whether a single agency is best suited to draw up this list. As, globally, the framing of localisation norms has been largely contextual, driven typically by the type of data and the sector it relates to — in Canada, any data may be sensitive based on the context — sector specific regulators might be better at identifying which data is sensitive.

COOL DOWN

Europe is going through a heatwave. It mustn’t worry, we can help

PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING, besieged by drought and searing 40-degree-plus temperatures and both the government and civil society organisations have had to step in to provide some relief.” In South Asia, and much of the tropics, the heat and its many tortures are old news. But in Europe, they used to crave the heat and the tan, scrambling in parks and public spaces to occupy every inch in the sun. The ongoing heatwave in the Old World has changed all that — Paris witnessed a 70-year-high of 42 degree centigrade, London is boiling and the burning heat is now moving to the Netherlands and Scandinavian countries.

We must spare a thought for the erstwhile colonists — they don’t even grow mangoes and watermelons, they have no aam panna or Rooh Afza to beat the heat. And no Ayurvedic suggestions of cooling food. Parisians must realise that crème brulee, pate and foie gras may give your palate momentary joy, but they are likely to make you sweat. Switch, instead, to lauki, tinda, thayir sadam and the bitterest of gourds, karela. And it may be time that the Bond Street brokers trade in fish n chips for a nice shukto — a medley of vegetables forced on young east Indians by their mothers every summer.

Dealing with the heat could also be a civilisational problem. European architecture, from the baroque to the modern, is meant to keep in the heat. All wood and stone, fireplaces and heaters. The humble ceiling fan, conspicuous by its absence on the Continent, could be of some help. And desert coolers are more effective than air conditioning in the dry heat. Climate change may necessitate a whole new imagination of culture. It’s time high fashion in London and Paris took cognisance of the dhoti and gamcha.

AS INDIA DEEPENS private participation in infrastructure through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), it is an opportune moment to explore the lessons from the UK, the pioneer in the use of PPPs and privatisation in infrastructure.

In 1989, the UK government handed over water and sewerage services to private monopolies after assuming the sector’s £4.9 bn debt and giving a £1.5 bn one-time grant. An analysis of water regulator Ofwat’s accounts shows that the companies have since piled up £51 bn in debt and paid out £56 bn in dividends. In the 10 years to 2016, the nine companies paid out £18.1 bn in dividends from post-tax profits of £18.8 bn. They financed maintenance and improvements in infrastructure almost entirely by debt, despite generating enough cash to cover the investments out of internal resources. A study found that refinancing all the equity and debt capital with public debt would reduce costs by £2.3 bn a year and lower household bills by 40 per cent.

In the same 10 years, Thames Water, which services London and was owned by infrastructure fund Macquarie, paid out £1.6 bn in dividends, assumed £10.6 bn in debt, ran up a £260 mn pension deficit and paid no UK corporate tax. In its 11 years of ownership, Macquarie generated 15.9-19 per cent returns. Interestingly, Scottish Water, the only one of the 10 companies which has remained public, with similar efficiency and quality, is the least leveraged and has the lowest tariff, despite investing 35 per cent more than the rest over the last 16 years.

The balance sheet is similar with the railways. Privatisation unravelled quickly with the rail track operator being re-nationalised for safety reasons. The remaining private part, train operators, is heavily subsidised, costing £3.3 bn in 2016-17. Despite rising fares, public spending has nearly doubled in real terms from £2.3 bn to £4.2 bn from 1996 to 2016-17. In the 2012-16 period, these private companies paid out as dividends £634 mn of the £868 mn operating profits. A 2011 government report found the cost of running UK railways 40 per cent higher, and fares 30 per cent higher, than the rest of Europe. Cost per passenger kilometre in 2010 was the same as

1996, despite vastly expanded usage. Asset stripping by high dividends and higher prices for consumers were a feature in electricity and gas too.

A National Audit Office (CAG equivalent) assessment of the UK’s pioneering Private Finance Initiative (PFI) found that schools and hospitals built with PFI are 40 per cent and 60 per cent more expensive than their respective public sector alternatives. Using the government’s lower borrowing cost to discount the cost of projects, it found that very few PFI projects would have passed the Value for Money test. It concluded that the country had “incurred billions of pounds in extra costs for no clear benefit”.

The balance sheet on service quality is not much better. Over 2000-11, the reliability and punctuality of British rail increased from 88 to 91 per cent, a small increment given the advances in digital technology and massive public investments. Skimping on investments on the less salient parts of the privatised water and sewerage utilities has taken its toll on the environment. A 2018 Environment Agency report stated that only 14 per cent of English rivers met the minimum standards, down from almost 25 per cent in 2009. Other studies have traced this to release of untreated sewage, affecting a slew of large fines, including a £20.3 mn fine in 2017 on Thames Water for dumping 4.2 bn litres of sewage in a case described by the judge as “borderline deliberate”.

An early 2018 poll by Legatum Institute found that 76-83 per cent favoured renationalising the railways, energy, and water industries. The Labour party has announced that it would renationalise the utilities. Finally, in his 2018 Budget speech, after 716 projects since 1992, the Chancellor of Exchequer formally brought down the curtain on PFI saying he would never sign a PFI contract.

How relevant is the UK experience to India? In the UK, the starting point in terms of efficiency and service quality was high, and corruption in service delivery low. The Indian public sector suffers from peculiarly Indian constraints. Political interference in recruitment, competitive trade union activity (witness the posters in every railway station),

rigidities on salaries and writs in courts on service matters, reduce the efficiency of personnel management in the public sector. Activities of oversight agencies — Vigilance, Comptroller and Auditor General etc — cause extreme risk aversion in decision taking, reducing efficiency of procurement and operational decisions.

The starting point in India may often be a public agency which is inefficient, corrupt at the point of contact with the citizen and providing very poor service. With a much lower starting point, it is quite conceivable that private providers may be operationally more efficient and give better service. To that extent, the case for PPP is stronger in India than in the UK.

On the other hand, the regulatory capacity in India is weaker. The unambiguous lesson from the UK is that capable regulators could not prevent asset stripping and skimming on investments. There is nothing to suggest that this would not be repeated in India. Also, using PPP purely for off-balance sheet financing to reduce the short-run fiscal deficit, is penny-wise and pound-foolish because the cost of borrowing of the private sector is much higher.

Therefore, while encouraging PPP, India must be realistic, not ideological. The need is to tread cautiously. For a start, PPP must not be a short cut only to save money or bridge fiscal gaps or transfer risks; it should be used to improve service quality or bring efficiency improvements. Second, project design and the PPP components need to be carefully chosen. For instance, outsourcing labour-intensive and customer-service operations, while retaining pricing and investment in public hands, may bring in efficiencies without under-investment or over-pricing. Given the higher cost of private capital, and the inevitability of delays and related cost over-runs, construction is best financed with public borrowing though the operating asset could then be privately operated. Third, since it is impossible to write perfect long-term contracts, renegotiations are inevitable. Clear principles and a mechanism for renegotiations without moral hazard need to be planned for.

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IN A DAMNING indictment of policies pursued till now, the UNESCO’s State of the Education Report for India 2019 Children with Disabilities, points out that “among 5 year-olds with disabilities, three-fourths do not go to any educational institution. Nor do one-fourth of the CWD population aged between 5 and 19. The number of children enrolled in school drops significantly with each successive level of schooling... The proportion of children with disabilities who are out of school is much higher than the overall proportion of out-of-school children at the national level”. This does not take into account children “enrolled” but not attending school. And the suggestions made in the Draft National Education Policy — which advocates a host of regressive proposals — will only worsen the situation.

With the overwhelming thrust of the DNEP being towards commercialisation, the vast majority of disabled, who come from economically marginalised sections, stand to be deprived further. The idea to either close down or merge schools to create school complexes, which may be far away and inaccessible, will also adversely impact them.

Contrary to the understanding of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, (which the DNEP fails to even acknowledge), “access” in the Draft is still understood purely in traditional terms like provision of ramps, handrails and toilets. That access for a person with visual impairment, hearing impairment or a wheelchair user connotes differ-

ACCESS DENIED

Draft NEP labels disabled as ‘divyang’ and considers its duty is over

ent things, seems to be lost. Even in terms of physical access, reportedly, only 22.4 per cent of schools have disabled-friendly toilets and in around 20 per cent of schools where ramps are required, they are absent.

The RPD Act confers the right to “reasonable accommodation” and support systems including individualised support: Essential for children with disabilities while accessing their right to education. That the accommodation needs of a child with learning difficulty or a child with intellectual disability or autism are diverse, is not even recognised in the Draft.

“Access”, the Draft claims, is a key “guiding principle”. However, no text, Braille or audio version of the Draft has been made available, the “Accessible India” campaign notwithstanding.

The “Remedial Instructional Aids Programme” proposed in the Draft is also problematic: It is disparaging to a section of students, including the disabled, who for a variety of reasons may not be able to academically “perform” like their peers and will lead to segregation. That “students who have fallen behind” can be “remedied” with the help of unqualified and untrained “local heroes” as proposed in the Draft, is baffling.

The DNEP is silent on the concerns of disabled students in higher education. In the last academic year, Meenu Mani, a person with cerebral palsy and a wheelchair user, sought admission to MSW in Delhi University. Her request for a change of exam

centre owing to its inaccessibility was conceded. However, the new centre, too, was located in a basement to reach which a staircase had to be negotiated. In another case, the JNU administration failed in providing Munesh, a visually impaired student, with prescribed texts in Braille/audio formats. It also rejected his request for the mandated scribe and forced him to write both the sessional and end-semester exams on his own.

In a study on the mental health status of school-going adolescents in North East India, published in 2017 in the Asian Journal of Psychiatry, it was found that nearly one-tenth of the participants had some mental health issues. A class 10 student was found dead inside the washroom of a south Kolkata school in June this year. The suicide note left behind indicates that she was depressed and facing a lot of pressure. A few days later, elsewhere in Kolkata, an engineering student attempted suicide. Unfortunately, the DNEP underplays the magnitude of the problem. It limits itself to providing counsellors in schools (whose job is not restricted to dealing with mental health issues alone).

The Draft presumes that since the government has labelled the disabled as “divyang” and bestowed them with divine powers, its duty is over. The DNEP fails on all the three parameters of sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas.

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JULY 30, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

NO DUAL MEMBERSHIP
THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE of the Janata Party amended its constitution to say that “no member of any organisation having faith in theocratic State can be a member of the party”. It also decided to try and generate public opinion against the “farfetched character” of the present government led by Charan Singh and to defeat it because of its “unrepresentative and minority character”. Briefing journalists, the party’s general secretary, Ramkrishna Hegde, said that from now onwards members of the Janata Party would cease to be members of the RSS. He said that anyone violating this decision would attract disciplinary action.

UP WITH JANATA (S)
THE UTTAR PRADESH chief minister, Banarasi Das, declared that his government owed allegiance to Prime Minister Charan Singh, and the Janata (S) chief, Raj Narain. Talking to journalists on his return from Delhi, the chief minister, however did not say that his government belonged to the Janata (S). Banarasi Das said that since its very formation, his government had been secular for the communal elements had been kept out of it. Instead of opting out of the Janata Party, he had asked all those who had links with the Jana Sangh or RSS to leave the party and claimed that 80 per cent of the MLAs were with him.

FLOOD TOLL
ABOUT FIVE MILLION people are braving the fury of floods in the northern and eastern states. Relief operations are in full swing in these states. The situation was reported to be more serious in UP where about 2.5 million people have been affected. The situation in Gorakhpur, one of the five eastern UP districts, has worsened, according to official reports reaching Lucknow. So far, 246 villages with a population of over 31,000 have come in the grip of floods and an area of over 17,000 hectares has been affected. Heavy rains and consequent waterlogging has resulted in damage to over 1300 houses in the district and 150 persons have been moved.



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Change without reform

Cleared by Parliament, the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019 does not further empower the NHRC, ignores need for structural changes



TAHIR MAHMOOD

A FORMER CHIEF justice of the apex court and one of its judges, a retired high court chief justice, two non-judge dignitaries, and heads of national commissions for Scheduled Castes and Tribes, minorities, and women. This high-ranking eight-member group was assembled in September 1993 by the then Congress government to form a new parastatal entity to be known as the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). A bill enabling the government to establish such a body had been moved in Parliament three months earlier but could not be passed due to the severe criticism of its flawed provisions within and outside the House. In view of the approaching 45th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the government then hastened to constitute the proposed commission through an ordinance. Early in the next year, the ordinance issued for the purpose was transformed verbatim into the new commission's statutory charter.

In the coming years, the NHRC's functioning and performance earned censorious critiques. Jurist-judge V R Krishna Iyer called it "the biggest post office in India" (forwarding complaints to the government and its replies to complainants). Commenting on its first two official reports, noted lawyer Rajeew Dhavan said it had "assumed a stance far too grandiose not commensurate with its resources and internal will" and was "a mere showpiece to convince the world that the government is committed to human rights protection."

Former Chief Justice Ranganath Misra was appointed the NHRC's first chairman. Two days after he demitted office, I took over the chair of the National Minorities Commission and hence became an ex officio member of the NHRC. A month later, former Chief Justice M N Venkatachaliah joined as its next head. I worked with him for nearly three years, and also for some time with his successor, J S Verma. My friendly terms with the next two NHRC chiefs — Adarsh Anand and Rajendra Babu — allowed me to closely watch its working. Utterly disappointed, I kept stressing the need for a speedy overhaul of the commission's charter.

Venkatachaliah, as NHRC chief, had invited former Chief Justice Aziz Ahmad to head a committee he had formed to review the commission's statute. Eminent jurist and human rights activist Rajinder Sachar was on the committee and its report bore the imprint of his ideas. In 2006, the government of the day had the NHRC law revised. However, it ignored the Ahmadi committee's focal submissions. The exercise failed to rid the commission of the infamy of being a toothless tiger.

The present government has now once again amended the NHRC charter. Cleared by Parliament, the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill 2019, which makes sweeping changes of far-reaching consequences to the composition of the commission, will soon be in force. Under the amended law, the government's choice for the NHRC chair will not be limited to former chief justices of the apex court — it can now hand it over to any of the Court's retired judges. The impact of this change cannot be



Suvajit Dey

predicted with certainty — only time will tell whether the wide extension of the government's options in selecting the NHRC chief is a change for the better or worse.

Under the initial NHRC law, its two non-judge members had to be "persons having knowledge of or experience in matters relating to human rights". The number of such members has now been raised to three including a woman member, but the imprecise provision of keeping the coveted positions open to any person of the government's unguided choice remains unchanged. Former governments filled them with its retired officers, and the present dispensation once chose to appoint a ruling party office-bearer — though on being challenged in the court he wisely declined the offer. International human rights jurisprudence is a fast-growing legal discipline and there is no dearth of eminent scholars specialising in it, but successive governments have never considered any such specialist — nor any known human rights activist — for membership of the commission.

To the list of national commissions whose heads are NHRC's ex officio members have now been added two more commissions — those for the backward classes and protection of child rights — along with the chief commissioner for persons with disabilities. The commission will thus have more adjunct than full-time members. Instead, of the heads of its sister-bodies engaged in class-specific work, it would have been more fruitful to associate with NHRC representatives of a few leading NGOs, promoting human rights in general.

With a view to ensuring the independence of the commission, its Act prohibits further government employment for its chair

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and members. Nevertheless, greener pastures technically not covered by the phraseology of the ban have always been waiting for them. The practice was started with the first commission itself, when two of its sitting members were given gubernatorial positions overnight, and continues till date. The new amendment bill does not disturb the related provision of the Act.

The NHRC's main function is to inquire into complaints of "violation of human rights or abetment thereof, or negligence in the prevention of such violation, by a public servant". But it cannot execute its decisions based on its findings. For that, this high-profile body has to depend either on the central or state government or on the judicial hierarchy in the country — from the top court down to magistrates. The statutory provisions to this effect are not touched by the new amendments.

The situation of human rights in the country remains as bad, if not worse, as it was at the time of establishment of the NHRC and before. Is there really no way to make it a truly effective watchdog, powerful enough to crack the whip on the spate of human rights violations in the society?

Unfortunately, the 2006 amendments in the commission's law introduced by the previous government had not addressed this pressing need of the time. The 2019 changes made by the present dispensation too leave a great deal to be desired. By all counts, the NHRC is yet to be assigned its rightful role in the affairs of the country and the society.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Income inequality, and the impact of President Trump's policies on it, looms as a major issue in the 2020 presidential campaign." —THE WASHINGTON POST

Great game in Africa

Rajnath Singh's visit to Mozambique offers an opportunity for Delhi to review the progress made in implementing the Indian Ocean strategy



RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH Singh's visit to Mozambique this week is a good moment to reflect on the growing significance of the East African coast and the islands off it for the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific.

During his visit to Mozambique, Singh is expected to sign a number of agreements, including on hydrographic survey, sharing of white shipping information and the monitoring of its exclusive zone. He is also expected to deliver two fast patrol naval craft to the country as part of India's expanding security cooperation with Mozambique.

It's a pity that the defence minister's itinerary does not include two nearby island nations, Comoros and Madagascar. A visit to these two islands might have given the minister a better strategic appreciation of Mozambique and its maritime neighbourhood.

Mozambique, Madagascar and Comoros together constitute the Mozambique Channel, a critical waterway in the Indian Ocean, that has shaped the strategic evolution of the Indian Ocean over the centuries.

It is worth recalling that Vasco da Gama, in his search for a sea route to India, sailed through the Mozambique Channel in 1498 after coming round the southern tip of Africa. Since then, the Mozambique Channel had been a major choke point in the sea lines of communication from Europe to India and further east.

The control of the Mozambique Channel and the Western Indian Ocean islands became a major element of the extended rivalry between the major powers. European rivalries ebbed after the Napoleonic Wars and the Indian Ocean became a British Lake. After the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 — which provided a shorter route from Europe to India — the salience of the South Western Indian Ocean began to diminish.

That might be changing as a number of factors draw international attention to the Mozambique Channel in the 21st century. The rise of China and East Asia as well as the slower emergence of India have deepened economic interdependence between Asia, the Middle East and Africa. The sea lines of communication between the east coast of Africa and the Far East have once again acquired some weight and importance.

As a rising China projects its naval power to the west of the Malacca Straits, competition with the established Indian Ocean powers like the US, UK, France and India has become inevitable. As old and new powers jockey for influence in the Indian Ocean littoral, every little island is becoming a contested terrain.

Access to critically located islands has always been an important part of the maritime jousting between great powers. In the Pacific, the contest is best understood as the competition to dominate the so-called island chains — as a springboard for either power projection or as a defensive line against potential naval aggression.

Both the American and Chinese strategic communities agree on the existence of three island chains running in concentric Pacific arcs around Asia. As great power rivalry returns to the Indian Ocean, the concept of island chains helps us understand the new regional dynamic. Three Indian Ocean island chains are coming into view.

One is the Andaman Island chain that bisects the Bay of Bengal. The Great Nicobar Island at the southern tip of the chain is well placed to dominate the western gates of the Malacca Straits that link the Indian and Pacific Oceans. A second chain runs from Gwadar in the northern Arabian sea along the Laccadives-Chagos ridge to Diego Garcia island that hosts a large American base.

A third island chain flows down from Djibouti in the Horn of Africa, down along the East African coast to the Mozambique channel through the island of Zanzibar. The islands in the South Western Indian Ocean, including Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles and Mauritius, can be seen as part of this chain.

Along all the three island chains, India is scrambling to cope with the rising Chinese naval profile. As the home minister in the previous government, Singh was in charge of the Andaman chain and presided over the initial steps to modernise the governance of the islands and augment Indian naval presence there. But China's deepening security ties with the littoral countries of the Bay of Bengal could begin to undermine India's geographic advantages arising from the ownership of the Andamans.

On the second island chain, Delhi warily watches China's expanding naval presence on Pakistan's Arabian sea coast and is battling to retain India's primacy in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Meanwhile, US naval presence in Chagos is coming under stress as sovereignty over the archipelago has become the subject of an international dispute.

Once dominated by the European powers, the third island chain running along the east coast of Africa to the South Western Indian Ocean has seen the dramatic expansion of Chinese economic and strategic influence over the last decade. Besides the establishment of its first military base, China has an ambitious agenda of port construction, infrastructure development, and defence diplomacy.

During its first term, the Narendra Modi government had done much to put Africa and the third Indian Ocean island chain on Delhi's mental map. This included decisions to enhance the diplomatic presence in Africa, initiate sustained high-level political contact and beef up security partnerships in the littoral of the South Western Indian Ocean.

But the scale of the challenge confronting India in the three island chains continues to expand, amidst China's rapid strategic advance in the Indian Ocean.

Singh's visit to Mozambique offers an opportunity for Delhi to review the progress made in implementing the Indian Ocean Strategy that PM Modi announced during his visit to some of the island nations in 2015. Such a review should also help reveal at least a few of the big obstacles — especially the internal ones — that continue to limit Delhi's possibilities with the three Indian Ocean island chains.

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NEERJA CHOWDHURY

A true liberal

Jaipal Reddy's passing is a poignant reminder that the India we knew is gone

"THERE IS ONLY one portfolio I am certain I have the right person for," I K Gujral had remarked to a friend, hours before he took over as prime minister in mid 1997. "It is the Information and Broadcasting ministry for Jaipal Reddy." He made this remark minutes after word came — "ho raha hai" — that Congress leader Sitaram Kesri had firmed up the requisite support for him. This was just after the departure of H D Deve Gowda as prime minister.

Jaipal Reddy became India's I & B minister when Gujral took over as PM. It's not as if Reddy was endowed with huge administrative experience at the time, though he had been four times MLA and twice Lok Sabha MP. (Later, he enjoyed four more terms as Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MP, and was Union minister in the 10 years of UPA I and II.) Gujral chose him because he was a true blue liberal.

Sudini Jaipal Reddy, who died in Hyderabad on Sunday morning at the age of 77, was arguably amongst the most liberal political figures in contemporary India. As I&B minister, he piloted the Prasar Bharati Bill to give autonomy to Doordarshan and All India Radio. And when he became I&B minister again in 2004-05 under Manmohan Singh, there was an instance of his political associates seeking his intervention to rein in Doordarshan for something "uncomfortable" telecast against them. "I can't interfere," Jaipal Reddy told them. "There is a Prasar Bharati Act in place and I

believe in it." In fact, he had once remarked that he wanted the I&B department of the government to "with away". His colleagues would tell him it was not "practical politics". And that may have been one reason why he was shifted from I&B to the urban development ministry in 2005.

His blistering attacks against the Congress on the Bofors issue (1987-89) — which proved to be the undoing of Rajiv Gandhi — were long remembered. Rahul Gandhi, it is said, asked him to be the AICC spokesman again last year, in the hope that "Jaipalji" would be able to mount a similar onslaught against the government on the Rafale deal.

What sticks in my mind was the skill with which he defended the V P Singh government on the terrible violence during the election in Meham in early 1990 — it was dubbed "mayhem" — with allegations of rigging and murder against Devi Lal's son, OP Chautala, which finally proved to be the beginning of the end of government. For almost a month, day after day, at the 4 pm press conference at the historic 7 Jantar Mantar building, Reddy would not budge from the party line, never lose his cool, answer every query till they were exhausted, throw in Harold Laski, Bertrand Russel, Bernard Shaw to divert attention — and yet leave journalists with a sense of sneaking sympathy for him.

Every journalist who went to meet Reddy came away with the feeling that he or she was his favourite. He once told me, "When

you do hard political analysis, don't leave out the human factor". This stemmed from his belief that the media's role in a democracy was as legitimate as that of the executive or Parliament or the judiciary. The government and the media were adversaries at one level, but there had to be dignity in that relationship, he felt.

On my last visit to Hyderabad when I had gone to see him, he told me about his new book, *Ten Ideologies*. I thought he would write on the politics of the last 50 years, which he had participated in, and on which he could hold forth so expansively.

He was, for instance, an avowed supporter of "Mandal", seeing V P Singh's decision to give job reservations to the OBCs not only as a tactic to save his teetering government in August 1990 but also as an inevitable culmination of the rise of the backward classes. Singh "tapped into" this, others like Lalu Prasad, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Mayawati and Nitish Kumar became its beneficiaries.

But by 1997-98, Reddy had become sceptical about the "Third Front's ability to provide an alternative", and termed it a "mirage". The trouble, he once told me, was that "the non-BJP leaders (fighting the Congress) were never informed by a unity of purpose, nor held by a supreme leader". And you needed symbols of legitimacy to hold together.

In 1999, when he decided to rejoin the Congress after battling the party for two

decades, having quit it after the Emergency, I once asked him how someone like him could bring himself to take such a step.

He said it was only the Congress that could fight the battle for secularism, and for him, politics was about ideology and beliefs. That's why, though shunted from one ministry to another, he remained in the Congress till the end. Conscious about his squeaky clean image, he did not give in to corporate pressures when he was Minister for Petroleum. And he had to pay a price for it.

Later, after the Manmohan Singh government had gone, a friend asked him, whether Prime Minister Singh had talked to him when he was dropped as petroleum minister. "No," he said. Did Sonia Gandhi talk to him? "No," he replied. "But," he added, "Rahul Gandhi called me and said that I had been wronged."

Journalists write obits about politicians they have tracked, assessing their contribution. There are few you grieve about. Jaipal Reddy is one of them. His going is a poignant reminder that the India we knew and wrote about is not there anymore. Reddy will also be remembered for his artistry as a parliamentarian — on many an occasion, he could be a one-man demolition squad in the house. And for the one liners he would think of everyday, which would become headlines the next morning.

The writer is a senior journalist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRONGED PATIENTS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Patients and victims' (IE, July 29). Medical devices and implants exist in a regulatory black hole. Doctors take patients for a ride. The implant industry is a cash cow for hospitals. In the absence of transparency and regulation, no one can challenge the medical fraternity. This is one reason for the trust deficit between patients and doctors. The doctor behaving like a salesperson speaks volumes about the state of affairs.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

LIC'S NEW REGIME

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'LIC listing back on agenda' (IE, July 29). The listing was on the government's agenda right from the recommendations of Malhotra Committee in 1994. The reason given then was that a competitive environment will ensure better service to policy holders. However, LIC has maintained its leadership in the market after the opening up of the insurance sector since 2002 through improved service and unmatched claim settlements. The government must explain, what the "sovereign guarantee" by the government — available to LIC policies — will be after divestment.

Vasant Nalawade, Satara

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THIS REFERS TO the report, 'North

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to

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THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

Korea tests two missiles, says warning to 'warmongering' S Korea' (IE, July 27). North Korea fired new short range ballistic missiles last week. The event was supervised by the country's supreme leader Kim Jong Un. This demonstration of a "new tactical guided weapon" seems to be a warning to South Korea to stop conducting joint military exercise with the United States.

Adish Bohra, Ujjain



MEANWHILE
TEEN WINS \$3 MN IN VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

American teenager Kyle Giersdorf won \$3 million on Sunday after taking the top prize in a tournament in New York for the popular online video game Fortnite. Giersdorf, 16, from Pennsylvania, was one of at least 100 players competing for \$30 million in total prize money, as the popularity of video and online games has drawn top-dollar investments.

TOPOF THE WORLD



RUSSIA
Putin opponent Navalny likely poisoned: Doctor

Moscow: Russia's jailed opposition politician Alexei Navalny might have been exposed to an unidentified "toxic agent", his personal doctor said on Monday, while health officials insisted his condition was satisfactory. "Some toxic agent may be the reason for Alexei Navalny's 'illness'," his physician Anastasia Vasilyeva said in a post on Facebook, adding that officials at Moscow's hospital No 64, which treated him, behaved strangely. On Sunday, President Vladimir Putin's top opponent was rushed from jail to hospital suffering an acute allergic reaction. The hospital said Navalny was "in a satisfactory condition".

To come out of the dark, you must release tanker, Britain tells Iran

UK says 2nd warship arrived in Gulf to help passage of British-flagged ships through Strait of Hormuz

ANDREW MACASKILL
LONDON, JULY 29

BRITAIN TOLD Iran on Monday that if it wants to "come out of the dark" it must follow international rules and release a British-flagged oil tanker seized by its forces in the Gulf.

Iranian commandos seized the *Stena Impero* near the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most important waterway for oil shipments, on July 19. That was two weeks after British forces captured an Iranian oil tanker near Gibraltar accused of violating sanctions on Syria.

"If the Iranians want to come out of the dark and be accepted as a responsible member of the international community they need to adhere to rules-based system of the international community," Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told Sky News. "You cannot go



Iranian commandos seized the *Stena Impero* near the Strait of Hormuz on July 19. Reuters

about detaining unlawfully foreign vessels."

Tehran is angered by renewed sanctions imposed by the US and what it sees as the failure of Britain and European powers to protect

from the fallout of Washington's withdrawal from a nuclear agreement between Iran and world powers. Under the 2015 deal, international sanctions on Iran were relaxed in exchange for Tehran

DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE: IRAN TO UK WARSHIP

Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Monday published footage showing them warning off a British warship during the seizure of the *Stena Impero*.

The video includes audio clips of purported exchanges between the Guards and a British warship which was trying to prevent the seizure of the tanker.

Here's what was said:

REVOLUTIONARY GUARD REPRESENTATIVE: You are required not to interfere in these issues

BRITISH WARSHIP: This is British warship foxtrot two three six. I am in the vicinity of an internationally recognised strait with a merchant vessel in my vicinity conducting transit passage

GUARD REPRESENTATIVE: Don't put your life in danger

curbing its nuclear programme.

Britain last week started sending a warship to accompany all British-flagged vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, a change in policy announced on Thursday after

the government previously said it did not have resources to do so.

The Defence Ministry said a second warship arrived in the Gulf to help the passage of UK-flagged ships through the strait. REUTERS



Afghan security forces inspect the site of the previous day's attack in Kabul on Monday. Reuters

Afghanistan election season kicks off amid violence; death toll in Kabul blast up to 20

Trump wants to reduce US troops in Afghanistan before US polls in 2020

AGENCIES
KABUL, JULY 29

DEADLY VIOLENCE marred the start of Afghanistan's election season on the weekend, after President Ashraf Ghani insisted "peace is coming" to the war-torn nation.

At least 20 people were killed and 50 others wounded on Sunday in an attack targeting the Kabul office of Ghani's running mate, Amrullah Saleh.

The violence came on the first day of campaigning for the upcoming presidential elections, serving as a grim reminder of Afghanistan's woeful security situation and the sort of mayhem and murder that have beset previous polls.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday that President Donald Trump has ordered to reduce the number of American troops in Afghanistan before the US presidential elections in 2020.

The Trump administration has intensified its efforts to seek a negotiated settlement of America's longest war in Afghanistan where the US has lost over 2,400 soldiers since 2001.

US Special Envoy for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Zalmay Khalilzad, is holding talks with the Taliban to work out an

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An election under fire from all sides

AS CAMPAIGNING for the Afghan election begins, the September vote is already facing opposition from many sides. The most serious is the security threat, with the Taliban intensifying attacks recently to use as leverage in their peace talks with the US. The twice-delayed election is also under fire from a group of politicians who say they will boycott the polls if Ghani doesn't remove a loyalist who was appointed as a government official. Other candidates say the election should be further delayed so that it does not come in the way of peace talks. Moreover, many citizens have been quoted by media saying they will not vote because they fear there will be attacks at polling booths.

agreement for withdrawal of the US troops and participation of the group in the Afghan government.

NIGERIA
Boko Haram attack kills 65

Maiduguri: Armed men on motorbikes roared into a village in northeastern Nigeria and gunned down funeral mourners on Saturday, killing at least 65 people, officials said on Monday. Officials attributed the attack to Boko Haram, the Islamist extremist group that has terrorised the region for the last ten years, although there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the assault. The attack on Saturday, in the area of Nnganzai, north of the city of Maiduguri, was in retaliation for an earlier clash, officials said. Villagers have formed defense groups, armed with hunting guns and knives, to resist Boko Haram.

BRAZIL
At least 52 dead in prison riot

Rio De Janeiro: At least 52 inmates were killed in a prison riot in northern Brazil on Monday as rival gang factions fought each other, an official said. Sixteen of the dead were decapitated in the second major eruption of violence to rock the country's severely overpopulated and deadly prison system in as many months. Fighting broke out in the Altamira Regional Recovery Centre at around 7 am, an official from the Para state government's penitentiary department said. Two guards were taken hostage during the clashes that ended at around midday. They were eventually freed.

Pak reopens historic temple as Imran vows to protect minorities' places of worship

Shawala Teja Singh temple in Sialkot was closed for worship since Partition

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE, ISLAMABAD, JULY 29

PAKISTAN HAS opened a 1,000-year-old Hindu temple in eastern city Sialkot for "worship" for the first time since Partition on the demand of the local Hindu community, officials said Monday.

The Shawala Teja Singh temple, located in city's congested Dhaarawal locality, some 100-km from Lahore, is more than 1,000 years old, according to the book *History of Sialkot* by the late Rashid Niaz.

"The Evacuee Trust Property Board, which looks after the holy places of minorities in Pakistan, has opened Shawala Teja Singh temple after the partition on the demand of the local Hindu community," ETPB spokesperson Amir Hashmi told PTI.

He said since there was no Hindu population earlier residing in the city the temple was closed for worship.

"The temple was partially damaged during attacks on temples here in reaction to Babri Mosque in 1992," he said, adding that the ETPB carried out restoration work of the temple on the

direction of Board chairman Dr Amir Ahmed recently.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday termed the practice of forced conversions as "un-Islamic" and said there was no precedent in Islamic history for forcefully converting others.

Addressing an event in connection with National Minorities Day at the Aiwan-e-Sadr (President's House) here, Khan also vowed to protect and develop worship places of minorities in Pakistan.

Khan said the Prophet himself had given minorities religious freedom and protected their places of worship.

"How can we then take it into our own hands to forcefully convert someone to Islam — either by marrying (non-Muslim) women... or at gunpoint?" he asked.

Khan reiterated his commitment to build Pakistan on the model of 'State of Madina', ensuring rights to people, rule of law and provision of facilities to citizens at equal level.

Khan's message comes amidst growing cases of conversion of Hindu women in Pakistan's Sindh province.

19-YEAR-OLD GUNMAN PICKED TARGETS AT RANDOM: POLICE



At the scene of a shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California, on Sunday. AP

Two children among three killed in shooting at California festival

KATHLEEN RONAYNE & MARTHA MENDOZA
GILROY, JULY 29

A SHOOTER cut through a fence and opened fire on a crowd eating and listening to music at a popular food festival in California, killing three people, including a six-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, and injuring 12 others before police quickly shot him dead, authorities said.

Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said Santino William Legan, 19, appeared to randomly target people when he fired with a rifle Sunday after-

Gunman shot dead, manhunt on for a possible second suspect, police say

noon, the end of the three-day Gilroy Garlic Festival that attracts more than 100,000 people to the city known as the "Garlic Capital of the World". He said Legan's motive wasn't known.

Police responded in less than a minute and Legan turned his "assault-type rifle" on the officers, Smithee said. Three officers

fired back and killed Legan, who legally purchased the weapon in this month in Nevada.

The festival in the agricultural city of 50,000 about 176 kilometres southeast of San Francisco had security that required people to pass through metal detectors and have their bags searched. The shooter sneaked in through a fence that borders a parking lot next to a creek, the police chief said.

Some witnesses reported a second suspect, Smithee said, but it was unclear whether that person was armed or just helped in some way. A manhunt stretched into Monday. AP

Singapore 'brownface' ad sparks anger, prompts apology

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SINGAPORE, JULY 29

AN ADVERTISEMENT featuring an actor of Chinese origin with his skin darkened to portray different races has sparked anger in multi-ethnic Singapore, prompting an apology from the country's state-owned broadcaster.

Race is a sensitive issue in Singapore, which is home to eth-



The ad is part of a government-initiated campaign for cashless transactions

nic Chinese, ethnic Indians and Muslim Malays, as well as expatriates around the world.

The ad, part of a government-initiated campaign for cashless transactions, featured actor Dennis Chew from broadcaster Mediacorp as four characters.

His skin was darkened to depict an Indian man and a Malay woman wearing a headscarf, and he also portrayed a Chinese man and a Chinese woman. Each char-

acter was shown holding a plate of food paid for electronically.

"Brownface in a Singaporean ad in 2019. I thought we already went over this," magazine editor Ruby Thiagarajan said on Twitter, in a post that had been retweeted nearly 3,000 times by Monday.

Mediacorp, through its celebrity management arm The Celebrity Agency, apologised "for any hurt that was unintentionally caused".

OPUS BONO SACERDOTII SERVED AS A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM FOR CATHOLIC PRIESTS ACCUSED OF ABUSE

A small nonprofit group, unmarked buildings and refuge for accused priests

MARTHA MENDOZA, JULIET LINDERMAN & GARANCE BURKE
DRYDEN, JULY 29

THE VISITING priests arrived discreetly, day and night.

Stripped of their collars and cassocks, they went unnoticed in this tiny Midwestern town as they were escorted into a dingy warehouse across from an elementary school playground. Neighbours had no idea some of the dressed-down clergymen dining at local restaurants might have been accused sexual predators.

They had been brought to

town by a small, nonprofit group called Opus Bono Sacerdotii. For nearly two decades, the group has operated out of a series of unmarked buildings in rural Michigan, providing money, shelter, transport, legal help and other support to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Catholic priests accused of sexual abuse across the country.

Again and again, Opus Bono has served as a rapid-response team for the accused.

When a serial paedophile was sent to jail for abusing dozens of minors, Opus Bono was there for him, with regular visits and commissary cash.

When a priest admitted sexually assaulting boys under 14, Opus Bono raised funds for his defence. When another priest was criminally charged with abusing a teen, Opus Bono later made him a legal adviser.

And while powerful clerics have publicly pledged to hold the Church accountable for the crimes of its clergy and help survivors heal, some of them arranged meetings, offered blessings or quietly sent checks to this organisation that provided support to alleged abusers, *The Associated Press* has found.

Though Catholic leaders deny the Church has any official rela-



The current headquarters of Opus Bono Sacerdotii in Dryden, Michigan. AP

tionship with the group, Opus Bono successfully forged networks reaching all the way to the Vatican.

The Associated Press unravelled the continuing story of Opus Bono in dozens of interviews with experts, lawyers, clergy members and former employees, along with hundreds of pages of documents obtained through Freedom of Information requests.

In recent months, two of the group's founders were forced out after Michigan's attorney general found that Opus Bono had misused donated funds and misled contributors. A third co-founder, a priest, was abruptly removed from ministry earlier this month after the AP began asking about an allegation that he had sexually abused a child decades ago.

Still, since 2002, Opus Bono has played a little-known role among conservative Catholic groups that portray the abuse scandal as a media and legal feeding frenzy. These groups contend the scandal maligns the priesthood and harms the Catholic faith.

Opus Bono established itself as a counterpoint to the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests and other groups that have accused the Church of trying to cover up the scandal and failing to support victims of clergy misconduct. Opus Bono focuses on what it considers the neglected victims: priests, and the Church itself.

"All of these people that have

made allegations are very well taken care of," Opus Bono co-founder Joe Maher said in a radio interview, contending that many abuse accusations lodged against priests are false. "The priests are not at all very well taken care of."

Opus Bono's roots reach back almost two decades to a sex abuse scandal that convulsed The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, a grand stone structure set amid Detroit's crumbling brick blight.

For 25 years, the Rev. Edward Perrone presided there. Inside the church, commonly known as Assumption Grotto, glossy

Opus Bono brochures tout the pastor's role as the group's co-founder and spiritual lifeblood. Stern and imposing, the 70-year-old Perrone is a staunch conservative; he refused to marry couples, for example, if he thought the bride's dress was too revealing.

Earlier this month, his parishioners were shocked when Perrone was removed from ministry after a Church review board decided there was a "semblance of truth" to allegations that he abused a child decades ago. Perrone told the AP that he "never would have done such a thing". AP

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Mayo Clinic arm entered into JV with GMR, Apollo for Hyderabad hospital

RITU SARIN NEW DELHI, JULY 29



Plans were shelved at US partner's behest: Apollo

ONE OF the large international corporations which used the Mauritius route to propose a joint venture (JV) in India and maximise tax benefits is Minnesota-based Mayo Clinic and its subsidiary, the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research (MFMER).

It was in 2011 that MFMER, described in the data of off-shore specialist firm Conyers Dill & Pearman as a not-for-profit corporation, registered Mayo Clinic GBS Mauritius as well as in the South Asian Region, the Middle East and the Far East.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Panel to look into automated system to tag risky taxpayers

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AN AUTOMATED system of identifying risky entities through risk-based profiling of taxpayers under Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and changes, if required, in law to include penal provisions for failure to undertake the desired KYC compliance or verification by such entities are being considered by the government. The GST Council has formed a 10-member 'Committee of Officers on Risk-Based Management of Taxpayers under GST regime', which will submit its report within a month.

The officers' committee will study, examine and suggest the modalities for assessing financial credibility of a taxpayer vis-à-vis his/her GST profile and may also suggest various threshold limits for such taxpayers. Also, the officers' committee will suggest reasonable restrictions/interventions to be imposed on taxpayers based on risk parameters to regulate issue of invoices, utilisation of input tax credit, passing of input tax credit, refunds etc.

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taxpayers under GST regime shall study, examine and suggest measures for implementation of suggested risk-based management on immediate basis and any other measures, mechanism and machinery to check and curb multiple types of frauds," the office memorandum dated July 15 stated. Modalities of KYC verification of a taxpayer through various agencies, parameters for risk-based profiling of a taxpayer so as to identify 'risky' entity in an automated manner will be suggested by the officers committee.

Gujarat's Chief Commissioner of State Tax P D Vaghela, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Principal Commissioner, GST Policy Wing Upendra Gupta have been named the co-conveners of the 10-member officers committee. Other members include officials from Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management (DGARM),

DG System and Data Management and GST Network (GSTN).

GST collections had fallen short of the Budget target by Rs 16 lakh crore and by around Rs 62,000 crore from the revised estimates in the previous financial year, prompting the government to look at various data-analytics based anti-evasion measures to shore up revenues. In his post-Budget interview with *The Indian Express* earlier this month, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey had said that with the Indian economy expected to grow only marginally higher this fiscal, the government will explore anti-evasion measures to increase the efficiency of revenue collections.

"We have estimated 11 per cent as nominal (GDP) growth, and we are saying 14 per cent (growth target for GST revenue). This difference between 11 and 14 per cent will come from increasing our efficiency of collection and

that includes taking anti-evasion measures," Pandey said.

Apart from economic slowdown creating a dent on the growth of GST collections, the government is also grappling with revenue leaks due to multiple fraud cases under the indirect tax regime. A total of 9,385 cases of tax fraud involving amount of Rs 45,682.83 crore has been detected by the tax authorities under the GST regime since its rollout from July 1, 2017, government data showed. Out of this, 1,593 tax fraud cases involving an amount of Rs 6,520.40 crore have been detected in April-June, the first three months of this financial year.

Tax fraud worth Rs 37,946.41 crore was detected in 7,368 cases in 2018-19. Also, in 2018-19, Rs 11,251 crore worth of cases of tax credit availed by issue of fake invoices were detected by the tax authorities and Rs 2,805 crore in April-June of the current fiscal.

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

IRDAI to give green signal to sandbox experiment soon

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, JULY 29

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) will soon allow the use of regulatory sandbox (RS) to promote new, innovative products and processes in the industry.

RS is an infrastructure that helps fintech players live test their products or solutions, before getting the necessary regulatory approvals for a mass launch, saving start-ups time and cost. The Reserve Bank of India is also going ahead with its plan for a similar exercise in the banking sector.

IRDAI had, in February this year, recommended setting up a regulatory sandbox to test new digital and tech-based innovations, before launching them in the market. A committee, set up by the IRDAI, has already submitted its final recommendations and will be implemented soon, IRDAI Chairman SC Khuntia said in Mumbai last week.

Data analytics is an area which insurance industry can take benefit to serve their customers. "Insurance industry generates a huge amount of data. If they analyse and make sense of this data then that can be used for pricing of product, gauging the need of customers and also to design products that customers require," said an insurance official.

For the IRDAI sandbox, an applicant should have a net worth of Rs 10 lakh and a proven financial record of at least one year. Companies will be allowed to test products for up to 12 months in five categories. It suggested the setting up of a core sandbox committee with dedicated personnel to monitor and supervise the digital innovations and also facilitate the roll-out of experiments and to provide the ecosystem required for the experimentation.

It has said applicants can test products for up to a period of one year in five categories - insurance solicitation or distribution, insurance products, underwriting, policy and claims servicing. "The permission shall be granted for a period of six months, which can be extended for another six months. In no case can the proposal be allowed to go beyond 12 months," the report said. However, if the proposal covers 5,000 persons or

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completes Rs 50 lakh of premium or any other parameter specified by the IRDAI, the proposal will be considered completed.

"Applicants would include insurers or insurance intermediaries or any other entity other than an individual having a minimum net worth of Rs 25 lakh for the last three years," said the report, adding that if the category involves insurance product or underwriting, then the applicant necessarily has to partner with an insurer.

The committee has also recommended strict requirements of confidentiality to protect the data of policyholders, and has proposed defined entry and eligibility criteria, boundary conditions, process flow, timelines, success factors and exit parameters for the applicants, along with appropriate controls for protection and risk management. The RBI recently put out a draft enabling framework for regulatory sandbox (RS) for fintechs, including an indicative list of relevant products and services and fit-and-proper criteria for participants in the RS.

"The RS allows the regulator, the innovators, the financial service providers (as potential deployers of the technology) and the customers (as final users) to conduct field tests to collect evidence on the benefits and risks of new financial innovations, while carefully monitoring and containing their risks," the RBI said in the draft, which refers to each end-to-end sandbox process as a cohort.

India accounts for approximately 6 per cent of insurance premium in Asia and around 2 per cent of the global premium volume.

'Slowdown, NBFC crisis pose fresh NPA scare'

Even as more and more crippled banks come out of the dud asset tunnel, the heightening growth slowdown and the lingering crisis at non-banking lenders pose fresh challenges to their asset quality, as per a Moody's report

'WEAKER GROWTH': In the report, which comes months after GDP growth slipped to a five-year low at 5.8% for March quarter, Moody's said it expects growth to be "weaker" in the next 12-18 months, without quantifying its growth expectation



12% in recent past and is trending under 10% now

SLOWDOWN: There will be a slowdown in fresh bad loans generation in the non-financial sector due to recovery of the corporate sector and also recoveries from legacy problem loans

CAPITAL INFUSIONS by Centre will help state-run banks maintain their capital raises at current levels

RAISE CAPITAL: Some private banks are in the process of raising new capital from the markets

can lead to creation of a fresh bad loan mess in the retail, and small and medium enterprise segments

10%: Slowdown comes at a time when banks are recovering from legacy non-performing loans, which at the system level had crossed

Centre to SC: Telcos owe over ₹92K cr as licence fees till date

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 29

PRIVATE TELECOM firms like Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and state-owned MTNL and BSNL have pending licence fee outstanding of over Rs 92,000 crore till date, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

In an affidavit filed in the top court, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said that as per calculations, Airtel owes Rs 21,682.13 crore as licence fee to the government.

Dues from Vodafone totalled Rs 19,823.71 crore while Reliance Communications owed a total of Rs 16,456.47 crore, DoT said. BSNL owed Rs 2,098.72 crore while MTNL owed Rs 2,537.48 crore, it said.

The total amount which has to be recovered from all the telecom firms accrues to Rs 92,641 crore as on date, it said.

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their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) with the government as annual Licence Fee (LF).

In addition, mobile telephone operators were also required to pay Spectrum Usage Charges (SUC) for the use of radio frequency spectrum allotted to them.

Telecom operators had moved the top court against the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal's (TDSAT) order which ruled that certain non-telecom revenues like rent, profit on sale of fixed assets, dividend and miscellaneous income must be included while computing a carrier's AGR, dealing a setback to telecom operators who would have to shell out more towards licence and spectrum usage fees.

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The TDSAT order had exempted a large number of streams from the definition of AGR, like capital receipts, bad debt, distribution margins to dealers, forex fluctuations, sale of scrap and waiver of late fee.

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FORMER RBI GOVERNOR BIMAL JALAN ON HIGHER TAXES

'In theory if tax rates are high, people look for other countries'

REUTERS NEW DELHI, JULY 29

FORMER RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Governor Bimal Jalan has warned that the higher income taxes the government introduced in the Budget could lead to a flight of funds from the country.

"In theory if tax rates are very high, obviously people look for other countries, which have lower interest rates, and also exemptions from income tax," said Jalan, who is chairing a central bank panel deciding on how much of the RBI's reserves should be transferred to the government. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget this month, raised taxes on people earning more than Rs 2 crore a year. That included foreign portfolio investors registered as trusts.

Parliament passed the Budget last week.



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"The incentive to borrow or invest domestically is certainly impacted by higher taxes. So investors may be sending money overseas, but hopefully it does not lead to round tripping," Jalan told Reuters in an interview, referring to funds exiting only to come back, and evading taxes along the way.

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SBI slashes deposit rates across all maturities by up to 75 bps

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 29

STATE BANK of India on Monday cut interest rates on deposits across all maturities by up to 75 basis points ahead of the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy review next week.

It has slashed the interest rate on 7-45 days deposits by 75 basis points to 5 per cent from 5.75 per cent while for 46 days to 179 days, the rate has come down by 50 basis points to 5.75 per cent from 6.25 per cent. For deposits of 180

days to 210 days, the rate has been cut by 10 basis points and for 211 days to one year, interest rate has come down by 15 basis points to 6.25 per cent. For one year to two years, the rate will be down by 20 basis points to 6.80 per cent. The rate changes will be effective August 1.

As on March 31, 2019, SBI has a deposit base of over Rs 29 lakh crore with CASA (current account and savings account) ratio of 45.74 per cent and advances of over Rs 22 lakh crore. SBI commands around 35 per cent of market share in home

EXPLAINED

Lending rate cut by banks still remains slow

AFTER THE RBI slashed the key repo rate by 75 basis points this year, banks are moving slowly to bring down the rates for their customers.

While SBI has taken the lead to slash the deposit rates, other banks are expected to follow suit in the coming days amid expectations of another 25 basis points of repo rate cut next week. However, banks are usually fast in slashing deposit rate while going slow in effecting a cut in lending rates.

loans and auto loans.

The Reserve Bank of India has cut its key repo rate by 75 bps this year but commercial banks have mostly responded with just around 15-20 bps cuts in their key lending rates. SBI did not announce any reduction in lending rates on Monday. The government has already reduced interest rates on small savings schemes such as the National Savings Scheme, Public Provident Fund among others in late June by 10 bps.

Analysts said other banks may follow SBI's lead in cutting deposit rates but the timing and size of the

moves will vary. On July 19, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das discussed the slower transmission of rate reduction and stressed asset resolution with the CEOs of public sector banks and the Chief Executive of Indian Banks Association (IBA).

During the meeting, the issue of less than desired level of transmission of monetary policy rates was discussed with the CEOs of banks. Analysts are expecting another rate cut in the next policy review in August in the wake of the slowdown in growth and low inflation.

Trump urges US Fed to do more than a 'small rate cut'

REUTERS WASHINGTON, JULY 29

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Monday urged the Federal Reserve to go beyond making a "small rate cut" this week, raising pressure on the central bank to lower borrowing costs by more than Wall Street expects.

In a series of tweets ahead of the Fed's meeting scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Trump reiterated his criticism of the US

monetary policymakers, accusing them of acting too cautiously.

"The EU and China will further lower interest rates and pump money into their systems, making it much easier for their manufacturers to sell product. In the meantime, and with very low inflation, our Fed does nothing - and probably will do very little by comparison. Too bad!" he wrote on Twitter. "The Fed has made all of the wrong moves. A small rate cut is not enough, but we will win anyway!" he added.

Automobile dealers feel squeeze as norms for loans get tightened

PRITISH RAJ
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

COME OCTOBER, some dealers of Hyundai Motor India may need to furnish collateral of anywhere between 25 per cent and 50 per cent of the loan amount taken from State Bank of India, depending upon the lender's internal rating.

However, there are dealers who have already furnished the collateral at the time of renewing their loans or getting them enhanced. An SBI circular dated March 27 noted that dealers would need to provide a minimum 25 per cent or 50 per cent of collateral security based on a rating obtained when the loan was renewed or enhanced or a

In a letter to Hyundai, SBI had communicated it has reduced the credit period from 90 days to 60 days, with a 15-day grace period to pay back a loan

period of six months, whichever was earlier.

The collateral can be an immovable asset, fixed deposits or specified securities. Earlier, lenders rarely asked dealers for any collateral. In a letter to Hyundai, SBI had communicated it has reduced the credit period from 90 days to 60 days, with a 15-

day grace period to pay back the loan. Post the grace period, interest rate will be levied at the rate of 6 per cent compared with the 2 per cent levied earlier.

FE has seen a copy of the circular issued to Hyundai.

The rules relating to dealer financing are understood to have been tightened for dealers of Maruti Suzuki. A senior bank executive said the terms were slightly different for Maruti. Sector experts noted the slowdown in the automobile industry and the closure of some 200 dealers has made lenders understandably cautious.

Emails sent to Hyundai Motor India and Maruti Suzuki did not elicit a response till the time of going to press. **FE**

ED attaches ₹246 crore assets in TN gutkha case

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has attached properties worth over Rs 246 crore in the Tamil Nadu Gutkha scam case. Attached properties include 174 immovable properties situated in Tamil Nadu, Pudukcherry and Andhra Pradesh.

ED claimed their market value to be Rs 243.80 crore. The agency has also attached shares and vehicles worth Rs 2.29 crore belonging to proprietors of Jayam Industries, the company at the heart of the scam.

The ED case is based on an FIR registered by CBI in September last year on orders from the Madras High Court. The CBI had then raided the residential premises of Tamil Nadu Health Minister C Vijayabaskar, Director General of Police T K Rajendran and former Chennai Police Commissioner S George among 35 locations in connection with the case.

The agency had also put under arrest promoters of Jayam Industries, AV Madhavrao and Uma Shankar Gupta, apart from FSSAI official Dr P Senthil Kumar

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and Central Excise Superintendent NK Panda.

Top ministers, police officers and revenue officials are alleged to have taken bribes to allow manufacture and sale of gutkha, which was banned in the state in 2013.

"Investigation under PMLA revealed that accused AV Madhava Rao, PV Srinivasa Rao, Tallam Uma Shankar Gupta and others had associated in illegal manufacture, sale and distribution of Gutkha products in Tamil Nadu had a turnover of Rs 639.40 crore from June 2013 to June 2016 and the ill-gotten money derived out of the criminal activities were invested in moveable and immovable properties in Andhra Pradesh, Pudukcherry and Tamil Nadu. The criminal activity related to the payment of bribes to the Central and State Government Officials as quid pro quo for allowing the illegal business of Gutkha and other tobacco products which are banned in the State of Tamil Nadu," an ED statement said on Monday.

According to ED, investments made by the accused were in land purchased in the name of M/s Gayathri Realtors, M/s Medha Diary Private Limited, M/s Vijayanthi Spinners.

"Three factory premises were also acquired by the accused in the names of relatives/employees during the period to facilitate smooth running of their illegal Gutkha business. Further, out of the profits of Gutkha business, personal investments were made by accused persons by purchase of land in their name and in the name of family members/relatives. Besides, shares were purchased in M/s Goutham Buddha Textile Park, Guntur and vehicles were purchased for the sale and distribution of Gutkha products. The major investments in real estate made by the accused were in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh apart from investments in Salem, Pudukcherry and Chennai," the ED statement said.

REPORT INVOLVES 'COMPLY OR EXPLAIN' APPROACH

Sebi panel proposes code of conduct for proxy advisors

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 29

A WORKING group set up by the Securities and Exchange Board of India has proposed a code of conduct involving a 'comply or explain' approach for proxy advisory firms wherein listed companies aggrieved by the view of such entities can approach the watchdog for redressal.

"The proxy advisor should take appropriate steps to manage, mitigate and/or disclose any potential conflicts of interest resulting from ancillary business activities. Creation of 'Chinese Walls' between proxy firms and their consultancy firms. There should be clear procedures to handle conflicts of interest," the report said. Sebi has sought public comments on the recommendations made in the group's report till August 18.

While noting that no further mandatory regulation is required, the group has recommended amendment to regulations that

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would allow listed companies, aggrieved by a view of a proxy advisor, to approach Sebi for redressal of their grievances. "Sebi may consider drafting a code of conduct for proxy advisors... on a 'comply or explain' basis," the report said.

Another suggestion is that disclosure of conflict of interest should appear on every specific document where the proxy advisory firms are giving their advice. "A generic disclosure/disclaimer on the proxy advisor's website is inadequate and it should be extended to every place, including news quotes where a proxy advisor makes a

statement. Disclosures should especially address possible areas of potential conflict and also the safeguards that have been put in place," it said.

Besides, the group has suggested that institutional investors like foreign portfolio investors, portfolio managers, alternative investment funds, real estate investment trusts and infrastructure investment trusts could be mandated to ensure that proxy advisory firms employed by them have appropriate capacity and capability to issue proxy advice. The working group on issues related to proxy advisors was set up in

November 2018. Proxy advisor is a person/ firm who provides advice to institutional investors or shareholder of a company to exercise their rights in the company including recommendations on public offer or voting recommendation on agenda items.

The Sebi panel has said all proxy advisors should have a publicly available conflict of interest policy, which will have a clear approach on managing concerns relating to independence that could impact their recommendations to clients.

The panel recommended proxy firms have clear separation between the proxy voting advice to shareholders and the advice to listed companies regarding advisory services. Proxy firms need to also outline a policy to determine when not to provide a voting recommendation. The panel has said the board of proxy advisors should be independent of its shareholders, where such a position creates a serious conflict of interest.

BRIEFLY

Welfare board for traders announced

New Delhi: The Commerce and Industry Ministry will set up a 'National Traders Welfare Board' to advise the government to reduce compliance burden and improve availability of funds for traders, according to a notification.

Piyush Goyal cancels his visit to China

Beijing: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, who was due to visit Beijing this week to take part in the 8th round of RCEP Ministerial meeting, has cancelled his trip to participate in the proceedings of the extended Parliament session, officials said. On Thursday, the government decided to extend the Parliament session till August 7 to complete its legislative agenda. The ongoing session was scheduled to end on July 26.

Bigbasket gets ₹100 crore venture debt

New Delhi: Trifecta Capital Monday said it has provided Rs 100 crore in venture debt to SuperMarket Grocery Supplies — which operates online food and grocery portal bigbasket.com.

Vodafone Idea to close m-pesa business

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea Ltd has decided to close m-pesa vertical following closure of Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd, in which it was being merged with, a top official said on Monday.

Honda recalls 5,088 units of various models

New Delhi: Japanese auto major Honda on Monday said it is recalling an additional 5,088 units of its previous generation models of Jazz, City, CR-V, Civic and Accord in India as part of a global exercise to rectify faulty Takata airbags.

RBI slaps ₹26L fine on Hip Bar, Mobikwik

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank has imposed a total penalty of around Rs 26 lakh on two online payment solutions providers One Mobikwik Systems and Hip Bar. One Mobikwik Systems Private Limited has been slapped a fine of Rs 15 lakh while Hip Bar Pvt Ltd faced a fine of Rs 10.85 lakh, according to an RBI release. **PTI**

Govt to sell 4 dated securities worth ₹17,000 cr on Friday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE GOVERNMENT will auction four dated securities worth Rs 17,000 crore on Friday in electronic format on the Reserve Bank of India Core Banking Solution (E-Kuber) platform, a move that will suck out liquidity from the financial system.

"Subject to the limit of Rs 17,000 crore, being total notified amount, Government of India will have the option to retain additional subscription up to Rs 1,000 crore each against any one or more of the (four)

Bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic form

security," the RBI said in a statement.

The auction will be price-based using multiple price method.

The RBI said both competitive and non-competitive bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic format on E-Kuber system on August 2, 2019.

Up to 5 per cent of the notified amount of the sale of the stocks will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions.

Pfizer to combine off-patent drug business with Mylan

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK, JULY 29

PFIZER ANNOUNCED Monday it will merge its off-patent drug business with generic drugmaker Mylan to create a global leader in low-cost treatment, a business that faces significant political pressure in the US.

The new entity, which will be renamed upon the deal's closure, will have a portfolio that includes impotence drug Viagra, cholesterol pills Lipitor, painkiller Lyrica and the life-saving EpiPen allergy treatment.

The merger comes amid rising competition in generic drugs from companies in India and elsewhere, a segment of pharma that is known for having low barriers to entry and commodity-like products.

Joining forces with Pfizer's off-patent division, called Upjohn, will give Mylan access to more international markets. The deal also is expected to result in \$1 billion in annual cost savings starting in 2023, the companies said.

Bond yield declines to 6.41% as FM reaffirms foreign bond issuance plan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 29

THE YIELD on benchmark bond inched lower on Monday as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reaffirmed plans of issuing overseas sovereign bonds and said the economy could do better with a substantial rate cut.

The benchmark 10-year government bond yield fell by 11 basis points (bps) to close at 6.41 per cent on Monday, putting a hold on the 18 bps climb in yields last week. Yield rose in the previous week after Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das signalled that further interest rate cuts would be dependent on incoming data like inflation and growth numbers.

"Bond yields have fallen as a rate cut in the August MPC now

Auto stocks see massive selling; tank up to 6.5%

Mumbai: Auto stocks tumbled up to 6.5 per cent Monday as investor sentiment were hit after decision to reduce tax rate on electric vehicles and proposal to hike registration fees for old and new vehicles.

Shares of Tata Motors plunged 6.52 per cent, Apollo Tyres 6 per cent, Bajaj Auto 4.99 per cent, Eicher Motors 4.56 per cent, Matheron Sumi Systems 4.34 per cent, TVS

Motor Company 4.27 per cent, Maruti Suzuki India 4.26 per cent, on the BSE. The BSE auto index dropped 3.55 per cent to close at 15,610.93. Meanwhile, shares of Vodafone Idea Ltd on Monday cracked 27 per cent, eroding Rs 7,126 crore from its market valuation, after the firm's Q1 revenue as well as subscriber base declined. The scrip tumbled 26.81 per cent to close at Rs 6.77 on the BSE. **PTI**

seems very likely given the finance minister's desire for significant rate cuts," said fixed income strategist Rajeev Pawar. "A slowdown in global markets and in the local front cou-

pled has led to a need for further monetary easing with regard to rate cuts, which has been highlighted by the finance minister," said IDFC AMC head-fixed income Suyash Choudhary. **FE**

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

1. The Government of Tamilnadu has received a Financing (Loan No. IN8499) from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.

2. The due date for the tender is extended as follows:

S. N.	Description	IFB No	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1	Modular Operation Theatre (1)	RSP1/NCB/TRNSP-II/TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 20.08.19	21.08.19, 11.00 AM	21.08.19, 12.00 PM
2	Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)	RSP2/NCB/TRNSP-II/TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 20.08.19	21.08.19, 03.00 PM	21.08.19, 04.00 PM

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.com
DIPR/2615/Tender/2019 General Manager (E)

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Interested vendor may submit their offer to the following address:

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All Bids must be delivered to the above office of TNPL not later than 15.00 hours on 16.08.2019. Technical Bids will be opened at 16.00 hours on the same day in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

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VACANCY NOTICE

Applications from eligible persons are invited for appointment of one Member in Rajasthan Real Estate Regulatory Authority on recommendations of the selection committee. The format of application, eligibility, remuneration and other condition of service can be downloaded from the website www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in. The completed application along with certified copies of relevant documents in support of age, pay scale, present/post employment etc may be sent to the Principal Secretary to the Government, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Rajasthan Room number 1212, Main building, 2nd floor, Secretariat, Jaipur, so as to reach him on or before **19 August 2019 by 05.00 p.m.** Application form complete in the all respect along with all the annexure can also be emailed on or before 19 August by 05.00 p.m. to dsudh@yahoo.com.
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China-US trade talks to resume today but with low hopes for progress

ASSOCIATED PRESS
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TWO MONTHS after US-Chinese talks aimed at ending a tariff war broke down, both sides are trying to temper hopes for a breakthrough when negotiations resume Tuesday on an array of disputes that has grown to include tension over China's tech giant Huawei.

Rhetoric has hardened despite the June agreement by Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to revive efforts to end the costly fight over China's technology ambitions and trade surplus.

"I don't know if they're going to make a deal," Trump said Friday. "Maybe they will, maybe they won't. I don't care." He repeated his claim that the United States is prospering by "taking in tens of billions of dollars" from his tariff hikes on Chinese products. In reality, those are paid by US companies and consumers who buy Chinese goods.

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer are due to meet Tuesday and Wednesday in Shanghai with a delegation led by China's economy czar, Vice Premier Liu He.

Chinese leaders are resisting US pressure to roll back plans for government-led development of industry lead-

'WTO threat showed US arrogance'

Beijing: China on Monday said the US threat to pull recognition of China's "developing nation" status at the World Trade Organization showed its "arrogance and selfishness", ahead of crucial trade talks this week.

Reaction followed a memo issued on Friday by US President Donald Trump to US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, stressing that some countries were enjoying lenient treatment by "improperly" identifying themselves

as developing economies.

The Trump administration's demand "further exposed its wayward arrogance and selfishness", Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a briefing Monday. One or a few countries "should not have the final say" on which nations should be categorised as developing countries, Hua said.

She insisted that China needs to maintain its status as a developing economy to "achieve real trade fairness". **AFP**

ers in robotics, artificial intelligence and other technologies. Washington complains those efforts depend on stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over technology. Some American officials worry the US is losing its lead.

For their part, American negotiators have resisted Beijing's demand that they remove all punitive tariffs immediately. Washington wants to keep some in place to ensure China keeps its promises. "The same issues that caused the talks to break down are still there," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital

Economics.

"Neither side seems any closer to offering major concessions," said Evans-Pritchard. "It's very hard to see how they can reach a deal this time if they were unable to do that in March."

US priorities include "industrial policy issues such as intellectual property rights, forced technology transfer and subsidies for (Chinese) state-owned enterprises," said Jeff Moon, a former US diplomat and trade official who specialised in China. "Enforcing any agreements is also a top priority."

TO WASHINGTON, VIA CHENNAI

Samosa power

The rising clout of Indian-Americans

PRAMILA JAYAPAL, a congresswoman from Washington state, sees rapid change in American politics. Five years ago she was the first South Asian elected to her state legislature. In 2016 she made it to Congress, where she is now one of four Indian-Americans, known collectively as the Samosa Caucus, in the House. Last month she became the first woman of South-Asian descent to preside over the chamber. Across America, she says, "more and more South-Asian faces are running and winning."

Her successes cheered her great-aunt in Chennai, in southern India, who had much to gossip about over tea with a close friend in the city, the aunt of another American politician, Kamala Harris. The senator, whose mother migrated to California from Chennai, rarely mentions the Indian side of her family while campaigning. But as a front-runner in the race for the Democratic nomination, she is undoubtedly spurring others of Indian descent to turn to politics. (The prominence of Nikki Haley—a Republican former governor of Punjabi descent, who served until last year as America's ambassador to the UN—also fuels interest.)

Ram Villivalam, a state senator in Illinois, says having a half-Indian senator running to be president gives a jolt of confidence to Indian-Americans. Ms Jayapal concurs. Indian-Americans number 4m, about 1% of the total population, counting both migrants and their children. Most have arrived in America over the past two decades. Many are highly educated, wealthy and in professions such as engineering or medicine. But whereas older Indian-Americans focused on becoming model citizens and making money, Ms Jayapal says that those below 40 are "much more engaged" and "take democracy and voting to be critical".

Raja Krishnamoorthi, an Illinois congressman of Tamil descent, says older migrants shunned politics, worried that names crammed with many letters would seem too strange to voters. The young are more assured and politically sophisticated. He, too, is thrilled by Ms Harris's campaign, saying "she puts a little curry into the narrative" of the presidential race. A decade ago few South Asians ran for office of any sort in immigrant-heavy suburbs around Chicago, he says. But since his election to Congress in 2016 he estimates that 40 or so candidates have sought elected office of some sort in the area.

Could Indian-Americans really grow into a significant political force? Their numbers look too puny to matter as a national voting bloc. Devesh Kapur, at Johns Hopkins University, estimates that only 1m voters of Indian descent are politically active. That number could double within two decades through immigration, more naturalisations and as children age. But even then few will be swing-voters in close-fought states, unlike, say, Cuban-Americans in Florida. Most are reliably Democrats—77% of Indian-Americans backed Hillary Clinton in 2016, for example—who cluster in partisan strongholds such as California, New York and Illinois.



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Yet there are other ways to amass political clout. Mr Krishnamoorthi and Mr Villivalam both suggest "Indian-Americans look to Jewish Americans" as a model, since they are seen as active in charitable and civic life, and as educated, organised and influential in politics. Mr Kapur, who wrote a book about the Indian diaspora in America, also calls them "a weak equivalent of the Jewish-American community."

He notes that Capitol Hill, for example, is crammed with staff and interns of Indian-American heritage. They also appear to be "over-represented" in academia, the media and other influential posts. He talks of the growing significance of informal networks, as well-connected Indian-Americans find

jobs for each other's offspring. Ms Jayapal also points to the prevalence of skilled Indian-Americans (perhaps subsidised in their first jobs by well-off parents) who work

High levels of education, English-language proficiency and roots in a country with its own long democratic tradition all help Indian-Americans to take part in America's political culture. Money is also a factor

as assistants to senators and representatives in Washington.

Karthick Ramakrishnan, who runs a survey of Asian-American attitudes from the University of California, argues that Indian-Americans are exceptional when compared with other Asian groups. They are far likelier to get involved in politics as donors, voters or candidates. High levels of education, English-language proficiency and roots in a country with its own long democratic tradition all help them to take part in America's political culture.

Money is also a factor. Average incomes are among the highest of any minority group. Although Ms Jayapal gently grumbles that older Indian-Americans—the

wealthiest of all—want a photo with a politician but find "parting with cash difficult", younger ones grasp that they can be influential as donors. Niraj Antani, a young (Republican) member of Ohio's state legislature, who is of Gujarati descent, says Indian-Americans are responsible for a portion of his fundraising, and sees them as increasingly skilled in bundling donations. "They are now hosting [fundraising] events, not just attending them", he says.

They are also getting better organised. Mr Antani points to lobbies such as AAHOA, a hotel association, and a political action committee (PAC) belonging to the Hindu-American Foundation, as being influential among Indian-Americans. More significant

still is the Indian American Impact Fund, a Democratic-leaning PAC, which describes its mission as, to "wield political power to fight back" against xenophobia and anti-immigrant policies under President Donald Trump.

"Indian-Americans have a drive for success," says Mr Antani, "and political success is very measurable: how many cabinet secretaries, congressmen, school-board members and state legislators do we have?" He, and his colleagues, are gung-ho about their prospects. America will see an Indian-American president before too long, he predicts. It might even be the next one.

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RUSSIA AND CHINA

Brothers in arms

Partnership is much better for China than it is for Russia

IT IS the love triangle of global politics. Since the second world war, China, Russia and the United States have repeatedly swapped partners. The collapse of the Sino-Soviet pact after the death of Josef Stalin was followed by Richard Nixon's visit to China in 1972 and Mikhail Gorbachev's detente with China 30 years ago. Today's pairing, between Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping, was cemented in 2014 after Russia annexed Crimea. In each case the country that was left on its own has always seemed to pay a price, by being stretched militarily and diplomatically.

This time is different. Though America is out in the cold, the price is falling chiefly on Russia. China dominates every aspect of the two countries' partnership. Its economy is six times larger (at purchasing-power parity) and its power is growing, even as Russia's fades. What seemed a brilliant way for Mr Putin to turn his back on the West and magnify Russia's influence is looking like a trap that his country will find hard to escape. Far from being an equal partner, Russia is evolving into a Chinese tributary.

That may seem a harsh judgment. Russia is still a nuclear-weapons state with a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. It has modernised its armed forces and, as in Syria, is not afraid to use them. This week Russian and Chinese warplanes conducted what appeared to be a joint air patrol for the first time, causing alarm when South Korea said a Russian plane had intruded into its airspace.

But the real news is how rapidly Russia is becoming dependent on its giant neighbour. China is a vital market for Russian raw materials: Rosneft, Russia's national oil

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company, depends on Chinese financing and is increasingly diverting its oil to China. As Russia seeks to evade the hegemony of the dollar, the yuan is becoming a bigger part of its foreign-currency reserves (the share of dollars fell by half to 23% during 2018, while the yuan's share grew from 3% to 14%). China supplies vital components for Russia's advanced weapons systems. And China is the source of the networking and security gear that Mr Putin needs to control his people. Last month Russia struck a deal with Huawei, a Chinese telecoms firm distrusted by America, to develop 5G equipment—thus rooting Russia firmly in China's half of the splinternet.

This suits China just fine. It wants a lasting friendship with Russia, if only to secure its northern border, the scene of clashes in 1969, and a source of worry in the 1990s when Russia looked as if it might drift into the West's orbit. Russia also serves as an enthusiastic vanguard in China's campaign to puncture Western ideas of universal human rights and democracy, which both countries

see as an incitement to "colour revolutions".

Mr Putin can point to several arguments for his partnership with China, in addition to their joint hostility to the liberal project. One is expediency. Western sanctions, imposed after his annexation of Crimea, the meddling in American elections in 2016 and the lethal use of a nerve agent in Britain two years later, have left Russia without many alternatives. Mr Xi has also given Russia cover for its military action in Syria and, to some extent, Crimea. And, in contrast to the end of the 17th century, when Peter the Great looked to Europe as the wellspring of progress, Mr Putin can plausibly argue that the future now belongs to China and its system of state capitalism.

However, Mr Putin is mistaken. For a start, the Russian version of state capitalism is a rent-seeking, productivity-sapping licence for the clique that surrounds him to steal freely from the national coffers—which is one reason why Chinese investment in Russia is rather limited. There is also a contradiction between Mr Putin's claim to be restoring Russian greatness and the increasingly obvious reality of its subordinate role to China. This creates tension in Central Asia. Because stability in the region is important for China's domestic security—it wants Central Asia to keep Islamic extremism at bay—the People's Liberation Army is stationing troops in Tajikistan and staging exercises there, without consulting Russia.

And, at some level, the aims of Russia and China diverge. There is a limit to how much ordinary Russians will forgo Western freedoms. If the regime holds on to power by means of Chinese technology, it will feed



Russian President Vladimir Putin (right) and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Vladivostok in September 2018. Reuters

popular anger towards China and its Russian clients.

Who can say when the strains will show? Imagine that Mr Putin chooses to step down in 2024, when the constitution says he must, and that his successor tries to mark the change by distancing Russia from China and turning towards Europe. Only then will it become clear how deep China's influence runs and how much pressure it is prepared to exert to retain its sway. Russia's next president may find that the country has lost its room for manoeuvre.

Does this mean that the rest of the world—especially the West—should seek to prise Russia from China's embrace, before it is too late? That idea will tempt those diplo-

mat and analysts who think Russia is too important to alienate. But it seems unlikely. America does not suffer from the Xi-Putin alignment today as it would have done in the cold war. Although Russia and China do indeed undermine the West's notion of universal values, with President Donald Trump in the White House that doctrine is, alas, hardly being applied universally in any case.

What is more, China's influence over Russia has compensations. An angry declining power like Russia is dangerous; it may feel tempted to lash out to show it is still a force to be reckoned with, by bullying Belarus, say, or by stoking the old fears of Chinese expansion into Siberia. But China has no appetite for international crises, unless

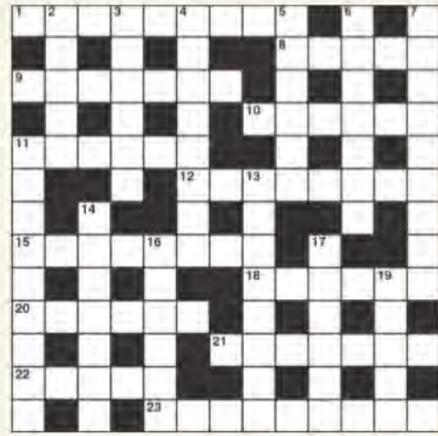
they are of its own devising. As Russia's partner, China can serve as a source of reassurance along their joint border, and temper Russia's excesses around the world.

Sweet patience

Rather than railing against Russia or trying to woo it back, the West should point out its subordination and wait. Sooner or later, a President Alexei Navalny or someone like him will look westwards once again. That is when Russia will most need Western help. And that is when the man or woman in the Oval Office should emulate Nixon—and go to Moscow.

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CROSSWORD 3871



- ACROSS**
- Billy took forty winks — that's novel (9)
 - Irene ruined him (5)
 - Direct speech? (7)
 - Outcast with a song in his heart (6)
 - One awaits developments after its use (6)
 - Loaded statement? (8)
 - It doesn't hurt when father's away from home more (8)
 - Yarn wound round a screw (6)
 - Spare may be few and far between (6)
 - Nonintellectual impression about sunburst (7)
 - Strip a firearm? (5)
 - Where children may go between two and five (9)
- DOWN**
- Country somewhat rich in dialects (5)
 - They deal with those who have complaints (6)
 - Good enough to get by? (8)
 - As a military detachment, it's of no importance (6)
 - Consecrates new saint with no heart (7)
 - Obviously guilty, with a fistful of diamonds? (3-6)
 - They work so that others may play (9)
 - Too bored to have an inclination? (8)
 - Highest type of mammal (7)
 - Attend and possibly enlist (6)
 - One is often led to use it by mistake (6)
 - Open a fresh page (5)

Solutions Crossword 3870: Across: 1 Parried, 4 Lemur, 7 Once, 8 Romanias, 10 Give rise to, 12 Shill, 13 Regain, 15 Generalise, 18 Playbill, 19 Cage, 20 Ethos, 21 Genesis. Down: 1 Prong, 2 Recovery, 3 Drowsy, 4 Lead the way, 5 Main, 6 Russian, 9 Trolley bus, 11 Capitals, 12 Steeple, 14 Peg leg, 16 Evens, 17 Wash.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson

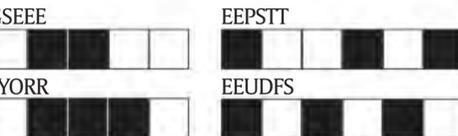


MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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 quiz. Sadly, it's much easier to create a _____ than a _____ - James Lovelock (6, 6)



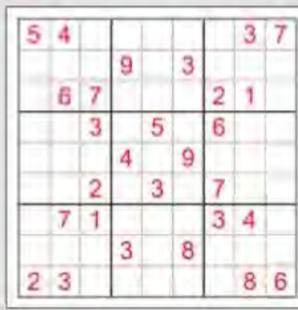
SOLUTION: GSESE, SORRY, SEPTET, DEFUSE

Difficulty Level 3s

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 3922



SECTION 1 Chief Engineer (MZ), HP.PWD., Mandi (Name of Authority Inviting Bids) NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number "Ln 7995-IN/Cr.4848-IN/Cr.4849-IN" from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed in the Table below. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HP.PWD., Mandi on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Railways/other state govts./Central Govt agencies. Non-registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.	District	Package No.	Name of the work	Estimated (Rs. Lakh)		Total Cost (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion (in Days)	Bid Security (Rs. Lakh) (2% of Total Cost)	Eligible Class of Contractor / Firm
				Construction	Maintenance				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1	Mandi	HP-08-507	Construction of L091-Kothi Gehri to Patroun (Gambhar Pul) road KM 0/0 to 6/750 under regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) Stage-I Project (SH- C/o Formation Cutting 5/7 mtr wide, R/wall and B/wall, Clearing and Grubbing, P/F setting out, C/o Unlined road side drain, Providing and fixing Information boards, Km. Stone and 200 mtr. Stone, C/o 900mm dia RCC Hume Pipe Culvert and C/o wire crate R/wall for dumping site in KM 0/0 to 6/750) Package No. HP-08-507.	381.95	0.00	381.95	365	7.64	Class-A
2	Mandi	HP-08-503	Up-gradation of L079 Chindi to Bngs (Pangna) road KM 0/0 to 12/480 under PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) Complete Stage Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH- Metalling and Tarring, Missing R/wall, B/wall, Missing CD works, Road side drain, Parapets Crash Barrier and Logo Board etc.) HP-08-503.	525.61	59.64	585.25	547	11.71	Class-A
3	Mandi	HP-08-451	Construction of Link road from Baryara to Kullu KM 0/0 to 2/350 under regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) Stage-I Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH- C/o Formation Cutting 5/7 mtr wide, C/o R/walls and B/walls, Clearing and Grubbing, P/F setting out, C/o Unlined road side drain, Information boards, Km. Stone and 200 mtr. Stone, C/o 900mm dia RCC Hume Pipe Culvert and C/o wire crate R/wall for dumping site in KM 0/0 to 2/350) Package No. HP-08-451.	140.75	0	140.75	547	2.82	Class-B&A
4	Mandi	HP-08-504	Up-gradation of L115- Kunt to Kot road KM 0/0 to 2/0 under regular PMGSY (Batch-II, 2018-19) Complete Stage Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH- Metalling and Tarring, ROFD, R/wall, B/wall, V-shape drain, Parapet, Logo Board and five year routine maintenance) HP-08-504.	94.41	10.32	104.73	365	2.09	Class-B&A
5	Mandi	HP-08-506	Up-gradation of Gharuan Taryasal Dawahan road KM 0/0 to 6/0 under PMGSY/RRP-II Batch-II for the year 2018-19 (SH- Metalling and Tarring, ROFD for improvement of narrow curves, missing R/wall, B/wall, V-shape drain, Parapet and Logo Board and routine maintenance of five year) HP-08-506.	251.91	30.96	282.87	547	5.66	Class-A
6	Mandi	HP-08-211	Construction of Ganpati Ki road (Kalohtar to Baroha) KM 0/0 to 4/800 under PMGSY-I (Batch-I, 2016-17) Stage-I Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH- Formation Cutting 5/7 mtr wide, R/wall, CD works, Dumping places, Drain PMGSY Logo Boards, Km. Stone and 200 mtr. in KM 0/0 to 4/800) Package No. HP-08-211.	314.45	0.00	314.45	547	6.29	Class-A

Note: - All duties, taxes, royalties and other levies payable by the Contractor under the Contract, or for any other cause, but excluding GST shall be included in the rates, prices, and total Bid price submitted by the Bidder and GST at prevalent rates will be added to the value offered by the bidder separately.

- Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 29-07-2019
- Cost of Bid Form: Rs.5000/- (non-refundable) only in form of demand draft in favour of (Sr. No. 1) Executive Engineer, Nerchowk Division, HPPWD., Nerchowk, (Sr. No. 2) Executive Engineer, Karsog Division, HPPWD., Karsog and (Sr. No. 3 to 6) Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No.II, HPPWD., Mandi.
- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). *Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgstenders.gov.in
- Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.
- Submission of Original Documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 (b) of ITB with of (Sr.No.1) Executive Engineer, Nerchowk Division, HPPWD., Nerchowk, (Sr. No.2) Executive Engineer, Karsog Division, HPPWD., Karsog and (Sr. No. 3 to 6) Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No.II, HPPWD., Mandi up to or before the time and date of submission of bids. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering: 19-08-2019 upto 1030 Hours
- The site for the work is available.
- Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 1100 hours on 19-08-2019, by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.
- Bidders may bid for any one or more of the works mentioned in the Table above. To qualify for a package of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same IFB, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.
- If there is hike in bitumen prices during the execution of work the hike will be borne by the State Govt. If there is decrease in prices of bitumen during the execution of work, Government shall be entitled to deduct from dues of the contractors. The bidders are requested to see the attached file with the tender document as standard form of Part B Agreement.
- The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Superintending Engineer,
1st Circle, HP.PWD., Mandi.
Telephone No. 01905-224129,
For Chief Engineer (MZ),
HP.PWD., Mandi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Jyoti D/o Guptaeshwar Chaudhary R/o A-1870, PH-II, Metro Vihar, Holambi Kalan, Delhi Aged-17 Years has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 13.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela, Industrial Area, Delhi vide FIR No. 389/19 u/s 363 IPC Dated 14.07.2019 registered at Police Station Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:



Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 4'10", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Blue Coloured Top, Blue Coloured Payjama with Black coloured Chunnis and Dark Brown Coloured Slippers in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
DP/459/ON/19 Tel.: 011-27787592, 27787593

Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

CORRIGENDUM E-PROCUREMENT MODE 60 Days Tender Notification

Ref. No.: TPC/KVAFSU/e-Proc-45-A/G&S/PUB/2019-20/131/Dt: 27.02.2019

With reference to the above tender notification invited by KVAFSU, Bidar through e-procurement in 2 cover system, due to technical reasons the tender is recalled back and re-scheduled. The detailed notification of tender can be obtained by logging <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 26.07.2019. The last date for uploading tender documents is 26.09.2019 upto 4:00 PM.

15 Days Tender Notification

Ref. No.: TPC/KVAFSU/e-Proc-45-B/G&S/PUB/2019-20/131/Dt: 27.02.2019

With reference to the above tender notification invited by KVAFSU, Bidar through e-procurement in 2 cover system, due to technical reasons the tender is recalled back and re-scheduled. The detailed notification of tender can be obtained by logging <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 29.07.2019. The last date for uploading tender documents is 14.08.2019 upto 4:00 PM.

Other terms and conditions remains unchanged.

Sd/-
Dr. M.K. Tandle, Coordinator, TPC,
KVAFSU, Bidar-585226. Ph.: 9448569337

ASSAM SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION

5th Floor, Katabari, DPS Road, NH-37
Garchuk, Guwahati - 781035

Tender No.: ASDM-2101/2019/68 Date: 30-07-2019

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed agencies having adequate experience in implementing Technical Intern Training Program at North East Skill Centre (NESC), Assam Skill Development Mission, Garchuk, Guwahati.

Submission of bid shall be through e-procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in.

Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Document Fees
₹5,00,000/-	₹5000/-

For details please visit www.assamtenders.gov.in / www.asdm.assam.gov.in or contact ASDM office at 5th Floor, Katabari, DPS Road, Garchuk, Guwahati.

E-mail : missiondirector.asdm@gmail.com.

The last date for submission of bids is 21st August 2019 till 02:00 pm.

Sd/- Mission Director
Assam Skill Development Mission
Guwahati-781035

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There's an intriguing series of astrological relationships today, with one planet connected to another in a chain circling your horoscope. The upshot is that this is a perfect moment to take professional decisions. Above all, though, you need to make some extra time for yourself.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You are undoubtedly a highly emotional person, and very sensitive to the fact that other family members frequently seem to undervalue you. Yet, with the Moon so influential today, you must stand firm and believe in yourself. Eventually other people will believe in you as well.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's a time of movement and growth, yet ironically so much depends on your reaction to delays, frustrations and imposed restrictions. In other words, don't let imaginary obstacles blind you to marvellous opportunities. Check out a major problem and you'll see how fast it disappears.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Today's dominant planetary aspect colours your life for the next week. My advice is to highlight co-operation, but to insist that other people follow your ideas and plans rather than the reverse, which is so often the case. All it takes is a little of your gentle, persuasive charm.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Professional influences in your horoscope are due to intensify briefly before dying down at the end of the week. Colleagues will be impressed by your caring, compassionate nature and a display of emotion may even go down well. Other people will be pleased to see that you really are concerned with their welfare.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Today's Moon is, first of all, a deeply favourable presence in your chart, and should help stabilise your emotions and keep you in a contented mood. If you've not arranged a break, do so now. If you've made plans already, now is the time to fill in the details.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

In the past you may have imagined that all your efforts and sacrifices were in vain. However, within a few days you should see that you did the right thing, even if for the wrong reasons. At least there is some satisfaction in knowing how you can deal with the same problem next time round.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You really are the brightest of the bunch at the moment. No matter how you have been put down in the past by people who imagine they are smarter than you, you must now push and promote your own original ideas. If you don't make the first move, nobody else will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

Mercury's celestial relationships are just what you like most: unusual, stimulating, adventurous and independent. A plan, scheme or project you imagined would be a sure-fire success will therefore benefit from a complete rethink. Everything is up for grabs.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Many Capricorns are complaining about their lot. Let me make one thing clear: almost all your problems may be solved by a change of attitude. To an extent, your ideas are now out of date and behind the times. They'll be back in fashion eventually, but not yet.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

At the moment, I don't see any real chance of misunderstandings, mistakes or blunders. On the contrary, your horoscope is assuming a brighter prospect, enabling you to make the most of better family and personal relationships. There could even be professional benefits.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The current lunar alignment is a supportive one for Pisceans, for it helps stabilise your rampant emotions. However, it will also remind you of the necessity of dealing with, or discussing, certain practical tasks you'd much rather would go away.

पहचान की अपील

एतद्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि एक अज्ञात व्यक्ति जिसका नाम किशन सिंह पुत्र पिरीयम सिंह निवासी ए-48, सेक्टर-16, रोहिणी, दिल्ली उम्र : करीब 80 साल, जिसे दिनांक 06.07.2019 को एमएलसी नं. 8968/19 के तहत वेहोशी की हालत में बाबा साहेब भीमराव अम्बेडकर अस्पताल, दिल्ली में भर्ती कराया गया, जहां दिनांक 22.07.2019 को ईलाज के दौरान डॉक्टरों ने उसे मृत घोषित कर दिया। इस संदर्भ में डीडी सं. 07-ए दिनांक 22.07.2019 थाना के एन. कातजु मार्ग, दिल्ली में दर्ज है।

यदि किसी भी व्यक्ति को इस मृतक के बारे में कोई जानकारी या सुराग मिले तो निम्नलिखित को सूचित करने की कृपा करें:-

थानाध्यक्ष : थाना के.एन. कातजु मार्ग, दिल्ली
दूरभाष सं. 011-27571162, 27571171

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely Lakhmi@Lucky, S/O Sh. Naresh, R/O H. No. 24/234, Gali No. 04, 66 Foola Road, Rajeev Nagar, Libaspur, Delhi. The boy has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi since 11.07.2019.

In this regard DD No. 19-A, dated 12.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing/ kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Lakhmi@Lucky, **Age:** 21 Years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Pajama **Identification Mark:** Cut Mark on Forehead.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/ kidnapped boy, kindly inform SHO/P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO

Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi

DP/461/ON/19 Ph. No. 011-27854799, 07065036326

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a Male Age: 20-25 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Sky blue coloured t-shirt and Navy blue coloured lower, was found dead on 25.07.2019 in the Jurisdiction of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 20A, dated 25.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased Male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27631600, 27636000

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BACK TO SUMMER

Scottish filmmaker Jim Gillespie's popular 1997 classic, *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, is being turned into a television series by Amazon Studios. The series will be directed by James Wan, who has helmed *The Conjuring* and *Aquaman* in the past.



Staring at the Viewers

An exhibition brings together artist Ravinder Reddy's trademark women heads sculpted over three decades



(Clockwise from above) Ravinder Reddy with one of his works; his artwork titled *Portrait of a Migrant*; his creations on display at Kolkata Centre for Creativity; a sculpture by Reddy Photo credit: Emami Art

VANDANA KALRA

PAINTED IN blue, her eyes are wide open and lips are smeared with red lipstick — Ravinder Reddy's *Portrait of a Migrant* is not desolate or despondent but she does carry the burden of her past and is anxious about her future. Standing 112.5 inches tall, with a sack weighing on her head, she gazes at the viewers, just as 13 other sculptural women heads designed by Reddy. "She represents how migration is taking place in India so rapidly, from villages to cities and also within the cities," says Reddy.

Curated by Anupa Mehta, the exhibition titled 'Rasa' at Emami Art — a contemporary art gallery at Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) — brings together three decades of the Visakhapatnam-based artist's work, from 1989 to 2019. "I have been wanting to show a huge body of work in Kolkata. Though I have been handling the same subject, how I go about it has changed. From a more primitive expression in the earliest works, I now see more refinement in the proportion, features or even the ornamentation," says 63-year-old Reddy. According to Mehta, "Ravinder Reddy marries tradition with the contemporary to create works that are at once iconic as they are rooted in the vernacular."

While his trademark larger-than-life sculptures have now travelled the world — from the US to France, the UK and Singapore, among others, Reddy recalls how he made the first bust as a student of fine arts at MS University in Baroda in the early '80s. "The head is the immediate recognisable form for any human being. It's universal, so I said, why not do the head?" He painted her in white to ensure that the focus was on the form. While most of his contemporaries were sculpting in stone, wood and bronze, the young student chose fibreglass. "I felt people were not looking at the sculpture, they were looking at the material. Fibreglass was cheaper and could take any form. I am a modeller who liked to work with clay. If there is a mistake, I can rectify it in clay. I could also make any size I wanted without being dependent on others," says Reddy.

Encouragement came from teachers such as KG Subramanyam and Gulmammohammed Sheikh. "They were very supportive. I still remember when I first showed the work in Delhi in the '80s at Art Heritage, people were curious to know more about the material. Artists such as MF Husain and Tyeb Mehta also came," adds Reddy. During a short term course at the Royal College of Art in London, this line of

thought was further strengthened.

Exposed to world art, he drew influences from the terracotta sculptures at Museum of Mankind in London, as well as art that he saw in Africa, Egypt and Mexico. He also found inspiration in religious Hindu iconography, tribal and folk imagery. "In the '80s, in most art schools, we were looking at the work of French and British artists but I felt it was important to look at the rich tradition we had in sculpture. I started reading about Indian art, from the primitive period to the Mathura school and later. I realised how the sculptors were depicting contemporary life of the time and wanted to do the same," says Reddy.

Back in India, his ideas began to take form in his sculptures that gradually attained complex layers and were dominated by shades of gold, red, yellow and blue. Not drawn on paper and directly cast, he would adorn the figures with *gajras*, jewellery and kohl-lined eyes. With the market for art still limited, Reddy earned a

A good sculpture should arise your senses to go deeper into the work and interact with it

RAVINDER REDDY

living teaching at the Department of Fine Arts from 1990 to 2009. The studio practice meanwhile evolved, with recognition coming from different quarters. With *Alkshatyon-III* (1989-90), he began to focus on oversized female heads. The turning point perhaps was the exhibition 'Tradition/Tensions: Contemporary Art in Asia' at Asia Society in New York in 1996, where his figure, *Devi*, was widely appreciated. "My heads do not resemble any one person. There are elements I borrow," says Reddy.

In the ongoing exhibition we see some of his most recognised protagonists — *Krishnaveni* (2017) with her copper-gilded face and long braid to *Parvati* (2019), who wears an elaborate bun with embellishments. *Lovely* (2019) is painted in red, her hair carefully combed into an ornamented bun. A sole terracotta bust stands apart. Sculpted in 1989, like all the others, she gazes directly at the viewers, but unlike others she is more sombre.

With the prices of his works soaring now, lost works are also being discovered. In 2015, Saffronart sold his sculpture *Devi* for Rs 2.7 crore. Last year, an '80s fibreglass nude was bought for auction by Christie's. Gifted to a private collector by John Wood, from Goldsmiths University, it was left in London by Reddy when he was returning to India. "My primary aim is to establish a rapport with the generation that I am living with. A good sculpture should arise your senses to go deeper into the work and interact with it," says Reddy.

The exhibition is on at Emami Art, Kolkata, till August 4

BLING IT ON



IT WAS a packed hall at Delhi's Bikaner House as designer Tarun Tahliani presented, 'Bloom', the finale show at the India Couture Week on Sunday. The show, which featured both menswear and womenswear, was aimed at the modern day bride and groom, who wish to look resplendent, but at the same time want to be in functional and easy clothes that enable them to have fun on their big day. An abundance of crystals, sequins combined with Kashidakaari, and resham embroidery made for clothes that were opulent to say the least, but were



also light weight. One saw lehengas, saris, capes and anarkalis, and also an occasional jumpsuit for women, and shervanis, kamarbandhs and kurtas for men. The colour palette ranged from dusky gold pastels to vintage shimmering gold with coral and teal breaking the monotony. Polki and jadai jewellery completed the bling quotient of the collection. Tahliani closed the show with a work-in-progress dress, which was worn by a 'non-showstopper'. The model wore a white, tiered tulle gown, and had her face covered with a net mask. EFS

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Actor Adah Sharma on playing a character close to herself in the web series, *The Holiday*



SHANAYA D'SA

ACTOR ADAH SHARMA (pictured) was excited to find a bit of her own self in Mahek, one of the main protagonists in the recently-released web series, *The Holiday*. "This is probably the first role in which I play someone like myself — the half-crazy girl who loves to have

fun but knows where to draw the line. I'm happy that I could lend a bit of my personality to this role," says the soft-spoken actor with rainbow-colour hair, about her web series debut.

The Holiday, streaming on Zoom Studio, is a story woven around a bachelorette party in Mauritius which the bride-to-be enjoys with her three best friends who are men (Priyank Sharma, Aashim Gulati and Veer Rajwant Singh). The series tries to break gender stereotypes through this story of friendship. "You have *Dil Chahta Hai* with three men, who are close friends, and *Veere Di Wedding* is about four girls who are friends. So, this is an unusual bachelorette trip. It shows that male-female friendship can be platonic and fun," says Sharma, who was selected for the role after the producers saw her rather entertaining make-up tutorial parody she'd done for a promotion. In her upcoming film *Man to Man*, the 27-year-old plays a woman who has undergone a gender change process. "It's an interesting but challenging role," she says.

The actor, who debuted on the big screen with the 2008 horror film *1920*, shot for *The Holiday* in 18 days, in 14-hour schedules. "Being on set with just guys was quite crazy. But within a few days, they treated me like one of them. It's amazing to have four different energies working together. The connection we made on the sets was surprisingly perfect, and I've never laughed this much on a set," says Sharma, who will also be seen in *Commando 3*, *Bypass Road* and *Man to Man*, apart from the second season of *The Holiday*.

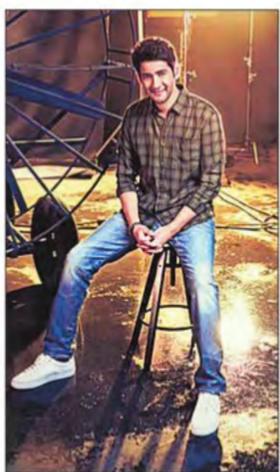
Sharma, however, had never planned to enter the film industry. She was advised to go for auditions by actor Asha Parekh's manager after her annual day Kathak performance at school. "Before I knew it, I had quit studies post my 10th grade and was going for auditions. I probably wouldn't have joined the industry had I thought it through. But now I don't regret it one bit," she says. Mostly because the exposure to the world of entertainment has made the actor, who was earlier socially awkward, more confident now. "It was tough for me to talk to people and hold a conversation without feeling nervous. I've had my bunch of very close friends. So it's hard for me to open up to new people. But that's changed now," says Sharma.

SNAP SHOTS



Discovering Another Side

DISCOVERY CHANNEL'S iconic adventure show *Man Vs Wild* will have popular host Bear Grylls take a dive into the forests of Uttarakhand with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. To be broadcast on August 12 at 9 pm, Grylls took to Twitter to unveil a 45-second video of the upcoming episode that has been shot in Jim Corbett National Park. To be screened in 180 countries, the special episode hopes to raise awareness about animal conservation and environmental change. PM Modi will be seen crossing a river on a raft. "For years, I have lived among nature, in the mountains and the forests. These years have a lasting impact on my life. So when I was asked about a special programme focusing on life beyond politics and that too in the midst of nature I was both intrigued and inclined to take part in it," Modi was quoted in a statement.



Dressing Up

TELUGU ACTOR Mahesh Babu (pictured) will unveil his clothing line *The Humbl Co* on August 7. The 47-year-old actor took to Twitter to reveal details about his latest endeavour that is accompanied by the tag line 'Dress like a dream, live real'. An award-winning actor, Babu is the second south Indian actor who has come up with his clothing label after actor Vijay Deverakonda of *Arjun Reddy* fame, who presented his clothing brand, Rowdy, last year.

Black and White

Nine artists dig deep into the many layers of the skin in the exhibition titled 'Skin: The Finer Nuance'

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

WHILE GROWING up, Delhi-based artist Shivani Aggarwal was always struck by how her mother and elders would constantly ask her to hide her body — her cleavage, her legs among others. The artist, now 44, divulges how she hid behind the clothes she wore, and at most times, felt that the clothes were stitched to her skin. "As girls we end up growing up with a lot of shame attached to our bodies, whereas we should be celebrating it," says Aggarwal. She has used the delicate craft of crochet as a metaphor to represent the beautiful clothes she used to wear in her work, *Stitched Skin*.

As her daughter's mother, Aggarwal is surprised at how she will render the same advice to her child. Her work — a celebration and revolt at the same time — is from one of the nine artists, who are exploring the human skin as a protective barrier; how the world views others through it; its personal, political, social or erotic references; and the firmly-embedded forms of discrimination it carries alongside in the show 'Skin: The Finer Nuance'.

Artist Megha Joshi's *Droop 1*, featuring a cluster of dried bottle gourds — often used to make musical instruments like the tanpura — grown by women farmers in Mysore, is a re-



(From left) Baptist Coelho's *Attempts to Contain*; Shormii Chowdhury's *The Second Skin*; one of artist Shivani Aggarwal's works

lection on an aging body. By reinterpreting them into women's sagging breasts, Gurgaon-based Joshi says, "As we age, the skin loses its elasticity, and starts hanging, signaling the end of fertility and youth and the social perception of women as child bearers and nurturers. These organs are vestigial on the body as she ages." Her installation *The Skin Remembers*, made using foam, latex and cloth on plywood to create different scar marks, emerges from her interviews with friends and family members who underwent various invasive surgeries. There is a car accident survivor with scars,



a young boy who has gone through a cleft lip repair and an overweight woman who underwent bariatric surgery among others. All of them investigate one idea: of skin having memory and being a defense to the world.

"Even when wearing low necktops or short dresses, one doesn't want to be seen as loose, so they keep covering up. The skin of a woman is not meant to be seen by the society and there's this whole idea of *lajja* (shame)," says Georgina Maddox, curator of the show.

In *Attempts to Contain*, Baptist Coelho from Mumbai displays photographs of an unclothed



body interlocking and forming defence barriers like a fortress, with hands clasping each other or tightly grasping the legs. The artwork is a result of his conversations with numerous army men, ex-officers, mountaineers and tour guides, who have been at the Siachen Glacier at minus-40 degree temperatures. Coelho says, "It raises many questions on how does a soldier cope with this temperature. In the end, he just has himself. This speaks of how one protects the body mentally."

A perfect exit to the show is Baroda-based artist Shormii Chowdhury's mixed media installation *The Second Skin*, where the sculpture of an aged woman, housed within an old wooden cabinet, ponders over the many frocks she wore in her younger days, their replicas made using Hanji paper, with her child-like figure looking at them in wonder. For those who pay close attention, the dresses in numerous tones of white and light brown make a subtle yet profound revelation.

The exhibition is on at C-221, Sarodaya Enclave, Delhi, till August 30

MILESTONE WOMAN

Australian woman all-rounder Ellyse Perry has become the first cricketer of either gender to reach the milestone of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in T20 Internationals.

Reports of tiff with Rohit leave Virat 'baffled'

'We are feeding off lies,' says the captain, as he takes the issue head-on during the pre-departure press conference in Mumbai



'NONSENSE'

Coach Ravi Shastri called the reports of rifts in the Team India dressing room as "nonsense". PTI

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, JULY 29

IT WAS an Instagram moment, Virat Kohli sharing a bit about himself. "If I don't like a person, or if I am an insecure of a person, then you will see that on my face or in my behaviour towards the person, that is how simple it is."

Kohli was addressing a press conference in Mumbai on Monday ahead of the team's departure for the series against West Indies. What prompted the captain's response was a series of questions on the rumours of a rift between him and Rohit Sharma — which gained currency after the latter allegedly unfollowed Kohli's wife Anushka Sharma on Instagram.

Kohli chose "bafflement" as his reaction to such reports. And he presented his case in a calm and coherent manner. The intimation from BCCI had only mentioned that Kohli would be addressing the media, but Ravi Shastri was present too — it was clear that the team management was in a mood to address the elephant in the room and squash the speculation before it became any bigger.

They cited the team's recent performances to bolster their case against the rumour mill. In a nutshell, they said, had there been any grave issues between the pair, or in the camp, India wouldn't be doing well in all three formats.

"I know how important the dressing room atmosphere and the trust factor are to succeed in international cricket. If all those things were not there, then we would not be in this position today. Our journey from No 7 to No. 1 (in Tests) — we have also been consistent in ODIs, we have been strong in T20s — that would not be possible without the camaraderie, the understanding and the respect," Kohli replied.

"It's baffling to be honest. I don't know who is benefitting from all of this. We here are living, breathing, working towards getting Indian

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There were three questions to Kohli about the alleged rift and the captain didn't evade them. Past captains have generally sought to not offer comments on any such issues. Kohli and Shastri perhaps believe that it might reach untoward proportions if left to fester.

Shastri wasn't asked a direct question about the issue but he intervened at one point when a questioner asked about the involvement of players' wives in the matter.

Here is the question first: "Virat, would you categorically deny the reports of rift with Rohit Sharma. Some reports say that players' wives are fighting and some say that player management companies are fighting over the players."

At this point, Shastri intervened: "Tomorrow they will say wives are batting and bowling," Shastri said.

Kohli laughed and pitched in, "I will answer that. It's baffling, to be honest. It is absolutely ridiculous to read such stuff that comes out. I have been to a few public events and the public sentiment that I feel is that everyone comes up and says 'you played so well, we have so much respect for you.'"

"Here we are feeding off lies, we are overlooking facts, we are turning a blind eye to all the good things that have happened and creating fantasies and scenarios in our head, and we want to accept that is the truth. I have seen

this for too long now, bringing personal life into the picture; it is disrespectful after a moment, honestly. I have played the game for 11 years, Rohit has played for 10 years. It's bizarre that people are creating this stuff on the outside."

During the World T20 in England in 2009, when there was talk of a rift between MS Dhoni and Virender Sehwag, Dhoni had brought the entire team to a press conference, though he left without taking any questions. Kohli chose to play it differently.

"You come and see the atmosphere in the dressing room. You will see how we talk to Kuldeep Yadav, how we joke around with a senior like MS Dhoni. You come and see the team atmosphere. We can't make a video and show you here. It baffles you as a leader, as a coach, as a team when lies are being floated around. They are made to look like they are believable. It's actually very disrespectful, to be honest."

In 2012, during a tour of Australia, when again talks emerged of a rift between Dhoni and Gautam Gambhir and Sehwag, the then India captain talked about such news making things "awkward" between players in the dressing room. When Kohli was asked whether there will be awkwardness between Sharma and him, he said: "I have always praised Rohit, whenever I had an opportunity because I believe he is that good. We have had no issues. As I said, it's baffling, to be honest... We have to reflect as cricketers, I am sure everyone can take a step and think 'guys, are we really creating something that's really not out there?'"

At one point, Shastri intervened again to make another point. "The way this team plays, no individual is bigger than the game — not me, not him (Kohli), nobody in the team. The way they play, it's in the interest of the team. When you play on the cricket field, in that dressing room, I have been part of it for some time, and none of that nonsense was there."

Captain backs current coach, but will CAC listen?

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VIRAT KOHLI has again backed Ravi Shastri for continuing as head coach arguing that the team shares a great rapport with the former India all-rounder. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has given an extension to Shastri and three other support staff members — Bharat Arun, Sanjay Bangar and R Sridhar — till the West Indies series.

The BCCI has begun calling for applications for various post for the Indian team's coaching staff, with the incumbents getting an automatic entry in the selection process.

The three-member Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) comprising Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shanta Rangaswamy is expected to pick a new coach by mid-August.

The CAC has not contacted Kohli yet but if it does, the skipper will put in a good word for Shastri.

"The CAC hasn't contacted me yet. If they tell me we want your opinion, yes, I will definitely go and speak to them. And with Ravi bhai, all of us have a great camaraderie. Everyone in the team shares mutual respect and we have done really well together as a group. We will definitely be very happy if he is continuing as the coach," Kohli said on the day the Indian team departed for the West Indies tour.

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Chances are that the CAC will not speak to Kohli unlike in the past. Kohli was the main reason Shastri made his way back in the job after Anil Kumble's tenure ended in just one year. A BCCI official had said that this time, Kohli will have no say when it comes to the coach of the Indian team.

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

It's learnt that Shastri is keen to be coach for the next two years. The ICC World T20 next year in Australia is the next big tournament and it will be interesting to see whether the CAC opts for a new coach or hands over an extension slip to Kohli-backed Shastri.

BRIEFLY

Pak fans pick 1999 Chennai win as greatest for their team

Karachi: Pakistani cricket fans have voted their country's nail-biting T20-run win over India in Chennai in 1999 as the national team's greatest Test match victory. The match in which a half-fit Sachin Tendulkar scored a brilliant hundred but could not prevent a Pakistan win was voted as the greatest Test win in Pakistan's 432-Test history. To highlight the launch of ICC's World Test Championship from August 1, the Pakistan Cricket Board last week started a poll asking fans to vote for Pakistan's greatest Test win. The list of four matches given by the PCB for the polling included the Chennai Test, the 1987 Test win over India in Bangalore, the 1994 Test win over Australia in Karachi and Pakistan's famous win over England in the 1954 Oval Test. From July 26 to 29, PCB ran a poll regarding Pakistan's greatest Test win on its official Facebook page and Twitter handle in which 15,847 fans cast their votes. An overwhelming 65 per cent of votes went to the 1999 Chennai Test, while the 1987 Bangalore Test, the 1954 Oval Test and the 1994 Karachi Test received 15 per cent, 11 per cent and 10 per cent votes respectively.

Imam 'apologises' for Whatsapp scandal

Karachi: Controversial Pakistan opener Imam-ul Haq, nephew of legendary Inzamam-ul Haq, has apologised for sending objectionable messages to women on Whatsapp. The Pakistan opener, whose place in the side has been under the scanner, found himself in trouble when a few women posted screen shots of his Whatsapp conversations with them and accused him of misleading them. "Imam was remorseful and has apologised for what all has happened. But we have told him in clear terms although this is his personal and private matter but we expect our players to adhere to the highest standards of ethics and discipline," PCB MD Wasim Khan said on Monday.

Black Caps turn to spin for SL Tests

Wellington: New Zealand unveiled a spin-heavy attack on Monday for the opening round of their World Test Championship campaign against Sri Lanka next month. Coach Gary Stead named four spinners in his 15-man squad for the two-Test series in Sri Lanka that will mark both teams' debut in the new world championship that runs through to 2021. Stead said the Sri Lankan wickets were expected to turn and he was adopting a "horses-for-courses" strategy in selecting Ajaz Patel, Will Somerville, Mitchell Santner and Todd Astle. "Playing three spinners is an option in Sri Lankan conditions and we believe this group provides the best variations and skill mix on offer," he said. The reliance on spin means quicks Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson miss out, with Stead opting for Trent Boult, Tim Southee, Neil Wagner and Colin de Grandhomme. **SQUAD:** Kane Williamson (capt), Tom Latham, Jeet Raval, Ross Taylor, Henry Nicholls, BJ Watling, Tom Blundell, Colin de Grandhomme, Mitchell Santner, Todd Astle, Tim Southee, Will Somerville, Neil Wagner, Ajaz Patel, Trent Boult.

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WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

Fringe benefits? Selectors want to test a few players in WI: Kohli

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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CRICKETERS ON the fringes of Team India — such as Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey — got a timely boost with captain Virat Kohli saying that the message from the selection committee is to try out a few players on the tour of the West Indies.

"In T20s, when I met the selectors, the basic message from them was to try out a few players that they had in mind. I think it is a very exciting opportunity for all the guys stepping in for the first time," Kohli said during a press interaction before departing for the tour.

However, with almost a full-strength team going to the Caribbean, there is lack of clarity on whether such players, who are desperate to stake their claim for spots, will get a chance in the three-match ODI series.

West Indies isn't the strongest team going around and finished ninth in the recent World Cup, but the selection committee didn't take any chances. Kohli stated that

there was no communication on whether he should be rested during the tour.

The selectors have picked KL Rahul as an opener, which leaves Iyer and Pandey to push their case for the number four spot. Iyer has been on record arguing that being in and out of the team doesn't help a player's cause. Pandey, too, has often got a raw deal with his batting position fluctuating depending upon the situation of the match.

Though the one-dayers will give rise to some team selection issues, the T20s will witness young players turning out for India. The selectors want to find a few players before the ICC World T20 to be held next year in Australia.

The Indian team will play three T20s — two in the United States — against West Indies. Krunal Pandya, Khaleel Ahmed, Deepak Chahar, Rahul Chahar, Washington Sundar and Navdeep Saini are the young faces part of the T20 team. Kohli said he is excited about the series as some players have done really well in the shortest format and shown great composure in the IPL



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and other domestic tournaments.

The middle order was exposed in the World Cup semifinal against New Zealand when the top three departed early in the innings. Kohli believed those terming the middle order weak were being unfair.

"Yaar, yeh middle order ka joh mudda hai (This issue about the middle order), I don't know whether it will have to be explained through a crystal maze. It's very subjective, it's situation-based. Sometimes you say you have the best-in-the-world top order, which you can agree with; it leads to middle order getting just one or two opportunities, then we judge it based on it. I don't know how to strike a balance in it," the skipper pointed out.

Kohli stressed that he wants his strongest eleven on the field but there have been situations when the team has failed. The Indian top order clicked till the semifinals, but the team was left gasping for breath at 5/3 and the middle order didn't look ready to tackle such a situation as they had not been exposed to it.

"If I am a middle-order player and I hardly get an opportunity to bat, then when I am expected to deliver in a crunch, I don't think it's fair to be judged. If the top order fails consistently, then you'll say they need to be given time since they have been performing. When it happens with the middle order, I don't think it's right to be so critical of them. We obviously want to find people who can be consistent, who can do the job regularly for us and we have backed the players that we thought are good enough to do the job. And they have. We lost in the semifinals because a team played better than us. And before that, they have done so well over the last two-three years, so I don't think there's something very alarming about it," Kohli argued.

Selectors are lame ducks: Gavaskar

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FORMER INDIA captain Sunil Gavaskar criticised the BCCI selection committee on Monday for not following the established procedure while re-appointing Virat Kohli as the India skipper.

Gavaskar questioned Kohli's position not being even discussed by the selection committee, calling the MSK Prasad-led panel "lame ducks".

In his column for *Mid-day*, Gavaskar wrote, "Speaking of lame ducks, the Indian selection committee appears to be one. After the reappointment, he (captain) gets invited to the meeting for his views on selecting the players for the team."

"By bypassing the procedure, the message that goes out is that while the players like Kedar Jadhav, Dinesh Karthik get dropped after below expectations performance, the captain continues despite much below par expectations where the team did not even reach the finals," he added.

Raising questions on how Kohli was allowed to continue without even having a meeting about it, he wrote, "That they selected the team for West Indies without first having a meeting to select the captain brings up the question of whether Virat Kohli is the captain of the team at his or the selection committee's pleasure."

"To the best of our knowledge his (Kohli's) appointment was till the World Cup. After that, it was incumbent on the selectors to meet even if it was for five minutes for his reappointment," he remarked.

"This is probably one of the last selections for this committee as a new one will get appointed soon. Hopefully that will have players of stature who will not get bullied and be able to tell the team management that their job is to play with the team chosen by the selectors," Gavaskar concluded.

Former India batsman Sanjay Manjrekar disagreed with Gavaskar's "much below par" remark.

Manjrekar tweeted: "Respectfully disagree with Gavaskar Sir with his views on Indian selectors & Virat being retained as capt. No, Ind did not put in a 'much below par WC performance', they won 7 lost two. Last one very narrowly. And integrity a far more important quality as selector than stature."



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RIISING FROM THE ASHES

Australia's (R to L) David Warner, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft are in line to return to Test cricket at Birmingham after the ball tampering scandal of 2018. Reuters

Test match special

With the two-year world championship cycle beginning on August 1, interest in the five-day game may peak

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ON THE face of it, a two-match Test series in West Indies after the World Cup is a low-key affair. In a changed scenario, as Virat Kohli put it during his pre-departure press conference on Monday, "every session will be more intense".

On a day, when the International Cricket Council (ICC) launched the World Test Championship, Kohli spoke at length about how it will keep the longer format relevant and competitive. The India captain is a great backer of Test cricket but far too many Test matches or series across the globe had been bordering on the inconsequential. "It's a great thing to be honest. We all were looking forward to it. Very honestly, we felt like there were a few series in between where after big tours we felt like maybe a one-off Test or a couple of Tests weren't apt for the moment, but this gives a lot of context to all kinds of cricket that we are going to play," Kohli said.

The ICC has offered a Test bonanza. Over the next two years, nine teams will play 72 Tests, spread over 27 series. As the former ICC chief executive David Richardson had said during an interview with the BBC Test Match Special last month, it was long overdue. The World Test Championship gets underway with the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston from August 1. And till March 31, 2021, top nine teams in the ICC rankings will play three series each home and away – all the teams will not play each other in a two-year cycle – before two teams on points table will contest in the final at Lord's in June 2021. This, in fact, is the World Cup of Test cricket.

The point-structure for the World Test Championship makes the two-match India versus West Indies series – any two-match series for that matter – even more important.

Every series has been allocated with 120 points. So in a two-match series, 60 points are up for grabs for a victory. A draw is worth one-third of the points of a win – 20 in a two-Test series, while a tie is worth 30 points. From that perspective, a clean sweep in the India-West Indies series will give the winning team 120 points to start with.

"I think for all the cricketers involved now, every session and every game will be more intense; there will be more on the line. So it will be challenging, but all the more exciting and all the teams I'm sure (fans) are going to enjoy a lot through this whole journey of the Test Championship," Kohli said.

Stadium attendance for Test cricket has had been on a rapid decline – save England and Australia – over the past several years. Even in cricket-mad India, very few spectators walk through the turnstiles for non-marquee contests. The game's oldest format needed a boost. Kohli concurred.

"It's a great thing for Test cricket at the moment because we have been talking about it for the last two-three years, regardless of how we have played as a team and the interest of the fans building because of that, going for results and all that sort of stuff.

"Test cricket really needed a boost. The players were always putting in the effort but from a global point of view an incentive attached in a way, which the Test Championship presents," he said.

Without the Test Championship, India and West Indies were playing the upcoming two Tests with very little context attached to the series. All the teams would have set their sights on the World T20 in Australia next year instead. Popularity-wise, Test cricket might have suffered even more. Kohli spoke about the "compromise" factor.

"... after the highs of a tournament like the World Cup, it's logical the focus will shift to a T20 World Cup, but the Test Championship

will keep the interest going in Test cricket as well. So that's the nature of international cricket today, you will have to compromise on one format to keep the other two relevant. And I'm glad that people have thought about Test cricket, to keep it relevant through the Test Championship."

Test cricket being the game's purest format remains the Holy Grail for the cricketers. The India captain called it "most important", elaborating on how the Test Championship would give the players an opportunity to look forward to.

"I think for the pure joy of playing cricket and executing your skills as cricketers, Test cricket is the most important format, and for me nothing comes above Test cricket. And the fact that the Test Championship will keep excitement going there and T20 format, there's so much to look forward to as well.

"With three formats, you will always have something to look forward to. So things move on pretty rapidly. Back in the days with two formats, after a World Cup campaign you would still be feeling jaded and there wouldn't be much to look forward to immediately. But cricket moves so rapidly it presents you with opportunities day in and day out."

Ahead of the Ashes, both England and Australia have lauded the ICC initiative. "The ICC World Test Championship is another brilliant initiative for the sport, adding context and relevance to every Test series. Every Test matters, but even more so now," England fast-bowling great Jimmy Anderson said.

Australia Test skipper Tim Paine hoped for a better tomorrow for the longer-format.

"To wear the baggy green is the ultimate for all Australian cricketers and if the World Test Championship helps to ensure that all countries make Tests a high priority then that has to be good news for the game in general and the continuing health of the format in particular."

Test Championship: A total of 71 Test matches played over 27 series

The World Test Championship will be played over a two-year cycle from August 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021. The final will be played in England in June 2021. A total of 71 Tests will be played over 27 series before the final. The next two-year cycle is scheduled from June 2021 to April 30, 2023. Top nine teams on the ICC Test rankings as on March 31, 2018 – Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies are part of the World Test Championship. Zimbabwe, Afghanistan and Ireland are left out.

India are not playing against Pakistan because each team has picked six opponents by mutual agreement, within the existing framework of the Members rights agreements. Accordingly, India would be playing against West Indies, South Africa, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Australia and England. Each team will play three home and three away series in a two-year cycle. India will play away series against West Indies, New Zealand and Australia.

Teams can play Test matches outside the World Test Championship during this period. For example, if India host Zimbabwe next year and play a one-off Test, that won't be part of the Championship.

In the Test Championship, a series

can have a minimum of two matches and a maximum of five matches. Every match will be a five-day affair. Teams can play day-night Tests by mutual agreement.

As for points system, each series will have 120 points. Accordingly, in a two-match series, 60 points will be awarded for a win, 30 points for a tie and 20 points for a draw. No point will be awarded for a

defeat. In a three-match series, 40 points will be awarded for a win, 20 points for a tie and 13 points for a draw. In a four-match series, 30 points will be awarded for a win, 15 points for a tie and 10 points for a draw. In a five-match series, 24 points will be awarded for a win, 12 points for a tie and 8 points for a draw.

Apparently, the winners in a two-match series will get a bigger slice of the pie, but five-match series will give a team the opportunity to bounce back from setbacks. All Ashes Tests are five-match affairs, while India will host England for a five-Test series in 2021.

The World Test Championship points table will be independent of the ICC Test rankings. The Test rankings will continue to have 12 teams on the table. Broadcast rights belong to the host cricket board that will organise the series. The ICC, though, will have the broadcast rights for the final.

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Former Man United defender Evra retires

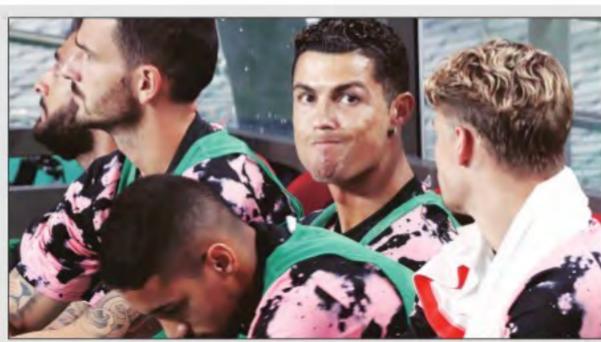
Former Manchester United left back Patrice Evra announced his retirement from soccer on Monday, bringing a trophy-laden 20-year career to an end. Evra played for United between 2006 and 2014 and won nine major trophies, including five Premier League titles and the Champions League. He made more than 700 club appearances in total and also earned 81 caps with the France national team. The 38-year-old also won two Serie A titles with Juventus after leaving United and said he will now move into coaching. "My playing career is officially over," Evra said in an interview to *Gazzetta dello Sport*. "I started training for the UEFA B Coaching License in 2013, now I want to finish it and then go on to get the UEFA A license. "In a year and a half, if everything goes well, I'll be ready to lead a team."

Solskjaer's son to line up against United?

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's son Noah could make his first-team debut against Manchester United after being included in the Kristiansund squad that will face his dad's side in a friendly in Oslo on Tuesday. The 19-year-old midfielder has made his way through the junior ranks and been training with the senior team, who play in the Norwegian top flight, and he and several other young players have been rewarded with call-ups for the prestigious friendly. "While his dad was a deadly effective player the closer he got to the box, Noah is more the kind of player to create attacks. He has a lot of skills and he has football in him. Noah has gone to a good school," Kristiansund coach Christian Michelsen said of the tall playmaker.

Bournemouth sign midfielder Billing

Bournemouth have signed Danish midfielder Philip Billing from Huddersfield Town on a long-term contract, the Premier League club said on Monday. Bournemouth did not reveal details of the transfer fee but British media reported the south-coast club had paid 15 million pounds (\$18.33 million) for the 23-year-old who signed a five-year contract. Billing, who made 27 league appearances last season when Huddersfield were relegated to the Championship, was voted the players' player of the year and players' young player of the year.



When the game was first announced, organisers said the contract with Juventus obliged Ronaldo to play for at least 45 minutes. Reuters

S. Korean fans to sue over Ronaldo benching

More than 2,000 South Korean soccer fans will sue a sports agency after superstar Cristiano Ronaldo stayed on the bench when his Juventus side played a friendly in Seoul last week, a law firm said Monday. The star Portuguese striker did not play a single second of the match against a K-league all-star team, ignoring appeals from the sell-out 65,000 crowd at the World Cup Stadium to lace up his boots. With frustration mounting some even chanted the name of his great Argentine rival Lionel Messi. When the game was first announced, organisers said the contract with Juventus obliged Ronaldo to play for at least 45 minutes, prompting many fans to splash out, according to Seoul law firm Myungan. Tickets – priced from 30,000 won (US\$25) to 400,000 won (\$338) – sold out in just two and a half hours when they were released on July 3. "So far, more than 2,000 fans have contacted us to pursue the suit," Myungan attorney Kim Hun-ki told AFP. "We plan to officially file the suit on their behalf sometime next week, if the agency does not offer a concrete plan to compensate the ticket holders before then."

De Minaur dominates Fritz to lift Atlanta title

Australia's Alex de Minaur captured his second ATP title in dominant style, dropping just 10 points on serve in a 6-3 7-6(7/2) triumph over Taylor Fritz in a battle of rising stars in Atlanta. Third-seeded de Minaur, 20, on Sunday became just the third player to win an ATP title without facing a break point since the tour began keeping stats in 1991. Tommy Haas did it in Memphis in 2007 and American John Isner managed the feat in Newport in 2017. "This one is really special to me," said de Minaur, who improved to 15-4 on hard courts this season with the US Open looming in August.

Tour puts WGC event between final 2 Majors

The World Golf Championships event in Tennessee is changing dates and will be played between the final two majors next year. That was part of the 2019-20 schedule the PGA Tour released Monday, which features only four empty weeks from the Sept. 12 start at The Greenbrier to the Aug. 30 end at the Tour Championship. Unlike 2016, the tour will not stage an event the same week the men compete in the Olympics from July 30 to Aug. 2. The FedEx St. Jude Invitational, this year held the week after the British Open, moves to July 2-5. That's two weeks after the U.S. Open, two weeks before the British Open.



Nadal, Barty top seeds for Rogers Cup

Rafael Nadal is the top seed for the upcoming men's Rogers Cup in Montreal, while Ash Barty is the top seed for the women's event in Toronto. Nadal is the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 2 and will be only member of the men's Big Three to play in Toronto. Top-ranked Novak Djokovic withdrew from the tournament last week, and Roger Federer pulled out shortly after he lost to Djokovic in five grueling sets in the Wimbledon final. That leaves No. 4 Dominic Thiem of Austria as the second seed. Nadal, of Spain, is a four-time Rogers Cup champion, including last year in Toronto. Barty will be competing for the second time since she reached No. 1, following her fourth-round loss at Wimbledon. The Australian has three titles this year, including her first Grand Slam at the French Open.

City showdown won't influence Liverpool's title bid, says Klopp

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JURGEN KLOPP says Liverpool's Community Shield clash with Manchester City on Sunday will have no bearing on their battle for the Premier League title. The two sides will renew the rivalry that saw them take the title race to a tense final day last season. City eventually claimed their second successive Premier League crown by a single point as Liverpool's bid for a first title since 1990 reached a painful conclusion.

Klopp's men made amends for that angst just weeks later as they beat Tottenham in the Champions League final and the Reds are expected to fight it out with City for the major honours again in the coming campaign.

A win against Pep Guardiola's team at Wembley would be a welcome psychological boost for Liverpool.

But, having seen his pre-season plans disrupted by the absence of key players such as Mohamed Salah, Sadio Mane, Roberto Firmino and keeper Alisson due to the Copa America and African Cup of Nations, Klopp isn't putting too much stock in the result of the curtain-raiser to the English top-flight season. "For me, it has nothing to do with the rest of the season," Klopp told reporters.

"It's a game and, even if we only have eight players available, I would like to try to win it. If we win it, good. Will it have an influence on the season? I don't think so.

"If we lose it, not good. Will it have an influence on the season? No, again, I don't think so. "We have to prove ourselves during the season, not in one game. If I have to say this would be the statement for the season, I would be really mad."

Klopp admitted he was surprised the Community Shield isn't taken more seriously in England as he prepares to take part in the match for the first time. "It's a final. This is the first time that I realised nobody sees it like that to be honest. A 'curtain-raiser' is unbelievable," he said.

"We think constantly about the game and how we can prepare for it and then everyone thinks, 'Oh, do they really play?' That's not too cool, but it's how it is. I don't know exactly why people play this competition if it means nothing. Why don't we cancel it then?" In Germany I won it five times, but nobody mentions it. We played every year. The Super Cup, you win it, nobody cares, you lose it and some care."

Dalilah clears the high hurdle

Muhammad breaks 16-year-old record in 400m hurdles, finishing in 52.20 seconds at the US championships

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THE RUNNING joke between Dalilah Muhammad and some of her competitors goes like this: She orders the wet conditions. Because she reigns in the rain.

On a drizzly Sunday night, Muhammad broke a 16-year-old world record in the 400-metre hurdles by finishing in 52.20 seconds at the US championships. "I'm just shocked," Muhammad said. "I broke the world record."

With puddles formed on the track, the defending Olympic champion sloshed her way around the track to eclipse the mark of 52.34 set by Yuliya Pechonkina of Russia on August 8, 2003. Running out of the fourth lane, Muhammad didn't let the rain drops deter her. She looked at her time and was almost taken aback. No way that can be real, right? It was. Muhammad smiled, briefly put her hands on her hips and then slumped down when her time flashed on the screen at Drake Stadium. Third-place finisher Ashley Spencer emphatically celebrated behind her and teenager Sydney McLaughlin came over to hug Muhammad after finishing second.

It was also lightly raining when Muhammad won the Olympic gold at the 2016 Rio Games. Her competitors might want to start looking at the weather reports for the Tokyo Games, which are a year away.

"Ashley said, 'You're the one that brings the rain,'" the 29-year-old Muhammad cracked. "I don't know what it is."

In workouts, Muhammad has often been on world-record pace. She put it all together for real. To think, Muhammad fell in a training session two weeks ago and suffered a mild concussion. She missed three days of workouts to heal. She lost none of her speed. Then again, the level of the competition brought out the best in her. Muhammad believes it mark may not last too long. It may even fall again at the world championships this fall in Doha, Qatar.

Defending world champion Kori Carter didn't even compete at nationals in the event since she has an automatic bye into Worlds. "That 52 is going to get broke," Muhammad said. "If not by me, by the other women." McLaughlin finished in 52.88.

"It was a really fast race and I could feel the pace being pushed," said McLaughlin, who turns 20 next month. "I'm happy to be a part of a world-record race."

Muhammad's performance stole the show on a big final night. Soon after, Dezerea Bryant won the 200 in 22.47 seconds.

"I woke up this morning and I'm like, 'I'm not going to be denied,'" Bryant said. "That was



Running in the fourth lane, Dalilah Muhammad didn't let the rain drops deter her. Reuters

STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

Event	Record holder	Mark	Year
100m	Florence Griffith-Joyner	10.49s	1988
200m	Florence Griffith-Joyner	21.34s	1988
400m	Marita Koch	47.60s	1985
800m	Jarmila Kratochvilova	1:53.28	1983
High Jump	Stefka Kostadinova	2.09m	1987
Long jump	Galina Chistyakova	7.52m	1988
Heptathlon	Jackie Joyner Kersee	7291 pts	1988

my attitude." Noah Lyles closed out the competition in style by doing a nifty little dance after taking the men's 200 title in 19.78. He held off Christian Coleman and, after crossing the line, shook his rival's hand before breaking off some dance moves.

The 22-year-old Lyles can certainly cele-

brate. "Joy? Tons of joy. This is the hardest team to make," said Lyles, who sprayed his hair silver. "The saying is, once you make the US team, you better come away with a medal."

Coburn's dominance

Reigning world champion Emma Coburn

captured her sixth straight national title in the steeplechase (eighth overall). She finished in 9 minutes, 25.63 seconds to narrowly edge Courtney Frerichs. Colleen Quigley was third. With Coburn getting an automatic bye, fourth-place finisher Allie Ostrander also is going to Doha.

Gone fishing

Donavan Brazier is celebrating his berth to the Worlds by taking a fishing trip to Michigan. "I would've gone either way," he cracked. The 22-year-old Brazier won the 800 in 1:45.62 to beat Clayton Murphy, his training partner at the Nike Oregon Project. University of Kansas runner Bryce Hoppel was third.

Houlihan's double

Cheered on by a friendly crowd, Shelby Houlihan, a Sioux City, Iowa, native, won the 5,000. She also captured the 1,500 crown. "Iowa strong, baby!" Houlihan said.

EXPLAINED

New harbinger of hope for women

THE NEWS of Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad shattering the 16-year-old 400 metre hurdles record comes as a breath of fresh air for women's athletics. This is because women's shorter distance track records have been really hard to beat with many of the sprint marks set way back in the 1980s. Take for example the 100 metres and 200 metres, two events in which the world records are in the name of the late Florence Griffith Joyner since 1988. The 400 metre world mark was set by East Germany's Marita Koch even further back in 1985. The 800 metres mark has been untouched since 1983 and belongs to Jarmila Kratochvilova of erstwhile Czechoslovakia.

None of these record-breakers failed a dope test, but there has been a cloud of doping over Griffith Joyner. She quit the sport in 1989, the year random dope testing was introduced in track and field. The American star died following an epileptic seizure at the age of 38 raising further questions over whether she was a clean athlete. East Germany's systematic doping in the 1980s is now well documented, but Koch has denied any wrongdoing. It was only in 2005 that the World Anti-Doping Agency introduced the robust Anti-Doping Administration & Management System (ADAMS). The new protocol made it mandatory for elite athletes to declare their whereabouts making it tough for cheats to avoid out-of-competition testing.

Besides, samples were stored so they could be re-tested after every technology update. Unlike in the men's event where the now retired and serial record-breaker, Jamaican superstar Usain Bolt, attracted thousands of fans to the stadium, the women's events lacked an athlete that pushes the limits and was seen as an all-time great. With Muhammad, 29, breaking the record set by Russia's Yuliya Pechonkina in 2003, there is hope that women can now dare to dream to get into the record books.

Whetting the appetite before Tokyo big bash

REUTERS
GWANGJU (SOUTH KOREA), JULY 29

IF THE world swimming championships in Gwangju were just a taste of what is to come at the 2020 Olympics, then in the words of recently retired Australian sprinter James Magnussen - "Brace yourselves". A meet that was supposed to serve as an indicator of form heading into next year's Games in Tokyo, the championships delivered this and more. Much, much more.

Champions were dethroned, new national heroes born and world records smashed. Swimmers pushed the limits of performance and the boundaries of sportsmanship. The scourge of doping reared its head once more.

After winning six gold and two silver medals, it would be safe to say Caeleb Dressel will arrive in Tokyo with a huge target on his back. The US sprint specialist became the first swimmer to win eight medals at a single world championships, taking down Olympic great Michael Phelps's 10-year-old 100 metres butterfly world record for good measure.

The 22-year-old became the spearhead of the US challenge in Gwangju after freestyle queen Katie Ledecky succumbed to illness and, after surrendering her 400 title to rising Australian star Ariarne Titmus, pulled out of two more events.

Ledecky recovered enough to defend her 800 title but health issues notwithstanding, a growing cast of rivals will perhaps feel emboldened after Gwangju, where Italian Simona Quadarella emerged as a threat in the 800 and won the 1,500.

There was no shortage of swimming storylines. Britain's Adam Peaty proved peerless in the 100 breaststroke once again, completing his 'Project 56' by becoming the first swimmer to breach 57 seconds.

He also won gold in the 50 and another from Britain's sensational 4x100 medley relay win on the final night of competition. "Looking good for next year and all ready for what comes with a bunch of four lads who are young but gathering experience," said Peaty after the race. "And yeah, I think we are going to smash it."

But performances in the pool were overshadowed by events on the podium as simmering anger over world governing body FINA's handling of doping issues boiled over in spectacular fashion.

Podium protests

China's Sun Yang was allowed to compete in Gwangju despite the World



Sun Yang competed despite a WADA appeal against his exoneration. AP

Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) appealing a FINA doping panel's decision to clear the 27-year-old of wrongdoing during a random drug test last September. Documents leaked to the media revealed the multiple world and Olympic champion questioned the credentials of the testers before members of his entourage smashed the vials containing his blood samples with a hammer.

After Sun, who also served a doping suspension in 2014, won the 400 freestyle on Sunday, silver medalist Mack Horton refused to share the podium with him.

Two days later, British bronze medalist Duncan Scott would not shake Sun's hand or pose for a group photo with him after his victory in the 200, sparking an angry, aggressive response from the Chinese swimmer on the podium. FINA sent warning letters to all three swimmers and tweaked its code of conduct in response to the incidents, with Executive Director Cornel Marculescu confirming athletes could be stripped of their medals for similar behaviour in future.

Major sporting events rarely escape the ugly menace of doping and Gwangju was no different. Australian swimmer Shayna Jack, who withdrew from the team just before the world championships, confirmed she had tested positive for a banned substance in an out-of-competition test.

Swimming Australia (SA) came under heavy fire for concealing the news given Jack's team mate Horton was waging a public campaign against Sun over the Chinese swimmer's doping history.

Responding to accusations of hypocrisy and double standards, SA Chief Executive Leigh Russell said: "An Australian swimmer returning a positive result is both bitterly disappointing and embarrassing to our team, our sport and our country".

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Place : Mumbai V. Murali
Date : July 30, 2019 Company Secretary

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PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Partially Cancelled Between Stations	Date from originating station
54553 Ambala-Dhuri Passenger	Ambala-Patiala	06.08.2019
54551 Ambala-Bhatinda Passenger	Ambala-Patiala	06.08.2019
54552 Dhuri-Ambala Passenger	Patiala-Ambala	06.08.2019

DIVERSION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Diverted via	Date(s) (from originating station)
14617 Saharsa-Amritsar Jansewa Exp.	Chandigarh	05.08.2019
22430 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Express	Chandigarh	06.08.2019
64516 Nagal Dam-Ambala MEMU	Morinda-Chandigarh	06.08.2019

RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name	Scheduled Departure Time	Rescheduled Departure Time	Date(s) from originating station
54551 Ambala-Bhatinda Passenger	12:55 hrs.	14:40 hrs.	31.07.2019, 10, 13 & 19.08.2019
74645 Ambala-Jalandhar City DMU	14:40 hrs.	16:30 hrs.	06.08.2019

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Train No. 12549 Durg-Jammu Tawi Superfast Express will be regulated for 60 minutes in Delhi Division & 30 minutes in Ambala Division on 30.07.2019.

Train No. 12925 Bandra (T)-Amritsar Paschim Express will be regulated for 80 minutes in Delhi Division & 40 minutes in Ambala Division on 05.08.2019.

Train No. 14673 Jaynagar-Amritsar Shaheed Express will be regulated for 30 minutes in Ambala Division on 05.08.2019.

Train No. 12317 Kolkata-Amritsar Akal Takhat Express will be regulated for 50 minutes in Moradabad Division & 50 minutes in Ambala Division on 18.08.2019.

Train No. 15656 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Kamakhya Express will be regulated for 60 minutes in Firozpur Division & 60 minutes in Ambala Division on 31.07.2019.

Train No. 22318 Jammu Tawi-Sealdah Humsafar Express will be regulated for 30 minutes in Firozpur Division & 30 minutes in Ambala Division on 31.07.2019.

Train No. 22430 Pathankot-Delhi Jn. Superfast Express will be regulated for 45 minutes in Firozpur Division & 45 minutes in Ambala Division on 31.07.2019, 10, 13 & 19.08.2019.

Train No. 12920 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Malwa Express will be regulated for 45 minutes in Firozpur Division & 30 minutes in Ambala Division on 06.08.2019.

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