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Out of FinMin, Garg says: No one in Govt questioned overseas bonds

S C Garg (right) takes charge as Power Secretary from A K Bhalla on Friday. *PIB/PTI*

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

TAKING CHARGE as Power Secretary, former Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg Friday said "no one in the government" had opposed the idea of sovereign bond issuance during his tenure in the Finance Ministry.

On Thursday, the day after he was moved out of the Finance Ministry, Garg said he had applied for voluntary retirement

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India's Davis Cup team set to go to Pakistan in Sept

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, JULY 26

FOR THE first time in 55 years, an Indian team will travel to Pakistan to compete in a Davis Cup tie. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) confirmed the Indian team's participation in the Asia/ Oceania Group 1 away tie, which will be held on September 14-15 at the Pakistan Sports Complex in Islamabad.

"Yes, we will be going," AITA Secretary General Hironmoy Chatterjee told *The Indian Express*. "It's the World Cup of tennis and not a bilateral series, so there is no embargo on any front."

India has skipped most sporting events hosted by Pakistan for over a decade — the 2007 cricket tour to Pakistan was the last significant "away" sporting trip that India undertook.

While the Davis Cup draw was out in February, the team's chances of making the trip seemed bleak in the wake of the

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EXPLAINED

First step, but wait for cricket

THE TRIP to Pakistan can be seen as a baby step in normalising sporting relations between the two countries. Following pressure from the international sports community after India didn't grant visas to Pakistan shooters earlier this year, India had to soften its stand. Last month, the government said it would not stop Pakistani athletes from taking part in events in India. However, historically, the benchmark of normalcy between the two countries is always the resumption of home and away cricket ties.

General Bipin Rawat, Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa, Admiral Karambir Singh at the Kargil War Memorial in Drass on Kargil Vijay Diwas Friday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

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Kargil Day good news for war hero working as traffic cop: Promotion

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 26

ON THE day *The Indian Express* reported that Satpal Singh, a Kargil War soldier who was awarded the Vir Chakra for exceptional gallantry, had been working as a Punjab traffic policeman following his discharge from the Army, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh ordered his immediate promotion from Head Constable to Assistant Sub Inspector.

Tiger Hill Vir Chakra now directs traffic in a small Punjab town

Satpal Singh, ex-8 Sikh, killed officer who got Pak's highest gallantry award

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
BHAWANIGARH (SANGRUR), JULY 25

AT A road intersection in Bhawanigarh, a small town in Sangrur district of Punjab, Head Constable Satpal Singh is busy

The Indian Express report on July 26

Job offers have also been made to his 25-year-old son who is an unemployed post-graduate. An educational institutions chain and a multinational beverage bottling company have got in touch with Satpal Singh's family to offer a job to his son.

On Friday, *The Indian Express* reported that Satpal Singh was a traffic police Head Constable at

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FLOOR TEST MONDAY

Karnataka gets Yediyurappa as CM fourth time

Changes spelling of his name, puts on hold decisions by Cong-JD(S) in July

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JULY 26

THREE DAYS after the Congress-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka collapsed after being defeated in a trust vote, state BJP president B S Yediyurappa was Friday sworn in as Chief Minister. Yediyurappa met Governor Vajubhai Vala in the morning to stake claim and requested him to administer the oath of office the same day.

Yediyurappa (76), Chief Minister for the fourth time, was sworn in as the only member of the BJP government at a ceremony at Raj Bhavan which top state BJP leaders attended. No central party leaders, however, were at the ceremony other than

B S Yediyurappa after taking oath. *ANI*

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recently appointed BJP national organising secretary B L Santhosh. The Congress and JD(S) boycotted the swearing-in.

Yediyurappa said he would decide appointments to his Cabinet after consulting party

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BUSINESS AS USUAL
By UNNY

Pinnacle safe, will keep you posted: J&J told Govt in 2011, went silent

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

AS EARLY as October 2011, the Indian medical device regulator had questioned US pharma giant Johnson & Johnson about its Pinnacle Metal-on-Metal (MoM) hip implant that it imported and sold to patients here. The company, which has now agreed to pay $1 billion to settle lawsuits with patients in the US who used its defective Pinnacle hip implant, gave itself a clean chit calling it "safe and effective."

The file was closed even as "adverse" reports related to the implant started to come in.

Johnson & Johnson has claimed that there are no patients with adverse reports in India. As reported today, *The Indian Express* tracked down down eight patients, five men and three women, who had the Pinnacle implanted. Their medical records, their communication with doctors and, in some cases, with Johnson & Johnson as well, paint a story of suffering,

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CONYERS ADVISED iYOGI ON FAILED NASDAQ LISTING BID

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China first to share satellite data with India on floods in Assam

SHUBHAJIT ROY & AMITABH SINHA
NEW DELHI, PUNE, JULY 26

INDIA RECEIVED satellite data on its flood-hit regions from eight nations and China was the first to provide it as part of a multilateral mechanism for sharing space-based information for countries affected by natural or man-made disasters, the government said Friday.

The first set of data on Assam came from the Chinese Gaofen-2 satellite on July 18. Large parts of India's North-East and Bihar are grappling with a worsening flood situation.

China's newly appointed ambassador to India Sun Weidong tweeted Friday: "Following ISRO's request for international disaster relief support, China has provided India with satellite data on India's flood-hit regions to assist its flood relief efforts. Hope all gets well soon."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said that whenever there is a

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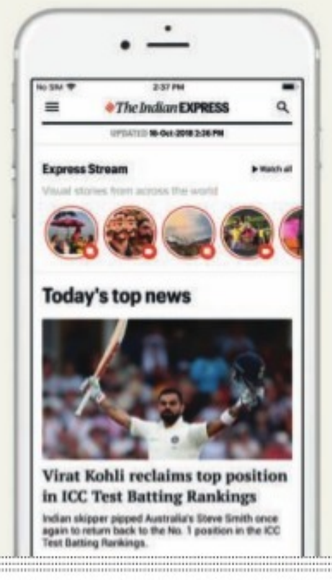

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Netflix's global domination is incomplete without a strong foothold in India, a country which has the second-largest number of Internet users in the world. This is the market where Netflix CEO Reed Hastings expects the next wave of users, at least a 100 million, to come from

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INDIAN-ORIGIN FACES IN NEW UK CABINET
Rishi Sunak, Priti Patel and Alok Sharma are the three ministers

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Yediyurappa takes oath. Cong questions Karnataka Governor

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No evidence to suggest 2 boys died of black magic at Asaram ashram: Probe

PARIMAL DABHI
GANDHINAGAR, JULY 26

THE JUSTICE (retired) D K Trivedi Commission that inquired into the 2008 mysterious deaths of two children studying in a gurukul run by Asaram ashram in Motera, Ahmedabad, has concluded that it has found no evidence to suggest that Asaram and his son Narayan Sai performed black magic in the ashram, which allegedly led to the deaths.

The commission also said it cannot rule out the possibility that the two boys had drowned in the Sabarmati, on the banks of which the ashram is located.The panel also said that no organs had been removed from the bodies by anyone for black magic as was alleged.

These findings and the commission's recommendations to the Gujarat government to prevent such incidents in the future were made public after the commission's report was tabled in the Assembly on Friday.

Cousins Dipesh (11) and Abhishek (10) from Ranip area of Ahmedabad, who were studying at the Asaram ashram gurukul, went missing on July 3, 2008 under mysterious circumstances. Their mutilated bodies were recovered from a dry stretch of the Sabarmati riverbed two days later.

The incident triggered a massive uproar against Asaram and it was alleged that the boys had fallen prey to "black magic" being practised in the ashram.

Following the uproar, the then Chief Minister Narendra Modi on July 21, 2008 appointed the one-member commission under retired Gujarat High Court judge D K Trivedi, to investigate the circumstances that led to the boys' deaths and to recommend measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The commission submitted its report to the state government in August 2013.

Student faces molestation bid in pvt cab, two held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JULY 26

JAIPUR POLICE have arrested two men, including a driver from a private cab service, for allegedly molesting a 21-year-old woman after she booked a ride to her home in the early hours of Friday.

According to police, the woman fought off the attacker and jumped off the moving vehicle. She then reached the nearest police station and lodged a complaint.

"The woman, who is a college student and also works as a model, had booked a cab to her home in Jaipur after attending a party after 1.30 am. When she entered the cab, she saw that apart from the driver, another person was sitting in the front seat of the cab. Later, that person came to sit on the rear seat beside her," said Sub-Inspector Kamlesh Kumar from the Jawahar Circle police station.

Deputy commissioner of police, east, Rahul Jain told *The Indian Express* on Friday that the man tried to threaten the woman by showing her a toy pistol.

"The man tried to molest the woman but she bit his tongue and managed to escape from the cab. Thereafter, she reached the nearest police station and informed officials about the incident. The police managed to trace the cab driver and he was called to the police station," said Jain.

He added that the person who had tried to assault the woman had gone to a hospital for treating his wounds. "We had posted our men in the hospital and he was arrested. The arrests were made by 4.30 am today," said Jain.

"The driver has been identified as Suresh Kumar Verma, 30, and the man who attacked the woman is Sachin Sharma, 25. Both are in custody," said Kumar, who is the investigating officer.

The police said an FIR has been lodged under sections 354 and 342 of the IPC. "We will summon representatives of the cab company," said DCP Jain.

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Davis Cup

border tension following the Pulwama attack later that month. Last month, however, the sports ministry made it clear that the decision to compete in the tie remained solely with the AITA.

Speaking to The Indian Express, a senior official had put the onus on AITA. "Sports ministry does not interfere in team selections, participation of tournaments or visits to countries by sportspersons," he had said.

The Indian tennis body waited for the International Tennis Federation's (ITF) inspection of the venue and security arrangements in Pakistan before making its stand public. "The ITF had sent representatives to Islamabad on the 22nd of this month," said Chatterjee. "Once they cleared it, we sent our details to the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) so that they could issue the invitation letter. That letter has come, so we have started the visa application process. It takes about four to five weeks to complete the visa process."

The last time India played Pakistan in the Davis Cup tie was in 2006, at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai, when the hosts came up with a 3-2 win to take India's head-to-head tally against Pakistan to 6-0.

AITA is yet to announce the final squad for the seventh meeting between the two neighbouring countries. "The team will officially be announced later, and it will be based on rankings," said Chatterjee. "But we more or less know the team."

As it stands, Davis Cup captain Mahesh Bhupathi and coach Zeeshan Ali are likely to have India's top-three ranked men's singles players, Prajnesh Gunneswaran (ranked 88), Ramkumar Ramanathan (185) and Sumit Nagal (207) in the team. The sole doubles rubber is likely to played by India's top-two ranked doubles specialists Rohan Bopanna (45) and Divij Sharan (46).

The winner of the tie will earn a spot in the World Group playoffs next year. And since it is an India versus Pakistan tie, bragging rights will also be up for grabs.

Karnataka gets Yediyurappa as CM

president Amit Shah and announced that a special Assembly session will be called Monday to prove his majority.

Yediyurappa also reverted to the earlier English spelling of his name, which became public in his letter to Governor Vala, and later, in the official invitation for the swearing-in ceremony. Incidentally, he had changed the spelling of his name from Yediyurappa to Yeddyurappa after he had to resign as Chief Minister in 2007.

Earlier, the Chief Minister instructed heads of all departments to put on hold orders related to new projects that were issued in July by the H D Kumaraswamy-led coalition government until further review. He also put on hold all transfers that were cleared, but have not been executed.

Though Yediyurappa was eager to take the oath of office soon after defeating the trust vote on July 23, the BJP leadership was of the view that the Karnataka unit should wait for more clarity on the exact numbers in Assembly.

Following the disqualification of three Congress MLAs Thursday from the 225-member House (including a nominated member) by the Speaker under the anti-defection law, there are currently 222 members, where the BJP has 105 MLAs compared to 78 for Congress, 37 for JD(S), one BSP and one Independent.

Yediyurappa is heavily dependent on the Speaker disqualifying another 15 Congress and JD(S) MLAs or accepting the resignations submitted by 14 of these MLAs to survive beyond a week as CM.

In the event that the strength of the House remains at 222 at the time of the trust vote, and nearly 15 Congress-JD(S) rebels return, Yediyurappa faces the prospect of having another short-lived tenure like in May 2018 when he was CM for two days and November 2007 when he was CM for seven days and had to eventually quit without a majority.

Yediyurappa was the BJP's first CM in south India in 2008 when the BJP won 110 seats in Karnataka under his leadership. He was, however, ousted in 2011 following charges of corruption including illegal mining and the illegal take over of government land by members of his family. The cases were later overturned by various courts.

Yediyurappa got an indication at around 9 am Friday from the BJP leadership to approach the Governor to stake his claim. "As instructed by our national president Shri Amit Shah ji and working president Shri J P Nadda ji, I have met his excellency the Governor of Karnataka to stake claim to form government," he announced after meeting the Governor at around 10 am.

The BJP's move to stake claim to form the government despite lacking a clear majority in the current House was greeted by barbs from the Congress and JD(S) of subversion of constitutional norms by the Governor and the BJP.

"The swearing-in Yediyurappa is unconstitutional and unethical and based on horse-trading and corrupt methods. It is a blot on democracy," said state Congress chief Dinesh Gundu Rao.

"The strength of the house is 222 and the simple majority is 112 but Yediyurappa who has 105 MLAs has gone and staked claim and the Governor has undemocratically decided in a minute without any doubts that the BJP has the numbers," said the JD(S) on social media. One of the reasons the BJP decided to stake claim despite the lack of clear numbers, sources said, was a growing feeling of unease among a group of 14 Congress and JD(S) rebels who helped the BJP topple the Congress-JD(S) government but now fear being left high and dry in the wake of the disqualification of three of their fellow rebels by the Speaker Thursday.

By assuming power, Yediyurappa will be able to promise the rebels that he will look after their interests if they stick to their stand of opposing the Congress and JD(S) and do not get cowed into withdrawing their resignations to return to the Assembly, sources said.

Garg

from the IAS with effect from October 31 — he was due to retire in October 2020. Gujarat-cadre officer Atanu Chakraborty has replaced him at the helm of the Department of Economic Affairs.

Responding to questions from newspersons Friday, Garg said the sovereign bond proposal is aimed at improving resource availability for the private sector as high fiscal deficit results in the government eating into a majority of the country's savings, thereby crowding out the private sector.

He also clarified that he had discussed his decision to opt for voluntary retirement with the Prime Minister's Office on July 18 and put in a formal request on July 24. He declined to go into the reasons for his decision to retire early: "I don't think we should discuss those reasons. Let's rest that matter as that was discussed and I conveyed my decision much before. So, this move has nothing to do with it."

As Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, he was spearheading the proposal of issuance of sovereign bonds in foreign currency on overseas markets — a proposal which was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting Union Budget 2019-20. This proposal is opposed by influential sections of the government.

"The risks (of sovereign bond issuance) are much less and during the time I was there, I had not heard anyone in the government questioning it," Garg said. Issuing sovereign bonds abroad are a very normal way of raising resources and will help in improving availability of funds for the private entrepreneurs, he said.

"We are one of the countries with high fiscal deficits, the internal resources are not that much. We need to get some (funds). We have very small external liabilities and those liabilities are also largely from multilateral, bilateral and government accounts. The government does not have any private external liability except what comes through the FPI route indirectly where you do not have the foreign exchange risk. I think we have a perfectly legitimate case for considering this. Nineteen out of twenty G-20 countries raise sovereign bonds. So it's a very normal way of doing things," he said.

The savings rate in the country is about 10-11 per cent and the government takes about 8-9 per cent of those savings. Therefore, the government needs to diversify its borrowing to ensure enough funds are available for the private sector, he said.

Garg, who was also a member of the Bimal Jalan-led expert panel to review the Reserve Bank of India's economic capital framework, said the committee is yet to reach a conclusion. In the middle of last year, the Department of Economic Affairs under Garg started internal discussions with the RBI over the latter's economic capital framework and assessed that the central bank has around Rs 3.6 lakh crore of excess capital that can be shared with the Centre.

He is also seen as the officer behind the Centre's proposal mandating the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to share 75 per cent of its surplus funds with the Union government. The proposal to dip into reserves of SEBI and RBI have led to major differences between the Finance Ministry and the regulators.

On his new role in the Power Ministry, Garg said the sector is critical to achieving the goal of $5-trillion size for the Indian economy. "The dream of $5 trillion would not be achieved without power sector. The growth is dependent on power sector. In that respect, we have challenges in power sector like financial health (of firms, utilities)," he said.

Satellite data

natural disaster, the National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC) and member space agencies of 32 other countries, which are a part of the International Charter, Space and Major Disasters, can activate the platform. The NRSC represents Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as a member of the charter.

Earth-observation satellites capture high-resolution pictures of land and ocean surfaces. Most of these move at great speeds in their orbits around the earth and remain over a particular area for barely seconds. They return to that point only hours — sometimes days later. So even if disaster hits in a country with advanced assets in space, its satellites might not be in the proper place at that time to view the affected area. But some other country's satellite may be. That is why countries have decided to pool their resources and help out a member country that requests information for satellite pictures and data. This also helps a country access satellite pictures of varying resolutions, different angles, and taken at different times. Countries have to "activate" a request for satellite data every time they need it.

In this particular case, ISRO, which is one of the original members of the Charter, requested for data on the flood-affected regions of Assam on July 17 following which various agencies, whose satellites passed over the area, responded with information. The first set of data came from the Chinese satellite. Other agencies gave information as and when their satellites passed over the area.

India's own Cartosat-1 satellite crossed the area on July 18 and provided images. So far, Korean, Canadian, European and Russian satellites have scanned the area and provided data to ISRO on flood-affected areas in Dhubri, Morigaon, Barpeta, Dhemaji and Lakhimpur districts of Assam.

"Under the charter, so far data has been received from eight countries, including USGS (United States Geological Survey), CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales), ESA (European Space Agency), ROSCOSMOS (Russian space agency), Chinese National Space Agency (CNSA) and three others," Kumar said.

India last made a request for satellite data during Cyclone Fani in May. Last year, it made three such requests, including during the Kerala floods and a landslide in Karnataka. India's satellites also routinely provide information to other countries.

Kargil hero

Bhawanigarh in Sangrur district of Punjab. He had been awarded the Vir Chakra for his role in the Battle of Tiger Hill in which he killed Pakistan Army's Capt Karnal Sher Khan who was later awarded his country's highest gallantry award, the Nishan-e-Haider.

Speaking to mediapersons after placing a wreath at the Chandigarh War Memorial to mark the Kargil Vijay Diwas, Capt Amarinder Singh said that when he read the news in the morning he "immediately decided to correct the wrong perpetuated on the brave soldier".

He regretted that Satpal Singh had to work as a Head Constable after his act of gallantry during the Kargil War, calling it a failure of the previous Akali Dal-BJP government.

Reacting to the order for his promotion, Satpal Singh said he was thankful to the Chief Minister. "My family and I thank Capt Amarinder with all humility. I also salute him as a soldier for ordering my immediate promotion as ASI," he said.

An official spokesperson said Satpal Singh, who joined Punjab Police after his discharge from the Army, has been awarded a double promotion as Assistant Sub Inspector following direct orders from Captain Amarinder Singh in recognition of his valiant contribution during the Kargil War.

As a special case, Satpal will be recruited as an ASI in relaxation of Punjab Police Rules by the Director General of Police who has been authorised to do so by the Chief Minister. Ex post facto approval of the Council of Ministers will be obtained for the required relaxation in rules, the spokesperson said.

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neglect and indifference. Of patients hitting a wall when it comes to seeking justice even as they fight pain, organ damage — the toxic effects of excess cobalt-chromium in the blood.

Almost a year after Johnson & Johnson globally recalled its ASR implant — this was also available in India — records obtained by The Indian Express show that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), under the Union Ministry of Health, asked company officials to "give a technical presentation" on four aspects of the ASR recall: the procedure and reason for recall; action taken with investigation details; compensation details; and international regulatory status of the recall.

In October 2011, officials from the company made a presentation before the regulator to answer queries related to the ASR recall. During the presentation, the company was asked to provide detailed information on "other metal-on-metal" implants it sold in India. The additional information was asked at a time when international reports had surfaced on various models of MoM hip implants failing earlier than expected.

On October 14, 2011, the company replied to the regulator, the documents reveal, that besides ASR, it was selling Pinnacle cleared by the US regulators and "is backed by more than a decade's worth of clinical data that have consistently shown that Pinnacle is a safe and effective option."

Records show that Johnson & Johnson cited 2010 data from the National Joint Registries in the UK and Australia to underline that 96 percent of the implants in these two countries were still in place five years after they were implanted.

"Patient's safety is our first priority. We hope we are able to provide you the required information and we would keep you updated with any new information as and when this is available to us," wrote Kulwant S Saini, the then Vice President , Strategic Regulatory Affairs and Quality Compliance of DePuy Medical Private Limited, Mumbai, the Johnson & Johnson subsidiary that sold Pinnacle. The company did not, however, cite any data of Pinnacle implants used on patients in US.

By 2012, lawsuits against Pinnacle were being filed in US courts alleging that Pinnacle was defective and USFDA, the medical device regulator in the country, decided to scrutinize the safety of metal-on-metal implants. But regulators in India were in the dark about these developments and Pinnacle's withdrawal from the market in 2013.

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, Drug Controller of India Eswara Reddy declined to comment.

A DePuy spokesperson said: "We have no greater responsibility than to the patients who use our products...The decision to discontinue (Pinnacle) was not related to safety or efficacy and it was not a recall. In 2013, DePuy discontinued (its) sales worldwide including in India based on low demand." The spokesperson did not comment on questions regarding complaints from patients and its $1-billion settlement in the US in lawsuits filed by patients.

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After tigress is beaten to death in Pilibhit, farmer it attacked dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 26

A DAY after a tigress died after being attacked by villagers in UP's Pilibhit, one person who was injured after being attacked by the animal succumbed at King George's Medical University in Lucknow on Friday.

On Thursday, the police arrested four persons for attacking the tigress. Nine persons were injured after they were attacked by the tigress on Wednesday.

The deceased was identified as 55-year-old farmer Radhey Shyam, who hailed from Mataina village where the tigress was attacked. The village is located near the Deuria forest range in Pilibhit.

On Wednesday afternoon, the tiger attacked some people working in the field. Some residents of the village then beat up and killed the animal. Two forest officials, who had rushed to the spot and tried to rescue the animal, alleged that the villagers assaulted them, too. Later, additional police force and forest staff reached the spot, but the villagers allegedly threw stones at them.

The next day, a video showing the tigress being beaten up went viral.

Based on a complaint filed by Deuria range officer, V K Gupta, police lodged an FIR against 31 named and 12 unidentified persons at Pooranpur police station in Pilibhit. The FIR has been lodged under various sections of IPC including 147 (rioting) and 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharging his duty). The police also invoked sections of Wildlife Protection Act against the accused.

A magisterial inquiry has also been ordered into the matter.

Field Director, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, H Raja Mohan, said post-mortem of the animal was conducted on Thursday and the report is awaited.

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BENCH CITES SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS

Act like commandos, High Court tells Delhi govt on waterlogging

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

FREQUENT WATERLOGGING in the capital during monsoon has prompted the Delhi High Court to tell the Delhi government to "think out of the box" and "act like commandos" to prevent such a problem in the near future.

A bench of Justice G S Sistani and Justice Jyoti Singh said since heavy rains are expected in the next 20 days, the Delhi government's Public Works Department (PWD) should make "every endeavour" to ensure there is no waterlogging in the city.

Apart from causing traffic snarls, the bench noted that waterlogged roads and pavements were a hazard for pedestrians, including children, as they would not see the open drains and fall into them, causing serious injuries and even death.

The bench directed the PWD to be prepared in advance with water pumps to prevent waterlogging at susceptible sites like ITO, that have been already identified as such by the authority.

It further directed it to ensure all the identified areas are constantly manned and supervised by its officials so that the moment waterlogging occurs, the authority can swing into action immediately to pump out the water.

It also suggested building reservoirs, or engaging tankers temporarily, at sites where it is not feasible to use pumps, so it can be stored and used for other purposes.

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A waterlogged stretch near Chhattarpur, Friday. The HC asked PWD to use water pumps at vulnerable sites. *Praveen Khanna*

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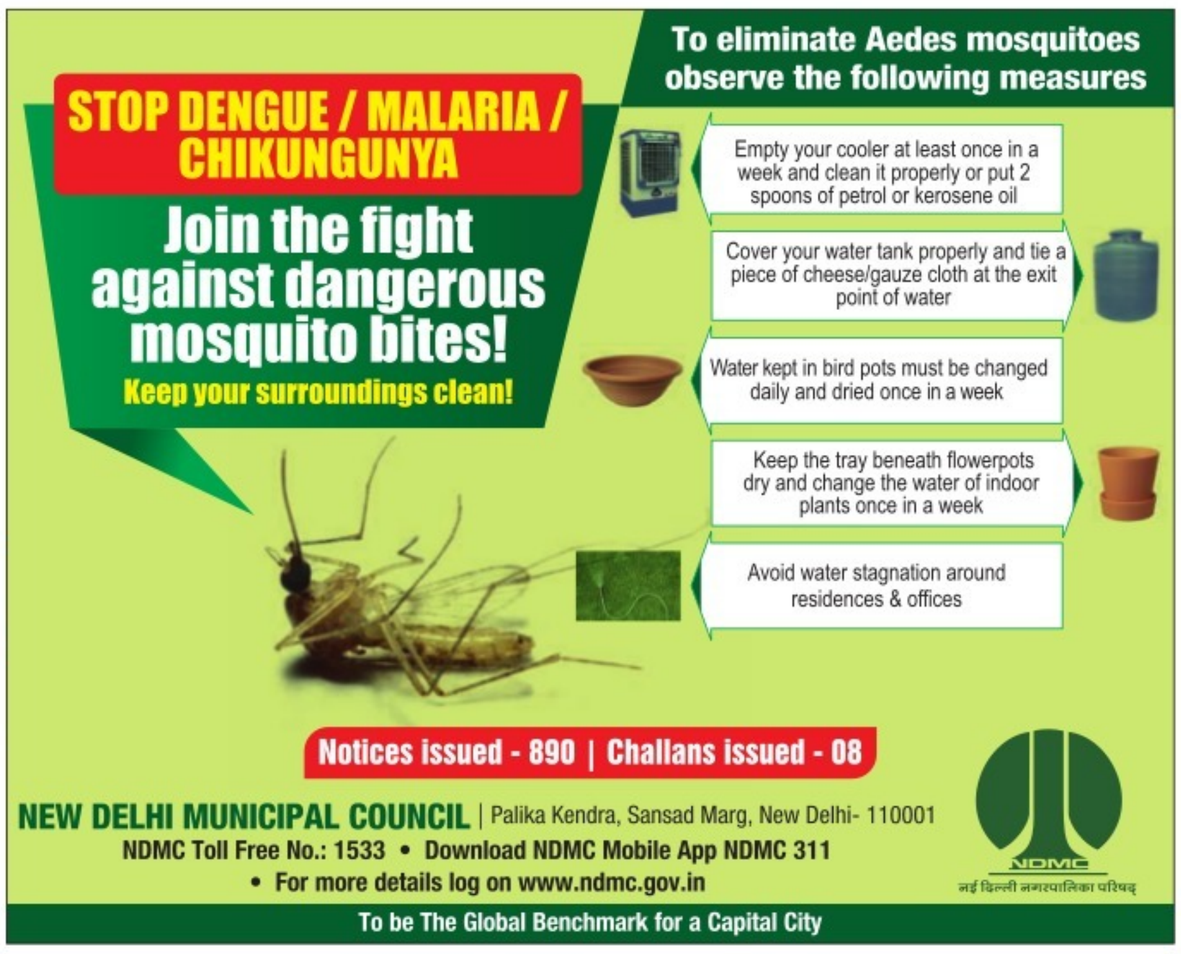

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DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said, "The minor was in the house and was caught by the owner, Mukesh (23), who beat him up. After some time, neighbours too gathered and beat up the boy."

The victim was rushed to a hospital, where he died during treatment, said police.

Arya said that six people, including Mukesh, have been arrested. A case under IPC section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) has been registered.

Police said efforts are being made to identify more people who might have been involved in the incident.

The victim was not known to the accused. "He was kicked and beaten up... around 8 am, a PCR call was made by the accused, Mukesh," said Arya. She said the minor's postmortem has been conducted and the body has been handed over to the family.

7 promised airport jobs, duped thousands

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SEVEN PEOPLE were arrested for allegedly duping more than a thousand people by promising them jobs in the Airport Authority of India (AAI). The gang allegedly cheated people of Rs 2.5 crore. A case has been registered under IPC sections 419,420, 468, 34 and 120B.

The complainant, Rajat Verma (21), who hails from Lucknow, said: "I was searching for a job and came across an ad in a Hindi daily offering a job at AAI. I called the number mentioned. A woman answered and told me to mail all my documents and certificates. A man then called and told me to transfer Rs 2,000 for registration. They assured me a job as a TC at the IGI airport on a monthly salary of Rs 45,000. They later asked me for Rs 15,000 as security, which I paid. They promised me a job letter, but called again and asked for Rs 35,000. My parents refused to pay and inquired about the job. Soon, we found the ad was fake. I tried calling the employers, but they didn't take any calls."

Police said Verma filed a case against the accused on July 14. "We checked the phone numbers and bank transfer details. Two men were arrested from an ATM as they were withdrawing money. They confessed to their crime and led us to five other accused," said Sanjay Bhati, DCP (IGI Airport).

Gym owner shot dead by man he sacked

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A 35-YEAR-OLD gym trainer was arrested for allegedly killing a man in North Delhi's Civil Lines Thursday. The accused, Lalit Kumar, had been previously employed by the deceased, Rahul Gupta (37), at his gym, said police.

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"We were informed about the firing at 9 am Thursday. Gupta was found dead outside the gym with bullet injuries to his stomach. Two bike-borne men had fired at him and escaped. We checked footage from a CCTV near the gym and identified the accused," a police officer said.

The accused told police that he was angry after Gupta fired him from his job. Police said Kumar approached his friend, who arranged a pistol for him. They then shot Gupta as he was parking his bike outside the gym. The friend, a minor, was also apprehended later on Friday, police added.

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New Delhi: As many as 74 colonies of Delhi have been selected for carrying out campaigns to promote urban waste segregation and home composting by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, as a part of a 100-day plan starting July this year. Twenty nine colonies across the country have also been selected for this campaign.

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Heading to airport, man charred inside SUV

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ON HIS way to Indira Gandhi International Airport to board a flight to London for a vacation with friends, a 42-year-old man died when his car caught fire in North West Delhi's Mahendra Park Thursday night. The victim, Ajay Gupta, was charred to death after he couldn't escape the fire inside the Mahindra XUV500, police said. The incident took place at Mukarba Chowk flyover.

"A bystander at the flyover called and told us about the incident at 10.37 pm. He also made a call to the Delhi Fire Services (DFS). The patrolling team near Mukarba Chowk reached and spotted the burning car. Firemen also arrived and the blaze was doused within an hour. The victim's charred body was sent to Babu Jagjivan Ram Hospital," said Vijayanta Arya, DCP (North West).

A post-mortem was conducted on Friday morning and the body was handed over to the family, said police.

The DFS said they deployed two fire tenders to the spot. "We were informed about the fire at 10.40 pm. We reached the flyover within 10 minutes. The car had an automatic central locking system and after the short circuit, prima facie the system stopped working and the car got locked. The victim usually has less than a minute to escape the fire and save his life; the victim allegedly got trapped due to the smoke which got inside the car and suffocated him. Though the firemen reached on time, the fire had already gutted the car. The firemen could only recover the victim's charred body," said Atul Garg, deputy chief of the DFS.

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"Proceedings have started under section 174 (investigation of unnatural death) of CrPC and the case is being investigated by the Forensic Science Lab team of Delhi Police to verify the exact cause of the fire," said a senior police officer at the Mahendra Park police station.

Gupta, a resident of Outer Delhi's Alipur, ran a transport business in the city. He was married and had three children aged 16, 12 and 10.

"He left home around 10 pm for the airport. He was running late and also had to pick up a friend on the way. He, along with 15 friends, had planned a three-month vacation to Europe. He was really excited for the trip because his childhood friends and office colleagues were going with him," said Shivani (34), Gupta's younger sister.

The family said Gupta's children are "in shock".

"His friends were at the airport waiting for him, so was the friend he was supposed to pick up. They were running late because Gupta wanted to take some more cash for the trip, which he picked up at the last moment from his home. They were supposed to catch the flight to London after midnight," said Shivani.

Gupta lived with his wife and children, his parents, and his two elder brothers and their families. His father and brothers also helped run the transport business. "We received a call about the accident around midnight. We saw his body at the mortuary and we could hardly recognise it," said another family member. The family performed the final rites on Friday.

Mahindra did not respond to calls and an email seeking a comment.

HC junks plea on IPL auction, slaps fine of Rs 25,000 on petitioner

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THE DELHI High Court Friday imposed a cost of Rs 25,000 on a man and also dismissed his PIL challenging auctioning and selling of cricket players as part of the Indian Premier League (IPL), observing that the petition was filed only for publicity.

The petition by Delhi resident Sudhir Sharma had sought direction to scrap or nullify the practice and declare the "system of bidding/auctioning /selling of international players for the name of game as illegal".

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and C Hari Shankar, however, was of the view that no question of sale or purchase of a human being arises here and this was not a public interest litigation at all, rather it was a "Publicity Interest Litigation".

It dismissed the same with a cost of Rs 25,000 to be deposited with the Juvenile Justice fund in six weeks.

It said the allegation of sale or auction as mentioned in the petition is "derogatory to national players".

The PIL had sought action against the offenders, including team owners, for allegedly violating the law. The bench, however, said it is not a case of auctioning of players at all in games like cricket, kabaddi and it is only for publicity that the names of players are used here. It observed that only those PILs should be allowed which are in public interest.

The counsel for Sharma contended before the court that sale, purchase or auction of players is not permissible and has been going on for 12 years in IPL. There is no provision in law which says that a person can be purchased, said the counsel.

In SC, Delhi govt says Metro policy lacks statutory backing

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THE DELHI government has questioned the legal standing of the Metro Rail Policy, 2017, which pertains to a set of guidelines being used by the Centre to argue that the state will have to bear the cost of land and operational losses arising out of Delhi Metro's Phase IV project.

In its affidavit in the Supreme Court, the Delhi government's Transport Department stated that not only will it be "onerous for the state to bear the entire cost of land", but the Metro Rail Policy, 2017, also does not have any statutory backing.

The state government has made it clear that it does not approve of equal sharing of operational losses as well as the clause that puts the burden of repaying JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) loan on it in case the DMRC defaults.

The Delhi govt and Centre have been at odds on Metro Phase 4

"It may be pointed out here that the said policy of GoI does not seem to have any statutory backing, as no such reference has been cited...," it states.

Under the proposal, cleared by the Union Cabinet, the three planned corridors are Aerocity-Tughlakabad (20.2 km), RK Ashram-Janakpuri West (28.9 km) and Maujpur- Mukundpur (12.5 km).

The Delhi government's share in terms of land cost comes to Rs 2,447 crore. The Metro Rail Policy states that the Centre will provide support to Metro projects in the form of equity and subordinate debt, subject to an overall limit of 20% of the cost of the project. However, the Delhi government has stated in the affidavit that its "legitimate share in the land cost should be Rs.1,223.59 crore, and the remaining 50% land cost should be borne by the GoI." In the earlier phases of Delhi Metro, Centre and state's share used to be equal in terms of land cost.

"The said decision needs to be examined by this Hon'ble Court and appropriate directions be passed...," the affidavit states.

On July 12, the Supreme Court had said work on the project, which promises to boost connectivity in the capital, be started forthwith. The SC order had come following the EPCA's submission that issues flagged by the Delhi government were "notional" in nature, as DMRC has never registered operational losses or defaulted in paying loans.

Gahlot remains firm on 4 names for Metro panel, sends reminder to DMRC

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DELHI TRANSPORT Minister Kailash Gahlot wrote to DMRC chief Mangu Singh Friday seeking a "confirmation" on the proposal to induct four AAP government nominees, including AAP leaders Atishi and Raghav Chadha, to the corporation's board of directors.

Gahlot wrote that it has been over 11 days but the DMRC has not responded to the letter that conveyed the decision of the Delhi government. The two other nominees are Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission vice-chairman Jasmine Shah and Naveen Gupta, former president of ICAI and son of AAP Rajya Sabha MP N D Gupta. "I would like to advise that the Board of DMRC passes the necessary resolution(s), appointing the said four nominee directors on the board of DMRC.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot

We would appreciate a prompt confirmation from your end in the aforesaid regard within three working days. If, for any reason, DMRC is unable to comply... reasons thereof may be communicated immediately," he wrote.

The Centre has opposed the AAP government's decision. Both the Delhi government and the Centre are equal equity holders in the DMRC. In his letter, Gahlot asserted that the Companies Act, 2013, "expressly obliges the Board of a government company (like DMRC) to appoint directors nominated by the state government by virtue of their shareholding in the said government company".

Singh did not respond to calls or messages seeking a comment.

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"Not just during voting, but even during normal times, members coming from one side, going to the minister, or somebody from that side going to the other side and trying to talk to others and then, move from the back benches to the front benches, these scenes are not good because live telecast is going on."

M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, while addressing the House and requesting members to maintain decorum

LOK SABHA

"This is zero hour. Whoever wants to talk, can talk."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, when many MPs expressed their wish to speak during a special mention on the Azam Khan matter

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Yesterday was not only a momentous day but was also one of the darkest days."

BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB, BJD, referring to Azam Khan's remark

ROLL CALL

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

5 QUESTIONS

BJP MP **D P VATS** SPEAKS TO **MANOJ C G** ON WHY HE DEMANDED A WAR HEROES GALLERY ON JNU CAMPUS

Today in Rajya Sabha, you demanded that a Heroes Gallery with photographs of martyrs and awardees be set up in JNU. Why?
Elite institutions of the armed forces, like National Defence Academy, get degrees from JNU. Today is Kargil Vijay Diwas. Vikram Batra, Vijayant Thapar, they were all from National Defence Academy. That means they were alumni of JNU. There should be a heroes gallery in the university with the photographs of martyrs and awardees. This will inspire students to join armed forces.

But why only JNU?
Because it is a restive campus. Free thinking is everybody's right, but people raising slogans like "*Bharat ke tukde tukde honge*" and "*Afzal hum sharminda hain, tere kaatil zinda hain*"...to prevent all those things.

Why do you think JNU is a restive campus if there is an atmosphere of free thinking and speech there?
Slogans like "*Bharat ke tukde tukde*" are not acceptable. Nothing is wrong, nothing is right...But we are a nation... Parliament House was attacked...Afzal was instrumental in the conspiracy... if they portray him as a martyr, it is not acceptable to right-thinking people.

What can be achieved by setting up a heroes gallery? Also, JNU has been part of the BJP narrative for some time. But why single it out?
People should realise their duties. That is it...It is basically to inspire... Nation exists because armed forces play a very big role, if the defence of any country goes for a six, then howsoever civilised, howsoever progressive it may be, it won't stand.

But these slogans you referred to...there are cases pending in courts in connection with those incidents. And no one has been convicted. It is even not clear if those slogans were raised at all.
But those slogans were raised. I didn't mention that in Parliament. I only said restive... These are things which are discussed in political circles. If Afzal Guru can be made a martyr, it is not acceptable to a civilised nation and a nationalist and an armed forces man like me.

GREEN SHOOTS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh , Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and others participate in the tree plantation drive at Parliament on Friday. *Renuka Puri*

MEMBERS CONDEMN HIS REMARKS, PARTIES AUTHORISE SPEAKER TO ACT

Azam Khan to get ultimatum: tender apology or face action

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

PRESSURE MOUNTED on Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan to tender an unqualified apology for his objectionable remarks against senior BJP member Rama Devi in Lok Sabha on Thursday, as a meeting of leaders of different parties on Friday authorised Speaker Om Birla to take action if Khan fails to do so on the floor of the House.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said after the meeting: "The Speaker will ask Azam Khan to apologise over his comments made against Rama Devi without any condition. If he does not do so, the Speaker has been authorised to take action against him."

Sources hinted that the Lok Sabha may pass a resolution authorising Birla to take "exemplary action" against Khan.

There was a general understanding among leaders of different parties that a message be sent across that the House has zero tolerance for acts and remarks that lower the dignity and honour of women.

Khan's remarks were expunged from the records following an immediate uproar in the House on Thursday.

During zero hour on Friday, BJP member Sanghamitra Maurya raised a special mention on the "derogatory remarks made against the Chair" and said that Azam Khan should apologise to the House.

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said this should not be treated as a woman's issue alone, as Khan's remarks are a blot on all legislators, including men. Referring to the couplet he had uttered, Irani said: "This is not a House where men come to gaze into the eyes of any woman. It is a privilege to speak in this House. If such disrespectful remarks were made against a woman outside, then she would have sought police protection, and even got it.... We cannot stay quiet and watch."

Among women members who spoke out against the Rampur MP's remarks were Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, BJP MPs Anupriya Patel and Meenakshi Lekhi, TMC's Mimi Chakraborty, Independent MP from Amravati Navaneet Kaur Rana, and NCP's Supriya Sule.

DMK member Kanimozhi said this issue highlights the need to bring in the Women's Reservation Bill. "Women continue to be insulted in this house of democracy. I urge the government to bring in the Women's Reservation Bill, because having women in this House will add to the strength of women. We are with the government and will support the Bill when they bring it," she said.

Requesting the Speaker to decide on an appropriate course of action on Khan's remarks, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi asked what had happened to the committee set up to probe sexual assault complaints against M J Akbar, a former Minister of State.

Several members backed Biju Janata Dal MP Bhartruhari Mahtab's statement that the House empowers the Speaker to decide on an "exemplary action" in this case. Mahtab said, "This House must demonstrate that it can act judiciously. I leave it to you as to what action needs to be taken. But it is unpardonable."

Other MPs who demanded action against Khan included Kalyan Banerjee (TMC), Rajeev Ranjan (JD-U), Nama Nageswar Rao and ministers Arjun Ram Meghwal, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Babul Supriyo and Anurag Thakur of the BJP.

Congress floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary said his party does not tolerate disrespect to women whether, either in the House or outside. As he said that in the past, Sonia Gandhi had been referred to as "*Italy ki kathputli* (puppet)", BJP members shouted him down. Irani shot back, saying she has been the subject of such remarks repeatedly.

Sitharaman said politicising this issue is "outrageous" and indicated that the Opposition benches are being hesitant in their support, leading to an uproar in the Opposition benches this time.

INPUTS FROM PRADEEP KAUSHAL

Renuka Puri

Rama Devi

Azam Khan

FACE-OFF OVER PASSAGE OF BILLS DEEPENS

17 parties write to Venkaiah: Ensure Oppn's voice is not smothered in RS

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE FACE-OFF between the government and the Opposition over the passage of Bills without scrutiny deepened on Friday with 17 parties writing to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and asking him to ensure that the voice of the Opposition is "not smothered" in the Upper House. The letter came a day after the government, with the help of some fence-sitters, thwarted an Opposition bid to force referral of the RTI amendment Bill to a select committee.

The Rajya Sabha witnessed high drama on Thursday during the debate on The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill and later when an Opposition motion to refer the Bill to a select committee was put to vote. Today, Naidu told the House that what happened on Thursday has pained him and the people of the country. "There were children in the gallery too... We should see to it that such situations and such scenes are avoided in the future," he said.

"Another thing was brought to my notice, which is again not a healthy thing. Once the voting process starts, whether electronic voting or by slips.....nobody from this, that or any side is expected to move to any other place and talk to members...people in authority must be more careful," Naidu said.

The Opposition had on Thursday objected to ministers walking across to the Opposition side and talking to leaders of the TRS and the BJD moments before voting started.

"Even individual members are not supposed to move this side or that side and go and talk to them. If they want to talk to any member, they are at liberty to talk to them before the voting process starts and, that too, preferably outside the House," Naidu said, as Opposition members thumped the desks.

Hours later, leaders of 17 Opposition parties, including the TRS, wrote to Naidu to register what they termed their "anguish and serious concern over the manner in which the government is hurriedly passing legislations without any scrutiny by Parliamentary Standing or Select Committees". This, they said, "is a fundamental departure from the established practice and healthy traditions of enacting legislations".

"While we understand our responsibility and the need to enact legislation, any attempt by the government to undermine the privileges of members, the rules and established conventions will diminish the role of the Council of States as envisaged by our founding fathers," stated the letter signed by Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad, TMC's Derek O'Brien, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, CPM's T K Rangarajan, NCP's Majeed Memon, RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha, BSP's S C Misra, AAP's Sanjay Singh and MDMK's Vaiko.

Surprisingly, Telangana Rashtra Samithi's K Keshava Rao too was a signatory. The TRS on Thursday voted with the government against the Opposition's motion to refer the RTI amendment Bill to the select committee.

"Public consultation is a long-established practice where parliamentary committees scrutinise bills, deliberate, engage and work towards improving the content and quality of the legislation," the letter stated.

The letter also came hours after the government informed Rajya Sabha that the session is being extended up to August 7 to "transact essential Government Legislative Business." Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muraleedharan told the House that "there will be no Question Hour on those days" and listed out the 18 Bills that the government plans to take up.

The Opposition also pointed out that in the four weeks of the session, only two Short Duration Discussions have been allowed as against the practice of one such discussion a week. "We urge you to ensure that the voice of the Opposition is not smothered in Rajya Sabha," they said.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu

LS nod to Companies Amendment Bill

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THE LOK Sabha on Friday passed the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The legislation is aimed at tightening the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) compliance and reducing the load of cases before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

The Bill was adopted by the Lower House with a voice vote after Congress party leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury withdrew his statutory resolution opposing it.

Piloting the Bill, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the Lok Sabha that it would ensure a greater accountability and a better enforcement of the corporate governance norms.

Responding to the concerns of members with regard to shell companies, Sitharaman said the word "shell companies" had not been defined in the rule book, but it loosely referred to inactive companies or those which did not maintain a registered office. "Four lakh companies have been identified and deregistered," she said.

Under the Act, companies with a turnover of Rs 100 crore, net worth of more than Rs 500 crore and earning a profit of over Rs 5 crore are required to shell out at least two per cent of their three-year annual average net profit for CSR activities. India, Sitharaman said, has become the first country to make CSR spending mandatory through a law. The companies will have one year to firm up the CSR proposal and another three years to spend funds.

In case money remains unspent for one plus three years, it will have to be moved to an escrow account, she said, adding that it could even be the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The Bill seeks to empower the Registrar of Companies to initiate action for the removal of the name of a company from the Register of Companies if it is not carrying on any business or operation in according with the Company Law. The legislation also envisages a re-categorisation of 16 minor offences as purely civil defaults.

Opposing the ordinance brought earlier, Chowdhury said it was not required as the law had been amended on several occasions. He said, "I take strong exception to the invocation of ordinance. It appears that the government is going to be ordinance-addicted... It appears as if the government is in a hurry to pass legislation after legislation. We can easily say that the government is heading towards, 'one nation, one session'."

Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress said, "The unfortunate part is that after the present government came to power in 2014, they made repeated amendments to the law. There were 22 amendments in 2015. Then there were a large number of amendments in 2017 and again the present Bill has come with 36 clauses...It seems that the companies are not satisfied with any law that you bring. So, they bring pressure on the government to change the law."

Pinaki Misra of BJD described the Bill as "disastrous" and A Raja of the DMK said the Registrar of Companies had been given "excessive powers".

Pvt Bill on compulsory voting divides House

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AS A private member's Bill to make voting in elections compulsory came up for consideration in the Lok Sabha, members were divided on the issue. The Compulsory Voting Bill, 2019, was introduced by Janardan Singh Sigriwal of the BJP on July 12. It was taken up for "further consideration" on Friday.

While Bhartruhari Mahtab of the BJD and Rajiv Pratap Rudy and Rajendra Agarwal of the BJP opposed the suggestion to make voting mandatory, Nihal Chand and Jagdambika Pal of the BJP supported it.

The Law Commission, in its March 2015 report on electoral reforms, had opposed the idea of compulsory voting, saying it was not practical to implement it.

Rudy said it was not logical to say that development would necessarily follow if voting is made compulsory. "Hundred per cent voting may be dangerous... India is not ready for 100 per cent voting," he said.

Nihal Chand was in favour of the move, but Mahtab said it would be difficult to enforce.

A total of 44 private members' Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha on Friday. As the scheduled time approached, BJP member Meenakshi Lekhi, who was in the Chair, said: "Honb'le members, if the House agrees, we can defer the time of Private Members' Business till the passing of the Companies (Amendment) Bill." The House responded with a "yes".

However, BJP member Nishikant Dubey said "this sort of problem arises every Friday". He said that in case a Bill has to be passed on a Friday, the House may skip the lunch break. "This is members' right, it should not happen time and again," he said. Terming his suggestion "correct", MoS for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal said it could be considered in future.

DMK member Kanimozhi introduced a Bill seeking to abolish death sentence. The Law Commission had recently recommended abolition of death penalty, except in cases related to terrorism. Responding to a debate on the issue in Rajya Sabha, MoS for Home G Kishan Reddy said that 90 per cent opinion was in favour of retaining death sentence.

A Bill for setting up an Indigenous Cow Protection Board was introduced by BJP member from Rajasthan Devji M Patel. BJP member Gautam Gambhir introduced a Bill for protection of medical and health service professionals from assault. A similar Bill was introduced by Shrikant Eknath Shinde of Shiv Sena.

Mahtab moved a Bill to regulate termination of life of a person who is in a permanent vegetative state or terminally ill.

PRIVATE MEMBER BILL BY ERNAKULAM MP

Bill seeks to exempt those helping mishap victims from civil, criminal liability

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

A PRIVATE member Bill introduced by Ernakulam MP Hibi Eden in Lok Sabha on Friday calls for a law to exempt those who come forward to help accident victims from criminal or civil liability, and maintains that people do not come forward to help accident victims since they fear harassment by the police later.

The Good Samaritan Bill, 2019, also demands that "every hospital and medical practitioner" providing emergency medical treatment to an accident victim should not insist that it is a medico-legal case, requiring information to the police.

Hospitals and medical practitioners should also not demand advance payment as a condition to provide emergency medical aid, it states.

The Bill defines a "good Samaritan" as a person "who voluntarily gives help to those in distress or need and requires emergency medical treatment."

Eden told *The Indian Express*: "There are many people, especially the young, who do not help accident victims because they are afraid of the cases, or fear that they will have to pay money at the hospital. Most youngsters hesitate taking such victims to the hospital. Although the government says there will be no medico-legal cases against such people, I feel there should be a law to enforce that."

The Bill proposes that a good Samaritan should not be held liable to any civil or criminal liability for "anything done..." to save the life of a person in an emergency medical situation. It suggests that such people should have certain rights — such as to be "treated respectfully and without any discrimination on the ground of gender, religion, nationality and caste, not be asked or compelled to file a First Information Report", and "shall not be detained by the hospital or any police official for any reason".

The Bill proposes that a good Samaritan should also not be compelled to either stand witness or provide evidence to the police, or reveal his/her identity, address, phone number and other such details. If such a person volunteers to assist in the investigation of an accident, "the police shall act with sensitivity towards him and complete the recording of his statement and all other proceedings relating to him in a timely manner with utmost care and respect".

A good Samaritan's police examination "shall be conducted at a time and place of his convenience, and the investigation officer be dressed in plain clothes", the Bill suggests.

One of the provisions of the Bill is: "Every hospital and medical practitioner shall provide emergency medical treatment to every victim of an accident who has come his own or has been brought in an emergency medical condition to the hospital or to the medical practitioner.... If any hospital is not equipped to deal with the emergency treatment for any reason, it shall assist in transferring and directing the victim to the nearest hospital where such emergency treatment is available."

Ernakulam MP Hibi Eden

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NO HINDI, PLEASE

MDMK FOUNDER Vaiko, an unabashed champion of Tamil language, was at the centre of action in Rajya Sabha on Thursday - his first day in the House. He took oath in the morning and got into action in the afternoon. When the RTI amendment Bill was taken up for discussion, Vaiko and a couple of other members led the slogan-shouting. He was in the Well for nearly an hour, shouting slogans and demanding that the Bill be referred to a select committee. But he went quiet when slogans were raised in Hindi by his colleagues - he did not repeat them. But as the slogans changed to English, Vaiko enthusiastically chanted, his fists in the air.

A LOT IN A NAME

THE BSF has renamed an award given internally in the force after it was learnt that a former D-G had named the award on himself. Former BSF D-G K K Sharma, who had laid special emphasis on launching projects aimed at welfare of the force's personnel, had been suggested during his tenure that the welfare award given to units for best work in the field be named after him. Sharma approved the proposal, and the award came to be known as K K Sharma Welfare Award. Incumbent D-G R K Mishra has now renamed it D-G's Welfare Award.

RIDING WITH PEOPLE

UNION HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the new building of the National Council for Teacher Education on Friday. His arrival at the event created a bit of a stir initially, as people found out that the minister, instead of travelling in his car, had taken the Metro to the venue in Dwarka.

After ups and downs, mass leader BSY set for fourth term

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JULY 26

EVEN THOUGH he is said to be not in their good books any longer, Bookanakere Sidalingappa Yediyurappa, 76, owes his second coming in Karnataka politics to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

In 2013-14, Yediyurappa was down and out on political luck. He had left the BJP in a huff over his ouster as the party's first chief minister in south India, after a three year tenure from 2008, over charges of corruption. And he had become a pariah for the party's central leadership, then controlled by L K Advani and his supporters.

With his inability to speak Hindi, Yediyurappa had been turned against the central leadership by some party leaders from the state, according to party insiders. Despite his mass following in Karnataka, Yediyurappa, in effect, was a nonentity for the party's top leadership when Modi's rise began on the national horizon.

One of the first things the Modi-Shah combine did, when they took over the party's reins, was to pick out mass leaders consigned to the sidelines under the previous leadership. Yediyurappa was the first one they turned to in Karnataka to revive BJP, which won only 40 seats in 2013 despite bagging 110 five years before, when Yediyurappa became the CM.

The Lingayat strongman soon brought back the vote base of the community - Lingayats make up 17 per cent of the population, making it the single largest community in Karnataka —- to the BJP.

But despite affirming the faith placed in him by Modi and Shah through the 2018 poll results, with the BJP winning 113 seats in an election the then ruling Congress was favoured to win, Yediyurappa was seen as having burnt the bridges by attempting to field his younger son B Y Vijayendra in the polls, even though Shah was said to be against the move. Protests over denial of a ticket to Vijayendra did not go down well with Shah, according to party insiders.

One characteristic - and often a drawback - of Yediyurappa as a leader and administrator is his feudal style of functioning, where everyone is expected to be subservient - IAS officers reportedly often have trouble dealing with Yediyurappa's "my way or the highway" position. This attitude, and a tendency to allow close aides to ostensibly interfere in government functioning, at the cost of ministers and officials, is seen as an Achilles heel of the veteran politician.

An example of Yeddyurappa's tendency to force issues in his quest to achieve his goal was evident on Friday, when he virtually asked Governor Vajubhai Vala to invite him within two hours to become the new CM, party insiders said. In the letter to the Governor, Yediyurappa wrote, ₹₹I request your excellency I may be invited to form alternate government today itself and I will take oath as chief minister of Karnataka at Raj Bhavan between 12-30 pm and 1 pm [which were scratched to 6 pm and 6.15 pm, respectively]."

But one of the factors that helped Yediyurappa emerge as a leader with wide traction in Karnataka is the fact that his politics has origins in grassroots protests and movements, rather than just following the saffron agenda, according to political observers. During his tenure as CM, between 2008 and 2011, many hardcore Hindutva outfits and leaders often complained of not being given a free hand to carry out their agenda against cow slaughter, religious conversions and "love jihad" following an initial spell of incidents such as attack on churches in Mengaluru.

Yediyurappa with former CM S M Krishna on Friday. *ANI*

'I' for fortune: BSY reverts to earlier spelling

RALPH ALEX ARAKAL
BENGALURU, JULY 26

APPARENTLY INFLUENCED by astrology and numerology, the Karnataka Chief Minister has reverted to the earlier English spelling of his name. Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yeddyurappa is now B S Yediyurappa, where 'i' replaces one 'd'.

The new spelling came to attention in the letter Yediyurappa wrote to BJP president Amit Shah on July 23. The letter used the spelling 'Yediyurappa', which the state BJP chief used till 2007.

A BJP leader told *The Indian Express*, "Yediyurappanavru (with respect in Kannada) is a strong believer of astrology and numerology. He was told to change the spelling for fortune. We hope this will play a part in him completing his term."

Yediyurappa, who took oath as CM for the fourth time on Friday, had failed to complete his term in the three earlier stints.

Originally Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa, the 1943-born leader was named after the village deity of Yediyur Siddhalingeshwara Swamy in Kunigal, Tumkur. He changed his name to Yeddyurappa in 2007 soon after he was chosen to become the first BJP chief minister in South India. He resigned within seven days.

The latest change in name reflects on his Twitter page and letterheads. While the letter he submitted to Governor Vajubhai Vala has the revised spelling, his Facebook page and website are yet to catch up to the change.

BJP national working president J P Nadda with Union ministers Prakash Javadekar and Piyush Goyal at a press conference at the BJP headquarters on Friday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

Nadda: BJP will give stable govt, Cong-JD(S) govt fell on its own

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

AS B S Yediyurappa took oath in Bengaluru as Karnataka's next Chief Minister, BJP working president J P Nadda said in the national capital that party would provide a stable government and rejected Congress's allegations that the BJP had engineered defections to pull down its government in alliance with JD(S).

The coalition government, Nadda asserted, "fell under its own weight due to internal issues".

"The BJP is synonymous with stability. So wherever you go, you bring stability," Nadda said when The Indian Express asked him whether the party could ensure stability.

After the H D Kumaraswamy government fell, failing to prove majority on the floor of the Assembly following rebellion by 16 MLAs, BJP leaders had said that the party would form the government in Bengaluru only after ensuring it would last.

BJP general secretary P Muralidhar Rao also said there is no doubt in the party that the state government would last its term. "We have a 100-per cent stable government. We have a more-than stable government now," Rao told *The Indian Express*.

The current term of the assembly, elected in May 2018, ends in 2023.

Nadda, who addressed the media for the first time after taking over as the BJP's working president, justified the party's move to allow 76-year-old Yediyurappa to take oath. He indicated that there could be exemptions in the BJP's unwritten rule that party leaders over 75 would not hold constitutional posts.

"It depends," he said when asked about the party's unofficial age bar. "First of all he is a leader - he was elected as the leader of the legislature party. Accordingly, he is taking oath. It is a continuous process and the party takes note of ongoing developments from time to time."

Nadda reiterated, "He is the leader, and as leader he is taking the oath."

Asked whether the party would be flexible on the age issue, Nadda said: "The party will take decisions. There is nothing like flexibility. I am interested to know one thing —- it was alright (when) he was Leader of Opposition, (but) on the day he takes oath the question about his age emerges. It does not work like that. He is the leader and in continuity, he takes oath as Chief Minister."

The BJP had introduced the unofficial cutoff of 75 years for ministers in party-run governments as well as for its candidates in the recent Lok Sabha election, ostensibly to ease out many veterans, such as Kalraj Mishra, Najma Heptullah and Sumitra Mahajan, among others.

The party also denied tickets to both L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi, ostensibly citing their age.

Asked whether the BJP would have anything to do with the rebel Congress, JD(S) MLAs, whose continuity in the Assembly is hanging as the Speaker's decision on their disqualification is pending, Nadda said: "We have not had any discussions with them. The Karnataka government fell under its own weight due to internal issues."

Asked whether the BJP would try to get in touch with these MLAs future, Nadda said: "That will be the matter of strategy, depending on what they look out (for) and what they decide, etc. The (party's) local unit will decide on the basis of that."

50 days of Modi govt

Nadda, who convened the press conference to highlight the Narendra Modi government's 50 days in office in its second term, presented a report card of the government. He claimed that the first 50 days of the government have been exemplary and several steps have been taken to improve the lives of people. "Jal se chaand tak (from water to moon)," Nadda said, referring to the government's initiative on water conservation and the launch of Chandrayaan 2.

Nadda said while it was a precedent to present a report card on completion of 100 days, "now we have started it at the halfway mark, which needed political will".

Citing various decisions of the Modi government such as tap water to every household by 2024 and further expansion of rural roads network under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Nadda said many steps have been taken, which have touched the lives of millions.

'Selective outrage, bias': Colleagues criticise artistes' letter to PM

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TWO DAYS after 49 artistes, including Aparna Sen and Anurag Kashyap, wrote to PM Narendra Modi expressing concern over recent cases of lynching and 'Jai Shri Ram' becoming a 'war cry', several members of the film industry and other media issued a counter to it.

The "open letter", shared with the media on Friday, accuses these artistes of "selective outrage, false narratives and a clear political bias". The 62 signatories include lyricist and CBFC chairperson Prasoon Joshi, actor Kangana Ranaut, dancer Sonal Mansingh and musician Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

Referring to their colleagues as "self-styled guardians of the nation and democracy", they claimed their aim was to "tarnish India's international standing and to negatively portray Prime Minister Modi's untiring efforts to effectuate governance on the foundations of positive nationalism and humanism which is the core of Indianness".

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A LOT IN A NAME

THE BSF has renamed an award given internally in the force after it was learnt that a former D-G had named the award on himself. Former BSF D-G K K Sharma, who had laid special emphasis on launching projects aimed at welfare of the force's personnel, had been suggested during his tenure that the welfare award given to units for best work in the field be named after him. Sharma approved the proposal, and the award came to be known as K K Sharma Welfare Award. Incumbent D-G R K Mishra has now renamed it D-G's Welfare Award.

RIDING WITH PEOPLE

UNION HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the new building of the National Council for Teacher Education on Friday. His arrival at the event created a bit of a stir initially, as people found out that the minister, instead of travelling in his car, had taken the Metro to the venue in Dwarka.

After ups and downs, mass leader BSY set for fourth term

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JULY 26

EVEN THOUGH he is said to be not in their good books any longer, Bookanakere Sidalingappa Yediyurappa, 76, owes his second coming in Karnataka politics to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

In 2013-14, Yediyurappa was down and out on political luck. He had left the BJP in a huff over his ouster as the party's first chief minister in south India, after a three year tenure from 2008, over charges of corruption. And he had become a pariah for the party's central leadership, then controlled by L K Advani and his supporters.

With his inability to speak Hindi, Yediyurappa had been turned against the central leadership by some party leaders from the state, according to party insiders. Despite his mass following in Karnataka, Yediyurappa, in effect, was a nonentity for the party's top leadership when Modi's rise began on the national horizon.

One of the first things the Modi-Shah combine did, when they took over the party's reins, was to pick out mass leaders consigned to the sidelines under the previous leadership. Yediyurappa was the first one they turned to in Karnataka to revive BJP, which won only 40 seats in 2013 despite bagging 110 five years before, when Yediyurappa became the CM.

The Lingayat strongman soon brought back the vote base of the community - Lingayats make up 17 per cent of the population, making it the single largest community in Karnataka —- to the BJP.

But despite affirming the faith placed in him by Modi and Shah through the 2018 poll results, with the BJP winning 113 seats in an election the then ruling Congress was favoured to win, Yediyurappa was seen as having burnt the bridges by attempting to field his younger son B Y Vijayendra in the polls, even though Shah was said to be against the move. Protests over denial of a ticket to Vijayendra did not go down well with Shah, according to party insiders.

One characteristic - and often a drawback - of Yediyurappa as a leader and administrator is his feudal style of functioning, where everyone is expected to be subservient - IAS officers reportedly often have trouble dealing with Yediyurappa's "my way or the highway" position. This attitude, and a tendency to allow close aides to ostensibly interfere in government functioning, at the cost of ministers and officials, is seen as an Achilles heel of the veteran politician.

An example of Yeddyurappa's tendency to force issues in his quest to achieve his goal was evident on Friday, when he virtually asked Governor Vajubhai Vala to invite him within two hours to become the new CM, party insiders said. In the letter to the Governor, Yediyurappa wrote, ₹₹I request your excellency I may be invited to form alternate government today itself and I will take oath as chief minister of Karnataka at Raj Bhavan between 12-30 pm and 1 pm [which were scratched to 6 pm and 6.15 pm, respectively]."

But one of the factors that helped Yediyurappa emerge as a leader with wide traction in Karnataka is the fact that his politics has origins in grassroots protests and movements, rather than just following the saffron agenda, according to political observers. During his tenure as CM, between 2008 and 2011, many hardcore Hindutva outfits and leaders often complained of not being given a free hand to carry out their agenda against cow slaughter, religious conversions and "love jihad" following an initial spell of incidents such as attack on churches in Mengaluru.

Yediyurappa with former CM S M Krishna on Friday. *ANI*

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APPARENTLY INFLUENCED by astrology and numerology, the Karnataka Chief Minister has reverted to the earlier English spelling of his name. Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yeddyurappa is now B S Yediyurappa, where 'i' replaces one 'd'.

The new spelling came to attention in the letter Yediyurappa wrote to BJP president Amit Shah on July 23. The letter used the spelling 'Yediyurappa', which the state BJP chief used till 2007.

A BJP leader told *The Indian Express*, "Yediyurappanavru (with respect in Kannada) is a strong believer of astrology and numerology. He was told to change the spelling for fortune. We hope this will play a part in him completing his term."

Yediyurappa, who took oath as CM for the fourth time on Friday, had failed to complete his term in the three earlier stints.

Originally Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa, the 1943-born leader was named after the village deity of Yediyur Siddhalingeshwara Swamy in Kunigal, Tumkur. He changed his name to Yeddyurappa in 2007 soon after he was chosen to become the first BJP chief minister in South India. He resigned within seven days.

The latest change in name reflects on his Twitter page and letterheads. While the letter he submitted to Governor Vajubhai Vala has the revised spelling, his Facebook page and website are yet to catch up to the change.

BJP national working president J P Nadda with Union ministers Prakash Javadekar and Piyush Goyal at a press conference at the BJP headquarters on Friday. *Prem Nath Pandey*

Nadda: BJP will give stable govt, Cong-JD(S) govt fell on its own

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AS B S Yediyurappa took oath in Bengaluru as Karnataka's next Chief Minister, BJP working president J P Nadda said in the national capital that party would provide a stable government and rejected Congress's allegations that the BJP had engineered defections to pull down its government in alliance with JD(S).

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After the H D Kumaraswamy government fell, failing to prove majority on the floor of the Assembly following rebellion by 16 MLAs, BJP leaders had said that the party would form the government in Bengaluru only after ensuring it would last.

BJP general secretary P Muralidhar Rao also said there is no doubt in the party that the state government would last its term. "We have a 100-per cent stable government. We have a more-than stable government now," Rao told *The Indian Express*.

The current term of the assembly, elected in May 2018, ends in 2023.

Nadda, who addressed the media for the first time after taking over as the BJP's working president, justified the party's move to allow 76-year-old Yediyurappa to take oath. He indicated that there could be exemptions in the BJP's unwritten rule that party leaders over 75 would not hold constitutional posts.

"It depends," he said when asked about the party's unofficial age bar. "First of all he is a leader - he was elected as the leader of the legislature party. Accordingly, he is taking oath. It is a continuous process and the party takes note of ongoing developments from time to time."

Nadda reiterated, "He is the leader, and as leader he is taking the oath."

Asked whether the party would be flexible on the age issue, Nadda said: "The party will take decisions. There is nothing like flexibility. I am interested to know one thing —- it was alright (when) he was Leader of Opposition, (but) on the day he takes oath the question about his age emerges. It does not work like that. He is the leader and in continuity, he takes oath as Chief Minister."

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50 days of Modi govt

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NORTH

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EAST

Six Bangladeshis apprehended at international boundary

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WEST

NGT cracks down on Goa for not tackling sand extraction

Panaji: Having failed in putting a good mechanism to stem illegal sand extraction and protect riverine islands, the National Green Tribunal on Friday asked authorities to forfeit the Rs 20 lakh deposited by the Goa Government with the CPCB. The court also asked the government to deposit a further Rs 20 lakh as guarantee to complete setting up a network of CCTV cameras across the Chapora river in North Goa. "We direct the State of Goa to complete the entire work within two months… subject to deposit of further performance guarantee of Rs 20 lakh within 10 days which naturally shall be forfeited if the timeline prescribed is not adhered to," the ruling adds. **ENS**

SOUTH

Man posing as doctor promises job, abducts woman

Hyderabad: A 21-year-old woman was allegedly kidnapped by an unidentified man posing as a doctor who promised her a job, police said here on Friday. According to the woman's family, the person claiming to be the doctor approached her father Yadaiah on July 23 and told him that he would get her a job. The father and daughter accompanied the man in his car. After sometime, the man asked Yadaiah to get off the vehicle and bring photo copies of his daughter's certificates, the police said. After Yadaiah alighted, the man sped away, they said. "We have formed special teams to rescue the victim," a police official said. **PTI**

Kargil War's bloodiest theatre now has schools, roads, hotels

ADIL AKHZER
MUSHKOH VALLEY, DRASS, JULY 26

20 YEARS AFTER
KARGIL
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TWENTY YEARS ago, Pakistani intruders occupied the heights overlooking this area and rained fire in a bid to cut off the Srinagar-Leh highway, triggering the Kargil War. Sixty kilometres west of Kargil, Drass with Mushkoh Valley, Tololing and Tiger Hill, became one of the major theatres of the war, witness to some of the bloodiest battles as Indian troops beat back the Pakistanis to regain the icy heights.

Today, Mushkoh Valley is a picture postcard again. People here can never forget the war, but they have moved on.

With the government and Army stepping up the pace of development work and boosting tourism, residents of Mushkoh Valley and Drass — it is considered the coldest inhabited place in the country with temperatures dropping below -40°C during winter — have jobs, the children have schools, and the towns have a future.

The Kargil War Memorial, built by the Army, is in Drass and draws a stream of visitors, giving rise to eateries, even hotels, that are adding to the transformation of the area.

In Mushkoh Valley, Nisar Ahmed points to a meadow where women are at work. This, he said, was a battlefield in 1999. "People (tourists) come visiting and spend time here to know what actually happened in 1999. Back then, this was a battleground. Hardly anyone would venture into the fields," he said.

The mud-and-brick houses are long gone. Concrete houses with modern amenities have come up. Villagers say most people have jobs and development works were undertaken after the war. "There used to only one high school in Drass where children from Mushkoh would go every day. Now we have a high school here. The children don't need to go to Drass. I studied in Drass, but my children go to school here," says Ghulam Mohidin.

Mushkoh Valley and Drass look to the future, but worry each time tensions rise between India and Pakistan. *Shuaib Masoodi*

In neighbouring Drass, the main market is a beehive of activity. Shopkeepers say the town changed after the war. A year after the war, Nawab Ali from Dehradun opened a dhaba in the main town. "So much has changed here. Now we have too many eateries. When I came here, there was hardly anyone. This place has changed completely," he said. "Who would have thought that there will be so many good hotels here. One charges around Rs 3,000 a night, yet there is no end to the demand."

Ali Mohammed agrees: "People come to visit the war memorial in Drass from all parts of the country. It has become a major attraction. Even during the agitation in Kashmir in 2016, we had people coming here via the Manali and Leh route. This town is changing." His son joined the Army after the war. "He got a job and it really helped the family. We have our own car now."

As Naib Tehsildar, Barkat Ali was the top officer of Drass at the time of the Kargil war. "In every field here, we have witnessed change. From tourism to roads, everything changed for the better."

Ghulam Nabi, also a resident, says credit for the change must go to the Army. "They started small projects in the valley which helped the locals. Then they provide massive jobs to the youth. Even today, they help local residents in every possible way. A lot of money came to us. People who used to have one or two horses are now owners of four-five horses."

Deputy Commissioner Kargil Baseer ul Haq told *The Indian Express* that in past two decades, the Drass town has witnessed complete turnaround.

"Now we have very good hotels and houses in the town. Living standard of people have gone up and area has seen lot of development activities, even lot of tourists are now visiting the town," he said.

Mushkoh Valley and Drass look to the future, but worry each time tensions rise between India and Pakistan.

A Mushkoh Valley resident spoke for all: "Recently when tensions escalated, the local Army unit asked us to start readying the bunkers. Everyone here knows that if there is shelling again from the other side, we will be back to the old times. Nobody wants to see that again."

Fear of death ended for us: Porters remember time of Kargil War

ADIL AKHZER
DRASS, JULY 26

THROUGH THE course of the Kargil war in 1999, civilian porters played a pivotal role. Braving constant shelling by the Pakistani side, hundreds of them ferried supplies and ammunition to Indian troops during those two months of battle. Twenty years later, *The Indian Express* spoke to four who stepped up at the time.

Mohammed Isaq, 37, a resident of Dras, who was a porter for the Army when the war broke out, and continues to work with them even today, said they could not turn their backs on the troops.

"I was very young then. Before the war also, I was doing the job of a porter. When the Army sought our help, we could not back down. For nearly two months, we would leave in the night and arrive back to our bases again in the morning," he said.

"The fear was such, and the shelling was so intense, that no one was allowed to come out of their houses during the day," he added.

It was a time fraught with constant danger. Mohammed Ali, 45, remembers a particular close shave he had.

"I still remember, one night, a shell fell into an area where we were staying with the Army at a post in the mountains. The shell killed Army men but the porters survived. There were several times (throughout the war) when shells landed close to us. When I meet some of the Army men now, after so many years, they say, we are alive now because of your help then," said Ali.

Traversing paths those days, the porters would hardly eat. "For all those days, most of the time we would eat biscuits only. I remember, we had taken trucks of ammunition to several Army posts during the night and shells were flying in the air like stars. We were not sure that if we return home again," says 52- year-old Mohsin Ali, another porter. Ali however, says their contribution was not fully recognised by the Army.

But he does not want to live through another war. "Even now, I work as a porter. I don't want to see those times again. I only wish that there is no war again because it causes destruction and lost of lives. War does well to no one," he says.

Over the course of the war however, the fears of several porters receded.

"Initially, there was a lot of fear and whenever a shell dropped nearby, we would hide behind the horses. But then, we got used to it as we became witness to intense shelling. The fear of death ended," says porter Ghulam Mohuddin.

While the job was dangerous, we did not back down, he added.

"Every day, we used to leave from home in the evening and then return in the morning. We continued to do it because this was the only livelihood for us then," he said.

Anyone picking up gun in Kashmir will go to grave: Rawat

ADIL AKHZER
DRASS, JULY 26

ON THE 20th Kargil Vijay Diwas on Friday, Indian Army chief General Bipin Rawat said that anyone who picks up the gun in the Valley will go to the grave.

"Any local militant who is picking up the gun against security forces, he will no longer be a militant, that is one strategy that anybody who picks up the gun against the Army will no longer be a militant. The gun and the man will be separated. The man will go to the grave and the gun will be with us. But this is not the end of everything," he said during a media interaction in Drass, where the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Kargil War victory was held at the Kargil War Memorial.

"We are trying to approach civilian society, the parents, Moulvis, the sisters and brothers of terrorists (to say) that this is not the way forward. You have to shun the gun and come over ground. I am quite certain that parents didn't make them do PhDs to join terrorist ranks. They made them do PhDs and graduation in the hope that in old age these people will look after them. But that is not happening," General Rawat said.

Apart from Chief of Army Staff General Rawat, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh took part in the wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial

Terming the Kargil War anniversary a "historic" moment, General Rawat said that Pakistan is making attempts to keep the Kashmir issue alive. "These are desperate attempts to a venture that they feel is gradually dying down. Every attempt is made by them [Pakistan] to ensure the K [Kashmir] issue is kept alive because now they have been singled out as a state that has been sponsoring terrorism on Indian soil," he said. "Radicalisation and social media is being extensively used to fuel trouble in our state of Jammu and Kashmir."

The "economic condition" of Pakistan is in bad shape, he said, "that is why they are ready to do anything that will get them money."

To a question about Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's remarks on US mediation on Kashmir, General Rawat said, "There is a difference between talk and action. And you should only believe in talk when you see action happening on the ground."

Asked about operational challenges as Army chief, General Rawat said his "Our soldier is capable of fighting even when there is no food available. The only thing he needs is good weapon, ammunition and devices... That is the only challenge and that is where the effort is..."

President Ram Nath Kovind was scheduled to arrive in Drass on Friday morning. However, the aircraft could not land due to bad weather. The President later paid homage to the Kargil heroes at a ceremony in Srinagar's Badami Bagh cantonment.

REMEMBERING THE HEROES

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh at Chandigarh War Memorial on Friday. The memorial, which was set up by a citizens' initiative led by *The Indian Express*, was dedicated to the nation by former President A P J Abdul Kalam in 2006. Earlier in the day, Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore paid homage at the memorial. *Kamleshwar Singh*

Anecdotes, tributes abound at India Gate on Kargil Vijay Diwas

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

VASUNDHARA, 8, niece of Late Lieutenant Vijayant Thapar of the Rajputana Rifles - killed in the Kargil War - is named after her uncle's regiment's motto, '*Vir Bhogya Vasundhara*'. Addressing an audience gathered at the India Gate on Friday on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas, she narrated stories of her uncle passed down from her father and grandparents.

"I know that he was very kind. He took care of a young girl named Ruksana after she saw her father shot down by militants in Kupwara and went into a state of shock," she said. "My dada tells me he used to wake my uncle up at 6:30 every morning and they would go cycling and jogging," she added.

Her grandmother, Tripta Thapar, also addressed the audience: "Let us keep their memory alive. These 527 soldiers gave up their today for our tomorrow. My son was loving, affectionate and disciplined. But most of all, he was a true desh-bhakt."

The event at India Gate began at 4:30 pm with a wreath-laying ceremony. Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of State for Defence, Shripad Yesso Naik and Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Pratap Sarangi, were chief guests at the event and paid tribute.

Unwavering courage

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid tribute to those who fought tough battles during the conflict, saying their unwavering courage and supreme sacrifice ensured the safety and sanctity of the country's borders.

He was speaking after paying homage at the National War Memorial.

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WHO REPORT

'Mobile scheme to quit tobacco has over 2 mn users in India'

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, JULY 26

THE WORLD Health Organization's (WHO) report on global tobacco epidemic, launched late on Friday, makes a special reference about India's efforts in helping smokers quit.

The National Tobacco Control Programme and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with support from the WHO and International Telecommunication Union's 'Be He@lthy, Be mobile' initiative, implemented the mCessation programme - an initiative using mobile technology for tobacco cessation.

The programme allows people who want to quit tobacco use to register by giving a missed call to a dedicated national number. The programme's progress is monitored in real-time through an online dashboard that details the number of registrations.

Till date, the programme has over 2.1 million self-registered users, the WHO report states.

Dr Vinayak Prasad, who heads the WHO's tobacco control team, told *The Indian Express* India launched mCessation using text messages in 2016 as part of the government's Digital India initiative. It uses two-way messaging between the individual seeking to quit tobacco use and programme specialists providing them dynamic support.

An evaluation conducted by the Health ministry found an average quitting rate of 7 per cent for both smokers and users of smokeless tobacco six months after enrollment, the report notes. When 12,000 participants in the programme were asked about their tobacco use, more than19 per cent said they had abstained over the previous 30 days, it states.

Prasad said the government has recently released version-2 of the "mTobaccoCessation" platform, which can deliver content through SMS or interactive voice response in 12 languages.

"The programme has shown strong outcomes in terms of health and outreach, and provides a huge opportunity to help several million tobacco users who want to quit. MCessation should be included in PHC (Primary Health Care)-level advice to enable maximum reach," he said.

The 2019 report is the seventh in a series that tracks the status of tobacco epidemic and interventions to combat it. Released on Friday in Brazil, the report states that India is the second largest consumer of tobacco products, with more than 200 million users of smokeless tobacco and 276 million consumers of tobacco overall.

In 2017, a Global Adult Tobacco Survey found that 38.5 per cent of adult smokers and 33.2 per cent adult users of smokeless forms of tobacco had attempted to quit, the report notes. Only 23 countries provide cessation services at best-practice level, it states.

Since 2007, the Union Health ministry is pushing to introduce stronger graphic health warnings on tobacco packets, with mixed success.

EXPLAINED

Significance of graphic warning on tobacco packs

OVER HALF the world's population - or 3.9 billion people living in 91 countries - benefit from large graphic health warnings, and India is among countries with the highest level of achievement, the WHO report notes. While there has been no India-specific evaluation, studies from several countries that introduced similar strong labels have shown that this policy has been most effective in reducing tobacco use among the youth, and also in motivating users to quit.

PREVENTION OF LYNCHING

SC notice to Centre, 10 states on implementing guidelines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday issued notice to the Centre and 10 states on a plea seeking directions for them to implement the court's guidelines on preventing mob lynching incidents.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta issued the notice on the plea by a trust, Anti Corruption Council of India.

The petition, filed through its authorised representative, said it was moving the court "to stop the increasing of mob lynchings basically targeting the minority community of the country".

It referred to some instances of alleged lynchings and said "cow related violence/attacks is on rise within the country in the recent past. The cow vigilante group, claiming to be protective of cattle, has taken the lives of lot of innocent Muslims and Dalits merely upon the suspicion of cow slaughtering and cattle trading..."

It added, "In the last few years, these mob lynchings are on the rise within the country, in respect of cow protection, and thereby causing grave violation of fundamental rights of the minority communities, as conferred upon by Article 14, 15, 19(1)(g) and 21 of the Constitution of India. The angry mob of this country are trying to become the final adjudicator by punishing the accused..."

The trust said it had not approached any authority for redressal "but had chosen to appear before this Hon'ble Court as the matter pertains to serious threat to life and liberty of the people of India, especially the minority community". It urged the court to direct the states "to furnish detailed information of status report in respect of mob lynching incidents".

It also wanted the court to ask Parliament to enact a law "to control increasing incidents of mob lynching and making it cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable offences in a time-bound manner".

The SC had in a July 17 judgment asked Parliament to consider enacting a new law to effectively deal with incidents of mob lynching, saying "horrendous acts of mobocracy" cannot be allowed to become a new norm.

Powai recorded the highest rainfall of 122.8 mm on Friday.
Amit Chakravarty

Heavy rain throws Mumbai out of gear

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JULY 26, MUMBAI

HEAVY RAINFALL lashed Mumbai suburbs on Friday evening, as the Indian Meteorological Department's (IMD) Colaba observatory recorded 53.2 mm of rainfall from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm, while Santacruz observatory recorded 132 mm of rainfall in the same duration. Maximum amount of rainfall was recorded between 7 pm and 8pm on Friday.

Powai recorded the highest rainfall of 122.8 mm between 8.30 am and 8 pm on Friday, while Bandra (West) recorded 119.4 mm rainfall followed by Bandra Kurla Complex (East) with 116.4 mm rainfall in the same duration. The IMD issued 'orange' alert for Mumbai for Saturday, with forecast of "very heavy to heavy" rain at few places in the city and suburbs. An orange alert, meant for authorities to be alert and prepare for severe situation. An orange alert is also issued for Thane till Monday and for Palghar till Sunday. A yellow alert is issued for Mumbai for Sunday. A yellow alert means authority should watch.

"Due to the strengthening of monsoon currents and the formation of low pressure area over northwest Bay of Bengal, the rainfall intensity is likely to increase over north Konkan during the next 48 hours," read statement by regional meteorological centre.

As a result of heavy downpour between 7 pm and 8 pm, Santacruz, Andheri, Hindamata, King Circle were waterlogged. According to the public relations officer of the Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), flights were delayed by 30 minutes on an average due to heavy rain on Friday evening.

"There is cyclonic circulation over northern parts of West Bengal and the neighbourhood. Under its influence, a low pressure area is expected over coastal areas of West Bengal. This would also enhance rainfall over the west coast. Heavy rainfall over Konkan region, including Mumbai, is predicted for next 24 hours," tweeted KS Hosalikar, deputy director general of the India Meteorological Department, Mumbai.

'Chinese official's Masood dig firmed up resolve to amend UAPA'

MHA sources: amendments meant for people like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

Masood Azhar

A CHINESE official's comment during diplomatic negotiations over listing Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a UN-designated terrorist had firmed up the government's resolve to usher in amendments to the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Home Ministry sources said on Friday.

In the past couple of years, when India was pushing hard for Azhar's listing with China, a Chinese official pointed out that Azhar had not been banned by India. "The Chinese told us point blank that when you have yourself not banned Azhar, why are you pushing us to help you," a Home Ministry official said even as he argued why adding "individuals" to the provision of the Act banning and declaring an organisation as "terrorist" was necessary.

The Lok Sabha passed the UAPA amendment Bill this week, further enhancing powers of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). A key amendment in the Bill, which gives powers to the government to designate individuals as terrorist, has led opposition parties to express concern that it could be misused.

Home Ministry sources argued that there were ample safeguards in the UAPA to prevent misuse of the provisions, and that they were brought in keeping the international norm in mind. "It's not that people will be randomly branded as terrorists. There are laid down procedures and the government will have to satisfy review committees with evidence to brand anyone a terrorist. Also, it is meant for people like Hafiz Saeed and Masood Azhar. In fact, they are the first people we plan to proscribe once the amendments become part of the Act," the official said.

The official pointed out that a provision to proscribe 'organisations' as 'terrorist' already exists in the UAPA and the amendment will just add 'individuals' to it. "The record of ban on organisations will tell you that there hasn't been any misuse of the provision. So there is no reason why the same provision would be misused against individuals," the official said.

According to the official, as many as 42 organisations have been declared 'terrorist' under the Act. Only one of these — Hyderabad-based Deendar Anjuman — has challenged the designation. The review committee rejected its application, and that decision has not been challenged in any court, the official said.

Under UAPA, once an organisation is notified as terrorist, it can make an application to the government for denotification, within a month. If the government rejects it, the organisation can go to the review committee, which will examine the evidence furnished by the government. If here too the organisation is disappointed, it can go to the Supreme Court.

"All countries dealing with the threat of terrorism have this provision. The US, the UK, European Union, and even Pakistan and Sri Lanka. If the UN is ready to designate an individual as a terrorist, what is the problem if we do it?" the official said.

Sources said the ministry is yet to come up with modalities of the action to follow on an individual when he or she is designated a terrorist. "As of now, the police would be able to take action. However, in terms of other action like freezing of assets, blocking of access to finances and travel ban, modalities are yet to be decided," the official said.

He added that the provision was necessitated because many individuals may not be part of an organisation but may be indulging in or promoting terror activities. "Dawood Ibrahim is not part of any organisation," he said.

MUMBAI COASTAL ROAD PROJECT

SC notice on plea against quashing of CRZ clearance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday issued a notice on a plea by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai seeking a stay of the Bombay High Court order quashing the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance granted for the southern part of a Rs 12,000-crore coastal road project.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Deepak Gupta, while not granting any immediate stay, said "all we can say is it's not a matter for summary dismissal".

Appearing for the corporation, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said, "We have the CRZ clearance. It's undisputed."

But the bench responded that it would hear the matter. Issuing notice, it posted the matter for hearing on August 20.

Quashing the CRZ clearance on July 16 after hearing a clutch of petitions, the High Court bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice N M Jamdar had underlined "a serious lacuna in the decision-making process" and "lack of proper scientific study".

The project — envisaged to connect South Mumbai's Marine Drive area to Kandivali in North Mumbai and decongest city traffic — was cleared in 2017 by Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority, Expert Appraisal Committee and Ministry of Environment and Forest.

The HC said the BMC cannot proceed with the works without obtaining environmental clearance under the Environmental Impact Assessment notification.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, senior counsel Gayatri Singh, who represented city-based architect Shweta Wagh along with eight other petitioners, and Worli Koliwada Nakhwa Matsya Vyavsay Sahakari Society Limited in the HC, said they would prepare a reply to the Special Leave Petition filed in the Supreme Court, and that it would be filed on August 20.

A senior BMC official said, "We will take legal opinion on the Supreme Court's decision."

(INPUTS FROM ENS, MUMBAI)

Akshardham attack's 'prime conspirator' held in J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JULY 26

THE GUJARAT Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) arrested Mohammad Yasin Butt, alleged prime conspirator of the 2002 Akshardham Temple attack, in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

Two armed terrorists had attacked the temple in Gandhinagar, killing 33 people, including a National Security Guard (NSG) commando and two Gujarat police officers, on September 24, 2002. The two terrorists identified as Ashraf Ali Mohammed Farooq and Murtuza Hafiz Yasin were gunned down by NSG commandos. Eighty were injured in the attack.

Butt, an alleged operative of terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba, had fled to Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) after the attack, officials said.

"Butt had allegedly conspired the attack along with Manzoor, Kamil and Zubair. He had used a white ambassador car to transport AK 47s and other weapons by creating a cavity inside the vehicle. After reaching Bareilly, he allegedly made the alleged terrorists meet Chand Khan, another co-conspirator in the case. Chand Khan and Shakeel allegedly used a train to reach Ahmedabad along with the weapons. Two LeT terrorists carried out the terrorist attack at Akshardham. Even as Chand was arrested in 2003, Butt managed to flee to PoK," said an ATS official.

He was nabbed following a tip-off that he had returned to Jammu and Kashmir and was working at a timber warehouse in Anantnag, the Gujarat Home Department said in a release. The arrest was made with the help of local police, it added.

After obtaining his transit remand from a court there, the Anti Terrorism Squad team arrived with Butt at the Ahmedabad airport on Friday evening, the release added.

(WITH PTI INPUTS)

MP e-tendering scam: 2 aides of ex-minister held

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 26

THE MADHYA Pradesh Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Friday arrested two aides of former minister and BJP MLA Narottam Mishra in connection with the alleged e-tendering scam during the BJP rule.

The alleged scam that came to light in April 2018 involved rigging of online bidding process in order to ensure that particular firms got tenders.

Nirmal Awasthi and Virendra Pandey had been questioned several times by EOW after an FIR was registered in April this year. The Congress had promised in its manifesto that it will probe the scam and registered FIR four months after coming to power.

These are the first arrests directly linked to any minister. After the FIR was registered, EOW teams had arrested employees of a private company.

MP government believes the scam cost the exchequer at least Rs 3,000 crore while the BJP claims that no loss was caused because tenders were cancelled immediately after the irregularities came to the fore.

Mishra told *The Indian Express* that the Congress government was grappling with the fear of unknown and taking political revenge. He claimed the file related to the tender in which the two were arrested "did not even come to my bungalow". The FIR was registered in connection with tenders, which were not awarded and not a single penny loss occurred, he said.

He said employees who did not even have signing authority had been arrested.

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NOTICE
Referring to the Corporation's earlier notice dated 17th July, 2019 regarding Board Meeting scheduled to be held on 29th July 2019, we hereby inform that the agenda item for consideration and approval of Unaudited accounts for the quarter/period ended June 30, 2019, stands withdrawn due to non-compilation of financial statements of subsidiaries and subsequent consolidation of accounts.
Accordingly, the Board meeting scheduled to be held on 29th July 2019 will be held to consider and approve general matters of the Corporation.
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Date : 26.07.2019

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NOTICE
We would inform that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is re-scheduled to be held on Monday, 29th July 2019 at 1.30 p.m. at the Head Office of the Company at 3, Middleton Street, Kolkata - 700 071 to inter-alia consider, approve and adopt the Annual Accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2019.
By order of the Board
For **National Insurance Company Limited**
Place : Kolkata
Dated : 25.07.2019
Rina Madia
Company Secretary
AD UIN NO. 019/19-20

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Registrar

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993
In the matter of O.A. No. 356/2019
Bank of India ....Applicant
Versus
M/s F K Enterprises (Proprietor, Feroz Khan & Anr.)
To, ...Defendants
D-1 M/s F K Enterprises Proprietor, Mr. Feroz Khan S/o Mr. Mohd. Haroon
At :- 1164, Ist Floor, Sunar Wali Gali, Darya Ganj, Kala Mahal, New Delhi-110002
D-2 Mr. Mohd. Haroon S/o Haji Fayyaz Ahmed
1164, Sunar Wali Gali, Darya Ganj & Kala Mahal, New Delhi-110002
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you & 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 **29-07-2019 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 & decided in your absence.
Given under my hand & seal of this Tribunal on this the **13-06-2019.**
Seal
BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Assistant Registrar
DRT-III, New Delhi

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CABINET SECRETARIAT
Vacancy Notice
Applications are invited for Direct Recruitment to the following post in a Government of india organization:-

Name of Post and no. of vacancies		**Interpreter (Group 'B', non-Gazatted post)** (Persian-**2**, Arabic-**2**, Pushto-**1**, Chinese-**5**, Korean-**1**)
Pay		Post carries basic pay of Rs. 47,600/- as per level-8 of pay Matrix of CCS(RP) Rules, 2016.
Eligibility Criteria	**Age**	30 Years as on closing date.
	Educational Qualification	Bachelor's degree in Foreign Language (Persian, Arabic, Pushto, Chinese and Korean) from a recognized University or institution or a Bachelor's degree with diploma in Foregin Language (Persian, Arabic, Pushto, Chinese and Korean) from a recognized University or Institution.
	Minimum Experience	High degree of proficiency in English with competence to translate from Froeign Language (Persian, Arabic, Pushto, Chinese and Korean) into English and Vice-versa.

The above post also carries a special allowance of 20% of the basic pay. For detailed eligibilty criteria including age relaxation applicable, application format and other details please see Employment News dated **27.07.2019.**
Closing Date- 09.09.2019.
davp 58101/11/0014/1920

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DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL WORKS AND ESTATES,
DRDO BHAWAN, RAJAJI MARG,
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ANANT RAJ LIMITED
Anant Raj Estate, Sector 63A, Gurugram
Ph. No: 9810767099 / 8130120066
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, M/s Anant Raj Limited is in the process of undertaking of development of a Residential Plotted Colony in Sector 63A, Gurugram over an area measuring 108.125 acres in the revenue estate of Village-Kadarpur and Ullahawas in accordance with the provision of License no. 119 of 2011 and License no. 71 of 2014 granted by Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh.
And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/ entered into purchase agreement for allotment of plot/ property in the said colony (hereinafter referred as allottees).
And whereas, the layout plan earlier approved at the time of grant of license for the said colony is now proposed to be revised due to addition of further areas.
And whereas, the office of Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objection against the revision of layout plan as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the layout plan.
Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said colony on the proposed revision of the layout plan of the said colony. A copy of the earlier approved layout plan bearing (drawing no. DGTCP-4679), dated 10.06.2014 & the layout plan now proposed to be revised bearing (drawing no.DTCP-7058), dated 18.07.2019 is available for perusal on or website (www.anantrajestate.com/ www.anantrajlimited.com). The said layout plan can also be perused at the office of undersigned at (Anant Raj Estate, Sector 63A, Gurugram) as well as in the office of District Town Planner (Planning), (Sector 14, Gurugram).
Any allottee having any objection on revised layout plan, may file his objection in the office of District Town Planner (Planning), Sector 14, Gurugram within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the layout plan.
Mr. Varun Khullar- Vice President (Sales)
for ANANT RAJ LIMITED
Place: GURUGRAM **Date: 26.07.2019**
Email: varun.khullar@anantrajlimited.com
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AI merger probe: Lobbyist Deepak Talwar arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE CBI on Friday arrested corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar in connection with a case related to the merger of Indian Airlines and Air India and the purchase of aircraft.

Talwar, who has been in jail after Enforcement Directorate arrested him following his deportation from UAE in January this year, was remanded to CBI custody for seven days by a court.

The CBI is investigating Talwar in connection four FIRs it registered last year over alleged irregularities in the merger of Air India with Indian Airlines and the purchase of 111 aircraft by the government carrier from Airbus and Boeing. It is also investigating alleged ceding of profitable routes to foreign airlines and alleged corruption in opening several training institutes with foreign investment.

Probe agencies have alleged that Talwar played the role of the middleman in these deals, which were all struck during the UPA regime when Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Praful Patel was the Union Minister of Civil Aviation. Patel has earlier denied any wrongdoing, saying all decisions were collective.

In its prosecution complaint filed on May 1, the ED told a Delhi court that "Mr Praful Patel is a dear friend" of Talwar, who allegedly facilitated dispersal of profit-making Air India routes to private airlines in 2008-09 using his "proximity to the minister and aviation personnel in India".

The ED told the court that in lieu of securing favourable traffic rights for three foreign airlines, Talwar received payments to the tune of Rs 272 crore in 2008-09.

Detailing its investigation after Talwar was deported to India from Dubai on January 31, the ED said in its report to the court: "The investigation has established that Deepak Talwar has obtained various facilities in the aviation sector, increased seat entitlements/points of call for air traffic rights, consultancy service for operation of airlines etc, for Emirates, Air Arabia and Qatar Airways."

On February 13, *The Indian Express* reported that three years after Indian Airlines signed a deal to purchase 43 aircraft from Airbus, the French aircraft manufacturer incorporated a company in partnership with Deepak Talwar and transferred $10.5 million in its accounts. The company, based out of Singapore, lists Talwar's son Aditya as one of its directors.

The payments were made in two tranches of $4.5 million and $6 million to Auctus Capital PTE Ltd in 2012, three years after the company was incorporated and almost six years after the deal between Indian Airlines and Airbus had been signed.

ED has claimed that its probe revealed that Talwar created a web of entities owned by him and his family members in India and international offshore havens, to launder money.

Upset over police 'inaction' on rape complaint, woman ends life; probe ordered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 26

OVER A month after a 24-year-old woman lodged a complaint of rape against a businessman, she allegedly hanged herself at her residence in Kanpur on Thursday, following alleged harassment by the accused and police "inaction".

While no suicide note was recovered, a case of abetment to suicide was lodged against the accused. The Investigating Officer (IO) of the rape case has been suspended.

The woman had lodged an FIR against Ankit Yadav (26), accusing him of raping her on the pretext of marriage. The police are yet to arrest Yadav.

The Station House Officer (SHO) of the local police station said that the victim's family has alleged that Yadav has been posting objectionable comments about her on social media since the case was lodged.

The family alleged that they had informed the IO about regular harassment by the accused, but he never took cognisance.

Kanpur SSP Anant Deo suspended the IO, a sub-inspector who was in-charge of the local outpost, on charges of negligence. On Friday, another FIR was lodged against Yadav and five of his family members on charges of abetment to suicide. Police have detained his mother and sister.

A senior police officer said the victim was in a relationship with Yadav for the last three years. "Differences cropped up between them when Yadav refused to marry her. Recently, Yadav also got engaged to another girl," he said.

The victim had lodged the FIR against Yadav on June 13. Her medical examination was conducted and statement recorded before a magistrate, after which the police started a hunt for Yadav, who is currently on the run, the CO claimed.

The post-mortem of the deceased woman was conducted and states the death occurred due to hanging.

Cuttack police raise vigil after three murders in 24 hours

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 26

THE BHUBANESWAR-CUTTACK police commissionerate has increased vigil and started sensitising late-night commuters, homeless people and slum-dwellers in Cuttack after three people were found murdered in the city within a span of 24 hours starting Tuesday morning, the police said.

The police said the three murders have some similarities, even as many local residents have started talking about a suspected serial killer.

"Prime facie, the injuries and circumstances signal a pattern," Twin City Police Commissioner Satyajit Mohanty told *The Indian Express* on Friday.

Eight platoons and 50 officers, numbering up to 300, have started keeping vigil all night in the city.

A special police team, comprising two police inspectors and 11 constables, has been formed to identity and trace the killers, Cuttack DCP Akhileswar Singh was quoted by PTI.

The first murder was discovered on Tuesday morning near Cuttack's iconic Hind Cinema. A day later, two more murders were reported — one from near the city's government-run SCB Medical College, and another in OMP area.

The two victims so far identified — Godhi Kalia, who worked at a tea shop, and Panda, an odd jobs labourer — have no next of kin. The police are trying to ascertain the identity of the third victim.

Police Commissioner Mohanty said, "We gather this could be act of one person, as all incidents took place roughly between 3 am to 4 am. All victims were homeless people, poorest of the poor; they were asleep."

"There are sharp cuts on the neck. The weapon seems to be the same, as per postmortem and forensic analyses," he added.

There is no discernible motive, which makes the investigation difficult, Mohanty said. "Sometimes, when the motive is known, we can narrow down the chase even though the person is initially unknown," he said. The police worry that there are not enough CCTVs to record footage of all localities in Cuttack.

A senior official in Cuttack District Administration said the police are combing the city to identify homeless people and get them to sleep in one area for easier surveillance.

"Cuttack has hundreds of slum-dwellers and there are no designated homeless shelters," the official said.

Rumours are rife in the city. One such says that similar murders were reported last month in the port town of Paradeep, 60 km from Cuttack. Another says the victims' faces were crushed with stones after their throats were slits.

The police said at this point in the investigation they have no reason to believe that the stories are credible.

Meanwhile, residents, especially from the poorer classes, are scared to walk alone at night, and are watching out.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

S.No.	N.I.T. No.	NIT-19-19-20-W-2
1.	Name of work with its location	Construction of S&T Building on 8 L-XING NO. 10,5,15,70,2,4 on DSA-SMQL-SRE section 7 on GZB-SRE, 4 ON TPZ-KJGY under Sr. DEN-II.
2.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 9650273.80
3.	Earnest Money	Rs. 193000.00 (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note:** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
4.	Completion period	05 Months
5.	Cost of Tender on Cash/by post	Rs. 5900/- (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note:** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
6.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	06.08.2019 to 20.08.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. Opening of tender 20.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs. on
7.	Similar Nature of work	Construction of building/Quarters
8.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

NIT-19-19-20-W-2 Dated : 25.07.2019. 2414/19
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender Notice
For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invited Hiring of Two MUV (Innova, Ertiga, Tavera, Safari, Xylo, Scorpio or similar vehicle) E-tender for office of Sr. DCM/Chg., DRM Office, Northern Railway, New Delhi for a period of Two years. **S N. 1 Name of work with its location/office:** Hiring of Two MUV (Innova, Ertiga, Tavera, Safari, Xylo, Scorpio or similar vehicle) for office of Sr. DCM/Chg. DRM Office, Northern Railway, New Delhi. **Approximate cost of work:** As per NIT. **Date and Time of submission of e-tender bid and opening of e-tender:** 19.08.2019 at 11:00 hrs. **Cost of Tender document including 18% GST:** Rs.2,360 **Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs.20,800/- **Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen:** https://ireps.gov.in & Tender No. Vehicle Hiring 01-2019. **1C/21-A/Hiring of Vehicle/Coaching/Office Duty/19 Date : 07.2019** 2425/19
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NOTICE INVITING PROPOSAL
ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA) OF THE PROPOSED THREE SOLAR PARKS OF AGGREGATE CAPACITY OF 1500 MW AND ITS ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES IN THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA
No. RUMSL/2019-20/140/Bhopal **Issue date: 25.07.2019**
Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL), is developing Solar Parks in Agar, Shajapur and Neemuch districts of Madhya Pradesh. RUMSL wishes to engage consultant for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the planned solar parks and its associated transmission lines. RUMSL invites proposals from eligible and interested consultants in the prescribed format.
The Request for Proposal (RFP) document is available on website **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.** The last date for receipt of proposal **is 20.08.2019 by 15:00 Hrs.** Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address given above during official working hours.
M.P. Madhyam/94625/2019 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.
अति-अल्पकालिन ई-निविदा शुद्धि-पत्र

1:- **ई-निविदा संख्या** 42/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अधीन अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुजफ्फरनगर के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-द्वितीय/तृतीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत नॉन-आर.ए.पी.डी.आर.पी. क्षेत्र में उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत बकाये/डिफाल्टर श्रेणी में चल रहे विद्युत संयोजनों को विच्छेदित/डिस-कनैक्शन करना व बकाया धनराशि का भुगतान जमा होने के उपरान्त उक्त संयोजन को पुनः चालू/रि-कनैक्शन कराने का कार्य यथाशीघ्र प्रारम्भ किया जाना है। जिसमें सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों में उपरोक्त कार्य कराने के लिये 08 नग अवर अभियन्ताओं हेतु 08 नं. डीजल चलित हल्का वाहन (बुलेरो) ड्राईवर सहित व 08 नं. गैंग (01 कुशल + 02 अकुशल कुल 03 कार्मिक विद्युत सुरक्षा/विद्युत उपकरणों सहित) साईट की विडियोग्राफी सहित तीन माह अथवा विभागीय आवश्यकतानुसार जो भी पहले समाप्त होगी। धरोहर राशि रु.- 12000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु.- 3540.00 मात्र। 1:- **ई-निविदा संख्या** 43/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अधीन अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के अन्तर्गत उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-प्रथम/चतुर्थ, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत नॉन-आर.ए.पी.डी.आर.पी. क्षेत्र में उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत बकाये/डिफाल्टर श्रेणी में चल रहे विद्युत संयोजनों को विच्छेदित/डिस-कनैक्शन करना व बकाया धनराशि का भुगतान जमा होने के उपरान्त उक्त संयोजन को पुनः चालू/रि-कनैक्शन कराने का कार्य यथाशीघ्र प्रारम्भ किया जाना है। जिसमें सम्बन्धित क्षेत्रों में उपरोक्त कार्य कराने के लिये 06 नग अवर अभियन्ताओं हेतु 06 नं. डीजल चलित हल्का वाहन (बुलेरो) ड्राईवर सहित व 06 नं. गैंग (01 कुशल + 02 अकुशल कुल 03 कार्मिक विद्युत सुरक्षा/विद्युत उपकरणों सहित) साईट की विडियोग्राफी सहित तीन माह अथवा विभागीय आवश्यकतानुसार जो भी पहले समाप्त होगी। धरोहर राशि रु.- 9000.00/ मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु.- 1180.00 मात्र। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मंडल मुजफ्फरनगर** पत्रांकः 2743/वि.वि.मं.-मु.नगर/कैम्प दिनांकः 25/07/2019

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PROJECT WING (Jammu)
Mohinder Mansion, Satellite Colony, Near Wave Mall, Bhatindi Road, Jammu, J&K
Tel./Fax No. 0191-2493853, E-mail ID: ceprojectwingjmu@gmail.com
No. CE/PWJ/3813 Dated: 12.07.2019

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-Tender on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Department are invited for RAPDRP Part-B works in Jammu Town from the registered Contractors/Firms/ Joint Ventures having specific experience for below mentioned works.

Sr. No.	Secope of Work	Period of Contract	Cost of Work Rs. (Lacs)	EMD Rs. (Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Date of Opening of Bid
1.	e-NIT No. 08 of 2019-20/IPDS/JKPDD for Establishing of New 4 Nos. 10MVA 33/11KV Gas Insulated Sub-Stations along with construction of associated 33 & 11 KV Lines in Jammu Circle of JKPDD, EM&RE Jammu on Turnkey Basis under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS).	18 Months	2848	56.96	25000.00	05.08.2019

The bidding document can be downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.nic.in from 13.07.2019 (10.00 A.M.) to 02.08.2019 (4.00 P.M.).
Bids submission is in Electronic format on the website: www.jktenders.nic.in from 24.07.2019 (10.00 A.M.) to 02.08.2019 (4.00 P.M.).
Last date for submission of Hard copies: 03.08.2019 upto 04.00 P.M.
Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Project Wing (Jammu).**
DIPJ-1784

FOUR ROUNDED UP, POLICE DEPLOYED TO MAINTAIN PEACE

18-year-old Muslim 'killed for affair with tribal girl' in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, JULY 26

TENSION GRIPPED Jhagadia taluka in Bharuch district after a Muslim youth died on Friday, a day after he was allegedly beaten up by the family members of a tribal girl with whom he was said to have been in a relationship.

Police on Friday afternoon rounded up four accused identified as Ajay Vasava, Vijay Vasava, Akshay Vasava, and Dinesh Vasava, all residents of the girl's village. Police personnel have been deployed in large numbers in both the villages to prevent any untoward incidents.

Police said that the 18-year-old youth was in a relationship with a girl from a nearby village. The girl's parents and her relatives were allegedly against the relationship.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Deputy Superintendent of Police L K Zala said, "We have rounded up four accused and they will be arrested soon." Speaking about the alleged relationship between the youth and the girl, the official said, "In the past one month, the girl had stopped meeting the boy, and this might have driven him to go to the girl's village to meet her. Her relatives found him in the village and beat him up with wooden sticks and iron rods."

On Thursday, the youth, who was at his father's meat shop in his village, left with a friend, for his brother-in-law's residence in Ankleshwar.

But he did not return to the village in the night, police officials said.

At night, his elder brother allegedly received a call from Atul Vasava, who informed him that locals in the girl's village were beating up his brother.

The elder brother immediately reached the village with his father and found the youth lying on the road in a pool of blood. He had severe injuries on his head, hands and legs, and his new motorcycle was found lying damaged on the road, police said.

The youth was rushed to Jayaben Modi hospital in Bharuch for treatment. On the way, he reportedly told the elder brother that he was beaten up with iron rods and wooden sticks, police said.

The same night, the youth was shifted to Mahavir hospital in Surat, where on Friday morning, he succumbed to his injuries. Sources said that the his body had multiple fractures, on his ribs, both legs and hands, apart from severe injuries on head.

The elder brother had lodged a complaint on Thursday night against Ajay Vasava, Vijay Vasava, Vikas Vasava, Dinesh Vasava, Akshay Vasava, and five others, after which police booked the accused under various Indian Penal Code sections.

After the youth's death on Friday morning, the police added IPC 302 (murder) to the charges and began an investigation in the case.

The news of the youth's death spread quickly through both villages, and the police deployed a large number of personnel to prevent any untoward incidents.

The body of the youth reached his house on Friday afternoon, and villagers and relatives thronged the funeral procession from the youth's house to the burial ground on the village outskirts.

AES outbreak: SC scraps plea for action on doctor shortage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

A PLEA seeking the Supreme Court's intervention to tackle the shortage of doctors in Bihar, in the wake of deaths following the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) outbreak, prompted Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Friday to remark that there was also a shortage of ministers, MPs, water and even sunlight and the court could not be expected to address all these.

The remarks came when the court was hearing a clutch of petitions which pointed to the deficiencies in medical services in the state in the wake of the outbreak and consequent deaths. "There is also a shortage of judges which we are trying to address. There is also a shortage of doctors and nurses, ministers, MPs, water and sunlight. Now you want us to do this?...Forget it," the CJI said.

The bench, also comprising Justice Deepak Gupta, refused to keep the matter pending and asked the petitioners to approach the Patna High Court to redress their grievances.

As one of the petitioners persisted with his argument that there was a 57 per cent shortage of doctors, the CJI added "encephalitis has broken out. Is anyone doing it intentionally?...Encephalitis is a disease. The state has said it is taking steps."

The petitioners had contended that the state and the Centre were neglecting the deaths of children occurring "due to unavailability of medicines, proper care and lack of intensive care units in the hospitals of the area."

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR
INSTITUTE WORKS DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL OFFICE
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. 08/C/D3/2019-20/01
The Superintending Engineer, IWD, IIT Kanpur invites on behalf of Board of Governors of IIT Kanpur online percentage rates tender on single bid system from the Registered contractors of CPWD, BSNL, MES, UPPWD & Central PSUs in appropriate category having experience of Civil works from last 7 years for the following work.

Sl No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Period
1	Construction of prefabricated structure for Yoga Centre at Community Centre Type-II IIT Kanpur	20909746.00	418195.00	6 Months

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I, Sanjay Kumar Chatterjee S/o Sh. Yatishwer Chatterjee R/o E-601, Antriksh Apartment, Dwarka Sector – 4, Plot No.26, N.S.I.T Dwarka, South West Delhi, Delhi – 110078, declares that:
My correct name is Sanjay Kumar Chatterjee but wrongly mentioned as Sanjay Kumar in my Passport No. H2556781.
Also that the correct name of my father is Sh. Yatishwer Chatterjee but wrongly mentioned as Yatishever Chatterjee and my mother name is Smt. Rewati but wrongly mentioned as Smt. Rewati Devi in my passport.
I, hereby, declare that myself Sanjay Kumar Chatterjee and Sanjay Kumar and my father Yatishwer Chatterjee and Yatishever Chatterjee and my mother Smt. Rewati and Smt. Rewati Devi are one and the same person.
This is my true and correct statement.
Deponent
Sanjay Kumar Chatterjee

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that We, Satya Narayanan S/o Sh. Ramakrishnan and Uma Ramachandran W/o Mr. Satya Narayanan both R/o F-124, Second + Third Duplex, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076 owner of DDA Flat No. F-124, Second + Third Duplex, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi, vide DDA File No. F-128 (16)91/SFS/SV/III, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free in DDA. The original document i.e Allocation Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip and NOC Electricity and Water etc., of the above said flat have been lost. An NCR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station.
Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document, June write/contact with above named person at above address / phone No. 9958539993 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-1, D Block 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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General Public is hereby notified my client had entered into an Agreement to sell with Sh. K.P.S. Josh S/o Sh. Rajinder Josh R/o A-76, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 in respect of built up Property No. 76, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 and the Sale Deed in respect of the same is likely to be executed in due course. Public at large is hereby cautioned not to deal with aforesaid Sh. K.P.S. Josh or his Agent/ Attorney with regard to the built up Property No. 76, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 or any part thereof and further not to enter into any transaction/Agreement of any sort in respect of the said property or else he/she/they shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk, cost consequences.
Manjeet Singh Bhamra (Adv.) D/180/06 2/1, 2nd Flr., Furniture Block, Kirti Nagar, ND

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Anand Kishore and his wife Smt. Anita Soni both R/o T-158, UGF, Vishwas Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have severed all their relationships with their son Sanjay Soni and his wife Pramila and grandson Govind debar fron all their properties moveable and immovable (i) H. No. T-158, UGF, Vishwas Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, 50 sq. yds. (ii) H. No. C-982, J.J. Colony, Hastsal, Uttam Nagar, Delhi, 25 sq. yds. And one shop U-13 (admeasuring 75x15 sq.ft.), Bindapur Matiala Road, Delhi, whatsoever and wheresoever situated and also severed all their relations, social and economical, with them for their misbehaviour and adamant attitude. Anybody dealing with them shall be at his/her/their own risks and my client shall not be responsible for the same.
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SANJAY MALIK (Advocate)
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Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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Jaipur's Sawai Man Singh hospital to record patients' religion

Jaipur: Patients in hospitals attached with Jaipur's Sawai Man Singh hospital will now have to register their religion, according to a recent directive issued by the hospital.

The July 12 directive, issued by SMS principal Sudhir Bhandari to nine institutions attached with the hospital, claims that since all the information about patients is not recorded in hospital files, it prevents "work/contact/information/line listing with regard to the patients".

A pre-OPD registration slip, currently used by SMS hospital has also been attached with the letter for reference.

Apart from name, age, gender, address, etc, the slip has a column for religion.

SMS superintendent D S Meena told *The Indian Express*, "Basically, it is collected from a research point of view to collect patient's data comprehensively."

"You need such data — including geography and pattern of a disease — to control it and for research purposes," he said.

"People are moulding it in a wrong way, which is very very disheartening," he added. **ENS**

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11.	HPGCL	2019_HBC_81244_1 NIT NO.279/RGTPP/MM-I/TOE-12349 DT 19.06.2019	CORRIGENDUM-I DUE DATE OF OPENING IS 07.08.2019 UP TO 15:00 HRS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF IMPACT IDLERS AT RGTPP, KHEDAR	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355084358 xenmm1rgtpp@gmail.com
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PERSONAL

I, Rachna Kaur D/o Rajender Singh R/o J-323, Block-J, Old Seemapuri, Delhi have changed my name to Preet Kaur Kalsi. 0040504791-8

I, Rambir Singh R/o Smq- 292/4 HQ WAC(V), AF Camp, Subroto park, New Delhi -110010 have changed my son's name from Reyaalantil to Divyansh Antil vide affidavit dated 12/7/2019 before NCT Delhi. - 0040503782-7

In Some documents my Name & Date of Birth was worngly written as Husan Bin Saad & 14/11/1998 but my Actual Name & Date of birth is Husaan Saad & 14/11/1999.For All Future Purposes I Shall be Known as Husaan Saad S/o Saad Akhtar R/o-D-401, Vrinda City, Sector Pi-IV, Greater Noida,Distt. G.B.Nagar 0040504940-8

I, Shantanu Chaudhary S/o Deepak Kumar Chowdhury R/o V-904, Amrapali Silicon City, Sector-76, Noida, have changed my name from Shantanu Chaudhary to Shantanu Chowdhury for all future purpose. 0040504876-1

I, Catherine & Catherine William Samuel w/o William Samuel R/o 5/16, Ashoka Road, Shipra suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014 are one & the same person Henceforth, I shall be known as by the name Catherine Samuel for all purposes. 0040504876-2

I, Versha, Versha Chaturvedi & Versha Sharma W/o Som Datt Sharma R/o House No 16A/109, HIG Flats, 2nd Floor, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201012. I, inform Versha, Versha Chaturvedi & Versha Sharma are one and same person. 0040504922-1

I, Veena Kumari W/o Achal Sharma R/o House No 16A/109, HIG Flats, 2nd Floor, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad (U.P.) -201012. I have changed my name to Veena Sharma. 0040504910-1

I, Surjeet Kour W/o Manjeet Singh R/o FA/26, First Floor, Mansarover Garden, Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Supreet Kaur. 0040504913-5

I, Sukhdeep Singh S/o Ranbir Singh Sahni R/o E-9, Model Town Part-II, Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Sukhdeep Singh Sahni. 0040504865-1

I, Nikhil Dass S/o Narotam Dass R/o A-1225,GD Colony,Mayur Vihar Phase-3, Delhi, wrongly name written in passport & Bank as Nikhel Dass my correct name known as Nikhil Dass for all future purposes 0040504894-1

I, Mohd. Ahtasham S/o Abdul Nasir R/o-2142, Ahata-Mir Bukhari, Turkman Gate, Delhi-110006. have changed my name to Abram Khan. 0040504913-2

I, S.K Sharma S/o M.P Sharma R/o F1U-149 Ground-Floor Pitampura Delhi-110034 changed my name to Sanjay Sharma. 0040504886-1

I, Roma Dewan D/o Satish Kumar Dewan W/o Ashish Kumar R/o A-401, G.C. Centrum, AhinsaKhand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 have changed my name to Roma Ghai after-marriage. 0040504913-6

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Jagdish Chandra R/o-65 Gali.No.2, West Arjun-Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Gupta for all purposes 0040504886-9

I, Rajiv S/o Harish Kathuria R/o B-5/105, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi have changed my name to Rajeev Kathuria for all purposes. 0040504886-5

I, Raghu Tandon S/o Sh.S.K. Tandon R/o 244, Bank Enclave, Laxmi Nagar, Shakar Pur, Delhi-110092, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Radhika Tandon to Advika Tandon for all purposes. 0040504847-1

I, Priya Resident of WZ-509A Flat No.202, Tower-A Palam Village, South-West Delhi, Delhi-110045, have changed my name from Priya to Priya Singh Vide Affidavit Dated-25.07.2019 At New Delhi. 0040504940-9

I, Preeti Bala D/o Nand Lal R/o-H.No.B-114, Gali No-5, Jaitpur-Extn. Badarpur, New Delhi-110044,have changed my name from PREETI BALA to PRITI BALA.,for all future purposes.I PRITI BALA AND PREETI BALA same and one person. 0040504955-1

I, Preetee Dubey D/o Manmohan Dubey R/O RT-522, Shipra Suncity, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.- 201014, have changed my name to Preeti Dubey videaffidavit dated 1.5.2019. 0130011817-1

I, Prabhjout Kaur D/o S.Amarjeet Singh R/o:C-19A, Fateh-Nagar Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18.Have Changed My Name to Prabhjot Kaur for all Purposes. 0040504899-2

I, Jayshree Deepak Vaidya w/o Shri Deepak Nilkanth Vaidya R/o 603, Gaur Heights, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010, have changed my name from Jayshree Deepak Vaidya to Jayshree Vaidya for all future purposes. 0040504862-1

I, Shajahan G resident of WAC SNCOs' Mess, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10 have changed my son's name from Jakeer Hussain to G Jakeer Hussain vide Affidavit dated 24 July 18 0050152144-1

I, Seema Kumari D/o Sukh Dev Raj Handa R/o-A-134-A Sector-26, Noida Gautambudh Nagar, U.P.have changed my name to Rachna Madhok after-marriage for all purposes. 0040504899-1

I, Santosh Rana D/O Karam Singh Rana R/O-Gurukul Manjhaoli 179, Manjhaoli Faridabad Haryana-121101.Have Changed My Name To Sadhvi Prityananda. 0040504940-7

I, Santosh Kumar Saxena S/o Sh. Lalta Prasad Saxena R/o A-33, Gali No-4, Jagat Puri Ext, Delhi-110093, have changed my Daughter`s name from Vanshita Saxena to Ishika Saxena for all future purposes. 0040504935-1

I, Muskaan D/o Ajay Malik R/o-H-3/57, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Muskaan Malik. 0040504886-6

I, Mohni Kaul W/o Basker Nath Kaul R/o N-18, Rajiv Nagar Extn. Begumpur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Mohini Kaul for all purposes. 0040504886-4

I, Mohd Mohsin D/o Hukmat Ali R/o H.No.1556, JJ Colony, Bawana North West Delhi have changed my name from Jyoti to Mohd Mohsin for all purposes. 0040504887-1

I, Minal Meena D/o Naresh Kumar R/o 31/1 Pant Nagar, Jangpura Extn. ND-14 have changed my name to Minal for all purposes. 0040504913-7

I, Meenakshi Jagga D/o Om Prakash W/o Sachin Arora R/o-49-A Ram-Nagar,Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051.have changed my name to Minakshi Arora for all purposes 0040504886-10

I, Kum Seeta Soori W/o Lalit Uppal R/o S-1/14 Phase-I Budh Vihar Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Doli Uppal. 0040504886-3

I, Kamal, S/o Ramkaran Kasana, R/o H.No.26, Village-Milk Gujran, DLF, Ankur Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP-201102 have changed my name to Kamal Kasana for all purposes 0040504863-1

I, Bhagat Ram Arora S/o Kashi Ram R/o-B-305, Prateek Laurel Apartments, Sector-120, Noida have changed my name to Bhagat Ram. 0040504886-7

I, Aviral S/O Mukesh Kumar R/o 1022, Sector-5, Vasundhara, Gzb., Up-201012, Change My Name To Aviral Ahlawat. 0040504899-3

I, Narendra Pal Joshi S/o Late Shri Mahesh Das joshi R/o 2568, Gali Sharwan Teliwara, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Narinder Pal Joshi for all purpose.May name is wrongly mentioned in may daughter Nikhla joshi 10th class certificat " Narendra Pal Joshi" instead of Narinder Pal Joshi boath are the same person. 0040504879-1

I, Bhaskar Kumar Singh R/o Flat No.10, Akash Ganga Apartment, CGHS Plot No.03, Sector-56, Gurugram, informs that my elder son's name wrongly recorded in school Aman Kumar Singh but his correct name is Aman Singh for all purposes. 0040504887-2

I, Saranya Arun W/O No-15779282f Hav Arun R Nair R/O Parayil(H), Po-S N Puram, Teh & Distt-Kottayam, Kerala-686502 Have Changed My Name From Saranya Arun To Saranya Devi C A For All Future Purposes. 0040504899-4

I, JAMALAUDDIN S/o Basir Khan R/o C-96/1, Gali No.5, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to JAMALUDDIN for all purposes. 0040504846-1

I, Ishan S/o Dharmender Mohan Dogra R/o Flat No-73, JDM Apartments, Sec-5, Plot Number-11, Dwarka, ND-75, have changed my name to Ishaan Dogra. 0040504888-1

I, Deven Kumar S/O Som Nath R/O-878/18 Ghani Pura Rohtak, Haryana-124001 Have Changed My Name To Deven Kathuria. 0040504940-6

I, Davinder Singh S/o Chander Singh R/o-FlatNo.154, Pocket-D, Mayur Vihar Phase-2, Delhi-110091. have changed my name to Devender Singh Yadav. 0040504913-3

I, Chandra Prakash S/o Shiv Kumar R/o-RZG1/41B, Mandir Marg, Mahavir Enclave, Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Chander Parkash. 0040504903-1

I Kismatba Aniruddhsinh Hada Spouse Of Army No.15203330A Rank L/NK,Hada Aniruddhsinh Bhavansinh vill post & TA Himatnagar (GUJ) Have Changed My Name From Jodhadha Kishmat Kimari To Kismatba Aniruddhsinh Hada Vide-Afidavit Date-11/7/2019 Before-Executive Magistrte-Himatnagar. 0040504899-6

I Satnam Singh Bhakad S/o Jarnail Singh R/o-WZ-53-B Plot No-102 Vishnu Garden New-Delhi. have changed my name to Satnam Singh. 0040504913-1

I, Anabela Lopez W/O Linus Mario Lopez R/O-B17/4,N. E.A.Poorvi Marg Rajinder-Nagar Delhi-110060.Have Changed My Name To Anabela Maria Magdalena Mascarenhas. 0040504940-1

I, Alma C.Suman W/o Subhash Chander Suman (S.C.Suman) R/o TU-1 Vishakha Enclave Pitampura Delhi-34, changed my name to Alma Suman. 0040504886-2

I, Ajay Sharma S/O Ganesh Dutt Sharma R/O-401, Virender Nagar, Laxmi-Vihar, Village-Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Ajay Kumar. 0040504955-3

I, Ajay Kumar Tiwari S/o Mathura Prasad R/o 338, Sanfort, Gyan Khand-1, Indirapuram, Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad, UP, have changed my Name Ajay Kumar Tiwari to Ajay Kumar for all future purposes. 0040504858-1

I sapna Jain D/O Late Shri Lakheraj H.No-4304, Gali-Barna Basti-Nandram, Sadar-Bajar, Delhi-110006 Have Changed my Name to Neha Yadav. 0040504940-4

I WANT TO CHANGE MY NAME FROM GANGA PRASAD PANT TO RAJIV PANT FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE R/O 88, 1ST FLOOR, WEST GURU ANGAD NAGAR EXTENSION, LAXMI NAGAR, EAST DELHI. 0110015733-1

I Sunder Singh S/o Shri.Duli Chand R/o-H.No.130, Village-Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi-110074,have Changed my son's name Ravnit to Ravneet Tanwar.,for all Future Purposes. 0040504940-5

I Sajjad Haider S/o Late Nazir Haider R/o V-552, Gali No-18-A, Block-V, Vijay Park, Delhi-110053 inform the my D.O.B. is written as 20/04/1968 in my Passport. That the correct of my D.O.B. is 09/12/1974. 0040504899-8

I Muttabathula Pramila Rani W/O Muthabathula Jacob Dason R/O 213/6, Munirka-Village, Munirka,Delhi-110067. Changed my Name to Muthabathula Pramila Rani. 0040504940-3

I M. Jacob Dason S/O M.Krupadanam R/O-213/6, Munirka-Village, Munirka, Delhi-110067 Have Changed my Name to Muthabathula Jacob Dason. 0040504940-2

I, Jyoti D/o Shri.Kuldeep Singh Negi R/o-RZH-786 Street No.13, Raj-Nagar-II Palam-Colony, New Delhi-110077,have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Negi for all future purposes. 0040504886-8

I, Juliana Mathew w/o Rajesh Chander Bhardwaj r/o 8/2, East Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Rekha Bhardwaj. 0040504856-1

I, Om Parkash @ Akshay Mathur S/o Sh.Rajinder Singh R/o Z-59A, Dayal Sar Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Akshay Mathur for all purposes. 0040504847-2

I, Archana D/O : Hari Chand Gupta, R/o : 100, SFS Hauzkhas Apartments, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016have changed my name to Archana Gupta 0070666791-1

I, Anoop Kumar S/O Shri Ramesh Chandra R/O-C-1, C-Block, 3rd-Floor, Balaji-Comlex, Mandawali, (UNCHE-Par), Delhi-110092.Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Tanay Kumar Verma To Tanay Verma. 0040504899-5

I, Anil kumar S/o Hira Lal Gautam R/o-RZG-832 Rajnagar Part-2, Palam Colony Delhi,have Changed my name to Anil kumar Gautam 0040504854-1

I, Bharat Bhushan Sardana S/o Som Dutt Sardana R/o H.No.175, HBC, Sector-7 Extn., Gurugram that my name is wrongly written as Bharat Sardana in my minor son Manav Sardana aged 16-yrs. 10th-Class marksheet. But my correct name is Bharat Bhushan Sardana. 0040504913-4

I, Sudhkar Barik S/o Sh. Duryodhan Barik, R/o F-103/A, Khanpur Ext., Khanpur, Delhi-110062, inform that my minor son name has wrongly mentioned in birth Certificate & School record (Sidhanta Barik). His actual name is Siddhant Barik. Both names belongs to same person 0040504984-1

I, Sudhkar Barik S/o Sh. Duryodhan Barik, R/o F-103/A, Khanpur Ext., Khanpur, Delhi-110062, inform that my minor daughter name has wrongly mentioned in birth Certificate & School record (Sradhanjali Barik). Her actual name is Shraddhanjali Barik. Both names belongs to same person 0040504991-1

I, Alia Saeed W/o Mohd. Mujahid Ahmed R/o.16-B, Pocket-B, Sidharth-Extension, New Delhi-110014.hereby clarify that my mother's name was incorrectly written as Muzhat Begum in my Passport. Her correct name is Nuzhat Begum. 0040504899-9

I Army No.15203330A Rank L/NK,Hada Aniruddhsinh Bhavansinh vill post & TA Himatnagar (GUJ) I am Convinceed That My Son's Name From Rajvardhansinh To Rajvardhansinh Aniruddhsinh Hada Vide Afidavit Date 23/7/2019 Before Executive Magistrte Gandhinagar. 0040504899-7

LOST & FOUND

I, Poorni Devi W/o Ganga Jal Sharma R/o I-7/72 Sector -16, Rohini have lost my original relinquishment Deed dated 09.08.2019 of I-7/72 Sector -16 Rohini, Finder Please inform above said address 0040504931-1

It is notified for the information that our original-Shares certificates Of Eicher-Motors, Folio no.50302, Certificate no.45789, Dist.No.4595361 To 4595460, Share-Holders, Kuldip Kumar Anand & Kamla Rani Anand Delhi,if anybody found-please contact-91-8130253031. 0040504940-12

I, Kailash Chandra Joshi S/o Late N D Joshi R/o E1203, Nirala Eden Park, Indrapuram, Ahinsha Khand2, Ghaziabad, UP, have lost my office bag contains my all educational certificates, Wallet, Credit Card, Debit Card and other Documents on 27th June 2019. Finder Contact: 9899976392 0040504885-1

Public Notice

I, Yogesh bala D/o Lt.Banwari lal sharma R/o C-146, Delhi Administration flats Sindhora kalan Delhi-110052 do here by disowned his son Bharat Sharma and his wife Sunita Sharma.I have Debarred and disowned them from all my movable non movable properties. any body dealing with them in his/ her own risk. I shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to public at large that my clients: Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Birbal Singh and his wife Smt. Asha Rani Dogra both R/o B-6, 355, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have disowned their son namely Sh. Ajay Dogra, daughter-in-law namely Smt. Shelly Dogra and grandson namely Mst. Viraaj Dogra from their lives owing to bad behavior and intolerable conduct, particularly by Sh. Ajay Dogra and Smt. Shelly Dogra, towards them. My clients debar aforesaid persons from all of their properties and estate, movable or immovable situated within or outside the territory of Delhi, and severe all their relations with said persons as they are not loyal and under the control of my clients. My clients and their family shall not be responsible for any act, deed and thing whatsoever, done by aforesaid persons or by their agent(s), assignee(s) & legal representative(s) on their behalf w.e.f. today.

ABHIMANYU CHAUHAN (Advocate)
(M) 9810622241

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुवक्किलों श्री धर्मपाल सिंह पुत्र श्री तेज राम सिंह एवं श्रीमती रेशम देवी पत्नी श्री धर्मपाल सिंह, पता-मकान नंबर-22, गली नंबर-4, ए-2 ब्लॉक, वेस्ट संत नगर, बुराड़ी दिल्ली-110084 (मो.-9718318123) ने अपने पुत्र रविन्द्र सिंह को अपनी समस्त चल व अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करके उस से अपने सभी पारिवारिक सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर लिए हैं। उसके किसी लेन-देन तथा लड़ाई-झगड़े का मेरे मुवक्किल जिम्मेदार नहीं होंगे और उनसे ताल्लुक रखने वाला खुद जिम्मेदार होगा।

राम कुमार (अधिवक्ता)
सीट नं. 49-50,
सैन्ट्रल हाल,
तीस हजारी कोर्ट, दिल्ली-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public at large that my client; Vijay Kumar and his wife Smt. Suman both R/o. 2892/35, Shinghara Chowk, Qutub Road, Delhi GPO North, Delhi -110006 hereby declaring/ debarring/ disowning their son Manoj Kumar and his wife Smt. Preeti and their son Vansh and also grandson namely Parth S/o. Praveen Kumar from their life, properties and state, moveable or immoveable situated in Delhi or outside of Delhi and severed all their relations with her because they are not loyal and under the control of my clients. My clients and their family will not be responsible for any act, deed and thing done by the abovenamed person since today.

SANAVVAR ALI RAJPUT-ADVOCATE
K-28, Near Gate No.2,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -54

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुवक्किलान श्री गिरीश कुमार गुप्ता पुत्र स्व श्री ए पी गुप्ता, एवं उनकी पत्नी श्रीमती सुकेशी गुप्ता, निवासीगण फ्लैट नं.-GA-0208, एसोटेक विंडसर कोर्ट, सैक्टर-78 नौएडा, गौतमबुद्धनगर उत्तर प्रदेश, ने अपने पुत्र रजत गुप्ता को उसके दुर्व्यवहार के कारण अपनी चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर संबंधविच्छेद कर लिये हैं, भविष्य में उसके किसी भी कृत्य के लिए मेरे मुवक्किलान व उनके परिवार जिसमें उनकी पुत्री, दामाद, भाई, बहन, माँ इत्यादि का कोई सरोकार नही होगा।

हस्ता./-
रेनु अग्रवाल, (अधिवक्ता)
D/25/2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate (s) for 110 Equity Shares under Folio No.01111558 Certificate No/s 2695, 51852 having Distinctive Nos. 277456-277510, 288841675-288841729 IN HEXAWARE Technologies Limited (Name of the Co.) standing in the name(s) of Sachin Mahajan has/have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has/have applied to the company to issue duplicate Certificate(s) for the aforesaid shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the company at its Registered office 152, Millennium Business Park, Sector-LLL, 'A' block, TTC Industrial Area, New Mumbai Maharashtra-400710 within 21 days from this date else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate(s).

Date - 27.7.2019 — Name(s) of Shareholder(s)
Place New Delhi — Sachin Mahajan

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Surender singh malik and my wife sumesh malik r/o house no. 2 munirka kunj deenpur najafgarh New Delhi 110043 are disowning my son aniruddh malik and his wife garima malik along with grand son nivaan malik because of their wrong attitude and behaviour towards family.

We declare to everyone that hereafter if any one deals with them they are solely responsible. We have no liability towards them.

Advocate: Kishore Purohit
D-408, Karkardooma Court,
Delhi-110032.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ON BEHALF OF MAXHEIGHTS TOWNSHIP & PROJECTS PVT. LTD. having its registered office at SD-65, Tower Apartment, Main Pitampura Road, New Delhi.

The general public is hereby informed that on basis of documents submitted by Sh. Rajat Nayyar S/o Lt. Sh. Shashi Nayyar R/o H. No. 453, Sector-4, R.K. Puram, Delhi-110022, the developer M/s Maxheights Township & Projects Pvt. Ltd. is transferring the said Unit No. D-031 Maxheights Metroview Apartment, Sector-35, Jatheri Sonepat Haryana in favour of legal heirs left behind by Lt. Smt. Shashi Nayyar.

1. Mr. Rajat Nayyar (Son)
2. Mr. Rohit Nayyar (Son)
3. Mrs. Ruchi Nayyar (Daughter)

If any person has any objection/ claim on the said property they may file his/her claim/objection within 10 days to the Company, failing which no such objection/ claim will be entertained after the expiry of said period.

Kshitij Sharda (Advocate)
285, Lawyer Chambers, Block-II,
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दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, हमीरपुर, पत्रांक सं.- 328/ **वि.वि.म.ह./ पी-1 (प्रकाशन)/ निविदा/** 2019-20, **दिनांक-** 24/07/2019 **अल्पकालीन (ई-निविदा)** निविदा खुलने की तिथि एवं निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य सभी विवरण ई-प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in एवं निगम की वेबसाइट https://dvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध है। 1. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 16/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** सहायक अभियन्ता (आई.टी.) विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हमीरपुर के प्रयोग हेतु एक वाहन मय चालक उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। 2. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 17/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र मौदहा द्वितीय, इचौली एवं बिवांर में पूर्ण जमा योजना के अन्तर्गत लाइन का निर्माण कार्य। 3. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 18/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र मौदहा द्वितीय, एवं सिसोलर में क्षतिग्रस्त परिवर्तकों को बदलने का कार्य। 4. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 19/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड मौदहा में सी.सी.टी.वी. कैमरे स्थापित करने का कार्य। 5. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 20/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया में 33 के.वी. लाइनों के मरम्मत का कार्य। 6. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 21/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया में 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 7. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 22/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया में 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 8. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 23/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया में 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 9. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 24/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया लाइनों अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 10. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 25/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 33/11 के.वी. विद्युत उपकेन्द्र पौथिया में 11 के.वी. लाइन के अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मत का कार्य। 11. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 26/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड राठ की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड राठ के अन्तर्गत मीटरों को बाहर स्थापित करने का कार्य। 12. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 27/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड राठ की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड सरीला के अन्तर्गत मीटरों को बाहर स्थापित करने का कार्य। 13. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 28/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड राठ की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड राठ के मीटरों को बदलने का कार्य। 14. **ई-निविदा संख्या- 29/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का विवरण:** विद्युत वितरण खण्ड राठ की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड सरीला के मीटरों को बदलने का कार्य। **''राष्ट्रीय हित में बिजली बचायें'' (राजेन्द्र प्रसाद), अधीक्षण अभियन्ता।**

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उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई- निविदा संख्या टी-38/2019-20 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 03.08.2019 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। ''राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएं''। साधारण बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें''।** कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic पर विस्तार में सभी सूचना, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। **पत्रांक** 1337 **वि.पा.मं./ग्रे.ना./T-38/2019-20 दिनांक:-** 25.07.2019

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 19/2019-2020 (SHORT TENDER NOTICE)

Online E-tenders in 'B-1' Forms are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 2, "Bandhkam Sankul" Civil Lines, Nagpur for the following works from the registered contractor who satisfy the qualifying criteria. The tender documents should be downloaded from the Government Website https://mahatenders.gov.in The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders. Conditional tenders will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rupees in Lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Construction of Minor Bridge on Daheli Pohi Rama Sonegaon Mohgaon Kawatha Dudha Dhawalpeth road Km. 0/600 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.90.00 Lakh
2	B.T. Renewal Narkhed Ghubadmet Zilpa Saoner road S.H. 335 Km. 49/00 to 51/00 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt.Nagpur	Rs.80.00 Lakh
3	Improvement to road in Jija Mata Nagar Mouza Kharbi (V.R. 242) Km. 3/00 to 3/900 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.79.99 Lakh
4	Construction of Minor Bridge and Improvement on Besa Pipla Dattadham Nagar (V.R.239) Km. 0/00 to 0/800 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.79.94 Lakh
5	Improvement to Kelwad Saoner Bazargaon Yerangaon road (SH-336) Km. 57/00 to 58/550 in Tahasil Hingna & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.75.00 Lakh
6	Improvement to road in Mouza Kharbi Jija Mata Nagar to Bahadura road (V.R. 242) Km. 6/00 to 6/900 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.74.96 Lakh
7	Construction of Cement Concrete and Gutter from Sindi (Umari) to Masora road (V.R. 36) Km. 0/00 to 0/500 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt.Nagpur	Rs.70.46 Lakh
8	S.T. and B.T. Bawangaon road (V.R.70) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.69.98 Lakh
9	Improvement to road in Mouza Kharbi Jija Mata Nagar (Shrawan Nagar) to Tarodi (Khu.) road (V.R. 242) Km. 4/700 to 5/500 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.64.98 Lakh
10	S.T.B.T. to Sawargaon Narkhed Mowad Pusala road (S.H.310) Km. 24/00 to 24/200 in Tahasil Narkhed Distt.Nagpur	Rs.60.00 Lakh
11	Strengthening of Champa Borgaon road (V.R.145) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.60.00 Lakh
12	Construction of Nagpur Rural Tahasil Minor Bridge on Daheli Pohi Rama Sonegaon Mohgaon Kawatha Dudha Dhawalpeth road Km. 2/600 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.60.00 Lakh
13	Construction of Sabkund to Bilawargondi road (V.R.130) in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs. 50.00 Lakh
14	Construction of Bokhara Chakkikhapa (Balance Length 2.00) ODR-86 Km.0/00 to 1/500 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
15	Construction of Bhadangi to Sindi road (V.R.19) in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur Km. 1/300 to 2/800	Rs.50.00 Lakh
16	Construction of Tishti (Bu.) to Gondi Mohagaon road in Km. 0/00 to 3/00 Km. (V.R.99) in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
17	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Kharbi Kargil Nagar Power Sub. Station (in Hanuman Temple) towards Shri Shankar Hedau to Rakhunde Nagar ((V.R.242) Km. 0/.00 to 0/600 Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
18	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Kharbi Mungsaji Maharaj Bridge to Teacher Colony Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
19	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Kharbi from Teacher Colony Hanuman Temple to Raut Nagar ((V.R.101/242) in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
20	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Kharbi from Sumit Nagar to Kharbi Bahadura ((V.R.104/242) in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
21	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Kharbi from Garib Nawaj Square to Chamat Sabhagruha and Mouza Beltarodi Sushil Co-Opp. Society passing road from main road ((V.R.234/242) in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.50.00 Lakh
22	S.T.B.T. Mohagaon (Bhadade) to Gondi Mohgaon and Jatamzari road Km. 0/00 to 2/00 (V.R.36) in Tahasil Narkhed Distt.Nagpur	Rs.49.86 Lakh
23	Construction of B.T. Renewal Pipla (Kewalram) Tishti (Bu.) to S.H.335 to Tishti (Khu.) Nandikheda to S.H.349 Jirola Kokarda Kanyadol S.H.336 Khumari to S.H.,349 road (MDR-99) Km. 14/00 to 15/500 in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur	Rs.45.00 Lakh
24	Construction of Cement Concrete road in Mouza Bahadura New Bhagwati Nagar Pandhurna road . in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.42.00 Lakh
25	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Bahadura Maa Durga Nagar V.R.43 and V.R.106 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.42.00 Lakh
26	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Bahadura Shree Nagar V.R.243 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.42.00 Lakh
27	Construction of road R.C.W. Anjangaon Hatala to Kukadi Panjara road (V.R.43) Km. 1.50 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
28	S.T.B.T. to Itangoti Sawarmendha road Km. 3/300 to 4/500 (ODR-56) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
29	Construction of R.C.W. on Susundri Deoli Mohapa road near Shri Shami Sheikh (V.R.81) in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
30	Construction Nilgaon to Dhapewada road (V.R.56) in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
31	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Gonhisim Jaihind Nagar to towards Tek of City (V.R.240) Km. 1/00 to 1/500 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
32	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Gonhisim Vinoba Nagar to PMBS. Collage road (V.R.115 and 240) Km. 2/00 to 2/500 Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
33	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Gonhisim from Pawan Putra Nagar Ward No.1 Gargoti V.R.240 Km. 3/00 to 3/500 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
34	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Besai Om Hardware to Jayanti Nagar road towards Beltarodi (V.R.237 & 238) in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
35	Construction of Cement Concrete road from Mouza Beltarodi towards Arjun Park V.R.234 Km. 0/800 to 1/300 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.40.00 Lakh
36	S.T.B.T. to Narsala Pendhari Jalalkheda Jakheda road (V.R.25) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.39.90 Lakh
37	Construction of road Besa from Cement Concrete main road to Sanskruti Society V.R.237 & 238 Km. 1/00 to 0/500 in Tahasil & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.39.00 Lakh
38	S.T.B.T. to Yerangaon to Patansawangi road (V.R.133) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.35.00 Lakh
39	Construction of Itangoti to Borgaon Pandan road (V.R.145) in Tahasil Saoner Distt.Nagpur	Rs.35.00 Lakh
40	Construction of Nagpur Rural Tahasil Yerala Chicholi Khadgaon road ODR-42 (Balance Work) km. 3/00 to 4/500 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.34.96 Lakh
41	Improvement to Mouza Khandala to Mouza Pardi road in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt.Nagpur	Rs.30.00 Lakh
42	Construction of Sawandri to Elkapar to Pardi road ODR-46 in Tahasil Kalmeshwar Distt.Nagpur	Rs.30.00 Lakh
43	Improvement to Yenwa to Chikhali road V.R.17 Km. 1/500 to 2/00 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.25.00 Lakh
44	Improvement of Panchwati to Sirsawadi road V.R.07 Length 1.50 Km. in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.23.33 Lakh
45	Improvement of Sabkund to Bilawargondi road ODR-130 Km. 0/00 to 1/280 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.20.00 Lakh
46	Improvement to Miniwada to Aakewada road ODr-42 Km. 0/500 to 1/060 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.20.00 Lakh
47	Improvement to Sirsawadi to Wadhona road V.R.290 Km. 0/00 to 0/500 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.20.00 Lakh
48	Improvement to Raulgaon to Pohi road V.R.55 Km. 0/200 to 0/700 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.20.00 Lakh
49	Construction of Pardi Dhawalapur road with C.D. Work V.R.41 Length Km. in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.19.82 Lakh
50	Renovation of Dingargaon to Wadhona road V.R. 240 Length 1.50 Km. in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.18.00 Lakh
51	Improvement to Linga to Sawali road V.R.59 Km. 0/00 to 0/900 in Tahasil Katol Distt.Nagpur	Rs.14.99 Lakh

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3. For any correspondence contact. Above mention e-mail & Telephone No.

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Outward No. 3422/Tender/Dt. 22/7/2019

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Tender No. Date	83-DRM-MB-19-20 Date : 25.07.2019
Name of Work	Hiring of one no. Multi utility vehicle (Toyota Innova, Tata Safari Storme, Mahindra XUV 500, or similar) on monthly basis for official use of Sr. DEN/III/MB for the period of two years.
Tender Closing Date Time	22.08.2019 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 12,21,597.12
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs.24400.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	2000.00
Bidding Start Date	08.08.2019
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E-Tender Notice No. DBWS/NIET-16/ 2019-20 Dated: 24-07-2019. "Open Tender" through E-Tendering system are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Name of the Work:** Reconditioning work in POH coaches at Dibrugarh Workshop. **Approximate Cost of the work:** ₹ 69,24,594/- Inclusive of GST @18%; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,38,500/-; **Date and Time of closing** of Tender at 13.00 hrs. on 14-08-2019. **Date and Time of opening** of Tender at 15.30 hrs. on 14-08-2019. The complete information about the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto **13.00 hrs.** of **14-08-2019** in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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TENDER NOTICE
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Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1287 Dated : 26.07.2019

S. N.	Name of work with its Location	App cost of the work (in Rs.)	Tender Inviting Officer Address	Tender Document Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Date & Time for closed of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
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'To counter BJP, Oppn will have to choose their audience, their story, and their star narrator'

What role did the 'Modi magic' play in the 2019 election? Will OBC politics that emerged in the post-Mandal era survive the ascendant Hindutva project? What should regional parties be doing now to remain relevant in the national arena? In these Explained Conversations held after the Lok Sabha polls, *The Indian Express* editors Vandita Mishra and Ravish Tiwari spoke to political analysts Sanjay Kumar and Suhas Palshikar in New Delhi and Mumbai.

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Clockwise from the top: Kumar in conversation with Tiwari and Mishra; the engaged audience at the Express Explained Conversation in New Delhi and Mumbai, respectively, last month. (Left) Palshikar explains why he thinks regional parties will fail to present a counter to the BJP in the near future.

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On the fate of caste identity politics after the 2019 verdict:

SANJAY KUMAR: There is a lot of debate whether the verdict means the end of caste politics in India, whether it means an end to Mandal politics. However, I would hesitate to agree to this, despite caste politics having mellowed down a bit.

Looking at the voting at either the state or nationally, while there has been caste-based support, the base of political parties has softened a little bit. We have witnessed that there is a shift from different caste communities towards the BJP more than what happened in 2014.

In the case of Yadavs, we do not see them moving away from the Samajwadi Party, RJD, or other parties in a big way. What has happened is that their hold over that particular caste has diminished a little bit. If we look at the OBC votes, except for the Yadavs and upper dominant crust of OBCs, there is a movement in favour of the BJP. However, looking at Dalits, we can say that Mayawati or BSP is no longer a party of Dalits, since they do not command support among all the Dalits in UP. While a large number of Jatavs do vote for Mayawati's BSP, there has been a big movement of non-Jatav Dalits in favour of BJP. As regards the upper caste vote, 40% to 50% of upper castes used to vote for BJP over the last several elections. In this election, this share has gone up to 61%.

SUHAS PALSHIKAR: No, [the verdict] does not mark the end of identity politics, but it does mark the accommodation of those identities into the Hindu identity. Both this and the 2014 election signifies this new accommodation and creation of a larger mega identity which is not an antagonist relationship as many of its critics believed it to be with these other identities.

So, in a sense, this new politics of identity emerging now that they are in power has subsumed these various identities in it and it has shown this flexibility and capacity to consume these identities without being antagonistic.

On the transition from Mandal to Kamandal, and the resurgence of the upper castes:

KUMAR: Yes, when we look at the composition of various state Assembly elections in different states or even Parliament, there was a time when Lalu Yadav in Bihar and Mulayam Singh Yadav in UP were among the people who were commanding the politics in their states. Hence, the profile of elected representatives in the Lok Sabha was very different, and we were able to see people from marginalised communities including the OBCs.

Looking at the 2019 elections, if one looks at the caste profile, there are more MPs from an upper-caste background. Even if you look at the BJP's leadership, barring a few, the important leaders of BJP with their caste composition were able to get votes of various caste and communities, including a large number of votes from Dalits and Adivasis.

PALSHIKAR: This is quite a complicated process that is happening both ways: the way that observers look at the project of Hindutva and how the Hindutva project has redefined itself constantly. Both are happening simultaneously. While we have been saying that Hindutva is a Brahmanical force, in pop sociological terms it means that most leaders of the BJP are from upper castes.

The question is who are BJP's endorsers, who are their voters? Today around 40% of OBCs vote for the BJP, if we go by national election studies. More than 35% Adivasis vote for the BJP. Therefore, this assumption that because the BJP's Hindutva project was started by certain Brahmanical intentions, it will always remain so, is a wrong assumption.

Those who have [even] a cursory introduction to the BJP's politics, know that this began changing officially with RSS Sarsanghchalak Balasaheb Deoras around the 1970s making the first move. Of the two moves that he made, first was that in sociological and ideological terms the [RSS] needed to reach out and incorporate more sections from the Hindu society. Secondly, that there was a need to step out and become political, and not contain itself within the cultural realm.

By the 1980s and 1990s, not only in Maharashtra but also in Madhya Pradesh and UP, a large number of leaders of the BJP were actually coming from what we call the OBCs today, something on which Christophe Jaffrelot has done a lot of work. This is the period of transition through which the Hindutva project changes, as far as its followers are concerned.

As a result of this, the Hindutva project then begins conflating the idea of being a religious Hindu and what it means to be a religious Hindu, and the idea of Hindutva-based politics.

We keep making the distinction between Hinduism as a religion and Hindutva as a political ideology, which is correct. However, the Hindutva project has tried to bridge that distinction. As a result, they have become broad-based and their political project has also become much broader than what it was earlier.

This has facilitated the support of various non-upper caste communities for the BJP and their politics since 1992. There is a sense of déjà vu there because whatever we're saying today started happening in the Vajpayee, Advani and Pramod Mahajan era. It was in the late 1990s that one could observe the OBCs moving towards the BJP. They could do so because various sections of the society then realised that the Hindutva project wasn't necessarily against their symbolic cultural or material interests.

On the impact of Narendra Modi's image on the election:

KUMAR: Modi's image is made of a bharosa or trust that people had in him, it has appeared from our survey.

The trust in his ability to deliver, about his honesty -- that this is a man who may make some mistakes, but his intentions are right. That he does not want anything for himself, and that he is not corrupt.

If there are a hundred people who say we trust Modi for whatsoever reasons, the biggest proportion among them would be those who believe that he is an honest man.

PALSHIKAR: India's politics has traditionally been structured around strong leaders. Post Indira Gandhi, while there was no strong leader at the top, it is no coincidence that precisely at that point (1984), you have regional leaders emerging and becoming regionally so strong that they were revered, such as N T Rama Rao. Then you have Lalu Prasad, and the rise of Bal Thackeray as the leader in Maharashtra also happens around the same time. While Thackeray had definitely been a popular and dominant leader of the Mumbai-Thane belt, his leadership spread its appeal by the end of the 1990s decade. So, if you look at this period, you will find that this craving for leadership was in a sense satisfied by these leaders at the local level.

Apart from this, the other reasons from the past 25 years have to be looked at taking into cognizance the issues that arose, and the way society was structured post-liberalisation.

Among large sections of the society, there is a sense that they are either victims or failures, and this feeling has to be compensated. This compensation can come only through the image of a strong leader. Probably, this is how Modi's appeal, his opposition and caricaturing of Manmohan Singh, brought out that element. Suddenly, people realized that there is now a strong leader who we need.

As I have argued, more than 40% today, or four out of every 10 persons, say that India needs a strong leader who doesn't have to bother about elections, competition, etc. There is this deep tension between our democratic aspirations on one hand and the aspiration that India needs a strong leader. This tension is being represented over the past five years.

On how regional parties may have to recalibrate vis-à-vis the national elections to counter the BJP:

KUMAR: While there has been a big setback for regional parties, we must also remember that whatever resistance the BJP has faced, it is from the regional parties. Look at what has happened in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal -- the resistance is because of a regional party. In Tamil Nadu, both DMK and AIADMK are regional parties. Where there was a direct contest between the Congress and BJP, the BJP won handsomely.

I believe that regional parties need to have a different narrative when they contest the 2024 election. They must come out of family-based politics.

These parties have become synonymous with family-based politics. Irrespective of whether they have been successful or not, most of the regional parties are in the hands of one dominant family. They now need to think of a new narrative and allow others to take the mantle of the party and take it forward. The message for regional parties is that they cannot keep the party as a hostage for one family.

PALSHIKAR: I do not see the regional parties presenting a counter to the BJP even in the near future, including the DMK. I have always been somewhat sceptical about the mantle of protecting diversity and secularism in this country being placed on regional parties, notwithstanding the important role played by them historically.

This, therefore, means that the responsibility of countering the BJP falls on the shoulders of the Congress -- which does not want to shoulder this responsibility. So we are in this very awkward situation where the Congress would probably want the other parties to take the lead, although it would be necessary that such a counter has to come nationally.

Any opposition, any counter that emerges will have to address three issues.

One, which social section is your initial important vehicle? Whether it is going to be the backward classes, whether it is going to be the urban poor, whether it is going to be the farmers -- there seems to be a kind of vacillation on this among the opposition.

The second would be the question of diversity, and for far too long, politicians have been prisoners of a wrong vocabulary of observers and commentators, namely communalism and secularism. They should be talking of diversity, because in the Indian context, diversity is democracy. Now, how do you politically theorize this and strategize it is what would require political acumen, and political parties would have to grapple with that.

And the third, which is the case with the BJP, and where the BJP has been the game-changer: you not only have to be the listeners of the story, but you will also have to be the storyteller.

The opposition, to pose a counter, will need to think of who is going to be their audience, what story they are going to tell them, and who is going to be the star narrator. And the sooner they do this, I believe that competitive politics would bounce back. If the process is delayed, competitive politics will become much more intrigued, shallow, and probably more prolonged with this dominance of one-party system.

(Transcribed by Om Marathe. Edited excerpts)

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

LOOK, THERE'S NO METAPHYSICS ON EARTH LIKE CHOCOLATES.

— FERNANDO PESSOA

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

UNCERTAIN AGAIN

To attract investors, government needs to ensure consistency and predictability of economic policies

THE RECENT ECONOMIC Survey made a strong case for reducing uncertainty in economic policy. Investors, both domestic and foreign, favour consistent and predictable policy regimes. As the Survey noted, "surges in economic policy uncertainty increase the systematic risk, and thereby the cost of capital in the economy. As a result, higher economic policy uncertainty lowers investment, especially because of the irreversibility of investment." The Survey also pointed out that policy uncertainty has steadily declined in India since the days when the term "policy paralysis" dominated public discourse. Recent events seem to have, unfortunately, reversed the trend.

Take, for instance, the tax proposals in the Union budget. In an attempt to raise resources, the finance minister proposed to increase the income tax surcharge on super rich individuals and association of persons (AOPs). As many foreign portfolio investors are structured as AOPs, limited liability partnerships or trusts, the proposal effectively increased the tax liability of foreign investors as well. Faced with a backlash, the government reportedly considered issuing a clarification on the matter. But, later on, it stood its ground, instead advising FPIs to structure themselves as corporate entities. Amid the confusion, foreign investors pulled out thousands of crores in the weeks thereafter. Another such proposal was the decision to raise tariffs on several import items, with a view to protecting the domestic industry. The decision marks a departure from the post-1991 trend of a gradual lowering of tariffs — hardly a positive signal to send, especially at a time when India aims for greater integration with global supply chains. Such unpredictable tax policies, driven by short-term revenue considerations, will have long-term repercussions.

Another example is that of the proposal to raise a part of the government's borrowing through foreign currency loans. The domestic bond market welcomed the move, notwithstanding concerns raised by former RBI governors. Bond yields fell by more than 30 basis points in the weeks following the announcement. But the manner in which the top bureaucrat of the finance ministry, who was reportedly spearheading the initiative, was shifted out of the ministry, and his subsequent decision to seek voluntary retirement, only fuels speculation. While there has been no official announcement on the bond issuance following the bureaucratic reshuffle, the uncertainty surrounding it has pushed bond yields by as much as 12 basis points. Such uncertainty undermines the ability of investors to take informed decisions. Reducing policy uncertainty is critical for maintaining the country's attractiveness as an investment decision, else capital will simply move elsewhere. The government would do well to pay heed to its chief economic adviser.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Undertaking reforms in the spirit of the Kargil committee report will be the best tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives

INDIA AND PAKISTAN had fought three wars before the Kargil War 20 years ago: In 1948, 1965 and 1971. But there was something different about the Kargil War. The two countries had become declared nuclear weapon states in 1998, a war was never formally declared in 1999 and it ended without a ceasefire, as in 1948 or 1965, or a surrender document, as in 1971. Moreover, it was limited to about a 150-km frontage of the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government by choice, contrary to what Lal Bahadur Shastri did in 1965 when he chose to open a front in Punjab. Fought in the full glare of the media, it was a war which captured the Indian imagination. As it occurred during the 1999 election campaign, the military victory was closely enmeshed with the political narrative of the period.

In late 1998, four generals in Pakistan conspired to launch intrusions on the LoC in the Kargil-Dras sector for the purpose of internationalising the Kashmir issue — remember, this was before 9/11 — and cutting the India lifeline to Siachen glacier. By the first four months of 1999, Pakistani soldiers established approximately 140 posts and pickets. The intrusions went undetected till early May when they were grossly underestimated by the Army, which thus pushed soldiers piecemeal, leading to heavy losses with no breakthrough in the initial stages. The army eventually pushed more than 30,000 soldiers in the area, flooded it with Bofors guns and attained some initial success as the Indian Air Force was also brought in. Eventually half of the Pakistani pickets and posts were captured by the Indian military. Under huge global diplomatic pressure, Pakistan vacated the rest of the posts, which almost restored the status quo ante.

In the final analysis, it was a humiliating military and diplomatic loss for Pakistan. While it is true that Pakistan achieved initial tactical surprise, it failed abysmally when confronted by a determined Indian military. Globally, Pakistan came to be seen as an irresponsible country despite possessing nuclear weapons. The Kargil war also punctured the Pakistani myth that no conventional conflict was possible under a nuclear umbrella. It demonstrated that there was enough space for a limited conflict, and that principle has only been buttressed since, as seen at Balakot. Pakistan refused to learn the lessons but India established a review committee under K Subrahmanyam and followed up on most of the recommendations. Twenty years on, undertaking reforms in the spirit of the Kargil review committee to prepare for the challenges for the future will be the best tribute to the 527 soldiers who lost their lives on the icy heights of Kargil.

30 PER CENT LESS

Cadbury's Dairy Milk has a diet version. What a travesty

CHOCOLATE, MILK, SUGAR. For 114 years, the three ingredients — in the right proportion — have been a source of comfort and delight for millions. But now, in the country of its birth, Dairy Milk, the flagship product from Cadbury, has been diluted by precisely 30 per cent. Diet Dairy Milk, launched last week and described as an "innovation" by its manufacturers, has been described more aptly by Britons chagrined at the desecration of the most basic of confections. The diluted chocolate is, in fact, a travesty.

The ostensible reason behind the "innovation" is the British government's plan to reduce sugar in snacks by 20 per cent in the next year in a bid to combat childhood obesity. But, given that the diet chocolate is smaller, and costs as much, the motive behind it might be more than purely altruistic. Then there's the fact that the Dairy Milk is Britain's version of apple pie: It was a taste of home for soldiers campaigning on distant shores during the World Wars; a simple combination of flavours, unpretentious and meant for the masses, unlike its German and Swiss counterparts.

The fact that the people taking the decisions at Cadbury are now American — the company was bought by the US giant, Mondelez International — may have something to do with this apparent disregard for the subtle tastes of history and culture. Since it took over in 2010, Mondelez has tinkered, in its appetite for change, with the Crème Egg and had earlier "rounded out" the corners of the Dairy Milk. Perhaps someone needs to point out to them that chocolate, even when reduced by a third, is not likely to be a diet food. Meanwhile, it is likely that the trans-Atlantic "innovation" will reach India just in time for the festive season. Imagine saying during Diwali, "kuchh meetha ho jaye, par 30 per cent kam".

Politics of a different kind

Why it is important to invoke Gopala Gowda in these politically unhinged times in Karnataka

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU

IF YOU RUMMAGE through the 1972 proceedings of the Karnataka Assembly, you'll discover an intervention related to Shantaveri Gopala Gowda. He was a Socialist leader and a three-time member of the House, who had passed away in June that year. The intervention, which sounds more like petitioning Chief Minister Devaraj Urs, is made by H D Deve Gowda, the then Leader of Opposition. He says Gopala Gowda's family is in fragile economic health, and as colleagues, they had a duty towards the family. Urs, a mentee of Gopala Gowda, responds positively.

What was a simple act of fraternal concern 48 years ago has great significance today.

Gopala Gowda, an associate of Ram Manohar Lohia, was an influential figure in Karnataka politics in the 1950s and '60s. He had sparked a new wave of idealism. He not only inspired farmer movements, social justice ideas, renaming of the state, land reforms, but, as an intellectual lodestar, became an intrepid and anarchic protagonist for writers like Gopalakrishna Adiga (Jana Sangh LS candidate in 1971), UR Ananthamurthy and P Lankesh. In fact, Ananthamurthy wrote *Awaste*, a novel largely based on his life.

Why is it important to summon Gopala Gowda in these politically unhinged times in Karnataka? Does he have the power to offer a corrective? The answer is unreservedly in the negative. But it plays a trick on the minds of the people. His penury offers a glorious contrast to today's Karnataka legislators who are being measured in dollar millions. He functions as a convenient instrument to measure the slide of intent and values in public life. Never mind that Gowda himself was not a norm in his times, but an exception.

This decontextualised resurrection of memory is a kind of hope-medicine. It calms the guilt-filled moral nerves by inducing a message that it is possible to restore order, it is possible to regain poise, and it is possible to recover idealism. It helps to rebuild the campaign to vote again. It helps to put democracy on a clever loop.

Perhaps this was why the sanctimonious Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly, K R Ramesh Kumar, more than once made Gopala Gowda a totem, and told what he imagined as his degenerate audience: "Is this the same House that once had the likes of Gopala Gowda? A simple, honest man, committed for the cause of the people. He never became a chief minister or a minister. He never sat on the treasury benches. But see what you are fighting for?" To this sermon, he added: "People are watching, everything is going live, everything is going on record, you are being exposed." This last sentence became a refrain through the proceedings.

The entire trust vote deliberations that were being telecast live on local channels were like a public trial of a politician's probity. As the alluring details of private jets ferrying rebel legislators to a Mumbai hideout did the rounds, the only thing that one saw BS Yeddyurappa, the puppeteer-in-chief of the defection drama, do, was reluctantly press ear phones to his cheeks. It made one wonder what message echoed in his ears, and what noise was cancelled out.

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The BJP's entire floor strategy was flawed. Even as Congress-JDS legislators stretched the debate by miles, they responded with either a patient smile, a pregnant silence or a loo break. Perhaps they didn't want unruly scenes as an impediment to the last mile of their power trip. They took all the abuse and allegations hurled at them. But, how much can a self-respecting political party really afford to ignore and condone?

Consider this: Three BJP MLAs who apparently tried to lure a JDS legislator were named, shamed and the amount was disclosed. They were not provoked, they did not protest, and it went on record. Their national leaders were called names, they did not stand up to defend. When the character of the rebels who were helping them claim the throne was ransacked, they allowed the assassination. When their alleged nexus with the media to carry out this operation was unraveled, they did not challenge. Interestingly, even when there was a positive reference to the stellar personal habits of some Jana Sangh and RSS leaders in the past, they didn't as much as acknowledge their own legacy. It was not their sangfroid, it was being cold and transactional. There was power to be won and power to be lost. Nothing else truly mattered. In people's memory, this was a trait that the Congress exhibited, not the BJP.

While this was happening, some old conscientious hands of the party were furiously tapping keys on their smart phones. One message sent to the BJP central leadership read somewhat like this: "Party should seriously study the antecedents of these rebels, for whom Yeddyurappaji has claimed moral victory after the SC's interim order. They are scamsters, real estate agents and land sharks. If we form a government with them, public will not approve. Their crimes and indiscretions will be attributed to us." For those heavily invested in the game, this would sound naive.

Yeddyurappa has always played an independent game. He credits himself with the BJP's success in Karnataka, something that pre-dates Narendra Modi and Amit Shah. This has made him only reluctantly acknowledge the party's new avatar and order. In fact, the former BJP CM is so self-reliant that he was neither close to Atal Bihari Vajpayee nor was he accepted in L K Advani's durbar. He is the stuff that feudal, dynastic, regional lords are made of.

Anyway, after the trust vote, there is candid appraisal in some political corners. They have acknowledged the simmering tide of public opprobrium. For instance, Congress minister Priyank Kharge tweeted: "All politicians have lost credibility. Public has lost faith in politicians irrespective of party. The way things have unfolded here over two weeks has damaged our reputation further."

But can we expect Chief Minister Yeddyurappa to concern himself with this?

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A MATTER OF DELIBERATION

To ensure legislative scrutiny, every bill must be sent to a parliamentary committee

CHAKSHU ROY

EARLIER THIS WEEK, the Rajya Sabha was witness to acrimonious scenes during the discussion on the RTI Amendment Bill, which amends the RTI Act of 2005. It provides that the term of office and remuneration of information commissioners (both at the Centre and states) will be prescribed by the central government. The original law specified both of these in the law rather than delegating the power to the central government. Opposition parties were demanding that the Bill be referred to a committee of the House for detailed scrutiny before being passed. The treasury benches and a few other parties were of the opinion that the Bill should be passed after debating it on the floor of the House. Ultimately, the House passed the RTI Amendment after voting down the demand for sending it to a committee. So far, none of the 13 bills passed by Parliament in this session have been referred to a parliamentary committee.

Our Parliament broadly has two forums for discussion. One is on the floor of the House where the debate is televised and MPs take positions based on their parties' stand on a subject. The other is the closed-door forum of parliamentary committees. These committees are made up of MPs either from one or both Houses. Their meetings are not televised and the record of the meetings does not reflect the position taken by an individual MP. Both these forums have their own advantages and disadvantages. A debate on the floor of the House allows for the cut and thrust of political debate and can be wrapped up in a few hours. Debates in committees are more technical but the deliberations require time and stretch for a few months.

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The idea behind the establishment of the committee system in Parliament was to provide a specialised forum for deliberation on national policy issues, which was not constrained by the limited number of sitting days (less than three months a year) of Parliament. In 1993, when this modern subject committee system took shape, the then the Vice President of India summed up the objectives of parliamentary committees: "...the main purpose, of course, is to ensure the accountability of Government to Parliament through more detailed consideration of measures in these committees. The purpose is not to weaken or criticise the administration but to strengthen it by investing it with more meaningful parliamentary support." The committee, over the years, has worked well in strengthening our legislative process.

The scrutiny of a bill by a committee usually takes a few months. If a bill is referred to a committee, its legislative journey slows down as it can only be debated after the committee has submitted its report. This slow down of legislation has been been a source of continued tension between the ruling party and Opposition over the last five years. A bill can usually be referred to a parliamentary committee in three ways. First, the minister piloting the bill can seek the permission of the House to refer the Bill to a committee. Second, the Chairman/Speaker has the discretion in referring the bill to a committee. When ministers are trying to build political consensus on a bill, they welcome its referring to a committee. However, when they are in a hurry to get their legislative proposals approved by Parliament, they impress upon the Chairman/ Speaker not to refer the bill to a committee. This is when the third mechanism kicks in. When a bill reaches a House where the government does not have a majority, the MPs of the House can marshall the numbers to move a motion to refer the bill to a committee. This leads to the government blaming the Opposition for the slowdown, which counters by accusing the government of trying to bulldoze legislation through Parliament. However, there is an additional dimension to the scrutiny of bills by committees. Whenever the government and Opposition see eye to eye on a subject, bills are not referred to a committee.

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THE PEOPLE'S PLEDGE CHALO RAJGHAT

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NEW PRIME MINISTER

CHARAN SINGH WILL be India's new Prime Minister. He has carried the day with 262 members, and the President has invited him to form the government which, Singh says, he will do in a day or so. The President has, however, asked him to seek a vote of confidence from the Lok Sabha "at the earliest possible opportunity, say, by the third week of August 1979."

CHARAN'S DREAM

CHARAN SINGH SAID that with the President's invitation to him to form the government, "the ambition of my life has been fulfilled". He told a big crowd of admirers, gathered at his house that every politician desired that he should either attain the office of a chief minister or a prime minister. "If a politician does not have such an ambition then he is lying," he added.

CONGRESS'S DILEMMA

CONGRESS HAS NOW been hurled into Hamlet's dilemma: To join or not to join — that is the question. Some Congress leaders think the party should participate, others think it should not. The MPs, too, are divided on the issue. Some MPs from the south are opposed to the idea of joining the government headed by Charan Singh: They think he is pro-Hindi and anti-Dalit. The people of the south do not know him at all. Many others are against participation in a government which will depend on Indira Gandhi.

JANATA'S CRITICISM

JANATA PARTY PRESIDENT, Chandra Shekhar, described President N Sanjeeva Reddy's decision to ask Charan Singh to form the government as "an extraordinary one which tantamounts to putting premium on defections." Talking to newsmen, he however said since the President had now exercised his discretion, it should be accepted gracefully. "Let us hope the new government would be able to give an administration with dignity and responsibility," he added.

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What is going on? Why are sample survey data missing out on underlying trends? I can think of two major explanations. (For regular readers of my columns, this will be repeating myself for the umpteenth time.) Please, please, recognise that the world economic environment has changed, and changed radically over the last 20-odd years. In particular, Indian inflation is now structurally down to the world inflation levels from being significantly above during the period 2004-2015. All of us need to understand the implications of long-term two to three per cent inflation levels. When I went to graduate school in the 1970s, this was considered frictional inflation. Just a year ago, almost to the date, the RBI/MPC raised policy rates to 6.5 per cent, warning of impending higher GDP growth (sustained above 7.5 per cent) and higher (sustained >5 per cent) inflation levels. All of us make mistakes, but the changed economic environment means that we have to stop doing old-fashioned and/or knee-jerk analysis and policy.

The second changed reality is technological change. And, the mother of all changes, of course, is climate change — and in case those caught in the past (the 1970s or even the 1990s) haven't caught on, climate change is the *most* deflationary. Within technological change, there are newer methods of gathering information. In addition, modern techniques of computer aided surveys suffer from interview bias — the same question, asked of the same person by two different computer-supervised individuals, can elicit radically different responses.

Let us all embark on a new mission. Collect good quality data and analyse it in a dispassionate manner with one over-riding objective - what policy will enhance and accelerate GDP growth so that we can redistribute better. All else is old-style *garam hawa*.

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Aadhaar & vote

India's de-facto identification system must sync with voter IDs to empower citizens

NAMAN PUGALIA

THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED national polls have brought to light, yet again, a problem that has plagued every election in India: Discrepancies in voter eligibility and rolls, and the disenfranchisement it inevitably results in. It is hard to think of a more disempowering moment in a democracy than a voter showing up at a booth, only to be told that she is ineligible to exercise her franchise.

This disenfranchisement of voters is likely due to four factors. First, several people are unable to register to vote, for reasons ranging from not being aware of the registration methodology, to the process itself being inconvenient to not even knowing there is one. It is the responsibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to inform those that have not registered to vote yet but are otherwise eligible. The ECI does this via mass campaigns since it is not possible for it to exclusively identify unregistered adult citizens. Currently, the easiest way to freshly apply to be registered as a voter is to fill out a Form 6 on the NVSP (National Voters' Service Portal) or the ECI's app. This is an extremely cumbersome exercise and potentially an impediment to comprehensive voter registration efforts. Aadhaar can significantly simplify the process, once the ECI has ascertained that a resident is eligible to vote. This whole process could be replaced with a single step Aadhaar based e-KYC.

Second, there are people who have voted at a particular booth previously but have been inexplicably omitted from the voter rolls. In many cases, the ECI does not have the contact details (or updated ones) of voters to notify them before a deletion takes place. The absence of contact information stems from the fact that up until recently, the ECI did not collect these details. In cases where they have contact details, the changes in the same are not made by voters unless the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) is their de facto ID. If during registration, Aadhaar holders do give consent to the ECI to have their contact details shared, they could be preemptively notified about an impending deletion.

Several government functionaries have discretionary powers that empower them to remove names from voter lists. Additionally, the ECI has the right to disqualify citizens from voting under certain conditions as per the Constitution. The ECI maintains and is indeed mandated to publish a list of people disqualified from voting in each state, but the reasons for their disqualifications is not included and likely not recorded either. The most sinister factor is the political adventurism of parties (and politicians) and voters alike. There have been cases reported, for example, of voters that are registered to vote in multiple booths and, thus, can vote multiple times. More worryingly, there has long been speculation that there is incentive for political agents to use their influence to omit people, and indeed whole communities, from the voter rolls. These factors need to be made transparent so that any misuse is fixed. The illegality and perniciousness of private and political actors needs to be checked. Here, Aadhaar's anti-fraud and deduplication features can be put to use.

Third, several people have been turned away due to discrepancies between their details as listed on the rolls and the ID documents they present for validation. It is common for people who get married or have recently changed other demographic parameters to make the necessary changes to their Aadhaars and neglect other IDs. In such cases, reliance on Aadhaar will mitigate the risks of exclusion that are a consequence of demographic data mismatches.

Fourth, and the most easily addressable cause of this disenfranchisement, is relocation. It is far more likely for people to update Aadhaar rather than their EPIC: The Constitution grants the right to every citizen to cast her vote in the constituency where she is ordinarily residing. There are a number of constitutional stipulations that must be addressed to achieve ordinary residence, but the ECI will accept such documents as a proof of residence (as an electricity or water bill) along with a prescribed form completed. It is often the case that people who have made the requisite changes will feature both on the voter list of their new residence as well as that of their previous residence. This was the very problem for the ECI's most recent ambassador in Karnataka, Rahul Dravid, who, having only recently changed residences, was turned away from his new booth on polling day.

Many of the exclusions discussed here can be remedied with Aadhaar: It uniquely identifies every individual in the country through all of the same details as the EPIC. Unlike EPIC, Aadhaar captures biometric data, which is generally benign information and only useful in validating uniqueness. The EPIC, however, captures additional information such as familial details — it was a crucial source of identification or proof of residence, but that was before Aadhaar. Ironically, the EPIC does not guarantee a vote: If a name does not appear on the voter rolls, she will not be permitted to vote under any circumstances. Even if a person's name does appear on the voter rolls, the EPIC is not the only document that is accepted as proof of identity: A considerable portion of voters likely use their Aadhaars to identify themselves. Therefore, the very existence of the EPIC is worth reconsidering today.

The ECI publicly expressed its interest in seeding their databases with Aadhaar to improve the accuracy of the voter rolls and clear doubts of malpractice and duplication error. It also attempted a drive to voluntarily link Aadhaar to voter IDs but was halted by the Supreme Court in 2017. There have been recent reports, however, suggesting that the ECI has been preparing to resume these activities. Given that Aadhaar is the only universal, de-facto identification infrastructure in India today, it is inexplicable that this *sangam* has not happened yet.

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Lost in a Trump-ed up row

In 2004, Pakistan made significant commitments to end cross-border terror

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PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP has done it again. He has spoken a complete falsehood, without thinking about the consequences, out of turn and without knowledge of the issue on which he was pontificating. Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves to be criticised on many counts but I cannot believe that he could ever have made such a preposterous suggestion to Trump. Even a child in India knows the country's position on a dialogue with Pakistan. But I was disappointed by the external affairs minister's statement in Parliament on this issue on July 23. He referred to the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, but failed to mention the very important January 6, 2004 Joint Press Statement issued in Islamabad after a meeting between Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President Pervez Musharraf. I would place this statement in the same league as the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration.

The statement was issued almost at the end of Vajpayee's second term as prime minister. In the six years before that, India-Pakistan relations had gone through a roller-coaster ride starting with his bus yatra to Lahore followed by the Kargil war; then there was the failed Agra summit followed by the attack on the Indian Parliament. This led to Operation Parakram when our troops were eyeball-to-eyeball with the Pakistani forces along our border and the LoC. But Vajpayee was genuinely interested in peace with Pakistan. So, after a year of the confrontation, he made his peace offer again, this time from Srinagar. This led to gradual disengagement of the two armies and a number of confidence building measures were announced unilaterally by India. Pakistan reciprocated. So, when the SAARC summit was due to take place in Islamabad, India took a calculated risk and Vajpayee travelled there. The visit was a great success bilaterally and the outcome was the Joint Press Statement of January 6, 2004. A part of it is reproduced below:

"The President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of India met during the SAARC Summit in Islamabad...Both leaders welcomed the recent steps towards the normalisation of relations between the two countries... Prime Minister Vajpayee said that in order to take forward and sustain the dialogue process, violence, hostility and terrorism must be prevented. President Musharraf reassured Prime Minister Vajpayee that he will not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. To carry the process of normalisation forward, the President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of India agreed to commence the process of composite dialogue in February 2004. The two leaders are confident that the resumption of the dialogue would lead to peaceful settlement of all bilateral issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, to the satisfaction of both sides. The two leaders agreed that constructive dialogue would promote progress towards the common objective of peace, security and economic development of our peoples."

Musharraf had spoken of not allowing the territory under the control of Pakistan to be used for violence and terrorism against India even earlier but this was the first time he agreed to include it in a bilateral document. It was also a clear admission by Pakistan that the territory under its control (read Pak-Occupied-Kashmir) was indeed being used for terrorism against India. This was a unilateral commitment given by Pakistan which did not demand any such commitment from India as it did at Sharm-el-Sheikh where it insisted and succeeded in including a reference to Balochistan in the joint statement. The January 6, 2004 statement also clearly established the principle that resumption of dialogue with Pakistan was not automatic but was contingent upon Pakistan stopping cross-border terrorism against India.

Musharraf must have realised the importance of the statement and the commitment Pakistan had made in it. Therefore, no sooner did the Vajpayee government demit office that he tried to wriggle out of these commitments. Unfortunately, the UPA government, like the present NDA government, failed to realise the value of this statement and allowed it to get buried under the weight of the not-so-significant statements issued subsequently. Pakistan could not have asked for more.

Relations with Pakistan should not be a partisan issue. An all-party consensus has always guided our policy towards Pakistan barring a few differences with regard to nuances. But the problem is that not only does Pakistan go back on the promises it makes, but every prime minister in India also forgets history and starts from the beginning. One would have expected a foreign service professional who is now the external affairs minister to remember the not-so-ancient history and refer to the 2004 statement in his speech in Parliament. Amnesia is a good virtue at times but not when you are dealing with an extremely sensitive issue like India-Pakistan relations.

Trump is a bull in a china shop. We do not have to bother much about what he says. But the PM should have appeared in both Houses and set the matter at rest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY RTI MATTERS

THIS REFERS to the article, 'Look who is afraid of the RTI' (IE, July 26). With the BJP having a clear majority in the Lok Sabha, holding office in a majority of the states and poised to get a majority in the Rajya Sabha, the role of the Opposition has become important. But the Opposition remains divided in Parliament and is cagey about taking the fight to the government. In such a situation, the citizen has to make the government accountable. But the CVC does not have many powers, the judiciary is encumbered with delays and the Lokayukt remains a non-starter. RTI was the only tool in hand of the citizen to make the government accountable. Is that why it has been snatched it away?

Suchak D Patel, *Ahmedabad*

LETTER OF THE WEEK

HERO OR VILLAIN

THIS REFERS to the article, 'Clinging to patriarchy' (IE, July 25). The issues raised by the author do exist in society and young girls have to bear the brunt of the patriarchal retaliation against women's empowerment. That explains much of the harassment faced by women. Arjun Reddy's character actually typifies hooliganism.

Gajendra Saini, *via e-mail*

A BETTER SESSION

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'It takes two' (IE, July 26). The bills passed in the Lok Sabha needed proper discussion and the government should have taken all Opposition parties on board. The Opposition too needed to behave responsibly and the pieces of legislation should have been contested on merit. Even then, the current Lok Sabha session has shown marked improvement.

Deepak Singhal, *Noida*

NON-STATE ACTORS

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'Imran said it' (IE, July 26). The editorial rightly picks holes in the Pakistan government's argument about its eagerness to fight terrorism. Unfortunately, our MEA has not picked up the dichotomy pointed out in the editorial: The so called non-state actors are committing acts of terror in India. Pakistan suspended operations Zarbe-Arz and Ruddul-Fissad because of the military-militant nexus.

Bhaskar Bhusari, *Pune*

RAY IN HD

THIS REFERS to the article, 'A timeless tale' (IE, July 25). The writer asks if the government would "take some initiative" to make Satyajit Ray's films "accessible far and wide". It will not be out-of-place to mention the new high-definition digital restoration with uncompressed monoaural soundtrack of 12 Ray masterpieces. These include the Apu trilogy. Each edition is enriched with material such as interviews with actors, filmmakers and scholars.

Subhamay Ray, *Kolkata*

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How inaccurate is the consumption growth recorded by the employment surveys in 2011/12 and 2017/18? Grotesquely inaccurate. And, the reasons for this ever-declining survey capture is something that the new CSO/NSSO combine should seriously examine. In contrast, note the per capita growth in selected (consumption related) items: Total NA consumption is 34 per cent; agriculture is 11 per cent; oil is 25 per cent; electricity is 29 per cent; mobile users 29 per cent; passenger cars 31 per cent. I am leaving this for discussion at a later date, several items of greater use and declining prices (for example, telecommunications, banking services, insurance) — all point to a significant increase in real consumption and above a 6.5 per cent growth in GDP.

> India was a pioneer in data collection some 70 years ago. The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) was set up in 1950 and has been providing important information about most of our everyday concerns — consumption, employment and prices. It should be recalled, and remembered, that GDP data in the first 30-odd years was based on the consumption data collected by the NSSO. Poverty rates, and policies, were based on NSSO data.

What is going on? Why are sample survey data missing out on underlying trends? I can think of two major explanations. (For regular readers of my columns, this will be repeating myself for the umpteenth time.) Please, please, recognise that the world economic environment has changed, and changed radically over the last 20-odd years. In particular, Indian inflation is now structurally down to the world inflation levels from being significantly above during the period 2004-2015. All of us need to understand the implications of long-term two to three per cent inflation levels. When I went to graduate school in the 1970s, this was considered frictional inflation. Just a year ago, almost to the date, the RBI/MPC raised policy rates to 6.5 per cent, warning of impending higher GDP growth (sustained above 7.5 per cent) and higher (sustained >5 per cent) inflation levels. All of us make mistakes, but the changed economic environment means that we have to stop doing old-fashioned and/or knee-jerk analysis and policy.

The second changed reality is technological change. And, the mother of all changes, of course, is climate change — and in case those caught in the past (the 1970s or even the 1990s) haven't caught on, climate change is the *most* deflationary. Within technological change, there are newer methods of gathering information. In addition, modern techniques of computer aided surveys suffer from interview bias — the same question, asked of the same person by two different computer-supervised individuals, can elicit radically different responses.

Let us all embark on a new mission. Collect good quality data and analyse it in a dispassionate manner with one over-riding objective - what policy will enhance and accelerate GDP growth so that we can redistribute better. All else is old-style *garam hawa*.

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Aadhaar & vote

India's de-facto identification system must sync with voter IDs to empower citizens

NAMAN PUGALIA

THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED national polls have brought to light, yet again, a problem that has plagued every election in India: Discrepancies in voter eligibility and rolls, and the disenfranchisement it inevitably results in. It is hard to think of a more disempowering moment in a democracy than a voter showing up at a booth, only to be told that she is ineligible to exercise her franchise.

This disenfranchisement of voters is likely due to four factors. First, several people are unable to register to vote, for reasons ranging from not being aware of the registration methodology, to the process itself being inconvenient to not even knowing there is one. It is the responsibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to inform those that have not registered to vote yet but are otherwise eligible. The ECI does this via mass campaigns since it is not possible for it to exclusively identify unregistered adult citizens. Currently, the easiest way to freshly apply to be registered as a voter is to fill out a Form 6 on the NVSP (National Voters' Service Portal) or the ECI's app. This is an extremely cumbersome exercise and potentially an impediment to comprehensive voter registration efforts. Aadhaar can significantly simplify the process, once the ECI has ascertained that a resident is eligible to vote. This whole process could be replaced with a single step Aadhaar based e-KYC.

Second, there are people who have voted at a particular booth previously but have been inexplicably omitted from the voter rolls. In many cases, the ECI does not have the contact details (or updated ones) of voters to notify them before a deletion takes place. The absence of contact information stems from the fact that up until recently, the ECI did not collect these details. In cases where they have contact details, the changes in the same are not made by voters unless the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) is their de facto ID. If during registration, Aadhaar holders do give consent to the ECI to have their contact details shared, they could be preemptively notified about an impending deletion.

Several government functionaries have discretionary powers that empower them to remove names from voter lists. Additionally, the ECI has the right to disqualify citizens from voting under certain conditions as per the Constitution. The ECI maintains and is indeed mandated to publish a list of people disqualified from voting in each state, but the reasons for their disqualifications is not included and likely not recorded either. The most sinister factor is the political adventurism of parties (and politicians) and voters alike. There have been cases reported, for example, of voters that are registered to vote in multiple booths and, thus, can vote multiple times. More worryingly, there has long been speculation that there is incentive for political agents to use their influence to omit people, and indeed whole communities, from the voter rolls. These factors need to be made transparent so that any misuse is fixed. The illegality and perniciousness of private and political actors needs to be checked. Here, Aadhaar's anti-fraud and deduplication features can be put to use.

Third, several people have been turned away due to discrepancies between their details as listed on the rolls and the ID documents they present for validation. It is common for people who get married or have recently changed other demographic parameters to make the necessary changes to their Aadhaars and neglect other IDs. In such cases, reliance on Aadhaar will mitigate the risks of exclusion that are a consequence of demographic data mismatches.

Fourth, and the most easily addressable cause of this disenfranchisement, is relocation. It is far more likely for people to update Aadhaar rather than their EPIC: The Constitution grants the right to every citizen to cast her vote in the constituency where she is ordinarily residing. There are a number of constitutional stipulations that must be addressed to achieve ordinary residence, but the ECI will accept such documents as a proof of residence (as an electricity or water bill) along with a prescribed form completed. It is often the case that people who have made the requisite changes will feature both on the voter list of their new residence as well as that of their previous residence. This was the very problem for the ECI's most recent ambassador in Karnataka, Rahul Dravid, who, having only recently changed residences, was turned away from his new booth on polling day.

Many of the exclusions discussed here can be remedied with Aadhaar: It uniquely identifies every individual in the country through all of the same details as the EPIC. Unlike EPIC, Aadhaar captures biometric data, which is generally benign information and only useful in validating uniqueness. The EPIC, however, captures additional information such as familial details — it was a crucial source of identification or proof of residence, but that was before Aadhaar. Ironically, the EPIC does not guarantee a vote: If a name does not appear on the voter rolls, she will not be permitted to vote under any circumstances. Even if a person's name does appear on the voter rolls, the EPIC is not the only document that is accepted as proof of identity: A considerable portion of voters likely use their Aadhaars to identify themselves. Therefore, the very existence of the EPIC is worth reconsidering today.

The ECI publicly expressed its interest in seeding their databases with Aadhaar to improve the accuracy of the voter rolls and clear doubts of malpractice and duplication error. It also attempted a drive to voluntarily link Aadhaar to voter IDs but was halted by the Supreme Court in 2017. There have been recent reports, however, suggesting that the ECI has been preparing to resume these activities. Given that Aadhaar is the only universal, de-facto identification infrastructure in India today, it is inexplicable that this *sangam* has not happened yet.

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Lost in a Trump-ed up row

In 2004, Pakistan made significant commitments to end cross-border terror

YASHWANT SINHA

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP has done it again. He has spoken a complete falsehood, without thinking about the consequences, out of turn and without knowledge of the issue on which he was pontificating. Prime Minister Narendra Modi deserves to be criticised on many counts but I cannot believe that he could ever have made such a preposterous suggestion to Trump. Even a child in India knows the country's position on a dialogue with Pakistan. But I was disappointed by the external affairs minister's statement in Parliament on this issue on July 23. He referred to the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, but failed to mention the very important January 6, 2004 Joint Press Statement issued in Islamabad after a meeting between Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President Pervez Musharraf. I would place this statement in the same league as the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration.

The statement was issued almost at the end of Vajpayee's second term as prime minister. In the six years before that, India-Pakistan relations had gone through a roller-coaster ride starting with his bus yatra to Lahore followed by the Kargil war; then there was the failed Agra summit followed by the attack on the Indian Parliament. This led to Operation Parakram when our troops were eyeball-to-eyeball with the Pakistani forces along our border and the LoC. But Vajpayee was genuinely interested in peace with Pakistan. So, after a year of the confrontation, he made his peace offer again, this time from Srinagar. This led to gradual disengagement of the two armies and a number of confidence building measures were announced unilaterally by India. Pakistan reciprocated. So, when the SAARC summit was due to take place in Islamabad, India took a calculated risk and Vajpayee travelled there. The visit was a great success bilaterally and the outcome was the Joint Press Statement of January 6, 2004. A part of it is reproduced below:

"The President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of India met during the SAARC Summit in Islamabad...Both leaders welcomed the recent steps towards the normalisation of relations between the two countries... Prime Minister Vajpayee said that in order to take forward and sustain the dialogue process, violence, hostility and terrorism must be prevented. President Musharraf reassured Prime Minister Vajpayee that he will not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. To carry the process of normalisation forward, the President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of India agreed to commence the process of composite dialogue in February 2004. The two leaders are confident that the resumption of the dialogue would lead to peaceful settlement of all bilateral issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, to the satisfaction of both sides. The two leaders agreed that constructive dialogue would promote progress towards the common objective of peace, security and economic development of our peoples."

Musharraf had spoken of not allowing the territory under the control of Pakistan to be used for violence and terrorism against India even earlier but this was the first time he agreed to include it in a bilateral document. It was also a clear admission by Pakistan that the territory under its control (read Pak-Occupied-Kashmir) was indeed being used for terrorism against India. This was a unilateral commitment given by Pakistan which did not demand any such commitment from India as it did at Sharm-el-Sheikh where it insisted and succeeded in including a reference to Balochistan in the joint statement. The January 6, 2004 statement also clearly established the principle that resumption of dialogue with Pakistan was not automatic but was contingent upon Pakistan stopping cross-border terrorism against India.

Musharraf must have realised the importance of the statement and the commitment Pakistan had made in it. Therefore, no sooner did the Vajpayee government demit office that he tried to wriggle out of these commitments. Unfortunately, the UPA government, like the present NDA government, failed to realise the value of this statement and allowed it to get buried under the weight of the not-so-significant statements issued subsequently. Pakistan could not have asked for more.

Relations with Pakistan should not be a partisan issue. An all-party consensus has always guided our policy towards Pakistan barring a few differences with regard to nuances. But the problem is that not only does Pakistan go back on the promises it makes, but every prime minister in India also forgets history and starts from the beginning. One would have expected a foreign service professional who is now the external affairs minister to remember the not-so-ancient history and refer to the 2004 statement in his speech in Parliament. Amnesia is a good virtue at times but not when you are dealing with an extremely sensitive issue like India-Pakistan relations.

Trump is a bull in a china shop. We do not have to bother much about what he says. But the PM should have appeared in both Houses and set the matter at rest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY RTI MATTERS

THIS REFERS to the article, 'Look who is afraid of the RTI' (IE, July 26). With the BJP having a clear majority in the Lok Sabha, holding office in a majority of the states and poised to get a majority in the Rajya Sabha, the role of the Opposition has become important. But the Opposition remains divided in Parliament and is cagey about taking the fight to the government. In such a situation, the citizen has to make the government accountable. But the CVC does not have many powers, the judiciary is encumbered with delays and the Lokayukt remains a non-starter. RTI was the only tool in hand of the citizen to make the government accountable. Is that why it has been snatched it away?

Suchak D Patel, *Ahmedabad*

LETTER OF THE WEEK

HERO OR VILLAIN

THIS REFERS to the article, 'Clinging to patriarchy' (IE, July 25). The issues raised by the author do exist in society and young girls have to bear the brunt of the patriarchal retaliation against women's empowerment. That explains much of the harassment faced by women. Arjun Reddy's character actually typifies hooliganism.

Gajendra Saini, *via e-mail*

A BETTER SESSION

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'It takes two' (IE, July 26). The bills passed in the Lok Sabha needed proper discussion and the government should have taken all Opposition parties on board. The Opposition too needed to behave responsibly and the pieces of legislation should have been contested on merit. Even then, the current Lok Sabha session has shown marked improvement.

Deepak Singhal, *Noida*

NON-STATE ACTORS

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'Imran said it' (IE, July 26). The editorial rightly picks holes in the Pakistan government's argument about its eagerness to fight terrorism. Unfortunately, our MEA has not picked up the dichotomy pointed out in the editorial: The so called non-state actors are committing acts of terror in India. Pakistan suspended operations Zarbe-Arz and Ruddul-Fissad because of the military-militant nexus.

Bhaskar Bhusari, *Pune*

RAY IN HD

THIS REFERS to the article, 'A timeless tale' (IE, July 25). The writer asks if the government would "take some initiative" to make Satyajit Ray's films "accessible far and wide". It will not be out-of-place to mention the new high-definition digital restoration with uncompressed monoaural soundtrack of 12 Ray masterpieces. These include the Apu trilogy. Each edition is enriched with material such as interviews with actors, filmmakers and scholars.

Subhamay Ray, *Kolkata*

THE WORLD

IN COLD NUMBERS

150

The number of migrants who drowned in a shipwreck off the coast of Libya while trying to reach Europe. The United Nations called it the largest single loss of life in the Mediterranean so far this year

TOP OF THE WORLD

Tulsi Gabbard

US

Prez candidate sues Google for $50 million

Washington: Tulsi Gabbard, Democratic presidential candidate, has sued Google for at least $50 million for the tech giant's "discriminatory actions" against her 2020 election campaign and stifling her free speech rights. Gabbard, 38, an Iraq war veteran who has been serving as the US Representative for Hawaii's 2nd congressional district since 2013, said in a lawsuit filed on Thursday that Google infringed on her free speech when it briefly suspended her campaign's advertising account after the first Democratic debate in June.

JAPAN

Police raid arson attack suspect's residence

Tokyo: Japanese police on Friday raided the home of the main suspect in a deadly arson attack that killed 34 people at an anime firm in Kyoto, media reports said. The suspect, identified publicly by police in a rare move as Shinji Aoba, reportedly remains in hospital in serious condition with burns from the blaze he is alleged to have started. The inferno on July 18 killed 34 people. On Friday, public broadcaster NHK said Kyoto police raided Aoba's apartment in Saitama north of Tokyo, with footage showing a handful of police officers wearing white gloves arriving at the flat with large plastic boxes.

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban kill four police personnel in gunbattle

Kabul: An Afghan official says an hours-long gunbattle between Taliban and police has left four police officers dead in Ghazni. Hassan Reza Yousufi, a provincial councilman, said Friday the police chief of Khogyani was among those killed in the fighting. He said nine police officers were also wounded in the clashes, which took place late Thursday. Separately, Ahmad Khan Sirat, the spokesman for Ghazni province's police chief, said a tribal elder was assassinated in the provincial capital Friday.

'LET US IN'

Guatemalan migrant Ledy Perez embraces her son Anthony while asking a member of the Mexican National Guard to let them cross into the US. *Reuters*

CRISIS IN PERSIAN GULF

Willing to go to Tehran for talks: Pompeo

Asks American allies to join proposed maritime force in Strait of Hormuz

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 26

US SECRETARY of State Mike Pompeo said on Thursday he was willing to go to Iran for talks amid tensions between Tehran and Washington, but also called on Japan, Britain and other nations to join a maritime force to guard oil tankers sailing through the Strait of Hormuz.

Asked if he would be willing to go to Tehran, Pompeo said in an interview with Bloomberg TV: "Sure. If that's the call, I'd happily go there... I would welcome the chance to speak directly to the Iranian people."

Tensions between Iran and the United States have ratcheted up since last year, when President Donald Trump withdrew the US from the Iranian nuclear deal. Washington has also reimposed sanctions on Tehran.

In an separate interview broadcast by *Fox News*, Pompeo said Washington had already asked Japan, France, Germany, South Korea, Australia and other nations to join a maritime security initiative.

"Every country that has an interest in ensuring... crude oil and other products can flow through Strait of Hormuz needs to participate," he said.

A senior diplomat in Japan, Washington's key Asian ally, told *Reuters* Pompeo had talked with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe Friday, but that Japan was not in a position to decide if or how it could join any force until the US provided a blueprint of how such an operation would work.

Mike Pompeo

IRAN TESTS MISSILE

Washington: Iran fired a Shahab-3 medium-range missile on Wednesday, a United States military official said, playing it down by saying that it did not pose a threat to American or other Western shipping or military bases in the region.

The missile was launched from the southern coast of Iran and landed east of Tehran, the official said on Thursday, adding that it flew about 1,100 kilometers, or about 680 miles, and stayed inside Iran for the entire flight.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo demanded that Iran cease all missile launches and give up its arsenal of the weapons. Iran says it is under no obligation to do so, and notes that because it has no interest in nuclear weapons, it is not violating the wording of a UN prohibition. **NYT**

US says need to build on Pak PM's commitments

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THERE IS a need to build upon commitments made by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan to US on facilitating Afghan peace talks and the fight against terrorism, a senior State Department official said, days after the premier met President Donald Trump.

India and Afghanistan accuse Pakistan of providing safe haven to the Afghan Taliban, the Haqqani network, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba and other militant groups.

US State Department Spokesperson Morgan Ortagus told reporters that the US is committed to peace in Afghanistan.

"There was a number of issues that were discussed not only in the President's meeting but with the Secretary's meeting as well, and now is the time to build upon that meeting and build upon those commitments," she said.

North Korea tests two missiles, says warning to 'warmongering' S Korea

JOYCE LEE & JOSH SMITH
SEOUL, JULY 26

NORTH KOREA said on Friday its latest missile launch was a warning to South Korean "warmongers" to stop importing weapons and conducting joint military drills, a message that analysts said was also aimed at the US.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un personally watched the test-fire of two short-range ballistic missiles on Thursday, the first test since Kim met with US President Donald Trump last month. The missile tests raises doubts about the revival of denuclearisation talks, which stalled after the collapse of a second summit between Kim and Trump in Hanoi in February.

"We cannot but develop nonstop super-powerful weapon systems to remove the potential and direct threats to the security of our country that exist in the south," Kim said, according to state news agency KCNA.

An official at Seoul's defence ministry said the missiles were believed to be a new type of short-range ballistic missile, an assessment echoed on Friday by the US-South Korea Combined Forces Command (CFC).

The official also said the missiles bore features similar to Russia's SS-26 Iskander and the ones the North tested in May - a relatively small, fast missile that experts say is easier to hide, launch and manoeuvre in flight. A spokesman for the CFC said in a statement the launches were "not a threat directed at [South Korea] or the US, and have no impact on our defence posture." **REUTERS**

A view of the missile launch, released by KCNA, Friday. *Reuters*

Ireland scolds Boris over Brexit: Very unhelpful

IAN GRAHAM
BELFAST, JULY 26

IRELAND SAID on Friday that Prime Minister Boris Johnson's approach to Brexit was "very unhelpful" and that the new British leader appeared set on a collision course with the European Union that would preclude an orderly exit with a deal.

On entering Downing Street on Wednesday, Johnson cautioned that if EU refused to negotiate then he would take Britain out on October 31 without a deal. Ireland's second most powerful politician, Foreign Minister Simon Coveney, said Johnson's comments were "very unhelpful".

"He seems to have made a deliberate decision to set Britain on a collision course with the EU and with Ireland in relation to Brexit negotiations," Coveney told reporters in Belfast after meeting Julian Smith, Britain's Northern Ireland minister. **REUTERS**

Erdogan says Turkey to turn elsewhere if US will not sell F-35s

REUTERS
ISTANBUL, JULY 26

PRESIDENT TAYYIP Erdogan said on Friday Turkey would turn elsewhere for fighter jets if the United States will not sell it the F-35 jets, adding that a US decision to cut Ankara from the programme would not deter it from meeting its needs.

The United States said last week it was removing NATO ally Turkey from the F-35 programme, as long threatened, after Ankara purchased and received delivery of Russian S-400 missile defences that Washington sees as a threat.

Washington has also threatened to impose sanctions on Turkey, though Ankara has dismissed the warnings.

Erdogan said he hoped that the United Statesofficials would be "reasonable" on the question of sanctions, adding Turkey may reconsider its purchase of advanced Boeing aircraft from the US.

'Russian S-400 operational by April 2020'

Ankara: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday that it planned to start using the Russian S-400 missile defence system — a bone of contention with the United States — in April 2020.

"In the coming spring, God willing in April 2020, we will be able to start using this system," he told a gathering of his Justice and Development Party (AKP) in Ankara. **PTI**

"Are you not giving us the F-35s? Okay, then excuse us but we will once again have to take measures on that matter as well and we will turn elsewhere," Erdogan told members of his ruling AK Party.

In Hong Kong protests, faces become weapons

PAUL MOZUR
HONG KONG, JULY 26

THE POLICE officers wrestled with Colin Cheung in an unmarked car. They needed his face.

They grabbed his jaw to force his head in front of his iPhone. They slapped his face. They shouted, "Wake up!" They pried open his eyes. It all failed: Cheung had disabled his phone's facial-recognition login with a quick button mash as soon as they grabbed him.

As Hong Kong convulses amid weeks of protests, demonstrators and the police have turned identity into a weapon.

Protesters wear masks to thwart police cameras. *NYT*

The authorities are tracking protest leaders online and seeking their phones.

And when the police stopped wearing identification badges as the violence escalated, some protesters began to expose officers' identities online. One fast-growing channel on the social messaging app Telegram seeks and publishes personal information about officers and their families. The channel, "Dadfindboy," has more than 50,000 subscribers and advocates violence in crude and cartoonish ways.

"I don't want them to be like secret police," said Cheung, who was released on bail and has not been charged with wrongdoing. "If law enforcement officers don't wear anything to show their identity, they'll become corrupt. They'll be able to do whatever they want." **NYT**

EXPLAINED

In surveillance tools, protesters see China echoes

ACROSS THE Hong Kong border, mainland China has what is often described as one of the most invasive surveillance systems, which is rapidly expanding its capabilities due to facial recognition, an expanding web of cameras and other such tools.

Hong Kong is at the edge of a similar system, which would allow the authorities to track people, and in the ability of those people to fight back, to some extent. While lawmakers have attempted to set down strict privacy guidelines when it comes to biometric data, the result of those efforts is unclear. For protesters, recent developments serve as a validation of their fears that Hong Kong could soon "become China".

'IT SHOWS YOU, EVEN IN VERY HARD TIMES, TO KEEP WALKING, TO KEEP GOING'

A peculiarly Dutch summer rite: Children abandoned in the night woods

ELLEN BARRY & DMITRY KOSTYUKOV
AUSTERLITZ, JULY 26

SHORTLY AFTER 10 pm on a recent night, a car came to a stop at the edge of the woods. A door opened to release three children: towheaded boys of 12 and 15, and a 12-year-old girl with dark pigtails and an emoji-covered backpack. Then the driver threw the car into gear and sped away, gravel crunching under its tires.

They were tiny figures at the foot of the forest, miles from the summer camp they were attending, with only a primitive GPS to indicate the right direction. They peered into the night: Was this the path? "Could be," said Thomas, the 12-year-old team leader. And then, because there was nothing else to do, they plunged into the woods.

This is the Dutch scouting tradition known as a "dropping," in which groups of children, generally preteenagers, are deposited in a forest and expected to find their way back to base.

If this sounds a little crazy to you, it is because you are not Dutch. The Dutch — it is fair to say — do childhood differently. Children are taught not to depend too much on adults; adults are taught to allow children to solve their own problems. Droppings distill these principles into extreme form, banking on the idea that even for children who are tired, hungry and disoriented, there is a compensatory thrill to being in charge.

The children on the dropping in Austerlitz, not far from Utrecht, walked into the woods, and the smell of pine needles rose from the sandy earth. The forest floor was patched with ink-black moss. A half-moon had appeared in the sky.

For a few minutes, there was the sound of cars on a road, but then that, too, quieted. The woods closed in, becoming dense.

A group of children participate in the "dropping," near Eindhoven, Netherlands. *NYT*

That night was the first dropping for Stijn Jongewaard, an 11-year-old boy with jutting ears, who claimed to have learned English from Minecraft video games and "Hawaii Five-O." At home, he spends much of his leisure time planted in front of his PlayStation.

His mother, Tamara, said the time had come for him to take on greater responsibility, and the dropping was a step in that direction. "Stijn is 11," she said. "The time window in which we can teach him is closing. He is going into adolescence, and then he will make decisions for himself."

Droppings are such a normal part of Dutch childhood that many there are surprised to be asked about it, assuming it is common to every country. But Pia de Jong, a novelist who has raised her children in New Jersey, said it reflected something particular about the Dutch philosophy of parenting.

"You just drop your kids into the world," she said. "Of course, you make sure they don't die, but other than that, they have to find their own way."

The dropping team does carry a cellphone in case of emergency, and the scouting association requires participants to wear high-visibility vests and distributes a long list of guidelines, mainly geared toward traffic safety. "Pushing boundaries is fun," reads one recommendation, "but that, too, has boundaries."

It was nearly 2 a.m. when Stijn and the other campers stumbled into camp. When Stijn emerged the next morning, bleary-eyed, at 11 a.m., he considered himself a veteran.

He no longer missed his PlayStation. And he said that someday, when he had children, he wanted them to experience a dropping. "It shows you, even in very hard times, to keep walking, to keep going," he said. "I have never had to do that before." **NYT**

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Conyers advised iYogi on failed Nasdaq listing bid

A US court judgement dealt the tech support firm a big blow

P VAIDYANATHAN IYER
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

CONYERS DILL and Pearman advised iYogi Ltd, the Mauritius holding company of international tech support provider iYogi Inc and iYogi Technical Services Private Ltd, on its proposed NASDAQ listing in 2011, which never materialised. The Mauritius firm, which was originally named iYogi Holdings Private Ltd, hoped to raise $125 million through the listing.

According to records investigated by *The Indian Express*, iYogi, through Conyers, had prepared a draft registration statement to be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), United States. Conyers wrote to Financial Services Commission of Mauritius on April 11, 2011, that iYogi will file a copy of its F-1 Registration Statement (containing the company's prospectus) when it is declared effective by the SEC.

iYogi was promoted in 2007 by entrepreneurs Vishal Dhar and Uday Challu. It took over an existing firm IQ Resource, a company controlled by Challu, Dhar and Bernard Lunn, paying about $672,163. Just before the proposed listing, the three held 6.35 per cent each in iYogi. While Challu was the Group CEO, Dhar was a Director and Group President of Marketing.

A mail seeking Challu's response bounced back; he could not be contacted.

In 2011, iYogi's revenues were estimated at $36.1 million with gross profits of $15.5 million, a significant jump over the previous year's revenues of $11.5 million and gross profits of $5.3 million. Net loss for 2011 stood at $36.9 million, almost three times the net loss of $12.5 million in 2010.

After iYogi called off the listing due to bad market conditions in 2011, the company made another unsuccessful attempt in 2013-14, but after being accused of scamming consumers in 2015 by Washington State Attorney General, the listing plans were abandoned. In an April 19, 2018, press statement, the Washington State AG's office said that its lawsuit shut down iYogi. A particular issue red-flagged by Conyers ahead of the proposed Nasdaq listing pertains to a gift of 5,568 shares by Lunn, who was one of the co-founders, to his colleague and iYogi Group CEO Challu. Eventually, the issue seems to have been addressed with Lunn issuing a certificate to that effect to Conyers.

The company raised significant funds from a bunch of private equity players before it faced the lawsuit by the Washington State Attorney General. According to Venture Intelligence, a firm that tracks private equity flows, iYogi raised over $85 million from venture capital investors between 2007 and 2014 based on public announcements and reports. It last raised $28 million in May 2014.

iYogi, through Conyers, prepared a draft registration statement to be submitted to US SEC

Ahead of its plans to list, iYogi intended to issue preference shares of $0.1 par value to a set of investors including DFJ Mauritius Inc, SAP AG, Sequoia Capital, SVB India Capital Partners I and Canaan VII L.P. The total funds the investors would have brought in was to the tune of about $30 million, according to a Directors' written resolution in December 2010. iYogi Limited was ready for the listing in Mauritius informing Conyers that it had granted the company an exemption in respect of disclosure requirements under Mauritius laws. Conyers also advised Ernst & Young, auditor to iYogi, that no judgment was delivered against the company and no legal proceedings were pending against it as on September 13, 2011. But the fatal blow of the Washington State Attorney General lawsuit had a debilitating impact. The lawsuit, filed in December 2015, accused iYogi, described as one of the largest independent tech support providers in the world, of "scamming consumers" and "using deception and scare tactics to pressure consumers into buying unnecessary tech support services".

The US had seen a dramatic increase in tele-marketing fraud of all types over the previous few years. Dhar had, in a statement then, said nobody from the AG's office had reached out to iYogi. "Pursuing us will not achieve that goal, it will only embolden the real criminals to continue with their scams because the AG has chosen to try and punish a good company due to its prominence," he said on December 17, 2015.

Two years later, the judgments, entered in King County Superior Court, however, said iYogi India and iYogi Inc committed multiple violations of the state's Consumer Protection Act. The court entered $6.3 million in lawsuits in judgments against the Indian and US business of iYogi — iYogi Technical Services Private Ltd and iYogi Inc.

AT $430.37 BILLION IN THE WEEK ENDED JULY 19

Stable Re, lower oil prices push forex reserves to all-time high

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

EVEN AS July has seen significant outflow of funds by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from Indian markets following the Budget announcements earlier this month, an overall strong inflow of funds this year by FPIs in both equity and debt markets saw India's foreign exchange reserves hit an all-time high of $430.37 billion in the week ended July 19, 2019.

This year, the Reserve Bank of India also conducted currency swaps worth $10 billion, which also added to the forex kitty. The inflows have come on the back of a stable rupee and relatively lower crude oil prices.

Having hit a high of $426 billion in April 2018, the forex reserves slid in the second half of 2018 following a rise in crude oil prices, outflow of FPI money and decline in rupee value against the dollar.

However, as the crude price stabilised and rupee recovered from its lows of over 74 to a dollar (recorded in October 2018), the foreign exchange reserves have jumped from $393.4 billion on December 28, 2018 to $430 billion on July 19, 2019.

Since the beginning of this calendar year, FPIs have pumped in a net of Rs 92,275 crore into Indian securities market. While Rs 62,939 crore have been routed into the Indian equities, Rs 20,615 crore came into the debt market.

July has seen subdued FPI activity into the markets, especially after the Budget announcements that proposed to increase surcharge on incomes over Rs 2 crore.

Experts say that it will impact taxation on FPIs that operate on a trust structure. This month, FPIs have pulled out a net of Rs 14,382 crore from the Indian equities. They, however, invested a net of Rs 10,624 crore into the debt instruments.

By comparison, FPIs had pulled out a net of Rs 83,254 crore from the Indian equities and debt market.

While the outflow from equities amounted to Rs 33,553 crore, that from the debt markets amounted to Rs 49,543 crore. Of the total outflow in 2018, just two months — September and October — witnessed net outflows of Rs 59,939 crore, thereby putting pressure on rupee and also resulting into a decline in forex reserves.

In October 2018, the rupee had fallen to its all-time low of 74.34 against the dollar in line with the rising crude oil prices and RBI had to intervene to stem the slide of rupee against the dollar following capital outflows from the debt and equity markets.

The Brent crude oil prices had hit a high of around $86 per barrel, in the same month, putting pressure on rupee and India's current account deficit. However, as the crude oil prices fell over the following months to levels of around $52 per barrel by the end of December 2018, it offered a much needed relief to the rupee and the economy. On Friday, July 26, the Brent crude was trading at $63.5 per barrel and the rupee closed at 68.89 against the dollar. A stability in crude oil prices and rupee gave investors the much needed confidence to invest in the country.

High in crude oil prices hurts the Indian economy significantly as crude imports account for almost one fourth of India's import bill.

While the forex reserves fell in line with rising crude oil prices and FPI outflows, the decline got arrested in November and started to rise beginning January 2019. Over the last seven months, the forex reserves have grown by almost $37 billion.

EXPLAINED

Stronger Reserve Bank war chest for difficult times

THE RISE in forex reserves to over $430 billion as on July 19, 2019 — compared to $428.80 billion a week earlier — provides the Reserve Bank of India a strong war chest to cushion for unfavourable times.

A relatively lower global crude oil prices, stable rupee this year and outcome of the general elections in May provided comfort to foreign portfolio investors leading them to invest a net of over Rs 92,000 crore into Indian equity and debt markets.

RBI Governor: Global economy moving into an unsettling phase

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RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday cautioned that the global economy "seems to be moving into a new and unsettling phase" in an environment of stressed trade negotiations, rising geopolitical confrontation and limited policy space and high debt levels in several economies.

Das said general government debt of advanced economies (AEs) as a group has surpassed 100 per cent of GDP. "Fiscal space is also constrained in many of the advanced economies. It is important in the backdrop of slowing global growth that policies of monetary and fiscal authorities are well-calibrated so that they support growth without further build-up of leverage and asset price bubbles," Das said.

"Prudent policies are critical to growth with macro-economic stability. Globally, we need to focus on policy space, judiciously use it and simultaneously undertake structural reforms to improve productivity, innovation and job creation," the RBI Governor said, at a function to release the book 'India's Relations with the International Monetary Fund' authored by V Srinivas, a civil servant of the 1989 batch, who was Advisor to the Executive Director for India at the IMF during 2003-06.

Emerging market economies (EMEs) have accumulated reserves over the past two decades which has significantly reduced the sensitivity of capital flows to push factors. "I may mention that in spite of the insurance coming at a high cost, there is enough evidence to indicate that costs of financial crises have been very high in relation to costs of insurance. Thus, it is evident that build-up of reserves by EMEs, so far is not so much to prop up their currencies as to self-insure themselves against global contagion," Das said, supporting the build-up of high forex reserves.

Das said many advanced economies (AEs) have been pursuing low interest rate policies for long without perhaps adequate recognition of their adverse impacts. At the global level, he said, the total quantum of bonds with negative yields has risen to nearly $13 trillion, implying that nearly a third of AEs government bonds trade at negative yields.

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GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK

"Return to lower interest rates in AEs poses challenges as leverage has already built up in the emerging market economies and the needed deleveraging is not complete in many European economies. Amid low global interest rates, total credit to the non-financial sector in the EMEs went up from 107.2 per cent of GDP at the end of 2008 to 194.4 per cent of GDP by March 2018, before it dropped to 183.2 per cent at the end of 2018," he said.

The net private capital flows to EMEs in the form of direct and portfolio investments also nearly doubled in the post-crisis period, posing risks to some EMEs. "Some of these risks have surfaced in form of weak bank/ non-bank balance sheets and some remain latent and can surface, especially when the global interest rate cycles turn decisively. The world will be looking to the IMF to suggest dependable solutions. EMEs on their part need to follow policies that promote macroeconomic and financial stability, while focussing on growth," he said.

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'Amendments in bidding norms positive'

Recent amendments in bidding guidelines are positive for wind power developers and will boost wind capacity addition in this fiscal, ICRA said

3.5-4 GW

Rise expected in wind power capacity addition, supported by large project awards by nodal agencies and measures taken to address key challenges

18 months: New extended timeline for land acquisition for wind projects; earlier was seven months

12 GW: Capacity of wind power projects awarded over the past two-and-a-half years

2.3 GW: Wind power projects commissioned between April 2018 and June 2019

MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED BY SECTOR

- Weak counter-party credit profile reflected from deteriorating receivable position in a few states
- Viability of the bid tariffs at less than Rs 3 per unit
- Securing financing in a timely manner for under-construction projects

KEY AMENDMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY GOVT

- Providing additional time for revising annual capacity utilisation factor (CUF)
- Lowering penalty rate for shortfall in generation to 50 per cent of the quoted tariff from earlier 75 per cent
- Allowing sale of power from part commissioned capacity at quoted tariff against 75 per cent of the quoted tariff earlier

DATA STORAGE CENTRES

IT Min meets industry on govt-led 'cloud economic zone' plan

The Ministry consulted representatives of firms like Microsoft, IBM, and Amazon on whether such an action is needed to help set up data centres in India

SECTOR WATCH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

FOR THE first time, the government consulted with industry data storage providers to understand the potential need for government-led 'cloud economic zones' — geographical areas identified for the creation of data storage centres, according to ministry and industry sources.

"Increasingly all over the world, there is a tendency to keep sensitive data locally and to a certain extent, all data," an IT ministry official exclusively told *The Indian Express*. "Data is recognised as a valuable resource. If that tendency is there, then certainly India will be one of the top generators of data. If that need to put it in the country comes, do we have the place to keep the data?"

Last week, the IT Ministry consulted representatives from companies such as Microsoft, IBM, and Amazon about whether such government action is needed to help set up data centres in India and if so, what the design and structure of the zones could look like. Some industry representatives expressed security concerns with placing sensitive data in restricted zones, allowing for single attacks to threaten the high-risk areas.

Pending data protection legislation mandates a copy of all sensitive data to be stored in India and all critical data to only be stored in India. A Reserve Bank of India directive last year mandated all payments data to be stored in the country. A draft e-commerce policy has also recommended strict data localisation.

The IT ministry official said that if data localisation policies increasingly come, the ministry may need to act proactively. "We need huge capacities. We cannot be taken aback."

The government is currently under increasing pressure from the US government and foreign industry players not to restrict data storage. At the G20 summit in Osaka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not sign onto a declaration of "data free flow with trust" proposed by Japan and heavily championed by the US. India has also refused to join negotiations about e-commerce at the World Trade Organization.

The official said that electricity and energy concerns did not come up heavily in the meeting, adding the solar and wind energy can help supply the centres. The ministry will seek further consultation from industry, the Home Ministry, and National Cyber Security Center.

"We were picking each other's brains," the official stated. "Cloud Economic Zones are definitely on the agenda. But we must first determine the needs of the private sector. We may not need government zones if supply and demand provides it."

Amazon seeks stable policy on e-commerce

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AMAZON HAS said it is hopeful of working with the Indian government to seek a "stable predictable policy" that would facilitate the company to continue with its investments in technology and infrastructure.

The comments come almost six months after the revised norms on foreign direct investment in e-commerce came into effect. These bar e-commerce firms with foreign investment like Flipkart and Amazon from selling products of entities in which they hold stake or whose inventory they control.

Currently, the government is in the process of formulating an e-commerce policy that proposes regulating cross-border data flows, setting up storage facilities locally and establishing a data authority to devise a framework for sharing data.

"On the government side, our engagement with the Indian government makes us optimistic about partnering and collaborating to seek a stable predicable policy that allow us to continue investing in our technology and infrastructure. And it also helps us to create jobs and scale local businesses," Brian Olsavsky, chief financial officer at Amazon, said in Q2 2019 earnings call. **FE**

Bajaj Auto consolidated net drops 3%

New Delhi: Bajaj Auto on Friday posted 2.84 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit at Rs 1,012.16 crore for the first quarter ended June 30.

The company had posted a net profit of Rs 1,041.77 crore during the same period of previous fiscal.

Its total revenue from operations rose to Rs 7,755.82 crore for the April-June period from Rs 7,464.89 crore in the same period of 2018-19 fiscal, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing.

Bajaj Auto said it sold 1,247,174 units during Q1, up 2 per cent from 1,226,641 units in the year-ago period. **PTI**

Maruti net falls 27.32% on lower sales volume

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AN 18 PER CENT drop in volumes and higher expenses dragged down Maruti Suzuki's Q1FY20 net profit by 27.32 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 1,435.5 crore, the fourth straight quarterly fall.

Even a three-fold jump in other income to Rs 836.4 crore and a 48 per cent y-o-y decline in tax expenses could not boost the bottomline at India's biggest car maker. Ajay Seth, CFO, Maruti Suzuki, said the uncertain demand environment was making it difficult to predict growth. "Unless there is a government intervention which may give some relief, it would not be fair to assume any growth numbers," Seth said on the post earnings call. "Inventory continues to be higher than normal at Maruti outlets," he told analysts.

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AJAY SETH,
CFO, MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA

Revenue from operations fell 12.19 per cent y-o-y to Rs 19,719.8 crore, though realisations were better. Operating profit margins contracted a huge 440 basis point to 10.4 per cent, hit by higher raw material prices and average discounts, used to boost sales in an otherwise subdued market. **FE**

AP move to reopen renewable energy contracts will hit growth of the sector: RK Singh to Shah

ANUPAM CHATTERJEE
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

STATING THAT the recent decision of the Andhra Pradesh government to revise power purchase agreements (PPAs) signed with solar and wind developers is detrimental to the renewable energy sector, Power Minister RK Singh has intimated Home Minister Amit Shah that "this has alarmed the sector and the investors".

The letter, a copy reviewed by FE, warned that "if this is not corrected, the FDI will stop coming, the banks will stop financing, and the growth in the renewable energy sector will come to a halt". Since FY15, FDI in the renewable energy sector has been a whopping $4.8 billion. Singh reiterated that "sanctity of the contract is the key to giving confidence to the investors to invest".

Earlier, Singh had tried to persuade Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy against revising PPAs, reminding him that "almost all the major pension funds of the world are invested in India through renewable energy companies". The state sourced 18 per cent of its electricity from renewable energy sources in FY19; it houses about 12 per cent of the country's wind and solar capacity.

The new government in Andhra Pradesh has formed a committee to revise "abnormally priced wind and solar" PPAs, saying these have "resulted in unjustified burden on the consumers of the state", besides contributing to the financial woes of state-run discoms. It believes that many of these agreements were signed with "malafide intentions". Even with the state's aggregate technical and commercial losses — a benchmark for power pilferage and discom inefficiency — of 11 per cent is one of the lowest among the country, its FY19 discom losses stood at Rs 1,563 crore. **FE**

Bill on judicial scrutiny of infra works of ₹100 cr & more passed

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Assembly on Friday passed a 'historic' bill that will mandate judicial scrutiny of government tenders for infrastructure works of Rs 100 crore and more before awarding the contracts, aimed at rooting out corruption by bringing transparency. The underlying objective of the "AP Infrastructure (Transparency through Judicial Preview) Bill, 2019" was to root out corruption by bringing in transparency into the system, the state's Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy said. **PTI**

IBBI amends norms; liquidation now to be completed in a year

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THE LIQUIDATION process of any corporate debtor under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) will have to be completed within one year of its commencement, according to amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) (Liquidation Process) Regulations notified by the IBBI on Friday.

"The amendments require completion of liquidation process within one year of its commencement, notwithstanding pendency of applications for avoidance transactions," the IBBI release read.

"These provide a model timeline for each task in the liquidation process. It also specifies a maximum time of 90 days from the order of liquidation for completion of compromise or arrangement, if any, proposed by the stakeholders under Section 230 of the Companies Act, 2013."

Further amendments on regulations pertaining to liquidation call for financial creditors to contribute towards the liquidation cost, in case the corporate debtor does not have adequate liquid resources to complete liquidation.

In instances where the committee of creditors (CoC) has not approved a plan on such contribution during the corporate insolvency resolution process, financial creditors would have to contribute in proportion to the financial debts owed to them by the corporate debtor.

Such contributions, along with interest at bank rate there on will form part of liquidation cost, which is to be paid in priority.

The amendments also delve into specifics of process over sale of corporate debtor as going concern under liquidation, where the process 'shall be closed without dissolution of the corporate debtor'.

The Insolvency Board also notified changes to the Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons regulations, which require that when approving a resolution plan or deciding to liquidate the corporate debtor, the CoC may also approve a plan providing for contribution for meeting the liquidation costs.

The CoC can also recommend on sale of the corporate debtor or sale of business of the corporate debtor as a going concern, and fix fees payable to the liquidator in consultation with the resolution professional, in the event an order for liquidation is passed by the Adjudicating Authority. **FE**

STILL WORKING ON NUMBER, AAI CHIEF SAYS

'More airports to be listed for privatisation'

Hope to see foreign airports participate, Mohapatra says

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AFTER SUCCESSFUL bids for six airports in India, the government plans to privatise more during the second term of the Modi government, according to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Chairman Guruprasad Mohapatra.

"As part of the 100 days agenda, we wanted several more airports (to be listed for privatisation)," he said at a briefing Friday, adding that the list of airports that the government will invite bids from in the second phase is expected to be finalised in a week.

"Frankly, we are still working on it — the number and the names. And I expect that we should make some list and send it to the ministry before I leave," said Mohapatra, who will be replacing Ramesh Abhishek as the new Department for the Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Secretary from August 1.

The airports up for privatisation are expected to have an annual passenger traffic of 1-1.5 million. "We have appointed two consultants to understand the ... attractiveness of various airports for attracting investment from the private sector," he said.

Mohapatra added that he hoped to see foreign airports participate in the second phase due to the first phase's success.

As a result, AAI may also revise its borrowing requirements, because the disinvestment would mean the authority's capital expenditure commitments would reduce, he said.

"(AAI) will also earn significantly, because the kind of offers that have come are adding a lot to our income," he said.

The AAI Chairman also said that the reduced capex costs at the privatised airports would allow the body to deploy its capex commitments "elsewhere".

The government last year had decided to privatise six profit-making airports—Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Guwahati, Trivandrum and Mangalore—through a public-private partnership (PPP) model that would give bidders the rights to operate, manage and develop the airports for 50 years.

The Adani Group had out-bid players like the GMR Group, AMP Capital and National Infrastructure and Investment Fund for these airports.

While the Union Cabinet has granted approval to operate three of the airports so far, cabinet approval for the remaining three—Jaipur, Guwahati and Trivandrum—is expected "soon".

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DHFL to submit proposed resolution plan to lenders soon

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CASH-STRAPPED DEWAN Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL) is expected to submit its proposed resolution plan to all its lenders for their consideration shortly. The cash-strapped home loan finance company has a cumulative debt of Rs 1 lakh crore, of which it owes Rs 38,000 crore to banks and Rs 34,000 crore to bondholders.

Meanwhile, mutual funds have an exposure of Rs 2,200 crore to DHFL via non-convertible debentures (NCD) and Rs 180 crore of commercial papers (CP).

In a note to exchanges, the home loan financier said, "We wish to inform you that the Company has been constantly engaged with the lenders to formulate and finalise the resolution plan and expects to submit the resolution plan for consideration by the lenders shortly, which is within the time frame available with the Company as envisaged in the Circular."

Meanwhile, several banking sources have indicated that the company's default on June 25 prompted lenders to undertake a review of the account, in line with the Reserve Bank of India's June 7 circular on prudential framework for resolution of stressed assets.

The circular allows lenders a 30-day 'review period' from date of default to decide on a resolution strategy, including the nature of the plan and approach for implementation. The dates suggest bankers are already staring at the end of the review period, which would mean they have 180-days here on to implement a viable resolution plan.

In an earlier notice to the exchanges, DHFL mentioned that it has formed a committee of the board of directors, which has the authority and powers under the Companies Act, 2013 to formulate, consider, finalise and approve the resolution plan in accordance with the RBI's June 7 circular.

Meanwhile, banking sources indicated that SBI Caps, company officials and a team of bankers from select banks within the consortium have been working together on the resolution plan and which could be finalised soon. **FE**

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> **DHFL**
> IN NOTE TO EXCHANGES

BRIEFLY

Note ban cases: More time to I-T

New Delhi: The Central Board of Direct Taxes Friday said it has extended the taxman's deadline by another two months till September to complete the final assessment of about 87,000 entities across the country who made suspicious deposits post-demonetisation.

Lanco: NHPC gets NCLT nod

New Delhi: The Hyderabad bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Friday approved state-run hydro giant NHPC's Rs 907 crore bid for debt-ridden Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd. The Committee of Creditors of Lanco had in its meeting in December last year voted in the bid's favour. **PTI**

Roundup award cut to $86 mn

New York: A California judge on Thursday reduced a $2 billion jury verdict, slashing the award for a couple who blamed Bayer AG's glyphosate-based weed killer, Roundup, for their cancer to $86.7 million.

Trump calls out China on WTO

Washington: United States President Donald Trump put pressure on the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Friday to change how it designates what are developing countries, singling out China and other countries for unfairly getting preferential treatment.

'Apple won't get China waivers'

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Friday said his administration would not grant Apple Inc any relief for tariffs on Chinese-made parts for its Mac Pro computer. **REUTERS**

REC celebrates foundation day

New Delhi: REC Ltd celebrated its 50th Foundation Day at an event on Thursday here. The Navratna company has funded projects across the power sector value chain to the tune of Rs 10,00,000 crore. Union Power Minister RK Singh attended the event as chief guest and called REC "a friend, philosopher and guide of the power utilities of state". Key ministry officials and member of various public sector enterprises were also felicitated at Thursday's event. **ENS**

Govt proposes scrapping of vehicles older than 15 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

THE GOVERNMENT on Friday proposed amendments to Motor vehicle norms to allow scrapping of vehicles older than 15 years in a bid to spur adoption of electrical vehicles.

In a draft notification, the government proposed renewal of fitness certificates for vehicles older than 15 years every six months instead of the current timeframe of one year.

"The Ministry has issued a draft notification for amendments to the CMVR (Central Motor Vehicles Rules) for providing a boost to the Electric Vehicles, ensuring divyang friendly features in buses, and providing an enabling mechanism for scrapping of vehicles older than 15 years," Road Transport and Highways Ministry said in a statement.

Prasad asserts need for traceability mechanism in WhatsApp payments

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

WHILE ENCOURAGING the launch of WhatsApp Payments in India if the company complies with directives of Reserve Bank of India and National Payments Corporation of India, IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Friday said he told WhatsApp that it will need to develop its own traceability mechanism.

"I have heard them and I have instructed my department that in the event the platform is complying with (RBI and NPCI) regulatory requirements, they must be encouraged," Prasad said.

"On the issue of traceability, I have conveyed to them that traceability should be their job. But in the event that WhatsApp platform is abused by rogue terrorist or extremist elements by repeating some kind of recirculation of messages, then there must be a mechanism whereby those can be traced."

Meanwhile, WhatsApp global head Will Cathcart said he reiterated the company's commitment to encryption.

"We have made changes to WhatsApp's product to deal with virality, changed the like forward limits. We talked about the new work we are doing to cooperate with law enforcement by putting in place proper training. We are making sure we are handling requests. We did reiterate our support for encryption and how important that is to the product," he told reporters.

Prasad's meeting on Friday also included Whatsapp vice president of Global Policy and Communications Victoria Grand, Facebook India head Ajit Mohan, Facebook policy director Ankhi Das, and Rakesh Maheshwari.

'Nissan India to cut 1,700 jobs'

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CHENNAI, JULY 26

INDIA WILL be part of Japanese auto giant Nissan Motor's jobs cut plan which was announced on Thursday. The global auto giant has announced to cut 12,500 jobs worldwide, including little over 1,700 (around 13 per cent) in India.

The move is aimed at restructuring the entire global operations due to weak performance of the company, particularly in emerging markets.

While sources in the know — both at the company and workers' union levels – confirmed the development, they seem to have no idea at which levels job cuts are going to be. Some job cuts have already taken place through VRS, it is learnt.

It is also learnt that Nissan India had announced late in 2018 a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) or voluntary separation scheme (VSS) to employees in India. **FE**

Vodafone Idea reports ₹4,873.9 cr loss in Q1; revenue falls to ₹11,270 cr

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TELECOM OPERATOR Vodafone Idea Ltd on Friday posted a consolidated loss of Rs 4,873.9 crore for the June quarter of 2019-20, as against a loss of Rs 4,881.9 crore in the fourth quarter of 2018-19.

Vodafone India had posted a profit of Rs 256 crore in the first quarter of 2018-19, before the merger with Idea Cellular. As the merger of the India unit of Vodafone Group and Idea Cellular was completed on August 31, 2018, the numbers of June quarter are not comparable with those in year-ago period.

The revenue of the company, which has a huge debt of Rs 1.20 lakh crore, fell to Rs 11,269.9 crore for the June 2019 quarter as against Rs 11,775 crore in the January-March 2019 quarter. The first quarter revenue "declined by 4.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter primarily due to churn of customers who recharged with 'service validity vouchers' in the fourth quarter as well as ARPU (average revenue per user) downtrading".

"We are delivering on our stated strategy although the benefits are not yet visible in our topline. As we continue to integrate our networks, our customers' data experience is significantly improving in most service areas," Vodafone Idea CEO Balesh Sharma said.

Sharma said the company is well on track to deliver its synergy targets by the first quarter of FY21. The company said its capex spend for the first quarter was Rs 2,840 crore, and its gross debt as on June 30, 2019 was at Rs 12,044 crore.

The company's subscriber base declined to 320 million from 334.1 million in the fourth quarter. Jio's free voice and dirt-cheap data offering have dented the financial metrics of older operators, deepening the impact of regulatory decisions like cut in termination charges, even though the voice and data usage have been growing at a scorching pace.

Last week, Reliance Jio — which is now India's second largest telecom operator in subscriber base — posted 45.6 per cent rise in net profit for June quarter of financial year 2019-20 to Rs 891 crore.

For the first quarter ended June 30, Reliance Jio's operating revenue stood at Rs 11,679 crore, up 44 per cent over the year-ago period. Its subscriber base stood at 331.3 million as on June 30, 2019.

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PNB back in black, posts Q1 profit of ₹1,019 crore

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MUMBAI, JULY 26

PUNJAB NATIONAL Bank (PNB), the country's third-largest public-sector lender, on Friday reported a net profit of Rs 1,019 crore in the June quarter of FY20, against a net loss of Rs 940 crore a year ago as provisions fell 65 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 2,023 crore.

Fresh slippages dropped over 10 per cent y-o-y to Rs 4,711 crore. Asset quality at PNB deteriorated on a sequential basis, with its gross non-performing assets (NPAs) as a percentage of total advances rising 99 bps to 16.49 per cent. Its net NPAs stood at 7.17 per cent, up 61 bps sequentially. PNB's cash recoveries and upgradation in the June quarter stood at Rs 2,305 crore and Rs 1,554 crore, respectively.

Speaking to a television channel, Sunil Mehta, MD and CEO, said, "Our gross NPA numbers have been coming down sequentially. This particular quarter has seen the impact of a base effect as the denominator in June is smaller than that in March."

In absolute terms, gross NPAs fell 1.5 per cent quarter-on-quarter to Rs 77,267 crore. Mehta added that slippages for the whole of FY20 could work out to about Rs 14,000-15,000 crore.

PNB's provision coverage ratio stood at 74.63 per cent, up from 61.8 per cent a year ago.

The bank said for the accounts covered under the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy code (IBC), it is holding a total provision of Rs 12,053 crore as on June 30, which works out to 84 per cent of the total outstanding in these accounts. **FE**

Sebi sets minimum duration at 5 days for staggered delivery for commodity futures across exchanges

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

CAPITAL MARKETS regulator Sebi on Friday fixed the minimum duration of the staggered delivery period at five working days for all commodity futures in order to bring uniformity in the timeline across exchanges.

Staggered delivery period is the duration during which sellers or buyers having open position may submit an intention to give or take the delivery of the contract.

At present, there is no uniformity in the length of staggered delivery period for commodity futures contracts across exchanges even for the same commodities, according to the circular issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

"All compulsory delivery commodity futures contracts (agriculture commodities as well as non-agriculture commodities) shall have a staggered delivery period," the circular mentioned.

"The minimum duration of staggered delivery period shall be at least five working days," the circular stated. It clarified that the exchanges shall have the flexibility to set higher duration of staggered delivery period for a commodity futures contract after taking into account factors like historical open interest, volume near expiry etc.

The regulator also eased the conditions for exchanges to provide incentives under liquidity enhancement schemes (LES) in the first five years of operation.

Under the scheme, brokers and other market intermediaries are given incentives for a specified period of time to bring in liquidity and generate investor interest in securities, which have limited trading activity.

Phase II of UPI mechanism for IPOs in place

New Delhi: Retail investors bidding for shares in an IPO through intermediaries should make payments only through Unified Payment Interface (UPI) mechanism, Sebi said Friday. In a circular, Sebi also provided a list of 45 banks via which retail investors can apply for IPO using UPI mechanism. **PTI**

US growth slows in Q2 to 2.1%; consumer spending accelerates

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 26

US ECONOMIC growth slowed less than expected in the second quarter as a surge in consumer spending blunted some of the drag from declining exports and a smaller inventory build, which could further allay concerns about the economy's health.

The fairly upbeat report from the Commerce Department on Friday will probably not deter the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates next Wednesday for the first time in a decade, given rising risks to the economy's outlook, especially from a trade war between the United States and China. Despite the better-than-expected GDP reading, business investment contracted for the first time in more than three years and housing contracted for a sixth straight quarter. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell early this month flagged business investment and housing as areas of weakness in the economy.

But robust consumer spending, together with a strong labuor market, further diminish expectations of a 50 basis point rate cut and could raise doubts about further monetary policy easing this year.

AIR INDIA ASSETS HOLDING LIMITED

SIXTH CORRIGENDUM to GLOBAL INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROPOSED STRATEGIC SALE AND TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF AIR INDIA AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED BY AIR INDIA ASSETS HOLDING LIMITED

A Preliminary Information Memorandum for inviting Expression of Interest (PIM) has already been issued on 12th February, 2019 followed by a First Corrigendum, Second Corrigendum, Third Corrigendum, Fourth Corrigendum and Fifth Corrigendum which were issued by Air India Assets Holding Limited on 5th March 2019, 26th March 2019, 24th April 2019, 25th May 2019 and 25th June 2019 respectively.

Interested bidders can download the Sixth Corrigendum with respect to the PIM from websites of AIAHL at **http://www.aiahl.com/**, **AIATSL** at **http://www.aiatsl.com** and Transaction Advisor at **http://www.ey.com/in/en/home**

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No. : BBMP/EE/MDP/TN-04/2019-20 **Date : 25-07-2019**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura invites **Item Rate** Tenders from eligible tenderers registered in BBMP / CPWD/ KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Government Organisations for the works given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in)
1.	Drilling of Borewells Commissioning of New Pipe Lines in Ward No. 149. Est. Cost Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. Job Code : 149-19-000021.	100.00	2,00,000.00

(1) Availability of RFP documents : **29-07-2019 onwards.** (2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held **on 31-07-2019 at 11.30 hrs** in the **Chief Engineer Office, K.R. Pura, Headed by Chief Engineer, Mahadevapura, BBMP. (3)** Last date submission of tender documents **on or before 24-08-2019 at 16.00 hours.** (4) Technical Bids will be opened on the **Website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division on 26-08-2019 at 16.00 hours.**

The Details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- The Executive Engineer, Mahadevapura Division.

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IFT No:BWSSB/CE(K)/ACE(K-2)/DCE(K)/TA-10/931/2019-20 Date :26-07-2019

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER- 3RD CALL
(only Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the work of **Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 270 MLD Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage IV - Phase-I pumping stations at T.K. Halli, Harohalli and Tataguni, including 220/66kv substations at Harohalli & Tataguni, for 7 years.**

Amount Put to Tender: Rs. 31,23,67,308/-

EMD Amount : Rs. 31,23,700/-

The Last Date and Time for submission of tender document is on **28.08.2019 upto 3.00 pm.** Opening of technical tender is on **29.08.2019 after 4:00 PM.** the details regarding participation in the e-procurement can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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Chief Engineer (Kaveri)

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PRESS NIT NO: 24/WEST-II/(2019-20)

S. NO	Name of work	TENDER COST	Earnest Money	Tender fee	Date release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
01	Providing/laying 250 mm dia sewer line in Swayam Sidha Colony in Madipur AC-26 under EE(WEST)II. Tender ID 2019_DJB_176958_1	35,01,134.00	70,500.00	500.00	24.07.2019	08.08.2019 UPTO 3.00 PM
02	Replacement/Providing and laying 100 m dia DI water line by replacing 100/80/50 mm dia damaged water line for improvement of water supply in swaym sidha colony Madipur AC-26 under EE(WEST)II. Tender ID 2019_DJB_176958_2	32,67,986.00	65,500.00	500.00	24.07.2019	08.08.2019 UPTO 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at **http://delhi.govtprocurement.com**
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It is our society that is broken, not our children

What we see as depression, anxiety, addiction and the growing mental health problem is a sign of a society that is sick. Unfortunately, our children are paying the price for it

IMAGINE

BY SHELJA SEN

"YOUNG PEOPLE are so fragile nowadays," this is something we get to hear a lot these days. It makes me visualise them as crumbly, breakable, brittle items of chinaware with the label 'Fragile: Do Not Shake'.

As a father mansplained to me recently, "They are very weak, they have got it easy and that's why they are like this — depressed, anxious, stressed out. In our times, we did not have the luxury of all this. We had to be strong and manage. But now you cannot say anything to these kids." A part of me was annoyed with his quick dismissal of the growing mental health problem as a sign of weakness, but there was a small part of me that realised that in my exhausted moments even I have felt like this: "What is happening to our kids? Why can't they get their act together?"

It does seem like we are in the midst of a mental health breakdown where almost every second child starting middle school is going through some "issues". There is much talk about the "epidemic" of mental health problems reaching unprecedented proportions. We have been made to believe that it can all be understood as "chemical imbalance" but that does not hold much water in the face of growing research and begs the question, "Who has a chemically balanced brain and what does it look like?" To the point of being provocative, I can say it is pretty fictional.

Both these narratives do not work — neither can we place the blame on children for being weak or fragile, nor can we see the problem as "chemical imbalance" as that places the problem in the realm of the personal — situated in the person or the family (bad genes or bad parenting). What we are seeing as depression, anxiety, addiction and the growing mental health problem is actually a sign of a society that is sick. It is fraught with consumerism, affluenza (a hybrid of affluence and influenza) and gnawing competitiveness. Unfortunately, it is our children who are paying the price for it.

Johan Hari explains it well in his book, *Lost Connections*: "I started to see depression and anxiety as cover versions of the same song by different bands. The underlying sheet music is the same." Disconnection and loneliness is the core theme of the sheet music they are playing from.

What do the young do with their sense of disconnection and despair? They try to numb it with whatever they can — nonstop gaming, shopping, social media obsession or high-risk behaviour like drinking, drugs or jumping into a series of "casual hookups". And of course, we judge them and blame them for their "bad behaviour", "addictions" or even "promiscuity" without really taking responsibility for creating a society that is pushing them into it with eyes wide shut.

Illustration Suvajit Dey

And the ones who are most vulnerable are the ones who are seen as being different due to their wiring, sexuality, gender identity, looks, family background. These are the outcasts, who live on the fringes of society. As one child told me, "I feel invisible in school, as if I am a ghost. Everybody looks through me. Nobody knows me, the real me. My life is all about getting good grades, SATs and ACT scores."

They have internalised the propaganda that the only way they are worth something is if they get into good colleges and have financially stable career. It is like we have inflicted third-degree burns on them and when they react with pain, we accuse them of being "so weak".

Therefore, it is no surprise that the chilling statistics tell us that one in four young persons is struggling with depression or anxiety and that India tops the world in teen suicide. They are not causing this to themselves, we are bringing it on to them.

The problem is complicated, textured and multi-layered. However, the solution is not complex at all.

IT IS NOT THEM: First of all, we need to stop pathologising our kids and see them as the problem. Taking them to a therapist or starting them on medication is just a small part of the solution. We need to understand that their problem has social roots. A young man, I will call him Arjun, was struggling with crippling depression to the point that he was not able to go to college and spent most of his time locked up in his bedroom. It all started when he could not get into the college of his choice despite scoring 95% in his Boards. His father suggested that they go for a trek in the mountains together, something that he had enjoyed as a kid. That trip changed everything for this young man as it helped him reconnect to all things that he loved — his relationship with his father, his passion for adventure sports and a clarity of what he wanted to do after college.

LET THEM BE SUBVERSIVE: Arjun had always been a high achiever and his parents had hopes that one day he would finish his MBA and take on a high-paying job in a corporate firm. However, the depression was a turning point for them, "We realised that we had been pushing him to be somebody he was not." The reason that the movie *Gully Boy* had such a huge appeal for the youth was how its main character, Murad, was able to express his angst against the dominant discourse through his gut wrenching music. That was his vaccine against depression, and this is what they long for rather than our blame. They need to connect to what gives them a sense of purpose and meaning (*apna time aayega*) and that will not come from the pressure-cooked boxes of success we build for them.

MAKE SPACES FOR CONNECTIONS: We are hardwired neurologically, socially, spiritually to seek human connections where we get a sense of belonging, where our flaws, eccentricities, quirks are accepted and we can be ourselves. We need to build emotionally safe spaces which heal our children and reconnect them to their sense of agency, hopes and aspirations. In the present age, as we have been unable to provide it to them, they have sought it in the form of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. Every 'like' on these social media forums is like a validation of their visibility and existence but we know they are unable to build authentic connections. We have to build safe, inclusive spaces in our homes, schools, colleges, neighbourhoods that are worthy of our children. It could be spaces where they explore art, theatre, music, photography, critical thinking, creative writing to seek connections and express their angst. For Arjun, it was reconnecting to nature which is not surprising as there is piles of research indicating that the disconnect with the natural world is impacting us. At the end of the day, we seem to have forgotten that we are living beings and our need to be in touch with nature is deeply wired into us. We are trapping our children in little artificial worlds and despair when they feel dissatisfied with life.

Until some decades ago, canaries were sent down into coal mines to test for gas leaks. Our children are like the canaries of our present time. We cannot blame the canaries for dying, we have created the toxic society in which they are struggling to survive.

Therefore, next time we want to dismiss our children's woes with labels of fragility, weakness, or worse, "attention seeking", let's remember: they are not failing us, we are failing them. Nobody is going to come and sort this out for us. We have to do it ourselves. We have to be better and do better. Because as Nelson Mandela put it, "There can be no keener revelation of society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

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DIET DIARY

Fighting infections with home remedies

BY ISHI KHOSLA

INFECTIOUS DISEASES spread rapidly in the rainy season. Viral fevers, flu and dengue are common conditions affecting people during this time. High humidity and temperatures support breeding for mosquitoes and other pathogens.

The typical problems in this time include upper respiratory tract infections, digestive disorders, fever, headache, blocked or runny nose, aches and sneezing.

While medicines provide relief from symptoms, simple natural preparations in our own homes can help address minor complaints. The kitchen can easily help as a safe pharmacy and also helps prevent infections by helping strengthen the immune system.

- Kahda, the grandmother's recipe to cure cold and cough is a herbal mix of spices, including cinnamon, cloves, black pepper, ginger, desi ghee and basil. It is useful in preventing common cold and flu.
- Honey with some spices: Honey is known to possess anti-bacterial, anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory and prebiotic properties. Other benefits attributed to honey include anti-tumour, anti-mutagenic and anti-viral properties.
- Turmeric and ghee: Turmeric's ability to modulate the immune system has been shown and it is known to have anti-viral, anti-bacterial and anti-fungal activity.
- Garlic: Garlic has been long known for its therapeutic benefits. It is loaded with nearly 100 active chemical compounds, including several potent anti-oxidants.
- Tulsi tea: Among its innumerable benefits, tulsi is known to reduce stress, enhance endurance, increase oxygen utilisation, boost the immune system and fight bacterial, viral and fungal infection.
- Vitamin C: The anti-oxidant properties of vitamin C help boost immunity and fight infections. Taking at least 1g of vitamin C per day can be recommended for preventing cold.
- Probiotics improve gut health and boost immunity.

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The downside of having a sweet tooth

Regular consumption of sugary drinks heightens the risk not only of tooth decay, obesity, fatty liver disease and Type 2 diabetes, but also of heart disease and premature death

JANE E BRODY

SWEET DREAMS, sweet spot, sweet as pie, sweet young thing: All have a positive connotation. But what about sweet tooth, which Americans seem to have cultivated to great excess? The health effects of this obsession with everything sweet are anything but positive.

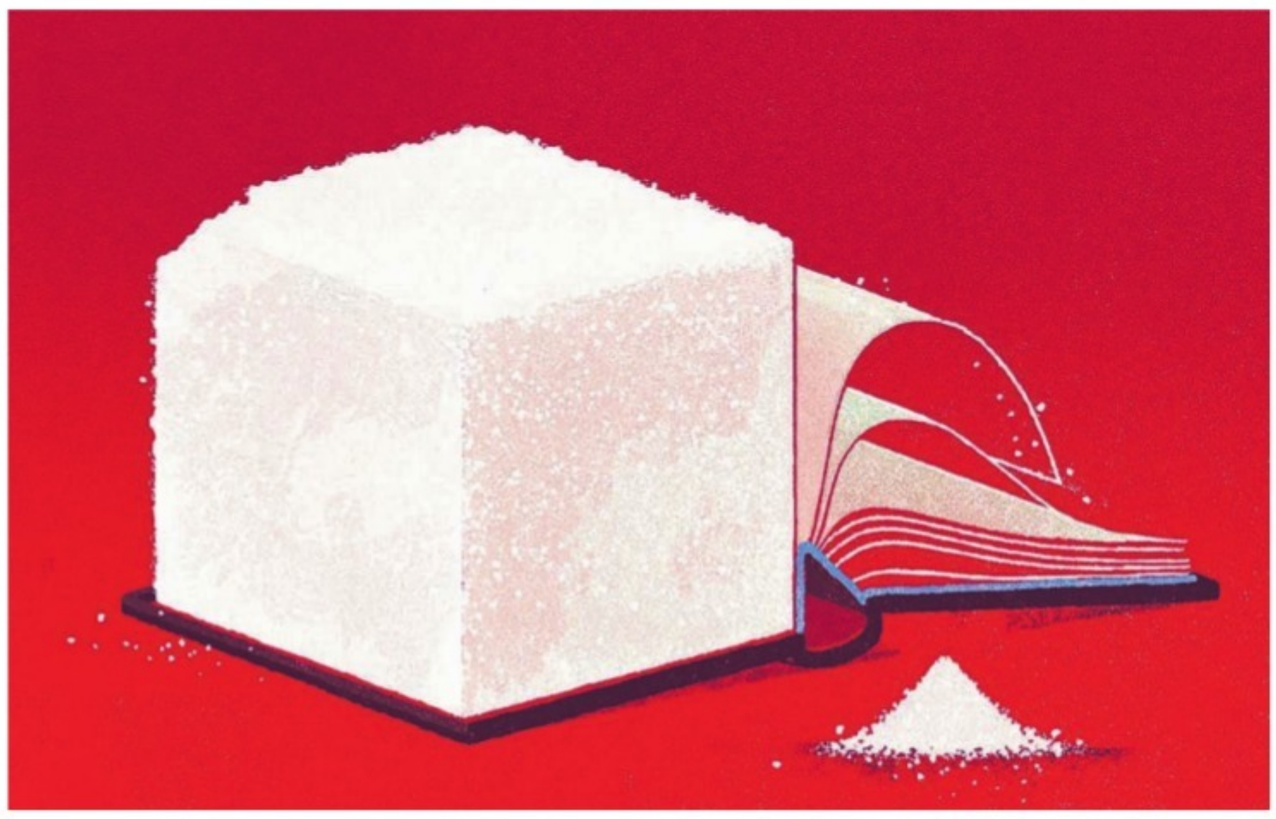
In fact, recent reports have found that regular consumption of sugary drinks heightens the risk not only of tooth decay, obesity, fatty liver disease and Type 2 diabetes, but also of heart disease and premature death, even in people free of other risk factors.

You may have encountered contrary findings — reports that seemed to exonerate sugar consumption as a health hazard. Companies that produce sugar-laden foods and drinks would like you to believe that ailments linked to sugars result from excess calories, not sugars themselves. Don't believe them; most reports holding sugar blameless are from sources tied directly or indirectly to financial support from the industries that depend on caloric sweeteners.

For example, one prominent contrarian, Dr James M Rippe, has received a monthly retainer from the Corn Refiners Association, whose members produce high-fructose corn syrup and which provided $10 million for his lab's studies that found fructose to be no more hazardous than the natural blood sugar, glucose. To a layperson unfamiliar with subtle nutritional influences, these and similar findings may appear convincing, but they rarely survive independent scientific scrutiny. More about this later.

The newest indictments of sugar-sweetened beverages began in April with the publication in *Circulation*, the journal of the American Heart Association, of causes of death among 37,716 men and 80,647 women initially free of heart disease who were followed for 28 and 34 years, respectively. Cardiovascular mortality was 31 per cent higher and the total death rate 28 per cent higher among those who consumed two or more sugar-sweetened drinks a day when compared with people who rarely if ever drank them.

Then in May, a team headed by Jean A Welsh, a nutritional epidemiologist at Emory University in Atlanta, published an analysis of deaths among 13,440 participants in a long-term study seeking to identify factors that elevate the risk of stroke among African-Americans and residents of the Southeast.



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They found that regular consumption not only of drinks containing added sugars but also naturally sweet fruit juice raised the risk of an early death by as much as 44 per cent.

Thus, sweet dangers are not limited to beverages sweetened with added sugars, like sodas and energy drinks, that often contain the much maligned high-fructose corn syrup. Naturally sweet drinks like pure orange, apple and grape juice and drinks sweetened with honey are culprits as well. Artificial sweeteners, on the other hand, did not confer an added risk in any of the recent studies.

Furthermore, the health risks associated with sugar relate to overeating so-called free sugars, not those naturally present in whole foods like fruits, vegetables and milk.

The latest findings underscore the advice from experts on diet, health and weight control to avoiding drinking one's calories, except perhaps for a glass of wine with dinner. And, it turns out, serious health risks are not limited to liquid sources of sugar; the sugars found in processed solid foods, including many that do not even taste sweet, can be hazards, too, if overconsumed.

Sugar-containing processed foods are ubiquitous and can add up quickly for unsuspecting consumers. In the documentary *That Sugar Film*, the filmmaker quickly developed health problems after eating "healthy" foods like cereal and juice containing 40 teaspoons of sugar a day, the average Australian's intake. (Americans average 42.5 teaspoons of sugar a day.) The film noted that if all sugar-containing food items were removed from supermarket shelves, only about 20 per cent of products would remain.

To clarify the effects of our high-sugar diet, I consulted an expert, Kimber L Stanhope, a researcher in nutritional biology at the University of California, Davis, whose work is free of industry support and funded primarily by the National Institutes of Health. In a comprehensive 34-page review of research published in Critical Reviews in Clinical Laboratory Sciences in 2016, she linked consumption of added sugar to metabolic disease — cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease — as well as high blood levels of uric acid, a risk factor for kidney stones and gout.

In studies done in her lab among young adults consuming their normal diets, the risk for developing heart disease and kidney stones rose in direct proportion to the amount of high-fructose corn syrup they consumed. Diet and health data from a major national survey showed that "the average level of added sugar consumption in the US, 15 per cent of daily calories, is associated with an 18 per cent increase in risk for cardiovascular disease mortality." A sweet death, indeed.

One problem with the studies done in Rippe's lab, Stanhope said, is that the sugars tested were added to milk, which itself diminishes the risk of metabolic disease and thus can mask the damaging effects of fructose.

"Fructose and glucose are not metabolised the same way in the human body," which can account for the adverse effects of fructose, Stanhope said. Glucose is metabolised in cells throughout the body and used for energy. Fructose is metabolised in the liver, resulting in fat production and raising the risk of heart and fatty-liver disease. In addition, she explained, "fructose doesn't stimulate the satiety-promoting substance leptin," prompting some people to overconsume it, especially in soft drinks containing high-fructose corn syrup, and other tempting foods as well.

Following consumption of fructose, brain studies showed that people respond positively to pictures of highly palatable foods like cookies, candy and ice cream.

Nonetheless, Stanhope said, definitive independent studies are still missing that can resolve the conflicting findings from industry-funded studies. She lamented that the needed studies are unlikely to be done given the extreme difficulty in getting financial support from government sources that favour innovation and treatment, not disease prevention.

Meanwhile, her advice to consumers is to cut their sugar intake by two-thirds: Reduce the current 15 per cent average daily calories from added sugars to 5 per cent, as recommended by the American Heart Association, easiest if done gradually. Learn to routinely peruse packaged food labels for the kinds and amounts of sugars they contain.

Looking at containers in my freezer, I found, for example, that a half-cup of Talenti gelato can contain 22 gm of sugar while Breyer's "frozen dairy dessert" had only 15 gm.

Changes in nutrition labelling currently being phased in can help consumers distinguish between health-neutral naturally occurring sugars, like those in fruits, vegetables and dairy products, and those added by manufacturers that could incur a health risk.

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SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Mediterranean diet may lower gestational diabetes risk: Study

WOMEN who follow a Mediterranean-style diet during pregnancy, including a daily portion of walnuts and almonds, may have a lower risk of gestational diabetes, a study claims. Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that is first seen in a pregnant woman who did not have diabetes before she was pregnant. The results, published in *PLOS Medicine*, found women who followed a Mediterranean-style diet during pregnancy had a 35 per cent lower risk of gestational diabetes and on average gained 2.75 pounds less, compared to women who received standard prenatal care. A Mediterranean-style diet rich in good, unsaturated fats, found in foods like walnuts and extra virgin olive oil, has been shown to reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke, and cardiovascular death in adults, according to researchers at Queen Mary University of London and University of Warwick in the UK. PTI

[20-50 YEARS]

Smokers have more complications after skin cancer surgery

COMPLICATIONS AFTER skin cancer surgery may be more common in smokers and former smokers, a US study suggests. Researchers examined outcomes after "Mohs reconstruction", a procedure to remove a skin cancer lesion. Once the cancer is removed, often from the head or neck, surgeons may close the site using a flap made from surrounding tissue or a graft of skin taken from another area of the body. For the study, researchers examined outcomes for 1,008 patients who had Mohs reconstruction with flaps or grafts, including 128 current smokers and 385 former smokers. Compared to people who never smoked, current smokers were more than nine times as likely to have complications like infections, clots known as hematomas, uncontrolled bleeding or dead skin tissue. Ex-smokers were more than three times as likely to have these acute complications. REUTERS

[50+ YEARS]

Spicy diet may increase dementia risk, finds 15-year-long study

LOVE ADDING that extra kick of chili pepper to your meal? Consuming more than 50 gm of the popular spice per day may increase the risk of dementia, a 15-year-long study claims. The study of 4,582 Chinese adults aged over 55 found evidence of faster cognitive decline in those who consistently ate over 50 gm of chili a day. Memory decline was even more significant if the chili lovers were slim, according to the study published in the journal Nutrients. The study, led by Zumin Shi from Qatar University, showed that those who consumed in excess of 50 gm of chilli a day had almost double the risk of memory decline and poor cognition. "Chili consumption was found to be beneficial for body weight and blood pressure in our previous studies. However, in this study, we found adverse effects on cognition among older adults," Zumin said. PTI

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CAO (Construction), S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

SN.: 1. **NIT No.:** 81-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.1 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Guntur-Guntakal doubling - Hiring of AC four Wheeler road vehicle 1 No.like SEDAN standard or similar type of four wheeler road vehicle for movement of FA&CAO/C-II South Central Railway, Secunderabad - for a period of 21 months. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 7,77,000/-. **EMD:** Rs. 15,500/-. **Completion Period:** 21 (Twenty One Months) **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 2. **NIT No.:** 82-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.2 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Nanded division: Akola - Khandwa section Conversion of track from MG. to BG. Between AKOLA-Akot stations. Fabrication of 52/60kg. in situ glued insulated Rail joints between Akola - Akot stations (Including Akola, Ugwe, Gandhi Smarak Rd.,Patsul and Akot station yards). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 84,95,300/-. **EMD:** Rs. 1,69,900/- **Completion Period:** 06 (Six Months) **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 3. **NIT No.:** 83-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No. 3. Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Guntur - Guntakal section - Proposed Double line between Nallapadu -Donakonda stations - Proposed Laying and linking of BG track, Assembling and insertion of Points and crossings , Leading and dumping of stone ballast, transportation of P.way materials and execution of other miscellaneous works from Ch.83000m to 119000m (36.0 Km) between Vinukonda (excluding) and Donakonda (excluding) stations (including Cheekateegalapalem, Gundlakamma, Kurichedu, & Potlapadu yards). **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 8,92,24,527/-. **EMD:** Rs. 5,96,100/-. **Completion Period:** 09 (Nine Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 4. **NIT No.:** 84-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.4 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division - Vikarabad - Parlivaijnath section - Construction of Proposed R.O.B (Br.No.85/A) in Lieu of LC No:32 at Km 60/10-11 with Pile foundations, RCC Plate piers and superstructure of span as 1 x 35.78m clear span (37.280m C/C of piers) Composite girders (ie., Steel girders with deck slab) (Four lane) between Zaheerabad and Matalkunta stations including other connected miscellaneous works. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 8,37,60,556/-. **EMD:** Rs. 5,68,800/-. **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 5. **NIT No.:** 85-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.5 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Vijayawada Division - Machilipatnam - Augmentation of Coach maintenance facilities at C&W Depot - Construction of IOH shed & laying and linking of BG track from existing pit line ladder to proposed IOH shed tracks at Machilipatnam and other connected Miscellaneous works. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 3,77,32,965/-. **EMD:** Rs.3,38,700/-. **Completion Period:** 09 (Nine Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 6. **NIT No.:** 86-CAO-C-SC-. 2019- Item No.6 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Guntur - Guntakal section- Doubling of track BG line : Proposed AT welding portion for 60 Kg/ 90 (UTS) rails in situ with compressed Air petrol pre- heating 3 piece pre-fabricated mould (ZIRCON - WASHED) Manually pressed, single shot crucible fitted with Auto tapping Thimble for conversion of free rail joints/ 3RP/ 10RP to LWR /CWR from Ch.119000.00m to Ch:216000.00m (97.00Kms) between Donakonda to Diguvamitta stations. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 5,16,36,000/-. **EMD:** Rs. 4,08,200/-. **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 7. **NIT No.:** 87-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.7 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Nanded Division : Akola - Khandwa- Section : Conversion from MG to BG between KHANDWA and AMALAKHURD stations. Re-construction of existing Major Bridges No.570/1 exg.10x12.20m GB as11x12.20m PSC Girder, (2) Bridge No .573/1 exg. 3x9.15m GB as 4x9.15 PSC Slab, (3) Bridge No.576/2 exg. 3x9.15 m GB as 4x9.15 PSC Slab, (4) Bridge No 578/1 exg. 10x12.20m GB as 11x12.20m PSC Girder, (5) Bridge No .584/1 exg. 6x12.20m GB as 7x12.20m PSC Girder, (6) Bridge No .591/1 exg. 2x9.15 m GB as 3x9.15PSC Slab, (7) Bridge No .600/2 exg. 2x9.15 m GB as 3x9.15 PSC Slab and (8) Brdge No .601/1 exg. 3x12.20m GB as 4x12.20m PSC Girder with open foundations including approach earth work in formation, construction of left over 14 minor bridges and execution of miscellaneous works, etc. of Madhya Pradesh state. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 80,69,14,588/-. **EMD:** Rs. 41,84,600/- **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

SN.: 8. **NIT No.:** 88-CAO-C-SC-2019-Item No.8 Date:24.07.2019. **Name of work:** Nanded division: Akola-Khandwa section: Conversion of track from MG. to BG. Between AKOLA-AKOT stations .Supplying of AT Weld portions for 60kg. Rails and in situ welding with compressed Air petrol pre heating 3 piece pre-fabricated mould (ZIRCON WASHED) manually pressed, single shot crucible fitted with auto tapping Thimble between AKOLA AKOT Stations. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 78,60,300/-. **EMD:** Rs. 1,57,200/-. **Completion Period:** 06 (Six Months). **Date of Opening:** 21-08-2019 at 15.00 hrs.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website https://ireps.gov.in.
ii) Payment of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of tender document should be only through Net Banking/Payment Gateway facilities made available online in IREPS.
iii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.
iv) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer/ Const./Secunderabad

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/(M-I)-RZ
ROAD NO. 44, VILLAGE PITAM PURA, DELHI-110034

E.E.(M-I)-RZ/TC/2019-20/14 Dated:-24.07.2019

Date of Start for Sale of Tender Document : 25.07.2019 at 10:00 AM
Last Date of Download of Tender Document: 09.08.2019 upto 14:00 PM
Last Date of Bid Submission : 10.08.2019 upto 15:00 PM
Opening of Financial Bid : 12.08.2019 at 15:15 PM

S.No.1 Name of Work: Construction of recreation hall in Maitri Apartment, Ashoka Apartment, Rishi Apartment, Ganga Triveni Apartment, Canara Apartment, Gulab Vihar Apartment, Anubhav Apartment, Shanti Apartment, Tarun Apartment, Overseas Apartment, Saraswati Enclave and Baba Banda Bahadur Apartment in AC-13, M-I/RZ. **Head of account:** XL-VIII-S(MLALAD) **Tender Amount:** Rs. 75,32,432/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,62,900/- **Time of Completion:** 6 Months **Rates hold goods for:** 6 Months **Cost of Tender:** Rs.1000/- **Tender No.:** 14/01 Tender document can be download online on website **https://www.tenderwizard.com/**NORTHDMCETENDER and also available on the website **https://www.tenderwizard.com/** NORTHDMCETENDER for bidding by approved and eligible contractors, details of NIT can be seen on website.

R.O No. 43/DIP/North DMC/19-20 Executive Engineer/(M-I)-RZ

NORTHERN RAILWAY

e-OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest money	1	Improvement to exiting Officers' Rest House over Delhi division. **Approx, Cost :** Rs. 16397005.22, **Earnest Money :** Rs. 232000.00, **Completion Period :** 08 Months
		Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No.2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.8.2016.
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender		Upto 15.00 hrs on 20.08.2019 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs. on 20.08.2019.
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded		Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**
	1	Rs. 5900/-
		Tender Cost should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No.2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.
Similar nature of work		**For work at SN-1 : Definition of Similar work:** Any Civil work other than track work.

NOTE : All attachments must be self attested by the tenderes and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender condition as per Annexure-XXV is compulsorily. **No. 128-W/280/Tender Notice/19-20/W-1 (NIT-06)(1)/19-20 Dated: 26.07.2019.** **2424/2019**

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RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Kutchury, Ranchi-834001
Contact No. :0651-2211215, Fax: 0651-2211777, email: support@ranchimunicipal.com, website: www.ranchimunicipal.com

Letter No:- **1919** **e-TENDER NOTICE** Date: - **26-07-2019**

Ranchi Municipal Corporation invites Request for Proposal in Two cover system from interested persons/firms for the work of **"Allotment of Exclusive Outdoor Advertisement rights for the display of advertisements at the existing LED Display screens with O&M installed Different Sites at RMC Area Ranchi".** Tender documents which can be obtained/ downloaded through website **www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in.**
Any tender document without the tender fee shall be summarily rejected.
:: Schedule::

Sl. No	Name of the Work	"Allotment of Exclusive Outdoor Advertisement rights for the display of advertisements at the existing LED Display screens with O&M installed Different Sites at RMC Area Ranchi".
1.	Mode of submission of bids	Open Tender
2.	Validity	The bids submitted shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening the technical bid.
3.	Tender Fee & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In INR) through demand draft/ Banker's cheque drawn in favor of "Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi" on any scheduled commercial bank payable at Ranchi to be enclosed with the technical bid.	Cost of Tender Document: 25,000.00 *(Rs. Twenty Five thousand only)* Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) – 10,00,000 *(Rs. Ten Laks only)*
4.	Date of publication of Tender on website	27-07-2019 11.00 AM
5.	Last date of submission of pre-bid queries	08-08-2019 till 5.00 PM at support@ranchimunicipal.com
6.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	10-08-2019 at 3.30 Pm
7.	Date of Start of Submission of Bids	13-08-2019 from 10 AM
8.	Last Date/Time for submission of bids	19-08-2019 up to 5.00 PM
9.	Last date/Timing for Submission of Tender Fee and EMD	19-08-2019 Up to 5.00 PM
10.	Date of Bid Opening (Technical Bid)	20-08-2019 at 12.30 PM or there after
11.	Date/Time for opening of financial bid	To be announce Later
12.	Bid Submission address	Bid should submitted online at Jharkhandtenders.gov.in & Hard copy send on Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001
13.	Helpline no of e-procurement	0651-2203469

Further details can be seen on website http:/jharkhandtenders. gov.in.

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Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR 212849 (Ranchi Municipal Corporation)19-20#D

Coal India Limited
(A Maharatna Company)

Notice for Global Trial e-Tender

1. Global Trial e-Tender No. CIL/C2D/850 HP Crawler Dozer/R-83/ Trial/346, dated 20.07.2019. 2. Item Description: Supply, installation and commissioning of 02 (two) nos. of 850 HP Crawler Dozer along with Consumable Spares and Consumables for 36 months on trial basis and on being declared proven after successful performance during trial period of 36 months, supply of Spares & Consumables for a further period of 12 months on proven basis. **3. Estimated Tender Value:** Rs. 18.38 Crores for Equipment only. **4. Tender Document:** There will be no physical sale of tender document. The complete tender documents can only be downloaded from Coal India Limited website **(www.coalindia.in)**, Central Public Procurement Portal **(www.eprocure.gov.in)** and CIL's e-Procurement Portal **(http://coalindiatenders.nic.in)**. All necessary details may be seen from the tender document available on the above websites.

General Manager (MM)

NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY — EVENTS, HONOURS

MoU-NTPC

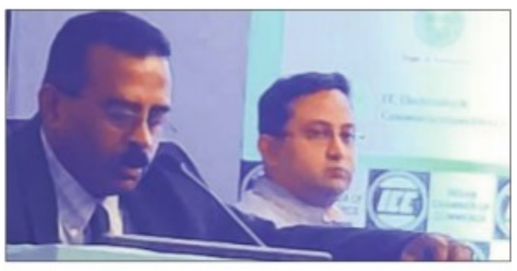
NTPC & BHEL signed an MoU for forming a Joint Venture company, to set up a 800 MW TDP at NTPC's existing power plant in Sipat, Chhattisgarh. It was signed by P.K. Mohapatra, Dir (Technical) NTPC & Kamalesh Das, Dir (E,R&D) BHEL.

NATIONAL RAIL MELA-RailTel

RailTel participated in 64th National Rail Mela at Ambala by putting up a stall in the exhibition showcasing various services & achievements of RailTel. The stall was visited & appreciated by Suresh C. Angadi, MoS Railways.

CAMPAIGN-INDIAN BANK

Indian Bank has sponsored 3 RRBs, one each in TNAP & UT of Puducherry. GOI as part of rationalization of RRBs with an aim to bring it down to 38 from 56 in the country, proposed to amalgamate Pallavan Grama Bank and Pandiyan Grama Bank in TN.



SUMMIT-NSIC

P. Udayakumar, Dir (P&M), NSIC was the Special Guest in the EV Summit, organized by Telangana Govt. He stated that considering huge potential in the near future NSIC would explore creation of the MSME eco system for EV sector.

ADDRESS-EPCH

Ravi K. Passi, Chairman EPCH addressing the Japanese buyers & Indian exhibitors in the presence of His Excellency Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India to Japan, Ajit Chavan, Secretary, Textiles Committee, M/o Textiles, GOI, & senior dignitaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT- CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

On the occasion of 50th Bank Nationalization day, CVO, Central Bank of India, Parshuram Panda dared to fight out corruption from the system. He addressed Officers Employees of CBI, Thane Region.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE-AAI

The second edition of two-day Annual Conference of Top AAI executives inaugurated today by Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman AAI. Anuj Aggarwal, Member (HR) gave welcome address & highlighted the positive changes in Civil Aviation Industry.

MoU-BIS

BIS has signed a MoU with (NITRA), Ghaziabad to collaborate in the areas of Standardization & Conformity Assessment in the fields of Textiles including Technical Textiles. The MOU was signed by Surina Rajan, DG, BIS and Dr. Arindam Basu, DG, NITRA.

BrahMos is proud to have been actively associated with the recently launched Chandrayan-2 Mission & in particular the GSLV-MKIII Launch Vehicle, popularly known as "Bahubali". Sub-assemblies & components manufactured at BrahMos Aerospace Thiruvananthapuram Ltd., have been used for various stages of the GSLV Mark III Launch Vehicle after passing rigorous quality & acceptance testing standards. These include the Engine Thrust Chamber of the L 110 Section, components for the main engine like High Thrust Gas Generator & Turbine Casing, Titanium gas bottles & Titanium Liners for various stages including the Cyro Engine stage and Flex Seals for S 200 Motor case.

PNB Starting July 1, banks have started waiving charges on NEFT and RTGS transactions after RBI announced withdrawal of their charges. Now, PNB, in line with SBI, has also waived charges on NEFT and RTGS transactions through internet banking and mobile banking from July 1, with an aim to promote digital transactions.

SAIL has supplied special quality stainless steel from its Salem Steel Plant for the India's Moon Mission – Chandrayaan 2 meeting the ISRO's requirements for stringent specifications, superior surface finish and close tolerances. Earlier as well, SAIL has collaborated with ISRO to provide quality steel for the country's prestigious and indigenous space missions.

EIL As part of Swachha Pakhwada, EIL organised a Puppet Show on the theme of "Swachh Bharat" in New Delhi on July 15. The Puppet Show aimed at creating awareness about the Swachhta movement and encouraging school children to imbibe Swachh habits in their daily lives.

NBCC hosted Russian Govt Officials at its East Kidwai Nagar, Redevelopment Project site as part of their 'International Training on Project & Risk Management' course organised under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation, Program of Ministry of External Affairs, GOI. The delegation had an interactive session with NBCC officials on the planning & execution of green building projects at EKN & Pragati Maidan site.

INDIAN OIL has been ranked as the third strongest brand in the country in a recent brand survey by Brand Finance. Basis its performance on parameters such as Marketing Investment, Stakeholder Equity, and Business Performance, IndianOil has been assigned a BSI score of 84.6 out of 100, making it the strongest oil & gas brand in the country.

CRPF is celebrating its 81st Raising Day on 27th July 2019. On the occasion a programme is scheduled in New Delhi wherein a wreath laying ceremony will be held. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai has kindly consented to grace the occasion.

SAIL Bhilai Steel Plant has got the necessary Works Approval Certificate from the Indian Register of Shipping to manufacture special shipbuilding grade plates for making Diving Support Vessel used by the India Navy. The plates will be supplied to Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. for making the vessels. This certification requires stringent monitoring and review of the entire systems from steel-making to testing.This certification is a testimony to SAIL's commitment towards 'Make in India'.

REPLACEMENT OF BYTE EPABX BY IP PBX SYSTEM

E-Tender No: N-2019-20-09-Sr. DSTE-MLG; Dated: 24-07-2019. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of work:** Replacement of Byte EPABX by IP PBX system at H.Q. Maligaon and Five Divisions. **Tender Value:** ₹36,62,536/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹73,300/-. **E-tender will be closed at** 15.00 hrs. on 14-08-2019 and **opened at** 15.30 hrs on 14-08-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

DSTE, Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
"Serving Customers with a smile"

Application of PU paint in Refurbishment Coaches

E-Tender Notice No. DBWS/NIET-15/ 2019-20; Dated: 24-07-2019. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** Application of PU paint in Refurbishment Coaches. **Approximate Value:** ₹27,55,630/-; **Earnest money:** ₹55,100/-. **E-tenders will be closed** at 13.00 hrs. on 14-08-2019 and **Opened** at 15.30 hrs. on 14-08-2019. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available **upto 13.00 hrs of 14-08-2019** in website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

CWM/Dibrugarh
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-NOTICE OF INVITATION OF TENDER

Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender for the following works on the date shown as below. **Tender No. :** S&T-BKN-ET 135 **Name of Work with its Location :** Strengthening of telecommunication circuits by Optical fiber cable and STM-1/STM-4 equipment & D/I/MUX in RGCR-SRDR (47 Km) section over Bikaner Division. **Approx. Cost of Work :** Rs. 7894462.85 **Earnest money Rs. :** Rs. 157900.00 **Date & Time for submission of tender :** Up to 15.00 Hrs. on 13.08.2019 **Website from which complete Tender details can be seen & download : www.ireps.gov.in** 715-Dl/19

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum-1 **Notice Inviting E-Tender**
N.I.T No: 541/P-59/VOL-IV **Dated: 18.06.2019**

Name of Office : Chief Engineer / Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh - 160002, Tel. Fax: 0172-2654468
Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Assembly, Testing before dispatch, Supply, Delivery of 1 no. 6 kL T/F Oil Filtration Set.

Last Date & Time for receipt of request for issue of Tender Documents	19.08.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date & Time of submission of bids	26.08.2019 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of bids	26.08.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards

For cost of specification, Earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website **https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in**

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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, KARNAL	STRENGTHENING WITH 60 MM DBM + 30MM BC & 80MM INTER-LOCKING PAVER BLOCK ON BERM IN ABADI PORTION OF KARNAL MEERUT ROAD TO GHARAUNDA VIA AMRITPUR KALAN-KAIRWALI-KALRON-GAINPURA IN KARNAL DIST + 1 OTHER WORK	25.07.2019 05.08.2019	778.89 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2251029 pwdeepdkarnal@hry.nic.in
2.	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING SIDE DRAIN/ RELAYING OF CCB ON KUNGER TO KHERIDAULATPUR ROAD FROM KM. 0.00 TO 0.850 IN BHIWANIDISTT. (ROAD ID NO.2028).+ 1 OTHER WORKS	24.07.2019 02.08.2019	336.59 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01664-242436 pwd-eepd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
3.	PWD B&R, FATEHABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL ON BHUNA FATEHABAD ROAD TO BHUTHAN KHURD (ROAD ID 5567) IN FATEHABAD DISTT.	24.07.2019 05.08.2019	28 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01667-220120 pwd-eepd-fatehabad@hry.nic.in
4.	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNAL ROAD OF LALA LAJPAT RAI UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL SCIENCES (LUVAS) HISAR (DEPOSIT WORK) (ROAD NO. 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 WITHOUT FOOT-PATH PART NO. 1) + 2 OTHER WORKS	29.07.2019 07.08.2019	2176.07 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
5.	PWD B&R, HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF PARIJAT CHOWK TO GURUDWARA ROAD IN RD 0.00 TO 0.300 IN HISAR DISTT (ROAD ID 4830) (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE NO 22919 DATED 21.08.2019	29.07.2019 07.08.2019	50.70 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
6.	PWD B&R, PANIPAT	BHANDARI TO ALUPUR (LEFT OUT PORTION DUE TO COURT CASE) RD. 2.450 TO 2.936 = 476 MTRS.) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF PROVINCIAL DIVISION PANIPAT (RE-INVITED).+ 2 OTHER WORKS	25.07.2019 05.08.2019	403.07 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0180-2638652
7.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, KARNAL	A/MTC. RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME 2019-20 OF PHED NO.2, KARNAL. (PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING SUB DIVISION NO. 1, KARNAL). + 2 OTHER WORKS	24.07.2019 05.08.2019	21.80 LACS	http://etenters.hry.nic.in TENDER NO. 2019_HRY_88997 + 2 OTHER	0184-2266004 eepkarnal@gmail.com
8.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, KARNAL	DETAIL PROJECT REPORT FOR PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE NETWORK IN NEWLY APPROVED COLONIES AT TARA-ORI TOWN BLOCK NILOKHERI DISTT. KARNAL.	23.07.2019 05.08.2019	139.14 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2266004 eepkarnal@gmail.com
9.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, CH. DADRI	CH. TO NRDWP WATER QUALITY STRENGTHENING OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DISTRICT WATER TESTING LABORATORY CH. DADRI	22.07.2019 05.08.2019	22.43 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01250220150 eedadri@gmail.com
10.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, ROHTAK	PAVEMENT OF STREET WITH DRAINS AT VILLAGE NINDANA TIGRI + 2 OTHER WORKS	26.07.2019 06.08.2019	1.42 CRORE	https://etender.hry.nic.in	9812175055 prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in
11.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	PDG. E.I. WORK IN COMMUNITY CENTRE BHUMIA KHERA AT VILL. KUTAIL BLOCK GHAROUNDA DISTT KARNAL + 1 OTHER WORK	25.07.2019 02.08.2019	1.97 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	94678-07024, 0171-2550510 prexeengelec.amb@hry.nic.in/ anujgupta0198@gmail.com
12.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	PDG. E.I. WORK IN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE BARI RASAUR BLOCK NARAINGARH DISTT AMBALA	25.07.2019 02.08.2019	2.16 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	94678-07024, 0171-2550510 prexeengelec.amb@hry.nic.in/ anujgupta0198@gmail.com
13.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KARNAL	15 NO. WORKS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIRTHAS AND 3 NO. OTHER DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF DISTRICT KARNAL	25.07.2019 08.08.2019	1372.59 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0184-2262916/ prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
14.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, NUH	RE-TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLAGE PINANGWAN DISTRICT NUH	29.07.2019 12.08.2019	18.17 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	prexeeng.mwt@hry.nic.in 01267-274660, 8059054509
15.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, ELLENABAD	S.W.M PROJECT	29.07.2019 02.08.2019	EMD 60000	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01698-220063
16.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT GURUGRAM	PAINTING NEW LETTERS AND FIGURES AND PARAPET WALL OF BRIDGES (BOTH SIDE) OF NCR CHANNEL KM. 23.465 TO 46.454 + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 07.08.2019	11.05 LACS	hid.gov.in	xen-gwsgrg.irr@gov.in
17.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CHARKHI DADRI.	SUPPLY, ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF VARIOUS ELECTRO-MECHANICAL EQUIPMENTS LIKE VT PUMPS,ELECTRIC MOTORS, VCB PANELS, AND OTHER ALLIED MATERIALS AT PH NO. 1,2, GOTHRA MINOR AND PH NO. 1,2,3, BADHWANA DISTY. + 11 OTHER WROKS	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2019	4112.25 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01250-220058 xenlwsmech @gmail.com
18.	FOREST DEPARTMENT, PANIPAT	HERBAL PARK MAINTENANCE 15 ACRE	26-07-2019 05-08-2019	5.01 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0180-2650331 dfopanipat04@yahoo.co.in
19.	CONTROLLER, PRINTING & STATIONERY DEPARTMENT, HARYANA, CHANDIGARH	SALE OF WASTE PAPER, REEL CORES , WHITE PAPER IN IRREGULAR SIZES TAKEN OF FROM REELS, & SCRAP MATERIAL	CLOSING DATE 20.8.2019	7.50 LACS	pandsharyana@gov.in TENDER NO PANDSWASTEPAPER 2019_HRY_89529_1	6239476892 basurajender1964@gmail.com

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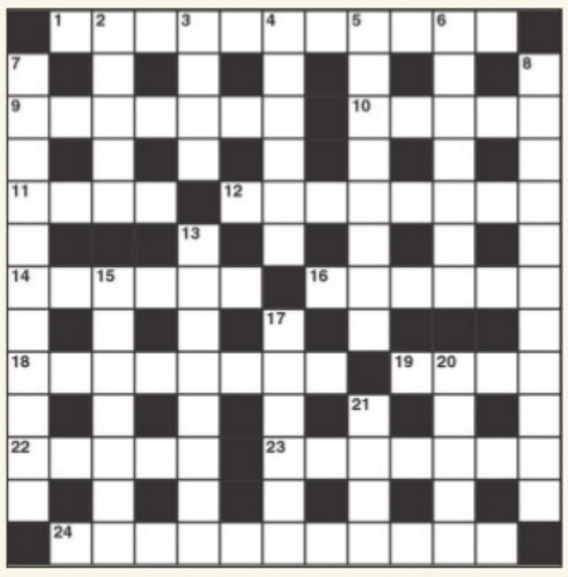

ACROSS
1 Looking for a short cut for riders to use (7,4)
9 Increase Aunt Meg's confusion (7)
10 Father turns the tap with hesitation (5)
11 Objects when tips are offered? (4)
12 A cutback difficult for fish (8)
14 No way out for undercover activities? (6)
16 Fireman who doesn't put fires out (6)
18 Standard feature of most city streets (8)
19 A fur for a foreign lady (4)
22 Children that may be well read? (5)
23 Possibly end with a true version, though it's altogether false (7)
24 A record turnover? (7,4)

DOWN
2 Did some pressing (5)
3 Address of the Quakers (4)
4 He's stupid in trying to open it without a key (6)
5 Surpass a large town in volume (8)
6 Australian bush (7)
7 Sort of help that's not fancied? (8,3)
8 The ways of business (5,6)
13 Full make up? (8)
15 Possibly send me to Eastern estate (7)
17 Remarks we're not supposed to hear as the team comes in (6)
20 Plump for some drinks (5)
21 Hotels in capitals of Norway and Sweden (4)

Solutions Crossword 3868: Across: 1 Murmur, 4 Openings, 9 Tedium, 10 Aigrette, 12 Road, 13 Expel, 14 Scar, 17 Accept office, 20 Distilleries, 23 Ride, 24 Torch, 25 Yeti, 28 Motor car, 29 Gunman, 30 Turnover, 31 Stoned. **Down:** 1 Maternal, 2 Radiance, 3 Urus, 5 Pride of place, 6 Norm, 7 Notice, 8 Steers, 11 Extortionate, 15 Split, 16 Octet, 18 Linesman, 19 Assigned, 21 Prompt, 22 Editor, 26 Ergo, 27 Punt.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Dreams, imagination and intuition are important at the moment and are vital to any solution to practical problems, but you can't get away without hard, practical work. You may also look closely at domestic questions to see if they can be solved by an unusual approach.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
It's a serious moment, yet one when you can consider strange new options. You may be taking responsibility for group affairs, yet be careful not to over-commit yourself. Recent delays in communication should be lifted and long-awaited news could arrive soon.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If you're following up career proposals, then you might usefully spend the next few days planning interviews, making applications and plotting your next great move. Directness and honesty about your thoughts and feelings will be appreciated by those closest to you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Venus, ruler of love and affection, makes a temporary withdrawal from stressful relationships, hopefully easing some of the tensions which are bedeviling personal and professional relationships. If you have offended anyone, then you might be wise to apologise now — not next week.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
One reason for hold-ups has been your doubt about a particular course of action but, over the coming days, the sheer speed of developments may take you by surprise. Secret information may cause a change of plan, but if you do change your mind, you'd better let other people know about it.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You may have been shouldering more than your fair share of responsibility for acquaintances or colleagues. The current period presents you with a chance to redress the balance and set the record straight. If you do this now, you'll no doubt avoid unnecessary hassles some way down the line.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Your lunar alignments encourage an unusual and independent point of view. You may also, as it happens, devote as much time as is necessary to sorting out domestic problems. A few days engaged in consulting family and friends and implementing overdue improvements will save trouble later.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Powerful planetary patterns continue, as does the uncertainty about where current developments are leading. Changes over the coming few days may at first be so subtle that their meaning will not be clear until next week. Mind you, that's not too long to wait.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
The financial situation remains critical, and you may be tempted to sit on the fence, waiting for a resolution. However, if you are too passive, you must expect to risk making a loss. Perhaps the central issue is your willingness to spend money on relationships or subsidise a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The simultaneous movements of the Sun and Uranus are about to have an effect on your emotional life that will be as dramatic as it is difficult to control. A breath of fresh air could revitalise an old partnership — and can only add to your quality of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The Moon is on your side, so it's only to be expected that family members and people you live with should be backing you to the hilt. Not for the first time your planets show the possibility of dramatic financial dealings and important agreements. Yet illusions you hold so fondly now, may be rudely shattered before long.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Plans for domestic change which were initiated earlier in the year but were never completed should be brought to a successful conclusion soon. The only things required are a little determination and a large dose of confidence. Above all, you should believe in yourself.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

If there must be ____, let it be in my day, that my child may have ___. - Thomas Paine (7,..,5)

CMEEE

MTULTU

AMAOR

IIOBCP

SOLUTION: EMCEE, AROMA, TUMULT, BIOPIC
Answer: If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace. - Thomas Paine

SUDOKU 3920

Difficulty Level 5s
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

3	5	7		8	2			6
		8			1	7	4	
			9	5			2	
5	1				4	3		
		6				4		
		3	2				9	8
	7			9	3			
	8	1	7			6		
9			6	4		1	5	7

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3919

8	9	2	3	7	6	5	1	4
5	6	4	9	1	2	3	8	7
3	7	1	8	4	5	6	2	9
7	1	5	6	9	4	8	3	2
9	4	6	2	3	8	7	5	1
2	8	3	1	5	7	9	4	6
1	2	9	5	6	3	4	7	8
6	3	7	4	8	1	2	9	5
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Director

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. HSCC/PGVS-Patna/Fur/ 2019 **Dated: 26.07.2019**

Online item rate bids are invited on behalf of Director-Power Grid Corporation Of India Limited through e-tendering from eligible applicants who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol.-I (NIT/PQ document) for the work **"Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Furniture work for Powergrid Vishram Sadan at IGIMS, Patna** "Estimated project cost is Rs.1.03 Crore, Completion period is 02 Months & other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 29/07/2019 and Last Date of submission of Bids: 14/08/2019 at 15:00 hrs.

The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

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(2) Conducting Topographical Survey & Geotechnical Investigation and Hydro Geological Survey **(Tender No:HSCC/D&E/AIIMS/RAJKOT/ Geotech_Survey/2019)**
Sale of Tender shall be from 29.07.2019 to 12.08.2019 up to 13:00Hrs. Last date of Bid submission shall be 12.08.2019 up to 14:30 Hrs& opening on same day at 15:00 Hrs.
For detailed NIT, please visit HSCC e-tender portal http://www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC, CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in and http://www.hsccltd.co.in. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

OFFICE: ENGINEER IN CHIEF/RE&APDRP, PSPCL, PATIALA
TENDER NOTICE FOR: APPOINTMENT OF THIRD PARTY INDEPENDENT EVALUATION AGENCY (TPIEA) TO CARRY OUT THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF METER SHIFTING WORKS CARRIED OUT IN NON-APDRP AREAS OF PUNJAB UNDER 18 NOS. T&D LOSS REDUCTION SCHEMES (PHASE-II).
TENDER ENQUIRY NO.: 56/EIC/RE&APDRP/2019-20 (E-TENDERING MODE)
COST OF SPECIFICATION: Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only)
LAST DATE & TIME FOR:

Downloading of specifications/Tender Documents from PSPCL website	Start Date	29.07.2019
	Closing Date	26.08.2019 upto 5.00 P.M.
Last Date & Time for Submission of tenders		28.08.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
Date & Time of opening of tenders		28.08.2019 at 11.30 A.M.

Detailed NIT and set of specification/tender dcouments may be downloaded from https://pspcl.abcprocure.com. Other details regarding e-Tendering process can be downloaded from PSPCL website: www.pspcl.in. All bidders are intimated to get their Digital Signature well in time so as to submit their tenders via e-Tendering process only.

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E-Tender Notice

E-tender on prescribed forms are invited on behalf of PSPCL for the following works:-

1.	Name & Complete Address of Office giving tender.	ASE/CCM, GNDTP Bathinda.
2.	Type of Tender.	E-Tender
3.	Tender Notice No.	02/CCM-19-20
4.	Name of Work	Contract for fishing of pond No. 1, 2 & 3 at GNDTP Bathinda.
5.	Period of Contract	Seven Years on Annual basis
6.	Reserve Price	Rs. 12.20 lacs+GST (For first year)
7.	Starting date & time for downloading of Tender documents	29.07.2019 after 11.00 A.M.
8.	Last date & time for downloading of Tender documents	27.08.2019 after 11.00 A.M.
9.	Last date & time for uploading of part I & II Tender Documents.	30.08.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
10.	Date & Time for Opening of tender Part I (Cost of Tender specification & EMD) Part II (Price Bid)	30.08.2019 at 12.00 Noon 30.08.2019 at 12.10 P.M.
11.	Cost of Tender Specification & mode of its	Rs. 1180/- (through DD in favour of Accounts Officer (O&M) GNDTP, Bathinda.

"Tender specifications can only be downloaded from PSPCL website https://pspcl.abcprocure.com and no hard copy of the same shall be issued by this office Details regarding e-tendering is available on Website: www.pspcl.in

All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the website https://pspcl.abcprocure.com and get conversent with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by due dead line. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.

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C-6449/Pb
GNDTP-9/19
Sd/-
ASE/CCM,
GNDTP Bathinda

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an Unidentified deadbody of male namely Anil **Age :** About 30 years, **Height :** 5'5", **Complexion :** Sallow, **Build :** Thin, **Face :** Long, wearing red colour shirt and blue colour pant, was found dead on 19.07.2019, Near pani ki tanki, near toilet, Raghubir Nagar, Khyala, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 13-A dated 19.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Khyala, New Delhi. The deceased was preserved for identification the mortuary of DDU Hospital, Delhi.

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

SHO : P.S. Khyala, New Delhi
Tel. : 011-28335696, 28335686

DP/8355/WD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Shivani

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Shivani**, **D/O** Sh. Vidyanand, **R/O** E-1200, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The girl has been missing since 07.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 16-A, dated 07.07.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing girl is as under:
Name: Shivani, **Age:** 22 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Pink Colour Kurta Green Colour Salwar and Chappal in Feet .

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/ P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in, Website: http:/cbi.nic.in
Ph. : 011-23015229, 23015218
Fax: 011-23011334
SHO
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.
Ph. No. 011-27456072, 08750870232
DP/9166/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that one girl **Namely:** Chandni, **D/o** Atender Kumar Sharma, **R/o** H.No.B-1111, Mangol Puri, Delhi **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Unknown has been missing / kidnapped since 26.06.2019 from the area of PS Raj Park.
In this regard a FIR No. 491/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 29.06.2019 has been registered at P.S. Raj Park, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.
Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
SHO
P.S. Raj Park, Delhi
Ph. 011-27910070, 27910071
DP/2488/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

Rekha

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Rekha **W/o** Ankit Kumar **R/o** Kh. No.70/25, Gali No.20, Chanchal Park, Nangloi, Delhi **Aged**-25 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 13.05.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi vide **DD No. 61-A Dated 14.05.2019** registered at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **ID mark:** Mentally weak and having CYCST on right wrist, **Clothing:** Cream Coloured embroidery suit-Red coloured salwar-multi coloured chunni.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped female, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
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OFFICE OF THE DEFENCE ESTATES OFFICE DELHI CIRCLE, DELHI CANTT

CORRIGENDUM FOR RE-AUCTION

In modification to this office Notification No 3/175/DEO/TREES/OS/VOL-IX dated 25.07.2019, published on 26.07.2019, the following amendments may please be considered.

Read: E-Auction ID No 2019 MoD 588

FOR

FOR: E-Auction ID No: 2019_MoD_576

The other terms and conditions of the said notification will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
(Lote Vimit Babasaheb)
Defence Estates Officer
Delhi Circle, Delhi Cantt

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Parveen Gupta, S/o Sh. Raghu Nandan Gupta, R/o A-108, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No.45/13, punishable u/s 420/468 IPC, P.S. Mourya Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Parveen Gupta** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Parveen Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Parveen Gupta** of F.I.R. No.45/13, punishable u/s 420/468 IPC, P.S. Mourya Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **16.10.2019.**

By Order,
Ms. Ekta Gauba
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JUDGEMENTAL HAI KYA ★★★

Director: Prakash Kovelamudi **Cast:** Kangana Ranaut, Rajkummar Rao, Amyra Dastur, Hussain Dalal, Amrita Puri, Jimmy Sheirgill, Satish Kaushik, Brijendra Kala

A New Normal

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THE TRICKIEST thing about a movie showcasing an unhinged character is that it can appear half-cocked if it slips even an inch from its graph. And *Judgemental Hai Kya* has one of the kookiest, weirdest, flakiest female characters ever to grace Hindi films.

I'm happy to report that in this film, shifts do happen, but it is of registers, not tones, which in itself is quite an achievement. And even though there are occasional slippages and some clumsiness on display, *Judgemental Hai Kya* stays unwavering in its intention, and that is to get us to look at the world through a character who does not see like the rest of us, served up in a crowd-pleasing but strikingly original medley — a dark serio-comic thriller with touches of horror bound by stylised edges.

Kangana Ranaut's Bobby, burdened with unresolved childhood trauma, has been slapped with a label of 'acute psychosis'. We are told helpfully that she has a '*maansik beemari*' and that '*uske bade saare* complex *hain*'. The word 'mad' pops up later, when we are fully primed for it. A brief stint at a mental health facility is summarily dealt with, and in a different sort of movie, we would critique it as being too facetious. But the plot quickly plops Bobby close to a cuddly much-in-love husband and wife pair, and the film switches gears. Keshav (Rao) and Rima (Dastur) instantly turn into objects of fascination for Bobby, leading to a horrible fatal accident which unsettles the film, and us: who is guilty?

I started warming up to Bobby and the film only after a while. To begin with, I found things a bit choppy, and sloppy, with Bobby's sex-deprived boyfriend (a hilarious Dalal) making broad jokes about not getting any, and Bobby herself being annoyingly all over the place. At one point Bobby laughs uproariously at her own joke, which no else finds funny, and your heart sinks: is it going to be that film in which 'crazy' people are going to be derided/demonised/poked fun at? A series of gags with nothing to tether them?

But once the film settles down, and takes aim, it doesn't let go. The scene shifts from Mumbai to London, and a twist in the tale gets Ranaut and Rao in the company of a very pregnant young woman (Puri) and a theatre director (Shergill), who is busy overseeing a contemporary playing of the Ramayana, in which the idea of Ram, Sita and Raavan are happily subverted: is Sita an '*abla naari*' who needs rescuing all the time?

This is when the film goes off the rails, and I mean that in the best way: Rao plays his part with brio, and Ranaut hits all the notes perfectly: is she 'normal' under all the 'craziness'? Are 'mad' people capable of empathy and vulnerability? I'm not getting into the shoes of those who will find mention of such phrases as *paglait*, *paagal* problematic: yes they are, but equally, they need to be uttered so that their sting can be blunted, though the film needn't have conflated 'mad' with 'dangerous': that's the kind of twinning we can do without.

Other, more affectionate, less judgemental descriptors as *baawli*, *atrangi* also come up, and you realise how many ways there are to classify those who do not fit into the norm. And for me, this film does just that: by not boxing in its 'mental' character, played with ferocious, single-minded acuity by Ranaut, who after a couple of initial fumbles, draws a bead on Bobby and rides her unerringly. Bobby may live with 17 or 18 characters in her head (so we are told more than once), she may be obsessed with men who have a thing for fire and arson, but she is not a victim. She is a survivor.

It is a terrific, hang-everything-out-to-dry performance, and you can't help making connections between what's happening on screen and Ranaut's off-screen seemingly off-kilter joustings which routinely make so much news of the wrong kind.

There's a great deal of craft going on alongside in the film. Some dips aside, this is grown-up writing, making no allowance for dummies (when it starts to explain things too much, in fact, it detracts from the dreamy, trance-like, near nightmarish atmosphere in some parts). The psychedelic, surreal touches are marvelous, with some characters flitting in and out of Bobby's head: are they real or imaginary? A sequence in which Bobby and gang go wandering in the grungier parts of London town is suffused with inspired lunacy. We never relax, and are always on edge, just as the film intends for us to be.

It's been a long time since I've seen something so determinedly experimental, so inventive, despite its flaws, to come out of Bollywood: even the films-within-a-film references (from the classic Hindi horror film *Mahal* to the more recent *Birdman*) are artfully done. Perhaps getting the producers to rename the film *Judgemental Hai Kya* (the original name was the much more bald and potentially hurtful *Mental Hai Kya*) may have been a good thing: a we-are-different-but-we-are-fine post-script, seems to have been forced in, but it manages not to be offensively, patronisingly chirpy.

This is the kind of movie which will sharply divide audiences. And that's as it should be. Once I began seeing it as the murmurings of a different mind, I bought it as a caper, as burlesque, where nothing is as it is. I had problems with some of it, but I really liked the rest of it.

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Empty Peg

ARJUN PATIALA
★½

Director: Rohit Jugraj
Cast: Diljit Dosanjh, Varun Sharma, Kriti Sanon, Ronit Roy, Seema Pahwa, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Pankaj Tripathi

HOW DO you wipe out a bunch of baddies in a small town in Punjab? Why, send in newly appointed thana-in-charge Arjun Patiala (Dosanjh), whose mix of native Punjabi wisdom, expert judo throws, and endearing smile will magic them away.

This, in a nutshell, is the movie. With Dosanjh's high likeable quotient, faithful sidekick Varun Sharma's skills at delivering broadsides, pretty heartthrob Kriti Sanon's dazzling pearly-whites, and a host of reliable supporting acts, the film should have been much better than it is.

You can see some bright-sparky ideas at work. Animated squiggles, helpful labels like 'Hero Ka Hero', 'Villain No 1', at each character's entry, and some imaginative computer graphics raise the technical quality.

But the pizzazz gets lost in this low-rent, tepid attempt at raising laughs. As do some performers who usually add heft to anything they are in. Seema Pahwa as a corrupt local property queen and Ayyub as a knife-wielding thug, are wasted. As is Pankaj Tripathi in a blink-and-miss role.

By the time it ends, you've forgotten the early laughs. What should have been a rollicking Patiala peg turns into a pointless *pauwa*. **SG**

Keeping Track

THE GREAT HACK
(DOCUMENTARY)

Director: Karim Amer, Jehane Noujaim
Cast: Steve Bannon, Jamie Bartlett, Carole Cadwalladr, David Carroll, Damian Collins

BEN KENIGSBERG

THIS REVIEW of *The Great Hack* is the first article that I've felt mildly concerned about emailing to my editors. Why am I even using the internet? Why is Twitter open on another tab? Wouldn't it be smarter to disconnect, move to the woods and live off the land?

These are some of the questions inspired by the movie, an eye-opening documentary from Jehane Noujaim and Karim Amer that explores how our personal data has become a commodity that is collected, analysed and then spit back at us in the form of targeted messaging, with the hope of changing our behavior. You can see the movie in theaters or watch it on Netflix, but if you watch it on Netflix, Netflix might know and then direct you to other alarming documentaries.

The film explores how such tactics might have played a role in the 2016 presidential election. The target is on Cambridge Analytica, the defunct political data firm backed by the Republican donor Robert Mercer. According to Brittany Kaiser, a former Cambridge Analytica executive turned turncoat who emerges as the documentary's principal figure, the firm's strategy was to target voters whom it called "persuadables" in swing states and then to bombard them with content supposedly pushing them to vote for Donald J Trump. In 2017, *The New York Times* reported that the "psychographics" technology that set Cambridge apart from other firms remains unproved, and that Cambridge executives admitted that the technology had not been used in the Trump campaign.

If the paranoia level could withstand a slight reduction, the movie feels credible. Other interviewees include the journalist Carole Cadwalladr, one of the authors of the collaborative report by *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Observer* of London that exposed how Cambridge Analytica harvested information from the profiles of more than 50 million Facebook users. David Carroll, who teaches media design at Parsons, has tried to use the laws in Britain to obtain whatever information the firm had on him. The whistle-blower Christopher Wylie, shown testifying before a committee of the British Parliament, compares cheating in the democratic process to doping in the Olympics.

But most vexing is Kaiser, whose motives for speaking out are never disentangled. A former social-media worker for Barack Obama's 2008 campaign, she comes across as a savvy, status-conscious opportunist with flexible politics who is remorseful for her work with Cambridge Analytica.

That Kaiser has turned into an advocate for owning your own data makes *The Great Hack* seem uplifting, the story of her education. But she is still not someone you would trust with your data. **NYT**

Dawn of Hope

ANGELS ARE MADE OF LIGHT
(DOCUMENTARY)

Director: James Longley
Cast: Fazula, Hasiba, Yaldash Mir-Habibullah, Rostam Mir-Mohammed-Ullah, Sohrab Mir-Safiullah

BILGE EBIRI

MOVIES ABOUT war are a dime a dozen, but how do you film peace? In *Angels are Made of Light*, the director James Longley trains his camera on a school in Kabul, Afghanistan, where young children and weary adults attempt to imagine something resembling a hopeful future. Though much of the country is still troubled by conflict, the capital appears to be slowly working toward a sense of stability. And while the specter of war looms over Longley's documentary, its shadow is subtle. The director is more interested in showing ordinary people trying to live some semblance of a normal life.

The film was shot over three years, and when it begins, the Daqiqi Balkhi School that is the subject occupies a cluster of tents in the courtyard of a devastated mosque; it will later move to its own building. The neighborhood school serves as a structuring presence, but it's a loose one, as the picture detours into the lives of students and administrators. We meet three brothers — Rostam, Sohrab and Yaldash — whose mother teaches at the school and whose father insists that they decide between going to work and getting an education. The children seem wise beyond their years, haunted by the horrors of the past and the desperation of the present. "I worry about what will become of us in the end," one says. "This thought consumes me." However, they're also gleefully ambitious and competitive, eager to place first in their classes. They understand that education can mean a better life, but that survival may need to come first.

The grown-ups around them have their own concerns. The school's determined principal, Faiz Mohammed, questions religious dogma even as he continues to teach it, though always with an emphasis on the power of rational discourse. The adults in the film — among them an artistically inclined teacher of Dari as well as the school's cleaning woman — relate the sad history of Afghanistan in impressionistic interludes that Longley illustrates with archival footage. These simple recollections lack detail, but they capture the hesitant quality of this moment. The return of war never feels far from anyone's mind, and this sense heightens the importance of this fragile peace.

Longley likes to shift perspective, and the film often basks in a collective, many-voiced consciousness. We can't always tell who's talking, and our focus may drift among individuals and stories. In the hands of a lesser director, such a gambit could easily lead to tedium and confusion, but Longley — whose Oscar-nominated 2006 effort *Iraq in Fragments* portrayed the United States' occupation through the eyes of individuals in parts of Iraq — has a knack for composition and for capturing telling details. Long shots of Kabul reveal the ragged majesty of the city; footage of streets, shops and doorways absorbs us in the hustle and bustle of neighborhood life; attentive close-ups convey people's complicated thoughts. The director finds beauty everywhere — in a cloud of dust, a traffic jam, the raucous din of children at play. And wherever such beauty exists, we imagine, hope can never be entirely absent. **NYT**

BREAKING DOWN NEWS

To the Moon and Back

As the launch of Chandrayaan-2 made headlines, the race to put humans back on the lunar surface is qualitatively different 50 years later

BY PRATIK KANJILAL

THE LEITMOTIF of the week is relentless rocketry in Asia. In an attempt to inspire shock and awe — or irritable consternation, at least — Kim Jong Un tested two unidentified missiles. Earlier, in May, two missiles had been launched from the Hodo Peninsula, and India had a role to play in tracking them. CNN had exclusive satellite footage of the incident from Planet Labs of San Francisco, probably filmed by satellites launched by Isro's PSLV C37 in February last year. Of the record 104 satellites that went to orbit, 88 were Planet Labs' Dove mini satellites. It was the largest satellite fleet ever launched.

But that's by the way. Diplomatically, this is a huge embarrassment for the Trump administration, which is already fighting a ridiculous war of nerves with Iran over its nuclear weapons programme. It had confidently asserted that Washington had forced North Korea's missile programme to self-destruct, and had propagated videos of test facilities being demolished with explosives. But the missile tests continued, and CNN declares the latest to be "the first since Trump entered North Korea". That 'entered' is such an unusual choice. Wonder if the headliner over in Atlanta is a Machiavelli fan, and is artfully applying the sublime to the ridiculous. The phrasing is so like a much-quoted passage in Chapter 13 of *Il Principe*, which concerns the unreliability of auxiliaries: "I shall never hesitate to cite Cesare Borgia and his actions. This duke entered the Romagna with auxiliaries, taking there only French soldiers…", who were promptly replaced by mercenaries, because cash down is always a safer bet.

But Asia has more to offer than nuclear missiles. This week, the successful launch of Chandrayaan-2 made headlines the world over. Apart from routine coverage and the expected footage of the blastoff, the BBC focused on the women scientists behind the mission. But the most perceptive coverage was done by Al Jazeera, which noted that 50 years after Apollo 11, the race to put humans back on the lunar surface is qualitatively different: "A global race is in hyperdrive to stake both national and commercial claims to the lunar surface — and to what's below and even beyond it."

Good heavens, they're talking colonialism. A new kind of colonialism, squeaky clean and victimless, since there are no indigenous people to be swept aside, as was the case in the Wild West and Australia, or to be subdued, as in South Asia and large parts of Africa. The claim is not unwarranted, as the enabling conditions are similar.

Space law and UN agreements define the moon to be the province of humankind, and activities on the moon must be for the benefit of all. But moon projects will not work as global charities

In the age of exploration, Europeans were not limited by law determining ownership of territory and resources elsewhere, leaving them free to claim whatever they made landfall on for European royalty, which invested in their ventures. Now, space law and UN agreements define the moon to be the province of humankind, and activities on the moon must be for the benefit of all. But moon projects will obviously not work as global charities. The stakes are sky-high and nations which have signed these agreements — or entrepreneurs who are not bound by them — may seek advantage. For instance, in 1972, Apollo 17 brought back lunar regolith containing Helium-3, a possible future source of safe fusion energy. Whoever takes first mover advantage stands to make a killing, even if it sells the isotope to all nations at tiny margins. Until such acts are contested and case law develops, the law of space is high-minded but toothless.

But the most publicised launch of the week was that of Boris Johnson. While the Brexit question has been widely regarded as a national disaster, following Johnson's ascension to the party leadership, there is a spate of comments to the effect that it is the biggest challenge that the UK has faced since World War II. And the EU health commissioner has compared him to the other Boris in Russia, "in terms of fact distortion, reality falsification and blunt oblivions of reality". In fact, he is being ironically addressed as Yeltsin was in Russia: "Boris, ti ne prav! (Boris, you're not true!)" Not surprising, for England's blond answer to Trump lost his first job as a journalist with the London *Times* for getting stuff wrong.

Back in the neighbourhood, the space race is hotting up, though it wasn't widely reported here. On Thursday, Pakistan minister for science and technology Fawad Hussain promised to send a Pakistani to space in 2022. The long-list of 50 candidate astronauts will open in February next year. Though his commitment to promoting science and technology is appreciated, this particular announcement was met with general disbelief. Jungjoo Gernail, one of Pakistan's finest social media wags commented, "Greatly pleased to announce Pak fauj shall soon be grabbing corner plots in space. Nara-e-takbeer!"

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BOOKER PRIZE LONGLIST

The Booker 2019 longlist is out and previous winners Salman Rushdie and Margaret Atwood head the popular nominations in the 13-strong list. Atwood's *Handmaid's Tale* sequel, *The Testaments* will only be released on September 10. The list also features Lucy Ellmann's *Ducks, Newburyport* — a 1,000-page single-sentence monologue of a US homemaker.

The Cape of Justice

Three novels set in the Batman universe take the superhero into the realm of prose

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CHRISTA FAUST & GARY PHILLIPS
Titan Books
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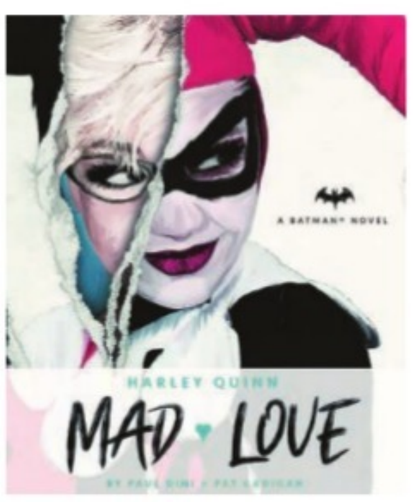

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PAUL DINI & PAT CADIGAN
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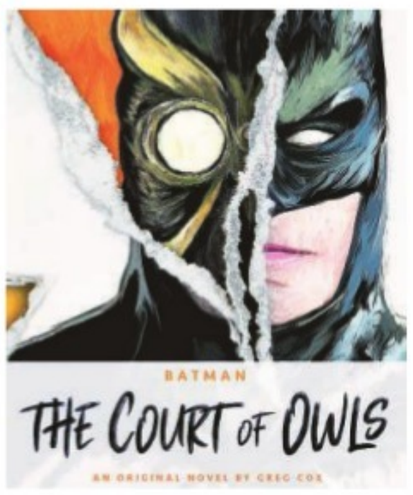


THE COURT OF OWLS
GREG COX
Titan Books
344 pages
₹599

PRATIK KANJILAL

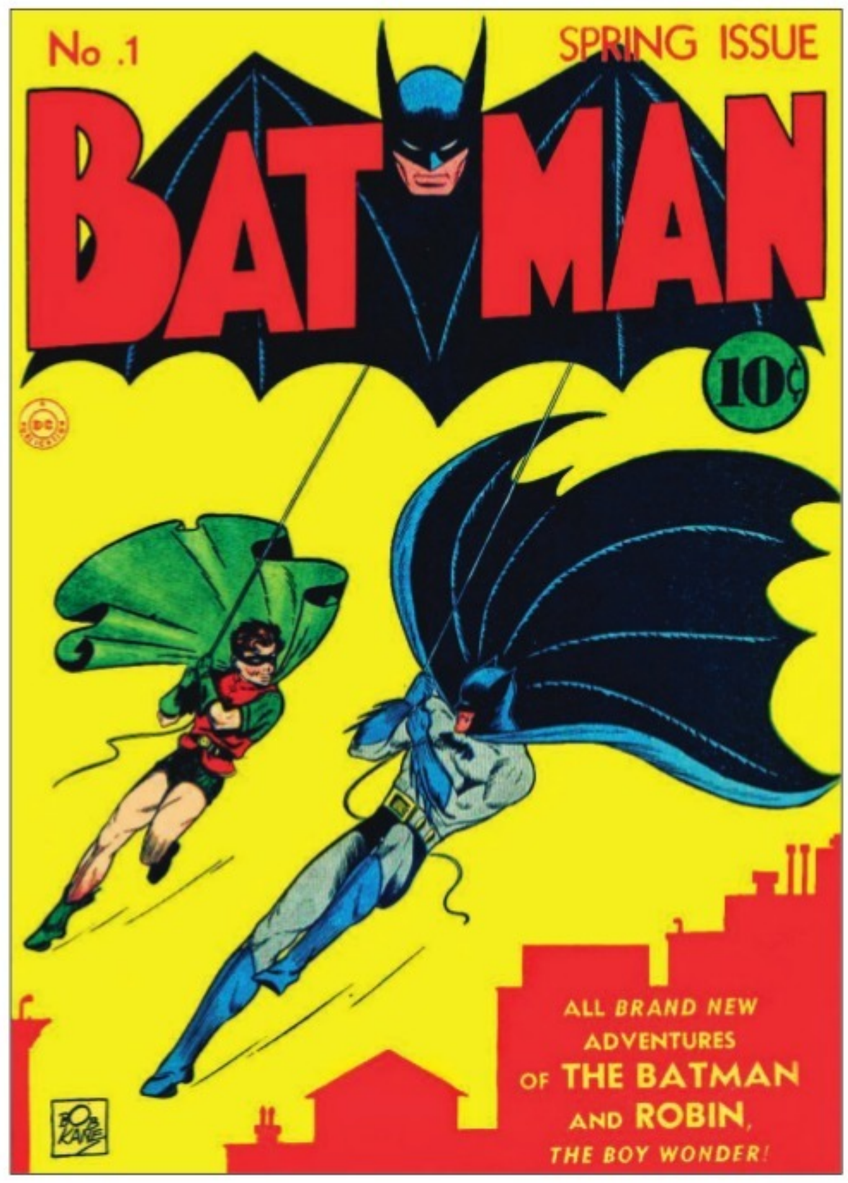
COMIC STRIPS and graphic novels readily make the leap to other visual media to reach out to fresh audiences. They are ready-made storyboards and, as Frank Miller's *Sin City* showed, even original frames including pencil and ink can be incorporated into film scenes, blurring the line between print and screen. But some comic book universes are so large, and cast such a long shadow over popular culture, that they can afford to be radically retro. The Batman franchise has had a hugely successful run at the box office and in graphic novels like Jeff Loeb and Tim Sale's classic, *The Long Halloween* (DC Comics, 1998). Now, it has regressed back to pristine print — text on paper, no brooding pictures — with a series of three original novels set in the Batman universe. This is professionally produced fanfic, smoothly written and competently edited, which takes storylines beyond the pages of the comics. They are for grown-ups, as the covers indicate. Bipolar oils with palette knife work are certainly not child-friendly.

The Killing Joke, the first title in the series, appeared in the US in September, 2018. Written by Christa Faust (known for adaptations of *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Twilight Zone*) and Gary Phillips, it provides a back story for the Joker, the first Batman supervillain who survives to the present day. Batman was created at a time when New York City was a hub of organised crime, and his first opponents were mobsters like the Falcone family, Tony Zucco (who murdered Robin's parents) and Joe Chill (ditto for Bruce Wayne's parents), who form the backdrop. They were just working stiffs compared to malevolent geniuses like the Joker, the Penguin, the Riddler and Two-Face, who have kept the Batman story going.

But *The Killing Joke* is not entirely original. It is a text version of Alan Moore and Brian Bolland's 1988 graphic novel of the same title, which was a *New York Times* bestseller and was reprinted several times. Faust and Phillips retain the setting, placing the story in the late Eighties, with police blimps patrolling the skies of Gotham. The second title, *Mad Love*, is written by Hugo-winning science-fiction author Pat Cadigan with Paul Dini, one of the creators of the character Harley Quinn. This is also not wholly original, but based on an earlier comic by Dini and Bruce Timm which won an Eisner award in 1994. But the third, *The Court of Owls*, appears to be a completely new work by *Star Trek* novel writer Greg Cox. Of all the Batman comics, the Owls series was perhaps the most metaphysical, and therefore the story most likely to flower in a prose narrative.

Lee Falk's Phantom and Mandrake were among the illustrious heroes who influenced Bob Kane and Bill Finger (the original Batman writer, now sadly forgotten, who named Bruce Wayne after Robert the Bruce) in the creation of the caped crusader. In fact, the Phantom and Batman had somewhat parallel trajectories in their leap out of the pages of comic books. Both appeared in serials in the 1940s (the better-known Batman TV series featuring Adam West is from the 1960s). The mystique of comic art was insufficiently captured in those early days short on special effects, when superheroes appeared in ill-fitting costumes of woven fabric. The musculature so loving delineated by comic artists was lost in their clothing and like Growltiger, they were frequently "baggy at the knees".

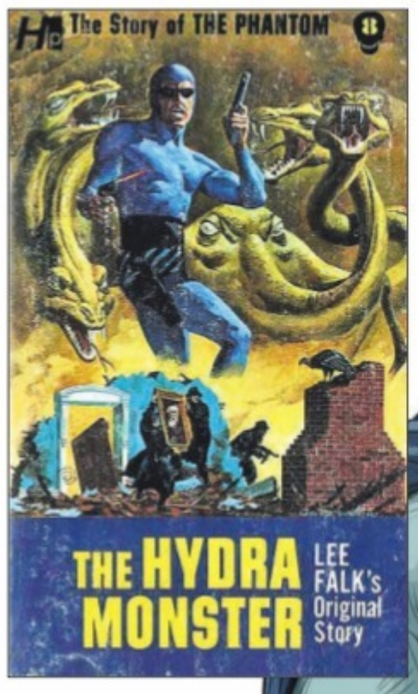
Batman took a head start in the novel format. While his peer in the Deep Woods was still wasting his life water-skiing with the dolphins Solomon and Nefertiti, Batman appeared in two novels by Winston Lyon in 1966. Eleven years later, he reappeared in *Challengers of the Unknown* by the science fiction writer Ron Goulart, who represents another link with the Phantom. In 1973, writing under the name of Frank S Shawn, Goulart had published *The Veiled Lady*, the first of a long line of Phantom novels which he ghostwrote for Lee Falk.



Falk had ventured into prose in 1972 with *The Story of the Phantom: The Ghost who Walks*. But after that, he wrote only four of the 15 Phantom paperback novels which were published by Avon Books at breakneck speed in the course of only three years. Most of the others were written by Goulart, under the pseudonym of Frank S Shawn. As far as I recall, only one of them, *The Hydra Monster* (1973), reached Indian bookstores. Unlike the Batman books, which have been sporadically in print for decades, the Phantom novels appeared like a supernova and collapsed, as supernovas do, into a black hole.

The three novels recently published by Titan Books in collaboration with DC Comics go out on a progressive limb from the family tree of the Batman novels. The authors are carefully chosen, the writing is crisp and the audience is exclusively adult — *The Court of Owls* opens with a horrific scene involving a Talon, a minion of the Owls; putting it behind you involves a stiff drink. But one side of Batman's evolutionary history is missing in action in the new series.

In the middle of the 20th century, Batman and Robin were often wisecracking, slapsticky characters armed with superbly cheesy puns in their pursuit of malevolent clowns. Later, an evolved Batman walked alone in pursuit of the darkest evil, brooding on darkness visible. I think the story located at the turning point is *The Demon of Gothos Mansion* (Batman #227, December 1, 1970), which rightly features in the only structured history of the character, E Nelson Bridwell's *Batman: From the 30s to the 70s* (Crown Publishers, June 1971). The trend towards darkness climaxes in the deeply psychological Owl series, and the best of the Titan books is its latest offering. But one does hope that in future stories, Titan finds space for the other branch of Batman's phylogeny, which is just good, clean fun. Before filmmakers and novelists got in on the act, Batman was a comic.



(Left) Batman Comic Book: No. 1 Spring Issue, 1940; (Above) Ron Goulart's *The Hydra Monster* (1973); and, (below) the first novel in the Phantom series
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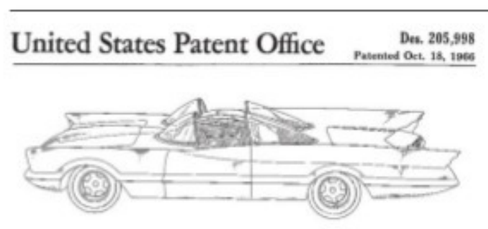

Patent illustration of the Lincoln Futura-based Batmobile built by George Barris for the 1960s Batman television series. The patent was filed by George Barris on March 11, 1966, granted on October 18, 1966
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A Different Voice

Keki Daruwalla's first person feminine narrative stays true to history, is an eclectic literary journey

NAMITA GOKHALE

WRITERS ARE androgynous creatures, non-binary shapeshifters moving and shaping gender identities through their narratives. Keki N Daruwalla, poet and novelist, has at age 82 written his new novel in the first person feminine.

Swerving to Solitude: Letters to Mama is told in the feisty voice of Seema Thakur Singh, a young woman married, as the novel unfolds, to an ambitious young deputy secretary in the Prime Minister's Secretariat, Government of India. She speaks to us through a series of confessional letters to her late, much loved mother. Her story is overlaid by the story of her mother, Shail Rathore, as told through her posthumous journals and letters. In a novel where the personal is the political, Seema's narrative, and lived life, takes us through the fraught political landscape of India, from the days of the Emergency until the assassination of Indira Gandhi in 1992. Her mother Shail's life covers a wider trajectory, in an arc that moves from Uttar Pradesh to Canada, Mexico and California, with the shadows of Lenin and Stalin, Moscow and the Russian revolution, Joe McCarthy and Edgar Hoover, Chiang Kai Shek and Mao Tse Tung, straddling the stage of world politics. He is equally sure footed in sharing Shail's first person accounts of the Komagata Maru attempting to dock at CPR pier, or of her listening to Lala Lajpat Rai speak at Columbia University.

After a vintage Daruwalla opening with a disquieting dream sequence, we are plunged into Lucknow during the days of the Emergency. The intrepid Seema slaps a policeman while a vasectomy drive is in progress, even as a street vendor and rickshaw puller dart out of a van, to escape being sterilised. Indira Gandhi's misadventures are brought vividly to life, and played out with the pitch perfect recountal of someone who was surely there, as an eyewitness to history.

Daruwalla has had a distinguished career in the police, and has been chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee. His on-ground insights into how the Indian police and judiciary work are given flesh and blood in the endearingly pragmatic figure of Inspector Ambika Singh, who materialises at strategic twists and turns in Seema's life.

SWERVING TO SOLITUDE: LETTERS TO MAMA
KEKI N. DARUWALLA
Simon & Schuster
240 pages
₹499

Revisiting the betrayals of the past contour the confusions of the present. Seema's story is set around Mrs Gandhi's dystopian India, with the strange prophesies of the young girl Elham casting a prescient spell. Her mother Shail's journals, as indeed her life, are centred around the enigmatic figure of the revolutionary MN Roy. Both Indira Gandhi and MN Roy are, in their separate ways, presented as meditations on the nature of power, parables on the path of politics.

This is an ambitious novel, a big book, and its ambitions are for the most part fulfilled. Daruwalla's unblinking scrutiny of some of India's darkest days, and his evocation of the ideology and consequences of revolution, are visceral and intuitive. There are some structural problems, however, in the flow of the various narratives, as they move across continents and timelines. The deconstruction of world events and the sweep of history overtakes the daily lives of Seema, her husband Nishant, and her band of friends in Lucknow and Delhi. The comments and asides that are worked into the letters are not in the form of intimate communication between a mother and a daughter, however committed they may be to a more just and egalitarian world order. They lack the special and secret intimacy one would want to read and decrypt.

There are passages in the novel where Daruwalla crosses the boundaries of his gender and writes convincingly and tenderly in a woman's voice. In other segments, the authorial voice, and world view, take over, and Seema's words — and Shail's — carry a vocabulary and diction that are utterly masculine in their timbre.

Do men write differently from women? This was a question I pondered while reading this novel. I decided not — a "feminine" and "masculine" voice is essentially a construct of style and sensibility. Yet, as a "female" reader, I wanted more details on these women — what they looked like, what they wore, their sexuality, their physicality and material life in the realm of the feminine.

Seema's abiding friendships from her childhood and Qaiserbagh days, the network of care and concern that she shares with her childhood friends Shilpa and Rabia — these are the parts of the narrative where Daruwalla pierces the veil and enters the inner courtyard of feminine bonding.

His evocation of Lucknow, past and present, is imbued with nostalgia and insight. And Delhi, the city of bureaucrats and Tees Hazari lawyers, of bureaucrats' wives and journalists and the ever-seedy Press Club, is presented to us with the masterly insights of someone who has lived in that jungle and survived.

Nishant Singh's determined and ruthless rise within the bureaucracy, his manipulation of his political masters, is another panel in the tapestry of this remarkable novel where the layers and levels of financial corruption within the system are recounted, with the insider's ear picking up real and apocryphal stories.

The brooding presence of MN Roy, the enigma of his life, the elusive nature of his relationship with the young Shail, are captured through elusive references and gently limned portraits of home and family, wife, cook and domesticity, juxtaposed with the harsher realities of ideology and its encounter with power. Shail's meeting with her discredited mentor, many many years later, when he is living incognito in Bombay, moved me to tears, providing as it did a tragic counterpoint to the charged narrative of the earlier segments.

This is an ambitious work. It is also a difficult book, one that yields its many treasures to a reader who enjoys challenges. Like Daruwalla's previous novels, *Pepper and Christ* and *Ancestral Affairs*, it is in its way true to time and place and history, and yet imbued with the enigma of individual lives and trajectories. At a time when history has become a distorted mirror, *Swerving to Solitude* makes us journey through forgotten pasts with the sure touch of a master.

Gokhale is a writer and co-director of the Jaipur Literature Festival

"We knew it would be tough with the lights on and the drizzle in the air, but we tried to get through that and let the ball get older. To be fair to the two lads, they bowled well and made it tough."

WILLIAM PORTERFIELD, IRELAND CAPTAIN

BRIEFLY

After four decades Chandigarh gets BCCI affiliation

Chandigarh: Chandigarh on Friday received affiliation from the BCCI after nearly four decades. "Today, in the meeting of BCCI, the affiliation of Chandigarh has been approved. I got the message from BCCI that Chandigarh has been formally inducted as cricket playing state with the Board," Union Territory Cricket Association (UTCA) president Sanjay Tandon said. He said that UTCA was registered in 1982 and since then various attempts were made to get the affiliation. Without naming anyone, he said there were some individuals in the BCCI who came in the way of Chandigarh's affiliation in the past.

"I took over as president of UTCA in June 2016. I must say efforts of everyone paid dividends towards realising this dream," said Tandon, who is also president of the BJP's Chandigarh unit. He said that Chandigarh has been a breeding ground of a number of cricketers, but were forced to play for Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and different states. "Today, the dream of a child who wanted to play from Chandigarh has been fulfilled. It's a historic day for the game of cricket in Chandigarh," he said. Tandon said Chandigarh will now have its own team, adding the challenge now is to set up a good cricket outfit.

Gayle named in ODI squad to face India

Kingston: West Indies opening batsman Chris Gayle has officially reversed his decision to retire from one-day internationals and been named in the 14-man squad for next month's three-match series against India. The recent World Cup was supposed to be Gayle's swansong, but he indicated during the tournament he would play on with an eye to breaking Brian Lara's record for the most runs by a West Indies player in ODIs. He is 12 short of Lara's mark of 10,405 runs. The 39-year-old Gayle had a disappointing World Cup, with just two half-centuries in eight innings, but retains the faith of selectors. "Chris is a valuable player and he brings a lot of experience, a lot of knowledge, he lends a lot to any dressing room and it is great to have him in the squad," said interim West Indies head coach Floyd Reifer.

No review of WC performance: Rai

New Delhi: The Committee of Administrators (COA) chief Vinod Rai on Friday said there is no meeting planned to review India's performance in the World Cup. India, who went into the World Cup as one of the favourites, were handed a heartbreaking defeat by New Zealand in the semifinals. "Where is the time to have a review meeting?" asked Rai referring to the Indian team's departure on July 29 for the West Indies tour.

"The usual feedback from the support staff and manager's report is still awaited," he said after a COA meeting here. After the meeting, the Supreme Court-appointed COA comprising Rai, Diana Edulji and Ravi Thodge left to meet Amicus Curiae P S Narsimha, who was appointed mediator by the apex court to resolve matters related to cricket administration in the country. **PTI**

From sublime to ridiculous

Two days after bowling England out for 85, Ireland collapse to the seventh lowest Test total

CASTLED

Ireland's Tim Murtagh is bowled by Chris Woakes for his sixth and the final wicket of the innings, to hand England an emphatic 143-run win. *Reuters*

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LONDON, JULY 26

ENGLAND BOWLED Ireland out for just 38 to win their one-off Test at Lord's by 143 runs on Friday, emphatically crushing the visitors' hopes of a stunning upset. Ireland, playing only their third Test, were chasing just 182 runs to complete what would have been one of the biggest upsets in cricket history. But they did not get close, lasting just 94 balls as Chris Woakes took a career-best six wickets for 17 runs and Stuart Broad returned figures of 4-19 .

Their second innings score was the seventh-lowest total of all time. "I knew that was a lot of runs (to make) on that surface," said Root, whose side mustered just 85 runs themselves in their first innings. "It's very pleasing, the way we managed certain pressure situations," he added. "It wasn't by any stretch the perfect game for us but sometimes that can be a really important part of your learning. We'll take a lot from this game." Ireland, playing England for the first time in a Test, have now lost all three of their Tests following losses to Pakistan and Afghanistan, but their day started brilliantly.

The home side resuming on their overnight 303 for nine, saw their second innings end with the first ball of the third day's play when debutant Olly Stone was bowled for a duck by Stuart Thompson.

Rain delayed the scheduled 1000 GMT start by a few minutes but any hopes England had of adding to their overnight total evaporated when Thompson's inswinger knocked over Stone's leg stump.

Ireland had yet to give off the mark in their second innings when rain stopped play just seven balls into their chase and kept the players off the field for more than an hour.

Chris Woakes ran through Ireland like a hot knife through butter, finishing with spectacular figures of 6/17. *Reuters*

But when the match resumed the overcast conditions — the floodlights were switched on — made conditions ideal for seamers Woakes and Broad.

Ireland collapse

The cascade of wickets in an innings where only opener James McCollum made it into double figures began when Woakes had Ireland captain William Porterfield caught behind by wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow for two. Andy Balbirnie, who top-scored with 55 in Ireland's first innings total of 207, fell next when he edged Broad to Root at first slip.

Kevin O'Brien, who hit the quickest World Cup century when Ireland beat England at Bangalore in 2011 and made a hundred in their inaugural Test at home to Pakistan last year, fell for just four, lbw to Broad -- one of three wickets that fell for no runs to leave the visitors 24-6. An extraordinary match ended when Woakes cleaned up tailender Tim Murtagh for his best return in Test cricket.

One-day world champions England, missing injured paceman James Anderson, were indebted to nightwatchman Jack Leach's second-innings 92 — his career-best score — with the Somerset left-arm spinner named man-of-the-match for his batting heroics.

Yet there was no disguising that England's top-order batsmen struggled badly in the match, just a week before the start of a five-match Ashes series against Australia at Edgbaston.

Ireland captain William Porterfield said his side were particularly disappointed because they had put themselves in a position to win the game. "We knew it was going to be tough with the lights on and drizzle in the air," he said. "But we had to dig deep and get through that. Fair play to the two lads to how they bowled — they made it difficult."

BRIEF SCORES: England 85 and 303 (Leach 92, Roy 72) beat Ireland 207 and 38 (Woakes 6-17, Broad 4-19) by 143 runs.

NUMBER PLATE

38 Number of runs scored by Ireland in the fourth innings, the seventh lowest in Test cricket.

94 Number of deliveries for which Ireland's innings lasted; the joint second-shortest in Tests.

85 This is England's fifth-lowest total in the first innings of a Test resulting in a win. All four lower winning first-innings totals have come on or before 1907.

0 Number of deliveries that Ireland's innings lasted, which is the joint second-shortest innings in Tests.

Bancroft joins Ashes squad

London: Opening batsman Cameron Bancroft was on Friday included in Australia's 17-man squad for a five-Test Ashes series against England alongside Steve Smith and David Warner.

All three batsmen served lengthy bans for their roles in a ball-tampering scandal in South Africa last year. Former captain Smith and his then deputy Warner were both given 12-month suspensions by Cricket Australia, with Bancroft — who actually applied sandpaper to the ball while in the field during a Test in Cape Town — banned for nine months.

Bancroft, who has been captaining English county side Durham, appears to have forced his way in after making an unbeaten 93 in the tourists' intra-squad match at Southampton this week.

AUSTRALIA'S 17-MAN SQUAD: Tim Paine (Capt/wkt), Cameron Bancroft, Patrick Cummins, Marcus Harris, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Michael Neser, James Pattinson, Peter Siddle, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner.

Kapil-led CAC to pick India's next head coach

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
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THE AD-HOC committee comprising Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy will complete the interview process of the candidates, aspiring to be the new head coach of the Indian team by August 15, *The Indian Express* understands. On Friday, the Committee of Administrators (CoA) formed the three-member ad-hoc committee to pick the new head coach, because the erstwhile Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) is now defunct.

"One member of the CAC (Sachin Tendulkar) has recused himself, while the other two (Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman) have conflict issues. That's why the CoA had to create an ad-hoc committee. The CAC comprising Tendulkar, Ganguly and Laxman doesn't exist," sources close to the CoA said.

The BCCI has invited applications for the post of the Indian team head coach and support staff and the three-point eligibility criteria for the head coach states that the applicant should have coaching experience of a Test playing nation for a minimum of two years or three years with an associate member/A team/IPL side. The applicant also should have played 30 Tests or 50 ODIs and must be below 60 years of age. The eligibility criteria remains the same for batting, bowling and fielding coaches except the number of matches played. The three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs. The current coaching staff headed by Ravi Shastri will get an automatic entry in the recruitment process but they have to re-apply. Deadline for submitting the application is July 30, 5pm. The ad-hoc committee, however, will only pick the new head coach, while the selection committee will select the support staff.

Kapil, Gaekwad and Rangaswamy had picked WV Raman as the Indian women's team head coach last year. But CoA member Diana Edulji has taken the matter before the BCCI ethics officer, Justice (Retd) DK Jain.

"She (Edulji) hasn't questioned the (ad-hoc) committee. She has questioned the process by which the women's team coach was appointed. Today she was a party to the decision (to appoint Kapil, Gaekwad and Rangaswamy to pick the men's team head coach). She had a difference of opinion and there were only two members in the CoA then. Despite the difference, the CoA chairman had prevailed. Now she has questioned that," said a BCCI functionary.

Kapil's involvement in setting up the players' association as per the Lodha reforms was another issue for the CoA to look into; if his presence in the committee could create any potential conflict. "Kapil Dev was in the working committee to set up the players' association. He is not in the players' association as yet. He will have to be elected to get there. So there's no conflict. There's no problem at all," the board functionary explained.

The Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association member Sanjeev Gupta, though, has sent an email to the BCCI ethics officer, challenging the CoA's decision to set up an ad-hoc committee to pick the head coach. "It is blatant mockery of Rule 24(5) and Rule 26(2)A(ii) (of the BCCI constitution), as power of appointing head coach vested with the CAC under rule 24(5) and not with any other committee," he has written. Gupta had earlier lodged conflict of interest complaints against Tendulkar and Laxman. The latter, along with Ganguly were found to be in positions of conflict of interest by Justice Jain but Tendulkar had been cleared, as he officially recused himself from the CAC.

SWANSONGS

Just 27, Amir turns his back to Test cricket

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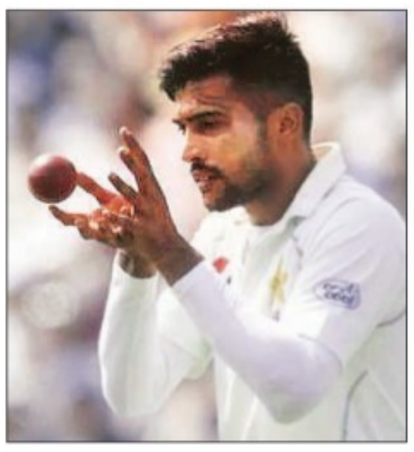
AN ANECDOTAL backdrop provided by a senior Pakistani journalist probably served as a precursor to Mohammad Amir's untimely Test retirement. Ahead of the World Cup, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan had met the Pakistan cricket team at his Islamabad residence. Amir wasn't part of the original World Cup squad, but he was among the 17-member contingent and Imran enquired about the fast bowler's progress. Amir's response – "thak gaya hun main" (I'm tired) – made Pakistan's only World Cup-winning captain momentarily speechless before he could ask the bowler about his age. When Amir said he was 27, the Prime Minister said to have come up with a veiled dig, "Tired at 27"!

Imran reportedly had lambasted then Pakistan chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq for not including Amir in the World Cup squad. Inzamam quickly rectified the 'error' and brought him back to the fold. Amir finished with 17 wickets from eight matches at the ICC event, although he mostly bowled fast-medium or medium pace. And he was already considering Test retirement.

On Friday, Amir made it official, calling time on his chequered Test career after 36 matches and 119 wickets. He will continue playing limited-overs cricket for Pakistan. "It has been an honour to represent Pakistan in the pinnacle and traditional format of the game. I have decided to move away from the longer version so I can concentrate on white-ball cricket.



Amir affirmed his commitment to continue playing in limited-overs.

"Playing for Pakistan remains my ultimate desire and objective, and I will try my best to be in the best physical shape to contribute in the team's upcoming challenges, including next year's ICC T20 World Cup," he said, adding: "It has not been an easy decision to make and I have been thinking about this for some time. But with the ICC World Test Championship commencing shortly, and Pakistan boasting some very exciting young fast bowlers, it is appropriate that I call on my time in Test cricket so that the selectors can plan accordingly."

When contacted, former Pakistan captain Moin Khan reacted with a hint of sarcasm. "It's sad to hear. He should compete and try to serve his nation as much as he can in all three formats, and set the standard for the upcoming players," Moin told *The Indian Express*. "#MohammadAmir resigns from International Test Series at just 27. Are Hasan Ali and Wahab Riaz next?" Shoaib Akhtar tweeted.

Not that Amir's red-ball form had dipped. In six Tests between January 1, 2018 and January 11 this year, the 27-year-old had 24 wickets. His average, 21.00, was way better than his career average of 30.47. Maybe, Amir lost the motivation of doing the hard yards, something which former Pakistan fast bowler Aaqib Javed had pointed out during a conversation with this paper last month. "I have never seen a fast bowler to lose his pace at 27 years of age. Amir no longer remains a 150kph bowler. He now bowls at 135-137kph," Javed had said.

Amir made his Test debut against Sri Lanka at Galle in 2009. He was a 17-year-old kid then. His talent wowed everybody and comparisons with Wasim Akram started. Akram was the Ivy League. At the same time, he had a mentor like Imran Khan to shape his early career. Amir had Salman Butt. When asked, Moin said: "You can say that. But it depends on individual approach."

Convicted in the 2010 spot-fixing scandal in England, Amir served jail time at Portland Young Offenders Institution for his role in the scandal that shook Pakistan cricket. Recently he had been complaining about playing non-stop cricket since his return from a five-year ban in 2015. He wanted to quit long-form last year but Pakistan team head coach Mickey Arthur persuaded him to continue till the World Cup.

"He overcame adversity as a young cricketer and came back stronger not only as a cricketer but also as a better human being. His skill, on the field, and his personality will be missed in the dressing room in the longer format," Pakistan Cricket Board's managing director Wasim Khan said on Amir's Test retirement.

"We respect his decision and look forward to him continuing to play an integral role in white-ball cricket for Pakistan," Khan added.

With wicket on his final ball, Malinga bids adieu to ODIs

Colombo: Fast bowler Lasith Malinga said goodbye to one-day cricket in style as his devastating opening spell helped Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh by 91 runs on Friday.

Malinga, known for his blond-tinted hair and the distinctive slingshot action, received a guard of honour from his team mates at the start of the second innings at a packed R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.

The 35-year-old did not disappoint his fans as he produced an inswinging yorker to remove Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal with just his fifth ball of the innings.

Nuwan Pradeep trapped Mohammad Mithun leg-before before another trademark yorker from Malinga ripped through the defence of Soumya Sarkar, leaving Bangladesh's middle order exposed at 30-3 while chasing a mammoth target of 315.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim and Sabbir Rahman scored combative fifties but Pradeep and off-spinner Dhananjaya de Silva picked wickets at regular intervals wrestle back the momentum in Sri Lanka's favour.

In his final over, Malinga dismissed tailender Mustafizur Rahman with a slower ball as Sri Lanka bowled out Bangladesh for 223 and took 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

"I've played last 15 years for Sri Lanka. I feel it's the right time to move (on) because we have to look forward to 2023 (World Cup). "The captain expected me to take a wicket throughout my career... I tried my best that's why I succeeded. You have to be yourself." Malinga finished with 338 wickets from 226 ODIs for Sri Lanka, the third highest for the island country behind Muttiah Muralitharan and Chaminda Vaas.

The paceman quit test cricket in 2010 and had previously said he would retire from international cricket following next year's World Twenty20 in Australia.

While the pace has dropped over the years, the former captain was still Sri Lanka's most successful bowler at the recent World Cup in England with 13 wickets from seven outings. He is third in the list of most successful bowlers in the history of the World Cup with 56 scalps.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 314 for 8 (Perera 111, Mathews 48, Shafiul 3-62) beat Bangladesh 223 all out (Mushfiqur 67, Malinga 3-38) by 91 runs. **REUTERS**

Implementing FIFA proposals will take time, says AIFF

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THE ALL India Football Federation on Friday said that some of the recommendations made by the world governing body FIFA and its Asian counterpart AFC are "not feasible to implement as of now" and will need time to work on them.

The AIFF's defence came after FIFA on Thursday sought an update from the national federation on the current football scenario in the country after six I-League clubs made a representation to the world body.

The six I-League clubs have opposed the AIFF's move to make Indian Super League (ISL) the top tier of the domestic football structure. The AIFF, however, said that it "accepted" the recommendations of FIFA/AFC and was following them "broadly".

"Regarding this FIFA/AFC road map given in 2018, there are a lot of things which cannot be implemented right now. That's why we are trying to slowly implement them," AIFF General Secretary Kushal Das said.

"We completely accept that FIFA/AFC has given these recommendations but some of these are probably a little bit tough to implement. We are following the path broadly but it will take time. If you go strictly according to the recommendations, it will not be easy to implement them," he added.

Das pointed out that the recommendations were not directives but of consultative nature. He said the AIFF has already told the AFC, after the official report was sent last year, that the recommendations were difficult to implement immediately.

"We told the AFC we accept these recommendations in good faith and we want to do it but give us little time. The AFC said fine. So, we will go back to the letter we sent to the AFC, saying (to FIFA) that these are the issues.

"If you are saying to give financial guarantees and back guarantees, that is probably not going to be possible at this point in time. The clubs which may enter the top tier will be difficult to abide by the participation agreement and pay the existing franchise fee."

Das made it clear that the recommendations in the road map, to be implemented over four to five years, have clearly stated that the ISL will be made the top tier league in the country. The FIFA/AFC recommendations have talked about a unified league from 2019-2020 season starting with the existing 10 ISL teams and two others through sporting merit (read I-League champions) or bidding process.

Adding two teams each season, the total number of clubs in the top tier league should reach 16 in the 2021-2022 season by which time the promotion/relegation system will kick in. Das said any I-League team (for that matter any club in the tier 1) will have to abide by the participation agreement which would require the club to pay franchise fee as well as bank guarantees. He said the stumbling block in finding a solution lies there.

"Whichever method the league is expanded, the clubs will have to follow the participation and licensing agreement. The participation agreement clearly outlines there is a participation fee or a franchise fee to be paid just like I-League clubs pay for participating in the I-League. "Moreover, to play in the top league every club must give financial or performance guarantee from a bank to enable them to cover their commitments. For example, clubs may enter insolvency or sudden withdrawal of commitments due to parent company issues, loss of interest and for that, guarantee from a bank will have to be there," he said.

Talking further about the franchise fee and bank guarantee, he said, "At this point in time many of these are not feasible, both for ISL and I-League clubs. In the ISL participation agreement, they all have to give bank guarantees. But these are onerous responsibilities on a club taking into account the current Indian structure.

On hot streak, Sai meets World No.1

In-form Indian dismantles Sugiarto in straight games to set up semis clash against home-favourite Momota

Sai Praneeth beat Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto 21-12, 21-15 in a quarterfinal encounter at the Japan Open on Friday . *file*

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A B Sai Praneeth win is not something anyone would bet their sweet life on; that would be PV Sindhu these last few years. He is utterly profligate with his talent and his implosions are many. Yet, when the Indian World No 23 lines up against World No 1 Kento Momota in the semi-final of the Japan Open at the Musashino Forest Sports Plaza, venue of 2020 Tokyo Olympics, there is that tingling anticipation about what the 26-year-old might dish up in trying to deny the home contender a title defense.

K Srikanth and HS Prannoy are popularly considered the two that'd make the Tokyo grade, if India qualifies two men's singles shuttlers, with Sameer Verma next in line. Known for his last-second deception, Praneeth has the ability to pip either of the two for the Olympic spot. But if his flourish doesn't land him the Olympic spot, India's most entertaining third wheel, and motorcycle sidecar, will be missed at Tokyo

For, Sai Praneeth, with a highest ranking of No 12 and presenting a dozen possibilities each time he steps onto the court, is prone to the unusual. He beat Taufik Hidayat at 20, packed off Lee Chong Wei from Round 1 of All England one sudden year, won back-to-back titles at Thailand and Singapore in 2017 (10 days of epic consistency given his highly yo-yo days on the circuit), has beaten Chen Long this year while making the Swiss Open finals, and has the eye-rubbing stat of 2-2 (his two wins way back in 2013) against Momota. Praneeth is 5-3 against Srikanth, 2-2 against Prannoy and 4-2 vs Sameer Verma.

After home challengers Kenta Nishimoto and Kanta Tsuneyama, his fine run might skid to a halt against Kento Momota, though he did well to set up the date after a 36-minute dismissal of Tommy Sugiarto.

A little devilish voice in Momota's head though, might jog back his memory to Singapore in April this year. Round 1 vs Sai Praneeth. The Indian was comfortably going down 13-19 in the decider – the fate of many a three-setters featuring Sai Praneeth. This was after they split the first two sets – 21-19 to Praneeth and 21-14 to the Japanese, who's 24 years old. From 13-19 down in the final set – two points away from defeat, Sai Praneeth levelled to 20-all; two points from victory. He would fluff it from there – a very tame last two points, as is his wont. But the period between 13-19 to 20-20 must've left Momota with his heart in his mouth. Sai Praneeth most unexpectedly brings out his most stylish and confident strokes – crosscourt smashes and some blind shots with back to the net - at such dramatically opportune times. He would pick all of Momota's smashes and get his own revving.

Sai Praneeth has not beaten Momota since 2013, but after the April encounter, he'll fancy his chances at taking a swipe at the Japanese under immense pressure to win at home.

It's the sort of pressure that Momota can crack under. He's not looking as invincible as last year with the Chinese Shi Yu Qi shredding his nerves at the Sudirman Cup final (a proper 21-5 meltdown in the mid-set and eventual loss). Though a bad year for Tokyo's early favourite means an All England and the Asian Championship titles won, even if there are two losses at Indonesia (Super 500 and Super 1000 after last year's Asiad loss) for Momota. Last week, he went down to Huang Yu Xiang, China's 5th player in rankings.

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So what does the Indian have at his disposal?

Shuttles at the Olympic venue are playing true – fastish, but no menacing drift that makes it hard to control. Sai Praneeth had built his fitness heading into this season and though it might not reflect in his 9-8 win-loss this year, there is an attempt at steadying his wobbling consistency by running and retrieving and taking time in rallies. Sai Praneeth has the unpredictable strokes – a lot of wrist-artistry and flair to just disturb the metronome rhythm that the Japanese likes and a decent momentum built at Tokyo with 3 straight-sets wins. It could all end in a familiar blank. But don't be surprised if he pulls a rabbit out the hat, and shuts the lid over Kento-in-the-box.

Yamaguchi relentless, Sindhu helpless

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Badminton commentator Gillian Clark invariably finds a moment in a match when she's moved into uttering: "How on earth did she get herself out of trouble there?" The exclamation on Friday during the PV Sindhu-Akane Yamaguchi Japan Open quarters came at a critical juncture of the Indian's 21-18, 21-15 loss – her second to the Japanese in as many weeks, after the final at Indonesia.

It was 15-16 in the opening set with Yamaguchi just a snout-tip ahead. Sindhu vs Japanese is generally imprinted in all living memories as her long unblinking rallies with Nozomi Okuhara. At this juncture, Sindhu was reeling from a 25-shot exchange (at that point the longest rally) that felt like 73 against Okuhara. Yamaguchi has gained an extra gear this year, and not only can she go through with the playing-endlessly skin, she can don a blazing suit that doubles the pace of the same long rallies and puts Sindhu under wilting pressure.

This is not Sindhu playing terribly. This is Yamaguchi raising the threshold, with not just the speed, but a definite addition of fierce down-the-line attacks to her armoury. But what got Clark adding several inflections to her "what on earth!" exclamation was Yamaguchi's defense. She's Japanese, so what follows is that she'll be a runner. But the 22-year-old might be the most ferocious of defenders on the circuit currently as she pounces on the shuttle with such contortions of her limbs and breathlessly unbalanced landings, that she soaked in the best of Sindhu's craftily placed attacks which didn't lack in sting either.Okuhara has her catapult-like back that helps her to intercept tall shuttles. But Yamaguchi in that 40-shot rally had a good 20 on 20 of outrageous retrievals: overheads, lunges, jabs with outstretched hand across the body, unfailing low pick-ups inches from the ground, backhand high retrieves and finally the acrobatic dives. That she outlasted Sindhu in that rally was the first sign of how the 50-minute match would roughly proceed.

Yamaguchi, relentless. Sindhu, helpless even if not powerless. And carrying on from last week where she denied Sindhu the Indonesia title. The match had started with a 4-4 trade of early points. But Sindhu hustled up 6 points on a trot to lead 9-4 with both her drives and drops lurking at the back, working like a plan against Yamaguchi. Shuttles were fast, but the Japanese was closing in with her almighty wrist-rolling smash down-the-line, played along the tramlines at 12-11.

Two points later, she'd let rip a massive jump smash from midcourt, even as Sindhu figured her only way to stop this wrecking ball was by moving Yamaguchi sideways, playing cross. If the straight smash is a bazooka, the World No. 2 also has a deceptive finger-knife: the net-defense that looks like going cross, but with subtle wrist-work goes straight.

Yamaguchi would finish a 25-shot rally with that same smash, even as she picked every single shuttle dipping low on the forecourt with her dependable lunge. Sindhu had a plan to play cross, but she was perhaps giving Yamaguchi one shot more than she ought to, before going for the cross-kill as she wracked up 4 straight points to take the game 21-18.

Sindhu started Set 2 with errors. After that Yamaguchi trained her sights on Sindhu's awkward body defense, and like a guided missile that follows the target, let loose two body smashes to go up 8-6. Meanwhile, Sindhu's backhand defense across the body was tiring as she went into the break trailing 7-11.

Like football's midfield yawnfests, Sindhu was returning a whole lot of nothing shots prolonging rallies, just the way Yamaguchi likes them. She tried to vary the pace, but was up against an opponent who was only thinking fifth gear all day. Yamaguchi's final bait to move to 13-17 was catching Sindhu low at her net; four times she bent and scooped it across, but the fifth time she ran out of patience, drawing out a lollypop lift for Yamaguchi to jump and smash away. Two listless returns ended Sindhu's challenge, as Yamaguchi was on her way to contest a semifinal hoping her or Okuhara can secure the home event.

Bajrang makes cut for Worlds, rival wrestler cries foul

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BAJRANG PUNIA did not even need four minutes to book his place in the squad for the wrestling World Championships. But as is the case often with the sport, the trials weren't without a controversy.

Sharvan Tomar, a former junior Asian champion in 57kg category, alleged the Wrestling Federation of India stopped him from participating in the trials where he intended to challenge Bajrang. Tomar said WFI initially accepted his application to take part in the 65kg category trials. "But a day before the weigh-in, I was told that I can only compete in either 57 or 61kg," Tomar alleged.

There were suggestions that the decision was taken to 'protect' Bajrang from a possible injury against an opponent whose style, it is alleged, is not refined. But a WFI official said Tomar was excluded since he did not meet the criteria to take part in the trials.

"As per our rules, a wrestler should have taken part in the previous national championships, been in the national camp or in case of a long injury, must have had a good track record in the last couple of years to take part in the trials. Sharvan has not taken part in nationals and his achievements are in 57kg. It was not fair to include him in the trials just like that," the official said.

Since he couldn't reduce his weight to compete in the lighter categories in such a short notice, Tomar was forced to sit out and watch Bajrang seal his spot by competing in just one bout. Out of the five wrestlers who had entered the competition in 65kg category, three – Amit, Parveen and Jayvir – pulled out on the eve of the trials, leaving just Harful and Bajrang in the fray.

The duo took on each other in a winner-takes-all bout. However, Bajrang was in a different class, frustrating Harful with his strong defence and earning points on counterattacks. Bajrang raced to a 7-0 lead in less than four minutes, when the bout had to be stopped after Harful twisted his leg.

Harful was unable to carry on and Bajrang was declared winner. The world championship, scheduled to be held in Kazakshtan from Septmber 14 to 22, will be the first opportunity for the wrestlers to book a quota for next year's Tokyo Olympics.

In the 57kg category, which featured seven wrestlers, last year's under-23 World Championship silver medalist Ravi Dahiya sealed a spot ahead of more established wrestlers like Sandeep Tomar and Utkarsh Kale. Ravi, who trains at Chhatrasal stadium, outplayed his academy-mate Rahul 12-2 in the final bout. Like 65kg, the 86kg category too had just two grapplers with Deepak Punia – also a Chhatrasal product – winning 5-0 against Pawan.

Mausam Khatri booked a berth in the 97kg class, where he beat Satyawart Kadiyan 8-1 in the final.

Also booking a berth in the World Championship was Sumit Malik in the 125kg category. He beat Satender 3-0 in the final. The trials for the 74kg category, in which two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar competes, have been pushed to next month since both Jitender Kumar and Praveen Kumar are injured. They sought more time to recover and the WFI obliged.

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Zareen in Thailand International finals

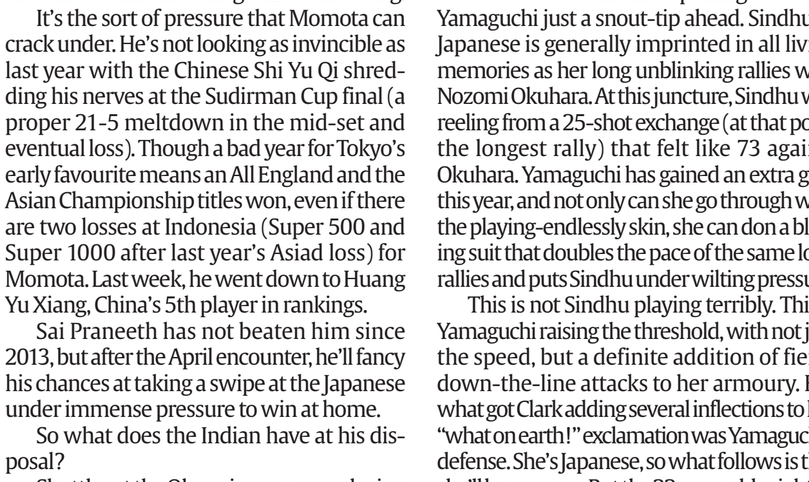
Former junior world champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg) was the lone woman boxer to make the finals, while Asian silver-winner Deepak Singh (49kg) led a four-strong Indian men's charge into the summit clashes of the Thailand International Tournament in Bangkok on Friday. Ashish Kumar (75kg), Commonwealth Games bronze-medallist Mohammed Husammuddin (56kg) and Brijesh Yadav (81kg) were the other three men to make the gold medal bouts. However, former Asian youth silver-medallist Ashish (69kg) lost his semifinal bout to sign off with a bronze medal. Ashish lost to Thailand's Wuttichai Masuk in a split decision after an exhausting clash. Among the women, Manju Rani (48kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) ended with third-place finishes.

City boss Guardiola plays down signing talks

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola says he does not expect to make many, if any, new signings before the transfer window closes. The Premier League champions have made one big-money signing in the close season, brining in Rodrigo Hernandez Cascante, better known as 'Rodri', from Atletico Madrid for a club record 70 million euros ($79 million). Speaking in Yokohama on the club's pre-season tour of Asia, Guardiola said he was happy with his current title-winning squad. "Not many," the Spaniard said on Friday.

IOA pulls out of CGF General Assembly

The Indian Olympic Association on Friday pulled out of the Commonwealth Games Federation's General Assembly in September to protest the dropping of shooting from the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games roster. In a letter addressed to Commonwealth Games Federation Chief Executive Officer David Grevemberg, the IOA also withdrew the nomination of its Secretary General Rajeev Mehta for the election of a regional vice-president as well as that of Namdev Shiragaonkar for Sports Committee member. "The leadership of CGA India has taken the decision (of) withdrawal of participation in the CGF General Assembly to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in September," the IOA said in the letter.



A violent storm caused a landslide and made the roads too dangerous, leading governing body ASO to stop the race. *AP*

Bernal takes lead as storm halts stage

Julian Alaphilippe lost his yellow jersey in exceptional circumstances on Friday as Egan Bernal took control of the Tour de France after organizers made the rare decision to stop Stage 19 in the Alps because of a hailstorm. Two days before the race ends on the Champs-Elysees, the Colombian pure climber snatched the coveted tunic with a tremendous attack in the punishing climb to the Col de l'Iseran, the Tour's highest point at 2,770 meters (9,090 feet). Down in the valley, the sudden and violent storm caused a landslide and made the roads too dangerous, leading governing body ASO to stop the race. Tour director Christian Prudhomme immediately announced that times would be taken at the top of the mountain, where Bernal was 2 minutes, 7 seconds faster than Alaphilippe, enough to wipe away the Frenchman's race lead. Bernal, who races on the Ineos team, was 1:30 behind Alaphilippe at the start of the stage. Ahead of Saturday's final trek in the Alps, the last competitive stage before a traditional processional ride to Paris, the 22-year-old Bernal is now in an ideal position to become the first Colombian to win cycling biggest race.

Club World Cup in Qatar from Dec 11

The penultimate edition of the Club World Cup in its current format featuring seven teams will kick off in Qatar on Dec. 11 with the final taking place 10 days later, global soccer governing body FIFA announced on Friday. FIFA had said it would revamp the tournament to feature 24 teams from 2021, with Qatar hosting the final two editions in the old style as test events for the World Cup which the Gulf state will host in 2022. Three teams for this year have been confirmed with European champions Liverpool joining CONCACAF champions CF Monterrey and Oceania's Hienghene Sport.

Poor start to Atwal's Barracuda campaign

Arjun Atwal had a poor start in the first round of the Barracuda Championship and was lying way down at 85th position with four holes still to go after the opening day's play was suspended due to bad weather. Atwal had two birdies against three bogeys . Daniel Chopra was further down at 126th. He had one birdie, four bogeys and one double. Barracuda is the only PGA Tour event using a modified Stableford scoring system. As per the modified Stableford format, players get 8 points for albatross, 5 for eagle, 2 for birdie and zero for par, and subtracts a point for bogey and 3 for double bogey or worse.

In sweltering heat, Leclerc aces practice

With track temperatures uncomfortably high at the sweltering German Grand Prix , Ferrari made the best of the conditions by topping both practice sessions. Charles Leclerc finished ahead of teammate Sebastian Vettel in the afternoon, when the Hockenheimring track thermometer hit 51 degrees Celsius, reversing their positions from the already scorching morning session. Mercedes driver Hamilton was third in both sessions, while teammate Valtteri Bottas could improve from fifth to fourth. "It was extremely hot. I can't remember the last time I drove in these conditions," said Bottas. "The weather is going to be completely different tomorrow and on Sunday, with lower temperatures and a chance of rain. I actually hope for rain, it would be nice to drive in the wet."

Dressel rehearsal

American breaks compatriot Phelps' WR in 100m butterfly heat; Manuel wins 2nd straight 100m free title

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SIMONE MANUEL wasn't swimming up to her standards, and she felt her relay anchor leg that resulted in a silver medal for the U.S. proved it.

Then she remembered it's about bouncing back.

Manuel did just that in the 100 freestyle, winning her second straight title at the world championships on Friday.

Relegated to Lane 1 with the slowest qualifying time, the American led all the way and touched first in 52.04 seconds, beating Cate Campbell of Australia by 0.39 seconds.

"Not everybody has a perfect swim every time so I just needed to regroup and put on a good face," the 22-year-old Texan said. "I'm a veteran on the team, so I have to be able to show a little bit of poise in these hard moments."

Manuel was unable to hold off Campbell on the anchor leg of the 4x100 free relay earlier in the meet, with Australia claiming gold and the U.S. silver.

"I did take that relay really hard because I didn't feel like I did as best as I possibly could," Manuel said.

She made up for it in the 100 free.

Manuel was the only woman under 25 seconds on the opening lap. She knocked 1.27 seconds off her time from the morning semifinals that landed her in the far outside lane.

Manuel became the second woman to win multiple titles in the 100 free, joining Kornelia Ender of the former East Germany, who won in 1973 and '75.

Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden, the world-record holder, took bronze.

In 2016, Manuel became the first African-American woman to win an individual swimming gold at the Olympics when she tied Canada's Penny Oleksiak for gold in Rio de Janeiro.

Mack Horton rallied Australia to victory in the men's 4x200 freestyle relay, putting them in front with a lap to go. Clyde Lewis, Kyle Chalmers, Alexander Graham and Horton won in 7:00.85.

Russia took silver in 7:01.81. The U.S. team of Andrew Seliskar, Blake Pieroni, Zach Apple and Townley Haas earned bronze in 7:01.98.

Sun Yang swam China's anchor leg against Horton, but he wasn't able to move up and his team finished sixth in his final event.

Sun swept the 200 and 400 freestyles, winning the 200 via disqualification and beating Horton in the 400. Horton snubbed Sun on the podium because the Aussie is angry that FINA allowed him to compete this week while facing a career-threatening hearing involving a clash with drug testers.

Leading off the relay for Britain was Duncan Scott, who snubbed Sun on the podium after the 200 free for similar reasons as Horton.

Yuliya Efimova of Russia claimed a record third title in the 200 breaststroke. She won in 2:20.17 without competition from American rival Lilly King, who was disqualified in the preliminary heats when she didn't touch both hands on the wall at the same time in a turn.

"I'm sad that she's not here because it would probably mean a more interesting race," Efimova said. "I told my dad after semifinals that I swam fast and I don't know what to do in finals because I did everything already."

It was Efimova's 14th individual world medal, tying her with Katinka Hosszu of Hungary and Sjostrom for most among women.

Caeleb Dressel broke Michael Phelps' record in the 100m butterfly. Dressel won his heat in 49.50 seconds — 0.32 seconds better than the mark set at the 2009 worlds. *AP*

Tatjana Schoenmaker of South Africa earned silver, becoming her country's first woman to win a swimming medal at worlds. She was in tears on the podium and received her medal from countrywoman Penny Heyns, who swept the breaststroke events at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

"I was completely shocked," Schoenmaker said.

Sydney Pickrem of Canada took bronze.

Anton Chupkov of Russia broke the world record in the 200 breaststroke, touching in 2:06.12 in defense of his title from two years ago in Budapest.

That lowered the mark of 2:06.67 that Matthew Wilson of Australia had tied in the semifinals a day earlier. Ippei Watanabe of Japan, who earned bronze, set the mark in January 2017 in Tokyo.

Chupkov was eighth after the first lap and moved up to fifth at 150 meters. He came home in 31.89 to overtake Wilson, who led from the start and finished second.

Evgeny Rylov of Russia defended his 200 backstroke title, beating Olympic champion Ryan Murphy after the two dueled through the closing meters.

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Rylov led all the way and touched in 1:53.40. Murphy settled for silver in 1:54.12. Luke Greenbank of Britain earned bronze.

Two more world records fell in semifinals at the hands of Americans.

Caeleb Dressel broke Michael Phelps' record in the 100 butterfly and Regan Smith lowered the mark in the 200 backstroke.

Dressel won his heat in 49.50 seconds — 0.32 seconds better than Phelps' mark set at the 2009 world meet in Rome at the height of the high-tech suit era.

"Just the standard that Michael set, wanted to go after it," Dressel said. "I hope he was happy watching me do that."

Dressel was out in 22.83 seconds — 0.53 seconds under Phelps' pace — and came home in 26.67 to lead eight men into Saturday's final.

Smith, who is 17, won her semifinal heat in 2:3.35. That erased the old mark of 2:04.06 set by Missy Franklin at the 2012 London Olympics. "I'm in shock," Smith said. "I really don't believe it."

Dressel was impressed with his young teammate.

"I thought that was one of the top-three toughest world records on the women's side and she just crushed it," he said.

Franklin tweeted: "You're beyond a joy to watch."

Ledecky overcomes illness to qualify

Gwangju: In her first individual race since illness knocked her out of two events this week at the world swimming championships, Katie Ledecky posted the second-fastest qualifying time in the 800-meter freestyle on Friday, behind her American teammate Leah Smith. Ledecky, a two-time Olympic champion in the event who owns the 22 best times in its history, closed fast over the final 150 meters to nearly catch Smith, who was in an adjoining lane. Ledecky touched the wall in 8 minutes 17.42 seconds, almost 13 seconds slower than her world record and a blink behind Smith's 8:17.23.

The final on Saturday will cap a turbulent week for Ledecky, one of the sport's most dominant performers, and give her a chance to salvage one gold medal from a meet where she was favored to win at least three.

Ledecky, 22, came to South Korea expecting to pick up where she left off at the world championships in Budapest, Hungary, two years ago, when she collected six medals, including five golds, in the freestyle events.

But before this meet started, she was ambushed by a mysterious ailment, and then, in her first final here, the 400-meter freestyle on Sunday, she was passed on the final lap by Ariarne Titmus, an 18-year-old Australian.

The next day, Ledecky returned to the water for the 1,500-meter freestyle preliminaries, and even though she recorded the top time, she knew something was seriously amiss.

"I got to the 1,100 point of the 1,500, and I almost stopped and got out," Ledecky said Thursday, adding, "I just kind of blanked out the rest of the race and tried to finish it, got over to the coaches and medical staff and told them, 'I'm not myself.'"

Ledecky retreated from public view for nearly three days. She withdrew from the final of the 1,500, her best event, scratched from the 200-meter freestyle and surfaced only to participate in an abbreviated training session.

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Judging the game by its cover

Making their dreams come true and breaking the Messi-Ronaldo hegemony, Hazard and van Dijk land the Fifa 20 cover.

Virgil van Dijk is on the cover of the Fifa 20 'Champions' edition, which would cost the players ₹1,500 more than the ₹3,999 standard version of the game.

"When you play football, it's a dream to, first, be in FIFA and then to be on the cover. You want to play more often because you're on the cover."

EDEN HAZARD

"Dream come true! It's an honour to be representing Liverpool on the Champions Edition cover of FIFA 20."

VIRGIL VAN DIJK

FOR THE uninitiated, footballers playing for elite clubs, winning prestigious tournaments and earning millions making their dreams come true by virtue of a video game is understandably baffling. No joke though, there are people who put more stock in which footballer lands the cover of the latest Fifa game — a 26-year-long series with combined sales of more than 260 million copies — than who wins the Ballon d'Or. And much like the footballer of the year award, the hegemony of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi as covermen too has been hard to break.

While localised versions get to additionally put regional stars (Oscar for Brazil, Shinji Kagawa for Japan and Jordan Henderson (?) for England) on the cover, the global edition has been ruled by Messi (Fifa 13-16) and Ronaldo (18-19). Marco Reus was the exception for Fifa 17; the German was chosen by popular vote over Anthony Martial, James Rodriguez and Eden Hazard.

With both Messi and Ronaldo in their 30s, the developers Electronic Arts have seemingly decided to hitch their bandwagon to the young blood. Hazard made one of the regional versions earlier, but the Belgian gets to bask in the spotlight this year. Despite Chelsea's lukewarm season, Hazard's

big-money move to Real Madrid generated enough buzz for the newest Galactico to make the cut.

On-field exploits haven't been ignored either. Recent editions have seen multiple versions of the game being released. The 'Champions' version this year has Champions League-winning Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk on the cover. A win-win situation for the game and the footballers. Not so much for the players, who'd have to shell out 1,500bucks extra, on top of the ₹3,999 standard version.

NO TO RAPINOE?

Friday's announcement also disappointed a sizeable section of fans who wanted Megan Rapinoe on the cover. An online petition — urging the invaluable honour of being on the cover to be bestowed upon the World Cup, Golden Boot and Golden Ball-winning American striker — gained 25,000 signatures in two weeks, to apparently no avail.

Rapinoe would have been the second female to land the cover. Teammate Alex Morgan was the first. Weeks after winning the 2015 World Cup, the American joined Messi on the cover of Fifa 16 — the first version to include playable women teams.

"This is big because I am a big Barcelona fan," Morgan said in 2015. "But also because it continues to break barriers. This helps the game escalate in popularity. The casual fans are going to know us much better. They're going to see more names and faces, more recognisable for the game of soccer."

READY FOR THE GRIND

Skateboarders stoked to send sport to greater heights at Games

Skaters can qualify for the Olympics with a podium finish at world championships or by placing in the top 16 in the Worldskate rankings. *Reuters*

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IN EXACTLY a year from Friday, skateboarding will make its Olympic bow at the Tokyo 2020 Games with top skaters hoping the global exposure will help take the sport to the next level of popularity.

What started with surfers attaching rollerskate wheels to wooden slats in 1950s California is already a professional sport, of course, but the Olympics offers skaters the chance to do their thing on the biggest sporting stage of all. "The publicity that skateboarding will get from the Olympics in Tokyo 2020 is just going to change everything for skateboarding," said American Jagger Eaton, who made his X Games debut at the age of 11. "(It makes it) more accessible for people like me who love competing and want to compete."

The International Olympic Committee's drive to reach a more youthful audience led to the inclusion of skateboarding along with four other new sports for Tokyo. In a sport that is still firmly rooted in the streets and urban skateparks, not everybody has been happy with the prospect of skaters vying for gold, silver and bronze.

For the likes of Eaton or three-time street world champion Nyjah Huston, though, skateboarding is all about competing -- and winning. "I have a super competitive drive and I have worked my life, everything, to get where I am at, to compete with the pros and I just won't let anybody take that away from me," said 18-year-old Eaton.

Huston, who has also won the Street League Skateboarding competition five times, is the hot favourite for gold in Tokyo and sees the Olympics as the extra motivation he needs after a decade at the top. "It adds extra pressure but I am always going into every contest with the same mindset. Going out there and doing the best to win. I love a day out there competing," said the 24-year-old American. "I feel like people might think I would be less competitive now or less fired up after winning so much over the years, but I think the feeling keeps growing and the love for skateboarding keeps growing."

Competitive edge

They will both need that competitive edge just to get to the Games with only 20 spots for men and women in the two disciplines of park and street skateboarding up for grabs. Skaters can qualify with a podium finish at the next world championships – in September for park boarders and next year for street – or by placing in the top 16 in the Worldskate rankings.

Triple Olympic snowboard champion Shaun White is among those who have declared an interest in taking part and Eaton said the threats might not come from the usual suspects. "The thing about Tokyo is that it is an open contest," explained the 2018 X Games silver medallist. "Not everybody is invited to the X Games or these other contests so that is why you have got to keep on your toes."

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THREE-TIME STREET WORLD CHAMPION ON BEING A FAVOURITE FOR GOLD IN TOKYO

As hosts, Japan are guaranteed one spot per event but they are likely to need more than that, such is the depth of skating talent in the country. Chief among that pool of talent are current street skating world champion Aori Nishimura, who turns 18 on Wednesday, and 13-year-old Misugu Okamoto, who currently leads WorldSkate's park rankings and is in pole position for Olympic qualification.

With eight skaters in the top 10 rankings across the two disciplines, Japan's women are taking the sport by storm. "In terms of girl skaters, we have had a lot more competing internationally since it was announced to be an Olympic sport," Nishimura told Reuters. "In Japan, they put a lot of emphasis on the Olympics."

Youngest competitor

Skateboarding has long been a young person's game and they do not come much younger than 10-year-old Cocona Hiraki, who will break Eaton's record as the youngest competitor in X Games history in Minneapolis next week.

Whether she qualifies or not, Hiraki hopes the Olympics can help to further inspire a burgeoning skateboarding community in Japan. "If we try to introduce the (skateboarding) style so that everyone can join in and enjoy, then we can inspire people who do not know anything about skateboarding," she said.

The IOC is hoping Hiraki is right and that a whole new audience embraces skateboarding, and in turn the Olympics, come Tokyo 2020. "It is the biggest sporting event in the world and there will be millions of people watching this," said Nishimura. "It is going to be a good opportunity for skateboarding to be seen across the world."

That exposure will undoubtedly also help continue the transformation of skateboarding from an urban recreation to a truly international professional sport.

"I think a lot of people thought of skateboarding as a hobby, as opposed to a career and parents seeing their kids making a good living out of it," said Huston. "My dad, he was a skateboarder, but his parents weren't supportive of it (but) I think it has now got to the point where people take it more seriously and I am stoked to be out there and be a part of it."

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