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Some JD(S) MLAs

want to back BJP

In a late-night development,

a section of JD (S) MLAs is

lending outside support to

authorised former Chief

to take a call, JD(S) leader

G.T. Deve Gowda said.

Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy

said to have favoured

the BJP. They have

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Now, 62 public figures pen letter to PM

Two days after a group of prominent citizens wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to end lynching and "religion-based hate crimes", another group of public figures, including CBFC chief Prasoon Joshi, came out with a statement on Friday that sought to counter allegations made in the

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New anti-terror clause will not be misused, says official

2-3 hrs Study Plan

The first ones to be designated will be Azhar and Saeed

NEW DELHI

The proposed amendment to the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) that enables the government to designate individuals as terrorists will be used "sparingly", a senior government official said on Friday.

Once the anti-terror law is amended, the first ones to be designated on a priority basis will be Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad's Masood Azhar and Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed, the official said.

Rules yet to be defined

The government is yet to define the rules that will govern the Unlawful Activities Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The official said the entire process was non-

Targeting terror

The UAPA (Amendment) Bill will enable the government to designate a person as a terrorist

- The proposal to designate an individual as a terrorist will come from security agencies
- The information will then be corroborated through multiple agencies
- The Home Ministry will examine the proposal. Once the Ministry is convinced, the proposal will be signed by the Home Minister

judicial. It will be decided by officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the "burden of proof" will be on the government.

As of now, there are no specific provisions to initiate legal action against officials who have erred in their deci-

independent committee • The UAPA, first framed in 1967, was amended in 2004, 2008 and 2013

The individual can also

file an appeal before an

The individual can then file

an appeal with the Ministry

The Ministry will have to

decide on appeal in 45 days

sion. The police will be able to act against the individual concerned based on the designation, though the jail term and other punitive actions have not been specified yet.

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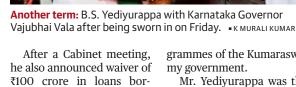
Yediyurappa takes oath as CM, to face floor test on Monday

On first day in office, he announced sops for farmers and weavers

B.S. SATISH KUMAR

B.S. Yediyurappa took oath as the 31st Chief Minister of Karnataka on Friday, three days after the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) government. He is set to take the floor test on Monday to prove his majority. This is the 76-yearold's fourth stint at the helm

of the State. Mr. Yediyurappa's first announcements were sops for farmers and weavers. He said an additional sum of ₹4,000 in two instalments would be given to farmers from the State government under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, which will take the total benefit to ₹10,000, including ₹6,000 from the Centre.



rowed by weavers before March 31, 2019. He hinted that he would take a re-look at all the programmes of the Kumaraswamy government.

Mr. Yediyurappa was the lone person to be sworn in. He is expected to decide on members of his Cabinet after consulting party president Amit Shah. He is likely to vi-

sit New Delhi on Saturday.

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Victory remembered



Tribute to heroes: India on Friday commemorated 20 years of its victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War, saluting the supreme sacrifices of those who fell while recapturing several mountain heights from intruders. Soldiers at a memorial in Drass in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday. • NISSAR AHMAD (REPORTS ON PAGE 13)

Apologise or face action, Lok Sabha Speaker tells Azam Khan

SP member told to appear before Om Birla on July 29

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan has been asked to appear before Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on July 29 and tender an unconditional apology in the House for his "sexist" remarks against BJP member Rama Devi.

On Friday evening, the Speaker's office is said to have informed Mr. Khan of the direction to appear before Mr. Birla on Monday. "If Mr. Khan fails to apologise, he may have to face strict action," sources said.

All-round condemnation Earlier in the day, members, cutting across party lines,



condemned Mr. Khan's remarks and demanded "exemplary action" against him.

Mr. Birla assured them that he would call a meeting of MPs of all parties to decide on the future course of

The matter was first raised, during the Zero Hour, by Union Minister Smriti Irani who said Mr. Khan's remarks during the debate on the Triple Talaq Bill on Thursday were a "blot" on all legislators, including men. "This is a blot on all legislators, including men. We cannot remain silent spectators... We have to speak in one voice that this is unacceptable," she said.

Supporting Ms. Irani, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said that either Mr. Khan should tender an apology or he should be suspended from the House.

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Respond to plea on lynching order: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on Friday sought the response of the Central government, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the State governments to a plea for the implementation of its July 2018 judgment laying down preventive, remedial and punitive measures to combat lynching.

A Bench, led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi,

issued notice to the Centre and several States, including Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, on a plea by NGO Anti-Corruption Council of India. The NGO also sought a law to make lynching a cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable offence, which has to be tried by a court of law in a timebound manner.

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'No plans to advance Delhi Assembly election'

CEC clarifies after 'clerical error' triggered speculation; term of House ends in Feb. 2020

DAMINI NATH

Amid speculation in Delhi's political circles that the Assembly poll would be advanced by a few months, **Election Commission of India** officials said this week that they had no plan to hold early election.

Asked about reports of the Delhi Assembly poll being held along with those for Haryana and Maharashtra in October, instead of the expected

February 2020, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said they were "factually incorrect".

Though the term of the Delhi Assembly is till February 22, 2020, Aam Aadmi Party leaders have expressed apprehension over the ECI advancing the election.

Recently, a "clerical er-

ror", according to an ECI offi-

cial, led to renewed specula-

tion about early election in

the Capital. A June 26 com-

munication to the Chief Electoral Officers of Jharkhand, Haryana, Maharashtra and Delhi about "media monitoring and paid news" had been "inadvertently issued" to Jharkhand and Delhi, a corrigendum sent to the CEOs on Tuesday said.

AAP concern

Expressing concern, AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj said: "Our government got elected for five years by the people. Each government has its road map of delivering its promises to the people. We have been hearing that a section in the Central government wants early election because they are nervous of our ongoing

works like the CCTV project." Hitting out at the ECI, Mr. Bharadwaj said: "The Election Commission has lost much of its credibility in the last few years, so it's difficult to believe in their neutrality."

The BJP, however, dismissed AAP's apprehensions. Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta said the Central government had nothing to do with the elections.

"AAP is afraid that they have not done any work and that they will not come back to power. They are engaging in gossip. Talk of the government advancing the election is completely baseless," said Mr. Gupta.

Cows exhale oxygen: Rawat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has kicked up a controversy by saying that the cow exhales oxygen, a claim rubbished by livestock and animal

husbandry experts. A video had gone viral on Thursday showing Mr. Rawat extolling the curative powers of the cow at a function here.

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Kayakers fight treacherous rapids at Pulikkayam

Seventh edition of Malabar River Festival starts with flagship event of adventure sports promotion society

AABHA RAVEENDRAN

Chalippuzha, the narrow yet wild stream that originates in the Western Ghats, is swollen and dangerous. Hence, when three kayakers plunged into the treacherous rapids all of a sudden, the sound of applause could beat that of the wild river. Thus began the 7th edition of the Malabar River Festival (MRF) at Pulikkayam in Kerala's Kozhikode district on Friday.

The MRF features the Malabar International White Water Kayaking Championship, one of the

Adventure Tourism Promotion Society (KATPS), which, in a short time, has won recognition in world kayaking circuits. The MRF is being featured in the event calendar of the International Canoe Federation and Kayak Session, a magazine, has named it as one of the top 5 kayaking destinations in Asia. With prize money worth ₹10 lakh, the highest in the world, it is popular among kayakers as well.

flagship events of the Kerala

Participants from seven countries are in the event organised by the KATPS with the help of the



Kozhikode District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC) and Madras Fun Tools. Russian paddler Ivan Kozlachkov, Ian Vincent

from Australia, Prashant Ale and Subba Gurung from Nepal, Christopher Cartledge from the U.K. and Chelsilyn Ball from the U.S.

are taking part in the pro events, while Mohammed Salziali and Mohammed Kamis from Malaysia are taking part in the intermediate events. Athletes from 13 Indian

States, including national champions and personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Navy, are also here. At the MRF, the competitions are held in three categories, Slalom, Boater Cross and Down river race. The overall champions will bag the title of Rapid Raja and Rapid Rani in male and female categories. The festival will conclude on Sunday.

Four arrested for posting 'hate song' on social media

Video triggered outrage; arrests in Lucknow, Gonda

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Uttar Pradesh police on Friday arrested four persons for allegedly composing and uploading a "hate song" on social media, which prescribes a place in the graveyard for those who do not chant 'Jai Shri Ram'.

The video titled 'Jo Na bole Jai Sri Ram, bhej do usko kabristan' was widely shared on social media last week and the police had received many complaints against the makers.

The four arrested persons were identified as Rakesh

YouTube channel Janta Musical and Pictures on which the video was uploaded, writers of the song Mukesh Pandey and Santosh Yadav, and Varun Upadhyay alias Varun Bahar, the singer seen in the

Kumar Verma, owner of the

Being quizzed

While Verma was nabbed from the Aliganj area of Lucknow, the other three were arrested from their home district Gonda, police

Kalanithi Naithani, Superintendent of Police, Luckthe four were being record-"They are being questioned to find out if they had

now, said the statements of

uploaded such hate songs on other social media platforms." In a video uploaded on

his personal YouTube channel on July 24, Bahar appeals to "Hindu brothers, the Bajrang Dal and the Hindu Yuva Vahini" for their support. He also says that the song was not targeted against any caste or religion. "I sang this song for my religion, the religion I love," he said.

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Delhi Palam Tomorrow 34°C Slight rise in day temperatures is likely. A warm and humid weather would

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IN BRIEF

22 commercial, 18 fast track courts get nod

The Delhi Cabinet on Friday approved 22 new commercial courts and 18 permanent fast track courts in Delhi. Chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Cabinet approved the Law Department's proposal for the creation of 22 posts of Delhi Higher Judicial Services in super time scale for commercial courts judges along with ancillary staff. totalling to 212 posts. The cost of annual financial implications, the Delhi government said in a statement, is ₹13,55,90,280.

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Act like commandos to prevent waterlogging, HC tells AAP govt.

Orders Public Works Department to be prepared with water pumps in identified areas

STAFF REPORTER

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked the city government to "act like commanprevent waterlogging during the rainy season.

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

Traffic snarls, deaths

The court said apart from causing traffic snarls, waterlogged roads and pavements are a hazard for pedestrians, including children, as they would not see the open drains and may fall into them causing serious injuries and even death.

It directed the PWD to be prepared in advance with water pumps to prevent waterlogging at susceptible sites, like ITO, already identified by the authority.

The Bench also ordered



Winds of change: A man caught in heavy rain in Vasant Vihar on Friday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

'Take steps for rainwater harvesting in DDA flats'

Green tribunal directs Delhi Jal Board after hearing plea moved by RWA in Dwarka

the department to ensure all the identified areas are manned and supervised by officials so that the moment waterlogging occurs, the authority can swing into action to pump away the water and prevent traffic snarls.

It also suggested building reservoirs, or engaging tankers temporarily, at the sites where it was not feasible to pump away the water so that it can be stored and used for other purposes.

During the hearing, the

court was informed that the PWD has de-silted all drains

the recent rain. The High Court was hearing a public interest petition initiated by it regarding the issue of waterlogging after coming across media reports which stated that the problem occurred every monsoon and caused mas-

sive traffic jams.

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there have been instances of

waterlogging there has been

no water stagnation during

City receives light rain; more likely today

STAFF REPORTER

The Capital received 7.4 mm of rain between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Friday, stated the Safdarjung Met station. The Met department had forecast heavy rain on Thursday and Friday but the Capital received only light rain.

The maximum temperature fell to 32.5 degrees Celsius, which is two degrees below normal.

The minimum temperature settled at 26.2 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. A cloudy sky with chances of light to moderate rain is expected on Saturday.

Temperatures are likely to hover between 26 and 32 degrees Celsius. Delhi has recorded 178.8 mm of rain from July 1-25 - 7% more than the 30-year average of 166.5 mm.

Boy caught stealing, beaten to death

STAFF REPORTER

A 16-year-old boy died after being allegedly beaten when a man caught him stealing from his house in Adarsh Nagar here, the police said on Friday.

A senior officer said the incident took place on Thursday night when the victim entered a house in Adarsh Nagar for burglary.

The accused was nabbed by the family members following which they and their neighbours thrashed him, the police said.

'A drug addict'

'We suspected him to be a drug addict. He sneaked into the house to get money for drug but was caught by the owner," said an officer.

A case has been regis-

tered and six people, including the houseowner, were arrested. "An FIR under IPC Section 304 [culpable homicide not amounting to murder] has been registered at Adarsh Nagar police station. Investigation is under way," said the officer. The locals said, "The accused should have informed the police and handed over the thief for legal action."

Heritage by-laws for Purana Qila, Sher Shah Gate, Khair-ul-Manazil tabled

No construction work allowed within 100 metres of monuments

DAMINI NATH

Construction near Purana Qila, Khair-ul-Manazil mosque and Sher Shah Gate in the Capital will now be regulated by heritage by-laws that were tabled in Parliament on Friday, making them the law of the land.

National Monuments Authority member-secretary Navneet Soni said the by-laws drafted by NMA had been laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament.

The set of by-laws – one for Purana Qila and one for Khair-ul-Manazil and Sher Shah Gate - took the total number of heritage by-laws drafted under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 in the country to five, he said.

While no construction activity is allowed in a 100metre radius of protected monuments, building work starting from 100 metres till 300 metres from such heritage structures are regulated by by-laws.

The by-laws for Purana Oila and Khair-ul-Manazil mosque and Sher Shah Gate restrict the height of buildings in the regulated area.



The by-laws for Purana Qila (in picture) restrict the height of buildings in the regulated area. • FILE РНОТО

According to the by-laws for Khair-ul-Manazil mosque and Sher Shah Gate, the mosque, whose name means "the most auspicious house", was built in 1561.

The mosque, which is 20.75 metres in height with a five arched prayer hall made of rubble masonry, represents "a leading example of mosque-cum-madrasa early Mughal period".

The Sher Shah Gate is double-storey, at 21 metres in height, the by-laws state.

Among the neighbouring areas that will be regulated by the by-laws are structures inside Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Kaka Na-

gar, Bapa Nagar and Sunder

Nagar residential areas, Zoo administrative building and the High Court building.

Height restrictions

According to the by-laws, the height of buildings would be restricted to 7.5 metres. In Sunder Nagar, the

height would be restricted at 15 metres for the building and 3 metres for rooftop structures. Among the design restrictions, French doors and large glass façades on the front street or along staircase shafts would not be allowed.

These by-laws are among the regulations for construction around protected mon-

Noting the allegations

STAFF REPORTER

Following a plea seeking directions for the installation of rainwater harvesting systems in a Delhi Development Authority complex in Dwarka, the National Green Tribunal has directed the Delhi Jal to take necessary Board

directions came The when the green panel was



hearing a plea moved by a residents' welfare association. The plea also alleged that there were encroachments that need to be

made in the plea, the Bench observed, "Grievance in this application is that rainwater harvesting system needs to be made functional in DDA SFS Flats, Pocket-2, Sector 9 Dwarka; small parks inside the said pocket and open area lying between small parks and flats need to be

cleared from all types of blockage or encroachment."

Directing authorities to take requisite steps, the Bench directed, "Let these aspects be looked into and appropriate action taken by the DJB with regard to the issue of rainwater harvesting system and by the DDA with regard to the issue of encroachment, in accordance with law."

Plea seeking to legalise cannabis for medical use dismissed

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed with a cost of ₹10,000 a petition seeking to legalise cannabis, a banned drug which attracts criminal prosecution, for medical purposes.

A Bench of Chief Justice

Shankar said there was no substance in the petition and it was not inclined to grant

seeking direction to legalise cannabis for medical use. It can only be done by bringing proper enactment or amendment under the Narcotics

stances [NDPS] Act. We are not inclined to grant the prayer," the Bench said. The court said the cost of ₹10,000 be deposited by the petitioner with the Delhi High Court Bar Association Library fund.

The court was hearing a

rection to the authorities to allow medical use of cannabis and its allied products, frame a proper policy for it and make necessary amendments in the NDPS Act in this regard.

The plea said cannabis has been erroneously treated as petition by law student a criminal justice issue in-Prashant Sharma seeking di- stead of a public health issue.

EDUCATION ROUND UP

Team UPES Wins '2nd Position' at All India 'SOLIDWORKS xDESIGN **CHALLENGE'** Competition



UPES students lift the UPES Flag high once again! A six-member student team 'AAVISHKAAR' from the 'UPES School Engineering' won laurels for the University by ranking 'Second' at the All India SOLIDWORKS xDesign Challenge competition organized by Dassault Systemes, India. The '3DEXPERIENCE Company' -Dassault Systèmes is a software company headquartered in Vélizy-Villacoublay, France that develops 3D Design, 3D Digital mock-up, and Product Lifecycle Management software globally. The theme of the competition was to propose a design for 'The future of Urban

Mobility for India'. Briefing on the details of the event, Mr. Arun Dhand, Sr. Director - Public Affairs, UPES informed that the competition was the first ever design challenge using SOLIDWORK xDesign for students across India. The competition witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 1600 students as part of 249 teams country viz. NITs. BITS Pilani. SRM Institute of Science & Technology, ITM University -Gwalior, Chandigarh Engineering College, Sastra Deemed University - Tamil Nadu, Christ Faculty of Engineering - Bengaluru, Fr. C. Rodrigues Institute of Teachnology - Navi Mumbai, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology - Coimbatore, Veermata Jijajbai Technological Institute - Mumbai, Punjab Engineering College - Chandigarh, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering etc. competing for the top positions. "With its 1.3 million people, India's ever-growing population places it as the second most populous country in the world. Traffic jams are one of the major cause for concern for its 65% working population. The xDesign India Challenge was for the teams to design a new public transportation system representing the future of Urban Mobility for India. UPES is proud of its student team for securing a second position in this national competition" Mr. Dhand said. The '1st Position at the event was claimed by 'Team Raw' from the St. Francis Institute of Technology - Navi "Team Aavishkaar' from UPES, Dehradun bagged the '2nd Position' with 'Team Turbocharger' from the Lokmanya Tilak College of Engineering, Navi Mumbai won the '3rd Position' All the top three winners received a prize money of Rs. 2 Lakhs each. Besides the prize money, every member of the team was also received a gift voucher of \$ 100 each to access the learning content of three certifications of the cloud-based platform.

The members of 'Team Aaviskaar' comprised of Aditya Kumar - Automotive Design Engineering as the 'Team Leader' and Ayush Chaturvedi - Automotive Design Engineering; Vanshika Katyal - Aerospace Engineering; Aishwerya Singh Gahlot -Aerospace & Avionics Engineering & Ayush Gupta - Aerospace & Avionics, all from 4th Year and Prabudh Sanket from Automotive

Design Engineering 3rd Year as members

The team members 'Mentor' Dr. Deenak Kumar and their HOD - Dr. Ajay Kumar were complimented by Dr. Deependra Jha - Vice Chancellor and Dr. Kamal Bansal - Dean, School of Engineering, UPES for their grand

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Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Amethi appoints New Director



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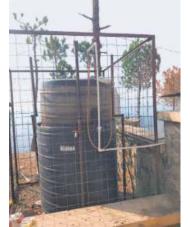
this era of Digital-Learning and E-education, there are some Start-ups that are still using the traditional method of providing printed notes and making name in

The latest name is the BestCurrentAffairs. com that provides printed study material to the IAS aspirants. In the latest UPSC Prelims 2019, which were

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Prelims 2019 came from these latest topics.

Waste Food to Cooking gas at JUIT, Waknaghat campus



Biogas Plant, JUIT

Dr. Sudhir Kumar and Dr. Ashish Kumar of Jaypee University of Information Technology. Waknaghat are converting waste food to cooking fuel using low cost reactors since 2009. Their food based reactors are supplying cooking fuel to Govt. Primary Schools of Pooghat-Bani, and Dhar Anji – both in Solan District. This brings down the cost of LPG usage in schools and provides 30-40 minutes gas supply per day. The Himachal Pradesh Council for Science Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE) sponsored this project. They also developed a reactor that utilizes waste food and can be used as replacement of gas burners in Chemistry and Biology Laboratories of Schools and Colleges. Jaypee University in association with HIMOSTE has applied for the patent for this design.

Three reactors of similar kinds are also installed in Jaypee University Campus. Under a unique initiative the Registrar of Javpee University Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Rakesh Bassi allotted the biogas connection to marginal families living without LPG in their campus. Each family is maintaining and using the

cooking fuel for one month. The Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and Govt. of Jharkhand empanelled Javpee University as technical expert in the area of Biogas. Both Scientist along with their technical person Mr. Karm Dass impart training to local youth and women about fabrication and working of this biogas. With the experience of installing one stage biogas reactors in HP since 2009 onwards, they have optimized the conditions for maximum biogas output and developed a cold adapted microbial consortium for biogas production in cold hilly terrain of HP. The similar approach can be applied to manage the waste food of Northen-Eastern hilly states of India. Their focus is to enhance and transfer the biogas technology to rural HP region. This one stage reactor is continuous, compact, cost-effective, portable and user friendly. It provides efficient energy at very low cost (cost includes only installation and fabrication; no operational cost). Depending upon the size of the reactor and waste availability, cost varies from Rs 15000 to 40000. The dwindling supply of fossil fuels and negative environmenta impacts associated with them urgently need the development of such reactors that converts waste to fuel.

the prayer. "It appears this petition is

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DU to release two more cut-off lists

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> Delhi University on Friday said it will release two additional cut-off lists for merit-based undergraduate programmes, depending on the availability of seats.

It will also conduct a special drive on July 29 and 30 for different categories of applicants who may have faced issues during

the admissions process. While only five cut-off lists were scheduled, DU said a sixth list will be re-

leased on August 1.

list will take place between August 1-3. After this, depending on the availability of seats, a seventh list will be released on August 6, the university

The approvals for this

Students protest against draft education policy

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Several student organisations on Friday protested outside the Ministry of Human Resource Development against the Draft Na-

tional Education Policy. The students said the Draft National Education Policy was a "dangerous

design to shut down government schools and colleges, invite foreign universities. reimpose self-financing in the name of graded autonomy, dilution of Right to Education Act 2009 and absence of secularism in constitutional principles to be taught to students.'

DELHI TODAY

Talk: Lecture on "Skill Development and Employment". Introductory re-marks by Prabhat Kumar, President, IC Centre for Governance. Keynote address by Manish Kumar, MD & Chief Executive Officer, NSDC; and Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI, at Lecture Room - II. Basement Annexe India International Centre (IIC), 4:30

Mureed, at Amaltas Hall, India Habitat

Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Music: "Haan Man Hai Ishq Mastana" An evening of vocal recital of Amir Khusrau's songs and compositions by Hindustani vocalist Sriparna Nandi, de scribing the relationship between Mur shid. Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliva and

Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

Theatre: "Yaadon ki Barat", a Urdu drama will be staged as part of the ongoing Urdu Drama festival organised by the Ghalib Institute, at Ghalib Audit orium, Aiwan-e-Ghalib Marg, 6:30 p.m. (Mail your listings for this column at citveditordelhi@thehindu.co.in)

Exhibition: "Naturalistic". a solo art

show of water colour and oil pastel by Suresh Degloorkar at Convention

Centre Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Exhibition: A solo paintings show by Parul Golchha Ranka at Triveni Gallery,

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In Mumbai, Delhi police arrest druglord, seize 130 kg of heroin

Police team found drugs inside consignment of basil seeds from Afghanistan

SAURABH TRIVEDI NEW DELHI

In an ongoing operation, the Delhi police have arrested a drug kingpin and seized 260 jute bags containing 130 kg of soaked and dried Afghan heroin from a container in Navi Mumbai.

Manishi Chandra, DCP (Special Cell), said on Friday that an autorickshaw driverturned-druglord Tifal Nau Khez and his Afghan associate Ahmad Shah Alokozai were held and on their disclosure a raid was conducted.

"A police team conducted a thorough search at Customs Bonded area in Panvel. A container which was imported by the accused through their contacts in Mumbai from the Bandar Abbas port of Iran had about 260 jute bags with basil seeds," said

Bus overturns

on expressway

At least 12 passengers suf-

The bus was heading to

Sitamarhi in Bihar when

around 5 p.m. the driver

lost control of the speeding

bus. It collided with the di-

vider and overturned, said

against the bus driver for

speeding and endangering

the life of passengers," he

said, adding that all the in-

jured are out of danger.

Earlier this month, 29 pas-

sengers were killed after a

bus fell into the gap bet-

ween two carriageways on

the Yamuna Expressway.

"We will register a case

STAFF REPORTER

on Friday.

the police.



Tifal Nau Khez

Mr. Chandra.

The jutebags were found to contain another jutebag covered with a thin white polythene layering. Inside the inner jute bag was soaked and dried Afghan heroin. Each had approximately 500 grams of pure heroin.

Mr. Chandra said Khez was a school dropout and was born in a very poor family in Bulandshahr. After doing odd jobs for several years, he moved to Delhi and started driving an autorickshaw. He was first arrested in Punjab in 2013 with 250 grams of heroin. During his stay in Amritsar jail, he made many contacts with drug smugglers.

After coming out of jail, he got in touch with Afghans residing in Lajpat Nagar in Delhi and came in contact with an Afghan drug smuggler identified as Sheikh.

"Khez managed to sell heroin through his contacts in Amritsar jail. While dealing, he made contacts with many Afghan nationals, including drug kingpin Haji based in Afghanistan," said Mr. Chandra.

To avoid detection at customs and checkposts, Haji asked Khez to set up a heroin 'reconstitution' factory in Delhi. A flat was purchased in Zakir Nagar for the purpose.

A police officer said the drug consignment seized in Mumbai originated from Herat, Afghanistan, and came by sea to Mumbai via Bandar Abbas, Iran.

Sea route to India

He added that it was a rare seizure of landlocked Afghanistan's heroin taking the sea route to India.

The total recovery in the ongoing operation now exceed 330 kg, with a street value of about ₹1,320 crore.

The other accused is Ahmad Shah Alokozai, from Afghanistan. He was living in Delhi for the past few years under the cover of a wholesale dry fruits dealer. He was tasked by Haji to set up a company through his Indian contacts for import of dry fruits to India.

Man stabs 21-year-old woman to death, held

SAURABH TRIVEDI NEW DELHI

fered injuries after a priv-A 21-year-old woman was ate double-decker bus overturned on the Noidastabbed to death by a man Greater Noida Expressway in south-east Delhi's Bhogal on Friday, the police said.

Kirti was stabbed multiple times by 25-year-old Mohammad Munasir, who was nabbed by the locals while trying to flee the crime spot.

The locals thrashed him before reporting the matter to the police.

Knew each other

Shakeel was taken to AIIMS where he is undergoing treatment, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East) Chinmoy Biswal. The incident took place at 7 p.m, when the victim, a domestic help, was heading

home from Bhogal.

The duo, who knew each other as they lived in Sarai Kale Khan, got into an argument, the police said. Following this, the accused attacked her with a knife.

The victim died during treatment in AIIMS, said the police. The woman stayed with her brother, who was also questioned in connection with the case. However, he said he has no knowledge about any relationship between the duo, the police added.

The victim's parents live in Tughlakabad Extension.

"A murder case has been registered at Hazarat Nizamuddin police station and the accused has been arrested," said Mr. Biswal.

Man charred to death in car

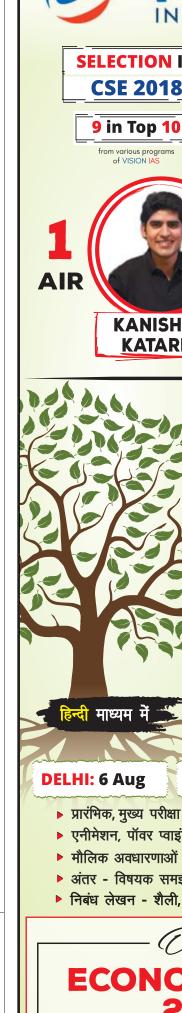
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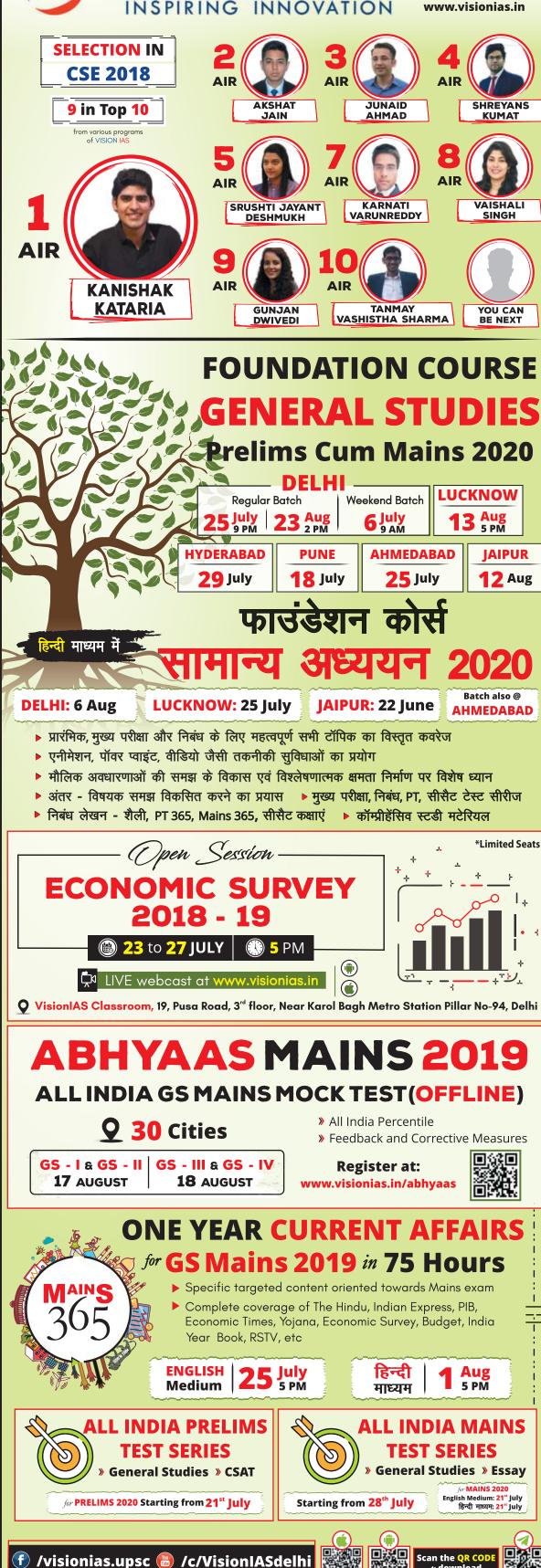
A 42-year-old man was charred to death as he was unable to escape from his SUV when it caught fire at Mukarba Chowk Flyover, the police said on Friday.

Ajay Gupta, a resident of Alipur, was on his way to IGI Airport on Thursday night when the incident occurred, said DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya. Initial probe has revealed that the automatic system of the car got locked due to the fire, trapping Ajay inside, said a police officer.

The cause of the fire is

yet to be ascertained. Gupta, who used to run a transport business and is survived by three children, was going to IGI for a trip to Europe with his friends.





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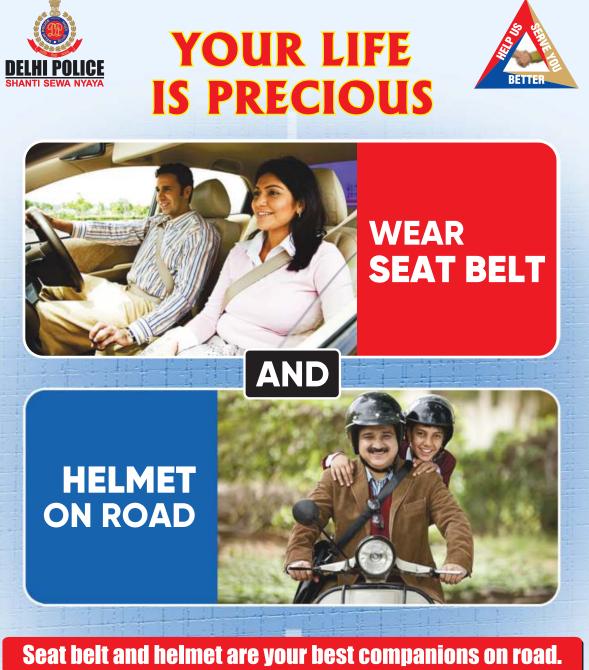
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IN BRIEF

Have moved out of official house: Scindia

Senior Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday said he had moved out of his official bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi before the deadline for vacating the house. He said he had no intention of "illegally occupying" any accommodation and had not made any request to retain the bungalow. PTI

Delhi HC dismisses plea on Vande Mataram

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed a petition to give the song. Vande Mataram, the same status accorded to Jana Gana Mana — the National Anthem. "We see no reason to give direction to the respondent [Centre] to declare Vande Mataram as national anthem or national song," the Bench said.

Three of family found dead on IIT campus

NEW DELHI Three people of a family, including a couple, were found dead in their flat inside IIT-Delhi campus, the police said on Friday. The police were informed about a scuffle and when they reached the flat. the bodies were found hanging in three separate rooms. No note has been recovered.

Cleaning Yamuna: U.P., Haryana, DDA, DJB slammed for inaction

NGT-appointed monitoring committee pointed out 'laxity' in recent report

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

A National Green Tribunalappointed monitoring committee on the issue of cleaning of Yamuna river, in a recent report, has attacked the UP and Harvana governments, the Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Ial Board for their inaction.

Experts say that the Yamuna is one of the most polluted rivers in the country.

Referring to a committee set up by the UP government for cleaning the Yamuna, the report stated, "The monitoring committee is of the view that no useful purpose has been served by setting up such a committee [by UP government] as the engineers seemed unaware of the seriousness of the severe pollution-related stretches that emanate from specific drains in UP."

"When they attended the last meeting called by this the [NGT-appointed] committee on 04.04.19, they were completely unaware of the tasks they were required to per-



Experts say that the Yamuna is one of the most polluted rivers in the country. ■ FILE PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

form and could contribute nothing at the meeting," the report further said.

The green tribunal-appointed body also attacked the Harvana government in the report for their "laxity". "NGT may consider reprimanding the officers of the Haryana Pollution Control Board for their inability to discharge their statutory functions and lack of any regulatory vigil or control over 96 industrial pollution and other activities like sand mining and building bunds on

There are multiple drains which flow from UP and Haryana into Yamuna and pollute the river.

The NGT, in a judgment on January 13, 2015, on a case filed by Manoj Misra, formed the Maily Se Nirmal Yamuna Revitalization Plan, 2017. with a deadline to clean the river by March 31, 2017.

However, the deadline was not met and the green panel in July 2018 formed the monitoring committee, headed by former Delhi Chief Secretary Shailaja Chandra and retired NGT expert member B.S. Sajwan, to primarily implement the 2015 judgment.

Attacking the DJB, the report said, "NGT had directed setting up of 32 decentralised sewage treatment plants in its judgment dated 13.01.15. Even after four years not a single STP from this list of 32 STPs has yet been set up."

The monitoring committee also lashed at the DDA over ten projects the latter is working on aimed at restoring the Yamuna floodplain."Even in these project areas, there is ongoing litigation as well as large-scale encroachment and despite being under the DDA's control on paper, there is no workable plan for retrieving the land encroached upon," the "From January 2019 till

now there has been no activity on land abutting the DND flyover which has been attributed to non-availability of police support linked to Republic Day arrangements followed by the general elections," the monitoring committee added.

Kejriwal demands 'due share' in Central taxes

Meets Finance Commission chairman

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday called on the Chairman of the Finance Commission and submitted a memorandum demanding that Delhi gets its "due share" in Central taxes.

Mr. Kejriwal, the Delhi go vernment said in a statement, told Finance Commission Chairman N.K. Singh that Delhi has been subjected to "gross injustice" over the last two decades, arguing that while the Capital gives ₹1.75 lakh crore as income tax to the Centre towards national growth, it gets back "only ₹325 crore" from the Centre for its own growth.

"Till 2000, the Constitution provided for money for Delhi in line with what the other States were getting. However, the Constitution was amended in 2000 and Delhi was removed from the list. As a result, Delhi stopped getting money from the Centre," the Chief Minister was quoted as having said.

"Our request to the Finance Commission is that



Arvind Kejriwal

Delhi should also get funds for development like other States. If the post-2000 formula is implemented, Delhi will get ₹6,000 crore annually," Mr. Kejriwal was quoted

'₹6,500 crore per year'

In his letter to Mr. Singh, the Chief Minister, according to the statement, said: "The government of NCT of Delhi would be getting its legitimate share in Central taxes of at least ₹6,500 crore per annum with an appropriate annual enhancement like other States to finance development needs.'

He said that the transfer of grants in lieu of share in Central taxes had remained "stagnant" at ₹325 crore per annum since 2000.

Trainer held for shooting at owner of gym

STAFF REPORTER

A day after a 45-year-old gym owner was allegedly shot at in north Delhi's Civil Lines, the police on Friday arrested a gym trainer who was recently fired by the victim. The accused was allegedly let go from his job for public display of affection with a female gym trainer inside the health club.

Victim Rahul Gupta was shot at outside his gym on Thursday morning.

"After scanning CCTV footage of the area, we zeroed in on Lalit Kumar, a gym trainer who had been fired from his job a few days back," said DCP (North) Nupur Prasad. Lalit was questioned and he said he was friends with a female trainer in the gym, but the owner used to object to the public display of affection between them in the gym, said the police.

"After giving several warnings to no avail, Rahul fired Lalit," an officer

Lalit had taken the help of a minor friend, who has also been apprehended.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that this girl namely Anjali D/o Girish R/o G-502, Jahangir Puri, Delhi Age: 19 years, Height: 5', Face: Oval, Complexion : Sallow, Build : Medium, wearing green colour suit, orange colour payjami and pink colour chapple in feet, has

been missing since 18.07.2019. In this regard DD No. 10-A dated 18.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

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

CORRIGENDUM

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advt. No. 10/2019, dated 15.06.2019, and connected corrigendums, hich were published in the various newspapers and als available on HSSC Website www.hssc.gov.in, vide which online application forms were invited for various posts of Junior Engineers, through the URL address i.e http:// adv102019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx 26.07.2019

In the said advertisement, "Essential Qualification" for the following category may be read as under:-**HVPNL** Haryana

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i) Full-time 3 years Diploma in Civil Engineering from any Institute recognised by AICTE or by a State Board of Technical Education with a minimum 60% marks in respect of General Category/Other Category candidates and 55% marks in respect of SC category candidates of Harvana Domicile.

Full-time Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from a University duly recognised by Central Government or a State Government with a minimum 60% marks in respect of General Category/Other Category candidates and 55% marks in respect of SC Category candidates of Haryana

Full-time Master Degree in Civil Engineering from a University duly recognised by Gentral Government or State Government with a minimum 60% marks in respect of General category/other category candidates and 55% marks in respect of SC category candidates of Haryana domicile, in case of candidates having Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering with marks less than 60% for General/Other category candidates and less than 55% for SC Category Candidates of Haryana Domicile.

Matric with Hindi or Sanskrit as one of the subject or

In the said advertisement, consequent upon the reexamination of Posts by the Department the "Breakup of Posts" for the following category may be read as under:-

Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Ltd. Haryana

Cat No. 24 4 Posts of Junior Engineer (Civil).

Cat	Total	Non ESM/ESP	ESM	ESP
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SC	1	1	-	-
BCA	-	-	-	-
BCB	1	1	-	-
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Grand Total =4

The other Terms & Conditions of Advt. No. 10/2019 will remain the same.

Under Secretary Place: Panchkula For Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Dated, The 25th July,2019 Commission, Panchkula

Hike in commercial property values may be rolled back

SIDHARTH RAVI NEW DELHI

the Yamuna," it said.

Hike in commercial property values, introduced through the long-pending third municipal valuation committee's report, accepted by the SDMC in February, may be rolled back following a private resolution passed by the House on

loss of revenue of up to ₹80 crore to the corporation, a senior official said The Municipal Valuation

The move could lead to a

Committee recommends how the value of a property should be calculated depending on which annual property tax to be charged. The recommendations of the third MVC were delayed for seven years while multiple sub-committees were formed to look into different recommendations and conduct public hearings.

Leader of the House, Kamaljeet Sherawat, who moved the resolution said, "After implementing the recommendations, we realised that the hike in tax for certain properties would be way higher than anticipated." There was a difference in understanding between "theory and practice", she said, adding that several market associations had petitioned SDMC on the same. The recommendations will be reconsidered and introduced next year, she

7th edition of Inter-School Crossword contest launched

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI The seventh edition of the

National Inter-School Crossword contest was launched on Friday.

Addressing a large number of students at Kendriya Vidyalaya-2 in Delhi Cantonment, senior bureaucrats, who launched this edition of the contest, highlighted the importance of crosswords in improving cognitive abilities among students.

The contest that is open for students of Classes XI and XII, was launched by senior bureaucrat Ravikant who is the Secretary, Food and Consumer Affairs with the Government of India.

Vivek Kumar Singh, chief mentor of the CCCC Cryptic Crossword contest, said: "Crossword is a challenge but promoting it is a bigger challenge. Schools are caged by the number of IITians they produce and unfortunately crossword becomes an extra burden to them. However, crossword helps in building a mental thesaurus which ultimately results in helping students be articulate.'

Stating that crosswords are a precursor to improving vocabulary and writing skills, Amarendra Behera, Joint Director, NCERT, said: "Even UNESCO talks about solving problems and critical thinking and through crosswords promote

The finale of the competition will be held in Delhi.

Seven held for duping people on pretext of jobs asked to deposit ₹1,500 in a

STAFF REPORTER

Seven persons, including four women, have been arrested for allegedly duping around 1,000 people to the tune of ₹2.5 crore on the pretext of providing them jobs in the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the police said on Friday.

The accused were arrested on a complaint by a man who said he had been duped of over ₹50,000. The complainant said he saw an advertisement in a newspaper regarding jobs in AAI and contacted the accused on July 5. A woman picked up the phone and assured him that he would get a job at the IGI Airport on a monthly salary of ₹40,000.

The complainant was first

bank account as registration fee. Later, he was asked to deposit ₹14,000 ₹35,000 for an agreement with the AAI and as premium against mandatory employee insurance, the officer said. On enquiring with the AAI, the man found out that no such advertisement had been issued by the authority, the police said.

Accused Chander Shekhar (49), Jitender Arya (26), Baldev Raj (55), Beena Rani (28), Rinki (23), Versha Kumari (22) and Bhavna, are all residents of Delhi.

Chander was the head of the gang and Jitender is his nephew, said the police. The gang used fake documents to get mobile numbers and open bank accounts.

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Minor house help rescued in Gurugram

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GURUGRAM

A minor girl, who had been working as a domestic help at a house in DLF Magnolias here, was rescued following the intervention of the Gharelu Kamgar Union.

Convener of the domestic workers' union, Maya John, said the girl, who belongs to Assam, had started working for the couple at their DLF Magnolias Block B residence in Sector 42 over two vears ago. Her employers allegedly used to beat her up often and had also told her not to leave the house.

The family which had illegally employed her used to pay her ₹10,000 per month. The girl was, however, paid erratically and mostly received less than she was promised.

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CM launches revamped **Odisha Tourism website** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday launched the revamped website of Odisha Tourism odishatourism.gov.in - in

presence of a large gathering of stakeholders - Ministers. senior officials, captains of industry, bloggers and media.

2 labourers killed in **Punjab furnace blast**

LUDHIANA Two migrant labourers from Uttar Pradesh were killed and 10 others were injured after an explosion in a steel furnace near Ramgarh village on the Ludhiana-Chandigarh Road here on Friday, police said. A critically injured victim, Ram Paswan, who was rushed to the PGIMER, died during treatment. The other deceased was identified as Shambu, police said. PTI

Cong. leaders to oppose entry of BJP MLAs who backed M.P. govt.

Urge party leadership to take local workers in confidence before any decision

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After two BJP MLAs this week voted in favour of the Kamal Nath government in Madhya Pradesh, several Congress MLAs are planning to register a protest against their entry into the ruling

On Wednesday, BJP MLAs Sharad Kol (Beohari) and Narayan Tripathi (Maihar) backed the seven-month-old Congress-led government during voting on a Bill in the Assembly.

Congress leaders termed Mr. Tripathi a "habitual turncoat"

"This is for the eighth time Narayan Tripathi has changed sides. He is exposed now. He had left the Congress only two days ahead of Lok Sabha election in 2014,"



BJP MLAs Sharad Kol and Narayan Tripathi.

besides the Congress, which

he had termed his mother

organisation when joining

Mr. Chaturvedi held a

press conference at Maihar

in Satna district along with a

dozen party leaders and sup-

porters, and said the Con-

gress should take local lead-

last time," he said.

said Congress leader Shrikant Chaturvedi.

Mr. Chaturvedi was defeated by Mr. Tripathi in the November 2018 Assembly elections.

"Mr. Tripathi has been a leader of different parties like the Ianata Dal, the Samajwadi Party and the BJP, ers into confidence before allowing Mr. Tripathi into the fold. "We respect our top lead-

ers but we should be consulted before any decision about Mr. Tripathi," he said.

'Resign as MLA'

Other Congress leaders, including Dharmesh Ghai and Shrinivas Urmalia, said Mr. Tripathi should be told to resign from the BJP and also as an MLA before formally joining the Congress.

They said they will convey their feelings to Chief Minister Kamal Nath in this regard.

Meanwhile, M.P. Congress spokesperson Pankaj Chaturvedi said any decision about the support of the MLAs was the prerogative of Chief Minister Kamal Nath.

Clean chit to BJD MP in scribe assault case

'No evidence of harassment found'

CORRESPONDENT

The police have given a clean chit to Biju Janata Dal MP from Kendrapara Anubhav Mohanty and his younger brother Anuprasa Mohanty, who were booked last month for the alleged assault and harassment of a local woman journalist.

City DCP Akhileswar Singh said the investigation so far reveals that there is no evidence for the assault of the woman scribe by the MP or the passing of lewd comments by his brother.

"There was a heated exchange between the two parties on the day of the incident, but no such evidence [of harassment or assault] has been found from the CCTV footage and mobile phone recordings to substantiate the other allegations made by the complainant against the MP and

CCTV footage and mobile recordings do not substantiate

AKHILESWAR SINGH Kendrapara City DCP

his family," the DCP said.

allegations

The journalist had alleged that the MP's younger brother repeatedly passed obscene comments on her and on June 13, when she had visited the MP's house at Choudhury Bazar under Purighat police station to complain about it, the MP and his wife assaulted her.

A day after, the police booked the MP and his family under Sections 294, 354-A, 323 and 34 of the IPC. A counter FIR was also filed against the journalist by the MP's brother.

The police have recorded statements of six witnesses in connection with both the cases so far.

OMAR RASHID LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh police on

Friday said it had recovered

a treasure trove of 698

"rare" Mughal-era silver

coins dating back to the 16th

Ghulam Nabi while he was

over sharing the coins after

they returned to the Mund-

5 more die in Assam floods, toll hits 80

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Floods in Assam claimed five more lives on Friday, taking the toll in the State to 80 even as water levels in all the affected districts receded further, an official report said.

Around 27.15 lakh people in 2,078 villages of 17 districts have been affected by the deluge.

Of the five deaths, two were from Baksa while one each was reported from Barpeta, Cachar and Biswanath, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said in its report.

The rivers flowing at danger level are the Brahmaputra at Neamatighat (Jorhat) and Dhubri; the Jia Bharali at NT Road Crossing (Sonitpur); the Puthimari at NH Road Crossing (Kamrup); and the Beki at Road Bridge (Barpeta), the ASDMA said

Meerut police bust girl kidnapping case

Interfaith angle proves to be false

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Meerut police busted an alleged case of interfaith kidnapping when it recovered the girl, a minor, from Chandigarh on Thursday. The policemen were shocked when they discovered that the kidnapper was a man named Abhishek, who not only belonged to the same village as the girl but was also of the same caste.

The girl's brother had lodged an FIR under Section 363 of the IPC against three Muslim men who lived in the neighbourhood.

Police sources say that he was instigated by a local leader who claimed to represent Hindu Yuva Vahini.

On July 18, Mini (13, named changed), a resident of Rasoolpur Aurangabad village that falls under Bhawanagar police station, was

coming from tuition when she was allegedly kidnapped by unidentified men. Her brother Ajay Kumar lodged an FIR.

On July 22, a group of villagers protested in front of the SSP office in Meerut alleging that it was an interfaith case and demanded action against Nafis, Aas Mohammed and Shakeel, lived in who neighbourhood.

Booked under POCSO

"On Thursday, the police recovered the girl from Chandigarh and booked culprit Abhishek under relevant sections of the POCSO Act," Avinash Pandey, SP (Rural), Meerut, told The Hindu. On Friday, the police charged the girl's brother and others under Sections 153A, 298, 120B of the IPC for promoting enmity.

Monsoon blues



Vehicles plying on a waterlogged road following heavy rain in Jaipur on Friday. • ROHIT JAIN PARAS



Rajasthan gets assurance from Punjab

Relining of Ferozepur feeder for Indira Gandhi Canal to increase water capacity

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Rajasthan has received an assurance from Punjab for relining of the Ferozepur feeder for the Indira Gandhi Canal system to increase its water carrying capacity to 11,192 cusecs, as per its original design.

The Punjab government will shortly submit a detailed project report to the Central Water Commission in this respect and both the States would bear the expenditure proportionately.

Capacity reduced

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who met his Punjab counterpart Amarinder Singh on the sidelines of the regional conference on drug menace in Chandigarh on Friday, said the feeder's capacity had reduced to almost 10,000 cusecs due to damage caused to the lining at several placRaiasthan CM Ashok Gehlot met his Punjab counterpart Amarinder Singh in Chandigarh on Thursday. • PTI es. "As a result, both the Ganga Canal and the Bhakhra Canal in Rajasthan are

E-inspection boosts attendance in Bhopal schools

Surprise weekly visits keep teachers on toes, bring down truancy by 20%

getting lesser water," he said, adding that the canal water issues with the neighbouring State would be resolved

The Indira Gandhi Canal, which is fed by rivers from Punjab, is also getting contaminated water from Harike Barrage, which Mr. Gehlot said was adversely affecting the health of a large population in several districts. He asked the Punjab government to ensure quality of water in accordance with the National Green Tribunal's

directions. Both Rajasthan and Punjab are ruled by the Congress. Punjab is reportedly considering setting up three common effluent treatment plants at Buddha Nullah, which is a water feeder for Harike.

Mr. Gehlot also sought steps to increase the capacity of the head regulator of Indira Gandhi feeder at Harike Barrage from 15,000 cusecs to 18,500 cusecs. The engineers of both the States will conduct a joint inspection to work out an action plan for this purpose.

According to the official sources here, Capt. Amarinder assured Mr. Gehlot of affirmative action for increasing the head regulator" capacity, saying that it would stop the flow of water into Pakistan during the rainy season. This additional water would be available for irrigation to farmers in

Mine mishap: 2 more bodies found

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The death toll in the coal mine accident in Odisha's Angul district increased to three with the recovery of two more bodies on Friday, officials said.

a dump slide at the opencast mine in Talcher coalfields on Tuesday.

Nine workers suffered iniuries in the accident, while four were feared trapped. The body of one of the miners was recovered a day after.

The miners were killed in

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and 17th century. A few of the coins are said to be from by the U.P. police. • the eras of emperors Akbar and Aurangzeb. The coins were found buried in a garden in Shimla, The coins weighed 7.9 kg, said a police officer from the officer said, adding that

698 Mughal-era coins

recovered by U.P. police

Moradabad district. A DSP-rank officer from Moradabad Lallan Singh, the circle office of Highway area, said the coins were found by a Moradabadbased contractor named the recovery.

digging at a location in Shimla with three-four labourers. The police came to know of the coins after Mr. Nabi and the labourers quarrelled among themselves



Some of the coins recovered

hapandey area of Moradabad district, Mr. Singh said.

they had been sent to the Archaeological Survey of "We struck silver!" U.P.

police tweeted late on Friday as it released pictures of

According to ASI, these are "rare 16th/17th century Mughal-era coins with legends in Persian and kalima in Arabic", the police said.

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this woman (depicted in the photo) namely: Jyoti Gupta W/o Sh. Vijay Gupta R/o H. No. WZ-639, Sri Nagar, Gali No. 02, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 30.06.2019. In this regard FIR/DD No. 53-A Dated 03.07.2019 has been registered at PS. Subhash Place, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far.

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Abhishek Valmiki now has a

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positive reason to attend school every day. Even before the 13-year-old enters his classroom at 10.30 a.m., his favourite Pratibha ma'am is already pacing the room. Frantically calling up parents of truants, she makes sure they attend her class. "There is a renewed vigour

among teachers to attend school and teach. But more importantly, students must attend school," says Pratibha Walkhade, Principal of the Government Secondary School, Chopda Kalan village. "Now, we always have to be ready for an inspection," she

À quiet yet tangible change has just begun to sweep primary and secondary government schools of Bhopal district, where the introduction of e-inspection system has not only improved the attendance of teachers, but as a consequence given a reason for students to attend school. Within just three weeks, 15-20% more students have started attending school, spurred by the almost com-

on a given day. "Under the system, janshikshaks (inspectors) are informed through an SMS around 7 a.m. the schools, chosen randomly, they have

plete attendance of teachers

to visit in their block," explains District Collector Tarun Kumar Pithode. "If they come across a teacher absent during the weekly inspections, the teacher loses a day's salary of around ₹1,000."

Already a success in Rajgarh, Betul and Sehore districts where Mr. Pithode introduced it first, the model intends to fix accountability on teachers to ensure children attend school. "Earlier, some inspectors used to inform teachers of a visit the night before. But they can't

do that now," he says. In the Fanda (rural) block that has recorded an average 18% improvement in student

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attendance since July 4, the

Now, teachers in the 1,165

schools are always on their toes - mindful of the prospect of being inspected uninformed. They have even started reaching school at least half an hour early. "If they reach school for starters, they'll at least teach something. This will improve the attainment levels of students," says Mr. Pithode.

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Parties spawn out to win young hearts ahead of Assembly polls

Youth brigades travel across State to interact directly with youngsters

Political parties are well aware of the power the youth wields, and are sending armies of young foot soldiers to woo GenNext voters in the State Assembly elections. To counter the popular perception that only the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), under the leadership of Narendra Modi, can attract new voters as seen in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections, the Opposition as well as ruling coalition ally Shiv Sena have encouraged voung leaders to travel across the State and reconnect with the youth.

"Any youth organisation is expected to do two things. One, to fight against any form of injustice and two, give a much-needed platform to the aspirations of the younger generation across sectors, not just political," said Maharashtra Youth Congress president Satyajeet Tambe-Patil.

The Youth Congress, he said, was not only focusing on agitations but also on reviving the organisational structure through door-todoor campaigns.

The party's failure to win votes in the recent Lok Sabha elections has led the Youth Congress to do some soul-searching. "We realised the disconnect with the youth. They are voting for Modi, because we don't have an impactful communication strategy. We are reaching out to the youth across the State asking them what they want and will come out with a youth manifesto by reaching out to three to four crore youth online or offline," said Mr. Tambe-Patil.

The youth wing of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) recently saw a change in leadership with one president and two working presidents, none of whom were from political families, being appointed.

We are going to every district with a campaign named, 'My booth worker, the messenger of development and equality.' The NCP leadership never really lost touch with the ground-level, but we are focusing on how to enhance the dialogue between voters and workers," said Ravikant Varpe, working president of the party's youth wing. Instead of relying only on technology, the party is ensuring that workers physically reach out to households, he said. The party leadership has said that it will promote youngsters, and the youth wing has given a proposal seeking 30 Assembly tickets for its

NCP president Sharad Pawar's grandnephew Rohit Pawar is likely to debut in the forthcoming elections and has asked for a ticket from the Karjat-Jamkhed Assembly seat against BJP minister Ram Shinde. "As a young politician, my job is to listen to people, communicate and maintain the connect to understand issues on the ground, reaching out to people directly instead of depending on meeting party leaders. It helps in the maturation of the leader in electoral politics," said Mr. Pawar.

Aaditya Thackeray, the third generation of the Thackeray family, too is trying to rebuild the connect with workers outside Mumbai through the Jan Ashirwad Yatra. The yatra is seen as the Sena's attempt to present Mr. Thackeray as a State-wide leader. In this 4.000-km vatra, Mr. Thackeray will thank those who voted for the party in the Lok Sabha elections and hopes to win the hearts of those who did not, Yuva Sena secretary Varun Sardesai said.

Pune monsoon racing season kicks off

The 2019 monsoon racing season kicked off with hooves of thoroughbreds thundering at the Pune racecourse on Thursday and Friday. Both the days witnessed good rainfall while the racing, which was conducted on the specially made monsoon race track, went on smoothly. Only 23 race days are framed for the three-and-a-half-month season, which will end on October 26.

The 118.5-acre racecourse will see some of the biggest events like Southern Command Gold Trophy on September 1, S.A. Poonawalla Million on September 15, Villoo C. Poonawalla Million on September 15, Threptin Fillies & Mares Stakes (Gr.3) on October 6, and Noshir & Dolly Dhunjibhoy Sprint Million (Gr.3) and the grade one Pune Derby on October 13.

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Aiming for the finish line: A horse in action at Pune racecourse on Friday. • JIGNESH MISTRY

RWITC, told reporters on Thursday that the advertised stake money for the season is ₹8,19 crore. "RWITC Ltd. is excited to have the privilege of hosting two group one races – Indian St. Leger on September 22 and Pune Derby on October 13. Radio One will be the radio partner for the season and will promote

Geoffrey B. Nagpal, chairman of stewards, RWITC, said, "We thank our sponsors who continue their association. We also like to thank the public who support our races – for adapting with us and continuing to be committed to the sport. We look forward to welcoming all to the monsoon racing season in Pune."

HC reserves order on Gautam Navlakha's plea to quash FIR in Bhima-Koregaon violence case

SONAM SAIGAL

The Bombay High Court on Friday reserved its order on a plea filed by activist Gautam Navlakha to quash the FIR filed against him for his alleged role in the Bhima-Koregaon violence in Pune, and continued protection from arrest till the pronouncement of judgement.

A Division Bench of Justices Ranjit More and Bharati Dangre was hearing the petition to quash the FIR filed by the Pune Police charging him with sections under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), and the Indian Penal Code.

Advocate Yug Chaudhary, representing Mr. Navlakha, refuted the contention earlier made by additional public prosecutor Aruna Kamat Pai that Mr. Navlakha is a member of the Communist Party of India (Maoist).

He said Maoists had earlier said that his client (Mr. Navlakha) is a peace activist and acting against their interests. "How can such a person be a member of that party?" he asked.

In the last hearing, Ms. Pai had said that based on

the material recovered from other accused - Rona Wilson and Surendra Gadling (currently in Yerwada jail) – it could be proved that Mr. Navlaka had Naxal links and was in contact with terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen

and Kashmir separatists.

Referring to this, Mr. Chaudhary on Friday said just by presenting some documents in Mr. Navlakha's name does not prove that he is a "terrorist". He also said there is no evidence against Mr. Navlakha and the only material against him is the one recovered from the laptop of other accused.

The court, however, said as per Section 13 (punishment for unlawful activities) of the UAPA, there is punishment for advocating, abetting, advising or inciting unlawful activities. "Can you say that only someone who drops a bomb is a terrorist; there are abetters too. How do we pretend that no offence has been committed at all." The Bench said, "Some of the documents given by the police show innocence, but others need investigation. We will apply our mind and pass an order."

8 held under black magic Act

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A gang of eight people, two of them from M.P., was arrested for allegedly practising black magic while looking for a 'hidden treasure', the police said on Friday.

A police team went to Dahikhed village on Thursday

and nabbed the accused, Akot rural police station incharge, inspector Dnyanoba Phad, said. All eight were booked under the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013.

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Fallout of Ahir's exit: two factions fight for NCP's next Mumbai unit president

Two MLAs, State president of women wing rumoured to be joining ruling parties

ALOK DESHPANDE

Consecutive electoral defeats and defection of key leaders seem to have failed to control infighting within the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), as consensus over the new Mumbai president's name is far from be-

ing reached. A day after former Mumbai chief Sachin Ahir quit to join the Shiv Sena, the leadership is trying to find his successor who can lead the party in the Assembly polls. Ironically, the party does not have the required strength to contest even half of the 36 Assembly seats in Mumbai.

According to sources, NCP's national spokesperson and former MLA Nawab Malik is one of the contenders for the post and also the likely choice of party president Sharad Pawar.

Mr. Malik, however, refrained from commenting on the speculation, and said he has no idea about whom the party is planning to chose in place of Mr. Ahir. "I have no idea as to why my name is being speculated for the post, all of a sudden. I have neither received a call from our party president nor have I discussed it with anyone. I will fulfil whatever responsibility the party is



Sachin Ahir

going to give me."

Another faction in the party is pushing the name of Kiran Pawaskar. Mr. Pawaskar, a former Sena leader, is an MLC and a trade union



leader. "He is a Marathi face and also with a much-needed urban touch. He has been leading the unions of air travel companies. He can lead the party in the Assembly

polls," an NCP leader said.

Meanwhile, after Mr. Ahir's exit, several NCP leaders are reportedly queuing up to join the ruling parties. Among the leaders whose names are making rounds are Akole MLA Vaibhav Pichad, State president of women wing Chitra Wagh, and Shrivardhan MLA Avdhut Tatkare. Two MLAs – Baban Shinde from Madha and Dilip Sopal from Barshi - were absent in a meeting on Thursday, which was called by former

NCP calls for non-cooperation with 'betrayer'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Stepping up the attack on its former leader Sachin Ahir, a day after he joined the Shiv Sena, the NCP on Friday urged people following the ideologies of Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj, and B.R. Ambedkar, to not cooperate with

the 'betrayer'. The Sharad Pawar-led party said Mr. Ahir, who headed the NCP's Mumbai unit for five years, rose in politics due to support from people adhering to ideals of these legendary social reformers.

"We condemn Mr. Ahir, who stained the ideologies of Phule-Shahu-Ambedkar, by defecting from the NCP," Sunil Shinde, head of Mumbai unit of the NCP's social justice department, said in a statement.

Mr. Shinde said Mr. Ahir became the MLA from Worli and rose to the rank of a minister in Maharashtra due to the people following the ideologies of the troika of the great leaders, and asked the public not to cooperate with him.

deputy CM Ajit Pawar.

"No cooperation should be extended to Mr. Ahir who has betrayed Sharad Pawar Saheb who had reposed trust in the former for Mumbai's development...the betrayer should not be cooperated with," Mr. Shinde said.

Mr. Ahir (47) joined the Sena in the presence of its president Uddhav Thackeray on Thursday. Soon after joining, Mr. Ahir announced that he would contest the Assembly elections from Byculla.

16 booked for cheating bank of ₹3 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Sixteen people, including five couples, were booked for allegedly cheating a cooperative bank to the tune of ₹3.05 crore, the police said on Friday.

The accused obtained loans from a branch of the

bank in Vasai using fake documents, Palghar police PRO Hemant Katkar said. After obtaining loans of ₹3.05 crore, they stopped their repayment, he said, adding the crime took place between February and Novem-

According to a complaint

by the bank manager, these 16 people and some others concealed information about loans already taken from other financial institutions and mortgaged the same properties with the

cooperative bank. To obtain fresh loans, they fabricated various documents like a letter from the deputy registrar and the society permission, according to the complaint.

All the accused were booked under the IPC section related to cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, among others. No arrest has been made so far.









Kerala nun rape case takes a new turn

The case on the alleged rape of a nun by Bishop Franco Mulakkal took a new turn on Friday after reports emerged about differences in the contents of the DVDs submitted by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL). Thiruvananthapuram, to the judicial first class magistrate court, Pala, and the investigation team. The differences were first spotted when the court on Friday verified the DVDs for handing over a copy of the same to the accused's counsel.

Revised schedule for A.P. EAMCET counselling

VIJAYAWADA The A.P State Council of Higher Education has released the revised schedule for counselling web options for students who qualified in the Andhra Pradesh Engineering Agriculture and Medical Common Entrance Test 2019. Students who have secured 1 to 35.000 ranks can exercise their options on July 27 and 28, those who secured ranks from 35,001 to 80,000 on July 29 and 30 and those from 80.001 till last rank can exercise their options on July 31 and August 1.

Malayalam film *Chola* makes it to Venice fete

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Chola, directed by filmmaker Sanal Kumar Sasidharan, has been selected for this year's edition of the Venice Film Festival. The film has been chosen as part of the 'Orizzonti' (Horizons) competition category, which runs parallel to the main competition. This special competitive section at the festival, dedicated to new currents in world cinema, was launched in 2004. Chola, which will have its world premiere at Venice, had also won big at the Kerala State Film Awards this year.

Yediyurappa has never completed full term as CM

His present term is being keenly watched because of the situation he is in

B.S. SATISH KUMAR

It is the fourth Chief Ministerial opportunity for 76-yearold Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa, who took oath as the 31st Chief Minister of Karnataka on Friday

But as irony would have it, the veteran leader who is one of those who built the BJP brick by brick in the State has never completed a full term, though he was at the helm of affairs thrice earlier.

This is because firefighting has been part and parcel of his political career, spread over nearly five decades, as every chief ministerial opportunity came to him in challenging circumstances marked by political

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Hours before BJP leader B.S.

Yediyurappa is scheduled to

take oath as Karnataka Chief

Minister, the Supreme Court

on Friday decided to keep

pending a plea to hear on

merits a corruption and

land grab case that cuts

across the State's political

spectrum, involving him

and rival D.K. Shivakumar, a

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leading the Bench also com-

prising Justice M.R. Shah,

Samaj Parivartana Samu-

Mr. Rohatgi said the NGO

stated.

"We are not influenced

former Congress Minister.

SC keeps plea pending

in Karnataka graft case



B.S. Yediyurappa

imatability.

His first stint as Chief Minister in 2007 lasted only a week as the coalition partner, the Janata Dal (Secular), withdrew its support midway despite a 20-20 arrangement.

He became the Chief Minister for the second time in 2008, but had to quit in 2011

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ing to rekindle the case

quashed by the Karnataka

HC in December 2015. "The

complainant withdrew the

appeal almost a year ago...

This NGO is just an interve-

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SC at the mentioning hour.

It was not even on the list of

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time. But the court stopped

short of passing any order,

saying it would look into the

facts. "We are not passing

any orders for now, but will

keep it pending," Justice

Mishra said.

Justice Shah said the mat-

here," Mr. Rohatgi argued.

He is now Yediyurappa, not Yeddyurappa

The Karnataka Chief Minister has changed the spelling of his name to B.S. Yediyurappa from 'Yeddyurappa'. This is the second time he has changed the spelling of his name. In 2007, he changed the spelling to 'Yeddyurappa' from 'Yediyurappa'.

following his indictment in a Lokayukta report on illegal mining. Though the charges against him were quashed and he became the Chief Minister again in 2018 for the third time, he had to step down in less than three days as he could not muster the support of an adequate number of MLAs.

This time too, the numerical strength in the Assembly is not in favour of the BJP.

Coming from a humble farming family at Bookanakere of Mandya district, Mr. Yediyurappa shifted to Shivamogga, which turned out to be his political bastion. Having associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh since his college days, he began his public life in 1972 as a member of the Shikaripur municipality.

His present term as Chief Minister is being keenly watched because of the political situation he is in and the challenge he faces of accommodating rebel MLAs from rival camps without affecting the morale of its own leaders and cadre or the image of the party.

Congress, JD(S) slam Governor's decision

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular), partners in the outgoing government, launched an offensive on Friday against B.S. Yediyurappa taking oath as Chief Minister and termed it "unconstitutional".

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president Dinesh Gundu Rao, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and JD(S) leaders criticised the Governor's decision to allow the BJP to form the government.

The Karnataka Congress unit tweeted: "Corruption icon and former jailbird @BSYBJP has used his excellent horse-trading skills to subvert democracy and come to power. People of Karnataka remember his disastrous tenure as CM between 2008 and 2011, which ended with BSY in jail. History is all set to repeat."

Terming the Governor's decision "anti-democratic," the JD(S) said in a tweet: #HorseTradingParty of India has staked claim to form the govt. even though they don't meet the magic number 112. Today marks one of the darkest days in the history of Karnataka. Democracy is dying a slow death because of the BJP's unconstitutional practices. #HorseTraderYeddyurappa.

SC stands firm on razing Kerala flats

'May 8 order on demolition is clear'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stood firm by its May 8 judgment ordering the demolition of apartment blocks at Maradu panchayat in Kerala's Ernakulam district for violating stringent coastal regulation zone (CRZ) norms.

A Bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Navin Sinha refused to accept a plea by residents for a rethink, saying the order to raze the flats, where more than 400 families stay, was both detailed and clear.

The Bench had on July 10 rejected a review petition in the same case. The issue had recently seen Justice Mishra express a stinging rebuke against the residents for approaching another Supreme Court Bench to try and obtain a stay of the demolition of their apartments on the

On May 8, the Bench led by Justice Mishra ordered the flats to be demolished within a month. However, on June 10, the residents had approached a Vacation Bench of the Supreme Court led by Justice Indira Banerjee, seeking a stay on the contentious grounds that they had not been heard by Justice Mishra's Bench before the demolition order was passed.

A livid Justice Mishra had called the act of the residents to pit the order of one Bench against another as an "absolute fraud" committed on the court. The judge had even threatened contempt even against the lawyers involved. Finally, the residents had to withdraw their plea.

The builders had argued that the SC-appointed threemember committee did not give them a proper hearing on the show cause notice



The SC wanted the blocks at Maradu demolished for violating CRZ norms.

pertaining to violations and therefore the demolition order violated their fundamental rights.

They had alleged that the court was misled by the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority into passing the May 8 decision.

The three-member panel's report had concluded that the buildings fell within the CRZ-III limits. The committee had stated that as per CRZ notification of 1991 and Kerala Coastal Zone Management Plan 1996, the area in question came under CRZ III. As per the CRZ notification 1991, no construction was permitted within 200 meters from the coastal line

in CRZ III.

The builders had submitted that the KCZMA had hidden a vital fact from the Supreme Court that a more recent Coastal Zone Management Plan, prepared pursuant to a 2011 CRZ notification, was approved by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on February 28, 2019, by which the Maradu area of Ernakulam was categorised under CRZ-II.

The May 8 judgment had blamed the "devastating effects" of unbridled construction activities in eco-sensitive areas with natural water flow.

Kerala CM presses for ₹113 crore IAF bill waiver

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has reiterated his request to the Centre to exempt the State from paying over ₹113 crore to the Indian Air Force (IAF) for the relief and rescue operations it had carried out during the catastrophic floods that ravaged the State in August last.

In a letter to Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday, Mr. Vijayan said the State government had received "an air bill to the tune of ₹113,69,34,899 from the IAF in connection with the rescue operations carried out during the 2018 floods."

Two back-to-back extreme weather events, Cyclone Ockhi in 2017 and the deluge in 2018, had caused immense damage to life and property. The disasters had put the State/s "fragile financial situation" under severe duress.

A post-disaster needs assessment by the United Nations had pegged the amount required for the restoration of flood-damaged infrastructure at ₹31,000 crore.

The government was striving to raise funds from variious sources.

The Chief Minister hoped Mr. Singh would appreciate that in the current scenario, the State was hard-pressed to find "such huge amount due to the IAF from the State Disaster Response Fund."

He hoped Mr. Singh would favourably consider Kerala's request to exempt the State from paying the IAF for its relief efforts. Mr. Vijayan had made a similar demand to the Centre earlier.

+ SC sets 3-day deadline for A.P., Telangana

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday gave the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana governments a deadline of three days to file status reports on action taken to fill up thousands of long-pending vacancies of teachers in government schools in both States.

A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra said the Chief Secretaries of both States would have to personally appear before the court and explain if the status reports were not filed within the stipulated time.

Vacancies in thousands

Advocate Sravan Kumar, for the Telangana Parents Foundation and unemployed teachers, said there were over 7,500 vacancies of teachers in Telangana and more than 9,500 in Andhra Pradesh.

He submitted that the States had been repeatedly seeking adjournments and should be directed to file status reports on the progress made in the appointment of teachers. He submitted that public education system was on the verge of collapse with the lack of teachers in schools.

Fundamental right He said the students' funda-

mental right to education had been crippled.

In 2015, a committee set

up by the Supreme Court led by senior advocate Ashok Kumar Gupta visited both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and submitted a report that government schools there lacked basic facilities like drinking water and there was an alarming dearth of teachers.

Since then the court has been passing several directions in the case, but it was only in 2017 that both the States issued notifications for appointment of teachers.

Two years later, the process was yet to be completed, Mr. Kumar submitted.

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₹1 crore in fake currency pushed into circulation

Notes were forged in DTP centre

SPECIAL CORRESPONDEN

The Kerala police said the fake Indian currency racket they busted on Friday had injected nearly ₹1 crore into circulation, which could still be in use.

The operation by the Attingal police had led to the seizure of fake currency valued at ₹20 lakh and the arrest of the forger and several of his agents in Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode.

Investigators said Unnikrishnan alias Rasheed from Mangalapuram in Thiruvananthapuram, headed the distribution in South Kerala. He shifted base to Kozhikode in 2017, settling down under a false name and marrying a local woman.

The police said a metadata analysis of Unnikrishnan's cell phone records showed that he regularly visited Thiruvananthapuram.

The visits were to trade the fake notes fabricated by the forger, Shameer, for ge-

nuine currency. He charged ₹1 lakh for a wad of counterfeit bills valued at ₹3 lakh.

Investigators were trying to unravel his business contacts. They said his clients could range from traders running cash-and-carry businesses to risk-taking speculators.

Imported devices used Shameer had forged most of the notes at his DTP centre in Mukkom, Kozhikode. He

the notes at his DTP centre in Mukkom, Kozhikode. He had used a set of latest scanners, colour printers and a unique paper of almost banknote-thickness for the crime. The police impounded the imported devices.

The police said he scanned original notes and then reprinted their images on the paper using colour printers. He also cleverly and painstakingly duplicated the security thread and some other visible features. Two of his local collaborators Wahab and Pratapan were also arrested.

Protest staged against Telugu film in A.P.

Culture of promoting violence against women should end, say protesters

STAFF REPORTER

Film critics and the staff of the AVM Creations, a film production company, staged a protest against the recently released film 'iSmart Shankar', directed by Puri Jagannadh, outside the Trendset Mall here.

Heading the protest was director Anjani Yalamanchili, founder of the AVM Creations, who alleged that the film had portrayed women as weak people and objectified their bodies to satisfy the desires of men.

"This is not the

"This is not the first time Puri Jagannadh has made a film which celebrates the unfair treatment of women. Even in his previous film 'Pokiri', dialogues were written in a way that degraded women," she said. "The aim of this protest is not just against the atrocities of this particular film but to highlight the fact that most films in Andhra Pradesh thrive on plots that promote violence against women," she added.

The Central Board of Film

The Central Board of Film Certification should open their eyes to the atrocities that such films celebrated as they would cause a bad influence on the youth, she said. The women who gathered at the protest wielded broomsticks stating that such corruption in films needed to be swept away.



Clean sweep: Women staging a protest at Trendset Ma Benz Circle, in Vijayawada on Friday. •v. Raju

NATA second chance brings little cheer

Discordant exam schedules and admission process come as a blow to many

SARATH BABU GEORGE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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The introduction of a second chance to appear for the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) for admissions to the five-year Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) degree course has turned out to be futile exercise for many, as most States had gone ahead with the allotment process soon after the declaration of the first

examination results.

The discordant schedules of the qualifying examination and the admission process have come as a blow for architecture aspirants who had pinned their hopes on the second examination.

The Council of Architec-

body that regulates architecture courses as well as the profession in the country, decided to conduct NATA twice this year for the benefit of students who were unable to appear for the first test or choose to improve their NATA score in the second test.

While the move brought

ture (COA), the governing

cheer to many students, especially among those who feared that the schedule of the qualifying test will clash with their Class 12 examinations, the lack of coordination among the COA and various agencies tasked with coordinating the allotment process has denied the aspirants some of its benefits.

M.K. Sajeevan, an associate professor in the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), said his daughter lost an opportunity, despite the BArch. aspirant securing a NATA score of 142 out of 200 in the second test conducted in July. "My daughter was award-

"My daughter was awarded only 12 marks out of 80 for drawing, while a minimum of 20 was required to qualify. We later found that a faulty scanner at the examination centre in Ernakulam had captured only a few lines from the entire drawing. In her second attempt, she secured 62 out of 80 for drawing alone. Going by the last-rank details of admissions in most colleges, her

total score of 142 would have fetched her a seat in a prestigious institution. Sadly, her performance has proved worthless as most States, including Kerala, have completed three rounds of allotment for BArch courses," he said.

The family now clings to the faint possibility of the Commissioner for Entrance Examinations providing an opportunity to secure admission in a government-run college, depending on the availability of seats.

Official sources said the CEE was left with no option but to consider the NATA scores of the first test in view of the time frame of the admission process.

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Chandrayaan-2 working well, orbit raised again

Chandrayaan-2 was working well after its orbit around the Farth was raised further in a 15-minute post midnight manoeuvre, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said on Friday. This was the second of four operations planned at its Earth-phase.

ED attaches assets in Manesar land scam case

The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth about ₹67 crore in connection with the Manesar land acquisition scam in Haryana. The money laundering case is based on an FIR registered by the police in August 2015. The CBI later took over the case and filed a chargesheet against former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and 33 others.

Villagers kill big cat near **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**

A tigress was killed on July 24 by villagers living near the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve in U.P., officials said. While the locals said the tigress attacked them when they were working in the fields, the Forest Department said the incident followed a youth trespassing into the animal's "natural habitat" despite warnings to avoid contact

Prime accused in Akshardham attack held

AHMEDABAD Mohammad Yasin Bhat - the main accused in the Akshardham attack case was arrested on Friday in Jammu and Kashmir, A total of 33 people were killed when two terrorists - armed with sophisticated weapons stormed the Akshardham temple in Gandhinagar in September 2002, post the communal riots in Gujarat.

Kerala may have undercounted jumbos

Mammoth count

Chhattisgarh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

With Assam inundated by

floods, several countries in-

cluding China, Russia and

France collaborated with In-

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As signatories to the The In-

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the 32 member countries

can send a 'request' to activ-

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Table lists State-wise population estimates of elephants as per census conducted during 2017



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Assam	5,719	Tripura	102
Kerala	5,706	Andhra Pradesh	65
Tamil Nadu	2,761	Andaman & Nicobar	25
Odisha	1,976	Islands	
Uttarakhand	1,839	Bihar	25
Meghalaya	1,754	Manipur	9
Arunachal Pradesh	1,614	Mizoram	7
W.B. (north+south)	682	Madhya Pradesh	7
Jharkhand	679	Haryana	7
Nagaland	446	Himachal Pradesh	7
		Maharachtra	6

China, Russia, France share

They gave aerial images of five flood-hit districts to ISRO

satellite data on Assam floods

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Ravish Kumar, spokesper-

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to a query from The Hindu

'Standard practice'

own images.

The figure is short by almost 2,700 animals

NEW DELHI

Kerala may have undercounted almost 2,700 elephants in the latest elephant census, the response to a question in the Lok Sabha on India's elephant numbers indicated.

In 2017, the Union environment ministry reported that there were 27,312 elephants on average in the country according to figures collated from 23 States, a decline from the 29,576 elephants recorded as the mean figure in 2012. The exercise was part of the elephant census, conducted once in 5 years under the aegis of Project Elephant.

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nan province and killed 398.

Since 2000, when the

Charter came into operation

there have been about 600

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satellites have helped with

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mals', the environment ministry said on Friday that the updated 2017 figures showed 29,964 elephants on average, or a slight increase from 2012's mean.

The earlier 2017 figures indicated that Kerala had only 3,054 elephants whereas, Friday's number showed Kerala as having 5,706 elephants. The Andaman and Nicobar islands was the only other region that showed a different number from its 2017 estimate: 25 as opposed to the earlier 19.

Direct count method

A scientist associated with the census said that the discrepancy had resulted from Kerala's insistence in 2017 on using a technique called the 'direct count' method. "When word began to get around that the elephant population had declined, they changed tack," the scientist, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Hindu.

Dung sightings

Because sighting animals in the wild is hard, researchers over the years have used several proxies as well as statistical techniques to estimate population. The method in vogue is the 'indirect count' method that estimates populations in a region based on sightings of elephant dung. Kerala's revised figure – as the answer to the Lok Sabha indicates - is based on the

SC declines plea on Bihar AES deaths

Court is satisfied by the actions taken

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on Friday refrained from intervening on a petition to examine the shortage of doctors in Bihar after the mass child in Muzaffarpur deaths

district. A Bench, led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, was urged by the petitioner, Manohar Pratap, to look into the large number of vacancies. But the Bench refused to do so and the Chief Justice said the judiciary was facing enough challenges in filling judicial vacancies. With this, the court disposed of pleas for directions following the child deaths, including for constitution of a medical board, advertise-

ment of preventive steps and infrastructure improvement. It expressed satisfaction with the steps taken by the government. In a recent affidavit, the

Centre informed the court of the constitution of an "inter-disciplinary, high quality" research team to ascertain the cause of the acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) outbreak. It said the decision was taken to "save precious human lives in future". The government said the AES in Muzaffarpur dated back to 1995.

On July 2, the Bihar government said the steps taken by the health authorities had helped to lower the AES fatality rate to 19%, less than the global rate of 30%.

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over Rajasthan, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, coastal Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, central Maharashtra, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam and Meghalaya

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	15.6	33.0	22.5	Kozhikode	–	30.2	.23.8
Ahmedabad	4.7	34.5	26.5	Kurnool	–	32.0	.26.6
Aizawl		28.7	–	Lucknow	17.2	31.1	.25.6
Allahabad	8.2	32.7	26.2	Madurai	2.9	38.6	–
Bengaluru	–	26.6	20.6	Mangaluru	12.0	26.0	.23.0
Bhopal	37.4	28.8	23.3	Mumbai	44.0	29.8	.25.2
Bhubaneswar	51.6	28.5	23.1	Mysuru	–	23.9	.20.5
Chandigarh	4.3	30.6	26.0	New Delhi	0.5	32.5	.26.2
Chennai	26.4	33.6	24.3	Patna	–	34.6	.27.4
Coimbatore		32.0	23.4	Port Blair	20.8	30.4	.23.4
Dehradun	7.2	30.7	24.1	Puducherry	2.6	35.4	.23.1
Gangtok	22.8	21.4	17.8	Pune	7.5	25.9	.22.3
Goa	8.0	27.8	25.2	Raipur	0.9	30.2	.23.4
Guwahati		34.2	26.9	Ranchi	1.4	31.5	.23.3
Hubballi		24.0	22.0	Shillong	0.8	24.4	.16.9
Hyderabad	7.0	29.7	24.2	Shimla	13.0	21.7	.17.0
Imphal		27.9	22.7	Srinagar	36.7	26.2	.18.6
Jaipur	93.3	27.0	23.1	Thiruvananthapuram	–	31.5	.24.8
Kochi	4.2	30.2	24.6	Tiruchi	9.3	39.0	.24.4
Kohima	–	26.4	–	Vijayawada	4.8	28.7	.25.6
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p.m., Jodhpur, Rajastha recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 293 indicating a hazardous level of pollution. In contrast, Amaravati, Andhra

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI) **SO2:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide, Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters. CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes,

nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced death in people with heart or lung disease

Cerebration Business Quiz will be held in six cities

of the disaster.

It is touted to be the toughest in the corporate circuit

The Hindu Business Line is back with the 17th edition of Cerebration Business Quiz. Presented by Union Bank, the quiz will see a range of participants which include business professionals, corporate executives, students from prominent B-schools and MBA aspirants.

Packaged as the country's toughest corporate business quiz, it will be held across six cities – Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Kochi, Bengaluru and Mumbai.

Hyderabad will play host to the quiz on August 2 at the ICBM school of Business Excellence in Attapur.

Christ College, Hosur Road and in Chennai on August 10 at Hotel Savera, Mylapore.

tion will take place at the Rajagiri Business school, Rajagiri Valley in Kochi. The quiz will be held on

August 30 at the Fortune Institute of International Business, Vasant Vihar, Delhi and on September 7 at Hotel Sahara Star, Vile Parle, Mumbai.

Each team which registers should have 2 persons representing either the same college or corporate organisation. In the preliminary rounds which will be held

The quiz will be held on across the six cities, partici-August 9 in Bengaluru at pants will go through a written test with 20 questions following which the top six teams will qualify for the fi-On August 23, Cerebranals in that city.

One team in each centre will be declared as the regional winner and will be given the opportunity to fly to Mumbai to participate in the grand finale.

The questions for Cerebration Business Quiz would pertain to the world of business, while the format will have questions framed as text, visuals, audio and

Participants can register themselves by logging onto www.cerebration.co.in.

Man who lost life while fixing SpiceJet aircraft was untrained

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The 20-year-old trainee engineer, who lost his life while fixing snags on a SpiceIet aircraft in Kolkata recently, was neither trained to do the job nor was he under the supervision of someone expeDGCA inquiry.

On July 10, Rohit Pandev's body was found dangling from the belly of a 90-seater Bombardier Q400 aircraft when the hydraulic doors snapped shut on him. When fire brigade personnel retrieved him and took him to at the hospital, he was declared dead.

"The trainee was not trained and was carrying out work on the aircraft without any supervision by a trained/ licensed engineer," according to a DGCA official on the condition of anonymity.

was also found that the "landing gear door pin was not installed". The pin would have stopped the hydraulic doors from shutting.

The DGCA findings will be used by the local police to fix criminal negligence. According to official sources, the In another major lapse, it DGCA is likely to suspend the nicians who were on duty that evening, as well as the maintenance repair and overhaul organisation to whom maintenance work was outsourced by the air-

licence of two licensed tech-

It is learnt that the airline



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NOTIFICATION

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Commissioner for Entrance Examinations (F4/191/2019/I&PRD)

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Substandard teacher training institutes to be shut down

Country is producing a surplus every year

PRISCILLA IEBARAI NEW DELHI

The National Council for Teacher Education has begun the process of weeding out substandard teacher training colleges, as recommended in the draft National Education Poli-

"A reduction in quantity is needed to boost quality...This is a big challenge facing today's teacher education sector," said NCTE chairperson Satbir Bedi on Friday, pointing out that the country produces 19.5 lakh teachers every year, though the annual requirement is less than three lakh.

"We have begun the assessment process. We're going to try what we can do to keep the good colleges functioning and growing and make the other colleges get out of the system so that they don't create third grade teachers," she told The Hindu on the sidelines of the inauguration of NCTE's new headquarters here in Dwarka.

Overall, about 90 lakh teachers, trained in approximately 18,500 training institutions, teach 25 crore children in more than 15 lakh schools. "The process of reviewing the performance of the institutions will be immediately initiated through mandatory accreditation of all TEIs [Teacher Education Institutions] as multidisciplinary HEIs [Higher Education Institutions] within the next 3-5 years," said the

Even the All India Association of Private Colleges, admits that a large proportion may need to be shut down. "About 25-30% are substandard. Some need to be closed. But others should be treated as patients. If some treatment is given, they can be made healthy. Abolition is not the only solution," said AIAPC president Ashok Vyas.

Inaugurating the NCTE building, Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank emphasised the measures being taken to improve teacher education, including the launch of the four-year integrated B.Ed programmes, the plan to choose 700 colleges - at least one per district – as model teacher training institutions, and a plan to review the outdated curriculum of teacher training.



MEDICAL COUNSELLING COMMITTEE **DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES** MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE **Government of India**

NOTIFICATION

Kind Attention: All Health Secretaries (State Goyts.), Director (Medical Education) of all State Goyts. Vice Chancellors, Registrar, Principals of All Medical Educational Institutions in a State/Union Territory (including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), including all Medical Educational Institutions established by the Central Government, State Government University, Deemed University, Trust, Society or a Company/Minority Institutions/Corporations and NEET SS-2019 candidates.

Reference Gazette Notification No. MCI-18(1)/2017-Med./128371 dated 31.07.2017. As per the notification:-"Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India shall conduct counselling for all Super Speciality Courses [D.M./M.Ch.] in Medical Educational Institutions of the Central Government, Medical Educational Institutions of the State Government, Deemed Universities, Universities established by an Act of Parliament, Universities established by an Act of State/Union Territory Legislature, Medical Educational Institutions established by Municipal Bodies, Trust, Society, Company or Minority Institutions".

The NEET SS Counselling 2019 is likely to start in the first week of August. Accordingly, all participating Medical Educational Institutions are required to contribute the above said seats for common online ing of NEET - SUPER SPECIALITY for the current academic year 2019-20 to be conducted by DGHS/MoHFW, Govt. of India to avoid any adverse situation in the matter

Following Points should be noted by the participating candidates: Candidates are required to pay Registration fee (Non-Refundable) and Security Deposit fee (Refundable) at the time of registration.

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Second shot at power

Constitution is under strain in Karnataka, as an impatient Yediyurappa rushes to take oath

viving a second opportunity to a person who could not prove his majority on the floor of the House earlier may seem unusual. And when one remembers that B.S. Yediyurappa's last term lasted only three days, it may even seem amusing. However, Governor Vajubhai Vala's invitation to Mr. Yediyurappa to form a government in Karnataka is understandable. A coalition regime has just been voted out. In a House that is only 14 months old, it was to be expected that the Governor would again ask the leader of the largest party to explore the possibility of forming an alternative regime. Yet, questions abound on whether Mr. Yediyurappa should have been in such haste to stake his claim, given that there is profound uncertainty over the status of at least 13 of the legislators, and consequently, about the strength of the House. Consider the situation: one government has been voted out only because of the absence of 15 legislators who were given an unusual exemption by the Supreme Court from the constitutional bar on defying the party's whip; the Speaker is yet to accept their resignations, but has disqualified three dissident MLAs under the anti-defection law, and the strength of the State Assembly stands at 222, including a nominated member. No one can dispute that the fall of the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition was supposed to be caused by a set of tactical resignations, but the move was stalled when it became a question of possible disqualification. One would presume that the Governor would have wanted to be doubly sure about the ability of the appointee to form a durable government. The BJP has the support of 106 MLAs, while the majority mark is 112. This means that when the Governor formed his opinion that Mr. Yediyurappa is in a position to command a majority, he was either counting on the remaining 13 rebel legislators vacating their seats soon, or was assured of their support to the incoming regime.

The Assembly election of May 2018 threw up a hung Assembly, and resulted in the second- and third-placed parties forming a post-poll coalition. Now that the coalition has unravelled, the Speaker's decision becomes crucial to determining the strength of the House. The BJP, for its part, ought to have exercised restraint rather than rushing in to fill the power vacuum. After all, three seats are now vacant, and the figure may go up to 16. The new Chief Minister may win the trust vote, but to remain in power for the current Assembly's term the party would have to win eight more seats in the resulting by-elections. The party has to live down the image of having engineered the fall of the H.D. Kumaraswamy government by getting Congress and JD(S) MLAs to resign. However, its leaders ran into an unusual roadblock when the two parties and the Speaker took the view that they were quitting only with the intent of defecting to the BJP. Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar reminded them that they could be disqualified, rather than be allowed to resign. He asserted that he was empowered to examine whether their resignations were voluntary or induced. And sensing that some of them may become Ministers in the next regime even without being members of the House, he reminded them that under Article 164(1B) of the Constitution, a person who is disqualified for defection could not become a minister without being re-elected to the House.

R egardless of the amoral politics and skulduggery behind the toppling of the regime, the role of the Speaker has been no less questionable. As a means of blocking moves to bring down the government some tactical decisions are understandable, but the manner in which the Speaker has used the law poses a threat to the autonomy of legislators in a general sense. First, can a legislator intending to quit his seat be accused of defection at all, when the penalty for crossing over to another party is the loss of that very seat? Given the propensity of presiding officers in the country to avoid deciding matters within a time frame, it is perilous to allow them to delay the acceptance of resignations until a point when the members concerned are seen as "voluntarily giving up their party membership", which is the first ground on which a member can be disqualified for defection. This is precisely what has happened in the current case. Secondly, does the power to scrutinise a resignation letter for its voluntary nature extend to rejecting it even if it is in the correct format and is handed over in person?

Even the disqualification of the three MLAs does not appear to be in order. Two of them, Ramesh Jarkhiholi and Mahesh Kumathalli, have been disqualified on a petition seeking action against them that was submitted in February. It was not acted on for months, but revived in the wake of the resignation controversy. Secondly, it is a moot question whether sufficient opportunity was given to them, as the matter was decided after they were absent on the day they were due to appear. Further, the Speaker appears to have assumed the power to fix a period during which a member will remain disqualified, and barred the three MLAs for the remainder of the current Assembly's term. No such power is conferred on the Speaker by the 10th Schedule to the Constitution. Under the law, the Speaker may only declare a person as having incurred disqualification. Unlike other forms of disqualification, the one under the anti-defection provisions is not accompanied by any ineligibility to contest. One who is disqualified may contest in the very by-election caused by one's own disqualification. All in all, the goings-on in Karnataka show that the Constitution can be twisted and misread to suit anyone's political interests. In an atmosphere in which political loyalties swing like a pendulum, constitutional functionaries appear to be inclined to give self-serving interpretations to the founding law and let the web of confusion be disentangled by the judiciary.

Gaffeur, entertainer, Brexiteer, Premier

The rise of Johnson, U.K.'s 20th Etonian PM, marks not just the 'celebrification' of politics, but also its poisonous triviality



RICHARD SEYMOUR

ive it a few years, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson told Jthe House of Commons, and Britain will be "the greatest place on earth". The new Conservative leader, overwhelmingly elected by party activists, is the consummate confidence man. With a patter that makes the British media swoon, Mr. Johnson promises that he will deliver Brexit by October 31. Britain, of whose colonial past he is a bombastic champion, will be on top again.

Yet, everyone knows, including the backbenchers roaring and hawing with delight at his every word, that he can't deliver. There is no time for him to reach a new deal with the European Union (EU), even if it offers a new deal. The current Parliament will not pass the deal that is on offer. And if Mr. Johnson tries to leave without a deal, he will split his party and probably bring down his government

There has been much frantic discussion in the British press about Mr. Johnson's appointed Cabinet members and advisers, stuffed full of Brexiteers and gurus from the 'Vote Leave' campaign. Yet, he doesn't get his way merely by surrounding himself with rightwing ideologues. To get the parliamentary numbers he needs to deliver Brexit, he would have to call a snap general election. And he spent much of his leadership campaign assuring fellow Tory MPs that they wouldn't have to face an election. Why? Because, since June 2017, it has been clear that Jeremy Corbyn could win a general election. Because, since the European elections, the new hard-right Brexit Party has almost cut the Conservative vote in half. The first poll since Mr. Johnson took the leadership put the Conservatives on 25% of the vote, exactly what it was before. If a new leader was supposed to result in a polling 'bounce' for the Tories, this must be very disappointing.

Farage offers a 'deal'

which Mr. Johnson could risk an election. The leader of the Brexit Party, rightist enragé and former City trader Nigel Farage, has offered Mr. Johnson a "sensible deal". If he called an election before October 31 on the promise of quitting the EU on a 'no deal' basis, Mr. Farage might just stand down his Brexit Party candidates. But by cutting such a deal right now, Mr. Johnson would empower and legitimise a competitor, someone who has done enormous damage to the Conservative Party. Even if his colleagues were to permit such a deal, which is unlikely, he would be weakening his own position, confirming his party's terminal descent, and risking Jeremy Corbyn in Downing Street.

The most likely scenario is that Mr. Johnson will seek vet another Brexit delay to negotiate the terms of a new deal. And yet the only deal he could possibly get would be unacceptable to much of his party. He would need to build cross-party support, which would mean having discussions with Mr. Corbyn. That, he cannot do: one of the breaking points of Theresam May's reign was when she entered into formal talks with Mr. Corbyn, a man whom she and many of her colleagues bait as a 'traitor' to the country. Mr. Johnson. among the first to condemn her for it, would be hoist by his own petard if he risked such negotiations.

So what, then, is the point of Mr. Johnson's charade? Why did Conservative MPs overwhelmingly choose him as the best leadership candidate? Why did party activists trust him? Why did the Conservative press, from the pro-Brexit Dai*ly Telegraph* to the pro-Europe

There is only one circumstance in

Evening Standard, back him? Why are right-wing tabloids so delirious about their new leader? The short answer is that after two years of disarray, defeats and demoralisation, Mr. Johnson offers that seductive opiate: optimism.

Lacking answers to the constitutional crisis, underlying crisis of legitimacy for the political system, and stalemated economy, and well out of options, the Right is hankering for the 'hope-ium'. As the Daily Mail's front page beseeched, referencing a famous song by the old British comedy duo Morecambe and Wise, "Bring Us Sunshine".

Such a bathetic plea, just over a couple of years after the same paper hopefully exhorted Prime Minister May to "Crush The Saboteurs", shows how deep the depression goes. Indeed, Brexit was itself partly a placebo answer to a long-brewing melancholia on the British Right over the loss of empire: chauvinist self-assertion as national therapy

Mr. Johnson is the right person to benefit from this because, like Donald Trump, he is a product of the entertainment industry. It is through his self-clowning appearances on the satirical show, 'Have I Got News For You', that he invented his public persona as a harmless gaffeur, stumbling through political life. That persona shrouded his politics in ambiguity.

It won him the matey, gently mocking affection of correspondents, who uniformly call him 'Boris'. It enabled him to become London Mayor twice, despite achieving staggeringly little, and wasting money on vanity projects like water cannons. It saw him through scandals that might have crushed other politicians.

Erring and apologising

In his political columns, written for the Thatcherite faithful, he is a provocateur, who refers to black people as "piccaninnies" with "watermelon smiles", equates Papua New Guineans with cannibals, refers to gay men as "tank-topped bum boys", and suggests that the colonial powers should reconquer their former empires. If ever caught out in one of these statements, he plays up the clowning, knowingly adding one more entry to his "global itinerary of apology".

His stint as Foreign Secretary was less kind to him. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office being a residue of the empire, Mr. Johnson felt compelled to remind people of the fact. On a trip to Myanmar, for example, he thoughtlessly recited Rudyard Kipling's pro-colonial poem, 'The Road to Mandalay'. Many Britons, particularly older conservatives, would have enjoyed Mr. Johnson's display of chauvinism. More seriously, his laziness and refusal to understand his brief scuppered negotiations with Iran over the release of a detained British journalist, Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe. She is still in pri-

Yet these scandals didn't hinder his progress. Why? Because, like Mr. Trump, he made his base feel good. He was entertaining copy for editors, producers and his social media following. And in a leadership election in which no one had any answers, Mr. Johnson at least had star power.

In part, this is an old story about the Eton-educated rich dominating politics. Mr. Johnson is the 20th Etonian Prime Minister. Legend has it that W.H. Auden, when told by his schoolmaster that only the 'cream' attended his school, replied: "yes, I know what you mean: thick and rich". The preparation of the thick and rich for rule has been the vocation of the U.K.'s public schools for centuries. Yet, Mr. Johnson also embodies, not just the 'celebrification' of politics, but also its relentless and poisonous triviality. It is noticeable that new right-wing tendencies are thriving in cultures of flippancy, contrarianism and online irony.

The pervasive lack of seriousness in Britain's political culture, which has internalised the values of mass entertainment, has enabled the new celebrity-politician to evade consistency and accountability, and revive discredited ideologies.

To what effect? In this case, the main result of Mr. Johnson's ascent is to store up yet another meltdown at the top of government, and a bitter backlash among the base. This may be a terminal crisis for the Conservative Party. And it is not likely to end well for the country either.

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From 'being different' to 'being dishonourable'

Under Advani, being a 'party with a difference' was BJP's article of faith; under Modi, the claim is just a nostalgic memory



These days, I find myself increasingly thinking of Lal Krishna Advani. He was the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BIP) in 1990 when I returned to India and started working as a journalist. In those days, privately owned news channels did not exist. Doordarshan was a monopoly. The only way independent current affairs was possible was through video magazines. There were two that were best known: Newstrack and Evewitness. I was the editor of the latter.

I did many interviews with Mr. Advani, probably more than I did of any other politician in that fin de siècle period. The common thread that ran through the interviews was a ploy I was rather fond of. Whenever my focus was on an issue or a decision that smelt of realpolitik and appeared less than ethical, I would counter Mr. Advani's defensive answers with a set statement, which I delivered with a grin: "That answer may be okay for other leaders but how can it be acceptable for the president of a

party that calls itself 'a party with a difference'?"

There wasn't a single occasion when this didn't make Mr. Advani wince. It wasn't just embarrassment that I could discern but pain, of the sort that's self-inflicted and, therefore, more hurtful. Whenever that happened, I knew I had made my point. Mr. Advani was too shrewd a politician to verbally concede but the look on his face said it all.

Part of moral core

In those days, the BJP genuinely believed that it was different from every other party. This difference was its moral core. It convinced the party that it was superior to others. At that time, it had 85 MPs in the Lok Sabha but even when six years earlier it just had two, it drew its strength from its moral conviction as much as from its legislative numbers.

I wonder what Mr. Advani would make of his party's behaviour today? Since the swearing in of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a second term, the BJP has been on an unparalleled – and, it seems, unstoppable – spree of luring MPs, MLAs and even corporators. This has happened in Karnataka, West Bengal, Goa, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. And it has happened by a variety of no-



vel methods. On one occasion, two-thirds of a party's strength in the legislature defected; on another, a sizeable number of MLAs resigned to enable the BJP to cross the majority mark.

Not only is the BIP unconcerned about what this has done to its moral image, but also, perhaps more surprisingly, it is indifferent to what this will do to its internal cohesion and ideology. Consider Goa. The 10 Congress MLAs who switched to the BJP had been elected to oppose it but three of them are now members of its government. One is the Deputy Chief Minister. Just two months ago, they were strong opponents of Hindutva. Today, they are its champions. No doubt this says a lot about

them but it also speaks volumes about the sincerity of the BJP's Hindutva message.

Embracing the defectors

Let me go one step further. Atanasio 'Babush' Monserrate faces several serious criminal charges, including over the rape of a minor in 2016. This was forcefully raised by the BJP in the Panaji byelection just two months ago. 'Save Goa from Babush' was the party's slogan. On that occasion, he won and defeated the BJP candidate. Today, the BIP has opened its arms and embraced him. His wife Jennifer is a Minister in its government. The charges he faces have been forgotten and forgiven.

It seems that in its inexorable march to a comprehensive domination of Indian politics, the BJP is trampling upon its own moral principles and ethical values. No doubt this first happened in Karnataka in 2008 with 'Operation Lotus' but, at the time, that was a one-off and the BJP was not proud of it. Now, there's a brazen defiance of ethics and unconcern with the consequences. The party wants to form a government or gain legislative strength no matter what the cost. It's the end that matters not the means. Success is its own justification.

(RTI) Act were pushed

BJP's vaunted claim of being a 'party with a difference'? The truth is that under Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, the BJP feels like any other party. In 1980, when members of the Haryana Janata Party under Bhajan Lai defected en masse to Indira Gandhi's Congress, Mr. Advani would have called it the worst example of 'Congressisation of Indian politics'. Today we're witnessing the 'Congressisation of the BIP'.

There is, however, a deeper irony here. Few would deny that Mr. Advani is a founding architect of the BJP. He took it from two seats in 1984 to six years in power beginning 1998. During those three decades (1984 to 2004), the claim of being a 'party with a difference' was not just meaningful but, for many, an article of faith. A mere decade and a half later, Mr. Modi and Mr. Shah have taken the BJP to another level altogether. Mr. Advani could only have dreamed of where it has got to. But, in the process, the party's proud claim of 'being different' has been scrubbed. Today, that is just a nostalgic memory for Mr. Advani's generation. I bet the modern BIP doesn't even know what it means or, if it does, considers it a foolish commitment.

So where does this leave the Karan Thapar is a broadcast journalist

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Karnataka imbroglio The proposal, by K.R.

Ramesh Kumar, Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, to include 'opinion of voters' as a factor to take into account, before deciding on 'resignations by Members', is worth discussing ("Karnataka Speaker disqualifies three rebel Congress MLAs," July 26). However, voters cannot insist on a particular person to be their representative, against the person's own concurrence. Ultimately, resigning must be one's personal right. Alternatively, Mr. Ramesh Kumar's suggestion can also be interpreted as an allusion to possibly giving

the voters the right to recall elected representatives. Nevertheless, some improvements to the rules governing defections and disqualifications are needed. MLAs/MPs can be assumed to have the people's mandate only to follow their party's policies and programmes. But their right to subscribe to other ideologies, policies and programmes can be allowed on the sole condition that they resign and seek a fresh mandate before crossing over. If any Member violates this requirement, the Speaker should have the right to disqualify him/her. P.R.V. RAJA,

■ H.D. Kumaraswamy never had the mandate to rule Karnataka. He was the leader of the Ianata Dal (Secular), a party which finished third in the Assembly elections. The parliamentary poll results were a further affirmation that Congress-JD(S) combine didn't have the mandate. Under the circumstances, it was understandable that so many of coalition MLAs raised a banner of revolt. People of Karnataka suffered for one month as there was no government and governance was on an autopilot mode. No one outside Mr. Kumaraswamy's core support base will mourn his exit. R. SIVAKUMAR, Chennai

■ Disgust gives way to anger as we observe the disgraceful behaviour of the elected representatives in Karnataka. Not just these unprincipled and selfish politicians, the electorate should also take the blame for these shameful scenes. Just like in Rajasthan High Court, the appellation 'My Lord' has been dispensed with, it is high time the appellation 'Honourable' is dropped while addressing our MLAs and MPs as it is a misnomer S. RAJAGOPALAN,

Diluting the RTI The unseemly haste with which the amendments to

the Right to Information

through Parliament even in the face of stiff opposition from several political parties and widespread resentment in the civil society betrays the authoritarian mindset of the ruling coalition ("RTI Amendment Bill passed in Rajya Sabha amid protests," July 27). It is ironical that despite enjoying huge majority, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) feels insecure when it comes to transparency and probity. The RTI became possible not through the generosity of any one political party but because of a prolonged people's movement. That a sudden political fiat seeks to destroy its spirit is most unfortunate. The

amendments done should be forthwith withdrawn or the Bill should be sent to a Select Committee of Parliament. SATISH C. AIKANT,

■ One of the worrisome features of the Amendment Bill is that it encroaches upon the rights of the the State Governments to appoint State Information Commissioners and gives this power to the Central government. This amounts to an assault on the principle of federalism which is a basic feature of the Constitution. M. JAMEEL AHMED,

MORE LETTERS ONLINE:

The unravelling of a kidney racket

The National Capital Region is the epicentre of a well-organised illegal organ trade. Bindu Shajan Perappadan and Saurabh Trivedi report on the web of criminals and their modus operandi

onths after the monsoon hit the small town of Saket Nagar in Kanpur last year, Sangeeta Kashyap*, 33, packed her bags for Delhi where she had been promised a good job. She was excited; she had never stepped out of Kanpur before.

"My husband's friend had promised us ₹40 lakh. We dreamt of a 'pakka' house, a good education for our children, and even some savings to help us through illnesses. We also planned for old age," says Sangeeta. On reaching the city that promised to fulfil her dreams, Sangeeta was given accommodation in a guest house in Ghaziabad. "The next day I was taken to a small clinic," she says, unable to recall the location. "There, the doctors ran a series of tests on me. My husband's friend told me that this was important because my employer wanted me to submit a medical clearance certificate before employing me as a maid and a cook. But then he took my Aadhaar card and told me that I have to assume a Muslim name and identity. I refused. I realised that something was amiss. Later during the week, when I was taken to a hospital, I overheard people describe me as a kidney donor. I panicked and raised a hue and cry at the hospital. I insisted that I be sent back home immediately. They packed me off to Kanpur and I thought the worst was over," she recalls. But the nightmare had only begun.

"My husband's friend came home and tried to convince me to sell my kidney," says Sangeeta. "He told me that he has been living a good life after

The cops tell us that they will catch those who exploited us. But will we get our entire promised money or the organs we sold? No one is ready to answer these questions.

Prime witness

selling his. When I refused, he along with some other men threatened and assaulted me. They demanded that I pay them ₹50,000 as part of my travel and medical expenses. Frightened and broke, I approached the police. A senior officer asked me to file a complaint. An FIR was registered on February 1 against six persons in the Barra Police Station in Kanpur under Section 420 [cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property] of the Indian Penal Code and sections of the Human Organ Transplant Act." Sangeeta was unaware that her complaint would blow the lid off a massive organ racket.

High demand, low supply The epicentre of this massive illegal organ trade is the National Capital Region. The web of criminals includes police personnel, doctors, hospital administration staff, medical support staff, and kidney and liver donors – all catering to patients with end-stage kidney and liver failure. These patients can't be treated with medicines or dialysis and therefore require a transplant.

A dozen leading private surgeons are under the scanner now. These include top urologists in Delhi who allegedly worked in nexus with some police personnel from the Uttar Pradesh Police as well as brokers (some of whom were previous donors themselves) to ensure a smoothly running profitable trade, the value of which some people peg at over a ₹100 crore.

So far, 15 people, including the CEO of Pushpawati Singhania Research Institute (PSRI), Deepak Shukla, have been arrested, and notices have been served to two leading doctors

at Fortis Hospital in Delhi for violation of the Transplantation of Human Organs (and Tissue) Act, 1994. This legislation was brought in with the objective of "regulating the removal, storage and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic purposes and for the prevention of commercial dealings in human organs."

These arrests and notices could prove to be only the tip of the iceberg. "Investigations against another leading hospital in central Delhi are currently under way and more arrests are likely," says a senior Delhi police officer who is investigating the case.

"The industry is thriving despite several raids and laws against it because those who sell their organs are desperate for money. It is a trade that guarantees high profit. Plus, it's easy to do business in India," says a senior Health Ministry official who did not wish to come on record.

Impoverished donors are pushed into the trade as organ donations from cadavers and brain-dead patients in India are not enough to meet the requirement of over a lakh citizens annually who require a

kidney transplant. In 2016, in its reply to a Lok Sabha question, the Union Health Ministry noted that there is a huge gap between the demand and supply of human organs for transplant even though the precise numbers of premature deaths due to heart, liver, lung and pancreas failures have not been compiled. The Ministry noted that against the demand of 2 lakh kidneys, only 6,000 were available. Similarly, against the demand of 30,000 livers only 1,500 were available, and against the demand of 50,000 hearts merely 15 were availacording to the Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network Foundation (Mohan Foundation), a Chennai-based NGO working on organ donation, only about 3% of the demand is met.

The Indian Transplant Registry notes that live transplants account for the majority of kidney transplants in India; cadaver transplants account for a very small number. "In India, [the] deceased organ donation programme is largely restricted to big institutions and the private sector which makes it less accessible for all. The deceased donation rate in 2013 was 0.26/million population and this went up to 0.36/million population in 2014," it says.

Modus operandi

In the case that the police is investigating at the moment, patients who needed transplants were admitted in large and well-known private hospitals that are protected by a battery of lawyers and administrators, says a senior Delhi police official.

"Donors, all of whom are from very poor families, are brought to these hospitals for initial testing and matching with patients," explains Lucknow-based Vardhan, a prime witness in the case. "We are then trained to face the interview board of the competent authority [which evaluates transplant of organs between near relatives related genetically] or the Authorisation Committee [which evaluates transplant of organs between those related emotionally and where the donor's intentions are altruistic] of the hospital for clearance for donation. Then we are housed in guest houses in Delhi. There we are tutored to tell the hospital board that we are relatives of the patients we are donating organs to. At this point, the payment too is partially

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Like Sangeeta, Vardhan's story began around August last year. He desperately needed money to pay for the operation of his two-and-a-halfyear-old child who was born with a hole in the heart. He decided to sell one of his kidneys.

"An old friend told me about this offer. He made it out to be a noble deed. He said I would get ₹2 lakh - enough to pay for my child's surgery and for setting up a small shop for myself. It seemed like a good option. I thought God has given the poor two organs as personal insurance against bad times," he says. He breaks down while showing large surgery scars on his abdomen.

Following the surgery, Vardhan has one kidney and no child. He is without a job. And to make matters worse, he has been receiving death threats from those in the illegal organ trade.

"Life has become unbeara-



ble. The hospital administration's goons took back the money I got from my kidney sale after I refused to work with the gang. My child died without treatment. And my wife, who I married against the wishes of our parents, left me as she was frightened by the death threats. No one is willing to employ me in Lucknow because they think I am involved in something illegal. I used to repair watches. I have become a nervous wreck following the investigation," he

His only mistake, he says, was his refusal to become a headhunter himself. "They call me daily to tell me that I will be 'accidentally' killed in an accident soon. They stole my money after I refused to work with them," he says.

Attractive to the poor

"While there are many layers of control to prevent exploitation, the fact that there are a negligible number of organ donations makes finding a matching donor for the patients a tough task," notes the Mohan Foundation. Under the law, only those related to the patient are allowed to donate organs. This further reduces the number of prospective organ donors.

In 2013, the medical journal, Indian Journal of Anesthesia, stated that of the 205 patients declared brain-dead at AIIMS in Delhi in the trauma

centre over the last five years, only 10 were potential organ donors. The reasons were varied. There was lack of awareness about organ donation among family members. Many believed that donating a person's organs after death would affect the person in his or her 'next life'. And processes were simply not in place to help

such donations. "Indian organs are being sold thanks to advertising by word of mouth. We are dealing with an underground mafia of organ traders. In this case, the gang managed to create fake identities. And with the help of medical persons, they managed to manipulate medical tests and documents," says a senior official from the Uttar Pradesh police who is involved in inter-State

investigation. "Those in the business had created a large database of those who were ready to donate their kidneys and livers. These people were then recruited into the business to find more sellers. And with every new racket being busted, we also find that the age of the donors/sellers is rapidly falling. Younger men are being recruited or are coming forward to donate their kidney or liver. This is really worrying," says a Delhi police officer.

A witness in the case, Sonu*, admits that he is only 18-20 years old. "According to my official papers, I am much older though," he says. "I decided to sell my organ to help my family which was on the verge of starving to death. But today, even after selling my kidney, my life is no better. Policemen and laws don't understand that we sell our organs just to ensure that we are able to

Sonu and Vardhan were tal at the same time for kidnev removal. Like Vardhan. Sonu too was cheated by middlemen, who only gave him a portion of the promised sum of ₹2 lakh.

"When I close my eyes, I dream of blotches of blood. The cops tell us that they will catch those who exploited us. But will we get our entire promised money or the organs we sold? No one is ready to answer these questions," he says.

The investigating agencies claim that they are fully aware of the reasons that compel people to sell or donate organs. "A kidney is sold for anything between ₹70 lakh and ₹1 crore depending on how urgent the need is. The donor/seller never gets over ₹3 lakh. The rest of the amount is distributed among those who run the business," says a senior official officer from the Uttar Pradesh Police.

Expanding the web

It was when a police team from Kanpur approached the Delhi police regarding a kidney racket that they stumbled on T. Rajkumar Rao, 40, alleged to be the kingpin of an international kidney racket.

Rao himself was a donor. But unlike other donors, Rao was ambitious and built his own empire. He had been arrested before and sent to prison. But after being released, he resumed his activities and changed his base from West Bengal and its neighbouring States to central India. He got donors and sellers from Unnao, Kanpur, Lucknow and Fatehpur.

A police officer who once interrogated him recalls Rao as being very sharp and knowing how to influence donors and later make them part of his racket.

"There were around 12 permanent members in the gang. They would prepare fake documents, coordinate with hospitals and donors, transfer money and prepare donors for interviews," he says.

Rao used to keep a large portion of the money for himself in every deal. The rest was shared among the others, including the donor. "He never paid the promised amount to the donor. And when the donor asked for it, Rao would urge him/her to bring more donors with the promise of more money. Regardless of the deal, the donors get only between ₹2 lakh and ₹4 lakh of the promised ₹5 lakh," says the officer. Donors who refused to co-operate were threatened with legal cases of cheating.

Suresh Singh* got a kidney transplant in 2016, and was chargesheeted for demanding money for it. "After a prolonged kidney treatment my doctor recommended a kidney transplant. He told me that my kidney would stop functioning soon," he says. "I discussed it with the personal staff of the doctor and offered to pay for a kidney if I could get a donor. I got a call from the doctor's secretary, who gave my family members the contact of a man who could arrange a donor for me. After several rounds of negotiations, the deal was fixed at ₹20

Suresh was asked to pay immediately, he says, while the paperwork was taken care of by the 'staff member'. "I paid the amount before the operation and it went off smoothly. I met the donor only once during the interview. I was introduced as his elder brother to the hospital," he says. He explains that a major part of the

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payment was made through cash and rest was transferred to a bank account.

Rajesh Yadav, Superintendent of Police (Crime), Kanpur Police, says that a Special Investigation Team has been formed to investigate the case. "Till now we have arrested 15 people in the case including doctors and middlemen. We are in touch with the Delhi and Faridabad Police to get information regarding the whereabouts of other suspects," says Yadav.

"To make this a watertight case we have ensured that the donors and recipients are prime witnesses and not the accused. During the investigation, we found that the hospitals and middlemen had prepared a fake profile of donors. The coordinators at PSRI hospital had forged DNA reports to present the donors as blood relatives of the recipient. We are also looking at how the organ transplant clearance committee of hospitals ignored all the facts and never cross-examined donors and recipients," says a police officer who is part of the SIT team and did not wish to be identified.

A 2003 report in the *Indian* Journal of Medical Ethics is a chilling postscript to the story. "If the organ trade is not controlled, disappearances, especially among street children [and] kidnapping rackets may flourish along with the theft of organs of executed criminals in future. The people may lose trust in the medical community and may suspect their involvement in the premature declaration of death on seeing a signed donor card."

*Names have been changed to protect identities







FROM PAGE ONE

Yediyurappa takes oath; floor test on Monday

The BJP is said to be still in the process of finalising the names of MLAs who would be part of the Ministry.

The hurriedly arranged swearing-in ceremony on Friday evening saw the Raj Bhavan overflowing with Mr. Yediyurappa's supporters and party workers.

He took the oath in the name of God, draped in a green shawl, as he had done the other three

The cermony was boycotted by the Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) leaders who condemned as "unethical and unconstitutional" the "hurry" with which Mr. Yediyurappa was sworn in when his majority in the House was still to be proved.

The BJP has the support of 106 (including one Independent) in the House of 222, after disqualification of three MLAs. The resignations of 13 rebel MLAs from the Congress and JD(S) which reduced the previous coalition government to a minority – is still pending with the Speaker. A petition seeking their disqualification is also pending with

BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santosh and General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka P. Muralidhar Rao represented the party high command at the swearing-in. Veteran leader S.M. Krishna and a large number of party MLAs and MPs attended the ceremony, while the presence of rebel Congress MLA R. Roshan Baig too was

Apologise or face action, Speaker tells Azam Khan

Nationalist Congress Party member Supriya Sule, Trinamool Congress member Kalyan Banerjee and Biju Janata Dal member Bhratruhari Mahtab were among those who echoed similar

Congress leader in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said action should be taken against anyone demeaning women and raised the issue of members having used objectionable words against UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi in the past. This, however, drew protests from the members of the treasury benches who said the issue should not be politicised.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman termed Mr. Khan's remarks "utterly condemnable" and urged the Speaker to take exemplary action.

Anti-terror clause will not be misused: official

The official claimed the Bill was in alignment with laws in European Union (EU) countries, U.S., China, Israel and even Pakistan, adding that Sri Lanka started designating individuals after the April 21 Easter terror at-

"We faced embarrassment in diplomatic circles earlier this year while convincing the world to designate Masood Azhar as an international terrorist under UN norms. We were asked why haven't we designated Azhar yet? The UAPA Bill is to address this anomaly," explained the official.

He said it will be a "small list" and the focus will be on "self-declared terrorists" whose parent outfits are already banned. "Messaging is important, there should be fear of the law," said the

Opposition's concerns

The Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha this week. It will have to be cleared by the Rajya Sabha to be enacted as a law. Several MPs have ex-

overreaching aspects of the legislation as it could be used to harass innocent people. The first step would be

pressed concerns about the

the proposal that has to come from the intelligence agencies, "The information provided by one agency will be corroborated with another. The MHA will examine the proposal and once it is convinced after going through all the records, it will be cleared by the Home Minister and then notified,' said the official.

Once the individual has been designated as a terrorist, he or she could file an appeal before the MHA, either in person or through registered post. Once the appeal has been filed, MHA will have to decide the case

The individual will then have an option to appeal before an independent threemember review committee comprising sitting or retired High Court judges. The committee will also be appointed by MHA.

Respond to plea on order, SC tells Centre

The judgment condemned the increasing incidents of mob lynchings as "horrendous acts of mobocracy".

The court even then asked Parliament to make lynching a separate offence.

The 45-page judgment, by a three-judge Bench led by then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra had wondered whether the "populace of a great Republic like ours has lost the values of tolerance to sustain a diverse cul-

The court had observed that the recent litany of spiralling mob violence, their horror, the grim and gruesome scenes of lynchings were made worse by the apathy of the bystanders, numbness of the mute spectators, inertia of the police and, finally, the "grandstanding of the incident by the perpetrators of the crimes" on social media.

Describing lynchings and mob violence as "creeping threats", the judgment had warned that the rising wave of frenzied mobs - fed by fake news, self-professed morality and false stories would consume the country like "typhoon-like

monster.'

The court had held the primary obligation of the government was to protect all individuals irrespective of race, caste, class or

"Crime knows no religion and neither the perpetrator nor the victim can be viewed through the lens of race, caste, class or religion," the judgment said.

The court had directed several preventive, remedial and punitive measures to deal with lynching and mob violence. It ordered the Centre and the States to implement the measures and file compliance reports within the next four weeks.

The measures mooted by the court included the setting up of a special task force in the States to procure intelligence reports about the people likely to commit such crimes or involved in spreading hate speeches, provocative statements and fake news.

Karnataka govt. fell under its own weight: Nadda

Denying hand in defections in the JD(S)-Congress coalition, BJP leader says his party is synonymous with stability

NEW DELHI

BJP working president J.P. Nadda on Friday said the Janata Dal (S)-Congress coalition government in Karnataka had fallen under the weight of its own contradictions, dismissing claims that his party had engineered defections.

Mr. Nadda was addressing a presser to mark the first 50 days of the present Modi government, presenting a report card of the same on a day when Karnataka saw BJP State president B S Yediyurappa take oath as Chief Minister. "They [Congress-JD-S] fell under their own weight due to internal reasons. The BJP is synonymous with stability. Wherever we go, we bring stability," he said.

Yediyurappa age factor

Mr. Nadda played down the fact that Mr. Yediyurappa was above the 75-year age bar the party has stipulated for its leaders holding any government position.

"Mr. Yediyurappa was the leader of the BJP legislature party in the State and it was natural for him to be the party's choice for the Chief Minister's post," he said.

"You see, first of all he is a



BJP working president J.P. Nadda with Union Minister Prakash Javadekar at a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. • PTI

leader, he is an elected leader of the legislature party. Accordingly, he is taking oath. It is a continuous process

and the party takes note of time to time," he stated.

ongoing developments from

candidates in the recent Lok Sabha election to ease out many veterans, including L.K. Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Sumitra Mahajan among others. **Accommodating rebels**

nister Narendra Modi and its

president Amit Shah, had in-

troduced the 75 years limit

for ministers in the party-run

governments as well as for its

Asked about reports that some rebel MLAs belonging to the Congress and the ID(S) may be accommodated by the BJP government in Karnataka as Ministers, Mr. Nad-

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen Opposition par-

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The letter has been signed by leader of Opposition and Congress leader

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the Samajwadi Party, 'Tiru-

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Congress Party, T.K. Ranga-

rajan of the CPI(M), Manoj

Jha of the Rashtriya Janata

Dal, Satish Chandra Mishra

of the Bahujan Samaj Party,

K. Ravindra Kumar of the

Telugu Desam Party, Sanjay

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liamentary scrutiny.

NEW DELHI

cide their future course of action.

He cited various decisions of the government such as tap water for every household by 2024 and further expansion of rural roads network under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to improve rural road connectivity. The many exemplary steps taken by the government had touched the lives of millions of people, he said. Mr. Nadda also talked about the government's decision to give pension to small traders and scholarships to the children of martyrs from paramilitary forces.

Defeat of RTI motion enthuses BJP

Now, ruling party is confident of having its way in the Rajya Sabha

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The defeat in the Rajya Sabha of the Opposition motion to send the Right to Information (Amendment) Bill to a House select committee has enthused the treasury benches. They are now confident that the upper house will no longer be the roadblock it was during the previous tenure of the Narendra Modi government.

According to sources, out of 78 BJP members in the Rajya Sabha, only five were absent, including ailing former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. Its allies the AIADMK, JD (U), Akali Dal, Shiv Sena, Lok Janshakti Party, and the RPI were present in full force. The government also got all the seven votes of the Biju Janata Dal and five out of six votes of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi.

Many absentees

The Opposition, on the other hand. had many absentees, including the Nationalist Congress Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party.

Other than the RTI legislation, the Opposition wanted to send six other Bills for Parliamentary scrutiny via a Select Committee. The government has given a cursory assurance that they will be sending a few of them to the select committee. "When they approached us, we told them clearly that we will pass the RTI Bill on Thursday itself. As for the other Bills,

we are not saying that none of them will be sent to a Select Committee. We will decide about them later," a Un-

The Opposition MPs, during the business advisory committee meeting on Friday, raised the issue of the reported attempt at "sabotaging" the vote on their motion to send the RTI Bill to a Select Committee. They alleged that BJP MP C.M. Ramesh was seen instructing TDP [his former party] members on how to vote. The MPs also charged that Mr. Ramesh was caught with eight ballot slips. They also alleged that two Ministers were intimidating regional

parties. Trinamool Congress's Derek O' Brien has asked Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu to check the footage of voting.

Venkaiah upset

Responding to the Opposition's anguish, Mr. Naidu said: "What happened yesterday [Thursday] has pained me. It has pained the people of the country also. There are children in the gallery too. I don't want to elaborate on that. We should see to it that such situations and such scenes are avoided in

Without naming Mr. Ramesh, he said once the voting process started, the members were not supposed to move. He requested members to maintain decorum.



Opposition parties

'We are not getting time to study Bills'

move Venkaiah

parliamentary committees. In the next one, 71 per cent of the Bills went to the committees. But this figure came drastically down in the 16th Lok Sabha when the Modiled government came to power first, with only 26% of Bills being sent for scruti-

Long-established norm

In the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha, 14 Bills have been passed in the first session but not a single one was sent to House committees. "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 said.

The signatories pointed out that the Opposition parties were not given sufficient time to study legislation, seek amendments or ask questions. The letter elaborated the instance of legislation of "The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2019. This Bill was laid on the Rajya Sabha table at 5:01 p.m. on Friday to be debated on the next working day, Monday, July 22." The letter, quoting the rule book, said the members were entitled to have at least one working day's time to file amendment notices.

The letter said that in the The parties also rued the 14th Lok Sabha, 60 per cent extension of Parliament sesof the Bills were referred to sion to August 7.

Green agenda



Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Home Minister Amit Shah. Defence Minister Rainath Singh and others during a tree plantation drive in the Parliament House complex in New Delhi on Friday. • SANDEEP SAXENA

Companies Bill tightens CSR compliance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which seeks to amend the Companies Act, 2013 and is aimed at tightening Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) compliance, transferring certain responsibilities to the National Company Law Tribunal and re-categorising certain offences as civil offences. It replaced an ordinance promulgated earlier.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told the House that the Bill would ensure further ease of doing business for com-"The government has so

far de-registered four lakh shell companies. Also, companies not spending the mandatory 2% profit on CSR activities for a total period of four years will be required to deposit the amount in a special account," she said.

Private Bill urges state election funding

It has sought removal of the present expenditure limit of ₹70 lakh

SOBHANA K. NAIR

Equating the expenditure limit on election expenses with prohibition, Congress MP Rajeev Gowda on Friday moved a private member's Bill in the Rajya Sabha that seeks removal of the limit and state funding of elections as part of reforms to the way polls are financed in India.

Asserting that the limit was counterproductive and only helped those with black money to bribe individual voters and crippled honest candidates, Mr. Gowda mooted The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill with two key proposals. One, the current per candidate expenditure limit of ₹70 lakh should be lifted and two, there should be state funding to ensure a "cleaner polity", which is a public good.

"The problem is idealistic laws, which like the prohibition, have been counterproductive," Mr. Gowda said, in-

Candidates who can raise white money openly cannot spend more than ₹70 lakh in parliamentary elections. Hence, compared to those who spend money covertly, clean politicians are crippled by the system RAJEEV GOWDA

troducing his Bill in the Rajya Sabha. "The actual expenditures are driven underground. Who does this help? Those with black money. It sets in motion a vicious cycle," he contended, adding that once elected, the representatives try to reward those who contributed to their victory.

Quoting former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee who had said that "All MPs start their parliamentary careers with a lie," Mr. Gowda said the former PM was referring to MPs typically under-declaring how much they had spent on their elections. "Telling the truth

would result in disqualification under the current law," Mr. Gowda said.

Calls for transparency

Mr. Gowda argued that instead of imposing a limit, transparency should be brought in. "Let sunlight be the best disinfectant," the MP said. All the expenses should be put in the public domain.

The candidates should be allowed to legitimately raise funds. "Candidates who can raise white money openly cannot spend more than ₹70 lakh in parliamentary elections. Hence, compared to those who spend money co-

crippled by the system," he said. An amount of ₹70 lakh was not enough even to send postcards to 20 lakh-odd voters in each constituency, he argued.

vertly, clean politicians are

Contending that to be a politician one needed resources, Mr. Gowda said political parties too needed resources and the country simply refused to recognise the amount of money spent in elections. A politician's worth was often decided by how deep their pockets and

how fat their wallets were. Asserting that the only way to cleanse the system was to ensure state funding, Mr. Gowda proposed a National Election Fund, under which each political party could be allotted funds according to their recent electoral performance.

On Friday, the House initiated a debate on the Bill that is expected to conclude next week on Friday, when Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad would give his reply.

Muslim MLA told to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

A Congress MLA on Friday told the Jharkhand Urban Development Minister not to bring a bad name to Lord Ram.

The retort came when Minister C.P. Singh asked Irfan Ansari to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' outside the Assembly in front of TV cameramen.

To Mr. Singh's taunt "Ek baar zor se Jai Shri Ram boliye (say Jai Shri Ram vigorously)," Mr. Ansari, smilingly showed the red 'Mauli' tied on his right hand. The sacred thread is usually tied by Hindu priests on the hands of be-

lievers to ward off evil. But the banter turned into a heated argument when the Minister repeated his demand, saying "You also belong to Ram." "Ram ka naam badnaam mat karive. Ram sabke hain. (Don't bring a bad name to Ram. He belongs to everyone)," Mr. Ansari hit back.

IN BRIEF



CBI gets 7-day custody of Deepak Talwar

NEW DELHI The Central Bureau of Investigation on Friday arrested corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar and got his seven days' custody from a special court in an aviation scam case. In January, he was deported from Dubai after which the Enforcement Directorate arrested him. Mr. Talwar has been accused of working as a middleman for securing traffic rights for international airlines at the cost of Air India in 2008-09.

CBI summons Derek O'Brien in chit fund case

NEW DELHI The Central Bureau of Investigation has summoned Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien in connection with the Saradha chit fund scam case and has told him to join the probe in Kolkata in the first week of August The matter relates to the sale of paintings of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee to several ponzi scam companies, the proceeds of which were allegedly used to expand JagoBangla, the mouthpiece of the party.

On Kargil Diwas, Army chief warns Pak.

'Any attempt of misadventure will be repelled'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR

President Ram Nath Kovind and Army Chief Bipin Rawat on Friday paid tributes to the soldiers martyred during the Kargil war 20 years ago. The Army chief used the occasion to warn Pakistan against a repeat of its misadventure in J&K.

"Indian army stands resolute and ready to defend the country's territorial integrity. Any misadventure by Pakistan will be repelled with a punitive response. No act of militancy will go unpunished. Those who have picked up guns are not innocents," said General Rawat, speaking at an event, '20 Years after Kargil Conflict,' in Kargil.

Reclaiming PoK

He said Kashmir was no longer an issue with the international community. "Pakistan has been singled out by the global community. Pakistan would try its best to send infiltrators into this side to keep Kashmir on the boil," he said.

On retrieving Pakistan-oc-



Remembering the sacrifice: Army Chief Bipin Rawat in Drass on the 20th Kargil Diwas, interacting with family members of soldiers martyred in the Kargil war •NISSAR AHMAD

He proposed an Integrat-

ed Battle Group (IBG) con-

cept to the government and

warned of the growing use of

cyber space to foment trou-

ble. "Integration of a special

operations division along

with space division and cyb-

er agency are going to be in

IBGs to take on future chal-

General Rawat said strikes

post-Uri and Pulwama "have

amply demonstrated our

political and military resolve

against terror. Acts of terror

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lenges," he added.

cupied Kashmir from Pakistan, the Army officer said, "We have to wait for the government's decision as to how that part can be retrieved. In 1947, when Pakistani intruders tried to invade Kashmir, they were pushed back and some part of Kashmir remained with them."

On Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's claim that there were locals involved in the Pulwama attack, General Rawat said, "We are aware of the truth. So we don't have to get carried away by any statement. Our intelligence agencies had given ample proof of what had happened in Pulwama and that is all I would like to say."

mand and Lieutenant General Y.K. Joshi, General Officer Commanding, 'Fire & Fury' Corps, also paid their respects to the mar-

Kovind's message

Paying homage to the Kargil war heroes at the War Memorial in Srinagar's Badami Bagh Cantonment, President Ram Nath Kovind said, "I, on behalf of a grateful nation, pay homage to the martyrs of the Kargil War. We remember the gallant acts of our brave soldiers, rejoice in their victory and renew our pledge to rededicate ourselves in the service of our great nation."

PM pays tributes to soldiers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to soldiers who fought in the Kargil War, on the 20th anniversary of the conflict. "I pray from my heart for all the heroic sons of Mother India (Maa Bharati) on Kargil Vijay Divas..," he tweeted. In another tweet, he posted pictures of his visit to the area during the conflict and his interaction with soldiers.

Extra security forces for J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Home Ministry on Friday granted approval to mobilisation of 100 additional companies of security forces in Jammu and Kashmir. According to the Ministry order, the approval for mobilisation is "in order to strengthen the counter insurgency grid as well as for maintaining law and order situations in Jammu and Kashmir".

To the rescue



 MT Riah, a Panama registered vessel, goes missing on July 13 in the Strait of Hormuz

Iran says it seized the tanker as

the ship was smuggling oil • Panama de-registers the

India steps in to bring

home 12 of its citizens who were working on

• Nine sailors get tickets

three sailors

to India on July 22 Iran still investigating

Nine Indian sailors to return this week

New Delhi is in touch with Tehran

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Nine Indian sailors aboard a vessel that was seized by Iran have been released and are expected to return home this week. The Ministry of External Affairs said India is in talks with Iran for releasing the 30 nationals in its custody.

"Nine crew members have been released and they will be on their way to India soon. Our Mission in Iran has requested the Iranian authorities concerned for the release of the remaining crew members," said official spokesperson of MEA Raveesh Kumar.

The Hindu had earlier reported that the sailors from the vessel MT Riah had been given air tickets to return

The vessel went missing on July 13 initially and was discovered in Iranian custody with 12 Indian sailors on board. This was followed by the seizure of the Britishflagged Stena Impero with 18 Indian nationals on board.

The release came days after India sent a diplomatic note urging Iran to release all the sailors. On Thursday, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale met the Iranian Ambassador to India.

Reports indicated that Iran has given consular access to the Indian sailors of the Stena Impero.

Prasoon Joshi, 61 others write to PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Two days after a group of prominent citizens wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to end lynching and "religion based hate crimes", another group of public figures came out with a statement on Friday that sought to counter the allegations made in the letter. "An open letter which has

been published on July 23, 2019, and addressed to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has astonished us," celebrities, including Censor Board of Film Certifi-



Prasoon Joshi

cation chief Prasoon Joshi and dancer Sonal Mansingh, said in the statement. "Forty nine self- styled guardians and conscience keepers of the nation and of democratic values have expressed selected concern and have once again demonstrated a clear political bias and motive," they asserted.

'Selective outrage' titled statement

"Against Selective Outrage & False Narratives" lists instances of political and religious violence where the the 62 celebrities contend the signatories of the letter had " strangely kept silent". BJP MP Swapan Dasgupta, BJP member Kalyan Chaubey and actors Parno Mitra and Kanchana Moitra, who recently joined the party, also signed the statement.

The statement's authors,

which also includes actor Kangana Ranaut, said that the letter was an "attempt to foist a false narrative with the intention of denigrating the democratic ethos and norms of our collective functioning as a nation and people".

Dismissing the letter, they asserted, "Lynching is a social malady which has to be dealt up front; Prime Minister has spoken out against it repeatedly and respective State governments are empowered to take action". They alleged the letter was aimed at "tarnishing India's international standing".

Rahul meets Sheila Dikshit's family

Congress leader is back in India but there is no decision on his replacement yet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who had returned to India on Thursday, visited the residence of late Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit to meet the family members on Friday. He met the departed leader's son and former MP Sandeep Dikshit and other family members to offer his condolences.

But there is still no word on how long the party needs to resolve the leadership crisis after Mr. Gandhi in-

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Last date for submission

Date of opening of Tech. Tender

formed the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on May 25 that he was stepping down as party chief.

Two months have passed but the party has not found a replacement. A group of senior leaders, including Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and Ahmed Patel, were meeting meeting informally to come to a consensus before convening a CWC meet but the political crisis in Karnataka and the Parliament session put everything on hold.



Rahul Gandhi at the late Sheila Dikshit's residence in New Delhi on Friday. ■PTI

With the government extending the Parliament session until August 7, time may be running out for the Con-

elections between October and December in Harvana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. "Let us see what happens

gress for the next round of

now that Rahulji has come back," said a senior leader, who went on to add, "But we are surely losing time." Meanwhile, former MP

Eknath Gaikwad was appointed the working president of the Mumbai Congress. The Congress on Friday issued a statement to say that its president had approved the appointment.

VRS decision not linked to transfer, says Garg

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Newly-appointed Power Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg asserted on Friday that there is no connection between his transfer from the high profile Finance Ministry and his decision to take voluntary retirement. He had already discussed the retirement matter with the PM Office on July 18, he said.

Mr. Garg, who was the senior-most officer in the Finance Ministry, was shifted to the Power Ministry on July 24 as part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle. On July 25, Mr. Garg announced that he had applied for voluntary retirement from service, leading to speculation that he was miffed at his transfer from the Finance Ministry.



Subhash Chandra Garg

"I don't think we should discuss those reasons," he said when asked why he had put in his papers ahead of his superannuation. "Let's

rest that matter, as that was discussed and I conveyed my decision much before," No.: EE-1/SWM-1/TEND/01/2019-20 he told reporters after taking charge of the Power Mi-SHORT TERM - TWO COVER TENDER

Cows exhale oxygen, says Uttarakhand CM

Extols curative powers of the animal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has kicked up a controversy by saying that the cow exhales oxygen, after an online video went viral on Thursday showing Mr. Rawat at a function extolling the curative powers of the cow.

In the video, he is seen endorsing the medicinal properties of cow milk and cow urine, and saying that massaging the cow can cure one of breathing problems and that living in close proximity with the animal can cure tuberculosis.

Mr. Rawat's cow eulogy comes after Nainital MP and President of the State BJP unit Ajay Bhatt recently said that pregnant women can

avoid cesarian deliveries if they drink water of Garud Ganga, a river in Bageshwar

An official at the Chief Minister's Office defended Mr. Tyagi, saying he was only saying something which is a common belief in the hills of Uttarakhand. "While the medicinal values of cow milk and urine are well known, people in the hills also believe that the cow gives them oxygen, " he said. However, experts ruled out the possibility of

the cow exhaling oxygen. "The cow, like every other living being, exhales carbon dioxide which is a universally known fact," joint director of a cow conservation project in Dehradun said requesting anonymity.



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	Dairy		
16	Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to Pack 500 ml Brik Packs without Partitions Multi Colour Printing on ARC Basis to Kolar Dairy		1,50,000
17	Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to Pack 1000 ml Brik Packs without Partitions Multi Colour Printing on ARC Basis to Kolar Dairy		2,00,000
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SI. No	Description of Material	Varient	Qty (In No's)
1	Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to Pack 500 ml Brik	Toned	11,80,000
2	Packs without Partitions Single Colour Printing on	Smart	4.80.000
_	ARC Basis to Mega Dairy, Chikkaballapur	Omart	1,00,000
	Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to Pack 1000 ml	Toned	6,25,000
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3	Supply of 3 Ply Corrugated Boxes to Pack 1000 ml Slim Brik Packs without Partitions Single Colour	Toned	6,25,000

Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website https://eprocurement

Sd/-, Managing Director Kolar-Chikkaballapur Milk Union Ltd., Kolar.

on or before 20.08.2019, 05.00 PM

22.08.2019, 11.00 AM onwards

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice (1)NRDWP - RWSS to Nellaya, Kulkkallur pts. Laying of distribution. (2) State

Plan 2019-20 Supplying and erection of C/F pump sets. (3) State Plan 2019-20 replacing of rapid sand filter with dual media using anthracite, EMD: Rs der fee · Rs 5600 Tender : 17-08-2019 03:00:pm. Phone : 0491-2544927, Website www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-132-2019-20

Superintending Engineer, PH Circle



NIT Ref. No. BCCL/CED/TC/eNIT-08/2019-20/287 Dated: 13/15.07.2019 **E-Tender Notice** Open E-Tender invited vide BCCL/CED/TC/eNIT-08/2019-20/287 Date: 13.07.2019, for the work of "Water Supply arrangement for upcoming Karmatand Township of BCCL,

Estimated Value: Rs. 2,52,16,739.00 EMD: Rs. 3,15,300.00 Period of Work: 180 days

The tender documents can be downloaded from 30.07.2019 to 16.08.2019. All prospective bidders are advised to visit website https://coalindiatenders.nic.in for further details and to participate against this tender. Full details of this tender are also available on website "eprocure.gov.in"

' Sd/-Chief Manager (Civil)

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD ALBHAVAN, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560 029. Ph: 080-41106504/14, Fax: 080-41106504, 080 4000 1000 e-mail: kwbho@gmail.com, cekwbbng@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Electronic Procurement portal only)

Item Rate Tenders for the following work is invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement from eligible Agency / Contractors as

No. KUWSDB/DCE-I/TA-2/AE-1/CNT-BHAK-NAGAR/905 Dt: 25.07.2019 Name and description of work: Providing water supply scheme to Chintamani city with Bhakthrahalli Arasikere as source under D.C works of Nagarothana-3 grants. (KUWSDB/2019-20/ws/WORK_INDENT2492 Dt: 25.07.2019. As per e-procurment portal).

Approximate Amount put to tender (in Rs.) : Rs. 7,54,16,149/-Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 11,32,000/-

Tender Processing Fee : As per e-Procurement portal Period of completion including monsoon: 11 (Eleven) months.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. Document will be available from	29.07.2019 from 10.30 hours
Last Date and Time for queries / Clarifications	07.08.2019 upto 11.00 hours
Last date and time for receipt of Tenders	28-08-2019 upto 17.30 hours
Date and time for opening of Technical tenders	31-08-2019 after 11.00 hours
Date and time for opening of Financial tender	04-09-2019 after 11.00 hours

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer (B), KUWS & D Board, Bengaluru, may please be contacted or website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement helpdesk 080-2237 1090 / 2237 3788, email support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com Sd/- Chief Engineer (B), KUWS&D Board, Bengaluru



Tulsi Gabbard sues Google for \$50 million

WASHINGTON Tulsi Gabbard, the Democratic presidential candidate and the first Hindu member of the U.S. Congress, 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. PTI

'Over 50% families in Pak. cannot have 2 meals a day'

Nearly half of the families in Pakistan are unable to meet their nutritional needs due to poverty, affecting children with malnutrition and stunted growth, a media report on Friday quoted a survey as saying. According to the National Nutrition Survey 2018, poverty keeps more than 50% of families from having two meals a day. The Express Tribune reported. PTI

Bangladesh flood death toll surpasses 100

The death toll from monsoon storms in Bangladesh rose above 100 on Friday, with

flood levels still rising in many parts of the country. officials said. Thirty people have died in the past three days, taking the toll to 114 making it one of the worst monsoons in years. AFP

Pak. to allow dual nationals to contest polls

The Pakistan government has decided to allow Pakistanis with dual nationalities to contest elections. The Cabinet discussed the issue on Thursday after the return of Prime Minister Imran Khan from his first official visit to the U.S., according to Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information Firdous Ashiq Awan. PTI

New N. Korean missile sends angry message to South's leader

North slams Moon's 'double-dealing' — talking peace while buying F-35 from U.S.

CHOE SANG-HUN

When North Korea said on Friday that it had tested a new, more advanced missile, it pointed the finger of blame at one man: Moon Jae-in, the South Korean President, who just last year embraced Kim Jong-un at their countries' border.

The North said Mr. Kim, its leader, had personally arranged the missile test on Thursday to counter what it called Mr. Moon's "doubledealing" - talking peace with North Korea even as he bought state-of-the-art F-35 stealth jets and planned joint military drills with the U.S.

Some analysts said Mr. Kim, in singling out Mr. Moon, was venting anger over his failure to win relief from crippling economic sanctions over his nuclear programme, with talks between his government and the U.S. having stalled. On the day the North made its announcement, bad economic news arrived - South Korea's central bank said the North's economy had shrunk by 4.1% last year, its worst contraction since 1997.

"Kim Jong-un is clearly frustrated," said Ko Yuhwan, a professor of North Korean studies at Dongguk University in Seoul, the South's capital. "He had hoped that President Moon would be able to help persuade Washington to ease sanctions. He now seems to have concluded that South Korea is really at Washington's beck and call."

Economic woes

North Korea has been hit hard by a series of UN sanctions imposed since 2016, aimed at blocking all its key



On the trail: North Korean leader Kim Jong-un watching the launch of new missiles (inset) on Thursday. • AFP

Don't want provocations: U.S.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE The U.S. on Thursday said it wanted to continue talking

with North Korea but called

for a halt to "provocations". 'We want to have diplomatic engagement with North Korea, and we continue to urge the North Koreans to resolve all the things that the President and Chairman Kim have talked about through diplomacy," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Morgan

Ortagus said. But those talks have yet to begin, and North Korea warned recently they could be derailed by the U.S. and South Korea's refusal to scrap military exercises scheduled for next month.

"We urge no more provocations, and that all parties should abide by their obligations under (United Nations Security Council) resolutions," Ms. Ortagus said, refusing to say if she considered the missile tests "provocations."

exports – like coal, textiles and fisheries - and drastically reducing its oil imports as well. Its economy shrank by 3.5% in 2017, according to the South's central bank.

The bank's statement on Friday also said North Korea's external trade declined 48.8% last year, with its exports plummeting by as much as 86.3%. Unsurprisingly, it attributed the North's woes to the international sanctions.

Mr. Kim's diplomatic outreach early last year to South Korea and the U.S., after years of missile and nuclear tests and bombastic threats. was widely seen as driven by an urgent need to end the sanctions. But three meetings with President Donald Trump and several with Mr. Moon have failed to win Mr. Kim the economic relief he

has promised his people. Since then, his indignation has been mostly directed toward South Korea and Mr. Moon. He has demanded that the South implement the ambitious inter-Korean

economic projects that he and Mr. Moon agreed to pursue in meetings last year. But Mr. Moon has agreed with the Trump administration's position that such projects must wait until sanctions are eased as part of a nuclear disarmament deal.

Foreign-policy problems Mr. Moon was beset with serious foreign-policy problems when the North launched its latest projectile, which the South said was a

new type of short-range ballistic missile, potentially harder to track and intercept.

South Korea's relations with Japan are at their lowest point in decades, in part over Japanese export restrictions on chemicals needed to produce some of the South's most lucrative exports. On Tuesday, a Russian-Chinese air patrol through nearby waters resulted in South Korean jets firing hundreds of warning shots to drive off a Russian plane, an unprecedented event.

But the North's latest missile test has done more than anything to highlight Mr. Moon's quickly shrinking reputation as a regional peacemaker.

"North Korea is putting the pressure on the South to do more" to persuade Washington to be flexible, said Woo Jung-yeop, a North Korea expert at the Sejong Institute in South Korea.

The North's statement criticizing Moon on Thursday included no attacks on Mr. Trump, presumably because Mr. Kim hopes to maintain the good will of the U.S. President, who has famously said that he and Kim

TAIWAN VIFTNAM MYANMAR 250 miles Paracel Islands THAILAND **PHILIPPINES** SOUTH **CHINA** CAMBODIA INDIAN OCEAN SEA Spratly

China and Cambodia have signed a secret agreement that allows Beijing exclusive use of the



Spreading **influence**

Ream naval base on the Gulf of Thailand, according to a report

with automatic renewals every 10 years after that. China could station military personnel, store weapons and berth warships at the facility

Of the 190 acres, 362 acres will be dedicated to China's use 1 This will be China's first dedicated naval staging facility in

Southeast Asia

dent

The Ream installation covers about 190 acres, including two facilities built with U.S. funding and used by the Cambodian navy, and a single pier

Iran tests medium-range missile

ERIC SCHMITT DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON

Proposed

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Iran fired a Shahab-3 medium-range missile on Wednesday, a U.S. military official said, playing it down by saying that it did not pose a threat to U.S. 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 km.

Despite the Pentagon's effort to minimise the strategic importance of the launch on Wednesday, it appears to be a political statement by Iran, acting both as a carefully calibrated effort at escalation and as a message to Europe.

Missile launches are not forbidden under the 2015 nuclear deal reached between Washington and Tehran, which is one of Presi-

Donald complaints about the agreement he abandoned last vear. But a U.N. Security Coun-

cil resolution, passed just as the agreement was reached, says that "Iran is called upon not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using such ballistic missile technology." NY TIMES

+ In digital tax retaliation, Trump eyes French wine

U.S. President has accused Macron of 'foolishness'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday vowed "substantial" retaliation against France for a tax hitting U.S. tech giants, accusing his counterpart Emma-Macron "foolishness" and issuing a veiled threat to impose tariffs on French wine.

"France just put a digital tax on our great technology companies," Mr. Trump tweeted about the law, which is set to affect Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon. "If anybody taxes them, it should be their home Country, the USA," he



Emmanuel Macron with Donald Trump.

added. "We will announce a substantial reciprocal action on Macron's foolishness shortly.'

"I've always said American wine is better than French wine!" the teetotal President said. Deputy White House spokesman Judd Deere, in a statement, said the "Trump administration has consistently stated that it will not sit idly by and discrimination tolerate against U.S.-based firms."

4 lakh Syrians displaced in three months

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

More than 4,00,000 people have been displaced in northwestern Syria over the past three months, the UN said on Friday, as the government presses an intensified bombardment of the opposition-held region.

UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet condemned "international indifference" in the face of the mounting death toll in government air strikes on schools, hospitals, markets and bakeries.

The jihadist-dominated Idlib region is supposed to be protected by an international truce deal, but has faced bombardment by the government and its ally Russia since late April.

Hong Kong protesters rally at airport to 'educate' visitors

The aim is to take their message to mainland China

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE HONG KONG

Hundreds of Hong Kongers, including flight attendants, held a rally in the airport's arrival hall on Friday to "educate" visitors about the demonstrations currently gripping the international finance hub.

Visitors were greeted by a sea of black-clad protesters chanting anti-government slogans, holding banners and handing out flyers.

The rally is the latest bid to keep pressure on Hong Kong's pro-Beijing leaders after seven weeks of mostly peaceful demonstrations.



A demonstrator at the Hong Kong airport on Friday. • REUTERS

The protests were triggered by a controversial bill which would have allowed extraditions to mainland China, but they have evolved into a call for wider democratic reforms and a halt to sliding freedoms.

Organisers billed the airport rally as an opportunity to brief arrivals on the political unrest, particularly visitors from mainland China where the state-controlled news has portrayed the protests as a violent, foreign funded plot to destabilise the motherland.

Meryl Yeung, a 29-yearold flight attendant, had just got off a plane and joined the protest. "It's important to come to the airport and tell foreigners what's happening in Hong Kong," she said, adding that it was especially vital to make sure people in China are made aware of the protests. "They have no idea at all, they only get information from one side, they think everyone... coming to a protest, to a rally, are all rioters, or promoting Hong Kong independence," she

Johnson putting U.K. on collision course with EU

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

New Prime Minister Boris Iohnson has deliberately set Britain on a "collision course" with the EU over Brexit negotiations, Ireland's Foreign Minister was quoted as saying on Friday.

"He seems to have made a deliberate decision to set Britain on a collision course with the European Union and with Ireland in relation to the Brexit negotiations," Simon Coveney was quoted by Irish state broadcaster RTE as saying in Belfast. "I think only he can answer the question as to why he's doing that."

In his maiden parliamentary speech as Prime Minister on Thursday, Mr. Johnson promised to press ahead with plans to reopen

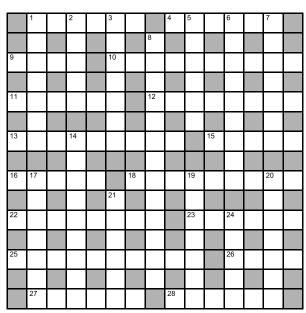
the deal agreed with the EU despite firm pushback from other EU leaders. Tension around the withdrawal deal centres on the so-called backstop – a mechanism de signed to preserve the EU's single market and prevent a hard border on the island of Ireland.

'Very unhelpful'

But on Thursday Mr. Johnson hardened rhetoric around a no-deal Brexit, which would see Britain leave the trading bloc without cushioning measures on October 31 if a deal cannot be brokered.

Mr. Coveney said Johnson's remarks were "very unhelpful". "... We'll have to wait and see whether that message coming from London changes," he said.

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ACROSS

- 1 Unfair to retain bureaucrats in an area (6)
- 4 Seaming wicket in Glamorgan. primarily seen by the beginning of summer at England (6)
- 9 One against 13? Time to regret
- 10 Had copies distributed earlier on pressure

from Bishop's office (10) 11 In Ottawa, Sabina gets a spice

- (6) 12 Too many administrators and headman, a vanity to the extremes (3-5)
- 13 A new crime's now on? False
- 15 Kings are tyrants, heartless going to wars pointlessly (5) **16** Started to pray for Sun, to begin with shower to go away
- 18 Butler in terrible mood after being dismissed; crowd is backing (5-4)
- 22 Wrong name, also name in memoirs wrongly spelled (8) 23 Small place; has faulty shower
- 25 Mock doctor, a miser spending some money at charity event (10)
- 26 Out in the morning and wander
- 27 A den made over anew essentially, for a group of nine 28 Hat on forehead? Perhaps he is
- absent (6) DOWN

1 Promise once more, to follow Bible and keep reading (7)

(set by Afterdark)

- 2 Article about king at a battlefield (5)
- **3** Best set sent back in European Community? Sad (7)
- 5 Avoid English, Science and Physical Education at the beginning (6)
- 6 Influenced with leader being absent, aimed to control media, perhaps (9)
- **7** Recover and turn up (3,4)
- 8 Award for winner's biased perhaps (8,5)
- 14 Extinct creature? UN doing a clone using an egg (9) 17 Gourmet's imposing, needs
- 19 Watch two balls: wait (7)

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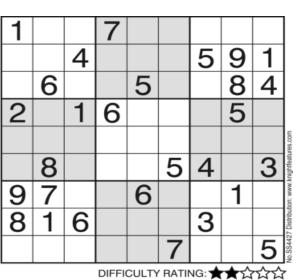
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SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12688 Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Visesha Karana

In the Gita, it is pointed out that there are five basic causes for all actions performed through the body, mind or word. These actions may be good, bad or evil. They may have the sanction of the scriptures or they may go against them. The five causes are the body that is the basis of all active exertion; the individual self in the body; the karmendriyas and the jnanendriyas; the functions occasioned by prana or vital breath in each being; and Deivam or God or divinity.

Deivam is the Supreme Spirit and is the Visesha karana, the Special Cause, signifying the Lord's presence as the antaryami in each and every aspect of creation, pointed out Velukkudi Sri Krishnan in a discourse. The Lord dwells in the hearts of all sustaining them by His unlimited power. He spins all beings who are mounted on the wheel of Prakriti constituting the functions of the body, senses, mind, etc. He is the primordial cause from which everything proceeds. He is the omniscient witness to all that happens in each one, not merely what is manifest as actions but also what tran-

spires in one's inner being. So, does this make God responsible for the good or wrong doings of an individual, it may be asked. Suppose a farmer who owns a few acres of land sows seeds in them, tends the fields diligently until harvest time and then finds that yield from all parts of the land is not equal. The fault is not in his effort that was expended impartially, but perhaps in the seed quality. God's indispensable presence is the cause for the individual's existence, but He is no way bound by the past karma of individuals that is the cause of their being born repeatedly in samsara. God merely is the karma phala data and is not accountable for the bad deeds of an individual.

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Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 26 US Dollar Euro British Pound .76.91 85.79 85.39 63.52 Japanese Yen (100) ... 63.22 Chinese Yuan Swiss Franc 69.23 69.59 Singapore Dolla . 50.20. 52.12 Malaysian Ringitt.

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Retail Silver (1g).

U.S. economic growth

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The fairly upbeat report

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Despite the better-than-ex-

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+ U.S. economy slows less

than expected in Q2

Consumer spend blunts export drag

PNB back in the black in Q1

The public sector lender clocks ₹1,018.63 crore profit on lower provisions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Friday reported a profit of ₹1,018.63 crore for the quarter ended June 30 owing in large part to a reduction in provisions.

The public sector bank had reported a loss of ₹940 crore in the corresponding quarter of last year.

The bank's total income stood at ₹15,161.74 crore in the first quarter of the financial year 2019-20, up from ₹15,072.41 crore earned in Q1 of the previous fiscal. Provisions and contingencies accounted for ₹2,462.8 crore,, drastically lower than the ₹5,134.71 crore in the same quarter of 2018-19.

Despite posting a profit this quarter, the bank's asset quality further deteriorated

Yields rise on doubts

over overseas bond issue

Yields on 10-year benchmark up 2bps

Despite posting Good tidings a profit in Q1, the bank's asset quality further on a sequential 16.5% in Q1 as gross NPA ratio against 15.5% in Metrics Q1 FY19 Growth % Total income (₹cr.) 15,161.7 15,072.4 0.6 Net profit (₹cr.) 1,018.6 (940.0)EPS (₹) 2.2 Gross NPA(%) 16.4 18.2 Net NPA(%) 7.1 10.6

on a sequential basis.

The gross NPA ratio increased to 16.49% in Q1 compared with 15.5% in the fourth quarter of the previous financial year. The gross NPA ratio was 18.26% in the first quarter of 2018-19.

The net NPA ratio stood at 7.17% in Q1 of 2019-20, up from 6.56% in the preceding quarter. It stood at 10.58% in Q1 of last year.

"Bank has reported one loan account in the power and steel sector under the

'Borrowal Fraud' category to the Reserve Bank of India during the second quarter of the current financial year involving an amount of ₹3,760.62 crore outstanding as on June 30, 2019," the bank said in a statement.

"The account was already under NPA category since financial year 2016 and provision amounting to ₹1,880.44 crore was held in the account as at June 30, 2019," the bank added. "This is a consortium advance of 33 lenders which is near resolution stage under NCLT."

The remaining provision in the fraud account will be done by the bank in terms of the extant RBI guidelines, it

The bank also generated fresh business of ₹80,000 crore in the quarter.

Yes Bank picks up 18.55% in Cox & Kings

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Yes Bank has acquired 18.55% stake in travel and tour operator Cox & Kings invoking pledged shares, the lender informed the exchanges.

The bank acquired 32,750,139 shares of nominal value ₹5 each comprising 18.55% of the post-issue, fully paid-up share capital. The bank has also acquired 30% of Ezeego One Travel & Tours by invoking pledged shares.

Cox & Kings had earlier defaulted on commercial paper payment. Mean-Yes Bank stock while, closed 9.64% higher on the BSE to ₹96.10 after reports of the bank planning to raise \$ 1.2 billion to boost

₹891 crore on revenue of

Another rival Bharti Airtel

"We are well on track to

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the BSE declined 4.84% to

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Mr. Sharma added.

₹26,580.24 crore.

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August 1, 2019.

Maruti profit skids 32% as sales slow down

18,738.8

1,376.8

45.6

Firm to shift to 100% rupee royalty

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Metrics

EPS (₹)

Revenue from

operations (₹cr.)

Net profit (₹cr.)

Challenging quarter

₹5,805.55

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Friday reported a 31.67% decline in consolidated net profit to ₹1,376.8 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, on account of lower sales volume and depreciation

expenses. The company, which posted a net profit of ₹2,015.1 crore in April-June period 2018-19, said in the next three years it will completely shift to paying royalty to parent Suzuki Motor Corp. in rupees instead of

It said revenue from the sale of products during the first quarter of this fiscal stood at ₹18,738.8 crore compared with ₹21,813.8 crore earlier, down 14%.

Higher depreciation

Depreciation and amortisation expenses during the first quarter stood at ₹919 crore compared with ₹720.3 crore in the year-ago period.

The company sold a total of 4,02,594 vehicles during the quarter, lower by 17.9% from the year-ago period. Sales in the domestic market stood at 3,74,481 units, down 19.3%. Exports stood

MSI CFO Ajay Seth said during the first quarter, the company was also affected by the ongoing slowdown in the domestic automobile industry.

"It was the fourth consecutive quarter of decline in volumes (for the industry). During the quarter, passenger vehicles (PV) sales of the industry declined 18%. The company was also impacted by the demand weakness and domestic sales declined by 19.3%," Mr. Seth told analysts.

He, however, said the current situation was a cyclical phenomenon and MSI continued to believe in the longterm potential of the market.

Elaborating, MSI senior executive director (marketing and sales) R. S. Kalsi said the rural market, which was earlier witnessing good traction, was also under a lot of pressure and saw decline of around 17%.

Commenting on royalty payment to parent Suzuki, Mr. Seth said at present royalty on almost 45% of the models are now being paid in rupee and the remaining 55% will also transition fully from yen to rupee in the next three years.

The yield on 10-year government benchmark bond closed 2 bps higher on Friday to 6.53% after climbing 7 bps on Thursday.

sovereign bond issue.

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Bond yields have started in-

ching up following specula-

tion that the government

may shelve its plan to raise

funds through an overseas

Media reports suggested that the Prime Minister's office had asked the Finance Ministry for wider consultation before taking such a

During her maiden Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said India would look to issue overseas foreign currency

ness investment contracted

for the first time in more

than three years and hous-

straight quarter. Fed Chair-

man Jerome Powell, early

this month, flagged business

investment and housing as

areas of weakness in the

economy. But robust con-

sumer spending, together

with a strong labour market,

further diminish expecta-

tions of a 50 basis point rate

cut and could raise doubts

about further monetary pol-

increased at a 2.1% annual-

ised rate in the second quar-

ter, the government said.

January-March quarter.

gest run in history.

Gross domestic product

The economy grew at an

The economy has ex-

panded for 10 years, the lon-

unrevised 3.1% pace in the

icy easing this year.

sovereign bonds.

Going ahead, the bond yields will take a cue from the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) next monetary policy review scheduled for the first week of August.

The market is expecting

another 25 bps cut by the RBI in August as inflation continues to be soft and there is a need to boost growth. "We continue to expect the RBI MPC to cut rates by 25bps on August 7, pause with inflation going up temporarily on base effects/drought and cut by 25bps in the March quarter again as inflation abates," Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a note to its clients, adding July inflation

is expected to be at 3%.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Reserve Bank of India Gover-

nor Shaktikanta Das has

called for well-calibrated

policies by monetary and fis-

cal authorities in the back-

drop of slowing global

Speaking at the release of

Monetary

'India's Relations with the

Fund', authored by V. Srini-

vas, Mr. Das said, "It is im-

portant in the backdrop of

slowing global growth that

policies of monetary and fis-

cal authorities are well-cali-

brated, so that they support

growth without further

build-up of leverage and as-

batch, Mr. Srinivas served as

Advisor to the Executive Di-

A civil servant of the 1989

set price bubbles."

growth.

International

Telco posted a loss of ₹4,881.9 crore in Q4 of 2018-19 SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT revenue per user (ARPU) was up 2.8% at ₹108 for the Vodafone Idea reported a June quarter. Vodafone Idea lags behind Reliance Jio which posted net profit of

loss at ₹4.873.9 crore

Vodafone Idea first quarter

net loss of ₹4873.9 crore for the first quarter. This follows a loss of ₹4,881.9 crore posted during the fourth quarter of 2018-19.

June quarter results are the third full-quarter results for Vodafone Idea, post completion of the merger of Vodafone India with Idea Cellular on August 31 last year. The loss was reported on

revenues of ₹11,270 crore and EBITDA of ₹3,650 crore with EBITDA margin of Balesh Sharma, CEO, Vo-

dafone Idea Ltd., said, "We are delivering on our stated strategy although the bene-

Das for calibrated policies



Delhi, West Bengal and The company's average

JSW Steel plans to raise ₹17,000 crore

To meet capex among other needs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISW Steel is planning to crore by way of redeemable non-convertible debentures in the domestic market and non-convertible, senior unsecured fixed rate bonds in the international market.

The company plans to raise ₹10,000 crore in the domestic market largely to replace short-term loans, meet long-term working capital requirements, capital expenditure and for general corporate purposes.

From the international market, ISW Steel plans to raise \$1 billion to meet its capital expenditure and repayment of outstanding loans to the company and general corporate purposes in the case of issuance from overseas subsidiaries.



orised the Finance Committee of Directors to decide on all matters relating to the aforesaid proposed issuance, including finalisation and approval of the detailed terms and conditions of issue and the type and number of bonds to be issued," the company said in a statement. JSW Steel net profit for the first quarter fell by over 56.9% to ₹1008 crore due to fall in sales due to subdued steel demand.

profitability SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mindtree to focus on

acceleration Revenue backed by a strong deal pipeline, pricing improv ment, control on cost and and better governance would be the drivers that would improve profitability of Mindtree in 2020 over FY19, said S.N. Subrahmanyan, MD & CEO, L&T.

During a conference call on Friday, Mr. Subrahmanyan, who is also a director of Mindtree, said: "The new change augurs well for Mindtree. Our focus is on operational excellence."

The new CEO will be appointed on August 1 and he would collaborate with Mindtree leadership to strengthen the growth momentum, he said. L&T was in a position to protect Mindtree from growth challenges, he added.

'Indian telecom sector will create 3,00,000 jobs in next 18 months'

Rural market will see a majority of these positions: Aruna

MINI TEJASWI BENGALURU

India's telecom sector will create up to 3,00,000 jobs in the next 18 months and a majority of these positions will come up in rural areas of the country, Telecom Secretary and Telecom Commission chairman Aruna Sundararajan said.

The sector has already created over 1,00,000 jobs since the introduction of the National Digital Communications Policy-2018 (NDCP), she said.

In an exclusive interaction with The Hindu, Ms. Sundararajan said: "As the investment in the sector starts to increase, jobs are expected to be created at a rapid pace. With roll out of services, including Wi-Fi services, in rural areas gaining



momentum, it is estimated that over 50% of these jobs will be created in rural India." The Telecom Ministry had earlier said that the new framework (NDCP) would draw investments worth \$100 billion into the country's telecom industry in five years. "Since then, a total investment of around \$16 billion has already been announced by the private sector companies and government via USOF [Universal Service Obligation Fund], with a rough split of 65% and 35% respectively. This investment is currently in different phases of infusion into the sector," she said. On the achievability of the

government's job target in telecom when most other sectors are talking about jobless growth, she said it [jobless growth] was happening in sectors where the physical infra creation requirement was low.

"This has never been the case with telecom sector. Almost 95% of the investment in the telecom sector goes into infrastructure creation and jobs creation will be a natural outcome of this investment," she asserted.

by monetary, fiscal authorities Global order today faces several challenges: RBI Governor job creation." He said solu-

Shaktikanta Das

rector for India at the IMF during 2003-06.

Emphasising on the need for prudent policies that are critical to growth, Mr. Das said, "Globally, we need to focus on policy space, judiciously use it, and simultaneously undertake structural reforms to improve productivity, innovation and ficult to come by as the global economy seemed 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. He said the general go-

vernment debt of advanced economies as a group had surpassed 100% GDP and fiscal space too was con-

vanced economies. "The global order today faces several challenges that will test the skills of the international organisations as well as those of national monetary and fiscal authorities," Mr. Das said.

strained in many of the ad-

Mining firm Vedanta's first quarter profit slides 12%

debt at Cairn India Holding

Revenue also lower on account of fall in commodity prices, says company

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Mining giant Vedanta saw its Q1 attributable net profit fall 12% to ₹1,351 crore, the company announced on Friday.

The company had registered an attributable net profit of ₹1,533 crore in the same quarter of the previous

"Revenue in Q1 FY2020 was at ₹21,167 crore, lower 4% y-o-y, primarily due to lower commodity prices partially offset by higher aluminium sales, volume addition from ESL [Electrosteel Steels Ltd.], commencement of Gamsberg mine and currency depreciation," the said in company statement.

The company said that its EBITDA for Q1 of the current financial year stood at ₹5,188 crore, lower by 20% compared to the same quarter of 2018-19, mainly due to lower



offset by easing of input commodity inflation, rupee depreciation and volume addition from the ESL acquisition.

The EBITDA margin during the quarter was at 27% compared to 34% in Q1 of the previous year. "Gross debt was at ₹59,517

crore on June 30, 2019, lower by ₹6,708 crore as compared to March 31, 2019," the company said. "This was mainly due to repayment of

Limited (CIHL), Vedanta Limited Standalone and temporary borrowings at Zinc India." The company's net debt stood at ₹28,743 crore on June 30, 2019, higher by ₹1,787 crore compared to its level on March 31, 2019, primarily due to working capital unwinding and regrouping of lease liability to borrowing due to INDAS 116 implementation, the company added. "Our businesses stayed

resilient in a quarter with low commodity prices and uncertain market environment and we continued to ramp up across the key verticals, zinc and oil and gas," Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan, CEO of Vedanta said. "Silver is outperforming as we climb up the ranks among

the top global silver producers. The company's aluminium business is steadily moving towards its target cost, Mr. Venkatakrishnan added.

The company also announced that Cairn India Holdings Limited, an overseas subsidiary of Vedanta, and Volcan Investments Limited had agreed to unwind entirely the structured investment entered between them in December 2018 ahead of the original schedule.

"With this, Volcan will exercise the early exchange option available to it on July 26, 2019 and consequent to this the full exchange of its two issues of mandatory exchangeable bonds secured by shares in Anglo American plc, will settle on August 12, 2019," Vedanta said. "The share price of Anglo American has close to doubled, since Volcan invested, delivering attractive gains to all investors.'

Sells stake in Anglo **American**

PIYUSH PANDEY MUMBAI

Agarwal-led Vedanta Limited has sold its stake in Anglo American with superior gains, giving rest to speculation that the mining baron will launch a bid to acquire the global miner.

However, the sale, with a net gain of over \$100 million, couldn't enable the firm to improve its profitability as net profit for the first quarter fell 12% to ₹1,351



Ekaya

the textile as a

the forefront of

luxury product. At

contemporising the

only way it can stay relevant" — Shah worked with

working on a revival project,

experiments on swatches to

14 French designers last year to

create a line of wedding gowns with

Banarasi textiles. Ekaya is currently

restoring old saris. Her team first

determine the original weaving

process, before restoring it. "We've

even remade entire saris. This helps

teach our weavers techniques that

might've been forgotten due to the

complexities involved," she says.

A recent Instagram campaign

the cricket pitch. Ekaya's latest

sought to "shatter stereotypes

around the sari," explains Palak

Shah, CEO of the label. The King's College London graduate, whose family has been in the business for over 120 years, is looking to position

showed women in Banarasi saris on

collab, with designer Masaba Gupta,

In its eighth edition, revivalist showcase Nayaab is shining the spotlight on Banarasi weaves — with fluid lines and contemporary interpretations

Hello again, Banaras

MALAVIKA BALASUBRAMANIAN

nce a staple at Indian weddings, Banarasi weaves have begun making its way into everyday wear, and most recently, on to the cricket pitch in an Instagram campaign. 'Contemporising helps introduce a new language of design," says Rakesh Thakore, one half of fashion designer duo Abraham &

This is what bi-annual Indian textile showcase, Nayaab, hopes to highlight. "Banaras is known for its exceptional skill of weaving, and the community is an ecosystem by itself," says Sharan Apparao, the Chennai-based gallerist who put together the event with designer Roopa Sood. The latter, a fan of Banaras' versatility,

adds, "Everybody has their own interpretations of how the weaves can be used."

In its carefully-curated eighth edition, Nayaab will feature 20 designers who've been reviving and reinterpreting tradition. While Varanasi-based label Ekaya has given it modern cuts and motifs, Delhi-based Abha Dalmia's designs merge traditional techniques like *phulkari* with Banarasi fabric. Such collabs are the way to take the story forward, says Thakore. "When two techniques are merged on a textile, it is a collaboration of minds that works beautifully, while keeping the core of the conversation to weaving," he says. Here are five labels that will be exhibiting and that are available beyond the show.



Delhi-based designer Himanshu Shani's desire to work with brocade led him to a weaving cluster near Ahmedabad, that works with the ashavali technique, but using natural dyes (which is in line with his label's aesthetic). A Gujarati brocade that made its way to Banaras, ashavali is "one of the founding techniques, and can be considered the origin of brocades as we know them today," he says. The label is also incorporating hand-painting. "We will have a traditional Mughal brocade with minakari work done in ashavali. Then we will hand-paint the outlines of the motifs [which will be done in Tirupati]," he explains.





Swati & Sunaina

The Kolkata-based label prides itself on reviving Banaras' many complex weaves by reinterpreting them. Credited with reviving the rangakaat weave, their newest venture is the gyasar. Introduced by Tibetan monks, it was done on thick silk-satin fabric and used on furnishings and tapestries. Adapting it to a sari took nearly twoand-half years, says co-founder Swati Agarwal. "We wanted to restructure the construction and make it fluid," she says, adding that the religious motifs were replaced with Tibetan flowers, while a special gold zari kept the Oriental feel intact. With six designs in the *gyasar* line, each took up to three to four months to weave.



Abha Dalmia

Among the first to revive Banarasi weaves over 50 years ago, Dalmia says, "My aim was to revive traditional designs that people find difficult to do. Now, everybody is doing it." Focussing on saris, with an emphasis on bridal wear, her line, Royal

> Trousseau, takes inspiration from various techniques from across India, such as Punjab's phulkari and Bengal's jamdhani — but adapting them to Banaras' weaves. When she envisions a new design, she sits with her weavers "experimenting with the techniques and patterns till we get it



Urvashi Kaur A chance encounter five years ago, with a couple selling old Banarasi saris at a shop in Delhi's Chanakyapuri, got Kaur interested in collecting vintage Banarasi textiles. For Nayaab her first attempt working with the textile — the designer has re-engineered the brocade, hand-sewing usable motifs and borders on to newer weaves. Like repurposed bits from an old pallu and the shoulder patches of a blouse on an

anarkali. Kaur has picked motifs that reflect a "confluence of European designs with Indian craftsmanship". For instance, the florals she's used are not "traditionally round", but more linear.

Brides, make a trunk call

Louis Vuitton curates a selection of wedding trunks geared for women (and men) assembling a trousseau

ROSELLA STEPHEN

"I might have put the bride in the trunk, if I had my way... with the top open, of course." That's Anaita Shroff Adajania for you, India's most wanted stylist and Vogue India's fashion director. We are talking about the Louis Vuitton Bridal Salon campaign photos, styled by someone else, that highlight the trousseau box, or the Malle Courrier, and other trunks and bags that will be tasked with protecting the contents of a bride's voluminous wardrobe. Some hold silk saris or diamond jewellery, and several are artfully piled beside an automobile or a fully-veiled bride. I like Adajania's idea. These trunks, crafted in Asnieres and often commissioned by legends, from Hemingway (he had a library trunk) to opera star Lily Pons (her shoe trunk could fit 36 pairs), need more of the bride in the picture. LV's iconic travel trunks, in gaboon, poplar or beech wood, with exclusive brass locks, make for spectacular memory keepers, after all, and what better than our Indian weddings to create those memories?

The LV salon is part of The Vogue Wedding Show next month, now in its seventh edition and Conde Nast India's most successful property. "It is a validation of the show to have the world's largest luxury brand on board," observes Arjun Mehra, chief business officer, Conde Nast India. With India's wedding services market valued at over \$50 billion, this event has many of the country's leading designers in attendance, and easily draws visitors from over a 100 cities. Most visit with the single-minded purpose of splashing out on their high-profile family wedding and perhaps price tags of ₹1.12 lakh* (the Erin Declaration box for the engagement ring, the smallest of the pieces on show) to ₹23.5 lakh* (the Malle Courrier 1100) won't come as a

As Adajania points out, each of the 150-plus pieces to be displayed is a keeper. Having worked with the brand for over 20 years, she agrees that it has

moved seamlessly from customising trunks for maharajas to finding contemporary context. As for herself, she says her most precious Cashmere shawl would go into the Malle Courrier, with her wedding sari and photos... "now a rare commodity". The Indian bride, of course, doesn't have to stop with the trunk. Keeping both festive and intimate nights in mind, there is the Boite Jeu De Poker for an impromptu game, and the Boite Champagne, for the requisite bubbly.

*prices approximate, from us.louisvuitton.com, a

The Louis Vuitton Bridal Salon is at the Vogue Wedding Show, August 2-4, at the Taj Palace, New Delhi. Details: 18001039988



PRODUCTS

Calling Ariana fans

Here's some merch if you're celebrating pop singer Ariana Grande's 10 Video Music Award nominations (one of the highest from this year). Sweatshirts, sparkly hair clips, tie-dye bodysuits and a pair of socks (one of which says 'thank u' and the other 'next') are part of her recent collaboration with fashion retailer H&M.

The 10-piece release pays homage to her popular songs, with her face on hoodies and sweatshirts.

Available at 2.hm.com; ₹414 upward

Travel bright

This Off-White carry-on from their Ouote line is made with a durable polycarbonate shell that can withstand the vagaries of travel. It is embossed with the label's X logo on one side and designer Virgil Abloh's signature quotation-marked

branding on the other. Navigate through the airport effortlessly with four 360° wheels. The logo-embossed vinyl cover will keep it scratch-free.

Available on mytheresa.com; at approximately ₹48,000

5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE



CONCLAVE

On the eve of World Hepatitis Day, the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences is hosting a conclave titled, Empowering People against Hepatitis. This will focus on spreading awareness about hepatitis and address the stigma associated with the disease by encouraging dialogue among care providers, civil society and patients. **VENUE:** D1 ILBS Road, Vasant Kunj **TIME:** 4 p.m.



Bharatanatyam

Bharatanatyam artists Gayathri Sharma, Santanu Chakraborty and Bhadra Sinha come together to present Sitayana, a dance-drama interpretation of Sita's poignant journey and its relevance in the modern-day context. Choreographed by Guru V Krishnamoorthi, the dance recital attempts to retell Sita's story from different perspective. **VENUE:** Delhi Tamil Sangam, Sector-5, R.K.Puram **TIME:** 6:30 p.m.



Dastan-e-Mahabharata A presentation of the Mahabharata in dastangoi form, written and directed by Danish Igbal, will be performed by noted dastangoi artists, Fouzia Dastango and Firoz Khan, this evening. Various episodes will be covered using poetry from Urdu versions of the epic, alternating this poetry with narration of the great battle.

VENUE: C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, IIC



Kaleidoscope

Renowned Bharatanatyam exponent Priya Venkataraman presents her annual dance concert called, Dance Kaleidoscope, this evening. This Bharatanatyam recital will feature more than 50 young student performers. Their agile dance moves will reflect changing patterns, sequences and a kaleidoscope of colour.

VENUE: Shiv Nadar School Auditorium, Gurugram TIME: 6:30 p.m.



K-Pop

The Korean Cultural Centre India will hold the grand finale of LG K-pop India contest 2019. The competition consists of online, regional and final round with separate categories for vocal and performance. The final winner will represent India and compete in Changwon K-Pop World Festival. in South Korea.

VENUE: Talkotara Stadium TIME: 4:30 p.m.



songs, and 'Sachiya Mohabbatan'

is one of the better songs from the

album. Sung by Sachet Tandon

(from another composer duo, Sa-

chet Parampara), the breezy melo-

dy has a déjà vu feel, but is quite

hummable and hence sticks. 'Cra-

zy Habibi vs Decent Munda', mar-

keted as the "mandatory item num-

ber", is pretty much just that - a

regular item number that has tem-

plate Arabic elements (Benny

Dayal in charge of Arabic lyrics and

vocals) infused amidst the regular

dance elements. Though Randha-

wa does not co-compose this one,

he does write it and lead the

Although not marketed, the al-

bum also has a mandatory 'daaru

song' - this one comes from a guest

composer. 'Sip Sip' is a single that

Akash D and Guru Bhullar released

late last year on T Series' Punjabi

channel, the song is reused as is for

Arjun Patiala. Once again, it's stan-

dard middling Punjabi dance fare

From what the trailer indicates.

Arjun Patiala is not a movie that

takes itself seriously. While I am actually waiting for a laugh riot, I

wish they had taken the music

more seriously. All in all, its unremarkable stuff from Sachin Jigar

which is particularly disappoint-

ing, given their reduced output in

Top songs: 'Sachiya Mohabbatan',

that's far from memorable.

Let the mind games begin

Judgementall Kya Hai's refusal to get boxed in also turns out to be its biggest undoing

NAMRATA JOSHI

The one big issue with most Indian thrillers, mysteries and horror films is the urgency to provide neat closures than letting things remain tantalisingly unexplained. The curse of the explicatory works against Judgementall Hai Kya (JHK) as well. But then it is never quite clear what the film wants to be. A psychological thriller? A black comedy? What could have otherwise been a great thing about JHK – its refusal to get boxed in also proves to be its undoing. It ends up trying to be a lot more than what it is, and somewhere falls between the many stools it wants to stretch itself on.

The first half tries to venture into a kind of screwball-mindgames zone that Hindi cinema normally doesn't touch with a bargepole; and it holds rather well. Two eccentric individuals - a dubbing artiste and wannabe actor Bobby (Kangana Ranaut) and Keshav (Rajkummar Rao)-are thrown together and

Judgementall Hai Kya

DIRECTOR: Prakash Kovelamudi са<mark>sт:</mark> Kangana Ranaut, Rajkummar Rao, Brijendra Kala, Satish Kaushik RUN TIME: 121.01

STORYLINE: What happens when two eccentric individuals are thrown together? With a freak death in between. Do sparks fly?

then a freak death follows. All the characters around the two from Bobby's sex-deprived boyfriend to the investigating cops are also kooky to the core. And whimsy gets thrown in with the merging of the real and the reel, a black cat called Panauti (purveyor of bad luck) and use of devices like a flying cockroach (which is computer-generated, we are informed right at the start of the film, lest someone cries cruelty to animals) and that boy at the turn of the road standing with fortune cookie messages for Bobby. Are they a creation of her mind? What is real and what is delusional? Is



Fitting right in Both Ranaut and Rao are well invested in their characters • • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Keshav hiding something? Who is manipulating whom? What to make of Bobby's Norman Bateslike voyeuristic ways? And the violent stories she tells that end with practical messages, like "wear your seatbelt". So far,

Both Ranaut and Rao are well invested in and perfectly finetuned to their characters and to each other. A dash of poignancy adds to the demons in Bobby's head and, in turn, Ranaut's rendition of her troubled mind; something that could have lapsed

into a stereotype in the hands of a lesser actor.

It's in the second half that things steadily collapse, and the film becomes a confusing mess. The undoing lies in the protracted reinterpretation of Ramayana and the issues of male toxicity and domestic violence that get hammered in when they are amply evident. And then, there are the surreal characters and devices that alienate more than engage the audience. There is a wisp of an interesting relationship developing between Bobby and the Ramayana director played by Jimmy Shergill but it gets short shrift. Some moments turn out unintentionally laughable and it all ends in a totally convenient and clumsy reveal that we see coming.

Eventually, JHK turns out to be Ranaut's assertion that she is much misunderstood but will live the way she wants to -"Apne hisse ka jeena" (Your own slice of life and way of living)-as an individual, and an actor. But it could well mean more for some of us. With the kind of irrationality and lack of logic we witness in the world around, perhaps it's those who are branded mad by the supposedly sane who should take over. That's the message, I came back with after watching IHK.

Dominated by Punjabi sound

The soundtrack for *Arjun Patiala* is standard middling fare with just two hummable numbers

VIPIN NAIR

Arjun Patiala's director Rohit Jugraj Chauhan has been active predominantly in the Punjabi industry for the past few years. Therefore, the movie's Punjabi setting and thereby a dominance of Punjabi dance tracks shouldn't come as a surprise in the soundtrack – the only element that gave me some hope is the presence of names like Dinesh Vijan and Sachin-Jigar.

With its rhythm and Kishore Sodha's trumpets dominating the backdrop, one is quite likely to get reminded of 'Badtameez Dil' while listening to 'Main Deewana Tera'. the only song in the album with a Hindi hook. An entertaining and very earworm-y song, delivered well by Guru Randhawa and Nikhita Gandhi. Randhawa is also lyricist and has co-composed the song with Sachin-Jigar. Though the duo was doing quite fine, and I wonder why they felt the need for a third composer in the equation now?

The threesome also shares credits for 'Dil Todeya', one of the slower melodic tracks of the album. Not that it is that great a composition, but it would definitely have sounded more appealing had the movie's main man Diljit Dosanjh not been singing it.

The most interesting thing about the song was the use of a kamancha, the Persian bowed instrument. It has been played by Armenian musician Rasa-lila Buniatyan, who apparently lives in Mumbai, so I expect her to feature more of-

'Main Deewana Tera' Diljit Dosanjh and Kriti Sanon in Arjun Patiala. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

recent times.



On a road to nowhere

Despite the presence of a likable Diljit Dosanjh and potentially zany situations, the film raises no laughs

NAMRATA JOSHI

Somewhere in the middle of Arjun Patiala there is a killing scene at a Ferozpur dhaba. A top criminal is finished off by the innocent, boyish-looking sharpshooter Sakool (Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub) in a cool, matter-of-fact manner. It is the one and only bit in the film, that elevates the spoof to what it needed to have been, but unfortunately, is not: zany. Despite the role being tiny, Ayyub tries to execute with pokerfaced conviction and, in the process, turns the silliness into something marginally sublime. The scene is the only remotely interesting thing about a film that just doesn't seem to

Ferozpur cop Arjun Patiala



Rough and rustic A film that just doesn't seem to hold SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

(Diljit Dosanjh) and his sidekick Onidda Singh (Varun Sharma) are on a mission to wipe out crime in their own unique way. By letting rowdies take on the

rowdies and kill each other. On the sidelines, a romance is brewing between the cop and a firebrand journalist Ritu Randhawa (Kriti Sanon). All this is itself a

Arjun Patiala

DIRECTOR: Rohit Jugraj CAST: Diljit Dosanjh, Kriti Sanon, Varun Sharma, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Seema Pahwa RUN TIME: 106 minutes STORYLINE: Ferozpur cop Ariun and his sidekick Onidda Singh are on a mission to wipe out

film being narrated by a writerdirector (Abhishek Banerjee) to the producer (Pankaj Tripathi) in what forms the prologue before the opening credits roll on.

Arjun Patiala feels like a Punjabi film masquerading as a Bollywood one. The humour is deliberately rough and rustic and the filmmaking clunky. The hero banal and incorrect lines about maa behen ki izzat (respect for one's mother and sister) but gets away from it all by giving a selfrighteous lecture on consent. Dosanjh is his usual likeable self, Sanon adopts the pretty and perky mode and Sharma looks like he is still living in Fukrey. Once a Choocha Singh, always a Choocha Singh. Tripathi does another one of his lucky comic mascot turns. Like him, there are several other talented names, Seema Pahwa for one as the sweater-knitting MLA – who is wasted despite showing that much-needed spark. It's as if, even before Arjun Patiala hit the theatres everyone seemed to have lost interest in it, including the makers.

has a glad eye, uses some utterly

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PEANUTS









HAGAR THE HORRIBLE







CALVIN AND HOBBES THIS VACATION SURE WENT OUTCKLY. TO ANT BELIEVE ITS TIME TO GO HOME SO SOOM.







4 Stretch out (6)

7 Isolation (of a hermit?) (12) 8 Assume control of a situation (4,3,5)

13 Hand down (8) 16 Make believe (7) 17 Coastal department of western France (6)

19 Illumination (5)

21 Perform in the street for money (4)

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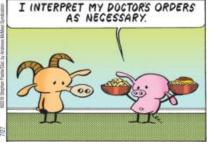
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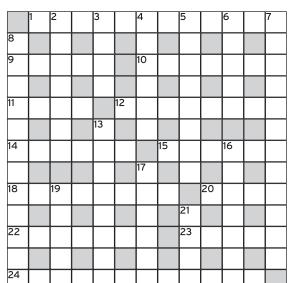
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AGrandmaster for every square junior players, there 14 Indians; among the junior players, there are

India now has 64 GMs. The last ten vears have seen a surge in numbers. with as many as 44 players earning the title. What has Indian chess got right and what can it do better?



P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Prithu **7**hen Gupta became India's latest Grandmaster (GM) last week, the world did not stop. Just as it doesn't when an Indian pace bowler clocks 90mph.

But it wasn't always so. An Indian getting a GM title used to be a rare occurrence, like the sighting of a genuine fast bowler this side of the Wagah border.

Now, let us take nothing away from Gupta's feat, which he achieved at the age of 15, that too after beginning to play at nine - about five years later than most of his contemporaries.

In the mind game played over 64 squares, the Delhi teenager is India's 64th GM. When The Hindu met Viswanathan Anand – the five-time World champion who single-handedly revolutionised Indian chess after becoming the country's first GM – last September in Chennai, India had 54.

The genial genius had spoken of how unsure he had been about getting his GM title. He achieved it in 1988. It took India another three years to greet its second GM (Dibyendu Barua). The third (Pravin Thipsay) came along six years after that.

Now you find an Indian making a GM norm - one needs three for the title - in most weeks from a tournament in some part of the world.

That doesn't necessarily mean that earning the GM title has become a lot easier (talented players such as P. Konguvel and K. Ratnakaran would tell you it hasn't). It means that Indian players have become stronger and are getting more opportunities than their predecessors. Of an estimated eight million chess players across the world, only 1.680 are GMs.

So, Indian chess has reasons to be proud. The latest world ranking should make it even prouder: India is placed fourth, behind Russia, United States and China. In the world's top 100

14 Indians; among the top 100 junior girls, there are

ranked as high in. Anand is, of course, the main reason for India's rise as a chess power, but the All India Chess Federation (AICF) deserves credit as well. It has set up a system that has helped produce a large number of players by conducting several Stateand National-level tournaments - more than any other body - and helping them win World and Asian age-group titles.

The organisation will have to do a lot more, though, if India wants somebody other than Anand to feature consistently in the top 10. Or if it has ambitions of winning the Chess Olympiad or producing a serious challenger for the World title.

Champion material

The men's and women's teams from China are the reigning champions at the Olympiad (the equivalent of tennis' Davis Cup). Last year at the 43rd edition of the tournament in Batumi, Georgia, where 180 countries took part, India's men's team was placed sixth, while the women finished eighth.

Although China hasn't had a male World champion (Anand, in fact, remains the only Asian to wear the crown), it has had six female World champions. For India, Koneru Humpy, one of the strongest players in the history of women's chess, approached the throne on a few occasions but could not quite make it. She is 32 now and World No. 4, so there is still the possibility of her winning the World title.

"Humpy certainly has the talent for it," says Thipsay, the Mumbai-based GM who continues to play, in addition to conducting training sessions. "But she needs to work on some areas of her game, like tactics in certain double-edged positions in which you have to play like a street fighter. She could do that with some of the top coaches of the world. We all thought she would surely win the World champion-

nine. In the women's top 100, there are seven. There aren't many tru-

ly global sports India is

ship. She still has seven or eight years to do it."

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R. Pragg-nanandhaa

2019

D. Gukesh

And this period, the next eight to ten years, promises to be pretty exciting for Indian chess at large. It will be particularly interesting to see how the three prodigies, Nihal Sarin, R. Praggnanandhaa and D. Gukesh, de-Nihal (15) and Pragg-

nanandhaa (13) have already caught the world's imagination and many believe they have the potential to win the World championship. The expectations from Gukesh (13), India's youngest-ever GM, are also high.

After observing players like them, former World Vladimir champion Kramnik, who will train some of them for a fortnight next month, said that India had the strongest young generation of players ever for any

"I am not sure if that is a correct assessment," says Thipsay. "Kramnik's own Russian generation was stronger. But I, too, have great expectations from some of these young kids, like Nihal, who is a genius and a complete natural, and nanandhaa."

R.B. Ramesh, who used to be one of India's sharpest GMs before becoming the coach of prodigies like Praggnanandhaa and Aravindh Chithambaram, believes India could take a leaf out of China's book when it comes to nurturing exceptional talent.

"We have done well with our system to produce a large number of good players, but we often see our youngsters stagnate or fizzle out after a certain point," says the Chennai-based coach. "The Chinese identify their potential world champions very young and it would be a small number of players – and work extensively with them. We, too, should try to put a proper system in place for training the best of our youngsters on a long-term basis. And we should also have high-category tournaments in India, where players like Praggnanandhaa and Nihal can take part."

How big events help Indian chess would gain further if there were even bigger tournaments that interest the likes of Anand and World champion Magnus Carlsen. Since 2000, Anand has played just one tournament in India that wasn't tors should not have let an official FIDE event.

That was possible because Tata Steel, which hosts a prestigious tournament in the Netherlands annually, decided to conduct a rapid and blitz tournament in Kolkata last year. The AICF should have tried to get corporate houses interested in sponsoring big events like that at least a couple of decades ago.

For a sport that boasts a legend like Anand and some of the world's most exciting youngsters, it shouldn't be that difficult to attract corporate interest. "Today, a top Indian player needs either sponsorship or a well-paying job," says Thipsay. "We have to think about the future of talented players like S.L. Narayanan (India No. 10)."

You can always argue that chess is not a spectator sport; corporates wouldn't care. But it is learnt that two decades ago, one of India's largest multinational companies wanted to invest heavily in chess and had ambitious plans, including an exhibition match between Anand and actor Aamir Khan, a chess enthusiast. That could have helped chess get the attention it hadly needed. The match didn't take place, but the business house did sponsor a few promising Indian players. The chess administra-

that opportunity go. It still isn't too late to meet top executives across a chessboard and talk. An Indian chess league or an idea of similar ambition will be a big step towards ensuring that the talent in the country realises its fullest potential.

WORD PLAY

Whizzer

• What is it? It's a clinch hold in wrestling, similar positionally to the 'overhook'. It involves putting an arm over and around the opponent's arm, encircling it - done expertly, this isolation of the limb enables a wrestler to control the opponent's upper body.

How is it used? It's extremely versatile. Primarily a defence against leg takedowns - when an opponent shoots the leg, a wrestler can counter it by locking the arm - the 'whizzer' can be just as effective in offence. The clinch can progress into an upper-body throw.



• What is its origin? The move is as old as grappling itself, but the origin of the term is a complete mystery. Some think 'whizzer' comes from 'wizard', because of how magically simple and effective it is. But there is no evidence for this or any other explanation.

POINTS EVENTS

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Not to be confused with The comicbook hero with superhuman speed. The wrestling hold isn't as inventive as the fictional version - he got his powers after a transfusion of mongoose blood to cure a cobra bite. But it can be quick and lethal. So the confusion is justified.

ON THE BOX







SAT: Kolkata v Goa, 7.10 P.M.; STAR SPORTS 1, STAR SPORTS SELECT 1 & HD. SUN: Chennai v Pune, 7.10 P.M.; STAR SPORTS 1, STAR SPORTS SELECT 1 & HD.

■ Japan Open badminton: SAT: 6.30 P.M.; STAR SPORTS 2 & HD. SUN: 8 A.M.; STAR SPORTS 2 & HD.

■ Pro Kabaddi League:

SAT: U Mumba v Puneri Paltan, 7.10 P.M., Jaipur Pink Panthers v Bengal Warriors, 8.30 P.M.; STAR SPORTS 2 & HD. SUN: Dabang Delhi v Harvana Steelers, 7.15 P.M., U Mumba v Bengaluru Bulls, 8.30

P.M.; STAR SPORTS 2 & HD. ■ F1 German GP: SAT: Qualifying, 6.25 P.M.; STAR SPORTS SELECT 2 & HD. SUN: Main race, 6.35 P.M.; STAR SPORTS

■ ATP 500 Hamburg Open: SAT: Semifinals, 5 P.M.; SONY ESPN HD. SUN: Final, 3.30 P.M.; SONY ESPN & HD.

■ Cricket:

SELECT 2 & HD.

SUN: Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh 2nd ODI, 2.30 P.M.; SONY SIX & HD. England women vs Australia women, 2nd T20I, 6.30 P.M.; SONY ESPN & HD.

STACKING UP



ICC Test Rankings

#	TEAM	М	PTS	RATE
1	India	32	3,631	113
2	New Zealand	23	2,547	111
3	South Africa	27	2,917	108
4	England	35	3,663	105
5	Australia	27	2,640	98
6	Sri Lanka	37	3,462	94
7	Pakistan	27	2,263	84
8	West Indies	29	2,381	82
9	Bangladesh	22	1,438	65
10	Zimbabwe	9	140	16

ODI Rankings # TEAM

_1	England	52	6,420	123
2	India	56	6,807	122
3	New Zealand	42	4,763	113
4	Australia	49	5,470	112
5	South Africa	47	5,193	110
6	Pakistan	49	4,756	97
7	Bangladesh	43	3,873	90
8	Sri Lanka	51	4,009	79
9	West Indies	47	3,606	77
10	Afghanistan	40	2,359	59

T20I Rankings

#	TEAM	М	PTS	RATE
1	Pakistan	26	7,365	283
2	England	16	4,253	266
3	South Africa	16	4,196	262
4	Australia	21	5,471	261
5	India	28	7,273	260
6	New Zealand	16	4,056	254
7	Afghanistan	16	3,849	241
8	Sri Lanka	18	4,093	227
9	West Indies	21	4,747	226
10	Bangladesh	16	3,525	220

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Kento Momota Shi Yuai

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ATP Rankings

2 Rafael Nadal

Novak Djokovic

Roger Federer

Dominic Thiem

Alexander Zvere

Stefanos Tsitsipa:

Karen Khachanov

12 Juan Martin del Potro

13 Roberto Bautista Agut

16 Nikoloz Basilashvili

Kei Nishikori

9 Daniil Medvedev

10 Fabio Fognini

11 Kevin Anderson

14 John Isner

15 Borna Coric

17 Marin Cilic

18 David Goffi

19 Gael Monfils

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Women's Top Five

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5	P.V. Sindhu	24	80,634	18
4	Chen Yufei	21	88,565	17
3	Nozomi Okuhara	24	88,836	20
2	Akane Yamaguchi	22	92,130	20
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1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	223
2	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	184
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	136
4	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	123
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	120
6	Pierre Gasly	Red Bull	55
7	Carlos Sainz	McLaren	38
8	Kimi Raikkonen	Alfa Romeo	25
9	Lando Norris	McLaren	22
10	Daniel Ricciardo	Renault	22
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Renault	17
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	14
13	Sergio Perez	Racing Point	13
14	Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	12
15	Alexander Albon	Toro Rosso	7
16	Lance Stroll	Racing Point	6
17	Romain Grosjean	Haas	2
18	Antonio Giovinazzi	Alfa Romeo	1

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3335	2	Dustin Johnson		
3337	3	Rory McIlroy		
133	4	Justin Rose		
	5	Tiger Woods		

1	Brooks Koepka	44	504.72	11.47	
2	Dustin Johnson	47	446.51	9.50	
3	Rory McIlroy	47	395.00	8.40	
4	Justin Rose	48	394.15	8.21	
5	Tiger Woods	40	281.51	7.04	
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Top Indians ▶

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1	Sung Hyun Park	48	402.82	8.39
2	Jin-Young Ko	52	379.58	7.30
3	Lexi Thompson	40	277.35	6.93
4	Minjee Lee	56	361.65	6.46



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WTA Rankings # PLAYER

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2	Naomi Osaka	21	6,257	1
3	Karolina Pliskova	27	6,055	2
4	Simona Halep	27	5,933	1
5	Kiki Bertens	27	5,130	2
6	Petra Kvitova	29	4,785	1
7	Elina Svitolina	24	4,638	1
8	Sloane Stephens	26	3,802	2
9	Serena Williams	37	3,411	1
10	Aryna Sabalenka	21	3,365	2
11	Anastasija Sevastova	29	3,136	2
12	Belinda Bencic	22	2,963	2
13	Angelique Kerber	31	2,875	2
14	Qiang Wang	27	2,872	2
15	Johanna Konta	28	2,790	2
16	Marketa Vendrouseus	20	2 652	- 1



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Ageless Pacquiao not done throwing punches

The 40-year-old has had a remarkable second wind. He has beaten dangerous opponents and won a belt. What's next for the oldest welterweight champion in history?

ASHWIN ACHAL

couple of years ago, it seemed as if Manny Pac-**A**guiao's incredible career was coming to an end. Pacquiao, the only eight-division world champion in the history of boxing, had suffered a controversial unanimous decision upset loss at the hands of unheralded Austral-

Pacquiao was 38, and the general consensus among experts was that he was rapidly losing his much-vaunted speed and skills. He had already flirted with retirement, having taken a mini-break a few months earlier.

What was left for Pacquiao to achieve in the ring? He had already cemented his place as one of the all-time greats of the sport, with multiple major world titles to his name. With the exception of undefeated legend Floyd Mayweather, Pacquiao had racked up victories over every major contender of his era.

Managing success

Unlike many other ageing boxers, Pacquiao was not in financial distress either, having reportedly earned over \$1 billion during the course of his 22-year professional career.

He was a two-time congressman in the Philippine House of Representatives and was in line to become a senator. It seemed like the stage was set for Pacquiao to hang up his gloves.

But he was not done throwing punches yet. Since the defeat to Horn, Pacquiao has defied all odds to string together a remarkable three-fight win streak. His most recent success came a week

The Pacquiao file

 Born on December 17, 1978 in Kibawe, Philippines

• Dropped out of school at age 14 because of his family's economic situation

• Spent time living on the streets of Manila, before earning a spot in the Philippine national amateur boxing team

 Made his professional boxing debut in January 1995, at age 16 (unanimous decision victory over Edmund Ignacio)

• Defeated Thailand's Chatchai Sasakul in 1998 to win the WBC flyweight title – the first of 12 major championships in eight different weight divisions

 Moved to USA in 2001, in search of bigger and better

• Was the second-highest-paid athlete in the world as of 2015, according to Forbes

• Twice elected to the House of Representatives of the Philippines before being elected as a senator in June 2016

ago, against Keith 'One Time' Thurman, known to be one of the hardest punchers in the welterweight division. In a vintage performance, Pacquiao made a mockery of the 10-year age-difference with a master-class.

Pacquiao was quicker to the punch, lighter on his feet, dropping Thurman to the canvas with a textbook left-right combination in the first round.

Pacquiao put on a show, even doing a Muhammad Ali-inspired shuffle dance at the end of the second round. The 12-round split decision win over the previously undefeated Thurman made Pacquiao, at age 40, the oldest welterweight champion in history.

Pacquiao had steadily worked his way up to this milestone moment. He entered the Thurman bout high on confidence, having stopped two dangerous opponents in Lucas Matthysse and Adrien Broner.

A punt that paid off

In what was a big gamble, Pacquiao took on Matthysse without his long-time trainer, Freddie Roach. It marked the first time in 34 fights that Pacquiao did not have the hugely respected Roach in his corner, preferring to give the role to his friend and Roach's assistant Buboy Fernandez instead.

The move worked, as Pacquiao whipped the Argentinean WBA welterweight champion into submission, knocking him down three times.

A thunderous upper cut in the seventh round forced Matthysse to call it quits. The crowd at Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur roared, relieved that Pacquiao had lost none of his fighting ped-Pacquiao then easily dismissed

defend his belt, in a unanimous decision victory, ensuring he was well and truly ready to solve the Thurman puzzle. So what's next for Pacquiao?

mercurial American Broner to

The most likely option will be a fight against Errol Spence, the IBF welterweight champion. The 29-year-old Spence, equipped with tremendous

punching power and excellent technique, is a dangerous prospect. Now at the peak of his powers, Spence presents Pacquiao with his biggest test yet.

And then there is the most enticing option – a second battle with Mayweather.

The two fighters have a long history, one which came to a head in their 2015 bout, dubbed the 'Fight of the Century'. The much-anticipated outing, however, did not live up to expectations, as Pacquiao had no answer to Mayweather's defence-oriented strategy.

Mayweather came out the winner, but the fans were less than pleased with the slow, listless action in the ring.

Will Pacquiao and Mayweather come together to set the record straight with a thriller? It looks unlikely, as the 42-year-old Mayweather has been retired now for nearly two years.

Mayweather-Pacquiao 2?

This didn't stop Mayweather – in attendance at the Pacquiao-Thurman fight – from firing shots at his old rival.

"This man's [Pacquiao's] entire legacy and career has been built off its association with my name and it's about time you all stop using my brand for clout chasing and clickbait and let that man's name hold weight of its own," Mayweather posted on Instagram, after Pacquiao had challenged him to a rematch.

Pacquiao responded, "You come to my fight and then use my name in a post but I'm the one that is trying to stay relevant? If you want to be relevant again... #MayPac2".

Regardless of what the future holds for Pacquiao, there is no denying the fact that the Filipino has left his mark on the sport. And he's not done yet.

Round 11: German GP HOCKENHEIM SPEEDS, GEARS, LAP AND SECTOR TIMES ARE BASED ON 2017/18 DATA SOURCE: FIA MARSHAL POSTS LIGHT PANELS **S** FIA MEDICAL & SAFETY CARS **NUMBER OF LAPS: 67** RACE DISTANCE: 306.458 KM **CIRCUIT LENGTH: 4.574KM** technically demanding long straight into the hairpin **RACE NOTES** Motodrom stadium complex at turn 6 being one of the ■ Hockenheim was once most profitable places for ■ Pirelli has nominated the famous for its long straights and rapid top-line speed, but the remodelled 2002 version three middle compounds ■ The weather in Hockenheim of its five-tyre range — C2 at this time of the year is (hard), C3 (medium), and C4 of the track is less extreme challenging to predict and (soft) - in line with the track's Seen as a 'standard' circuit, balanced profile could act as a wildcard. The the lap has a blend of corners probability of a safety car, ■ The circuit has several

Vettel returns to where it began to unravel

overtaking spots, with the

The German's crash in Hockenheim last year undid his title bid — and ever since then, he has looked a shadow of the driver that won the championship four times

ockenheim is just half an hour away from Se-La bastian Vettel's home town Heppenheim, but the four-time world champion's memories of the 4.5km circuit aren't warm and fuzzy.

and speeds — fast, flowing

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It was at last season's German Grand Prix that it all began to unravel for Vettel. He was poised to extend his championship lead over Mercedes rival Lewis Hamilton, who had started 14th, with an easy win in front of his home fans from pole position when a sudden shower changed things.

Vettel crashed out as Hamilton came through to win and seize a lead he would never give up. It was the most high-profile of several mistakes that undid the German's championship bid last year and surely the most painful.

The errors have continued this season, most recently in Britain where he ran into the back of Max Verstappen's Red Bull. So Vettel will be battling his demons as well as his rivals on his return to Hockenheim this weekend.

The Ferrari No. 1 now risks being upstaged by younger



teammate Charles Leclerc. who has already had more podiums, poles and fastest laps this season and is only three points adrift.

Vettel, who got his first taste of Formula One at the track watching boyhood idol Michael Schumacher drive

around in his Benetton on a

wet Friday of practice, has never won in Hockenheim.

A Mercedes celebration

from historical evidence, is

close to 50%

Hamilton, on the other hand, has tasted victory in Hockenheim thrice. Another triumph for the five-time champion and current leader, 39 points clear of teammate Valtteri Bottas, would go down well on a weekend when Mercedes is celebrating 125 years of motorsport and its 200th Formula One

But Mercedes is taking nothing for granted. "The weather forecast

predicts high temperatures, which were extremely challenging for us in Austria, so we must stay vigilant," said principal Toto Wolff, whose team was dealt its only defeat of the season so far in Austria. "Like Spielberg, Hockenheim is also a rela tively short circuit, which will close the gaps between different teams."

Red Bull, which appears to have edged ahead of Ferrari over the last few races, won in the heat of Austria with Verstappen and could be in contention again. REUTERS

GAME THEORY

Perry good at cricket

Ellyse Perry played a significant role in Australia retaining the multi-format Ashes in England – she led the bowling charts in the ODIs (11 wickets at 9.54) and made a century and a fifty in the Test. A top-order batter and opening bowler, the 28-year-old has been one of the world's finest all-round cricketers over the last few years. The numbers suggest she is one of the best ever, across formats

The tables list the players with the best average difference (batting average - bowling average) of all time. Perry is in the top 5 in all three formats

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Rank	Player	Span	Mat	Runs	Bat Avg	100	Wkts	Bowl Avg	5w	Avg Diff
1	Ellyse Perry (Aus)	2008-2019	8	624	78.00	2	31	18.19	2	59.81
2	Betty Wilson (Aus)	1948-1958	11	862	57.46	3	68	11.80	4	45.66
3	Enid Bakewell (Eng)	1968-1979	12	1,078	59.88	4	50	16.62	3	43.26
4	Myrtle Maclagan (Eng)	1934-1951	14	1,007	41.95	2	60	15.58	3	26.37
5	Molly Hide (Eng)	1934-1954	15	872	36.33	2	36	15.25	1	21.08

■ Perry's three most recent Test innings are 213 n.o., 116 and 76 n.o.

Min: 500 runs and 20 wickets

Min: 1,000 runs & 50 wickets

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Rank	Player	Span	Mat	Runs	Bat Avg	100	Wkts	Bowl Avg	5w	Avg Diff
1	Karen Rolton (Aus)	1995-2009	141	4,814	48.14	8	85	20.81	0	27.33
2	Ellyse Perry (Aus)	2007-2019	106	2,820	50.35	1	145	24.87	3	25.48
3	Stafanie Taylor (WI)	2008-2019	120	4,447	43.17	5	139	20.31	0	22.86
4	Carole Hodges (Eng)	1982-1993	47	1,073	32.51	2	58	15.06	0	17.45
5	Dane van Niekerk (SA)	2009-2019	99	2,048	36.57	1	128	19.28	2	17.29

■ Between 2007 and 2013, Perry averaged 23.12 with the bat, with 1 fifty, from 57 ODIs. Since January 2014, she averages 70.78, with 1 hundred and 26 fifties, from 49 games

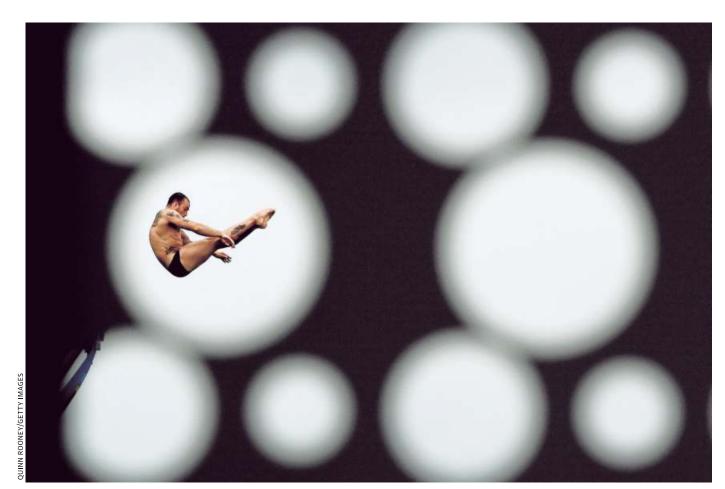
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Rank	Player	Span	Mat	Runs	Bat Avg	100	Wkts	Bowl Avg	5w	Avg Diff	
1	Stafanie Taylor (WI)	2008-2019	97	2,844	36.00	0	84	16.77	0	19.23	
2	Sophie Devine (NZ)	2006-2019	83	1,955	27.92	0	80	16.75	0	11.17	
3	Dane van Niekerk (SA)	2009-2019	76	1,699	29.80	0	58	20.63	0	9.17	
4	Deandra Dottin (WI)	2008-2019	110	2,368	26.60	2	59	18.08	1	8.52	
5	Ellyse Perry (Aus)	2008-2018	102	951	27.17	0	100	19.19	0	7.98	
= 35 nl	35 players have a batting strike-rate of more than 100 in T20Is. Perry is 30th with Min: 500 runs and 20 wickets										

a strike-rate of 104.73. South Africa's Chloe Tryon leads the field (138.27)

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

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Sync, swim, or jump

water polo.

The FINA World Championships is a biennial event in which athletes from all over the world compete in aquatic sports - swimming, synchronised swimming, open water swimming, diving, high diving and

The event, which many consider second only to the Olympics, is fairly young. It was first held in 1973 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia (as it was known then), and was organised every four years, between the Olympics until 1998.

This year, the 18th edition While the swimming events, which are conducted in long course

It has seen a record number of participants - 192 countries have sent a whopping 2,623 athletes to compete. As things stand, the USA, which has historically dominated the competition, has some catching up to do, medals-wise, before the end of the event on Sunday.

July 12 in Gwangju, South Korea.

of the Championships began on

(50m) pools, are the most fiercely

the most popular events to watch.

The discipline was introduced in

2013, and men and women jump

from heights of 27m and 20m

respectively.

contested, high diving is one of

England hands Ireland a reality check

Woakes and Broad use optimum bowling conditions to skittle out the visitors for 38



Pouched: England's Joe Root accepts Stuart Thompson's offering off the bowling of Chris Woakes. • REUTERS

LORD'S TEST

REUTERS

Ireland's dream of pulling off one of the biggest shocks in the history of Test cricket by beating England at Lord's was shattered as it collapsed to 38 all out to lose by 143 runs on Friday.

On a murky morning, Ireland made a dream start when Stuart Thompson ended England's second innings on 303 with the first ball of the day, clean bowling Olly Stone to leave itself two days to knock off 182 runs.

After a rain delay it began the chase in encouraging fashion, reaching 11 without loss, but the wheels fell off in spectacular fashion as it posted the lowest ever Test total at Lord's, capitulating in 15.4

Chris Woakes and Stuart Broad took cruel advantage of optimum bowling conditions to take all the wickets.

Woakes put Ireland out of its misery, knocking back Tim Murtagh's leg stump to finish with the spectacular figures of six wickets for 17 with Broad taking four for 19.

It was a sad end to what had been a fantastic effort by William Porterfield's gallant side in only Ireland's third

Test match and first against

It had bowled England out for 85 before lunch on the opening day of the four-day Test on Wednesday and forced another collapse in the home ranks in sweltering heat on Thursday to set itself up for an unlikely first Test victory.

In the end, however, the class of Broad and Woakes proved too much as England

SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS IRELAND, ONLY TEST

England - 1st innings: 85. Ireland — 1st innings: 207.

England - 2nd innings: J. Leach c Adair b Murtagh 92, R. Burns c Wilson b Rankin 6, J. Roy b Thompson 72 | Denly run out 10, J. Root c Wilson b Adair 31, J. Bairstow lbw b Adair O, M. Ali c Wilson b Rankin 9. C. Woakes c Balbirnie b Adair 13, S. Curran c McCollum b Thompson 37, S. Broad (not out) 21, O. Stone b Thompson O; Extras (b-1, lb-7, nb-4): 12; Total (in 77.5 overs):

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-171, 3-182, 4-194, 5-194, 6-219, 7-239, 8-248, 9-293.

Ireland bowling: Murtagh 18-3-52-1, Adair 20-7-66-3, Rankin 17-1-86-2, Thompson 12.5-0-44-3, McBrine 10-1-47-0.

Ireland - 2nd innings: W. Porterfield c Bairstow b Woakes 2, J. McCollum c Root b Woakes 11, A. Balbirnie c Root b Broad 5, P. Stirling b Woakes O, K. O'Brien lbw b Broad 4, G. Wilson lbw b Woakes O, S. Thompson c Root b Woakes 4, M. Adair b Broad 8, A.

successfully defended its lowest total since 1998 in Melbourne and its lowest ever at Lord's.

McBrine c Root b Broad O, T.

Ireland at least avoided the ignominy of breaking the record for the lowest Test score which is still held by New Zealand – skittled out for 26 against England in 1955.

"We put ourselves in a position to win the game that's why we're so gutted up there," Porterfield, whose

Murtagh b Woakes 2, B. Rankin (not out) 0; Extras (b-1, lb-1): 2; Total (in 15.4 overs): 38.

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-18, 3-19, 4-24, 5-24, 6-24, 7-32, 8-36, England bowling: Broad 8-3

19-4. Woakes 7.4-2-17-6. Man-of-the-Match: Jack Leach. England won by 143 runs.

Seventh lowest total

26 New Zealand vs England, Auckland, 1955 **30** South Africa v, England, Port Elizabeth, 1896

30 South Africa vs England, Birmingham, 1924

35 South Africa vs England, Cape Town, 1899 36 South Africa vs Australia,

Melbourne, 1932 36 Australia vs England,

Birmingham, 1902

dismissal signalled the start of the collapse, said.

'We knew it was going to be tough with the lights on and drizzle in the air. But we had to dig deep and get through that. Fair play to the two lads to how they bowled – they made it difficult."

England's left-arm spinner Jack Leach was named man of the match for his 92 in England's second innings as a nightwatchman.

Bancroft in Ashes squad

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Opening batsman Cameron Bancroft was on Friday included in Australia's 17-man squad for a five-Test Ashes 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 during a Test in Cape Town, banned for nine months

The squad: Tim Paine (Capt./ wk), 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.

Fixtures: August 1-5: First Test, Edgbaston; Aug. 7-9: Worcestershire v Australians. Worcester; Aug. 14-18: Second Test, Lord's; Aug. 22-26: Third Test, Headingley; Aug. 29-31: Derbyshire v Australians, Derby; Sept. 4-8: Fourth Test, Old Trafford; Sept. 12-16: Fifth Test, Oval

Amir retires from Tests

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE KARACHI

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Amir announced his retirement from Test cricket on Friday to concentrate on the limited-overs game, nine years after a spot-fixing ban halted his burgeoning career.

The 27-year-old, regarded as one of the best left-arm pacers after countryman Wasim Akram, said he wants to move away from the traditional format.

"It has been an honour to represent Pakistan in the pinnacle and traditional for-

Robin Singh applies for India coach

Now is the time to prepare for the 2023 World Cup, he says

Mohammad Amir. ■PTI tan Cricket Board (PCB) release. "I, however, have decided to move away from the longer version so I can

mat of the game," Amir was quoted as saying in a Pakis-**AMIR IN TESTS**

concentrate on white-ball

36 | 67 | 119 | 6/44 | 7/64 | 30.47 | 64 | 6

Malinga bids adieu to one-dayers in style

The speedster's opening burst stifles Bangladesh's chase of a huge Sri Lankan target

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Lasith Malinga shone in his farewell match after Kusal Perera struck a quick-fire century as Sri Lanka crushed Bangladesh by 91 runs in the first of the threematch One-Day International series here on Friday.

Malinga rattled Bangladesh with a fiery opening spell, reducing the visitors to 39 for four in the process, which pegged them back despite the best efforts by Mushfigur Rahim and Sabbir Rahman.

Malinga (three for 38) started the mini-collapse by hitting the leg-stump of Tamim Iqbal with a deadly yorker when the Bangladesh skipper was yet to open the account.

Mushfiqur made 67 while Sabbir added 60 as the duo shared an 111-run partnership for the fifth wicket but Bangladesh stuttered to 223 all out in 41.4 overs replying to Sri Lanka's 314 for eight.

Time to quit

"I feel it's the right time for me to retire from ODIs. I have been playing for the last 15 years for Sri Lanka and this is the right time to move on," Malinga, who finished his ODI career with 338 wickets, said after the game. "My time is over and I have to go."

Earlier, Kusal Perera struck 111 (99b, 17x4, 1x6), his fifth ODI century, to set up Sri Lanka's big total after Dimuth Karunaratne elected to bat.

Left-handed Perera put on 97 with Karunaratne for the second wicket before adding 100 with Kusal Mendis for the third. The second match will be held on Sun-



SCOREBOARD SRI LANKA VS BANGLADESH, 1ST ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL

1-0-4-0.

Fortunegiants overrun Yoddha

in 50 overs): 314.

207, 4-212, 5-272, 6-276, 7-302,

Bangladesh bowling: Islam 9-0-

62-3, Hasan Miraz 9-0-56-1, R.

Hossain 9-0-54-1, M. Hossain 7-

0-45-0, Mustafizur 10-0-75-2,

Sarkar 5-0-17-1, Mahmudullah

Sri Lanka: A. Fernando c Sarkar w-16): 18; Total (for eight wkts.

Mustafizur b Hasan Miraz 36, K Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-107, 3-

(not out) 0; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, Bangladesh: T Iqbal b Malinga O,

Master of yorker: Robin

S. DINAKAR

Robin Singh has worked closely with pace great Lasith Malinga over a number of years at Mumbai Indians.

With the gamechanging slinger figuring in his last match for Sri Lanka, Robin said, "He understands his game, works hard. Bowls off a full run-up even in practice.

Mastered the art of yorker by getting his release point right."

Robin observed, "Malinga is so difficult to pick even from behind the stumps when you

"You try to catch the

S. Sarkar b Malinga 15, M.

Mithun lbw b Pradeep 10, M.

Rahim c Mendis b Pradeep 67,

Mahmudullah c sub b Kumara 3,

S. Rahman c Fernando b de Silva

60, M. Hossain run out (Mendis)

12, M. Hasan Miraz c Mendis b

de Silva 2, S. Islam b Pradeep 2,

R. Hossain (not out) 6, M. Rah-

man c T. Perera b Malinga 18;

Extras (lb-4, w-24): 28; Total (in

ball's path, you see the ball actually going up like a saucer after it hits the wicket. And when it loses that momentum, it dips on you."

After his pace dropped Malinga mixed cutters and slower deliveries with yorkers. Robin said, "Your skills don't go, you make adjustments." Robin noted the

the MI camp made a huge difference to Jasprit Bumrah. "Pretty unique himself, Bumrah tapped

presence of Malinga in

into Malinga's mind-set." Malinga is a very

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-30, 3-30

(Sarkar, 8.3), 4-39, 5-150, 6-

Sri Lanka bowling: Malinga 9.4-

2-38-3, Pradeep 9-1-51-3, T.

Perera 6-0-36-0. Kumara 7-0-

Man-of-the-Match: K. Perera.

Sri Lanka won by 91 runs,

182, 7-187, 8-199, 9-200,

45-1. de Silva 10-0-49-2.

Toss: Sri Lanka.

leads the series 1-0.

"quiet person," Robin revealed. "He likes his own space."

Robin Singh has thrown his hat into the ring. The former India allrounder has applied

for the National coach's job. A feisty, hard-working cricketer who laid emphasis on fitness, Robin has had a rewarding time coaching various teams over the last 15 years, with as many as 10 championship titles to his credit.

Importantly, he was the fielding coach for India between 2007 and '09. In this period, India won a Test series in England, triumphed the inaugural World Twen ty20 in South Africa and lifted the triangular ODI series trophy in Australia for the first time.

Lot of experience

He has been at the helm of the India under-19 and 'A' teams and been an assistant coach with the successful Mumbai Indians, apart from guiding Barbados Tridents in the Caribbean Premier League.

In a chat with The Hindu soon after mailing his application here on Friday, Robin said, "Under the current coach, India has lost in the semifinals of two successive ODI World Cups, and in the last four stage of the World Twenty20 championship as



Robin Singh. • s. dinakar

well. Now is the time to prepare for the 2023 World Cup and a change could be good for the side."

The 55-year-old Robin – he appears a lot younger – said he brought with him a global experience and perspective in coaching.

Interesting take

Robin had an interesting take on a coach's role during a match. He explained, "You got to transport yourself mentally into the game, put yourself in situations that the team and the players face, be a part of the moves, get into the players' mind. You can do this, only if you understand the game technically."

Asked how he would have handled the chase against New Zealand in the World Cup semifinal, Robin said, "With the ball moving around and India losing Ro-

have held back Virat Kohli to the No. 4 slot. For that game, I would have picked another top-order batsman, Mayank Agarwal, at No. 3. M.S. Dhoni would have been No. 5 and he would have got more He elaborated, "Kohli and —

hit Sharma early, I would

Dhoni could have batted together. Then, we could have had the three power hitters, Hardik Pandya, Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja coming

Robin said India should have groomed a No. 4 batsman for the World Cup and added, "Both Ambati Kayudu and Ajinkya Rahane would have been there in my team."

India, Robin said, should have played the fast, attacking and wicket-taking Mohammed Shami for the second spinner in the last four clash, given the conditions at Old Trafford.

Coaching, Robin said, was a lot about learning. Although a paceman, he learnt much about spin bowling from the great Erapallii Prasanna and the other famous visiting coaches at the MAC Spin Foundation which he headed.

"It's an evolving game. You got to be flexible and be

bold," he said. Will the India door open again for Robin?

Gayle in **ODI** squad

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ST. JOHN'S

Chris Gayle changed his mind about international retirement during the World Cup and the West Indies selectors on Friday gave the 'Universe Boss' a place in the one-day squad to face India in a threematch series. The series gives Gayle the chance to break Brian Lara's records for most ODI runs for the West Indies.

Batsmen Sunil Ambris and Darren Bravo, off-spinner Ashley Nurse and fast bowler Shannon Gabriel have been dropped from the squad that finished ninth in the World Cup.

The squad: Jason Holder (capt.), Fabian Allen, Carlos Brathwaite, John Campbell, Roston Chase, Sheldon Cottrell, Chris Gayle, Shimron Hetmyer, Shai Hope, Evin Lewis. Keemo Paul. Nicholas Pooran, Kemar Roach and Oshane Thomas.

The fact that Yoddha's star



Gujarat Fortunegiants posted an emphatic 44-19 win over UP Yoddha in the league phase of the Vivo ProKabaddi League Season-7 at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Friday.

b Islam 7, D. Karunaratne c

Perera c Mustafizur b Sarkar 111,

K Mendis c Mushfigur b R.

Hossain 43, A. Mathews c Sab-

bir b Mustafizur 48, L. Thirim-

anne c Sarkar b Mustafizur 25, T.

Perera c Sarkar b Islam 2, D. de

Silva c Sabbir b Islam 18, L. Ma-

linga (not out) 6, N. Pradeep

Guajrat's domination was never in doubt thanks to the brilliance of raider Rohit Gulia, who scored a Super-10 (his first in the PKL. He finished with 11 points, including one tackle-point. From the start, it was ob-

vious that Fortunegiants was far more superior given the raiding prowess of Sachin Tanwar, Gulia and G.B. More. They were well backed in defence by captain Sunil Kumar and Parvesh Bhainsal, with the latter scoring a high-five.

raider Monu Goyat was out of action for 12 of the 20 mi-



marked up a runaway win over Yoddha. • K.v.s. GIRI

nutes in the first half was a tribute to the domination of Fortunegiants, who excelled in both raiding and defence. They scored points consistently and kept increasing the lead, scoring an an all-

The first-half witnessed a couple of milestones with Yoddha defender Nitesh Kumar scoring the fastest 150 tackle points (46 matches) in

Sachin Tanwar of Gujarat

scored his 300th raid point while teammate Rohit Gulia completed a century of raid Fortunegiants raised the

bar in the second half scoring the second all-out on a Rohit raid to take a 21-9 lead. They sustained the pressure to pick up points and emerge a clear winner. The results: Gujarat Fortune-

giants bt UP Yoddha 44-19; Patna Pirates bt Telugu Titans

Doo does it for U Mumba

RAKESH RAO

UTT

These are early days in the Ultimate Table Tennis league

it difficult to get going.

For the second day in succession, the underdog ran the last mile faster. After debutant Puneri Paltan showed the way by stopping holder Dabang Delhi on Thursday, U Mumba followed the footprints and upstaged pre-

but the favourites are finding

Lions 9-6. Playing like a team possessed, Mumba never trailed and eventually rode home on World No. 12 Doo Hoi Kem's expected 3-0 triumph over Madhurika Patkar in the final rubber.

match favourite Chennai

Prior to this match, Mumba stayed ahead thanks to the stunning 2-1 victory of Sutirtha Mukherjee over World No. 26 Petrissa Solja in the



Expected result: U Mumba rode home on Doo Hoi Kem's triumph over Madhurika Patkar in the final rubber. ■ FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

opening singles.

In the second, World No. 52 Tiago Apolonia could not raise the bar against debutant Kirill Gerssimenko. The 45th-ranked Kazakh attacked relentlessly from the word go and eventually won 2-1 to double Mumba's lead.

Over the next two matches, Sharath Kamal held centre-stage. Chennai's spearhead, in the company

of Petrissa, won two games over Manav Thakkar and Doo Hoi Kem to make it 4-4. But Mumba nosed ahead by snatching the third game. Sharath returned to take

on Thakkar in the fourth rubber and levelled the score at 5-5 by taking the opening game. But Thakkar, playing without any pressure, produced some awe-inspiring retrieves and bounced right

back to take the second.

kar led 7-3 as Sharath erred repeatedly each time the rallies got longer. Just when it looked like curtains for Sharath, the veteran roared right back to lead 10-9 and then clinched the 'golden' point.

In the third game, Thak-

This left the tie levelled at 6-6. The much-awaited deciding singles did not live up to expectations. Doo played to her high ranking and breezed past Madhurika, who started off well in every game before fading away.

The results: U Mumba beat Chennai Lions 9-6 (Sutirtha Mukherjee bt Petrissa Solja 11-7, 11-10. 5-11: Kirill Gerssimenko bt Tiago Apolonia 11-10, 11-9, 5-11; Manav Thakkar & Doo Hoi Kem lost to Sharath Kamal & Petrissa Solja 8-11, 8-11, 11-7; Manav Thakkar lost to Sharath Kamal 7-11, 11-5, 10-11; Doo Hoi Kem bt Madhurika Patkar 11-10,

Saturday's fixture: RP-SG Mavericks, Kolkata vs Goa Challengers (7 p.m.).

TV PICKS

Badminton: Japan Open, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 6.30

TNPL: Star Sports 3, 3 p.m. & 7.15 p.m.

Ultimate Table Tennis: Star Sports 1 & Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD),

Global T20 Canada: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 10 p.m.

ATK ropes in Agus

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Spaniard centre-back Agustín García Íñiguez, who is popularly known as Agus and played for Cypriot club, Nea Salamina, has signed for ATK for the upcoming season.

"I am very happy about signing Agus to the team. He is a versatile player and he has a lot to bring to the table.

Looking forward to creating a defence strategy with his strengths in mind," said ATK head Antonio López coach Habas.

Iriondo to coach JFC Meanwhile, Jamshedpur

FC has signed Antonio Iriondo as its head coach for the 2019-20 season.

The Spaniard has an experience of managing 985 games during a career dating back to 1992.

Dressel smashes Phelps' 100m butterfly record

Regan Smith and Anton Chupkov also set new marks

WORLD SWIMMING

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE GWANGIU (KOREA)

American star Caeleb Dressel, swimming's chiselled, tattooed pin-up boy, destroved Michael Phelps's 100 metres butterfly World record on Friday as countrywoman Simone Manuel re-

tained her 100m freestyle

Reigning champ Dressel clenched a fist in the direction of flag-waving American fans after clocking an astonishing 49.50 seconds in the semifinal heat to eclipse the American legend's old bodysuit mark by 0.32.

Dressel's fireworks were matched in the next event when American teenager Smith crushed the women's 200m backstroke world record, before Russian Anton Chupkov emulated them as he stormed to gold in the 200m breaststroke.

Chupkov found an extra gear off the final wall to snatch 200m breaststroke gold in 2:06.12 - knocking more than half a second off the previous World best, with Aussie Matt Wilson taking silver.

The controversial Sun



Fantastic: Caeleb Dressel produced a superb effort to set a World mark in the 100m butterfly on a day when two more timings were bettered. • AFP

Yang, who retained his 200 and 400m freestyle titles, and China finished a distant sixth in the men's 4x200m freestyle behind winner Australia. Russian Yulia Efimova, who has twice tested positive for banned substances in the past, became the first woman to three-peat in the 200m breaststroke, clocking 2:20.17.

Meanwhile, Evgeny Rylov

retained his 200m backstroke crown in 1:53.40 and complete a Russian hat-trick of gold medals on day six.

The results: Men: 200m back**stroke:** 1. Evgeny Rylov (Rus) 1:53.40s, 2. Ryan Murphy (USA) 1:54.12, 3. Luke Greenbank (GBr) 1:55.85.

200m breaststroke: 1. Anton Chupkov (Rus) 2:06.12 (WR, Old: 2:06.67, Ippei Watanabe, 2017), 2. Matthew Wilson (Aus) 2:06.68, 3. Ippei Watanabe (Jpn) 2:06.73.

4x200m freestyle relay: 1. Australia 7:00.85, 2. Russia 7:01.81, 3. USA 7:01.98. Women: 100m freestyle: 1. Simone Manuel (USA) 52.04, 2.

Cate Campbell (Aus) 52.43, 3. Sarah Sjostrom (Swe) 52.46. 200m breaststroke: 1. Yuliya Efimova (Rus) 2:20.17, 2. Tatjana Schoenmaker (RSA) 2:22.53, Sydney Pickrem (Can)

Indian Boxing League from Oct. 20

Mary Kom, Panghal and Bidhuri to be part of 'Big Bout'

Y.B. SARANGI KOLKATA

Leading Indian boxers such as M.C. Mary Kom, Amit Panghal and Gaurav Bidhuri along with 50 top foreign boxers will be seen in action in the inaugural amateur boxing league, Big Bout - Indian Boxing League, to be held at three venues from October 20 to November 9.

With five bouts across different weight categories between two teams each day, there will be a total of 90 bouts over 18 days, said a re-



M.C. Mary Kom. ■РТІ

lease on Friday.

"With Indian boxers doing exceptionally well in all major international tourna-

another feather in the cap of Indian boxing as the first amateur boxing league in the world," said Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh.

The organisers have invited auctions of live digital streaming rights for the first three seasons. The league has set a base price of ₹4 crore for India rights and Rs. 4.5 crore for the global rights (including India) per season.

The bid will open on August 16.

Dahiya, Punia book berths

WRESTLING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Promising wrestlers Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and Deepak Punia (86kg) underscored their worth by securing places in the Indian side for the World wrestling championships, which will serve as the first Olympic qualifying event, to be held in Kazakhstan in September.

At the selection trials for five of the six men's freestyle Olympic weight categories held in Delhi on Friday, Dahiya and Punia prevailed over their opponents to stay in the race for berths in the ToBajrang Punia (65kg), the seasoned Mausam Khatri (97kg) and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sumit Malik (125kg) were the others who got selected for the World championships.

Worlds silver medallist

Gripping contests

The 57kg weight witnessed some gripping contests. Delhi lad Rahul upset Olympian Sandeep Tomar and another experienced hand Utkarsh Kale before being stopped by Dahiya in the final.

Earlier, Dahiya, who had impressed one and all with a string of fabulous performances for champion side Haryana Hammers in the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) earlier this year, had got the better of Worlds junior silver medallist Naveen Sihag.

Punia, another Worlds junior silver medallist and an Asian junior champion last vear, defeated 2014 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Pawan Saroha to take the 86kg spot in the National side.

Bajrang outclassed Harful, while Khatri aced out Satywart Kadian. Sumit got past Satender Malik.

Selection trials for 74kg and the remaining four non-Olympic weights - 61kg, 70kg, 79kg and 92kg - will be held in the second week of

AIFF looking at possibility of a unified league: Kushal Das

VIJAY LOKAPALLY

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday admitted the game faced a "crisis" in the wake of a communication from FIFA, the world's governing body, on the current state of the National League.

AIFF general secretary Kushal Das, speaking to a select group of journalists, assured steps were being taken to handle the situation arising out of leading clubs protesting against the move to make the franchise-driven Indian Super League the main competition.

"We are looking at all possibilities to organise a unified league with a relegation system. But there are issues – financial and organisational. It is no rocket science that we need money to save Indian football. We need investors who can help sustain



Kushal Das. ■FILE PHOTO

the financial aspect of conducting the game," Das said. Six I-League clubs had

written to FIFA asking it to intervene in the ongoing tussle with the AIFF. The world body has sought a response from the AIFF.

"We have to engage with FIFA," said Das. "We also have to engage with AFC (Asian Football Confederation). We have to understand and accept the financial obligations for smooth conduct of football in the country."

The AIFF, stressed Das, would need some time to settle the issue. "It won't happen overnight. We may need a three-year period to tackle the participation agreement which is the stumbling block. How to lessen the financial burden on the clubs who would need to give guarantee. We have requested AFC and FIFA to visit and see the problems we

Das was candid when he said, "It is not possible (at the moment) to tackle the financial challenges the clubs face (of participation assurances). There are issues with TV coverage, too. It is a huge problem. Honestly, it is good it (the problem) has happened now. The problem needs to be ad-

Bhakti Kulkarni assured of title

Vantika defeats Mary to regain the sole second spot

NATL. CHESS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Defending champion Bhakti Kulkarni (Air India), with 9.5 points, clinched the title with a round to spare in the 46th National women's chess championship at the Chettinad Public School here on Friday.

Priyanka loses battle

In the 10th and penultimate round, Bhakti got the better of a fighting K. Priyanka of Tamil Nadu to pick up a point. The latter, who shot back into contention after winning over Vantika Agrawal (Delhi) in the ninth round the other day, was quite determined to upset the calculations of the former. She planned accordingly but Bhakti tackled it well to win in 69 moves.



Young talent: Mrudul Dehankar achieved the WIM norm after her victory over S. Vijayalakshmi • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

win the game as it could help me fight it out for the title in the final round. And, I tried my very best but it happened otherwise, Priyanka.

Vantika, on the other hand, edged out three-time National champion Mary Ann Gomes in a clinical fashion to regain her sole second

Playing the white pieces in Modern Benoni game, Vantika sacrificed a pawn early to gain some space advantage and a firm grip to seal the game in her favour after 43 moves. While doing so, she also secured the WGM norm. Maharashtra's Mrudul De-

meanwhile.

achieved the WIM norm after scoring over six-time champion S. Vijayalakshmi of Air India.

Important results (10th round, TN unless specified): K. Priyanka 7 lost to Bhakti Kulkarni (AI) 9.5; Vantika Agrawal (Del) 8 bt Mary Ann Gomes (PSPB) 6.5; Divya Deshmukh (Mah) 7.5 bt Michelle Catherina 6.5; V. Varshini 6.5 lost to Pratvusha Bodda (AP) 7.5; P.V. Nadhidhaa 7.5 bt S. Meenakshi (AI) 6.5; S. Vijayalakshmi (AI) 6 lost to Mrudul Dehankar (Mah) 7.5: Soumva Swaminathan (PSPB) 6 lost to P. Bala Kannamma 7; Srija Seshadri 7 bt Isha Sharma (Kar) 6; Nisha Mohota (PSPB) 7 bt Nityata Jain (MP) 6; Parnali S. Dharia (Mah) 5.5 lost to Aarthie Ramaswamy (AI) 7; Swati Ghate (LIC) 6 drew with Kiran Manisha Mohanty (LIC) 6; Sakshi Chitlange (Mah) 6.5 bt Y. Saranya 5.5; Bagyashree Thipsay (Mah) 6 drew with Rutuja Bakshi (Mah) 6; C.H. Meghna (Rlys.) 5.5 lost to Harshita Guddanti

England colts best India U-19

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA CHELTENHAM

India U-19 lost by five wickets against host England U-19 to suffer its first defeat in the tri-nation 50-over tournament here on Friday.

Sent into bat, Divyaansh Saxena hit a patient 51 and opener Tilak Verma made 47 to guide India U-19 to 256 for six. England U-19 rode on Jack Haynes' 104ball 89 and opener Ben Charlesworth's 52 to overhaul the target.

The Indians, who had earlier defeated England and Bangladesh, will again Bangladesh Saturday.

six in 50 overs (Divyaansh Saxena 51, Tilak Verma 47) lost to England U-19 257 for five in 48.4 overs (Jack Haynes 89, Ben Charlesworth 52, Shubhang Hegde three for 60).

Spirit Of London favoured for feature

BENGALURU: Spirit Of London, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Elusive Pimpernel Cup (1,400m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 27). False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in

AUREOLE TIME PLATE (1,100m), rated 15 to 35, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Aine (1) Srinath 60, 2. Desert Mirage (2) R. Manish 59.5, Air Force One (3) Mark 58.5. 5. Genuine Star (6) Suraj 58, 6. Legend Is Back (8) R. Pradeep 57.5. 7. Sun Power (5) A. Ramu 57.5 and 8. Love Music (7) Noornabi 57. 1. AINE, 2. GENUINE STAR, 3. LE-

ASTRONOMIC PLATE (1,400m), Z rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Raw Gold (4) Chetan G 60,

2. Chula Vista (5) John 59, 3. Stars In His Eyes (3) R. Manjunath 58.5, 4. Ultimate Power (2) S. Shareef 57, 5. Colonel Harty (1) Rajesh K 56, 6. Fierce Fighter (9) Nazerul 55.5, 7. Southern Storm (8) Dhebe 55.5, 8. Lucky Isabella (6) A. Merchant 54 and 9. Sharp Response (7) Zervan 53.5. 1. CHULA VISTA, 2. COLONEL HARTY, 3. RAW GOLD

3 rated 15 to 35, 3-30: 1. Electra (5) Chetan G 60, 2. Smile Of Joy (7) Srinath 59.5, 3. Armenia (1) Mark 58, 4, Radiant Treasure (6) Arshad 56.5, 5. Track Striker (3) Noornabi 56, 6. Fotogenic (8) Vaibhav 55.5, 7. Agnar (2) A. Merchant 54.5 and 8. Shiraz (4) Trevor 53.5. 1. ELECTRA, 2. RADIANT TREAS-URE, 3. SHIRAZ

ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL CUP 4 (1,400m), rated 30 to 50, 5-y-o

Re-packaged JKNRC this weekend

& over, 4-00: 1. Brooklyn Supreme (8) Shobhan 60, 2. Optimisticap-proach (2) Md. Asif Khan 60, 3. Land Of Liberty (6) Rajesh K 58, 4. War Envoy (5) T.S. Jodha 57.5, 5. Lawrence Of Arabia (7) Ranjeet Singh 57, 6. Spirit Of London (3) Sandesh 57, 7. Morrane Gabriella (11) R. Pradeep 55.5, 8. Reczai (1) Suraj 55, 9. San Bernardino (9) Zervan 54.5, 10. Tokyo Rose (4) Chetan G 54.5, 11. Casey (12) Antony 53.5 and 12. Jayadratha (10)

1. SPIRIT OF LONDON, 2. RECZAI, 3. SAN BERNARDINO SHA TIN PLATE (1,600m), 5 sha tin plate (1,600m), rated 00 to 20, 4-y-0 & over, 4-30: 1. Shaktiman (8) John 60, 2.

Girl With Pearl (6) A. Ramu 57, 3. Galino (3) Md. Asif Khan 56, 4. Natalie (1) M. Naveen 56, 5. Princess Amu (7) M. Prabhakaran 56, 6. Dreams United (2) Irvan 55.5, 7. Silent Ruler (5) R. Manish 55.5, 8. Desert Gilt (9) Vaibhav 54 and 9. Phoenix Reached (4) T.S. Jodha

1. SHAKTIMAN, 2. GALINO, 3. PHOENIX REACHED DIVINE LIGHT PLATE

(1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 5-00: 1. Flamboyant (3) Prabhakaran 56, 2. Sacred Kingdom (7) T.S. Jodha 56, 3. Southern Power (9) Arshad 56, 4. Star Sapphire (6) Mark 56, 5, Super Gladiator (10) Noornabi 56, 6. Blue Bliss (4) A. Merchant 54.5, 7. Magic Stream (5) Zervan 54.5, 8. Rorito (8) Sandesh 54.5, 9. Schafenberg (1) Trevor 54.5 and 10. Speedster (2) Dhebe 54.5. 1. SCHAFENBERG, 2. MAGIC STREAM, 3. BLUE BLISS

Day's best: SCHAFENBERG

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challenge

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

India's challenge came to

an end at the Badminton

Asia Junior Championships

after both the boys and

crashed out in the quarter-

finals in Suzhou, China on

Ishaan Bhatnagar and

Vishnu Vardhan Goud Pan-

jala lost 21-14, 21-19 to the

unseeded Singapore com-

bination of Jia Hao Howin

Wong and Chuan Shen Aa-

Tanisha Crasto and Aditi

Bhatt went down to second

seeds Li Yi Jing and Luo Xu

doubles teams

Double: CHULA VISTA - ELECTRA

Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

general assembly meet

ciation on Friday pulled out of the Commonwealth Games Federation general assembly meeting in September to protest the dropping of shooting from the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games roster.

In a letter addressed to Commonwealth Games Federation CEO David Grevemberg, the IOA also withdrew the nomination of its secre-

tary-general Rajeev Mehta for the election of a regional vice-president as well as that of Namdev Shirgaonkar sports committee

"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

Disapproval

IOA said in the letter.

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Item Rate Tenders for the following works are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) from the firms/contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial Eligibility Criteria. (For details please refer e-procurement portal)

No. KWB/CE(D)/SGEE-BGM/DCE-1/TA-2/AE-2/TND/2019-

20/951 Date: 22-07-2019. Name of Work: Water Supply Scheme to Badami, Kerur towns and 18 enroute villages from Almatti Reservoir as

Approx. Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): Rs. 13281.96 E.M.D: (Rs. in Lakhs)" Rs. 132.82. Cost of bid document: As per e-Procurement Portal. Stipulated period for completion of works: 36 (Thirty Six) Months including monsoon period. For Technical and Financial eligibility criteria: please refer e-Procurement Portal.

The details regarding participation in e-procurement process can be obtained from e-Procurement Cell. Centre for e-Governance. Room No 141, Gate No 2 MS Building, Bengaluru-560001, Ph. 080 25501216/25501227. Email Support: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com

Notes: 1) Registration in the Board is not mandatory to apply for the above said work. 2) The cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid security shall be paid in the form specified in the Bidding Documents 3) Right to accept any tender and to reject any or all tenders rests with the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad. 4) A weightage of 10% per year will be added to the Annual Turnover and also to the value of completed works of the previous years to bring them to the price level of the financial year 2019-20. 5) GST shall be paid to the tendered amount separately. 6) It is mandatory to upload the various Technical & Financial eligibility requirements and also fill up the formats mentioned in various sections of bid document while submitting the bids. The incomplete bids shall be considered as substantially non

Calendar of Events:								
1	Date of Downloading the Bidding Documents	29.07.2019 after 11.00 hrs.						
2	Pre-Bid meeting	27.08.2019 at 11.00 Hrs.						
3	Last Date & Time for Bid Submission	26.09.2019 upto 17.30 Hrs.						
4	Date & Time for opening of	30.09.2019 after 11.00 Hrs.						
	Technical Bid							

For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad, may please be contacted.

> (D.L. Raju) CHIEF ENGINEER KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.

skills of the novices in the

The season's opening round of the JK Tyre FMSCI National racing championship will be held at the Kari Motor

Speedway in Chettipalayam

Interestingly, the 22nd

edition will focus more on

here this weekend.

MOTORSPORTS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

COIMBATORE

spotting and nurturing young talent in the country. The popular championship has been re-packaged completely with the Indian Formula LGB4 and the LGB novice cup to be the prime attractions. And, the Suzuki Gixxer Cup will hone the

"JKNRC has been a huge

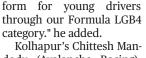
two-wheeler class.



■ FILE PHOTO

hit with a number of talented drivers emerging over the years. However, we noticed that we were graduating to the international level rather quickly, leaving a void at home," said Sanjay Sharma, Head of JK Tyre Motorsport.

"We decided to plug this gap by giving a wider plat-



dody (Avalanche Racing), Chennai's Raghul Rangasamy (MSport) and Sandeep Kumar (Dark Don Racing) are the stars who will battle it out for top honours in the LGB4 category this season.

The good news is that there is pan-India representation across categories, especially among the rookies. In addition to the 'all-girls' team, talented newcomers, including Mumbai's Ojasvi Mehta, is a classic case of woman participation with the novice tag. The first three rounds are

at Coimbatore and the final at BIC in Greater Noida.

"I had fixed my mind to

IOA pulls out of CGF

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3	Tender for supply of Total Organic Carbon Analyser with the Solid sample module and accessories	2019_DARE_486845_1	5-9/2019-P						
4	Tender for supply of spectrophotometer with plate and cuvette reader	2019_DARE_487525_1	5-8/2019-P						
-	Tender for supply of Refrigerated	2010 DADE 40(201 1	5 4/2010 D						

Details are available in the Central Public Procurement Portal (e-procurement This Institute reserves the right to accept or reject any tender as abandon/cancel the entire process without assigning any reason.



Mendy adds to Real Madrid's injury woes

Ferland Mendy has been added to Zinedine Zidane's growing injury list after Real Madrid confirmed on Thursday the France lefthack had suffered a calf injury. Mendy, 24, signed for the La Liga giant in July and heaps further pressure on Zidane's squad after midfielder Marco Asensic ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament and winger Brahim Diaz suffered a thigh problem. AFP

Praggnanandhaa moves to the top

CHENNAI: GM R. Praggnanandhaa defeated GM Daniele Vocaturo of Italy, who has a Elo rating of 2612, in round seven of the Xtracon Chess 2019 in Denmark to move to the top of the leaderboard with 6.5 out of 7 points. H. Bharath Subramaniyam, who secured his IM title in June in Goa, is placed sixth with six points while GM Karthikevan Murali is in 15th with 5.5 points. Women's GM R. Vaishali is 30th with five points.



Lochte set to return after suspension

SAN FRANSISCO Six-time Olympic swimming gold medallist Ryan Lochte. fresh off a 14-month suspension, will make his return to competition at next week's American national championships, USA Swimming announced on Thursday. AFP

Sai Praneeth in last four

Yamaguchi has the measure of Sindhu again

JAPAN OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Olympic silver medallist P.V. Sindhu crashed out of the Japan Open badminton tournament after a second successive defeat to local favourite Akane Yamaguchi while B. Sai Praneeth continued his good form to advance to the semifinals here on Friday.

Sindhu lost to Yamaguchi 21-18, 21-15 in a 50-minute quarterfinal match. This was Sindhu's second defeat at the hands of the Japanese, who had beaten the Indian in the final of the Indonesian Open last week.

However, in men's singles, Sai Praneeth recorded an easy win over Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto to reach the semifinals. His 21-12, 21-15 win fetched him a clash against top-seeded Japanese Kento Momota.

The unseeded Indian led almost all through the first game leaving the former Championship World bronze-medallist Indonesian to play the catch-up game.

The second game was a bit closer but Sai Praneeth kept the lead from the start.

INDIANS ABROAD

Rohan Bopanna and Spain's

Pablo Carreno Busta lost 6-1,

6-4 in the doubles quarterfi-

nals to Oliver Marach and

Jurgen Melzer of Austria in

the ATP-500 tennis tourna-

The quarterfinal entry on

results: \$1,855,490

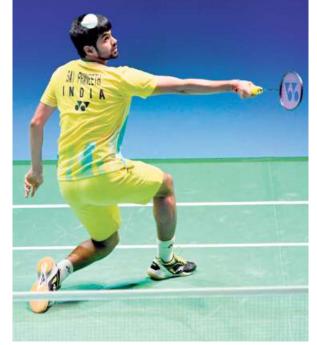
the clay court event was

worth 90 ATP points and

SPORTS BUREAU

ment here.

\$14,040.



Easily done: Sai Praneeth dispatched Tommy Sugiarto in quick time on Friday. • AFP

Not more than four points separated the two for most part but the Indian reeled off three consecutive points from 18-15 to win the match.

The men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost to the second-seeded Japanese Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda 21-19, 21-18 in a

Bopanna & Carreno Busta crash out

ATP-500, Hamburg, Germany:

Doubles: Quarterfinals: Oliver

Marach (Aut) & Jurgen Melzer

(Aut) bt Pablo Carreno Busta

(Esp) & Rohan Bopanna 6-1, 6-4.

\$25,000 ITF men, Nonthaburi,

Thailand: Quarterfinals: Ma-

nissh Sureshkumar bt Marsel Il-

han (Tur) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Dou-

Semifinals:

Khabibulin (Kaz) & Arjun Kadhe

bt Harry Bourchier & Blake Ellis

\$25,000 ITF men. Tabarka, Tu-

nisia: Doubles: Quarterfinals:

Anirudh Chandrasekar & P.C.

Vignesh bt Alessandro Ingarao &

(Aus) 3-6, 7-5, [10-8].

Timur

41-minute quarterfinal clash.

The results (quarterfinals): Men: B. Sai Praneeth bt Tommy Sugiarto (Ina) 21-12, 21-15.

Doubles: Takeshi Kamura & Keigo Sonoda (Jpn) bt Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty 21-19, 21-18.

Women: Akane Yamaguchi (Jpn) bt P.V. Sindhu 21-18, 21-

Luca Prevosto (Ita) 4-6, 7-5,

[10-0]; Mousa Alkotop (Jor) &

Alexander Boborykin (Rus) bt

Richard Thongoana (RSA) & Ta-

run Anirudh Chilakalapudi 6-2,

\$25.000 ITF women, Porto,

Portugal: Second round: Mari

Osaka (Jpn) bt Shrivalli Rashmi-

\$15,000 ITF women, Tabarka,

Tunisia: Doubles: Quarterfi-

nals: Sowjanya Bavisetti & Sra-

vva Shivani Chilakalapudi bt Vic-

toria Ariadna Beccio & Maria Del

Rosario Fazquez (Arg) 0-6, 6-4,

kaa Bhamidipaty 6-3, 6-2.

4-0 (retired)

Djokovic pulls out of Montreal event

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

Wimbledon champion and World No. 1 Novak Djokovic (in pic) has withdrawn from next month's US Open hard-court tune-up event here, saying he needs more rest after capturing his 16th Grand Slam singles crown.

The 32-year-old Serbian was joined by Argentina's 12th-ranked Juan Martin del Potro in pulling out of the ATP Masters Canada tournament. Djokovic's withdrawal means Rafael Nadal will be the top seed.

Nadal has captured the Canadian crown four times, most recently last year, defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas.



Nikhat in summit clash

BOXING

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Former junior World champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg) was the lone woman boxer to make the final, while Asian silver-winner Deepak Singh (49kg) led four men into the summit clashes of the Thailand international tournament in Bangkok on Friday.

Ashish Kumar (75kg), Commonwealth bronze-medallist hammed 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, to Thailand's Wuttichai Masuk in a split decision, to sign off with a bronze medal.

Among the women, Maniu Rani (48kg) and Bhagyabati Kachari (81kg) ended with third-place finishes. Manju went down to Chuthamat Raksat of Thailand, while Bhagvabati lost to China's Li Qian.

Earlier, Deepak hardly broke a sweat against Bhutan's Tashi Wangdi. The Indian's dominance was such that Wangdi faced two standing eight counts and was left with a gash above his right eye. The judges eventually ruled unanimously in the Indian's favour.

Nikhat was up against Thailand's Jutamas Jitpong. The Hyderabadi impressed with the ferocity of her punches as she beat the local favourite 4-1 and let out a scream to express her elation when her hand was raised by the referee.

"I dedicate my today's semifinal victory at the Thailand Open to our brave soldiers of the Kargil war who sacrificed their lives for our country," Nikhat said after the bout.

The results (semifinals):

Men: 49kg: Deepak Singh bt Tashi Wangdi (Bhu); 56kg: Mohd. Husammuddin bt Ammarit Yaodam (Tha); 69kg: Wuttichai Masuk (Tha) bt Ashish; 75kg: Ashish Kumar bt Fanat Kakhramnov (Uzb); 81kg: Brijesh Yadav bt Saranon Klompian (Tha).

Women: 48kg: Chuthamat Raksat (Tha) bt Manju Rani; 51kg: Nikhat Zareen bt Jutamas Jitpong (Tha); 81kg: Li Qian (Chn) bt Bhagyabati Ka-

Rani to lead



Rani Rampal. • FILE РНОТО

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Hockey India on Friday named an 18-member Indian women's team for the Tokyo Olympics test event to be held from August 17-21.

Youngsters Sharmila Devi and Reena Khokhar were named in the team in place of Sunita Lakra and Jyoti.Striker Rani Rampal remained the captain while goalkeeper Savita will be her deputy.

The squad: Savita (Vicecapt.), Rajani Etimarpu, Deep Grace Ekka, Reena Khokhar, Gurjit Kaur, Salima Tete. Nisha, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Nikki Pradhan, Monika, Lilima Minz, Neha Goyal, Rani (Capt.), Navneet Kaur, Vandana Katariya, Lalremsiami, Navjot Kaur, Sharmila De-

Egan Bernal takes Tour yellow

Hailstorm stops penultimate stage

TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS

Colombian Egan Bernal was catapulted into the overall lead of the Tour de France in dramatic circumstances on Friday as the 19th stage of the race, effectively the penultimate stage, was stopped early because of a hail storm.

Team Ineos rider Bernal, who began the day a minute and a half behind, had overhauled France's Julian Alaphilippe during the climb up the Col de L'Iseran

Alaphilippe began eating back into the lead with a brilliant descent, only to be told to stop riding after organisers called the race off because of the dangerous conditions ahead.

Hazardous conditions

There was confusion on the roads initially, as the riders were descending in ideal conditions, but up ahead even the use of bulldozers was unable to make the road safe, while a small landslide also made conditions hazardous



Title tilt? Egan Bernal climbs the Iseran pass during the 19th stage, which saw him take the lead. • AP

⁺ New players are more dangerous: Fazel

The U Mumba captain is excited at the prospect of facing young raiders

PKL

NANDAKUMAR MARAR

Fazel Atrachali, the highest paid foreigner in the ProKabaddi League at ₹1.11 crore (U Mumba shelled out this amount to retain him), is excited at the prospect of facing young raiders and watching young catchers emerge every season.

The Iranian star, set to captain his side in the season seven second-leg opener against Puneri Paltan on Saturday, explained that vouth is tougher to handle than established Indian

"New players are more dangerous, you need to be very careful tackling them."

Getting difficult He elaborated: "Earlier, the game was simple. When you faced a player he would challenge you one-to-one,

known to you. "Younger players do the dubki (dive) both sides, front kick, back kick, hand touch, leg touch, they jump and return... it is getting more difficult.

the skill of older players was

"All youngsters know to do this and in a way it is good because kabaddi is more interesting,"

Fazel, making a name as a left corner defender, featured in four league finals since making his debut in

U Mumba teammates Abhishek Singh, Surender Singh, young faces in other samade mar, Sachin Talwar are the names which come to his mind. Each of these young Indians were able to grab the opportunity.

Ankle hold specialist

Emerging from the Future Heroes programme, ankle hold specialist Nitesh was named best defender in only his second season and is leading UP Yoddhas in just his third sea-

The Iranians are proven performers in the PKL, including Fazel, a wrestlerturned-kabaddi pro.

Plenty of academies Asked about any system back home in Iran for youngsters looking to take up the sport, he said: "We have a lot of academies, training is free and arranged by the federation.

> "In my village, there are students learning the sport. I give them training shoes and team jerseys to encourage them.'

He points that in northern Iran where he comes from, there is more interest in wrestling. "Iran is the number one wrestling nation. We have gold medallists from the World Cup and the Olympic Games; hence

wrestling is the first choice

Asked about wrestlers taking to kabaddi, he pointed out that both body tact sports demand different qualities. "They cannot play because in one second, a kabaddi move is over, whereas wrestling allows more time to execute a move."

Fazel also noted similar techniques, like the ankle hold and wrestlers like him bring those moves to the kabaddi mat. His trademark move is the dash, using his powerful frame to retain hold on the raider.

The Iranian was at his menacing best in U Mumba's opening game against Telugu Titans.



PCB pulls up Basit Ali +

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board has put former batsman Basit Ali's appointment for a coaching assignment on hold and sought an explana· tion from him for suggesting that India would intentionally lose matches to knock Pakistan out of the recent World Cup.

A source in the PCB told PTI that Ali's appointment as regional coach in Karachi has been held up after the Board had second thoughts about appointing him.

"The board, in fact, conveyed to Basit in clear terms that since he was a Test player and working for them on assignments he should explain and avoid his reckless comments on television," the source said.

Basit had claimed that India would lose intentionally to England and other teams to keep Pakistan out of the semifinals which caused a

"The PCB found itself in an embarrassing situation because of the reckless comments by Basit which were without any evidence or substance as internationally this hurt the image of Pakistan cricket," the source stated. "The thing is that the PCB now has second thoughts about Basit as Karachi regional coach and wondering that if they appoint him what impression this will ceate internationally since Pakistan is a senior member of the International Cricket Council."

Flame that matters



Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju receives the Special Olympics Torch in the Capital on Friday in the presence of Special Olympics Bharat athletes. India will be hosting the Special Olympics International Football Championship (SOIFC) in Chennai from August 3-6. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Manika eyes mixed doubles for Summer Olympics

Says she will ramp up practice schedule with Sharath Kamal

TABLE TENNIS

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Having already lost plenty of time, Manika Batra now appears serious about practising in the right earnest with Sharath Kamal to earn a qualifying spot in the mixed doubles draw in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

There have been enough speculations over the Asian Games bronze medallist duo not looking keen to come together and qualify for the Games.

"We have decided to train before the Asian Championship and also before Grand Finals. We may go to Europe and train together," declared

Though this confirmation has come seven months too late, both Table Tennis Federation of India and Indian Oil, the employers of Sharath and Manika, should be pleased.

"We are keen to get an Olympic medal. So I think if we practice more we will be

in contention for a medal. Sharath and I have a good understanding which is very important in mixed doubles," added Manika. As things stand, Sharath

and Manika face an uphill task to qualify for the mixed doubles draw in Tokyo.

In the past five months,

Manika's decision part ways with her coach Sandeep Gupta and move to Pune has been a subject of curiosity in the table tennis circles.

Hopeful duo: Manika Batra and Sharath Kamal will have to really play well to make the grade for Tokyo. • BISWARANJAN ROUT

Initially reluctant to talk about the move, Manika agreed to share the reason behind the decision.

"I changed the coach be-

new in my game. Now my forehand has improved. I have beaten Chinese and Korean players, so I am quite happy with my training in Pune." The 56th-ranked Manika.

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4-0 and 171st ranked Chinese Liu Xi 4-3 in the qualifying rounds.

Being realistic, Manika before losing the first round of the Korean Open earlier this month, defeated little-

candidly admitted that she was looking beyond the 2020 Olympics and aiming for a possible medal in 2024.

known Korean Lee Dasom