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Pak nervous over J&K move, will not be able to mislead people: Govt

UTs come into being on Oct 31, Sardar Patel's birth anniversary

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A DAY after it asked Islamabad to reconsider downgrading of bilateral ties and suspension of trade, Delhi Friday said Pakistan is "nervous" over India's move on Jammu & Kashmir, and will "not be able to mislead people" if the region develops further.

The Ministry of External Affairs made these remarks on the day President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, splitting the state into the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh which will come into being on October 31. The gazette notification will be effective October 31, also the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the country's first Home Minister credited with uniting India after Partition.

In the Valley, prohibitory orders were relaxed for the first time since the security lockdown to let people offer prayers in local mosques. In Jammu, authorities lifted CrPC Section 144 and said schools and colleges can resume functioning from August 10.

The security establishment is watching Pakistan's moves very closely, wary of what it does next

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SC rejects objections, says matter will be heard daily

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TURNING DOWN objections against daily hearings, the Supreme Court Friday made it clear that it would continue with day-to-day hearing as ordered earlier in the Ram Janmabhoomi Babri Masjid title dispute case.

The clarification by the apex court came when senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, representing Muslim parties including M Siddiq and the All India Sunni Waqf Board, raised objections that it will not be possible for him to take part in the proceedings five days a week.

"We are answering Dr Dhavan. We will continue the day to day hearing as decided. When your turn comes, if you need a mid-week break, we will consider it," Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, heading a five-judge Constitution Bench hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010, verdict of the Allahabad High Court, said shortly before the day's hearing concluded.

The hearing will resume Tuesday as Monday is a holiday on account of Eid.

As proceedings began Friday, Dhavan said he had heard rumours that the court was going to sit all five days of the week and that it should clear the air. Dhavan told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, that this was the first appeal and should not be rushed through.

He said the court hearing a Constitutional matter continuously even on Mondays and Fridays has never happened before.

Normally, Mondays and Fridays are reserved for miscellaneous matters — fresh cases and those on which notices have been issued — and cases which are referred to larger benches or Constitution benches are taken

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At a mosque in Srinagar Friday after prohibitory orders were relaxed for the first time since the lockdown. ANI

IIM off-campus in Srinagar gets HRD Ministry green light

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

THE UNION government Friday approved an off-campus centre of IIM-Jammu in Srinagar and also sanctioned Rs 51.8 crore to set up the temporary campus, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The move comes within days of the Parliament approving a resolution abrogating special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution, and a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised IITs and IIMs for the region in his address to the nation.

Confirming the development, IIM-Jammu director B S Sahay told *The Indian Express* that the institute has identified a building on the New Airport

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Road in Srinagar, where its off-campus centre will be temporarily housed.

"We have written to the CPWD (Central Public Works Commission) to get the building on the New Airport

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Under cover of night, ailing try to find way to Srinagar hospitals

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 9

THIS REPORT is a day late. As it has been these past six days with the security lockdown in place across the Valley, and all communication lines downed.

Restrictions on movements during the day are stringent and it's only when darkness descends that people in desperate need of medical assistance try to venture out. The cover of darkness becomes their passage to the city outside the four walls of their homes.

Shops remain shuttered, and the streets are almost empty barring the security personnel enforcing the prohibitory orders.

Behind closed doors, people wait patiently. It's an anxious wait — of patients desperate to reach the nearest health facility, of patients discharged from hospitals but unable to reach their homes, of parents waiting for word from sons and daughters studying outside the Valley, of worried migrant labourers waiting for relaxation of prohibitory orders so they can head home to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

The Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital, usually packed with patients and attendants every night, now receives a trickle. Its corridors and wards are more or less empty and ambulances are stationed outside, in a row.

A doctor at the hospital told *The Indian Express*: "There were

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at AIIMS, where the former Finance Minister was admitted. ANI

Jaitley admitted to AIIMS, doctors say in intensive care

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Jaitley was admitted to AIIMS in May as well

FORMER FINANCE Minister Arun Jaitley was admitted to AIIMS in Delhi Friday morning after he complained of palpitations and restlessness. He was placed under observation at the hospital's Cardio-Neuro-Centre.

"He is currently undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit under the supervision of a multidisciplinary team of doctors. At present, he is hemodynamically stable," said a statement by AIIMS at 8.45 pm. According to doctors, Jaitley (66) is likely to be kept under observation for the next two to three days.

If a patient is hemodynamically stable, it means that the force at which the heart pumps blood is stable. Hemodynamics refers to the force the heart has to develop to maintain blood flow through the cavities of the heart and all the blood vessels. Stable blood flow provides a steady supply of oxygen to all tissues and organs in the body.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla were among the leaders to visit AIIMS at night.

In May this year, too, Jaitley was admitted to AIIMS for treatment. Citing health reasons, the BJP leader and Finance Minister did not contest the Lok Sabha elections. After the Modi government returned to power, Jaitley wrote to the Prime Minister that he would like to stay away from "any responsibility" on account of his ill health.

In 2018, Jaitley had undergone a kidney transplant at AIIMS. In a tweet on April 6, 2018, he said: "I am being treated for kidney-related problems & certain infections that I have contracted." In September 2014, he had undergone bariatric surgery because of a long-standing diabetic condition.

BCCI agrees, cricketers are now under national drug testing agency

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

ENDING AN impasse that has dragged for close to a decade, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Friday agreed to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). It means all cricketers, without exception, will now be tested for banned and performance enhancing drugs by NADA, like any other Indian athlete.

The Union Sports Ministry agreed to grant NOCs for visas to visiting teams after the cricket board decided to follow "all laws notified by the Government of India", including the country's anti-doping norms.

"World Anti Doping Agency's Article 5.2.1 states that all athletes who compete in the country will be tested by the country's anti-doping agency. We have told the BCCI that no agreements are possible. Laws are the same for everyone and all cricketers, like other athletes, will be tested by NADA," Sports Secretary Radheyshyam Julaniya told *The Indian Express*.

The BCCI relented after the Sports Ministry sent them a letter on August 6, saying that the pending NOCs needed for visas for the South Africa 'A' and



On par with other sports

THE BCCI-NADA tie-up means cricketers will be tested more often, including an increase in the all-important out-of-competition and target testing. Statistics show that a majority of dope cheats are caught during training. So far, BCCI outsourced sample collection but now, like every other sport in the country, cricket will have to undergo NADA's rigorous scrutiny.

women's teams would be granted after the board gave them an assurance in writing that they would abide by government laws.

That declaration was made Friday after BCCI CEO Rahul Johri, General Manager (Cricket Operations) Saba Karim and anti-doping officer Abhijit Salvi

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NDTV's Roys stopped from flying abroad, their company says fake case

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 9

NDTV FOUNDERS Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika were stopped from boarding an international flight Friday at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai, a move that the channel said was a "complete subversion of basic rights".

Sources at the Bureau of Immigration confirmed that the Roys were due to fly to Nairobi on a Kenya Airways flight at 4.45 pm from Mumbai but were stopped



Prannoy Roy, wife Radhika were stopped in Mumbai

by the authorities from boarding. Airport officials said that the Roys were not detained, and allowed to go after being informed by immigration authorities that they

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Decision on Congress chief today, Kharge, Wasnik are frontrunners

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

ON THE eve of a crucial meeting of the Congress Working Committee Saturday, where the next party chief is likely to be named, Rahul Gandhi asked all party Chief Ministers, state chiefs, MPs and party office bearers Friday to be part of the process of picking his successor.

The move is seen as an attempt to ensure that the well-entrenched and powerful Delhi CWC clique does not manage to push a name of their choice. While Mukul Wasnik and Mallikarjun Kharge emerged the frontrunners



Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra after the meeting in New Delhi, Friday. Anil Sharma

to head the party, the decision to open up the process has injected an element of uncertainty.

"The purpose is how to defang the CWC meeting tomorrow," a

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Latest count is in: Desi cattle numbers continue to go downhill

Reflects farmer preference for animals yielding more milk; exotic and crossbred cattle population jumps 29.5%

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

THE BJP-LED government's efforts to promote conservation and rearing of desi breeds through schemes like the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) notwithstanding, India's indigenous cattle numbers continue to decline.

According to the provisional 2019 Livestock Census report — the data of which is still under scrutiny and validation — the

country's total population of indigenous and non-descript cattle is estimated at 139.82 million. This is a 7.5 per cent drop over the previous 2012 census figure of 151.17 million and consistent with the falling trend since 1992, when it peaked at 189.37 million.

In contrast, the exotic and crossbred cattle population has jumped by 29.5 per cent, from 39.73 million in 2012 to 51.47 million in 2019. The increase is more than 238 per cent (from 15.22 million to 51.47 million) between 1992 and 2019, a period that wit-

nessed a 26 per cent-plunge in the numbers for indigenous/non-descript breeds (from 189.37 million to 139.82 million).

All this is clearly a reflection of farmer preference for animals yielding more milk. A typical desi Gir, Sahiwal or Red Sindhi cow gives only 1,500-2,000 litres over a 300-305 days lactation cycle, compared to 7,000-8,000 litres by exotic breeds such as Holstein-Friesian and Jersey and the 4,000-4,500 litres of crossbreds.

The RGM, launched in December 2014 with a budget of

LIVESTOCK CENSUS NUMBERS (IN MILLIONS)

	2007	2012	2019
1. Total Cattle	199.08	190.9	191.29
(a) Indigenous*	166.02	151.17	139.82
(b) Exotic/Crossbred	33.06	39.73	51.47
(a) Female Cattle	115.45	122.98	144.68
(b) Male Cattle	83.62	67.92	46.61
2. Total Buffalo	105.34	108.07	110.17
3. Milch Animals**	111.09	118.59	125.15
4. Goats	140.54	135.17	147.77
5. Sheep	71.56	65.07	65.06
6. Pigs	11.13	10.29	8.26
Total Livestock***	529.07	512.06	533.02

*Includes Nondescript Cattle; **Adult cows & female buffaloes in-milk and dry; ***Includes horses, donkeys, mules, yaks and camels.



Rs 2,000 crore-plus, aims at development of indigenous cattle (through selection of high genetic merit bulls for breeding) as well as upgradation of non-descript animals (by using elite desi breeds, including Gir, Sahiwal, Rathi, Deoni, Tharparkar and Red Sindhi). But the results are simply not visible on the ground, where farmers are only increasingly choosing to rear exotic or crossbred cows, if not buffaloes that produce milk with higher fat and solids-not-fat content.

Another indicator of farmers valuing cattle purely for milk, as opposed to draught or breeding purposes, is the falling male population. Male cattle numbers in

India have dipped from 101.60 million in 1992 to 67.92 million in 2012 and further to 46.61 million as per the 2019 Census, even while registering a rise for females from 102.99 million to 122.98 million and 144.68 million in these years.

The 2019 Livestock Census was conducted between October 1, 2018 and July 17, 2019. Unlike the previous 19 censuses that relied on manual entry, this one was done by enumerators collecting field data using computer tablets and uploading the same to a central server. Around 57,000 enumerators and 11,000 supervisors were deployed in the data

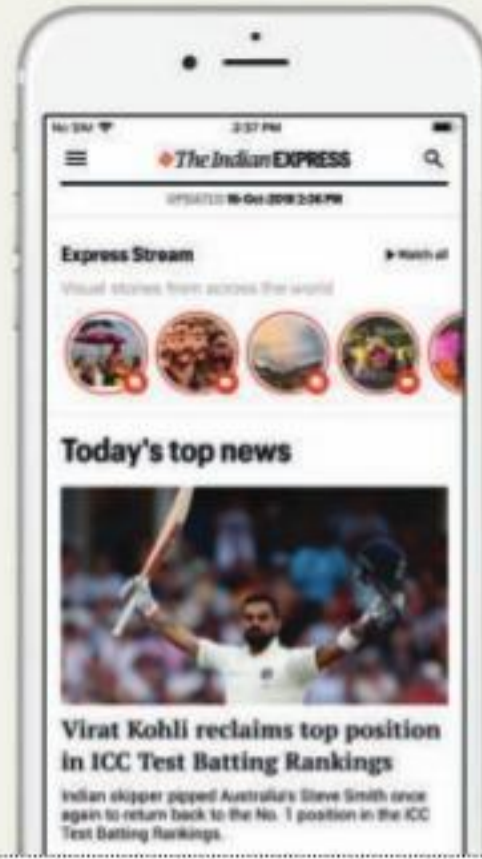
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PM Modi's speech and what it says about the future of J&K

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1,500 sexual abuse survivors write to CJI, want child prostitution tried under POCSO

SHALINI NAIR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

ABOUT 1,500 survivors of sexual violence have signed a letter addressed to the Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, asking him to widen the scope of his recent suo motu case on child rapes in India so as to consider the lakhs of child commercial sexual exploitation cases as "serial rape of children" and not just child prostitution.

The letter, submitted to the apex court on Friday, points out that cases of commercial sexual exploitation of children and sex trafficking are nothing but repeated rape of children. And yet, data available from six states show that police do not press charges against the accused under the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POCSO). Instead, they book them under the less severe anti-trafficking law Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986. This incongruity in law enforcement exists even as under law, any sexual act with a minor is rape, with the Supreme Court ruling in 2017 stating that even sexual intercourse between a man and his

under-18 wife amounts to rape.

The letter, sent under the banner of Rashtriya Garima Abhiyan, a survivor forum and an alliance of 30 organisations working on the issue, also points to the fact that POCSO "provides better safeguard, rehabilitation and compensation for the victims". As per an UNICEF report of 2001, up to 4 lakh children are forced into prostitution in India's metropolitan cities alone. Rashtriya Garima Abhiyan estimates the numbers to be far higher at 10 lakh across the country.

Among the signatories of the letter sent to the CJI is Bhanwari Devi, the activist who was sexually violated by upper caste men in 1992 in response to her attempt to prevent child marriage in her village in Rajasthan. Bhanwari Devi, who has since been instrumental for the enactment of the law to prevent sexual harassment of women at workplace, said, "In the last 25 years, I have seen very little change in the condition of rape survivors. Much of the hurdles faced by them remain the same. The only difference is that earlier the cases in hospitals were mostly that of women but in recent years, I see so many child victims of rape."

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days when there would be no beds available for patients and we would accommodate two patients on a single bed. But as you can see today, the beds are empty."

"We receive very few patients in the emergency section as well. We are worried about patients who need critical care. Every day, we used to receive over two dozen cases of heart attack. Only a few are coming these days, mostly from Srinagar. What of the others? We don't know."

Ali Mohammed had to stop at 11 checkpoints to get to the Sheri-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS). "A resident of Pantha Chowk on the outskirts of Srinagar, Ali showed the doctor's prescription to security personnel.

At the SMHS Hospital, Aziz Najjar, from Baramulla district, has a similar account. "I travelled from north Kashmir with a relative to the hospital. But during the one-and-a-half hour journey, we had to get past scores of barricades, concertina wire spools, first on the highway and then on the city roads leading to the hospital."

It's 10 pm and police and paramilitary personnel deployed on the roads have started to withdraw from the city roads, but the roads around SMHS Hospital are still barricaded with spools of concertina wire.

Bilal Ahmad and his wife have been waiting outside the hospital's main gate for an ambulance or any vehicle to take them home to Shalimar, less than 15 km away.

"She developed acute pain and I rushed her to a nearby hospital in Habak. They referred us to JNM Hospital (in Rainwarai) from where we were brought here in an ambulance," Bilal said. "She has been discharged. We have been waiting here for the past three hours for someone to drop us home. I told an autorickshaw driver I will pay double the fare, but nobody dares to move out."

The ambulance drivers have been busy too. Ferroz Ahmad, one of the drivers, said: "We are supposed to bring hospital staff, doctors, technicians from their homes and drop them when they are done. On the way, if there are patients who need a ride, we drop them home as well. And we do not ask them to pay. I have not gone home in five days."

Even with an Essential Services identity card, Ahmad says it is not easy to move around since the government has not declared a curfew, only imposed Section 144. "We cannot get curfew passes because authorities say there is no curfew. So when I step out, even this ID card does not always work."

Nisar Ahmad, sitting outside the hospital with his parents, said: "We came here on Monday, my mother needed treatment. Now we have to go home. We have been waiting for an ambulance from Shopian, hoping it drops us home."

SMHS Hospital medical superintendent Dr Nazir Hussain Choudhary declined comment: "I am not authorised to speak."

It's the ailing who are worst hit by the lockdown. The patient flow in most hospitals is a trickle. "The number of patients reaching us is very low. We are getting mostly emergency cases," a SKIMS official said.

Ishtiyaq Ahmad, an employee of a dialysis centre, said it has shut for the last three days. "We don't know what has happened to our patients who are supposed to undergo the dialysis cycles."

Patients are trying to reach hospitals at night because movement restrictions are more strin-

Pak nervous over J&K move: Govt

given its record of keeping the Valley on boil by infiltrating the Line of Control. In fact, Delhi is more worried about trouble from across the LoC than the reactions it may see in the Valley once the prohibitory orders are lifted.

Last night, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in an address to the nation after his government revoked the state's special status and bifurcated it into two Union Territories, asked the youth of J&K to step forward and take up its political leadership. He promised early elections, and assured J&K government employees that they will be offered the same benefits as government employees in other Union Territories. He

showered special praise on the J&K Police for leading the fight against terror, and said J&K will now walk on the path of development.

On Friday, Pakistan also announced it will suspend the Thar Express train service which links the two countries across the Rajasthan border, a day after it stopped the Sanjhauta Express.

The Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, "There is a feeling that Pakistan is nervous over India's initiative in Jammu and Kashmir... Pakistan thinks it will not be able to mislead people if there is development in Jammu and Kashmir." He said development in the

Union Territories will "nullify" Pakistan's justification to conduct cross-border activities. Pakistan, he said, will try to internationalise the issue by approaching the UN Security Council, but "our views are very clear. Whatever steps are taken with regard to Article 370 completely relates to internal affairs of India. It is time for Pakistan to accept the reality, and stop interfering in our internal affairs". He said precautionary steps, including restrictions, have been taken to maintain law and order in the Valley.

The government's measured response to Islamabad's announcements make it clear that Delhi is trying to signal that it does not want to escalate the

matter.

The security establishment fears that Pakistan will fish in the Kashmir waters and try to infiltrate the LoC. That fear has heightened because of Pakistan's high decibel criticism of India's move, and its record of engineering attacks in the Valley, sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said.

"Pakistan has already made its intentions clear by expressing its displeasure and anger... We fear Pakistan will exploit the development to try and internationalise the Kashmir issue... Our biggest challenge will be to ensure infiltration is kept to minimum and no major attack takes place," a senior security establishment officer said.

IIM off-campus in Srinagar gets HRD Ministry nod

Department) to start work on the building. It should be ready in a few months. To begin with, we will start an incubation centre and offer management development programmes (short-duration programmes ranging from three days to six months)," Sahay said.

Asked when the Srinagar off-campus centre would start

full-time MBA programmes, Sahay did not elaborate on the timeline, but said it will happen "soon".

The HRD is also learnt to have written to the state seeking allotment of 10 acres to construct the permanent campus of the Srinagar centre.

IIM-Jammu was established by the NDA government in 2016

along with six other new IIMs in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Punjab and Maharashtra during its term. Sahay is the first director of IIM-Jammu.

The institute offers Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and Doctoral Programme (PhD) in Management, and has a student strength of roughly

150.

Although the proposal to set up IIM-Jammu's off-campus centre in Srinagar has been in the works for less than a year, its approval was expedited in the last few days in the wake of the government's promise of development in the J&K after its special status and statehood was scrapped, sources said.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME Plea in SC to extend last date of admissions of J&K students

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THE SUPREME Court on Friday agreed to hear a plea by the state of Jammu and Kashmir, seeking the extension by one month of the last date for admission of 2,401 students selected under the Prime Ministers Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) for admission to undergraduate courses in colleges across the country in view of the prevailing situation.

The state's Standing Counsel Shob Alam mentioned the plea by the J&K Higher Education Department before a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana, who agreed to hear it on August 13.

Under the scheme, 5,869 scholarships have been offered to students from J&K for 2019-20.

The plea said counseling for the seats for the current academic year was completed by AICTE, the nodal agency under the scheme, on July 30, 2019. While 3,672 students had already joined allotted institutions, 2,401 students are yet to join their allotted institutions.

The last date for their admissions is August 15.

Congress, CPM share seats for bypolls in three Bengal seats

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KOLKATA, AUGUST 9

IN A bid to stop the march of BJP and TMC in West Bengal, the Congress and CPM have come together for a seat adjustment for the upcoming bypolls in three assembly segments.

During a meeting on Friday, the state leadership of the two parties decided that the Congress would contest Kaliaganj in North Dinajpur district and Kharagpur in Paschim Medinipur district.

The CPM-led Left Front would contest Karimpur in Nadia district. "Today it has been finalised that Congress would contest on two seats and CPM would contest one seat. The Congress-CPM alliance would bring in a new dawn in Bengal politics. We together would defeat the communal politics of BJP and TMC," West Bengal Congress chief Somen Mitra said.

The CPM leadership, however, called it a "seat adjustment".

CPM and Congress had come together for 2016 Assembly polls but failed to oust the ruling Trinamool Congress. In 2019, CPM and Congress failed to seal an alliance for the Lok Sabha polls.

One nation, one ration card: Govt launches pilot project

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THE GOVERNMENT on Friday launched inter-state portability of ration cards between Telangana-Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra-Gujarat as a pilot project to implement 'One Nation, One Ration Card' across the country by June 1, 2020.

Beneficiaries in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh can now buy their quota of ration from Public Distribution System (PDS), or ration shops, in either state. Similar would be the case in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

"It is a historic day. We have started off inter-state portability

of ration card pairing two states each." Food and Public Distribution Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said.

Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tripura are currently testing intra-portability of ration card, which means beneficiaries can lift their quota of ration from any PDS outlet within a state.

Secretary, Food and Public Distribution, Ravi Kant said the inter-state portability of ration card will be implemented in the above-mentioned states gradually by January 2020.

The minister said the government is planning to roll out 'One Nation, One Ration Card' across the country by June 1, 2020.

gent during the day. At Lal Ded Hospital, a maternity hospital, a woman said: "We left home last night at 9:30 to reach the hospital. Our appointment with the doctor is scheduled for tomorrow. We were not sure if we would make it during the day."

Congress chief

Congress leader told The Indian Express, after Rahul made known his decision at a meeting of country-wide party leaders convened to discuss the Jammu and Kashmir situation and the party's response.

Another leader said the Kashmir meeting was a "ruse" as the idea was to ensure that all of them are in Delhi so that they are available for consultation Saturday. All have been asked to reach the AICC headquarters by 11 AM.

The CWC meeting Saturday takes place amid a clear divergence of views between young leaders and the party's old guard. And perhaps for the first time since Rahul resigned, Sonia Gandhi's opinion was sought Friday by the senior leadership.

Rahul, sources said, indulged in some "plain speaking" at the meeting, making it known that "leaders can slide away" but the party will not compromise on principles. Hours earlier, former Congress chief whip in Rajya Sabha Bhubaneswar Kalita joined the BJP.

Rahul asked leaders whether the Congress would have got more votes had it supported the Centre's decision. He said this after many of those who attended the meeting spoke about public mood being in favour of scrapping Article 370 of the Constitution and argued that the party could lose votes.

Many leaders spoke about the uncertainty that has gripped the party and asked him to continue as Congress president. He refused but told them not to worry, arguing that the next Congress chief will be in place within the next few days after wider consultations.

Sources said Wasnik and Kharge remain the frontrunners but at least three CWC members told The Indian Express that they would not agree and that "it would be difficult for them (the old guard) to push" those names.

Kharge and Wasnik are Dalits. While Kharge was Leader of the Congress in the last Lok Sabha, Wasnik has risen through ranks

with rich organisational experience. He was president of both the NSUI and the Youth Congress in the 1980s.

Rahul had announced his decision to step down at the CWC held on May 25. But three months on, the party is yet to zero in on his successor, who will have the onerous task of resurrecting the grand old party.

The Gandhis have so far kept themselves out of the exercise to find a new leader. Congress leaders, however, admit that the Gandhis still retain the crucial say and veto in the selection of the next party chief.

What is almost certain is that a non-Gandhi could become party president for the first time in over two decades. A top leader said there could be various scenarios - the CWC can either appoint a provisional president or task a group of leaders with finding a new president in the event of sharp divisions. Or it could announce a timeline to hold elections for the post of Congress chief.

The informal discussions held so far indicate that there are multiple views within the party. Many, like Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, believe the next president should be a young leader while other party veterans argue that experience should be given primacy and a third section believes the next president should be a Dalit, which will send a positive message.

Rahul, sources said, told the meeting that he was happy that the Congress is under pressure to appoint a new president and this will jolt the party into action. He said the tiger maintained its ferocity even under pressure. Sources said that a Congress chief of a northern state told the meeting that certain names doing the rounds for the party president's post were being propped up by vested corporate interests.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra did not speak at the meeting. Neither did the others members of the CWC.

NDTV founders

cannot leave the country. In a statement, NDTV said that the detention was a "shameful continuance of the campaign to warn the media that nothing less than complete obeisance is acceptable".

In 2017, the CBI had registered a case against the Roys, a private company and others for causing alleged losses to a private bank. The case reportedly relates to a

bank loan default of Rs 48 crore taken from ICICI Bank in 2008. According to the FIR, the loan defaulted by NDTV's Prannoy Roy for a company named RRRPR Holdings Private Limited.

"NDTV and ICICI entered into a criminal conspiracy to transfer ownership of a news company, against banking rules and the SEBI Act," the CBI had said in its FIR.

NDTV's statement added that the couple was scheduled to travel abroad for a week and had return tickets booked for August 15.

"They have been stopped on the basis of a fake and wholly unsubstantiated corruption case filed by the CBI about an ICICI loan that was taken by their company, RRRPR, which was fully repaid with interest ahead of schedule. The case has been challenged by the NDTV founders and their company in the Delhi High Court where the matter has been pending for two years," said the statement. It said that the Roys had been cooperating with authorities and that Friday's actions were a warning to the media to fall in line.

"...they have been travelling abroad regularly and returning to the country, so to suggest they are a flight risk is ludicrous. The authorities did not inform the court, where the matter is sub judice, or the Roys, about today's action," it said.

Drug testing

met Julaniya in New Delhi.

In return, the government accepted a few requests made by the BCCI, with the most prominent change being the introduction of "premium services" for dope tests. The BCCI asked for dope control officers who are at least graduates by qualification to test cricketers to ensure the process is carried out efficiently.

"We agreed to that and will empanel qualified pathologists. They also wanted to continue using their own testing kits, which we don't have a problem with as long as they meet WADA requirements," said Julaniya.

"Mr Johri and his team came with a very open mind. We have nothing against BCCI. They, in fact, have done a great job in spreading the sport. If they want special services, they can pay for that. This won't be exclusive for cricketers. We will extend this facility to any athlete who wants it."

Johri said: "We have expressed our genuine concern about the quality and efficiency of

the process. They have agreed to address these concerns."

Until now, cricket was the only sport in India that was not under the ambit of the NADA. Instead of allowing the Delhi-based agency to collect the cricketers' urine and blood samples, the BCCI had outsourced its programme to Sweden's International Doping Tests and Management.

IDTM collected samples, which would be tested at the National Dope Test Laboratory and the BCCI would handle the result management process itself as per their laws.

However, their handling of a recent case involving 19-year-old batsman Prithvi Shaw - who was suspended for eight months for failing a dope test - was criticised by experts. The ministry, too, had highlighted flaws in the BCCI's mechanisms, the opaqueness in their procedures and hinted at conflict of interest.

From here, they will be tested according to laws dictated by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), which are adopted by the NADA and even the International Cricket Council (ICC).

India was also the only ICC member not to abide by the WADA rules. That was seen as among the key reasons for cricket not being considered for the Olympics. However, Friday's developments will open the doors for the ICC, which can once again push their case for the inclusion of cricket in the Olympics.

SC Ayodhya

up on the remaining days.

Dhavan said that a lot of research and preparation has to be undertaken before coming to court to argue. "You cannot tell the lawyers to read only the title and conclusions," he said, adding he was not sure if anyone other than Justice Chandrachud would have read the entire judgement of the High Court.

He also said that he will not be able to assist the bench if this was not addressed. The CJI said the court had heard his submissions and will reply to it soon.

Meanwhile, senior Counsel K Parasaran, representing the deity Ramalalla, continued his arguments, explaining how a deity came to be considered a juridical person. Justice Bobde had put the question to the senior counsel and asked him how the court had started considering a deity a juridical person.

Parasaran replied that there were judgments of the court to the effect that something which is not in idol form can also be a juridical person. Referring to Dharma Shastras, he said that an "idol is not necessary for invoking divinity" and cited the example of Kedarnath.

He said that treating the deity as a juridical person began for the purpose of taxation and the one of the earliest judgements on this was by the Privy Council in 1925. "It's a judicially evolved doctrine, not a statutory or legislative one and, it is open for your Lordships to develop it even further," he submitted.

He said that even hills were treated as divine which was why there is 'parikrama' conducted in Thiruvannamalai and in Chitrakoot.

Justice Bhushan told Parasaran that it has come in evidence that there was a 'parikrama' around the 'janmasthan' in Ayodhya and asked if that would give some sanctity to the latter being treated as a juridical person.

Parasaran replied that according to Dharma Shastras, "What matters is a deity, what does not matter is the form in which it is worshipped."

"The deity for Hindus is the smallest of the smallest particle of an atom. The form is only for concentration, divinity is omnipresent," he said, adding that giving divinity a juridical form was to protect the interest of the worshippers and other things attached to it.

The 'pradakshina' or 'parikrama' was an essential aspect of worship for Hindus and hence where it is done is also a juridical person, he said.

"God is all-pervading. So the manifestation of the divinity is also worshipped. The whole of Ayodhya is divine for Hindus and therefore everything connected to it is a juridical person," he said.

Justice Bobde wanted to know if anyone from the Raghu Vamsam, into which Lord Ram was believed to have been born into, was still around. The senior counsel said he did not know about it.

Desi cattle

collection exercise, for which the National Informatics Centre developed an Android-based mobile application. In all, some 26.01 crore households and 0.44 crore non-households across 666,028 villages and 89,075 urban wards were covered.

"The current report is an interim one, based on data collected and sent by the enumerators till July 17, which was the last date for uploading. The data finalisation process by the supervisors is still underway, which will be followed by further cleaning and validation. The final report should be ready by this month-end," sources said.

The latest Census also points to a continued rise in the country's buffalo population from 108.70 million in 2012 to 110.17 million in 2019 (see table). Over a longer time period, between 1992 and 2019, the overall buffalo count has gone up from 84.21 million to 110.17 million, even while dropping from 204.58 million to 191.29 million for cattle.

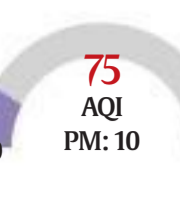
"The available data does not suggest any impact as yet of the anti-slaughter policies of the BJP governments, whether at the Centre or in states. Buffalo numbers rising and desi cattle falling is not a new phenomenon. It was happening even earlier. And farmers seem to be keeping more milch cows, despite problems in disposal after they cease to be productive," the sources pointed out.

The 2019 Census estimates India's total livestock population at 533.20 million. That includes animals whose counts have recorded increases (goats and sheep), declines (pigs, donkeys, camels and horses) or little change (yaks and mules) since 1992.



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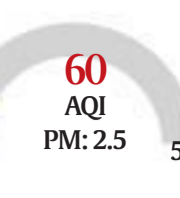
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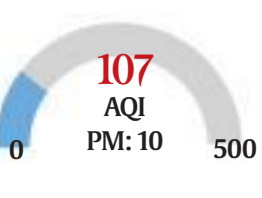
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QRT vehicle stolen from Janakpuri, recovered 8 hours later

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

A QUICK Response Team (QRT) vehicle, attached with the in-charge of the anti-auto-theft squad (AATS) of the West district, was stolen from Janakpuri area Friday afternoon when the driver of the car was having tea. After several units, including the Special Cell, were deployed to look for the vehicle, it was found abandoned in the Moti Nagar area eight hours later. Later at night, police arrested a 20-year-old man for the theft.

Police said QRT was privately hired by Delhi Police and was driven by a private driver, Pawan.

The incident took place around 3.15 pm when Pawan went to get the tyres changed. He then parked the vehicle in a service lane near Janakpuri Metro station and went to have tea. "A few minutes later, he came out and found the vehicle missing. He immediately informed the in-charge, who in turn informed his seniors," a senior police officer said.

A West district crime team visited the spot and a forensic team was called in to lift prints, sources said.

"Police questioned security guards and drivers who work nearby, as well as others who live in the area. Police also found that the car was not secured with high-end anti-theft devices. After intensive checking, it was found abandoned in Moti Nagar. Investigators found CCTV footage from the spot and with help from informers, they arrested the accused, Saurav Kumar, a resident of Uttam Nagar. The vehicle had a Delhi registration number," a police officer said.

VENTURES INTO HOME & SALON BEFORE BEING RESCUED

At Gurgaon village, leopard's day out keeps residents on the edge

SAKSHIDAYAL
GURGAON, AUGUST 9

ON FRIDAY afternoon, Sajid Ali, who runs a salon in Gurgaon's Badshahpur area, was shaken to find a leopard that had ventured into his workplace around 3.30 pm.

"I had an inkling the animal was in the vicinity seconds before it ran into the salon. I had seen it jumping off a terrace and running on to the road. People were chasing it and the animal came into my salon looking for shelter," said Ali, who has hailed from Uttar Pradesh and came to Gurgaon around 15 years ago.

"I have never seen a leopard here before, or heard of it coming to this area. I was attending to two clients at the time. The salon has only one door, so we had to wait until the leopard was completely inside before we had



Officials from the forest department said the leopard, believed to be around two years old, was rescued by 5.30 pm

a chance to flee ourselves. We quickly closed the shutter behind us to restrict the animal. I was terrified," he said.

Ali, however, was not the first person to spot the animal. It was first seen by some labourers do-

ing construction work at the home of Maniram, a resident of Badshahpur, when they went to the basement to collect some equipment.

Rajendra Yadav, Maniram's brother and a former Excise

Taxation Officer, said: "As soon as they spotted the animal, they told Maniram's son about it, but the animal ran out of the basement and jumped over the wall into my house." Rajendra and Maniram live next to each other.

Yadav said the animal hid behind a bush, and his wife, mistaking it for a monkey, was going towards it to scare it away when he rushed to stop her. "I asked everyone in my family to go into the house and lock the door. A lot of residents had gathered outside our gate and were trying to see the leopard, but I asked them to leave it alone. I called the police, who alerted the forest department," said Yadav.

It was while attempts were being made to rescue the leopard that it jumped onto the boundary wall of Yadav's house and then his terrace. "My nephew was there at the time and the animal attacked him. He

sustained some scratches, but he managed to defend himself with a stick. That is when the leopard jumped onto the main road and ran into a salon," said Yadav.

Officials from the forest department said the leopard, believed to be around two years old, was rescued by 5.30 pm. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Vinod Kumar said, "A team of five-seven people was rushed to the spot immediately. It was a crowded area and the first aim was to disperse the crowd and rescue the animal safely. Since it was confined, however, this task was made easier and faster."

"We did not need to use a tranquilliser to capture the animal, and managed to do so using nets and a cage. The animal does not have any exterior injuries and is being kept under observation. If all goes well, it will be released back into the wild in a few hours," he said.

Gurgaon's 'city forest' may include a leopard safari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 9

GURGAON MAY soon get a "leopard safari", with the Public Works and Development and Haryana Forest Minister Rao Narbir Singh stating that the facility is being considered for inclusion in the "city forest" being developed by Haryana government.

After laying the foundation stone for the forest Friday, Singh said, "Efforts are being made to create a leopard safari in the city forest. I will soon go to Etawah to see how the lion safari is being operated there, after which work will be done towards creating a leopard safari here."

Work on the city forest was kicked off with the minister planting a sapling near Sakatpur village. The forest will be developed on around 1,000 acres of land in villages like Sakatpur, Gairatpur Bas and Shikohpur, said officials. "Seeing the high level of pollution here, we've decided to

create the city forest. To develop it, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority will bring treated water from the sewage treatment plant here, so it can be used to maintain trees and plants," said Singh.

"Daily, 17 crore litres of water is treated at the Behrampur STP, of which only 80 or 90 lakh litres is used. The remaining 16 crore litres is being wasted. Work is being done by GMDA to bring this water to the city forest, which will also be used in the lakes being constructed here," he said.

Officials said many activities will be conducted in the city forest, including plantation of trees, "so that people can come here to connect with nature and get some peace".

"We are taking support of corporate companies to develop the forest. Many corporates have shown an interest in planting trees for it. These companies will be allotted spaces in the forest, where they can undertake plantation," said Singh.

66-yr-old man offered a lift, beaten up and looted on Noida Expressway

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, AUGUST 9

OFFERED A lift to his village in Jewar by three men in a car, a 66-year-old man was allegedly assaulted, robbed of Rs 18,000 and thrown out of the vehicle on the Noida Expressway Friday.

"An FIR has been filed under IPC Section 392 (punishment for robbery) against the three accused at Knowledge Park police station. As per initial information, they offered Brij Mohan Singh a

lift near Expo Mart in Greater Noida and told him they were going to Jewar and he could come along. No arrest has been made so far and a probe is underway," said Tanu Upadhyay, Circle Officer (Greater Noida 1st).

According to Singh's son, who filed the complaint, his father initially hailed an auto and then got into a tempo traveller bus which dropped him near Jagat Farms near Surajpur. The driver told him he could hail a bus from Pari Chowk to Jewar.

"As he was walking, a white

hatchback with a UP plate stopped beside him and three people in the car offered him a lift," said Singh's son Gaurav Atri.

As per the complaint, the accused started driving towards Noida Expressway. One of them suggested a route through an underpass. They then stopped the car, allegedly punched Singh in the face and stomach and robbed his money before pushing him out, alleged Atri.

Singh managed to note down the licence plate number and police are tracking down the car.

JNUSU head showcaused over graffiti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU University has issued a showcause notice to the students' union president and secretary for pasting posters on campus walls — an act it termed as "defacement". Last month, the administration had taken down posters. In protest, the JNUSU had initiated a mass poster-making and pasting drive.

P K Joshi, Director Swachh JNU, in a circular dated July 20 had said: "It has come to the notice of the university administration that some students are planning to

hold march across campus and stick posters on walls... Attention of university's campus residents is invited to circulars... issued by Director Swachh JNU wherein all concerned had been called to strictly abide by provision of Delhi Defacement of Property Act, 2007 and JNU executive council decision taken in its meeting dated 13.03.2018. Therefore, any person found violating above instructions shall render themselves liable for action/penalty in terms of the Act and university rules."

The Chief Proctor Friday issued a notice to JNUSU president N Sai Balaji and general secretary Aejaz Ahmad Rather regarding



The administration had taken down posters last month. Tashi Tobgyal

the protest. Former JNUSU joint-secretary Shubhanshu Singh was also issued a similar notice.

"The Chief Proctor office has received a complaint from Chief

Security Office dated July 24, stating that you were involved in pasting posters on walls of academic buildings, thereby defacing property of JNU. This is a deliberate act of indiscipline and gross violation of rules and regulations," the notice said.

"You are hereby asked to explain why disciplinary action should not be initiated against you...," it added. Chief Proctor Kaushal Kumar Sharma did not respond to calls and texts.

Balaji said, "It's ironic that I am being served notice for pasting a poster of Voltaire, which says I will defend your right to speech until my death."

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HC tells Kapil Mishra to file response

New Delhi: The Delhi HC Friday asked former Delhi minister Kapil Mishra to file his response to the findings against him by the Delhi Assembly Speaker in his order disqualifying him as an MLA.

Man held for murder

New Delhi: Two months after the death of a Nepalese citizen in South West Delhi, police have arrested a man who allegedly hit the victim with stones.

Protest on Kashmir at Jantar Mantar

New Delhi: Over 100 people gathered at Jantar Mantar Friday to address issues faced by Kashmiris in Delhi and across the country. Students and working professionals from J&K also spoke about the difficulties in reaching their families back home.

Slip-resistant crutches for the elderly

New Delhi: An IIT-Delhi startup has launched 'all-terrain, slip-resistant crutches' called Flexmo for the disabled and elderly. It will be available on e-commerce platforms by August-end.

Ghazals, Sufi songs at Kalakriti event

New Delhi: Two differently abled singers will perform at Kalakriti Foundation's annual national social cultural show, 'Confluence', Saturday. Singer Kumari Saroj, who has a visually impairment, specialises in bhajans and ghazals, while Aastha Sharma, who has a learning disability, will perform Sufi and Punjabi songs. **ENS**

KEJRIWAL THANKS SHEKHAWAT AT INAUGURATION

Launching project to store floodwater, CM says Centre put it on fast track

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

UNION JAL Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday inaugurated a pilot project to store overflowing water from the Yamuna in its floodplains. The plan is to retain excess monsoon water in shallow reservoirs dug out on the floodplains of around 40 acres, north of the capital near Haryana. This would recharge groundwater in the area which can be extracted to meet Delhi's growing water demand.

At the inauguration in Sungarpur village, Shekhawat said availability of water was a challenge across the world: "I wish this pilot project is successful and that in time, it is accepted not only in the nation but across the world as the Delhi model."

He also commended the method through which the project aims to store water — by removing the top layer of soil to a depth of around 1 metre. Nature of the soil is said to be sandy below that depth, as a result of which water would percolate into the ground at a faster pace. Official estimates indicate a percolation rate of around 4-9 metres per day.

Kejriwal thanked Shekhawat for helping the project receive necessary clearances from the Centre in around two months: "Whenever we faced any problems, when we applied to central agencies... I would phone Shekhawat ji and he would get us the permission in 24 hours."

He added that the pilot would study the direction, distance and speed at which water percolates,

RECHARGING GROUNDWATER

1,000 acres between Palla and Wazirabad: Scope of project; pilot in villages near Palla

2,100 million gallons of water can be stored in entire reservoir in each cycle of flooding, as per official estimates

₹77,000 per acre annually will be paid to farmers who have leased their land for the project, with an initial lock-in period of 3 yrs

which would help the government understand the quantum of groundwater that will be recharged when the project is extrapolated to an area of more than 1,000 acres next year. "We hear about many areas in the country where water level has dipped severely, causing problems. If this experiment is successful, I think it would give a direction to the entire nation," he said.

Delhi Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Satyendar Jain said, "The government is embarking on an important project... We promise that... by 2022, the problem of drinking water in Delhi would be permanently solved."

The department has started creating reservoirs on floodplains with a deadline of a week to 10 days, after which officials expect the flooding cycle to begin. A number of JCB machines could be seen ploughing the land.



Kejriwal with Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

Seeking relief, farmers say govt should have waited for harvest

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

PARATH SINGH (60) was resting on a cot under a tree in Tigipur village, after returning home from the Yamuna floodwater storage project inauguration. "We were about to harvest crops on our land — mooli, okra and other vegetables — in around 20 days. Everything has been mown over by machines," he claimed.

Singh is one of many farmers who claim to have leased their land in the floodplains to the Delhi government. "We had asked authorities to wait till harvest, but they said flooding could happen anytime now and they

had to create reservoirs... They should think about compensating us for our lost crops," he said.

The National Green Tribunal had banned farming on the floodplains in 2015 after studies found high presence of heavy metals in the soil. However, a recent study by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute suggested farming may be allowed on the plains, but under constant watch on the presence of heavy metals and pesticides in crops.

A spokesperson for the state government had told *The Indian Express* that land where the inauguration was held belonged to the Gram Sabha. Officials also said meetings were held with

farmers about the project.

Kripal Singh (60) from Tigipur village said, "Some farmers had been sowing crops on Gram Sabha land and now their livelihood is lost. I invested Rs 40,000 in buying and sowing crops. I don't think I would be getting it back."

Farmers who have leased their land for the project are being paid Rs 77,000 per acre annually by the government. Many farmers said the project was important in recharging groundwater in the area, which has decreased over the years. But some remained apprehensive. Bham Prakash (70) said: "My family has survived all these years on produce from this land. Without it we are nothing, I can't give it away."

Delhi cop's son bags gold at Kuwait boxing event

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

AT 10.30 PM Thursday, Delhi Police head constable Ravinder Joon (45) and his wife huddled in front of a phone and watched their 14-year-old son deliver a winning bout at the Asian Schoolboy Boxing Championships 2019 in Kuwait. An hour later, Joon got a video call from his son Bharat, informing him about the gold medal he just bagged.

"Bharat is passionate about boxing and is aiming to qualify for the 2020 Olympics. Before ASBC games, we were scared about his well being because the sport is dangerous. Now, we are sure he is a great player and can take care of himself," said Joon, who is posted with the Crime Branch in Rohini.

Bharat left for the games with his coach from Delhi on August 2. He won the bout 5-0 against Kyrgyzstan's Asanbekov Atai in the 70 kg category in the under-14 boxing championship.



Bharat won in the 70 kg category at the ASBC games

Joon hails from Haryana's Jhajjar and has been working with Delhi Police for a decade. His

son started training at the age of 12. "After he saw Vijender Singh on TV two years ago, Bharat decided to take up boxing. His grandmother didn't like the sport and told Bharat to concentrate on studies. We tried to explain to him that being a sportsman is not easy... Eventually, I shifted to a rented flat near a boxing stadium where he trained," said Joon.

Bharat's parents said he had to change his diet and habits overnight. His mother Manju (40) said: "My husband would wake

up at 4 am and prepare a meal for Bharat so he could exercise. He would later join him for a two-hour run at 5 am. He drove him to his district- and state-level games. It was difficult because Joon is the breadwinner, and maintaining a strict diet for a boxer costs a lot."

The boy has won four championships since June 2019, his father said. He started with district- and state-level games and later won a gold medal in boxing at the National Boxing Academy in Rohtak on July 2.

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The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:- (1) **Name of work and location:** Thermo welding of rail joints over 60Kg/52Kg. (New/SH) rails with short pre-heated process with single shot crucible and end cropping of rails at locations under the jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer/Const.-I, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi. (2) **Completion period of the work:** 24 (Twenty four) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. (3) **Approx. cost of work:** Rs. 93.07 Lakh (Rupees Ninety three lakh & seven thousand only). (4) **Earnest money amount (to be deposited Online):** Rs. 1,86,200.00 (Rupees One lakh eighty six thousand two hundred only). (5) **Date, Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender:** Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs. on 06.09.2019 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs. on 06.09.2019. (6) **Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document:** The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 23.08.2019 to 06.09.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. No.: 220-Acs/1/1135/Welding Rails/SERD Dt.: 09.08.2019. 2581/2019
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No. 418/EE (CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated : 08.08.19
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नगर निगम कार्यालय, बीकानेर (राज.) फोन नं. :- 0151-2226906, फेक्स नं. :- 0151-2226902, 2226905
EMAIL ADDRESS:- bikanernagar@gmail.com, Website:- bikanernm.org
क्रमांक:- अन्य राजस्व/2019/12619-626 दिनांक 06.08.2019

नीलामी सूचना
बीकानेर नगर निगम क्षेत्र में सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर होटिंग/यूनिफॉर्म (20'x10' वर्ग फुट) द्वारा प्रदर्शित नीलामी सूचना 2.1 व 2.2 के लाइसेंस के लिए अर्जित नीलामी (एक वर्ष + दो वर्ष के लिए नवीनीकरण आधार पर) के लिए स्वीकृत सूची के अनुसार साइडिंग की खुली नीलामी दिनांक 02.09.2019 को सांझा 2.30 बजे से अंतिम व उच्चतम बोली प्राप्त होने तक रखी जाती है। खुली नीलामी दिनांक को अंतिम उच्चतम बोली स्वीकार योग्य प्राप्त न होने की स्थिति में अगामी कार्यदिवस को बोली निरन्तरता में जारी रखी।
नीलामी सूचना
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Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following works through e-procurement solution only.
1 NIT No. : 24/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_177888_1
Name of work : Construction of One Nos.(01) Mild Steel Galvanized & Powder Coated Bus Queue Shelter at Hari Nagar Constituency No.28, New Delhi.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 9,50,000/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 19,000/-
Time Allowed : One Month
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 17/08/2019
The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website : <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd. ISBT
Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0517/19-20

SIM card inserted in woman's phone led police to her killer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

NINE MONTHS after the body of a 72-year-old woman was found near Sarita Vihar flyover, a SIM card inserted in her phone led police to her alleged killer.

Roop Lata was strangled and looted allegedly by an auto driver who was ferrying her home to Taimoor Nagar on November 9, 2018. A day later, her body was found in the bushes near the flyover. On November 12, she was identified by her brother at the hospital mortuary.

The main accused has been identified as Mazid (22). DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "Questioning has revealed that the victim boarded Mazid's auto at 7.30 pm that day. His intention changed midway and he took a different route to her house, even though she asked him not to. He took her to a deserted place near the flyover, strangled her and looted her." Apart from some gold jew-

ellery, Mazid also took off with Lata's phone, said police. He then met his friend Govindpal, also an auto driver, and told him about the incident. "Govindpal, the other accused, advised Mazid to throw the phone away... when Mazid threw it away, Govindpal took it," Biswal said.

For months, surveillance of Lata's phone didn't yield anything. On June 12, a SIM card was inserted in the phone and it was traced to Kannauj. "Govindpal was in Kannauj for a wedding and gave the phone to a relative, who began using it. We got in touch with the relative, who led us to Govindpal," said a police officer. On August 8, Govindpal and Mazid were arrested. The operation was led by SHO Govindpuri, Satish Rana.

An officer said, "Mazid revealed that he did not want to ferry her that day but was forced to. He said she kept berating him and his profession, which angered him and he decided to loot her. When she raised an alarm, he strangled her."

AIIMS centre to study diseases caused by ecological toxins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

TO INVESTIGATE the increasing number of diseases resulting from exposure to environmental toxins contaminating water, food and air, a first-of-its-kind 'Clinical Ecotoxicology Facility' was inaugurated at AIIMS Friday.

The term "Ecotoxicology" is defined by Nature Research as an "interdisciplinary field that draws from knowledge and techniques in the fields of ecology and toxicology to study the effects of toxic chemical or biological agents on biological organisms at the population, community or ecosystem level".

"Pollution is responsible for a global public health crisis. The facility would be the nodal point for leading research in clinical ecotoxicology in the country," said AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria, expressing concern over the alarming increase in the rate of death and disability due to en-

vironmental toxicity. The new facility is ready for patient care, officials said.

As per the Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health, contaminated water, air and soil are responsible for about 9 million early deaths, which is about 16% of global deaths. About 92% of these early deaths due to environmental toxicity occur in low- and middle-income countries, which includes India. Children are most affected by environmental toxins, as their exposure to even low concentrations during intrauterine life and early childhood can result in lifelong physical and/or mental disabilities, it not death.

A first in the country, the facility will provide diagnostic and research services to all clinical departments dealing with diseases due to ecotoxicity. Experts said the facility will be engaged in detection, identification and quantification of various environmental toxins in patients, having diseases of unknown origin.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER
01 JAN 1962-10 AUG 1995
On this day we salute and pay homage to the gallant soldier who laid down his life for the Nation while fighting against terrorists in Kashmir in the finest traditions of the Indian Army and made the "Triumphant Third" proud.
May your Soul attain Moksha.
LNK PARSA RAM JAT, SHAURYA CHAKRA
Commanding Officer and All Ranks
3 GRENADIERS

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M-I) NARELA
ZONAL OFFICE, NARELA, DELHI-110040
No. EE(M-I)/NDMC/2019-20/D-569 DATED:- 07.08.2019
CORRIGENDUM
In the NIT No. EE(M-I)/Narela/TC/2019-20/6 item No. 2 was floated on e-tendering portal on dated 31.07.2019. The Name of work in online portal is Improvement and Development of lanes in Sector A-5 Pkt 1 and Pkt 13 Narela in Ward No. 1N Narela Zone was floated wrongly on e-tendering portal instead of Improvement and Development of lanes in Sector A-5 Pkt 1 and Pkt 13 in Ward No. 5, Bankner, Narela in Narela Zone, Now the correct Name of work is attached.
Executive Engineer (M-I)
Narela Zone

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
3rd floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand. Ph No. : +91-651-2225878, CIN: U45200JH2013SGC0001752, e-mail ID: juidcolimited@gmail.com
NIT No. JUIDCO/PMAY/PMC/2019/285
e-procurement Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Appointment of Project Management Consultant for Affordable Housing Project under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) e-tendering (http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in)
1.		Tender document fee: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only [Non-Refundable] Bid Security: Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh) only.
2.	Mode of Bid Submission	
3.	Tender Fee and Bid Security	
4.	Date / Time of Publication of Tender on Website	10.08.2019 17:00 Hrs
5.	Last date of submission of pre-bid queries	17.08.2019 17:00 Hrs
6.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	19.08.2019 11:00 Hrs
7.	Last Date / Time of Bid Submission	03.09.2019 17:00 Hrs
8.	Submission of Tender Fee & EMD	04.09.2019 17:00 Hrs
9.	Date of Bid Opening	04.09.2019 17:30 Hrs
10.	Bid Submission Address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, 3 rd Floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road, Ranchi - 834001
11.	Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell	+91 651 2225878

Note: Only e-Tenders shall be accepted. Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website and can be seen on the website <http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in>
Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Limited, Ranchi
P.R.214194 Urban Development and Housing(19-20)-D

Before taking classes, entrepreneurs told: No sales pitch or religion

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

IN DELHI government classrooms, when entrepreneurs speak to children, the conversation is expected to be freewheeling, except on two themes—sales pitches and religion.

The Education Department, which is firming up its standard operation procedure (SOP) before entrepreneurs start interacting with students as part of the entrepreneurship curriculum next week, is holding meetings with those who volunteered their time to talk to students about their journeys. The department has already started a pilot with 10 entrepreneurs in 10 schools.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had earlier told *The Indian Express* that the government is looking at empanelling 7,000 entrepreneurs to interact with students from Classes IX to XII.

"In interactions with the entrepreneurs, we've made it very clear they will not make any sales pitch to students, teachers or the principal. They may be very passionate about their products, but we've asked them to focus on their journey of becoming an entrepreneur. We've also asked them to refrain from talking about their religious and spiritual beliefs," said Abhishek Gupta, advisor to the Deputy CM.



Volunteers with govt officials at Thursday's meeting. Express

The SOP will be circulated among those who have signed up, and will also include basic guidelines and the direction to take, as well as how to tell children about their journey.

"The idea is to help children develop an entrepreneurship mindset more than helping them understand the nitty-gritty of setting up a business," Gupta said.

The curriculum was rolled out in all classrooms this month. Each day, 40 minutes are kept aside for discussions. So far, over 5,000 entrepreneurs have signed up.

Sisodia has been meeting these entrepreneurs in batches of 200. One such meeting saw women who have started HR consultancy firms, men who have started design companies and film producers to understand their roles better.

The department is looking to engage entrepreneurs with

whom children can relate to more easily. "We have received applications from many people running small restaurants and shops. Some are also alumni of government schools, something the department believes will motivate children more," Gupta said.

Ritu Singh Suri, who studied at a government school in Moti Nagar, started an HR consultancy firm a few years ago. She heard about the programme through advertisements. "Mindsets in schools need to change... People believe opportunities do not exist. I just want to tell children that they do, and we are all examples," she said. Kunal Sehdev, who studied design at NIFT Delhi and went to Naval Public School in Delhi, worked with an export house before he decided to start his own firm. "I think sharing experiences is intrinsic to entrepreneurship," he said.

Transporting dead cattle, man beaten up, 5 arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

A NAGAR Nigam contractor was allegedly beaten up in Greater Noida by a crowd after rumours of alleged cow slaughter.

According to police, the contractor, Mahendra, was carrying three dead cows, two calves and one buffalo for disposal when someone called police alleging that the driver was carrying illegally slaughtered cows.

"It appeared that certain anti-social elements spread the rumour that these cows were slaughtered illegally. The person in question was authorised to dispose of the dead cattle and he was carrying them for this reason. The protesters damaged the car and also beat up the driver. The anti-social elements tried to give the situation an unfavourable colour. Five people have been arrested in connection with the case and we are questioning them," said Ranvijay Singh, SP Rural, Gautam Budh Nagar.

More than 20 people had gathered at the spot after the rumour spread, police said.

A case has been filed for rioting with deadly weapon and relevant sections of the Criminal Law Amendment Act at Bisrakh police station.

The cows belonged to an advocate and an NGO activist who had duly informed the Nagar Nigam of their deaths, police added.

With accused's escape, wounds reopen for murder victim's family

AMIL BHATNAGAR
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 9

BILKIS SAT anxiously at her Ghaziabad home, occasionally glancing at the clock. "It is 2 pm right now. Exactly three years ago, my daughter left home and never returned. Our own relative took her away forever. Now that he's escaped, we don't know what will happen to our fight for justice," said Bilkis, mother of 18-year-old Nargis, whose body was found cut in two at her brother-in-law's house.

Two days ago, the accused, Naushad, escaped the Ghaziabad district court premises, allegedly after colluding with a policeman.

For the family, closure seems farther than ever, and old wounds lie reopened. On August 9, 2016, Nargis had stepped out of her home to purchase a religious text. "She had to go to a place nearby and return with the book... Meanwhile, we called Naushad and asked him for the keys to his house to get some stuff. But he insisted he was in Indirapuram, and



Nargis (18) was found dead at the home of her relative

that he would get it himself. This was the first step of his sinister plan," said Bilkis.

Over the next two days, Naushad made excuses to not let anyone access his house. As a missing person's complaint was filed, the family grew suspicious of Naushad and the foul smell from his home left neighbours panicking. "I once stood outside the house and there was a foul smell," said Ishrat, Naushad's wife.

"After four days, when we asked him if he was hiding something, he said he killed Nargis," said Salauddin, Nargis' father. It was alleged Naushad had abducted and killed her before chopping her body into pieces. He had told police he wanted to kidnap her for ransom to repay a debt. The family, though, is unsure whether this claim is true.

Power discoms issue warning on kite flying

New Delhi: Warning against electrocutions, discoms BSES and DTL issued warnings to people against flying kites near areas with electrical installations during Independence Day. The BSES said metal-coated manjha is a conductor of electricity, which can disrupt power supply and lead to electrocutions.

Delhi Transco Ltd CMD and power department secretary Padmini Singhla said, "People should fly kites in open spaces such as parks and playgrounds, far away from electrical installations, and not use metal-coated manjha for their safety and for the smooth transmission of power"

A BSES spokesperson said,



The warnings come ahead of Independence Day

"We advise residents not to fly kites near electricity installations, including overhead cables, and certainly avoid using metal-coated manjha. This will ensure safe Independence Day celebrations." ENS

High Court junks plea seeking stay on Batla House release

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday declined to entertain a PIL seeking to stop the release of upcoming film *Batla House*, slated to hit theatres on Independence Day.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar said, "You (petitioner, his lawyers) have not seen the film. Out of trailer nothing can be

done. Then why should we hear you." Sensing the mood of the bench, the petition by a UP resident was withdrawn. In a similar petition by the accused in the Batla House encounter case, before a single judge, the HC said the release of film will be put on hold if found that it has the "propensity" to affect the ongoing proceedings in the case. ENS

Delivery man sends 'threat emails' to Kejriwal, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

A 28-YEAR-OLD man was arrested by the Delhi Police Cyber Cell for allegedly sending threatening emails to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other politicians Friday.

According to police, the accused, identified as Abhishek Tiwari, was arrested from his residence in Mumbai's Nala Sopara after they received a complaint from the CM about the threats. Police found that Tiwari had sent several such emails to the Delhi CM.

"Three teams were deployed to look for the accused. He was identified but due to a limited digital footprint, it was difficult to track him. Later, we found he was hiding in Mumbai. Local police caught him from Nala Sopara," said Anshay Roy, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Prevention, Awareness and Detection Centre (CyPAD).

During questioning, the accused told the police he wasn't satisfied with his job and decided to send out threat emails to various people.

झारखण्ड सरकार
स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग
प्रेस विज्ञापित
दुमका, पलामू एवं हजारीबाग में स्थापित नये चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों के विभिन्न विभागों में जूनियर रेजिडेंट के रिक्त पदों पर चयन हेतु विज्ञापन।

स्वास्थ्य चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, झारखण्ड के नियंत्रणधीन दुमका, पलामू एवं हजारीबाग में स्थापित नये चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों में जूनियर रेजिडेंट के रिक्त पदों पर संविदा के आधार पर एक वर्ष के लिए नियुक्ति हेतु दिनांक- 16.08.19 को Walk-In-Interview का आयोजन किया गया है। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी उक्त Walk-In-Interview में वांछित प्रमाण पत्रों (मूल एवं छायाप्रति) के साथ भाग ले सकते हैं। रिक्ति की विवरणी निम्नवत है, जो अधिक/कम हो सकती है:-

क्र० सं०	चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पताल का नाम	रिक्ति
1.	हजारीबाग मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल, हजारीबाग	13
2.	दुमका मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल, दुमका	19
3.	पलामू मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल, पलामू	17
	कुल-	49

3. अर्हता:- जो इन्टरमीडियट पूरा किये हों।
4. चयन का आधार:- Walk-In-Interview के माध्यम से संबंधित चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय के प्राचार्य अध्यक्षता में गठित चयन समिति द्वारा विहित प्रक्रिया के अन्तर्गत तत्सम्बन्धी अभिलेखों की जाँच की जायेगी। तदनुसार विभागवार रिक्ति के विरुद्ध चयन समिति द्वारा चयनित अभ्यर्थियों के नाम की अनुशंसा की जायेगी।
5. नियुक्ति की शर्त:-
(क) इन्हें अधिकतम एक वर्ष के लिए 42000/- प्रतिमाह मान्य देया होगा।
(ख) इन्हें सरकारी कर्मचारी को देय आकस्मिक अवकाश के अलावे अन्य अवकाश देय नहीं होगा।
(ग) इन्हें संबंधित विभागध्यक्ष, अधीक्षक, प्राचार्य एवं विभाग से समय-समय पर प्राप्त होने वाले निदेश का पालन अनिवार्य रूप से करना होगा।
(घ) संविदा आधारित यह नियुक्ति पूर्णतः औपबन्धिक होगी एवं संविदा के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु चयनित अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा भविष्य में नियमित नियुक्ति का दावा नहीं किया जायेगा।
6. अधिकतम उम्र सीमा:- अधिकतम उम्र सीमा सभी वर्गों के लिए 40 वर्ष होगी।
7. वाक-इन-इन्टरव्यू संबंधित जिला के सदर अस्पताल के सिविल सर्जन के कक्ष में पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से दिनांक-16-08-19 को सम्पन्न होगा।
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6 GOVT & POLITICS

PHONE LINES STILL DOWN, LOW SPEED INTERNET RESTORED IN SOME POCKETS IN SRINAGAR

Curbs partially relaxed for Friday prayers

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

RESTRICTIONS ON public movement were partially relaxed for Friday prayers in the Valley. However, Jama Masjid in downtown Srinagar, which generally sees protests and stone-pelting whenever the situation in Kashmir is tense, remained out of bounds for devotees.

Sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs said that people were allowed to go to mosques in their neighbourhood to offer prayers but care was taken to not allow assembly of a large number of people at any given time. This was done in anticipation of possible stone-pelting, sources said.

K Vijay Kumar, advisor to the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, had on Thursday told *The Indian Express* in an exclusive interview that restrictions would be relaxed for Friday prayers.

"People were allowed to go to mosques within one kilometre radius of their area," an official said.

Some incidents of stone-pelting were reported from Sopore, Baramullah and Srinagar.

Communication lines remained down in most of Kashmir with both mobile phones and landlines not work-

ing. Low speed Internet was restored in some non-sensitive pockets in Srinagar, sources said. "The bandwidth has been decreased to ensure that incendiary videos are not uploaded and circulated," an official said.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who has been in Kashmir since the lockdown, visited the state capital on Friday and spent about two hours with the CRPF personnel in downtown Srinagar.

Doval also met Governor Satya Pal Malik and the two are learnt to have discussed the security situation in the Valley, scale of relaxation needed for Eid celebrations and anticipation of unrest.

"The two also reviewed supplies and availability of essentials in the Valley for the celebrations," the official said.

The administration also allowed some shops in each neighbourhood to open so that people could purchase groceries and other essentials.

Meanwhile, consultations have begun in the Home Ministry on bifurcation of the J&K cadre of IPS officers. Officers have been asked to express their choice between the two Union Territories of Ladakh and J&K. Further consultations will be held to suitably divide the cadre between the two Union Territories.



Security personnel patrol a deserted street during restrictions in Srinagar on Friday. Reuters

'Eid is in a couple of days... Will they allow us to use our phones?'

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 9

NADIRA AJAZ walked from Fateh Kadal in Srinagar old town to the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office to try and make two phone calls — one to her son in Riyadh and another to her daughter in Delhi. She was driven to tears with worry — she had not spoken to her children since the communication lines went down.

At the DC's office, an employee was sitting on the small front lawn, with a working cellphone and a register. In the notebook he had more than 175 names of people who wanted to use the phone. But, with more calls coming in than going out,

only 23 people had been able to make phone calls.

Upstairs, there were two working phones — one helpline and an employees' phone that had also become a helpline. The rooms were crowded with people trying to contact their family members, children, parents on Hajj.

The cellphone of Sajid Bhat, the employee, rang continuously. He said the office was handling 500-600 calls a day, and despite starting at 8 am, they were in office till 12.30 am, making and receiving calls on behalf of others. "My phone rang till 2.30 am. People were calling from abroad, trying to find a way to reach their relatives," he said.

Another employee in the of-

ice, Junaid, said, "People are desperate to reach someone. They walk here from different parts of the city since these are the only two numbers working in the district. It is difficult."

Officials had publicised the numbers through radio and television, hence the continuous incoming calls. Most of them were from students asking if they could come home, the employees said.

Runiya Amin walked an hour and a half to the DC's office to speak to her son in Chandigarh. The queue moved slowly as men and women had to take turns to make calls. Each person was allowed to talk for 40-50 seconds, "just to let them know that we are alright and we have sup-

plies," she said.

Seeing the queue, some people left, deciding to try their luck the next day. However, getting to the DC's office was not easy. Vishal brought his mother on his Scooty to call his sister in Delhi. "They had said on the radio they would not stop people going to the DC's office. But we were stopped at so many places," he said.

The crowd grew as the day progressed, with men and women walking in from all parts of the city. "Eid is in a couple days, I wish they would allow us to use our phones that day. Do you think that will happen?" they asked each other.

DC Shahid Iqbal Choudhary was not in his office.

Amid crackdown on leaders, Rashid arrested in terror funding case

More than 800 leaders, activists, civil society members detained in past 4 days

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & BASHARAT MASOOD
NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, AUGUST 9



Engineer Rashid

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested independent MLA from North Kashmir Engineer Rashid in connection with a case of terror-funding. The arrest came amid the lockdown in Kashmir, where more than 800 political leaders and activists have been detained in the past four days.

Rashid was being questioned by NIA for more than a week in relation with the case, where it is alleged that Kashmiri separatists received funds from Pakistan, including from LeT chief Hafiz Saeed, to foment trouble in the Valley.

"Rashid has been arrested. We have found evidence of his transactions with Zahoor Watali. He also had dealings, both financial and otherwise, with other separatists in Kashmir," a senior NIA officer said.

Watali is a key accused in the case where separatists like Shabbir Shah, Yasin Malik, Asiya Andrabi and Masarrat Alam are already under arrest. NIA has alleged that Watali was the key conduit between elements in Pakistan and Kashmiri separatists for terror funding. It has alleged that Watali also received funds through Pakistan High Commission.

Several political leaders, activists and civil society members have been detained from across Kashmir over four days, a senior police officer said.

Three former chief ministers — NC president Farooq Abdullah, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti and NC vice-president Omar

Abdullah — former ministers and legislators are among the detained political leaders.

Former PDP minister Naem Akhtar is under house detention, while JKPC leader Sajad Lone is confined in a hotel. PDP youth wing leader Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra has been booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) due to "security threat".

This is the first time in 30 years that several mainstream leaders have been booked under PSA, which allows the government to book a person for a period of three to six months without trial.

The separatist leadership, barring the ailing Syed Ali Shah Geelani and a few others, is also behind bars.

"We are getting directions from New Delhi on these arrests," the senior police officer said. "Anybody who has any following is seen as a threat to law and order and is being detained."

Civil society members who have been detained include Shakeel Qalandar, president of Federation of Chamber of Industries Kashmir;

Mohammad Yasin Khan, president of Kashmir Economic Alliance; trade leader Dr Mubeen Shah; Kashmir University professor Hameeda Nayeem and RTI activist Raja Muzaffar Bhat.

If all is well then why were we stopped, asks Yechury

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

THE LEFT parties hit out at the government on Friday after CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI chief D Raja were barred from entering Kashmir, saying if the situation was normal, why the two leaders were stopped at the Srinagar airport.

Speaking at a briefing here after being sent back, Yechury said, "We had given them prior information about our visit. There was no reason to detain us.



D Raja and Sitaram Yechury in New Delhi. PTI

"The real truth of Jammu and Kashmir is not out. If all is well, then why were we stopped?" asked Yechury.

J&K HOME SECY REVIEWS SECURITY

Day after Kargil protests, some shops open for Eid

ANKITA DWIVEDI JOHRI
KARGIL, AUGUST 9

A DAY after protests in Kargil against revocation of Article 370 led to a shutdown in the town, a few general stores opened for an hour after 6 pm on Friday for people to buy essentials for Eid, which is on Monday.

"We will open our shop tomorrow again for an hour. The hartal is still on, but our leaders said that we must not cause difficulties for people before Eid," said Mohd Hasan who runs the Sons General Store in Kargil market, as a large group of people queued outside his shop to buy groceries.

A three-member team, led by J&K Home Secretary Shaleen Kabra, arrived in the town around afternoon to assess the security situation on the ground. They also held a meeting with members of the Joint Action Committee that is leading the

protest against the Centre's decision in Kargil.

"The team heard our grievances but there was no resolution. They assured us that our concerns will be conveyed to the higher authorities," said former MLA Asgar Ali Karbalai, who is also a member of the JAC and was part of the meeting.

The JAC has called off protests for two days for Eid. "But we will continue till all our concerns are addressed," Karbalai said.

Security forces continued to patrol the town on Friday as well, and schools, colleges and banks were shut. Internet service was not available on phones.

"We met 200 youths today and listened to their concerns regarding revocation of Article 370. Then, we explained to them the benefits that Kargil will get on Ladakh becoming a Union Territory. We got a positive response," said Kargil District Magistrate Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary.

Lawyer moves HC against Centre's move

Jammu: A Delhi-based lawyer on Friday filed a writ petition in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, seeking that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which bifurcates Jammu and Kashmir into separate Union Territories, be declared violative of the Indian Constitution.

Pointing out that the legislation violated the Constitutional paradigm in terms of procedure, substantive law and jurisprudence, Shams Khawaja, the petitioner, said that the Act also violated Article 3 of the Indian Constitution. It also undermines the mandate inherent in Article 2 of the Constitution and sabotages the federal structure which is a salient feature and basic to the structure of the Constitution of India itself, he said.

Valley lawyer approaches Supreme Court

New Delhi: A lawyer from Kashmir has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's decision to revoke the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir.

Petitioner Shakir Shabir contended that the notification amending Article 367 was illegal, unconstitutional, void ab initio and ultra vires the Constitution.

The petitioner said the actions taken by the central government "are reckless" and without "any power or constitutional authority". The government's move has "jeopardised" the lives of millions living in the area, he said.

The court is already seized of two other petitions on the situation in Kashmir.

Taliban note urges India, Pak to avoid acts that may pave way for violence

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

IN A statement that has raised many eyebrows in Delhi, Taliban issued a diplomatically-calibrated statement on the scrapping of special status to Jammu and Kashmir where they expressed "deep sadness" and urged India and Pakistan to "refrain" from taking steps that could "pave a way for violence".

Top Indian government sources said the statement appeared genuine, as South Block has crosschecked this with some international interlocutors.

Sources in Delhi perceived this carefully-crafted statement to have been issued with the influence of international interlocutors, as the statement cautioned against linking the issue of Kashmir with Afghanistan — something that Pakistan has been

advocating for the last few days.

While it seems odd that the Taliban has issued a statement which is contrary to Pakistan's position, sources said this possibly indicates Taliban's desire to close the deal with the US — and it doesn't want the Kashmir issue to complicate the process.

The Indian side had briefed US envoy on Taliban talks, Zalmay Khalilzad, when he visited India and met External Affairs minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday. The Rajya Sabha passed the Bill to scrap J&K's special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories Monday. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha Tuesday.

After the meeting with Khalilzad, Jaishankar tweeted, "Useful discussions with US Special Representative @USAfghanPeace Zalmay Khalilzad. Provided a comprehensive update on the situation in Afghanistan. Shared views on

how we could work together effectively."

Khalilzad tweeted on Wednesday, "At Hyderabad House yesterday, I had a detailed discussion with Indian Foreign Minister @DRSJaishankar on the #AfghanPeaceProcess. Briefed him & sought his views. #India has an important role to play in helping deliver & sustain a durable peace in #Afghanistan."

The Taliban's statement, published online, said, "The Islamic Emirate expresses deep sadness in this regard and urges both India and Pakistan to refrain from taking steps that could pave a way for violence and complications in the region and usurp the rights of Kashmiris."

"Having gained bitter experiences from war and conflict, we urge peace and use of rational pathways to solve regional issues," it said. The statement was issued by Spokesman of

Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Zabihullah Mujahid. "We call on both involved parties, OIC, Islamic countries, the United Nations and other influential institutions to play a constructive role in preventing insecurity in Kashmir. By using your influence, encourage both sides to prevent the spread of crisis and resolve the issue in a calm and composed manner," it said.

"... the issue of Afghanistan is not related nor should Afghanistan be turned into the theatre of competition between other countries," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Delhi is monitoring statements from OIC countries. So far, UAE and Maldives have said it is an internal matter of India, while Saudi Arabia and Malaysia have pointed to the UNSC resolutions. Turkey has expressed concern and offered mediation.

'New age of indignation begins... slap on face of those who sought Kashmir resolution under Constitution'

MUZAMIL JALEEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

SHAH FAESAL, who resigned from the Indian Administrative Service earlier this year to join mainstream politics in Jammu and Kashmir, has said that New Delhi's decision to scrap special status and bifurcate the state is "a slap by the Indian state on the face of all those people of J&K who sought a resolution to the (Kashmir) conflict within the parameters of the Indian Constitution".

"I see it as a catastrophic turn in our collective history, a day when everybody is feeling that it is a death knell to our identity, our history, our right to our land, our right to our existence. A new age of indignation has begun from August 5," he told *The*

Indian Express.

Faesal, the first Kashmiri to top the IAS in 2009, resigned in January and set up J&K People's Movement with an aim to join electoral politics.

"Putting 8 million people under incarceration, unprecedented curbs on their lives, shutting down the entire communication system, a brazen show of might of the state and giving out a message that we are ready to kill thousands of youth for the sake of this assimilation is extremely worrisome," he said, referring to the lockdown in Kashmir.

"Political mainstream had the argument that we are going to protect the special status, that there are still ways of maintaining our cultural identity, our political being within the Indian union. This government has de-



Shah Faesal: Need to mount people's resistance against this government's decision

molished that argument because the J&K state has been demolished, those constitutional guarantees have been demolished," he said. "It is the extremist that will get traction now — those people who always believed that the Indian state

would never be honest and sincere with the people of Kashmir. It is their win today."

Faesal said that the "real consequences of this step will be known when the curfew is lifted... I am scared that Kashmir might enter a new phase of conflict, which we have never imagined."

Stressing the "need to mount a people's resistance against this government's decision", Faesal said, "It is going to be a protracted resistance to recover what has been stolen from us in broad daylight."

About Article 370, he said it had been "hollowed to some extent in the last 70 years and become some comforting fiction". "But this shell still protected a Muslim-majority state that had acceded to India in 1947 based on a few conditions completely

against the spirit of the Partition... We believed the Government of India had learnt from past mistakes...."

He said the scrapping of special status and bifurcation of J&K has been termed "Operation Kashmir", adding, "It is being seen as an act of conquest, and you talk to anyone in Kashmir today, they are saying this is the real face of subjugation. The Indian state has finally shown its real face to the people of Kashmir. Everybody in Kashmir believes this is forced integration, which is never going to work."

Faesal said the government's targets in Kashmir today are those who believe Kashmir's future is in India. "The worst part of this Operation Kashmir has been incarceration of mainstream leaders and discrediting of mainstream leaders — firstly by

building a narrative of corruption around the political mainstream... At the same time, there has been a wilful demolition of democratic institutions in the state. It was done first by delaying elections and now by revoking statehood and removing special status. It reflects a totally bleak future, a new dark time for the state."

The treatment of J&K should worry the entire country, he said. "If it is with us today, it can happen to any other state tomorrow. There has already been a hue and cry in the Northeast... This idea of turning India into a monolith, eliminating all protections to people who have been provided those protections by the founding fathers of this Constitution, is going to be detrimental to India."

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Congress Jharkhand chief resigns, says state leaders seeking to grab political posts

ABHISHEK ANGAD
JAMSHEDPUR, AUGUST 9



Ajoy Kumar

CONGRESS LEADER Dr Ajoy Kumar has resigned as the party's Jharkhand unit chief, alleging that vested interests of senior state leaders thwarted his "sincere" efforts to reform the Congress in Jharkhand.

Kumar sent his resignation letter to Delhi on August 8, but it is not yet known if the leadership has accepted his resignation.

In his letter to Delhi, Kumar has said senior Congress are "seeking to grab political posts" and "collect money in the name of elections".

Kumar came under criticism after the Congress won only one seat out of the seven it contested in Jharkhand. In his letter, he said that in the last 16 months, he has visited every block in every district and the party's vote share "significantly increased despite fighting fewer seats". He blamed senior party leaders for the poor performance.

"In my opinion, 6 Congress seats from Jharkhand in LS elections were an extremely real possibility if only our leaders had put the party's interest above theirs. Unfortunately, as I have now come to see very clearly, some of our party leaders the life of Subodh Kant Sahay, Pradeep Balmuchu, Rameshwar Oraon, Chandrashekhar Dubey and Furkan Ansari and several other senior leaders have only sought to grab political posts for personal benefits and have made every attempt to bypass the systems that have been put in place for the benefit of the party," the letter said.

"I believe I am a tough nut to crack and have ignored all the insults, and road blocks that have come my way, but there is only so much mudslinging I can handle. My patience tested its limit when my own party mem-

bers hired goons to assault me in the party office," Kumar added.

Recently, a section of Congress workers staged a protest outside the state party headquarters and raised "Dr Ajoy Kumar go back" slogans.

Six Congress workers were expelled and the incident triggered a round of meetings with the party leadership in Delhi.

"I only wish that Congress party could go back to its original roots and raise the issues that are critically important for the people... Instead, we have now a long list of rent seekers. Their only intention is to grab power, sell tickets or collect money in the name of elections. (After) having wiped the Mafia in Jamshedpur, I can confidently say that the worst criminals look better than some of my colleagues," said Kumar, who has earlier served as SP of Jamshedpur.

He added that in the past few months, he faced interference on several fronts, including taking decisions on forging alliances. "I have never been driven by personal benefit and I did not fight from traditional constituency of Jamshedpur during the LS election '19 only to ensure that the alliance in Jharkhand stays in place so that we are able to put up a strong front," he wrote.

"In my view, all our senior leaders in Jharkhand only fight for their families," he added.

'CWC must look at accountability, not musical chairs to name chief'

Says those who spoke out on Kashmir should have lodged their dissent in CWC

CONGRESS LEADER and Anandpur Sahib MP MANISH TEWARI speaks to MANOJ CG on the leadership crisis in the party and divergent views among leaders on the Kashmir issue. Excerpts:

The Congress Working Committee is meeting Saturday to decide on the leadership issue. There is a young versus old debate now playing out in the Congress. What is your view?

Rahul Gandhi was elected in 2017 for a term of five years. So, he would have remained as the president of the Indian National Congress till 2022. He chose in wisdom to take responsibility for the 2019 results. And he stepped down essentially to enforce the principle of accountability... So, the first thing that must be kept in mind is the raison d'être of the resignation... the rationale of the resignation is two pronged. The first prong is that I take responsibility for the 2019 results and I stepped down because I feel that accountability should start at the top. Therefore, under those circumstances, this principle of accountability which the resignation seeks to enforce, or seeks to impress upon people, is something which needs to be very seriously deliberated upon.

His letter came into the public domain a month ago but there has not been much debate about the accountability principle.

We do that letter a great disservice by not seriously deliberating upon the contents of it. Because Mr Gandhi has done the honourable thing... And the reasons that he has enunciated in his letter, I think should form the first agenda of the meeting of the Working Committee... Mr Gandhi could have carried on, nobody asked for his resignation. In fact, everybody told him to carry on. So I think the first and the foremost responsibility of the Congress Working Committee,



being the highest decision making body of the party, is to actually apply itself to that letter and try and internalise and absorb the message that that letter is trying to send out rather than getting into this game of musical chairs as to who should be the next person to choose to sit in the President's chair...

But the question remains on who should be the next Congress president?

I think this young versus old and experience versus dynamism debate is a completely sterile debate. What you require is someone who would be able to or who would have sufficient gravitas, sufficient organisational journey to be able to command the respect and commitment of Congress workers and leaders across the country. The challenge at this point in time is to keep the party together, keep it cohesive. And that is how you will prepare for the long haul...

Do you think the 50 wise men and women in the Congress Working Committee should decide amongst themselves



or should there be genuine elections.

I am not ruling out elections... That is an option which they need to also consider. Would they want to follow the mandate of Article 18 H of the Congress constitution or would they possibly also like to consider that maybe the CWC actually appoints a central election authority and that authority, then, in a time bound manner, conducts organisational elections to both the (post of) Congress president and to the CWC.

But if the members of the CWC decide to elect one among themselves, would that exercise lack legitimacy and credibility?

Well that is the constitutional mandate. So therefore, for anybody to question the legitimacy of that exercise really means questioning the legitimacy of the Congress constitution. And if anybody for cogent reasons has to deviate from that process, it is the Congress Working Committee in its wisdom which has to do this.

Coming to the Kashmir debate, many leaders like Janardan Dwivedi, Karan Singh, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Deepender Hooda are all airing divergent views?

Most of the names you mentioned are also members of the CWC. If they really had a strong point of view, they should have dissented in the CWC... If you were so convinced that what you are saying is absolutely correct, or what the government is doing is absolutely correct and not a constitutional travesty as all of us pointed out in Parliament, then you should have demonstrated the conviction of courage to be able to dissent in the Congress Working Committee itself and record your dissent.

Their view is that the public sentiment is in favour of abrogation of Article 370.

If you decide to run a country depending upon or basing yourself upon public sentiment rather than the Constitution of the country, then I am afraid you are converting a democracy into a mobocracy. And is something which they should seriously reflect upon...

If the Congress comes back to power after 5 years, will you bring back Article 370 in its old form?

I think you're putting the cart before the horse because it's early days as yet. You will have to wait and see as to how this is going to play itself out in Jammu and Kashmir. And the fact that the government is extremely nervous about it was demonstrated on the floor of Parliament when the Home Minister said that we will upgrade a Union territory into a state very soon. So if you are committing yourself to upgrading the Union territory into a state very soon, it begs the question why did you dismember the state in the first place?

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JAVADEKAR ENTRUSTED WITH DELHI, BJP names election in-charges for Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra

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IN APPARENT anticipation that Delhi may go to polls along with Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Haryana later this year, the BJP on Friday announced the party leaders who would be in charge of elections in the three states and the national capital.

Delhi is scheduled to elect a new Assembly only next year. On Friday, the BJP appointed I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar the in-charge of the Delhi elections. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai and Urban Development Minister Hardeep Puri would be his deputies.

Javadekar had been in charge of the Haryana polls in 2014, and helped the BJP form the government on its own. It was the first time the party got the CM's post in a state where it had always been a junior partner in alliances.

This time, Haryana has been entrusted to Rural Development Minister Narendra Tomar. He will be assisted by UP minister Bhupendra Singh.

The BJP also named its national general secretary Bhupendra Yadav as the in-charge

of the Maharashtra elections, where the party is likely to go to polls in alliance with the Shiv Sena. Yadav would be assisted by UP Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya and former Karnataka MLA Laksman Savaas as deputies in charge.

In Jharkhand, senior leader Om Prakash Mathur will be in charge of elections. He would be assisted by Bihar minister Nand Kishore Yadav as deputy in-charge. Mathur was in charge of Maharashtra in 2014 and had delivered an unprecedented victory for the party. It was the first time that the BJP had got the chief minister's post in the state.

Senior leader Kailash Vijayvargiya was not given any key responsibility in these states. As the in-charge of West Bengal, Vijayvargiya had delivered unprecedented success for the party in the recently concluded general elections.

However, he had received an indirect rebuke from Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his MLA son Akash beat up a government official in public view in Indore. Since then, Vijayvargiya's position in the party is said to have taken a beating.

PM to visit Bhutan on Aug 17-18

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will pay a two-day visit to Bhutan on August 17 and 18 during which he will hold talks with the neighbouring nation's leadership on a host of issues, including strengthening the bilateral development partnerships and collaborating in the hydropower sector, a senior MEA official said on Friday.

According to a statement by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale, Modi will arrive in Bhutan on

August 17 and will call on Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. He will also hold delegation-level talks with his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering the same day.

The highlight of the visit will be the inauguration of the Mangdechhu hydropower project. Gokhale said. India's development partnership is a major aspect of bilateral ties.

During his visit, Modi will also address the Royal University of Bhutan and the King and Queen of Bhutan will host a lunch in his honour.

MDMK's innovative bid to raise money: Pay Rs 100 for selfie with Vaiko

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IN AN innovative bid to raise money for the party, Rajya Sabha MP and Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) chief Vaiko has appealed to his supporters to pay Rs 100 for clicking a selfie with him.

The MDMK on Thursday announced that those who wish to take a selfie with the popular Tamil leader may pay at least Rs 100. The party has one more appeal for its followers — avoid presenting shawls to Vaiko and contribute a small amount instead when they greet him on stage.

While there is no clarity about the financial status of Vaiko's party, replacing the shawl with a small financial contribution is expected to help the party meet routine expenditures. Often, dozens of people stand in a queue to welcome Vaiko with a shawl at his public meetings. The new idea is to ask the follower to contribute Rs 200 to 600, average price for a shawl, to the party.

DMK wins Vellore Lok Sabha seat with slim margin

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 9

THE DMK bagged one more seat in the Lok Sabha on Friday after it emerged victorious in the election for the Vellore parliamentary seat. The main opposition in the state, the DMK now holds 38 out of 39 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

Kathir Anand of the DMK defeated A C Shanmugam, the leader of AIADMK ally New Justice party who contested on the AIADMK symbol. However, months after the party won parliamentary seats with margins as big as five lakh votes, its victory in Vellore came with a slim margin of 8,141 votes.

The Election Commission cancelled the parliamentary election in Vellore in April after cash was seized from people with alleged links to DMK's Anand. The EC's took the decision on the basis of a report exposing "a systematic design to influence voters" in the constituency during the campaigns.

The Vellore electorate comprises 21 per cent Muslims, 9 per cent Christians and 20 per cent Dalits.

Following his victory, Anand said it was a gift for the hard

EXPLAINED DMK win not without worries

THE SLIM victory margin of the DMK in the Vellore election is significant. The result also indicates that the elevation of Stalin's son Udhayanidhi as the party's youth wing leader, has not helped the party much. Also, the Vellore results suggest the waning influence of the TTV Dhinakaran-led AMMK and the Kamal Haasan-led MNM. With both of them out of the fray and opposed to the AIADMK, their core votes should have gone to DMK, but that does not appear to have happened.

work of party chief M K Stalin. His father and senior DMK leader Duraimurugan admitted that minority votes played a major role in the DMK's victory and added that the poll result was a tight slap on the AIADMK for their "pro-BJP stand".

The people of Vellore have added one more footsoldier into the opposition front to save the democracy in Delhi, said Stalin. The party had earlier accused the BJP of using the EC to cancel the polls in Vellore.

On the other hand, senior AIADMK leader and state minister D Jayakumar said the slim

winning margin in Vellore shows that the DMK's defeat is certain in the 2021 Assembly polls. "They had over a lakh margin in several seats in the Lok Sabha election. Now they have a margin of only 8,000 votes. What does it mean? They spent some Rs 125 crore for these 8,000 votes," he said.

The absence of T T V Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) seemingly helped AIADMK retain its votes. Also, the absence of Kamal Haasan's Makkal Neethi Maiaam (MNM) in the contest does not appear to have worked in the DMK's favour.

66TH NATIONAL FILM AWARDS

Gujarati movie 'Hellaro' gets best film honour

KRISHNA KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9



Ayushmann Khurrana and Vicky Kaushal won the award for best actor for their roles in *Anhadhun* and *Uri*, respectively.

GUJARATI MOVIE *Hellaro*, which is set in Gujarat's Kutch region and explores the theme of women empowerment, bagged the best film honour at the 66th National Film Awards on Friday. The film also bagged the special jury award shared by its 13 women protagonists.

The awards for best film on family values and the best film on social issues were given to *Chalo Jeete Hain*, a short film on the childhood of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Akshay Kumar-starrer *Padman*, respectively.

Vicky Kaushal and Ayushmann Khurrana shared the best actor award for their

roles in *Uri: The Surgical Strike* and *Anhadhun*, respectively. Keerthy Suresh was awarded the best actress for her role in the Telugu movie *Mahanati*.

Hindi movie *Badhaai Ho* won the award for the best popular film providing wholesome entertainment. Sanjay Leela

Bhansali's *Padmaavat* won three awards — best music direction, best playback singer (male) and best choreography.

Uri: The Surgical Strike won four awards, including for best music direction, best audiography and Aditya Dhar bagging the best director honour.

Uttarakhand was awarded for being the most film-friendly state.

There were 419 entries in the feature films category and the awards are given under 31 categories. The National Film Awards are generally given around March but the announcement was delayed this year because of the Lok Sabha elections.

The awards are decided by juries for feature films, non-feature films and writing on cinema. The jury for the feature films category had a total of 36 members and was divided into several panels. The central panel was headed by Rahul Rawail, a director, while the other panels were for north, east, west and south.

Juries for non-feature films and writing on films were headed by AS Kanal and Utpal Borpujari, respectively.

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<p>Aug 18, 4:00pm & 7:00pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Gumm Hai (Hindi/75 mins) Dir. Neelam Man Singh Chowdhry</p>	<p>Aug 19, 7:30pm Amaltas, IHC Every Brilliant Thing (Eng/75 mins) Dir. Qasir Thakore Padamsee (Q)</p>	<p>Aug 19 & 20, 7:30pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Gudamba (Hindustani/75 mins) Dir. Salim Arif</p>	<p>Aug 21, 7:30pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Faqeer Nimaana (Music/Dance/Punjabi, Eng, Hindi/65 mins) Dir. Sanjukta Wagh</p>
<p>Aug 22, 7:30pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Those Left Behind Things (Eng/105 mins) Wri. & Dir. Vikram Phukan</p>	<p>Aug 23, 7:30pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Jam (Eng, Hindi/65 mins) Dir. Shivani Tanksale</p>	<p>Aug 23, 7:30pm Amaltas, IHC Under Pressure (Eng/90 mins) Dir. Aruna Ganesh Ram</p>	<p>Aug 24, 7:00pm The Stein Auditorium, IHC Head 2 Head (Eng, Kannada with Eng subtitles/65mins) Dir. Shabari Rao</p>

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Chhattisgarh govt to launch free food scheme to combat malnutrition, anaemia

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, AUGUST 9

THE CHHATTISGARH government has announced that it will launch a scheme that will provide "free nutritious food" to those that suffer from malnutrition and anaemia in the state on a daily basis.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made the announcement on Friday — the International Day of World's Indigenous People — and said that while initial pilot projects are already in operation in Bastar, the scheme would first be launched on October 2, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and would extend to the ten "aspirational districts in the state".

Baghel said that the state government has set itself a target to eradicating malnutrition and anaemia within the next three years.

"This campaign was initiated as pilot project in Bastar region from July 2019 and it will be soon conducted in other aspirational districts of the state as well. In this campaign of anaemia and malnutrition eradication, maximum participation of renowned charitable organisations, public representatives, NGOs, media groups and other competent people of the districts will be ensured. Chief Minister has appealed local representatives and

all the sections of society to actively participate in this campaign," a government release said.

Government officials said that data released by Niti Aayog says 37.60 per cent children below the age of 5 years in Chhattisgarh are suffering from malnutrition, while 41.50 per cent women in the state are suffering from anaemia.

"Every year lakhs of children die because of malnutrition and anaemia, lakhs of children are born underweight, they suffer from growth issues, their mental and physical development is adversely affected, and difficulties become part of their lives right from the time of birth. Some serious strategic measures are required to redress this problem," Baghel said.

Government officials said that each gram panchayat will compile a list of those suffering from malnutrition and anaemia, cross-referenced with physical indicators.

"Funds for implementation of this programme will be sanctioned every month from DMF (district mineral funds), CSR (corporate social responsibility) funds, and basic funds of respective panchayats or by respective development authorities and each of the gram panchayats will maintain daily record of people being benefitted under the programme," a senior official said.

JU's 'eminence' tag to cost Bengal Rs 2,000 cr

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY (JU) may lose out on the 'Institution of Eminence' (IoE) tag unless the West Bengal government coughs up Rs 2,000 crore, The Indian Express has learnt.

The Union government is learnt to have written to the West Bengal chief secretary this week, informing the state of its share of cost for JU to be awarded the 'eminence' status. If the West Bengal disagrees, the IoE tag would go to the next institute on the waitlist — Savitribai Phule Pune University followed by Aligarh Muslim University.

"It is informed that as per the proposal submitted by Jadavpur University, the total cost for meeting the objectives of IoE over five year period has been estimated as Rs 3,000 crore (approx), out of which, the Central Government, under this scheme would provide grants to the extent of 50% - 75% of the total requirement or Rs 1,000 crore, whichever is less, in a span of five years and the remaining amount would be borne by the State Government and the University. This leaves substantial portion of funding to be committed by the State Government," the ministry's letter states.

Last week, after the University Grants Commission (UGC) announced JU's name, among 14 institutions selected for the IoE status, the West Bengal Education Minister had criticised the Centre for allegedly

Explained Aiming for global glory

THE IoE regulations are aimed at creating an enabling architecture for 10 public and 10 private institutions to emerge as world-class institutions, since the country has little representation in international ranking of educational institutions. The IoEs are proposed to have greater autonomy compared to other higher education institutions. For instance, they will be free to decide their fee for domestic and foreign students, and have a flexible course duration and structure. The 10 government institutions, in addition to autonomy, will also get Rs 1,000 crore each from the HRD Ministry to achieve world-class status. The government will offer no financial assistance to the private institutions.

adding a last-minute rider that the state government would have to provide a matching grant.

Apart from JU, Anna University in Tamil Nadu is the only other state university chosen to be an IoE. According to ministry sources, a similar letter has been sent to the Tamil Nadu government, according to which it will have to agree to foot a bill of Rs 1,750 crore for Anna University to be notified as an IoE.

The Union Cabinet had approved UGC's 'Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities Regulations 2017' in August 2017. The UGC had announced names of 14 institutions under this regulation last week.

Under the public institutions category, UGC picked IIT-Madras, IIT-Kharagpur, Delhi University,

Central University of Hyderabad, Jadavpur University, Anna University and Banaras Hindu University. This is in addition to IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay and IISc already announced last year.

Under the private category, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, VIT Vellore, Jamia Hamdard, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, O P Jindal University and Shiv Nadar University will be awarded the IoE status. The proposed Satya Bharti University, backed by Satya Bharti Foundation of Bharti Airtel group, has been selected under the controversial greenfield category. This is in addition to BITS-Pilani, Manipal Academy of Higher Education and Reliance Foundation's yet-to-be-established Jio Institute announced last year.

Unnao rape case: Delhi court frames charges against Sengar

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

A DELHI court on Friday framed charges against Bangarua MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar and co-accused Shashi Singh in the Unnao rape case. After the charges were read out, Sengar told the judge that he was framed in a conspiracy for helping people as an MLA.

While reading out the charges under sections of IPC and POCSO Act, District Judge Dharmesh Sharma asked the accused whether they pleaded guilty to the charges or claimed trial, to which they claimed trial in the matter.

Sengar has also been booked for murder in connection with the accident that left the rape victim and her lawyer critically injured and her two aunts dead. The Supreme Court had directed the trial court to complete all five cases within 45 days.

The court has framed charges against both the accused under Sections 363 (punishment for kidnapping), 366 (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel her marriage), 376 (1) (rape), 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of the IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the POCSO Act.

In the seven-page order, Sengar was charged with conspiring with Shashi, who allegedly "intentionally aiding and facilitating" and "enticed the minor with the pretext of a job" without the "consent of her parents".

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COURTROOM RUSH

ASTWO significant cases — the Ayodhya hearing and the matter relating to updating the NRC in Assam — unfold in Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi's court, crowd management is proving to be a tall order for the registry. The open court, which is supposed to allow the public to witness its proceedings, is often overcrowded and difficult to manage. After the request for live telecast of the Ayodhya hearing was declined, it is learnt that the registry has been instructed to restrict the number of visitors' passes. Apart from allowing only lawyers involved in the case into courtroom number 1, visitors' passes are now given on first-come-first-served basis and every application has to be signed by an advocate-on-record in either of the cases. It is learnt that on most days, the registry runs out of visitors' passes within an hour of opening the counter.

COMMUNICATION GAP

ALMOST ALL state Congress presidents, several of the party MPs, and heads of AICC departments and cells were in Delhi on Friday to attend a meeting called by the high command on bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and scrapping its special status. The idea was to apprise them of the Congress's stand and why it took that position — going against what many in the party believe is the public mood. They were told to disseminate the party's position to the public. Surprisingly, neither the communication department nor its spokespersons were called to the meeting. Many of the leaders were left wondering why.

MISSING AT MEETING

OF THE five Congress chief ministers, Rajasthan's Ashok Gehlot and Puducherry's V Narayanasamy attended a high-level Congress meeting convened to discuss the Jammu and Kashmir situation. The meeting was supposed to be attended by all state Congress presidents and chief ministers besides MPs and heads of the party's departments and cells. With Amrinder Singh, Kamal Nath and Bhupesh Baghel skipping it, many wondered whether they would be there for Saturday's expanded meeting of the CWC to pick Rahul Gandhi's successor.

Week after quitting Rajya Sabha, former Cong chief whip Kalita joins BJP

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Bhubaneswar Kalita, former Congress chief whip in Rajya Sabha who resigned from the House earlier this week opposing the party's stand on the government's decisions on Jammu and Kashmir, joined the BJP on Friday.

His resignation was accepted on the day when Home Minister Amit Shah moved the resolution to scrap provisions of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kalita, whose term in Rajya Sabha was till April 9, 2020, is the second Congress Rajya Sabha member after Sanjay Singh who has joined the BJP.

Kalita has joined the party at its headquarters here in presence of Union minister Piyush Goyal and other senior leaders.

कानपुर विद्युत आपूर्ति कम्पनी लिमिटेड, 14/71, सिविल लाइन्स, 'केसा हाउस', कानपुर, अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा ई-निविदाएं पृथक-पृथक दो भागों में निम्न सामग्रियों हेतु केस्को ई-निविदा वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदाएं प्रपत्र पूर्ण कर निविदादाताओं द्वारा वेबसाइट पर खुलने की तिथि के अपराह्न 12.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती है। उक्त-ई-निविदा उसी दिन 15.00 बजे से 17.00 बजे तक वेबसाइट पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदाएं अगले कार्य दिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑफ लाइन एन.ई.ए.टी./आर.टी.जी.एस. (खाता सं. 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी.-ICIC0006288) के रूप में, केस्को कानपुर के पक्ष में देय होगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर दिये गये समय से दो घण्टे पूर्व तक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू.टी.आर. की स्कैण्ड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑफ लाइन एफ.डी.आर./ बैंक गारंटी के रूप में स्वीकार किया जायेगा जो कि केस्को कानपुर के नाम पर देय होगी एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित पी.आर. अथवा एक तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरे एमएम व्यवसायिक शर्तें होंगी, बिना धरोहर धनराशि के तथा सशर्त निविदाएं खोली/ स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। ई-निविदा सं. 09/19-20 पात्र फर्म मूल निर्माता विवरण ए.बी. केविल की आपूर्ति हेतु। धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 700000/- निविदा धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 5900/- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 26.08.2019 ई-निविदा सं. 10/19-20 पात्र फर्म मूल निर्माता/अधिकृत विक्रेता/अनुभवी आपूर्तिकर्ता विवरण विभिन्न प्रकार के ए.बी. केविल ऐसैसरीज की आपूर्ति हेतु। धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 140000/- के साथ धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 5900/- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 26.08.2019 ई-निविदा सं. 11/19-20 पात्र फर्म मूल निर्माता विवरण सिंगल फेज मीटर बाक्स की आपूर्ति हेतु। धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 33000/- निविदा धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 3540/- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 26.08.2019 ई-निविदा सं. 12/19-20 पात्र फर्म मूल निर्माता विवरण एल.टी.एक्स.एल.पी.ई. केविल की आपूर्ति हेतु। धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 60000/- निविदा धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 3540/- ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 26.08.2019 उपरोक्त ई-निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in/https://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पुरा न करने वाले निविदादाता के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत/ अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। राष्ट्रहित में विजली बचाव, हस्ता./ (मनीष कुमार गुप्ता) अधिशासी अभियन्ता (भण्डार क्रय) संख्या: STP/A-11/522/19-20 दिनांक:- 09/08/2019

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल विभाग, 4/4 संजय प्लेस, आगरा दिनांक: 1796 /निविदा / 62, दिनांक: 26.07.2019

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना उ०प्र० जल निगम की ओर से जनपद आगरा के विमान सभा खेरागढ़ में टीटीएससी के निर्माण कार्य हेतु मिट्टी एवं डी.टी.एच. निविदाये की बिक्री दिनांक 13.08.2019 तक कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, 4/4 संजय प्लेस, आगरा में की जायेगी। पेजल निर्माण कार्य हेतु "डी" श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकेंदरों से सीलबन्ध निविदाये दिनांक 14.08.2019 को आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदाये प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु०1000/- + वेट है। निविदा के साथ धरोहर धनराशि रु० क्रमशः 10000/- जो अधिशासी अभियन्ता के नाम से बन्धक होगी। निविदा कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, आगरा में दिनांक 16.08.2019 के अपराह्न 12.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा के कार्यों का विस्तृत विवरण जल निगम के वेबसाइट www.upjn.org से या सम्बन्धित कार्यालय से प्राप्त करें।

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इन्जीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित निम्नो के अनर्गल निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा सूचना सं० 2019-20 : 42 कार्यों का नाम व स्थान : Repairs to various training schools to convert in to Multi Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute at Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागत रुपये : Rs. 40,09,800.58 बयाने की सशि रुपये : Rs. 80,200.00 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि : 30.08.2019 वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखा व भरी जा सकती है : www.ireps.gov.in 777-AL/19 Please join us on INWRailways

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, दशम मण्डल, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम, 4/4 ए, संजय प्लेस, आगरा अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना पत्रांक : 1810 / निविदा / 63 दिनांक : 29.07.2019 उ०प्र० जल निगम की ओर से जनपद आगरा के तटरील खेरागढ़ में सवर्नासिबल पम्प मय 1000 ली० पी० सी०टी० टैंक के निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदाओं की बिक्री दिनांक 13.08.2019 तक कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, 4/4 संजय प्लेस, आगरा में की जायेगी। पेजल निर्माण कार्य हेतु "डी" श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकेंदरों से सीलबन्ध निविदाये दिनांक 14.08.2019 को आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु० 1000/- +12 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. है। निविदा के साथ धरोहर धनराशि रु० क्रमशः 10000/- बयाने की सशि रुपये : Rs. 80,200.00 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि : 30.08.2019 वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखा व भरी जा सकती है : www.upjn.org से या सम्बन्धित कार्यालय से प्राप्त करें।

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow SUMMONS FOR FILLING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION Dated:- Summons to defendants under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to banks and financial institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Original Application No. 1688 of 2018 ICICI Bank V/s Arun Kumar & Other To, 1. Arun Kumar S/o- Shri Rasindra Kumar R/o- House No. 24 Ward No. 32 Dahiya Clinic Saraswat Vihar, Loni Dehat, Gaziabad- 201102 Defendant No. 1. 2. Rita Kumari W/o- Arun Kumar R/o- House No. 24 Ward No. 32 Dahiya Clinic Saraswat Vihar, Loni Dehat, Gaziabad- 201102 Defendant No. 2. 3. M/s J.N.C Construction Pvt. Ltd. Corporate Office at: 20, Block-H/1 A Sector 63, Noida- 201301 Defendant No. 3 In the above noted Original application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) and/or through your duly authorised agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorised agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 26/08/2019 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF STORES Online "e-open tender" through Indian Railway e-procurement portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in are invited, for and on behalf of the President of India, for the following stores:- SI.No.: 1. Tender No: PS195102A, Closing date/time of tender: 26.08.2019, 14.45 Hrs. Short Description: Automated and Computerized Test Bench for Brake Cylinder (BC), Qty: 01 Set., EMD amount: 29,690/-, Tender document cost: Nil. 1. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit IREPS Portal www.ireps.gov.in. This tender notice is also available on the official website of Workshop Projects Organization Patna www.workshopprojects.org. 2. The prospective firms/ bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS portal (www.ireps.gov.in) for updates including addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspapers. Principal Chief Materials Manager/WPO PR/958/WP/STORE/T/19-20/36

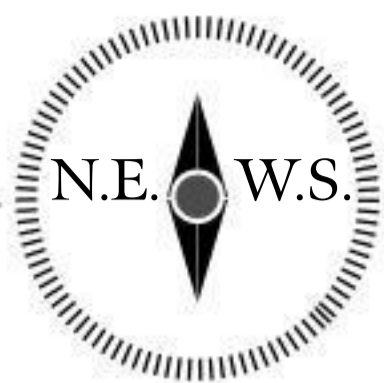
उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई- निविदा संख्या टी-73/2019-20 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 20.08.2019 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत परेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.कालि., 400 के.वी. उपकेंद्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, "राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएँ"। साधारण बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें"। कृपया वेब साइट etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तार में सभी सूचना, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। पत्रांक 1401 वि.पा.सं./ग्रे.ना./T-73/2019-20 दिनांक:- 08.08.2019

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuvVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power Corporation limited) Purvanchal Vidyut Bhanav, Vidyut Nagar, P.O.-D.L.W., Varanasi- 221004 Website: http://www.etender.up.nic.in E-mail: puvvnlnvs.mm@gmail.com Tender Date Extension The tender invited for through e-tender no., EAV-24/19-20 the date of bid opening is hereby further extended and details for the same have been mentioned below. SI No. 1 Tender Specification number EAV-24/2019-20 Material Name LAPTOP Last Date & time for submission of tender documents Date: 19.08.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Tender opening date & time Date: 20.08.2019 Time: 15:00 PM Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/-(Rajesh Kumar) Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांक:2251/पू.वि.चि.नि.लि. (वा.)।सा.प्र/अस-1/विज्ञापन दिनांक: 08.08.2019

प. वि. वि. निगम तिथि विस्तार सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित की गयी अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या 89/वि. कार्यशाला मं./मेरठ/2018-19, जो दिनांक 03.04.2019 को खोली जानी प्रस्तावित थी, कि तिथि किन्हीं अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 21.08.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें अपरिवर्तनीय रहेंगी। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत कार्यशाला मण्डल, प.वि.चि.नि.लि., मेरठ पत्रांक: 1235/वि. कार्यशाला मं./मेरठ दिनांक: 08/08/2019

STATE INNOVATIONS IN FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES PROJECT AGENCY (SIFPSA) Om Kailash Tower, 19-A, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow- 226001 Phone: 0522-2237497-98; Fax-0522-2237574 No. SIFPSA/IEC/Sarthi/2019-20/2 Date: 10.08.2019 e-TENDER NOTICE Online eBids are invited for selection of Agencies for Operation of Publicity Van (Sarthi-SandeshVahini) for promotion of Family planning schemes & services in 75 Districts of UP. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 13.08.2019 at 11:30 hrs in SIFPSA, Conference Hall. eBid submission due date is up to 15:00 hrs on 29.08.2019. eBids will be opened on the same day i.e. 29.08.2019 at 15:30 hrs. The details of eBid submission are available in eRFP document uploaded on eTender Portal http://etender.up.nic.in. Tender ID is 2019_SIFPS_368816_1. Note: Any change in the eBid submission due date shall be updated on http://etender.up.nic.in. Executive Director, SIFPSA

URDU ACADEMY, DELHI (Govt. of Delhi) TENDER NOTICE FOR PRINTING OF BOOKS Urdu Academy, Delhi invites e-tender on two bid system i.e., technical bid and financial bid from reputed & experienced printers for printing of books. NIT has been uploaded. Tender form alongwith terms & conditions can be download upto 31st August, 2019 either from e-procurement website http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in or Urdu Academy, Delhi website www.urduacademydelhi.com. Technical tender and declaration form with EMD (DD) Rs.10,000/- will be submitted physically in the office of Academy and scan copy of DD will be uploaded on e-procurement website. Technical tender will be opened on 3rd September 2019 at 4.00 pm in the office before the tenderers who choose to attend. Tender ID: 2019_URDAC_178062_1 Interested printers may note that the Academy's printing work of books specifically relates to Urdu language, therefore those printers having experience of urdu printing and have some Urdu knowing staff may be preferred. Secretary Urdu Academy, Delhi C.P.O.Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006 Ph. 23863858, 23865436 DIP/Shabdarth/0512/19-20



NORTH

532-kg heroin haul: NIA arrests J&K 'mastermind'

New Delhi, Mohali: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Friday arrested a Jammu and Kashmir resident in connection with the alleged smuggling of narcotics worth Rs 2,700 crore from Pakistan. Tariq Ahmed Lone (28), a resident of Handwara town, is the mastermind of the smuggling

racket. He was arrested with the help of J&K police. A case under relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered against him, an official spokesperson of the premier investigating agency said. **PTI & ENS**



Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda during a padyatra in Ranchi on the occasion of World Adivasi Day on Friday. **PTI**

WEST

Goa taxi operators call off strike after seven days

Panaji: The taxi operators' strike in Goa, which began on Friday last week, came to end a week later with the demands of the agitating unions unmet. The government was also unable to convince the 30,000-strong union to join its app-based aggregator service — the launch of the service, called Goamiles, had set of the agi-

itation. The president of the All Goa Taxi Association, Chetan Kamat, said on Friday that the strike was being called off as Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had agreed to hear their demands. Sawant said his government would iron out any issues with the unions and also provide them technology to make their own apps. **ENS**

EAST

HC quashes summons against Govinda, Shilpa Shetty

Ranchi: The Jharkhand High Court has quashed the summons issued by a lower court against actors Govinda and Shilpa Shetty in connection with a song of a film, in which they acted. The bench set aside the summons issued by a Pakur court, accepting the contention of the defense counsel. The complainant, M

M Tiwari, had complained that a song in the film Chhote Sarkar tarnished the image of Bihar. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000. The defense counsel, Abhay Mishra, said the Censor Board gives certificates to films and after a film is released, it does not come under the purview of Indian Penal Code. **PTI**

SOUTH

Junior doctors in Telangana call off strike against NMC Act

Hyderabad: Vowing to continue their struggle against provisions objectionable to them in the National Medical Commission Act, junior doctors in Telangana, who have been agitating on the issue, called off their stir on Friday. The doctors announced their decision following a meeting with state Health Minister E Rajender who assured them

that he would convey their grievances to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan. Rajender, who met Vardhan in Delhi on Thursday, quoted the Union Minister as saying the new legislation would be progressive. The protesting junior doctors said they cannot continue the strike as the next parliament session would take place after three months. **PTI**

2.45 LAKH PEOPLE EVACUATED FROM FLOOD-HIT SANGLI AND KOLHAPUR

46 villages in Maharashtra cut off, 29 dead

SUSHANT KULKARNI & ATIKH RASHID
SANGLI, PUNE, AUGUST 9

AS MANY as 46 villages in Kolhapur and Sangli districts remained disconnected, with flood water surrounding them, and the administration was air-dropping food and drinking water using helicopters, Pune Divisional Commissioner Deepak Mhaisekar said.

Although the rain continues intermittently, water levels in flooded areas had gone down and were expected to recede further in coming days with discharge from the dam being altered favourably, he said.

Of the villages cut off from the rest of the district, 28 are in Sangli and 18 in Kolhapur.

So far, 2.45 lakh residents of Sangli and Kolhapur have been shifted to 165 temporary camps. The number of deaths due to flood went up to 29 by Friday evening, with two people drowning since Thursday. Nine people were still missing after a boat capsized in Bramhanal village in Sangli. Of the 34 passengers, 16 were rescued and nine dead bodies were recovered.

"The discharge from Almatti river has been increased up to 4.5 lakh cusecs. This will help the water levels go down. The water level in Kolhapur has already gone down by 2 feet in Kolhapur and 3 inches in Sangli," said Mhaisekar.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi about the floods and rescue and relief operations. "The Centre and state along with neighbouring state is closely working to bring water levels down. Rescue operations are going on a war footing," Fadnavis said.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa reaffirmed that water discharge from Almatti dam had increased to 4,50,000 cusec. The water discharge capacity of the dam is normally 3,80,316 cusec, but after a re-

quest from Maharashtra, the Karnataka government raised the discharge level.

In Sangli, 32 teams of various agencies including National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Army, Navy, district administration, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Coast Guard were involved in rescue operations. In Kolhapur, there were 48 teams.

Major Gaurav Sharma, Column Commander leading a rescue operation in Sangli, said his unit rescued 10,000 people. "One challenge is dealing with anxiety and trauma of the flood-affected. After rescue, our effort is to move them to safer locations and provide provisions and medicine. Considering the number of people stranded in houses, it will take us 72 hours to evacuate everyone."

Ramchandra Koli, a 30-year-old plumber from Sangle Wadi in Sangli who was rescued by the Army on Friday, said, "For five-six days we survived only on tea and biscuits. After our houses were submerged, we stayed in a hall opened up by the kind owner and waited for the Army to save us." Koli's mother Yalwa said that her elderly mother went into a shock due to the flood and devastation. Prem Chawla, a cloth trader from Sangli, said he suffered a loss of Rs 10-12 lakh. "Two floors of my shop are inundated," he said.

Around 16,000 vehicles were lined up on Mumbai-Bengaluru highway, which has been closed since Wednesday. Officials said that when the water recedes, vehicles carrying food and fuel will be allowed to go first. Mhaisekar said that 'ad hoc help' of Rs 76 crore has been received from the state government and it will be given to those affected by the flood. The compensation amount will be Rs 15,000 per family in urban areas and Rs 10,000 per family in rural areas.

WITH INPUTS FROM MUMBAI



Cochin International Airport in Kochi was closed till Sunday as the runway area was waterlogged due to heavy rain. **ANI**

Wayanad village devastated by landslide, at least 8 killed

SHAJU PHILIP
PUTHUMALA (WAYANAD), AUGUST 9

WHEN THE mist-clad hillock of tea plantations rolled down and took its devastating course downstream on Thursday evening, not a single brick was left in this valley of workers and small-scale farmers.

The entire pulse of this village in Kerala's Wayanad district has been either swept away in the mudflow or buried under the turbid slurry; 60-odd houses, a temple, a mosque, a post office and a small tea shop, where local residents used to huddle.

Almost 24 hours after what was one of the worst landslides to occur in Kerala in recent history, Puthumala is deserted. Survivors have been shifted to relief camps at Meppadi town, 15 km away.

Eight bodies have been retrieved so far, and no one knows the exact number of missing persons. Clutching plastic carry bags, estate workers in nearby settlements are awaiting at the other end of the Puthumala valley, to be rescued.

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at several places. On Thursday evening, when the landslide occurred, relief could not be rushed from outside. The magnitude of the issue only came to light after local youngsters posted videos on social media, seeking help.

Wayanad SP Karuppasamy R, who is overseeing the rescue operations, says, "Heavy rain which still continues in the region has made rescue efforts very difficult. Among the houses that washed away, were two settlements of estate workers. We don't have the exact number of missing people. We are collecting the details from all sources to ascertain the exact number of casualties." Gopalan P,

one of survivors, recalled that he saw the hill caving in on the plantation houses. "I was standing at a nearby hilltop when a portion of the hill collapsed into the valley."

Jagadeesh M V, a local youngster, said, "Even during the last year's flood, this region was incident free. As there have been heavy rains in last two days, many have sought asylum in the mosque, which also collapsed."

KK Sahad, the panchayat president of Meppadi, said, "What is left in Puthumala is only four houses. We managed to relocate several people before the tragedy struck. Several are still missing," he said.

IN OTHER STATES

GUJARAT

The Riverbed Powerhouse (RBPH) at the Sardar Sarovar dam on Narmada river came to life for the first time, two years after its installation in 2017, on Friday as the dam's 23 gates were opened, releasing 6 lakh cusecs of water after the level in the reservoir touched 131.18 metres. In Ukai dam, the authorities opened 11 gates and released 64,000 cusecs of water, which they increased to 1.25 lakh cusecs. **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH

A 40-year-old man was swept away in a swollen nullah in Ashoknagar district on Friday. Around 1,000 people were evacuated to safer places in Barwani and Dhar districts. Officials said the Narmada river was flowing 7 metres above its danger mark at Rajghat village in Barwani district at 2 pm Friday. Sluice gates of seven of the 28 dams in the state have been opened, officials said. **PTI**



26 gates of the Narmada Dam were opened on Friday due to heavy inflow. **Bhupendra Rana**

KARNATAKA

Almost all the major rivers in the state, including the Krishna, Cauvery, Kaali, Varahi, Markandeya, Bheema, Malaprabha, Ghataprabha,

Tunga, Bhadravati, Hemavati, Sharavati, Netravati, Tungabhadra, Kumaradhara, Varada, Kabini and their tributaries are in spate, leaving thousands of people stranded. In Kodagu district, the catchment area of the Cauvery, four bodies were brought out from under a house which collapsed. **PTI**

UTTARAKHAND

A woman and her son were killed after a cloudburst flattened their house in Tehri district, while two others were swept away after a flooded rivulet inundated their house in Chamoli district, officials said. Heavy rain also blocked Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway at Lambagad and several other places. **PTI**

GOA

A total of 397 distress calls have been attended till Friday evening by the Goa Fire Department in what officials described as the "worst rains" ever seen in Goa. Forty people were rescued till Friday evening in stretches as far as Pernem, Bicholim, Amona and Revora in the north, with the water from the neighbouring dams leading to a flood situation. **ENS**

Basheer may have suffocated due to lack of oxygen, says post-mortem report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 9

LEGAL SCHOLAR Shamnad Basheer, 43, who was found dead in his car in the Babubudanagiri hills in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru district on Thursday evening, died due to suffocation from a lack of oxygen in the car, a post-mortem conducted on Friday has indicated.

"It seems suffocation due to lack of oxygen and fumes is the cause of death. However, the final opinion will be received after the Forensic Science Laboratory provides its report," Chikkamagaluru SP, Harish Pandey, said.

Basheer's body was found inside his car which was parked in a clearing, nearly four days after



Shamnad Basheer

he was reported missing. A short circuit is suspected to have resulted in fumes engulfing the interior of the car, where Basheer is suspected to have been seated alone. Police is not suspecting any foul play in his death as the car's doors were locked from inside and the key was in the ignition. The engine and the heater were turned on. However, the exact cause of his death and the sequence of event that led up to

it are yet to be determined.

A few burn injuries were found on his body, suggesting a fire had broken out in the car's electrical system. Whether the fire occurred before the 43-year-old lost consciousness, or after, is yet to be determined, police said.

The post-mortem report was also unable to ascertain if carbon monoxide poisoning had occurred on account of exhaust fumes getting channelled into the car. A forensic analysis of the viscera is expected to provide clues, sources said. There was no evidence to suggest that Basheer had committed suicide, police sources said.

The legal scholar, who was the founder of the NGO Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access to Legal Education (IDIA), often drove to Chikkamagaluru alone.

Non-bailable warrant issued against Kamal Nath nephew

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

A DELHI court on Friday issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against businessman Ratul Puri, nephew of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in connection with a money-laundering case related to the AgustaWestland chopper scam.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar issued the NBW against Puri, as was sought by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday. As per the ED, Puri had joined investigation on 10 dates, and on July 26, he slipped out of their office under some pretext without informing the investigating officer, and later did not join the investigation on several dates.

The ED had told the court that Puri was non-cooperative

and untraceable. It also submitted that Puri was trying to influence witnesses and tamper with evidence.

The court had on Tuesday dismissed Puri's anticipatory bail plea in the case.

Hindustan Power and its promoter, of which Puri is the chairman, issued a statement in which they categorically denied any involvement in the AgustaWestland helicopter deal.

Puri seeks copy of his statements

Meanwhile, Puri on Friday approached the Delhi High Court seeking a copy of his statements recorded by the ED.

Puri's plea came up for hearing before Justice Sunil Gaur, who heard the arguments and reserved the order.

Loans by moneylenders to tribals in scheduled areas to be invalidated: Nath

MILIND GHATAWI
BHOPAL, AUGUST 9

THE CONGRESS government in Madhya Pradesh on Friday said loans given by moneylenders to tribals living in scheduled areas of the state will be invalidated.

The moneylenders will have to return land, jewellery or any other valuables pledged by the borrowers, or face consequences.

There are 89 scheduled areas in the state and a tribal population of nearly 1.5 crore. Out of 230 Assembly constituencies in the state, 47 are reserved for tribals. It is a common practice for moneylenders in tribal areas to charge exorbitant rates of interest, which occasionally leads to debtors committing suicide over their inability to repay.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath



Kamal Nath

made the announcement while addressing a function organised to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples at Chhindwara, which he represents in Assembly. He said in the future, moneylenders will be able to operate only with licences.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the government will soon bring an ordinance to implement the announcement. The ordinance will propose a jail term of

up to three years and a fine of Rs 1 lakh for moneylenders who operate without licence. The ordinance will cap the rate of interest to ensure that borrowers are not exploited.

Currently, licences in the scheduled areas are regulated by the Madhya Pradesh Anusuchit Janjati Sahakar Viniyam, 1972. Sources said the licences under the norms were issued by sub-divisional officers. A top bureaucrat said the regulation had capped the annual rate of interest at six per cent.

Meanwhile, the government announced a slew of sops for tribals on the occasion.

The government said rightful claims rejected under the Forest Rights Act will be reexamined and the claimants will be given forest rights by launching a campaign.

11 BODY & MIND

Moms, it's not your fault

We are done with the silence around mom-shaming. So mothers, look the shame in the eye and walk away



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

OUR SON was just four years old and had started school, and my husband and I were excited about our first interaction with his class teacher. We were summoned into the classroom where the class teacher sat on a big chair, and we were asked to sit on tiny kiddie chairs. We found it a little unusual but as we were new to the power structure within a top league school in the UK, we sat down and the teacher started telling us in no uncertain terms what was wrong with our child. He was restless, did not listen or do what he was told and was always in his own world. The odd thing was that she seemed to be looking at only me with a highly disapproving look and I could sense cringing shame freezing me. The same kiddie chair that was tiny a little while ago suddenly seemed too big as I started to feel smaller and smaller. It was like I was back in school and being reproached for being such a failure. But this time as a mom.

Obviously, in the teacher's eyes, I was messing it up – working mother, Asian and not teaching right manners to my child (yes, she actually mentioned his manners). I tried to clear my throat to speak, but only a croak-

ing sound came out. Then suddenly, I thought of our son – our vibrant, curious, warm-hearted little boy and realised that I would not leave till I had my say.

In a tentative voice I asked her, "You have told us all that is wrong with our son but I wonder if there is anything you have to say about what he is doing well. I am sure in these three months with him, you would have picked up something?"

From the look on her face she was not expecting this question and as she fumbled with her papers, desperately trying to look for an answer there, we got up and left. And in a week's time, we had taken our son out from this prestigious school and put him in another little school by the river where he spent happy days gathering tadpoles in tanks and where I was accepted with all my working-mother scruffiness.

I do not think there is any mother who has not experienced shame sometimes or the other in her life. It comes with the territory. Become a mother, make guilt your middle name and live with shame. It really does not matter if you work or you do not, if you are tall, thin, big built, outgoing, introverted, urban, rural, famous, working or not working – shame will find a way to you somewhere or the other. Some of us become more vulnerable if our children are not seen as being good enough – not pretty enough, not intelligent enough, not of the right sexual orientation or gender, socio-economic level or accomplishment. Then there is that nauseating shame that is directed at women who cannot or choose not to have children or mothers of children with disability as if saying, "Your child is defective and so are you."

To the dads out there, please do not feel

upset that I am excluding you but I am sure you will admit that this variety of shaming is quite unique to moms. It is relentless and there is no way out. For example, working mothers are told, "Why did you have kids if you wanted to work?" or "I would never leave my kids with maids." Stay-at-home mothers are told, "You are wasting your time sitting at home and doing nothing." Then of course, we have all these sticky labels that are directed at us – helicopter mom, tiger mom, drill sergeant mom, hummingbird mom, free-ranging mom and the latest I heard was snow-plough mom! Why is there this compulsion to brand us into neat boxes when we all know there is nothing like that? If you are like me, then in a day I can switch from tiger to helicopter to "leave me alone", depending on what the day is like, what the kids have been up to and honestly, who is watching and judging me.

Whatever kind of parent I might be, one thing I am sure I am not – a perfect parent. I have made mistakes and continue to do so. And I am fine being imperfect though I must admit in my most vulnerable moments I sense shame creeping in very stealthily.

The thing is, mom-shaming is coded into our culture – it has deep roots in our history but due to various reasons, this problem is getting amplified to a whole new level now. Parenting has become one of the most significant measures of our worthiness. Social media makes it even worse as every achievement is being plastered for the world to see and your absence of glowing updates is there for the world to judge. The saddest part is that it is women who end up policing and judging each other. A mother shared with me, "My school mothers' WhatsApp group



Illustration: Sivajit Dey

is giving me sleepless nights – they are constantly trying to outdo each other. Being a working mother, I cannot keep up with all the homework, exams, after-school activities. I am too scared to ask for help as I know that I will immediately be made to feel ashamed of neglecting my child."

Parenting is not a race

Be kind. It is so easy to judge others but we really have no idea what is happening in their lives. The child waiting on the floor of the mall might be on the autism spectrum and struggling to self-regulate in the high sensory overload, and the mother has who has missed her daughter's performance in

school has done so probably due to a last-minute crisis at work. She would be feeling horrible enough already for us to make it worse by our judgments. We would not judge a father for missing it, so why do we have a quick judgment for mothers? I have a special request for teachers – PTMs are not an easy time for all parents and their kids, so please be compassionate. Each parent is fighting a battle you know nothing about. And all of you perfectionist moms, stop being so harsh on yourself. Ann Lamott spoke for all of us when she said, "Never compare your insides to everyone else's outsides."

Keep your sense of humour. If there is one thing I have learned as a parent it is this:

no matter what happens, keep it light and see the funny side. Your child will say things that will embarrass you in public; she will not pretend, perform and perfect the way the society demands, but if possible, laugh it off. After our PTM fiasco, we refused to let that description define our son and instead turned it into a family joke. Humour is a great antidote to taking the edges off shame-inducing experiences.

Speak up. Shame festers in silence, secrecy and judgment, so speak up. Talk about your hardships with postpartum depression after childbirth, your son's struggles with dyslexia, your daughter's bullying in school, your teenager's mental health difficulties. Children have sensitive radars for secrecy and shame as they immediately tend to attribute it to themselves. As a teenager told me, "If my mother believes she has been a failure as a mother, it means I have been a failure as a son." If they see you talking about it openly and lightly, they take it lightly too. You do not have to put it up on social media but share your stories with people you trust and who make you feel stronger. No matter what society tells you, it is not your fault so look the shame in the eye and walk away.

It takes a village. We are all in this together, and as we muddle along, let's commit to stop judging each other and reach out and take collective responsibility. Offer to send a weekly update to a mother from your son's class whose child might be struggling academically, or invite the lonely child for a playdate and teach your child a wonderful art of being inclusive. Start a parents' group which is not about flaunting your children's latest achievement but having authentic conversations on real, messy side of parenting. Share, support, laugh it out and show solidarity because as the spiritual teacher Ram Dass put it, "We're all just walking each other home."

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DIET DIARY

Breastfeeding may help reduce chances of Celiac disease



BY ISHI KHOSLA

MOTHER'S MILK is best for the baby and the benefits of breast feeding are well-established. Breast milk is natural, easy to digest and is the gold standard for infant nutrition. It contains the right balance of nutrients and helps boost the baby's immunity. It is now established that breastfeeding can help lay the foundation of the baby's immune system for life. Exclusive breastfeeding is typically recommended for the first six months, to be continued at least for one year in combination with solid foods. Breast milk is sterile and does not require boiling, and therefore retains the goodness of its nutrients.

A recent study reported that only 69 per cent of Indian children below two months are exclusively breastfed. Between two and three months, exclusive breastfeeding falls to 51 per cent and declines further to 28 per cent between 4 and 5 months of age.

In fact, infant feeding practices have been found to impact several immunological conditions including celiac disease. Celiac disease is a condition where an individual is intolerant to gluten for life. Eating foods with gluten causes an immune reaction in the small intestines that can damage the lining of the intestines and lower absorption of essential nutrients, leading to malabsorption and nutritional deficiencies.

A Swedish study has revealed the relationship between infant feeding practices and Celiac disease. A three-fold increase in Celiac disease was seen among infants from mid-1980s to mid-1990s. Breastfeeding had been on a decline in Sweden during 1980s. The study also showed a higher risk for Celiac disease in infants who had infections. It has also been found that fewer breast-fed children develop Celiac disease, and, when they do, it is at a later age. Research shows that the risk of developing Celiac disease decreased by 63 per cent for children breast-fed for more than two months.

Breastfeeding has also been seen to have a protective effect while gluten containing foods were introduced to the infant. The gradual or slow introduction of gluten containing foods like wheat into the diet of infants while they are still being breastfed is believed to reduce the risk of celiac disease in early childhood.

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Exercise during pregnancy may have lasting benefits for babies

Babies whose mothers had exercised tended to perform better on tests of motor skills

GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

NEWBORNS WHOSE mothers exercise during pregnancy may become physically coordinated a little earlier than other babies, according to a captivating new study of gestation, jogging and the varying ability of tiny infants to make a fist. The study's findings add to growing evidence that physical activity during pregnancy can strengthen not just the mother but also her unborn children and might influence how well and willingly those children later move on their own.

The current physical activity guidelines in the United States and Europe call for children to run and play for at least an hour every day. But, according to most estimates, barely a third of European and American youngsters are that active. Many factors contribute to this physical languor, including crowded family schedules, lack of physical education programmes in schools, childhood obesity and overly ample screen time.

But recently, Linda E May, an associate professor of foundational science and research at East Carolina University, began to wonder whether the prenatal environment might also play an unexpected role. Her own earlier research hinted that the idea was plausible. For a 2011 study, she and her colleagues had compared the cardiac function of babies born to mothers who had been sedentary or worked out during pregnancy and found that infants whose mothers exercised developed stronger, more athletic hearts even before birth. Their pulses were slower and the beat-to-beat variability greater, a general indication of better-conditioned cardiac muscles.

But whether exercise during pregnancy would likewise influence a child's motor development and coordination remained unknown, May realised, and could matter. Other past research has shown that relatively poor coordination in early childhood is linked to higher risks for inactivity and obesity in adolescence and adulthood. In essence, children who move with little ease tend to be children, and later adults, who move little.

So, for the new study, which was pub-



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lished this month in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, May and her colleagues decided to look into whether exercise during pregnancy would affect babies' physical coordination after birth.

The scientists began by recruiting 71 healthy, pregnant women, most in their first trimester, and carrying a single baby. They randomly divided these volunteers into two groups, one of which continued with their normal routines, as a control.

The others began exercising, reporting to the university physiology lab three times a week, for supervised, 50-minute sessions of moderate exertion. There, they jogged,

The babies who had bounced along as their mothers jogged or danced were slightly ahead of the others in their ability to grip, jostle and control how they rolled

walked briskly, rode stationary bicycles or joined aerobics classes, depending on their preferences, balance and comfort as their pregnancies progressed. The sessions continued until each woman gave birth.

All of the mothers, in both groups, delivered healthy, normal-weight infants.

A month after each birth, mother and child returned to the lab, where a pediatric physical therapist completed a standard exam of the babies' reflexes and motor skills, testing how well they controlled their heads while lying down, made a fist, rolled over, thrust out their arms, and otherwise reacted and moved.

The results were consistent. Babies whose mothers had exercised tended to perform better on almost all of the tests, suggesting that their motor skills were more advanced. These gains were especially notable among girls, who usually lag slightly behind boys at this age. But baby girls from the exercise group displayed the same relatively advanced physical capabilities as the boys in that group and more coordination than boys in the control group. None of these variations were glaring. Every infant was healthy, with normal motor development. But the babies who had bounced along as their mothers jogged or danced were slightly ahead of the others in their ability to grip, jostle and control how they rolled.

This accelerated motor development "might encourage those children," over subsequent months and years, to be more active than youngsters whose coordination lags, May says. The researchers did not control for home life, though, so it is possible that the mothers who exercised during pregnancy also engaged and played more with their newborns later. In that case, the improvements in motor skills would have occurred after birth and not in utero. (The researchers did consider and account for breastfeeding, which also affects physical development.)

The study also cannot tell us how maternal exercise might have goosed unborn babies' physical skills, if it did. Perhaps the infants received more blood, oxygen and nutrients through the placenta when their mothers exercised, affecting their brain and nervous system development, May says. Or the babies' bodies might have sensed maternal exertions and released growth hormones and other biochemicals of their own that sped up the development of their motor cortexes.

May and her colleagues plan to delve into those issues in future studies.

But for now, she says, the study's results suggest that pregnant women who exercise – assuming they are healthy and have clearance from their doctor – might amplify their baby's nascent aptitude for and interest in movement.

NYT

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Moving during early pregnancy may increase preterm birth risk



MOVING TO a new home during the first three months of pregnancy may add stresses that increase a woman's risk of having a premature birth, low birth weight and a baby that's small for its gestational age, suggests a US study published in the *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*. The researchers analysed birth certificate data from 2007-2014 to assess whether 28,000 women who moved during the first trimester of their pregnancies had a higher risk of low birthweight, preterm birth and smaller-sized infants, as compared with 112,000 women who did not move. Among women who moved, there was a 9.1% risk of preterm birth, compared with 6.4% for those who didn't move. Similarly, when women moved, the risk of low birthweight was 6.4% and small size 9.8%, compared with 4.5% and 8.7%, respectively, among women who didn't move.

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[20-50 YEARS]

Three cups of coffee a day may increase migraine risk: Study



DRINKING THREE or more cups of coffee daily may be associated with a higher risk of migraine, according to a study. In addition to severe headache, symptoms of migraine can include nausea, changes in mood, sensitivity to light and sound, as well as visual and auditory hallucinations. The study, published in the *American Journal of Medicine*, evaluated the role of caffeinated beverages as a potential trigger of migraine. The researchers found that three or more servings of caffeinated beverages may be associated with higher odds of migraine headache occurrence on that day or the following day. "While some potential triggers – such as lack of sleep – may only increase migraine risk, the role of caffeine is particularly complex, because it may trigger an attack but also helps control symptoms," said a researcher.

PTI

[50+ YEARS]

Eating more plant-based foods may be linked to better heart health



EATING MOSTLY plant-based and fewer animal-based foods may be linked to better heart health and a lower risk of dying from cardiovascular diseases, a study claims. "While you don't have to give up foods derived from animals completely, our study does suggest that eating a larger proportion of plant-based foods and a smaller proportion of animal-based foods may help reduce your risk of having a heart attack, stroke or other type of cardiovascular disease," said a researcher. The study was published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*. People who ate the most plant-based foods overall had a 16 per cent lower risk of having a cardiovascular disease, 32 per cent lower risk of dying from a cardiovascular disease and 25 per cent lower risk of dying from any cause compared to those who ate the least amount of plant-based foods.

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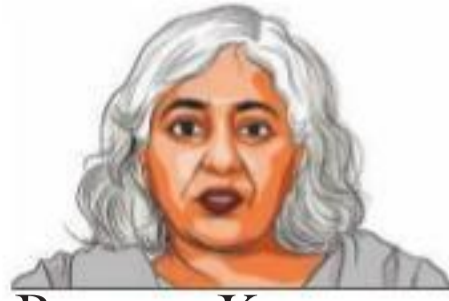
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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Sins of omission

Crucial questions about Centre's action on Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional status remain unanswered



RADHA KUMAR

WORDS AND MEANING

PM's address defines the new order for Jammu and Kashmir. It frames new challenges, and faces the trust test on the ground

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's address to the nation, following his government's decision to read down Article 370, demote the status of Jammu and Kashmir, and carve it up into two Union Territories, was keenly awaited. It was expected, and hoped, that the speech would provide some answers in the aftermath of a move as unilateral as it is consequential. The PM's speech made certain key assertions: That Kashmir's destiny is intertwined with that of the rest of the country; that Article 370 is now history; that there is no returning to status quo; that special status had only bred corruption and nepotism and secessionism; that under Central rule, by implementation of Central laws and programmes, Kashmir would become prosperous and peaceful. And that at an indeterminate point in the future, after Kashmiri youth have stepped up to leadership roles, Kashmir may become a state again. Prominent in the PM's speech was a list of benefits, allowances and schemes that government employees in J&K would be able to access because Kashmir is now a UT. He also told Pakistan — and the world — that he had redrawn the red lines of Kashmir diplomacy.

The message was unequivocally clear. It was also important for what it didn't say. The PM made no mention of the words and sentiments that have consecrated the place of another BJP prime minister in a troubled Valley's political imagination — there was no reference to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's invocations of "Insaniyat, Jamhooriyat, Kashmiriyat", which PM Modi has himself echoed earlier. There was none of the soft play with ambiguity, which has always helped the Centre expand its space for manoeuvre in the Valley. There was no reference even to PM Modi's own assurance, delivered from the ramparts of the Red Fort on an Independence Day two years ago: "Na goli se, na gaali se, Kashmir ki samasya suljhegi gale lagaane se..." (Kashmir's problem will not be solved by abuse or the bullet, but by embracing its people)". Today in Kashmir, that embrace is needed, more than ever. For, the promise of Good Governance will shape and be shaped by a political setting that has seen violence, terrorism and a popular uprising for three decades now. As he talks of a new generation of leaders in the Valley, PM Modi cannot be unaware of the grim backdrop of his government's making — the detention and arrest of mainstream leaders, including former chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, the snapping of lines of communication between the Valley and the rest of the country.

In a state as broken as Kashmir, words do heal and yet they are never enough. Much more needs to be said — and done — to assure Kashmir and the nation that the government is mindful of the trust reposed by its enormous mandate in the world's largest democracy, that it does not intend to continue to impose its will on the Valley or be seen to rule it by diktat.

CLIMATE ON THE FARM

IPCC report shows how land use affects climate change. It must not be used to target developing countries on global warming

REPORT RELEASED on Thursday by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has concluded that better management of the world's farms and forests is necessary to tackle climate change. Land use has always been part of conversations on climate change and activities like afforestation have held an important place in the fight against global warming. But the discourse on combating global warming has given more thrust to curbing vehicular and industrial emissions. The IPCC report warns that clean energy, clean transport and reduction emissions alone will not cut global emissions enough to avoid dangerous warming beyond 2 degrees Celsius. It points out that the global food system is responsible for 21 to 37 per cent of the world's GHG emissions.

About a quarter of the Earth's ice-free land area is subjected to what the report describes as "human-induced degradation". Rapid agricultural expansion has led to destruction of forests, wetlands and grasslands and other ecosystems. Soil erosion from agricultural fields, the report estimates, is 10 to 100 times higher than the soil formation rate. This has created spinoff effects. "When land is degraded, it becomes less productive, restricting what can be grown and reducing the soil's ability to absorb carbon. This exacerbates climate change, while climate change in turn exacerbates land degradation," says the report. Moreover, agriculture and allied activities like cattle rearing are major sources of methane and nitrous oxide, far more dangerous GHGs than carbon dioxide.

The report is expected to be a key scientific input into forthcoming climate negotiations, such as the Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in Delhi in September and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile, in December. If recent developments are any indicator, the report could spur moves to pressure developing countries like India to ramp up their global warming mitigation targets. This week the UN special envoy on climate change, Luis Alfonso de Alba, reportedly expressed the hope that India will take up enhanced climate commitment, including in areas such as agriculture. But the country, which seems well on course to meeting its Paris Climate Pact targets, should be careful about taking up commitments that hobble its agriculture sector. However, India — and other countries — could do well to pay heed to the IPCC report's recommendations on curbing land degradation and soil erosion by improving knowledge systems.

THEY IS A PROBLEM

A new study finds that gender-neutral pronouns can increase sensitivity. But grammar can be notoriously rigid

IT'S PERHAPS BECAUSE their power is such a mirage, a well-perpetuated fraud, that kings and priests have always understood the importance of pronouns. Royalty, and even minor nobility, never call themselves "I" or are addressed as "you" — "hum khush hue", they will say, as if inherited privilege represents a collective.

In 2015, Sweden decided to adopt the term "hen", a gender-neutral pronoun to be used alongside "hon" and "han" (she and he) in the Swedish language. A study conducted over three years by Efrén Pérez of the University of California and Margit Tavits at Washington University published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that gender-neutral depictions like the one in Sweden helped combat pro-men biases and even increased sensitivity towards LGBTQI people. The study simply confirms what many gender and queer rights activists have long argued, that the bias towards heterosexual men in particular, and gender binaries in general reinforces inequality. But is fighting to change words, and grammar, the best battle to engage in the war for equality?

For some time now, there has been a search for a gender-neutral pronoun in English as well. The latest candidate, "they", is gaining some popularity among enlightened (or "woke") young people. But syntax is a hard thing to change, the plural pronoun does not roll off the tongue nor sit well on a page. Sample: "They is happy about their new shoes." Language does, of course, evolve — just look at the number of Indian words in our erstwhile coloniser's dictionaries. But it does not evolve as and when we please. In the meantime, faced with the fact that words do indeed oppress, it is important to endeavour to ensure that the limits of language are not the limits of decency.

ON AUGUST 8, Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally addressed the nation on recent moves that fundamentally altered the character of Jammu and Kashmir and took the country by surprise, indeed shock.

As one of those astonished and deeply angered by the speed, stealth and force with which far-reaching constitutional change has been achieved, I had hoped to hear some explanation for why his administration deemed the move imperative, and even more importantly, why it was made at this time and carried through in this way, with preventive arrests and detentions, flying in 40,000 additional troops for a security lockdown of the Valley as well as neighbouring districts in Jammu and Ladakh, tabling it in Parliament without prior notice when a significant number of Opposition MPs were missing, many of whom had requested postponement until they could reach Delhi.

The PM did not refer to these actions even in passing. Though he did say that the security lockdown would soon be lifted, he gave no assurance of when. The government earlier announced that the closure of telephone lines and the internet would be relaxed on Friday, but it has been extended. It is doubtful if the PM's Kashmiri "brothers and sisters" would even have heard his speech.

I had also hoped, groundlessly, that Modi would indicate that his other measures — demoting the state to union territory status and voiding the terms of its relation to India (Article 370) were time bound and of short duration. He did give a vague assurance that Jammu and Kashmir might one day regain statehood, but the offer was so indeterminate and hedged about with so many conditions that it offered more warning than hope.

This is the first time in the history of independent India that a state has been demoted to a union territory (UT). The PM's explanation for an act of such far-reaching consequences was astonishingly weak. It would enable faster development, he said, because now central laws and schemes would be applied. But there is no reason to believe that UT status enables better implementation of development programmes than statehood does — of our UTs, only Goa (until 1987) and Delhi can boast of high rates of development

and the factors in each case have little to do with administrative status. Indeed, development grew further after the two acquired legislatures.

The PM is willing to offer Jammu and Kashmir a legislature — how generous — but with severely truncated powers. The police and civil administration will answer only to the Centre, removing the political interface that acted as both a buffer and, if only in theory, a check on unbridled power. I trust the Union government understands that now it and it alone will be to blame for any political, security and administrative failures, however large or small.

The potential fallout on security, which should be a pressing concern, was simply skated over. There is clear and present danger that Pakistan will exploit the current situation to flood the Valley with arms and re-double infiltration attempts; equally, that homegrown militancy will rise, if not in the immediate term then certainly in the middle term. What steps does the Modi administration plan to prevent such an outcome, apart from flooding the Valley with troops and putting a lieutenant-governor in place, neither of which are likely to prove effective?

The PM did touch on one substantive issue, the voiding of Article 370, but here too his arguments consisted of a string of assertions without explanation. The critical question — how will the terms of the Instrument of Accession be codified if Article 370 is null? — he simply ignored.

Instead, he said that Article 370 had been a major impediment to Jammu and Kashmir's development because it entrenched corruption and nepotism. No objective analyst will deny that the state was riddled with these twin evils, but so are a large number of other Indian states and they are not governed by Article 370. In fact, the people of Jammu and Kashmir complain far more loudly about these evils than do the residents of other states, perhaps because in their case corruption and nepotism are tied to a situation of ongoing conflict, which has, as in most conflict regions worldwide, produced a black economy. To think that corruption can be removed when violence persists is merely hubris.

As critics have pointed out, what is the guarantee that what has been done in Kashmir will not be done elsewhere, at the whim of this or successive administrations? The PM did not address these concerns either, and his omission sent out the message that the will of the people is irrelevant when it comes to Jammu and Kashmir. The contrast between this position towards the majority population and that towards selected minorities in the state could not be sharper. In Leh, Jammu city and amongst stranded refugees, it is clear that though the will of its people was not solicited, they support this move. All the rest, the Modi administration appears to believe, can go hang.

A LIFE IN LAW

Shamnad Basheer's work in IP, academia, holds survival lessons for the liberal edifice



PRITAM BARUAH

INHABITING DUALITIES DEFINED Shamnad Basheer. Nicola Lacey, biographer of the eminent legal philosopher H.L.A. Hart, wrote that Hart was surely an insider to Oxford philosophy, but always saw himself on the margins. Memories of Basheer kindle something similar: Inspiring students, intervening socially, recognised publicly and yet, secluded and distant. His energy and innovative impulses stemmed from a fertile yet tumultuous intellectual and personal space.

We were colleagues, flatmates and friends. I admired how despite his dilemmas, Basheer inspired students. Whether in the successful Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access (IDIA) programme, the Spicy IP blog, or research initiatives; students remained central to his work: They worked incessantly on his projects, voluntarily. IDIA volunteers would undertake arduous journeys to train underprivileged children. This did take a toll on competitive law students, but with Basheer's leadership, they excelled academically and in voluntary work: He instilled an ethic for voluntary work that will inspire generations.

Basheer's energy shines through in his multi-dimensional academic career, which was marked by controversies and pathbreaking achievements. Basheer studied at NLSIU and Oxford, and taught in India and the US. He lectured globally and was the most recognised Indian in the world of intellectual property.

Fame, however, invites scrutiny. His work was plagiarised by the Mashelkar Committee

Report on patent reforms for drugs, and Basheer had generously dismissed it saying it was for a public cause. However, it was his own friends and peers from NLSIU who argued that Basheer should have revealed his research funders, some being stakeholders.

Basheer, however, was always irrepressible. He increased public interest in IP law through the Spicy IP blog, which he founded in 2005. Simultaneously, he intervened in public issues on IP. Some of his notable interventions were those in favour of the rights of disabled persons to access copyrighted material, and the right of fair use by students in the famous Delhi University photocopy case.

Basheer also walked the tightrope in the Novartis case, concerning the patenting of the life-saving drug Glivec. He was balancing intellectual justification against public emotion, proprietary rights against public welfare. The Supreme Court heard him at length as an "academic intervenor". His arguments went a long way in disallowing Glivec to be patented. However, Basheer's arguments were double-edged for both sides. He was against Novartis in concluding that Glivec did not qualify to be an invention, and against human rights groups in concluding that excessive pricing was not a ground for patent denial. For those sceptical of the neutrality of law and opinion, it is difficult to say where Basheer's heart lay. But his actions set a precedent to enrich judicial discourse through academic intervention.

Basheer and I had joined NUJS, Kolkata, at

its pinnacle. Mahendra Pal Singh had created a free but rigorous intellectual environment: Sound academics like Basheer and Sudhir Krishnswamy were appointed as full-time professors, fresh talent like Prabhash Ranjan and Chinmayi Arun were nurtured. Basheer tilled this fertile ground and, subsequently, IDIA emerged. Its initial days witnessed both opposition and support. There was talk of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) being reformed: For it to vernacularise, be a test of potential rather than information, blunt advantages of coaching, and, to bridge the urban-rural divide, IDIA, many of us argued, would help get in some disadvantaged students into a system of privilege, and legitimise it by painting it as inclusive. Basheer took criticism on board, but perhaps the visionary in him saw that in our pathological democracy, starting somewhere was more important than starting ideally. Basheer has perhaps been proven right today. Several students from disadvantaged backgrounds continue to enter the hallowed law schools.

Basheer's emphasis on IDIA holds survival lessons for the falling liberal edifice. He acted on ideas and inspired people; got himself entangled with the daily life of law in an accessible manner. He anticipated that intellectual rigour needs popular succour in a democracy. Else the ivory towers shall fall.

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AUGUST 10, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

MNF ATTACK

ARMED COMMANDOS OF the outlawed Mizo National Front launched a three-pronged attack on the Turlial central jail near Aizawl in the embattled union territory of Mizoram, raided the Amarapur police station in neighbouring Tripura and indulged in looting and killing in the nearby market of Amarapur last night, according to official reports reaching Shillong. The security guards at Turlial central jail, put up a bold defence and foiled an attempt by a command group of the MNF to free the undertrial there. However, there were no casualties in the exchange of fire which lasted about 15 minutes. The hostiles later re-

treated into the nearby jungles.

UNIONS REJECT HIKE

DELHI UNITS OF the five main trade unions rejected the Delhi administration's offer to raise the minimum wages of workers by Rs 26 to Rs 40 a month. The unions which have five lakh members in the city, decided to go ahead with their one-day strike on Saturday to demand that the basic minimum wage be increased from Rs 185.90 to Rs 350 a month. They also want a dearness allowance of Rs 150 a month for the workers. The decision was taken by the Joint Action Committee for Minimum Wages made up of Delhi units of the All-India Trade Union Congress, Centre of

Indian Trade Unions, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the Indian National Trade Union Congress.

No CONG SUPPORT

IT WILL NOT be surprising if the Congress (I) does not support the government when the vote of confidence is taken on August 20. Already there are pointers that the party may change its stand — what a Congress (I) leader calls "straws in the wind". The party's commitment of "unconditional support" ended when the new government was formed. Ten Congress (I) MPs issued a statement on Tuesday, criticising the government and asking it to read "the writing on the wall".



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Denting cynicism in Valley

Prime Minister Modi's speech handled political differences with finesse, showed sensitivity towards Kashmiris



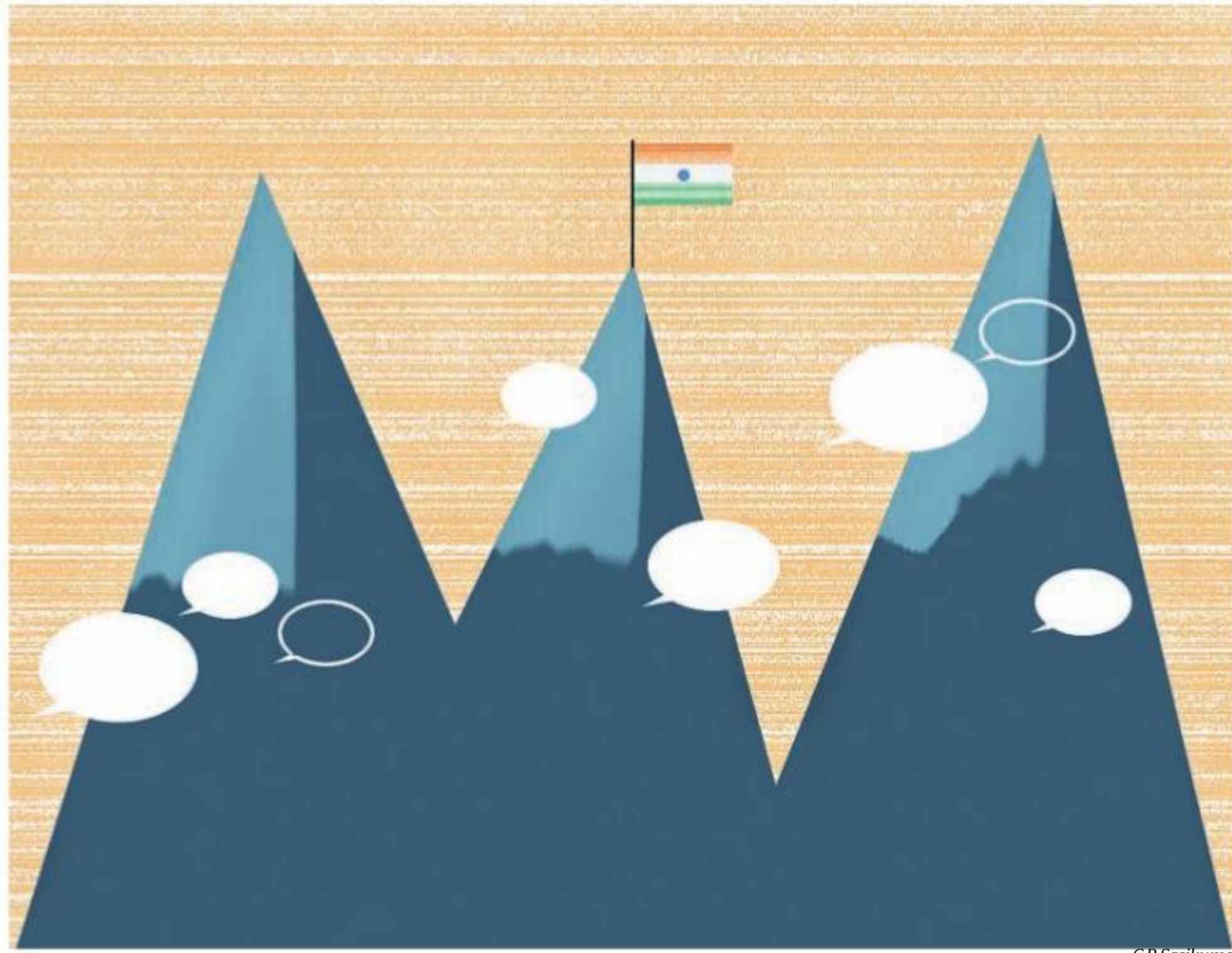
SYED ATA HASNAIN

WHAT PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi did with his address to the nation was to return the focus of his government's decision squarely to the internal domain. After Pakistan's extremely negative response, the focus was in danger of getting hijacked to the international domain, which would have sent a negative message to the local Kashmiri population. The address was perfectly timed because the question that was arising was whether India would squander the difficult decision at the altar of unnecessary triumphalism without looking at the sensitivities of its implications.

Like many citizens, I too supported the government's decision but had one qualification: I had always hoped that whenever such a decision was taken, it would be with complete political consensus. We have a tremendous precedent for this. In the Joint Parliamentary Resolution of February 22, 1994, all Indian political parties came together to communicate to the world that every inch of the territory of Jammu and Kashmir belonged to India and that the nation would aspire to get it back. However, the circumstances in terms of a fractured polity exist today to a far greater extent, although the geopolitical challenges are somewhat similar. Through his address to the nation, PM Modi kept the discourse of political differences limited and handled it with finesse.

A day after images of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval sharing a meal with locals in Shopian hit the headlines, many people were wondering when normalcy would return, given the fact that routine events which can disrupt peace in Kashmir were approaching as a part of the calendar — Eid and Independence Day give anti-national elements a chance to upset things and bring turbulence to the environment. The NSA's presence in the field was appreciated as well as met with cynicism. What the PM's address did was to dent that cynicism. After his Independence Day speech in 2017 — with its references to "na goli se na gaali se" — this address is the first one which shows complete sensitivity towards the plight of Kashmiris. The essence of the earlier thoughts, along with current sentiments, can actually mainstream the people of Kashmir with India. It will, however, need patience, the ability to execute outreach and retain sensitivity in the face of Pakistan's attempts to enhance the alienation of the people against India.

Before attempting to outline a rudimentary strategy to achieve what the PM has outlined, I need to mention two facets of the government's decision that will work favourably. The first was mentioned by the PM extensively in his address — the dilution of J&K to union territory (UT) status. The PM outlined how exactly J&K had been kept away from development without adequate central oversight. This was one of the ma-



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ajor lacunae responsible for the lack of development, high levels of corruption and lack of distribution of wealth to the common people. The UT status brings the region under far greater political and bureaucratic scrutiny, an aspect which perhaps got missed out in the strategy of 1996 when it was decided to counter Pakistan's proxy war through the early return of democracy. Of course, then there were mindsets about the special status of J&K being cast in iron.

The second facet, not noticed as much, is the fact that the government undertook a bifurcation of the state and not a trifurcation. The latter was expected but did not happen much to the chagrin of the people of Jammu division and especially its strong political community. I think the people of Jammu will ultimately thank the government for this decision. Here is how I justify it: Jammu's linkages with Kashmir are historic and deeply ingrained. The communities may temporarily be at odds with each other due to extraordinary circumstances but the mutual interests bound together in the ties across the Pir Panjal are far in excess of the prevailing negatives. Someone who knows J&K well has obviously advised the government. If a geographical division would have taken place along the Pir Panjal, it would have been perceived as a religious division and that is something which would have been exploited by adversaries. Retaining the integrated nature and ultimately returning the UT to the status of a state in the same make up, mainstreaming Kashmir through the Jammu route, will work far better. In fact, the people of Jammu would have done a yeoman service to the nation for which we need to be grateful.

The PM also made a few promises. What stood out was the extension of central government facilities for staff and security personnel. This must be executed early, as one of the crucial organisations which must remain fully motivated is the J&K Police. Its efficiency and morale makes a difference. The promise to return full statehood should act as a good motivator for the polity and the people. Once the PM has stated this, no other reassurance is required.

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Enhancing the self esteem of the Kashmiri people and improving the governance to deliver quality administration appears the PM's clear intent. There are three issues for his advisors to dwell upon. First, develop a basic consensus and form a few all-party committees for direct outreach to the people. Second, make arrangements for the empowerment of the panchayats to deliver grass roots governance. And third, re-empower a part of the J&K bureaucracy, bringing highest quality administrators to the UT. This will facilitate the PM's promise of early restoration of the state's status. Finally, early elections are needed. They can help the polity of the sub-region rebuild its self esteem.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"In the first eight weeks, police fired 160 rubber bullets and 1,000 rounds of teargas. On Monday, they came close to matching those figures in a single day. Meanwhile Beijing issues barely veiled threats, such as the mass drill of 12,000 riot police in Shenzhen." —THE GUARDIAN

Jaipal and Sushma, my comrades

They left an indelible imprint on the national canvas. They will continue to inspire generations to come



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

THE PASSING AWAY of two distinguished and dear friends, Jaipal Reddy and Sushma Swaraj, within 10 days has left me with a sense of loss. Jaipal Reddy, 77, and Sushma Swaraj, 67, were more like my siblings — Jaipal was an elder brother and Sushma, a younger sister. They were outstanding parliamentarians, able administrators and brilliant orators. Both had several similarities and their share of differences; similarities include their abilities, disabilities and their long and successful stints in public life.

Jaipal Reddy was handicapped by polio, but he never let it dampen his spirits. By his words, deeds and accomplishments, he epitomised the real meaning of "differently-abled" and proved to be extraordinarily able. I have asked him if he took any conscious effort to demonstrate that he was not constrained by his physical disability. He would say it was the spirit that mattered — the physical disability didn't make any difference to his indomitable spirit. His life was a saga of an irrepressible creative spirit that transcended all obstacles to soar to great heights.

Jaipal was a great orator and an intellectual giant, with the ability to analyse each and every issue. With razor-sharp intellect and sparkling wit, he was a powerful spokesperson of the party he belonged to. He was an excellent speaker in English and Telugu. Both of us used to sit next to each other in Andhra Pradesh assembly and enjoyed exchanging notes. The ruling party members used to call us Tirupati Venkata Kavulu, comparing us to the two famous Telugu poets who used to compose poems in close collaboration.

Sushma defied a socially ordained disability — in our socio-political milieu, there are several impediments in the way of women getting their due. She overcame formidable social barriers by words, deeds and accomplishments, just like Jaipal. Born in the orthodox social order of Haryana, she rose from being the youngest Cabinet minister in the state government to become the first full-term external affairs minister of our country. It was no mean achievement.

In terms of their differences, Jaipal and Sushma belonged to different ideological streams. But the course of political events brought them together, for a short period though, when they were in the Janata Party after the Emergency. Both were strongly bound by their unflinching commitment to making India what it deserved to be.

Jaipal and I were fellow travellers for a considerable period in the politics of united Andhra Pradesh. We were comrades in arms in stirring the proceedings of the legislative assembly. We were vociferous

in taking up issues of public importance and highlighting the omissions and commissions of the government of the day. Being senior to me in the assembly, he was a kind of friendly guide when I entered the AP assembly for the first time in 1978. We used to meet daily over sumptuous breakfast at each other's homes to discuss and set the agenda for the day. And the day used to end with media persons checking with us if their headlines for the next day based on our interventions in the assembly were okay.

Though born in a feudal family, Jaipal had acquired a modern equity and rights-based perspective that propelled his political life. He never compromised on the core moral and political values and never hesitated to raise his voice against the political establishment to which he belonged to and its leadership. We used to often discuss the transformation and evolution of the polity of our country.

Sushma was my soulmate in politics. We struck a strong bond of kinship, which strengthened over the years. When I went to pay my last respects to Sushma, her daughter Bansuri burst into tears and recalled her mother telling her, "I come back relieved every time I meet Venkaiahji as I effortlessly unwind myself of all the burdensome thoughts like a sister does with her elder brother." Cruel destiny has snatched away an affectionate sister from me.

I was associated with Sushma's political journey and its twists and turns. In 1999, when I was in charge of Karnataka, she readily agreed to my suggestion to contest from Bellary in Karnataka and while I was in charge of Delhi from the party, she accepted the chief ministership of Delhi. She was gritty and graceful, both in victory and defeat.

Sushma had endeared herself to the Indian masses. She was seen as the epitome of Indian culture and a true representative of the core values of our country. Her attire, mannerisms, choice of words, modes of expression, effusive warmth and affection, politeness, demonstrated respect for seniors and elders, articulation skills based on the strength of conviction, force of logic and speaking without hurting others, made her one of the most affable political leaders of modern times. She won the respect and admiration of political leaders from across party lines and the people at large.

Both Jaipal and Sushma belonged to that group of political leaders who had strong convictions based on their vast knowledge and rich experience. They can serve as role models for younger politicians. In fact, their eloquent, reasoned and impassioned speeches must be studied by young politicians.

Their physical forms are no longer with us and their voice will no longer be heard. However, they continue to live in their stirring speeches and insightful writings. Those memorable moments, embedded in our national consciousness for eternity, will continue to inspire many and for long.

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NO PROOF REQUIRED
BY SURJIT S BHALLA

A case of lazy banking

High real interest rates have hurt economic growth

THIS TIME, MP does not mean Member of Parliament, but monetary policy. What I want to discuss today is the fog surrounding monetary policy in India. It used to be the case, around the world, that a deliberate fog was created around central bank speak. That changed post the 2008 financial crisis. Central banks around the world went for the three Cs — clarity and consistency in communication. To a C, all advanced country central banks go for the 3Cs. Among emerging economies I do not know, but what I hear foreign investors say is the developing world is much closer to the advanced economies than to India.

Is India as different as claimed by "experts"? My own experience, and interpretation, is that India is very different because the experts (perhaps including those at the central bank) look at monetary policy very differently. Most importantly, Indian experts look at the monetary policy through nominal lenses; economics is about the real world. After all, nobody talks about nominal GDP growth; when we discuss growth, it is growth adjusted for inflation. Why don't we do the same with the monetary policy variable called the repo rate — or talk of real borrowing and lending rates?

On August 7, the RBI/MPC reduced the repo rate by 35 bp to 5.4 per cent. The first publication to be off to the races was *Bloomberg Quint* which headlined its story "35 Basis Point Cut Takes RBI Rate To 2010 Level". The story was accurate. In April 2010, the RBI raised the repo rate to 5.25 per cent. CPI inflation at that

time was 13.3 per cent, WPI inflation was 10.5 per cent, and the SBI lending rate was 11.8 per cent. IIP (Index of Industrial Production) was growing at 13 per cent.

It certainly doesn't take a weatherman economist to figure out that the repo rate of 5.4 per cent in August 2019 is not even on the same planet as April 2010, let alone be uttered in the same line. But there has been a surprising uniformity in the editorials in the pink press, which have supported the RBI and the MPC action (inaction) — in addition to getting the simple fact of cost of money wrong. If I were governor Shaktikanta Das, I would be worried. After every budget, the industry bodies give a strong heads up to whatever fiscal policy package the government comes up with. Out of 10, the ranking is always — good, bad and ugly budgets, the same — a robust 9. A lot of us (including the pink newspapers) have criticised this hypocrisy and this "Big Brother is watching" fear. This lack of objective analysis is worrisome. But why no objective analysis of RBI/MPC actions on the part of the sheep newspapers?

What could the editorials have said? They could have pointed out that inflation is phenomenally low, and below the notional 4 per cent target for now the third successive year. While the nominal repo rate is the same as 2010, the real repo rate is at 2.6 per cent compared to minus 8.1 per cent in April 2010. Stated differently and equivalently, the cost of capital (repo rate) today is nearly 11 per-

centage points (ppt) higher. SBI lent money then at 11.75 per cent — today, the nominal lending rate of SBI is higher (with much lower inflation) by 2 ppt at 13.75 per cent.

The system is broke, including the experts who report on the system. The same experts blamed the lack of liquidity for the economic slowdown, not the high real rates. Everyone was shouting lack of liquidity as the cause for slow and declining growth in 2018. With this expertly felt lack of liquidity in 2018, industrial production growth Jan-May 2018 averaged 5.4 per cent. With ample liquidity (and all the papers quoted above congratulated the RBI for successfully introducing the much needed liquidity in 2019), IIP growth has averaged 1.9 per cent in 2019. The first five months of 2010 IIP growth averaged 11.9 per cent. But wait a minute — weren't we coming out of the 2008 financial crisis and that is why IIP was so high in 2010 and not because of real interest rates? There is partial truth in that.

Let us compare the first five months of 2011 with 2019. Industrial production growth then was 6.8 per cent; today it is at 1.6 per cent. Real repo rate then minus 2.8 per cent, today plus 3.4 per cent. Real SBI lending rate then 3.6 per cent; today 11 per cent. Liquidity then, ample; liquidity today, ample.

Das has been in office for only eight months. Nevertheless few facts are relevant. Eight months prior to Das's arrival, inflation had averaged 3.9 per cent, repo rate averaged 6.3 and the real repo rate averaged 2.4 per

cent. Over the last eight months, (till July 2019) inflation has averaged 110 bp lower 2.8 per cent; the repo rate has averaged 20 bp lower at 6.1 per cent, and the real repo rate 90 bp higher. I forgot to add — liquidity very stressed in 2018 (according to many experts, that was the cause for the slowdown) and very ample in 2019.

Every monetary statistic contradicts the expert assessment that monetary policy is reducing the cost of money. It is simple math really — if inflation goes up by 10 per cent, and my cost of borrowing goes up by 5 per cent, the cost of money has come down. And just the opposite when inflation declines more than the repo rate. Why is this simple math seemingly not understood by experts?

There are additional factors constraining growth in 2019 and beyond. Tariff wars have intensified, world growth has slowed down, and our competitors are lowering real rates and lowering tax rates. We are raising both. The expert media fully recognises (most of them do) that higher tax rates in a slowing economy will slow GDP growth even more. But why this arrogant dismissal of the one factor the rest of 180 countries find the most potent cyclical, and structural factor, to enhance growth? Why do experts endorse lazy banking as a solution to our growth problems?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRESS, DISSENT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Coming apart" (IE, August 9). The editorial criticised the divergent stands of Congress party members on the political developments in Jammu and Kashmir. Some party leaders took a stand different from the "party line". Dissent is an integral part of democracy and it should be encouraged. Anti defection law and presidential style elections make politicians, especially the elected politician, a puppet of the "party line".

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Coming apart" (IE, August 9). The confusion in the grand old party regarding its leadership is being reflected in the contradictory voices of Congressmen in response to the developments in Jammu and Kashmir. With the Opposition in disarray, a unified stand against the Centre's abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir appears a far cry.

Vijai Pant Hempur

NEED OF THE HOUR

THIS REFERS TO the article, "Silence of the successful" (IE, August 9). The need of the hour in the country is to focus on stabilising Kashmir rather than telling the people of the Valley that the government is vindictive and vengeful. It is also important to understand that the Babri masjid demolition, completely unethical, was carried out by a mob, not the government. Comparing that incident with a decision of the

LETTER OF THE WEEK

FOOD UNITES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Eat, pray, love" (IE, August 2). The Upanishads describe food as god. Any food item is composed of ingredients which come mostly from agricultural lands which have been worked upon by several workers. It is quite likely that all such people do not have a single religious belief. To a hungry or thirsty man, food is greater than religion. Sujata's food was precious for Gautama on his way to becoming Lord Buddha. Who was Sujata? That would be a foolish question.

Tapomoy Ghosh, Kolkata

government makes no sense.

Vatsal Chaudhary, Delhi

HUMANE LEADER

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "A dear leader" (IE, August 8). Sushma Swaraj will be remembered more for being humane than as a politician, even though she was a towering figure in Indian politics. As Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, she played a key role in discrediting the UPA government, paving the way for the BJP's victory in 2014.

Mona Singh, Amritsar

QUOTE UNQUOTE



"The threat now is fake news... It's like cyber warfare. And when it combines with the (bombing) incident that happened last week ... it's like hybrid warfare"
— GENERAL APIRAT KONGSOMPONG, Thailand's Army chief, a week after bombings hit Bangkok during ASEAN summit

TOP OF THE WORLD



In Taipei on Friday. AP

ASIA
Super Typhoon Lekima barrels towards China

Beijing: China issued a red alert Friday for incoming Super Typhoon Lekima, expected to batter eastern Zhejiang province early Saturday morning with high winds and torrential rainfall. The ninth typhoon of the year is projected to move northwest up China's coast Saturday with China Meteorological Administration (CMA) focusing its attention on Zhejiang, Fujian, Jiangsu, Shanghai and Shandong provinces. Authorities are preemptively cancelling train routes in Zhejiang, Shanghai and elsewhere, according to reports.

SRI LANKA
Arrest warrant for ex-central bank governor

Colombo: A Sri Lankan court Friday issued an arrest warrant against the country's former central bank governor Arjuna Mahendran in connection with a bond scam in 2015, according to media reports. The Attorney General had filed the indictments against the 10 persons accused in the case in June, the *Colombo Gazette* reported. They are accused of causing losses of Sri Lankan Rs 10,058 billion to the government with alleged illegal issuance of treasury bonds in February 2015, the *Sunday Times* reported.

USA
Hezbollah financier gets prison term

Washington: A Lebanese businessman designated by US authorities as an important financial supporter of Hezbollah was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to forfeit \$50 million, the Justice Department said. Kassim Tajideen, 63, pleaded guilty in December to one count of conspiracy to launder money as part of a scheme to evade US sanctions. He was named a Specially Designated Global Terrorist in May 2009 by the Treasury Department based on tens of millions of dollars in financial support given to Hezbollah.

MYANMAR
10 dead, dozens missing after landslide

Yangon: At least 10 people have been killed and dozens are missing after a landslide caused by severe rains buried homes and buildings in southern Myanmar, officials and rescue workers said on Friday. Heavy rain has pummeled the south for days, causing flooding that has displaced at least 12,000 people, according to the United Nations. Thin Lae War Aung, an official in Paung township, Mon state, told Reuters five men and five women had been confirmed dead after the landslide in Mudon village.

IMPACT OF UNREST COMING LIKE A TSUNAMI: CARRIE

Protesters enter Hong Kong airport as leader warns of economic crisis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HONG KONG, AUGUST 9

HONG KONG'S leader Carrie Lam warned Friday that two months of pro-democracy demonstrations were causing economic chaos in the city but ruled out making concessions to "silence the violent protesters".

The embattled leader met with business leaders as thousands of pro-democracy activists staged a sit-in at Hong Kong airport, hoping to win international support for their movement.

Lam, whose support for a bill to allow extradition to mainland China sparked the crisis, warned that the economic impact of the unrest threatened to be worse than the 2003 SARS outbreak in the financial hub.

"Compared to the economic downturn caused by SARS that we handled previously, which caused an economic storm, the situation this time is more severe," she said at a press conference. "In other words, the economic recovery will take a very long time."

Protesters have continued to stage almost daily rallies which have seen increasingly violent confrontations with police,



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prompting several countries to issue Hong Kong travel warnings for their citizens.

Lam has refused to cave in to the demands, which include a call for the direct election of the city's chief executive, currently chosen by Beijing.

"As far as political solution is concerned, I don't think we should just sort of make concessions in order to silence the violent protesters," she said. "We should do what is right



Demonstrators at the arrival hall of Hong Kong International Airport on Friday. Reuters

for Hong Kong. And at this moment what is right for Hong Kong... is to stop the violence, and to say no to the chaotic situation that Hong Kong has experienced in the last few weeks, so that we can move on."

On Friday, activists staged a sit-in at Hong Kong airport's arrivals hall and held up signs in Chinese and English condemning police violence.

"No rioters, only tyranny," the demonstrators chanted as they

began a three-day action. "Save Hong Kong from tyranny and police brutality!" read one sign.

The airport sit-in is the second time the demonstrators have brought their message to the busy travel hub, hoping to garner support from international arrivals.

"Ask me about Hong Kong" read signs in different languages attached to the sleeves of some of the protesters.

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Warning signs

MANY IN the private sector, especially the tourism industry, have echoed Lam's worries about economic crisis.

Carrier Cathay Pacific has warned bookings are down, travel agencies have reported drops of up to 50% in bookings and the tourism board reported double-digit declines in arrivals in the second half of July. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index has fallen nearly 9% since a recent peak on July 2, as per reports. Travel advisories recently issued by countries included the US are likely to have long-term impact.

US sanctions turn Iran's oil industry into spy vs spy

FARNAZ FASSIHI
AUGUST 9

THEY CHANGE offices every few months and store documents only in hard copy. They scan their businesses for covert listening devices and divert all office calls to their cellphones. They know they are under surveillance, and assume their electronics are hacked.

They are not spies or jewel thieves but Iran's oil traders, and they are suddenly in the cross hairs of international intrigue and espionage. "Sometimes I feel like I am an actor playing in a thriller spy movie," said Meysam Sharafi, a veteran oil trader in Tehran.

Since President Donald Trump imposed sanctions on Iranian oil sales last year, information on those sales has become a prized geopolitical weapon - coveted by Western intelligence agencies and top secret for Iran. And the business of selling Iranian oil, once a safe and lucrative enterprise for the well connected, has been transformed into a high-stakes global game of espionage.

Last month, Iran said it had dismantled a spy ring and arrested 17 Iranians it said were working for the CIA. The Iranian government was vague on the target of the espionage, for which some of the suspects were sentenced to death, but it now appears that it involved clandestine efforts to gather intelligence on oil sales.

Trump denied the suspects worked for the CIA, a highly unusual statement from a govern-

ment that almost never confirms or denies such accusations. Hassan Soleimani, the editor-in-chief of *Mashregh*, a newspaper affiliated with the Revolutionary Guard, confirmed the spying arrests involved oil espionage. So did an Iranian politician and two oil traders who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iran has adopted an array of measures to circumvent sanctions, say traders and oil experts, including turning off the GPS locators on its oil tankers, transferring oil from ship to ship in open waters, mixing its oil with Iraqi oil leaving the port of Basra, and falsifying shipping manifests to reflect a non-Iranian origin.

"Our worst fears about the economy collapsing did not materialize," said Farshad Toomaj, a former trader who consults for the Oil Ministry from Sweden. "Iran has become very creative and sophisticated in coming up with dynamic ways to sell oil." NYT



Haj BEGINS

Muslim pilgrims walk around the Kaaba in Mecca. Over 2 million pilgrims from around the world are beginning the five-day Haj pilgrimage on Friday. AP

No-deal Brexit preparation priority: Boris

WILLIAM JAMES
LONDON, AUGUST 9

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson wrote to all government employees on Friday to tell them preparing for a no-deal exit from the European Union is his and their top priority, according to a copy of an email seen by Reuters.

Johnson has promised voters Britain will leave the EU on Oct. 31 with or without an exit deal, demanding that Brussels drop parts of the existing proposed deal relating to the Irish border and negotiate a fresh exit arrangement.

But the EU is adamant that the legal terms of the deal can-



I would very much prefer to leave with a deal - one that must abolish anti-democratic Irish backstop, which has unacceptable consequences..."

— BORIS JOHNSON
UK PRIME MINISTER

not be rewritten, raising expectations among politicians and financial markets that Britain is headed for an unmanaged divorce from the bloc in less than three months' time.

"I know many of you have already done a great deal of hard work in mobilising to prepare for a No Deal scenario, so that we can leave on 31 October come what may," Johnson wrote in the email, first reported by Sky News.

"Between now and then, we must engage and communicate clearly with the British people about what our plans for taking back control mean, what people and businesses need to do, and the support we will provide."

PAKISTAN
Anti-graft body gets custody of Maryam Nawaz

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE, AUGUST 9

A PAKISTANI court on Friday remanded Maryam Nawaz, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter, and her cousin in the custody of the country's anti-corruption authority till August 21 in a money laundering case.

Maryam and her cousin Yousaf Abbas Sharif were arrested from the Kot Lakhpat jail here on Thursday in connection to the Chaudhry Sugar Mills (CSM) case while the 45-year-old PML-N vice president was on her way back from visiting her father, who is lodged in the same prison.

She was supposed to appear before National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Thursday for questioning in the sugar mills inquiry but she sought more time for submitting her response and went to meet her father in jail instead. She was arrested for not appearing before the anti-graft watchdog.

Sharif's daughter and nephew were presented in the accountability court here. The NAB had requested a 15-day physical remand but the court approved a 12-day physical remand of the two accused, the



Maryam Nawaz. File

Express Tribune reported.

At the start of the hearing, accountability court judge Naem Arshad asked the NAB prosecutor to detail the reasons why the bureau had initiated an inquiry against Maryam. The NAB prosecutor told the court Maryam was a shareholder of Chaudhry Sugar Mills and she failed to give satisfactory answers to their queries.

The NAB officials presented a list of questions in the court which they claimed were not answered by the PML-N leader.

According to the bureau, Yousaf's bank account was used to launder money. The government has accused the Sharif family of using the sugar mills for money laundering and availing millions of rupees in subsidy without actually exporting sugar.

IN NUMBERS

SOME 2.5 million pilgrims are expected to take part this year, according to Saudi media, compared to 2.37 million last year

TENS OF thousands of security personnel, including more than 17,000 civil defence employees, are deployed to help safeguard pilgrims, officials say

TWENTY-FIVE hospitals, 156 health centres and more than 30,000 health practitioners prepped to provide emergency services to pilgrims

MORE THAN one million livestock are readied for sacrifice by Haj authorities, as per state media. PTI

Our waste, our responsibility: Australia makes pledge to stop exporting trash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SYDNEY, AUGUST 9

AUSTRALIA PLEDGED Friday to stop exporting recyclable waste amid global concerns about plastic polluting the oceans and increasing pushback from Asian nations against accepting trash.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison agreed with Australian state and territory leaders to prepare a timeline to phase out the exports of recyclables like plastics, paper and glass.

"It's our waste and it's our responsibility," he told reporters on Friday. "We're laying it out very clearly that there will be no export of plastics and paper and glass to other countries where it runs the risk of ending up floating around in our oceans - whether off the Great Barrier Reef, which we know there's strong evidence of that, or anywhere else," he said.

No deadline has been set but local leaders have been tasked with reducing landfill and boosting the recycling sector in Australia, where just 12 percent of plastics are currently recycled.

Government figures show the country shipped over four million tons, or 12 percent, of its recyclable waste overseas last financial year, largely to Asian countries. China began restricting imports on foreign plastics in 2017, leaving developed nations seeking new destinations to dump their rubbish. Earlier this year, G20 nations agreed on a voluntary plan to reduce the plastic waste choking the seas.

KIDS' APPAREL MARKET GROWING RAPIDLY, DEMAND FOR 'KIDFLUENCERS' RISES

Child modelling booms in China amid controversy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIJING, AUGUST 9

MANICURED CHILDREN strut down the catwalk at a Beijing fashion show, one of thousands of events driving huge demand for child models in China that insiders warn leaves minors vulnerable to physical abuse, 12-hour-days and unrelenting pressure from pushy parents.

The kids' apparel market is growing faster than any other clothing sector in the country and was worth more than USD 40.5 billion in 2018 according to Euromonitor.

This, combined with the rise of "kidfluencers" sponsored by brands to promote products on social media, is spurring greater



Child models often go through over 100 outfit changes, working from morning till night. Reuters

demand for young models - but experts warn of the heavy

cost of pursuing such deals. "If children don't listen to

the parents then I think hitting them is quite standard," Lee Ku,

founder of Le Show Stars modelling school, told AFP.

A video of a mother kicking her three-year-old daughter in fury at her failure to comply during a modelling job went viral earlier this year, causing outrage online. And footage emerged in early August online of a young boy modelling thick winter clothes outside as temperatures soared to 37 degrees Celsius, also drawing heavy online criticism.

But in an industry where minors can earn 10,000 yuan (USD 1,450) a session, Lee says the clip is the tip of the iceberg and that from his experience, such violent behaviour from parents was not unusual on shoots.

Models sometimes go through more than 100 outfit changes in a session, often

working from morning till night.

But mental health experts warn it is not just physical exhaustion they have to contend with - there may be long term emotional implications.

"Children from the age of zero to six are mentally developing, they need a lot of exploration and freedom," explained child psychologist Gong Xueping.

"At work, the child model will deliberately show a lot of different expressions... but this is contrary to the child's own feelings of the moment. This limits the development of both emotional abilities and more complex psychological abilities for children, so I think it's a very bad choice," Gong added.

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अधिसूचना-पेंशन - अदालत/ NOTIFICATION - PENSION ADALAT

विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र (वीएसएससी), तिरुवनंतपुरम, दिनांक 23/08/2019 को 10.00 बजे से बहु-उद्देश्य कक्ष, एटीएफ में एक पेंशन अदालत आयोजित कर रहा है। वीएसएससी तथा आइआइएसए, तिरुवनंतपुरम के पेंशनभोगी/परिवार पेंशनभोगी, जिन्हें कोई शिकायत हो, वीएसएससी के पेंशनभोगी पोर्टल में प्रकाशित निर्धारित प्रारूप में अपने अभ्यावेदनों को प्रशासन अधिकारी, पेंशन अनुभाग, वीएसएससी को भेजें जो दिनांक 20/08/2019 तक हमारे पास पहुंच जाने चाहिए। **डीपी एवं पीडब्ल्यू का. ज्ञा. सं. 44013/2/2010 -कोऑर्ड दिनांक 25/03/2011 के अनुसार, पूर्णतया कानूनी बातों से युक्त मामले, उदा: उत्तराधिकार आदि तथा नीति संबंधी मामले अदालत में नहीं लिए जाएंगे।** शिकायत ई-मेल द्वारा ao_estt_pension@vssc.gov.in पर भी भेजी जाए।

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram is organising a Pension Adalat at Multi Purpose Hall, ATF on 23/08/2019 at 10.00 hours. The Pensioners/Family Pensioners of VSSC and IISU, Thiruvananthapuram having any grievance may send their representations to the Administrative Officer, Pension Section, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram in the prescribed proforma published in the Pensioners' Portal of VSSC so as to reach on or before 20/08/2019. **In terms of DP&PW OM No. 44013/2/2010-Coord. dated 25/03/2011, cases involving purely legal points e.g. succession etc. and policy matters will not be taken up in Adalat.** Grievance may also be sent by e-mail to: ao_estt_pension@vssc.gov.in.

Form INC-26
Public Notice
 [Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
BEFORE THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
NORTH-EASTERN REGION, DELHI
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of GREIT SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED; CIN: U83900UP2010PTC042936 having its registered office Situated at F-59, First Floor, Arora Shoppers Park, Shakti Khand-II, Indraprastha Ghaziabad - 201012
 Notice is hereby given to the Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 25th July, 2019 to enable the company to change its Registered office from the "State of Uttar Pradesh" to the "State of Karnataka".
 Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the Registered Office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing Investor Complaint Form or cause to be delivered or sent by the registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address-B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor Parvataran Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi - 110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the application company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below:
GREIT SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED
F-59, First Floor, Arora Shoppers Park,
Shakti Khand-II, Indraprastha
Ghaziabad -201012, Uttar Pradesh.
 For and on behalf of
GREIT SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED
 Sd/-
Niraj Ranjan
Place : Ghaziabad
Date : 09/08/2019
Address: G-302, Purva Fairmont, 24th Main Road Sector-2, HSR Layout Bangalore 560102, Karnataka, India

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक
punjab national bank
Branch Office : East Gandhi Maidan, Patna

POSSESSION NOTICE
Common Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of more than one borrower by the same Authorised Officer (For Immovable property)

Whereas Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s).
 The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each account.
 The borrower/s/ guarantor/s/ mortgagee/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
 The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the borrower (Owner of the property)	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of demand notice	Name of the Authorised Officer/s
1.	East Gandhi Maidan	M/s Shivam Vehicles Pvt. Ltd.	M/s Shivam Vehicles Pvt. Ltd. Jitendra Kumar	(1) Entire current assets of the company including stock of vehicles, spare parts, consumables and receivables and other current assets. (2) Entire block assets of the company including land, building, plant & machinery, equipments furniture & fixture and other fixed assets. Bounded by: North-60 feet wide Govt. Rasta, South-Heirs of late Kishori Yadav, East-Vibhuti Sinha, Rahul Kumar	01.06.2019	08.08.2019	₹ 4189599.88 (Rs. Four crore eighteen lac ninety five thousand nine hundred and ninety eight only plus interest)	Shri Nishant Kumar

Srinath Devi & Upendra Kumar, West-Heirs of Late Satya Narayan Prasad & heirs of Late Ram Das Mehta. (3) Land & Building measuring 69.50 decimal situated at Mauza-Abdul Rehmanpur, Thana No.-39, Tauli-Bihar Govt., Khata No.-201 & 232, Plot No.-605 & 703, Didarganj, Patna City Patna. Bounded by: North-60 feet wide Govt. Rasta, South-Heirs of late Kishori Yadav, East-Vibhuti Sinha, Rahul Kumar, Srimati Devi & Upendra Kumar, West-Heirs of Late Satya Narayan Prasad & heirs of Late Ram Das Mehta.

Date : 08.08.2019
Place : Patna

(Authorised Officer)
Punjab National Bank

मतदाता सूची 41-रतिया विधानसभा क्षेत्र से काटे जाने वाले नामों की सूची का प्रकाशन

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*Indian basket as on August 7, 2019

SENSEX: 37,581.91 ▲ 254.55 NIFTY: 11,109.65 ▲ 77.2 NIKKEI: 20,684.82 ▲ 91.47 HANG SENG: 25,939.30 ▼ 181.47 FTSE: 7,282.41 ▼ 3.49 DAX: 11,712.86 ▼ 132.55

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Ground incidents: DGCA to inspect safety of airside facilities quarterly

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 6

IN THE backdrop of rising ground incidents at airports across India, including one at Delhi where an aircraft engine was hit by a toilet cart, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said it will start quarterly safety audits of airside activities at aerodromes. The audits will be based on a detailed checklist prepared by the aviation safety regulator to benchmark safety standards.

"As Indian airports are getting busier in view of the exponential growth in civil aviation, the number of ground incidents at Indian airports involving aircraft are also increasing. Since January 2019, at Delhi airport seven such ground incidents have been reported involving various aircraft. In two cases, engines of the aircraft were hit by ground power unit, in one case by a ladder and in another case by a toilet cart. Similarly, in Mumbai, one aircraft was hit by a ground tractor, another by an empty container trolley and the third by a flying container because of the strong winds and it was not properly tied," Deputy Director General of Civil Aviation DC Sharma noted in his letter to airport operators, a copy of which was seen by *The Indian Express*.

The checklist that has been prepared details the ground facilities checks, which include ground servicing equipment, passenger boarding bridge, condition of apron, lighting, availability of foreign object debris bins, etc.

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KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONNEL TO BE CHECKED TOO



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"In order to regulate the airside activities and to reduce the ground incidents for safe operations of aircraft, DGCA has decided to conduct the safety audit of airside activities quarterly as per the... checklist. First safety audit based on checklist will be conducted after two months. It is expected that airport operators shall ensure the compliance of safety standards laid down in enclosed checklist," the letter pointed out.

To regulate movement of vehicles on the airside, there would be checks on fitness of vehicles as well as of drivers. The knowledge of drivers about aerodrome markings, lighting, terms and phrases used in airside operations, among others, would also be checked. Among others, the checklist includes aircraft turnaround and general safety procedures such as aircraft fuelling, pushback, handling of arrival and departure of a plane, as per the communication. There are more than 100 operational airports in the country.

Last month, a DGCA committee found that Spicejet engineer Rohit Pandey, who died at the Kolkata airport on July 9 after getting stuck in a plane's landing gear door, was untrained and was working without any supervision. Notably, earlier this week, the DGCA proposed to extend the alcohol tests to ground personnel and air traffic controllers.

SECTOR GOING THROUGH ONE OF THE LONGEST SALES SLUMPS

Demand slowdown: Now, M&M and Tata Motors to rejig production

GEORGE MATHEW & SANDEEP SINGH MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

AS THE auto industry continues to reel under demand slump, the crisis seems to be only deepening and more and more manufacturers are taking step to cut down on production.

While Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd on Friday said it will be suspending automobile production for 8-14 days in the ongoing quarter (July-September) in various plants to align production with demand, Tata Motors said that it is going for adjustments in production and block closure in line with the slowdown in demand.

In a regulatory filing with the stock exchanges, Mahindra & Mahindra said that the company, at its Automotive Sector, and Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("MVML"), as part of aligning its production with sales requirements, would be observing "No Production Days" ranging between 8 - 14 days in various plants of the company and MVML during the second quarter of the financial year 2019-2020. M&M, however, maintained that "The management does not envisage any adverse impact on availability of vehicles in the market due to adequacy of vehicle stocks to serve the market requirements".

Tata Motors has also gone for adjusting its production schedules. A company spokesperson said, "As indicated earlier, external environment remains challenging, leading to demand contraction. We have aligned our production to actual demand and adjusted the number of shifts

EXPLAINED Auto makers seek tax reliefs, re-look at new registration fees

HIT BY falling sales, auto companies are on a bumpy ride. After a weak June quarter, they have reported a slump in sales in the ongoing September quarter, forcing companies like M&M to suspend production for some days. The industry, which constitutes 7.1 per cent of the GDP, is seeking measures like GST relief and a re-look at the registration fees which have gone up very substantially and a roll-back of the increases in road tax mandated by state governments after the introduction of GST. The sector is hoping for a revival in the forthcoming festival season and post monsoon demand.

and contractual manpower."

Earlier, Tata Motors is learnt to have decided to close its Pantnagar facility in July for a couple of days in order to ensure improvement in productivity.

These steps are not in isolation. Maruti Suzuki has cut vehicle production for the last seven months, including in July 2019 in line with sharp 36.2 per cent drop in passenger car sales in July 2019. The company's domestic sales in July stood at 98,210 units down from 154,150 units a year ago in July 2018. July's MSIL sales was lowest since June 2017 when it sold 93,263 units.

Last month, Ashok Leyland shut its manufacturing plant in Pantnagar, Uttarakhand, for nine days until July 24 because of weak demand for commercial vehicles. The plant, which can manufacture 1.5 lakh units annually, was earlier closed intermittently for some seven days between June 17 and June 29.

The production cuts come at a time when the domestic auto industry has been going through

one of the longest sales slumps. While leading automobile manufacturers announced a sharp decline of up to 50 per cent in their domestic sales in July, data sourced from Society of India Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) shows that vehicle sale across all categories declined by 12.35 per cent to 60,85,406 units in between April and June 2019 against 69,42,742 units in same period of last year.

In a meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday, industry leaders, including Maruti Suzuki chairman R C Bhargava, M&M president—Automotive Sector Rajan Wadhwa, who is also president of SIAM, along with representatives from components sector body ACMA and dealers body FADA drew attention to the challenges, including job losses, faced by the industry.

On Wednesday, M&M said that June quarter of FY20 was the fourth consecutive quarter of reduction (for passenger vehicle segment), the worst ever de-

growth since Q3FY01. It said that the PV demand continues to be impacted by the slowing down of the overall economy, which along with tight credit conditions and delayed monsoon has impacted consumer sentiment in both urban and rural India, M&M had said on Wednesday.

While addressing the M&M annual general meeting on Wednesday, chairman Anand Mahindra called for cut in GST rates along with other measures to help the sector. Mahindra said, "I do believe that kick starting the auto industry with a few short-term measures will serve a greater national purpose. So, let me suggest a bit of first aid—simple short-term measures that would remove the immediate barriers to making autos affordable. The most obvious and welcome first aid would be some temporary relief on the GST front, either by modifying the slabs, or, if that is not possible, by removing the cess."

"The paradox is that while the government needs to be lauded for its fiscal responsibility, the current slowdown in the auto industry poses a greater threat to the financial arithmetic," he said.

"Think about it: According to SIAM estimates, the slowdown has resulted in an 8 per cent loss in GST collection in the first 6 months of 2019. Just to catch up with the FY19 GST collections, the auto industry will need to grow at a rate of at least 7 per cent in the remaining 8 months of the FY20."

Stating that the auto sector constitutes 7.1 per cent of the GDP, and 49 per cent of the manufacturing GDP in India, Mahindra said that it supports almost 37 million jobs (including its value chain).



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, MoS Finance Anurag Thakur and ministry officials with financial market participants in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

Market participants seek rollback of surcharge on FPIs, lower LTCG tax

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

IN A meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and finance industry players presented a series of proposals to revive investment sentiment, which include rollback of surcharge on FPIs, review of dividend distribution tax, lowering of long term capital gains (LTCG) tax on equities and easier Know Your Customer (KYC) norms for retail and institutional investors, sources present in the meeting said.

Sources said leading FPIs gave their suggestions to the government. "The Finance Minister heard all the industry players. All types of players—private equity, FPIs registered as trusts and companies—presented their inputs and suggestions on what is required on reviving investment sentiment. Most ideas were centred around course correction on taxation front in the equities market," a fixed income player said, asking not to be named. While the minister heard the players, she did not make any commitment during the meeting, he said.

Equity benchmarks rose for the second straight session on Friday amid hopes that the government may take some market-friendly measures to jumpstart the sluggish economy and assuage investor concerns over taxation. During the meeting, it was also suggested that employees' provident fund and pension funds should increase exposure in the stock market, which in turn would improve liquidity, industry and official sources added.

There was also a suggestion that the LTCG tax be abolished or at least reduced. They suggested that higher surcharge on income beyond Rs 2 crore, which was imposed in the Budget, should not be applicable on FPIs. The government's decision on surcharge had impacted the market.

FPIs who participated in the meeting include Goldman Sachs, Nomura, Blackrock, CLSA, Barclays, and JP Morgan among others. Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty will hold a separate

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discussion with FPIs. Players from non-banking financial companies demanded further liquidity injection that would help them boost lending activity.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Vikaram Limaye, MD and CEO of NSE, said the minister was "very receptive". He, however, did not elaborate on the discussions. Nandita Parker, president of the Asset Managers Roundtable of India (AMRI), said that "Apart from tax surcharge and LTCG issues, we also brought forth ease of investing in India. We told them there is need for stable tax regime for the next five years."

In the Budget, the government had raised surcharge on income tax from 15 per cent to 25 per cent on taxable income between Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore, and from 15 per cent to 37 per cent for income above Rs 5 crore. It would also be applicable for FPIs operating as trusts or as association of persons.

This is being seen as the key reason for the outflow of funds. Rs 12,418 crore was pulled out in July following the Budget announcements, and another Rs 10,069 crore has so far been withdrawn in August, taking the net outflow until now to Rs 22,487 crore.

Earlier during the day, Sitharaman said at a CI event that to reduce tax rates for the corporate sector. "It is our intent to reduce tax on corporates", she said, emphasising that there was "no second thought" on this matter, according to a CI statement.

The government would consider a uniform 25 per cent tax rate for all categories of corporates after there was comfort that tax revenues were on the upward trend. She said the government was also working on simplification of taxes make it convenient for the taxpayers.

'Sovereign bond sale needs special safeguard'

Safeguards, including defining of borrowing limits, are essential if India were to raise money from abroad through a sovereign bond sale, a report by India Ratings said

'Well-crafted policy/special safeguard' needed: If the Centre opts for sovereign borrowing in foreign currency, it should be accompanied by a "well-crafted policy/special safeguard" as foreign exchange reserves is an accumulation of capital account surplus, rather than a current account

Incorporating into FRBM Act: Sovereign borrowing could be made a part of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, wherein annual limit as well as total quantum of sovereign borrowings in foreign currency is defined



Susceptible BoP: India's balance of payment (BoP) position is "highly susceptible" to any adverse domestic or global macro development and "fickle" nature of foreign investors

could be "destabilising" for economy

Cautious approach on G-Secs: Until now, the government has followed a fairly cautious approach by

capping the FPI limit in government securities (G-Secs)

No risk in allowing FPIs in onshore market: In the existing framework, allowing foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in the onshore market does not carry the currency or refinancing risk, which is present in foreign currency-denominated debt

Impact on policy transmission: Monetary policy transmission may also be affected through such a move as the rates will be decided by developments in global financial markets

Huawei unveils Harmony OS, but won't ditch Android for smartphones for now

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HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES unveiled on Friday its proprietary operating system for smartphones and other devices, as US trade restrictions imposed in May threaten to cut the Chinese firm's access to US technologies such as Android.

Huawei said that for now it would stick to using Google's Android for smartphones, and the new software will be gradually rolled out to support devices such as smartwatches, speakers and virtual reality gadgets. The new OS is part of Huawei's attempt to develop its own technologies from chips to software to reduce its reliance on US firms amid an intensifying US-China trade war.

US President Donald Trump said on Friday that the United States was not going to do business with Huawei but that could change if there was a trade deal.

Huawei had previously given little information about the software, fueling speculation about how quickly or effectively it could find an alternative to the Android system. "Harmony OS is completely different from Android and



Richard Yu, head of Huawei's consumer business group, at the Huawei Developer Conference in Dongguan, China. Reuters

iOS," said Richard Yu, head of Huawei's consumer business group referring to operating systems developed by Alphabet Inc's Google and Apple Inc.

"You can develop your apps once, then flexibly deploy them across a range of different devices," he told a developers' conference in southern China, where Huawei has built a lavish new campus modelled on European towns.

Trump's administration has warned that Huawei could be a vehicle for Chinese espionage and put the company on a so-called "entity list", meaning that US corporations that conduct business with the telecoms giant now require special licenses to do so.

Huawei is not the first major tech company seeking to develop a robust ecosystem around its own software. Its bigger rival Samsung Electronics has been using its own operating system called Tizen in smartwatches and televisions. But attempts by the South Korean firm to grow Tizen to challenge Android in smartphones have been thwarted by lack of support from developers.

A new "smart screen", or connected television product, to be unveiled on Saturday will be the first product using Harmony, called Hongmeng in Chinese, Huawei said. It also has roll-out plans for the OS in other devices till 2022.

IKEA e-comm operations in Mumbai soon, says CEO

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, AUGUST 9

IKEA will soon launch online ordering and delivery services in Mumbai and later in Pune and Hyderabad, said Peter Betzel, CEO, IKEA India, on Friday at a function to mark one year of operations at Hyderabad, its only store in

India. "Our next destination is Mumbai where we will soon start our e-commerce journey enabling us to meet many more customers, followed by Hyderabad and Pune going online," Betzel said.

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AFTER 35 BASIS POINTS REPO RATE CUT BY RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Banks slash MCLR, set for repo linked deposit, loan rates

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 9

PUBLIC SECTOR banks have started cutting the marginal cost-based lending rate (MCLR) following the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decision to slash its Repo rate by an unconventional 35 basis points in the bi-monthly monetary policy review on August 7. Several banks also announced that they will soon come out with repo rate linked deposit and loan products.

While State Bank of India (SBI) cut MCLR by 15 basis points within hours after the RBI rate reduction, Bank of India has cut MCLR by 25 bps, Syndicate Bank by 25 bps, IDBI Bank between 5-

15 bps, Allahabad Bank by 15-20 bps and Bank of Maharashtra by 10 bps. Union Bank of India said it expects its MCLR to soften up to 15 bps and will soon link its housing and vehicle loan portfolio to the repo rate from the current MCLR.

"MCLR for other tenors have also been reduced. We have similar guidance for the coming months as well when we will endeavour to pass on the benefits of rate cuts," the Bank of India said in a statement.

Andhra Bank on Friday announced a cut in the MCLR by 25 basis points across all five tenors overnight, one month, three months, six months and one year. The bank said it would soon intro-

"... WE EXPECT higher transmission of monetary policy action and stance by the banks in the weeks and months ahead," RBI Governor had said on Wednesday

duce repo rate linked deposit and loan products.

Canara Bank has also cut its MCLR by 10 basis points across all tenors, effective from August 7. With this revision, Canara Bank has cumulatively reduced its

MCLR by 20 bps during the last six months and thus, one-year MCLR has come down to 8.50 per cent per annum from 8.70 per cent earlier. Canara Bank said it would be announcing further reduction in lending rates soon. It would be rolling out repo rate linked loan products shortly. With this, the customers desirous of floating rate loans will have two options—MCLR-linked loans or repo rate-linked loans. A customer opting for the repo rate-linked loan will get a direct benefit whenever the RBI cuts the repo rate. SBI was the first bank to link certain deposit and loan products to the repo rate. While banks are linking rates with repo rate on their own, the RBI has not yet come out with any instru-

tion on the issue. Chennai-based Indian Overseas Bank reduced its MCLR by 15 basis points in one year and above tenors and 10 basis points in below one year tenors with effect from August 10.

Punjab National Bank MD Sunil Mehta said, "Overall banks have reduced the interest rate on fresh rupee loans by 29 bps. With improvement in liquidity position and reduction in deposit rates offered by banks, further reduction in lending rate is expected."

"... We expect higher transmission of monetary policy action and stance by the banks in the weeks and months ahead," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said while unveiling the monetary policy on Wednesday.

IL&FS CRISIS

NCLT rejects plea by Deloitte, BSR questioning its jurisdiction

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THE NATIONAL Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Friday dismissed the plea by former auditors of IL&FS Group, Deloitte Haskin & Sells and BSR & Associates, challenging the tribunal's jurisdiction to ban them. This would mean that the NCLT could ban the two firms from practising auditing activities for five years. The development is a major setback for both firms. Arguments on this matter will be heard on September 5.

On June 8, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) had filed a petition with the NCLT seeking to ban Deloitte and BSR for five years under Section 140(5) of the Companies Act. The petition followed a criminal complaint filed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) based on its investigation into financial affairs of debt-ridden IL&FS Group.

In its plea to the NCLT, the MCA stated that investigation by the SFIO revealed that "the auditors

This would mean that the tribunal could ban the two firms from practising auditing activities for five years, which has been sought by the government

knowingly did not report the true state of affairs of the company".

Following the MCA's petition, the legal counsel for Deloitte and BSR filed pleas challenging the tribunal's jurisdiction to ban the auditors under Section 140(5).

Senior counsel Janak Dwarkadas, representing Deloitte, had argued that Deloitte cannot be banned under Section 140(5) as it only seeks to "change" existing auditors of a company, while Deloitte had already resigned as the auditor to IL&FS. Senior advocate Darius Khambata, representing BSR & Associates, had supported the argument saying that Section 140(5) is meant to be ap-

plied to an auditor who refuses to resign, and cannot be applied to former auditors.

The government's legal counsel, Sanjay Shorey had counter-argued that the government sought "deemed removal" of the auditors. He also said the NCLT must "look at the spirit of the law along with the text", adding that in case there is an allegation of fraud, consequences must follow.

Section 140 of the Companies Act deals with removal and resignation of auditors and sub-section 5 states, "the tribunal either suo motu or on an application made to it by the Central Government or by any person concerned, if it is satisfied that the auditor of a company has, whether directly or indirectly, acted in a fraudulent manner or abetted or colluded in any fraud by, or in relation to, the company or its directors or officers, it may, by order, direct the company to change its auditors". A Deloitte spokesperson called the ruling "unfortunate" and said the firm will "view the order and decide on a course of action". FE

NHPC posts 16% rise in Q1 net profit

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STATE-RUN HYDRO-POWER generation firm NHPC Ltd Friday posted a 16 per cent rise in net profit for the first quarter of the current financial year on the back of higher revenues. According to its consolidated unaudited financial results, the genco posted a net profit of Rs 989.27 crore in the quarter ended June 30, up from Rs 851.70 crore in April-June 2018.

NHPC Ltd's revenue from operations rose around 12.5 per cent to Rs 2,609.95 crore in Q1 FY20 from Rs 2,319.39 crore in the year-ago quarter. Of this, sale of power generated by the firm accounted for Rs 2,232.10 crore — around 85.5 per cent. "The Q1 generation from all power stations in the current FY stands at 8,485 MUs and surpasses previous record of 8,416 MU in FY17-18," said NHPC Ltd.

At ₹262 cr, SpiceJet posts record quarterly profit

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

SPICEJET ON Friday reported its highest-ever quarterly profit of Rs 262 crore in the April-June quarter on the back of higher passenger revenues and recognizing lease rents on grounded 737 Max aircraft as other incomes.

Uber loses \$5 bn, misses Wall Street Q2 targets

Bengaluru: Uber Technologies Inc reported a record \$5.2 billion loss and revenue that fell short of Wall Street targets on Thursday as growth in its core ride-hailing business slowed, sending its shares down 6 per cent.

Uber's second-quarter net loss, widening from a loss of \$878 million a year earlier, included

The carrier, which had posted Rs 38-crore loss in Q1 FY19 due to provisioning of an arbitration award and higher fuel costs, benefited from Jet Airways' grounding as its domestic passenger count rose 20.2 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to 5.11 million in June quarter. The per passenger revenue rose 2.5 per cent y-o-y to Rs 4.2/km in Q1 FY20. FE

THEY CAN BE REPRESENTED IN COMMITTEE OF CREDITORS TOO

IBC: Apex court upholds financial creditor status for homebuyers

Amendments brought about pursuant to report by Insolvency Law Committee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday upheld amendments made by the government to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 which gave allottees under a real estate project the status of financial creditors so that they can set proceedings under the Code in motion against builders/developers in case of any default.

"The Amendment Act to the Code does not infringe Articles 14, 19(1)(g) read with Article 19(6), or 300-A of the Constitution of India", a bench of Justices R F Nariman, Sanjiv Khanna and Surya Kant ruled, while deciding a clutch of petitions filed by developers challenging the amendments made in June 2018. The bench said that "RERA (Real Estate [Regulation and Development]

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BUILDERS

■ Allottees under a real estate project can now set proceedings under IBC in motion against builders/developers

■ SC dismissed fears of developers that buyers would misuse certain provisions of the Code

Act, 2016) is to be read harmoniously with the Code, as amended by the Amendment Act" and "it is only in the event of conflict that the Code will prevail over the RERA".

The "remedies that are given to allottees of flats/apartments are therefore concurrent remedies,

such allottees of flats/apartments being in a position to avail of remedies under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, RERA as well as the triggering of the Code", it added. The court dismissed fears expressed by developers that buyers would misuse the provision.

It said that "under Section 65 of the Code, the real estate developer can also point out that the insolvency resolution process under the Code has been invoked fraudulently, with malicious intent, or for any purpose other than the resolution of insolvency. This the real estate developer may do by pointing out, for example, that the allottee who has knocked at the doors of the NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) is a speculative investor and not a person who is genuinely interested in purchasing a flat/apartment. They can also point out that in a real estate market which is falling, the al-

lottee does not, in fact, want to go ahead with its obligation to take possession of the flat/apartment under RERA, but wants to jump ship and really get back, by way of this coercive measure, monies already paid by it."

"Given the above, it is clear that it is very difficult to accede to the Petitioners' contention that a wholly one-sided and futile hearing will take place before the NCLT by trigger-happy allottees who would be able to ignite the process of removal of the management of the real estate project and/or lead the corporate debtor to its death," the court said. The amendments were brought about pursuant to a report prepared by the Insolvency Law Committee dated March 26, 2018. In addition to treating the allottees as financial creditors, it also entitles them to be represented in the Committee of Creditors by authorised representatives.

BRIEFLY

Kutty gets Steel Min Secy charge as well

New Delhi: Petroleum Secretary M M Kutty has been given additional charge of Secretary, Steel Ministry from Saturday, an official order said on Friday. Kutty, a 1985-batch IAS officer of the Union Territory cadre, is presently serving as the Secretary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

CCI orders probe against Intel Corp, Indian arm

New Delhi: Competition Commission of India (CCI) has ordered a probe against Intel Corp, and its Indian subsidiary Intel Technology India Pvt Ltd, for alleged "unfair and discriminatory" provisions in warranty policy for boxed micro-processors sold in India.

Gold slips ₹140, remains above ₹38,000-mark

New Delhi: A day after touching an all-time-high level, gold prices on Friday slipped Rs 140 but traded above the Rs 38,000-mark at Rs 38,330 per 10 gram, on easing in demand from jewellers. PTI

UK economy shrinks, first time in 7 years

London: The British economy unexpectedly shrank in the second quarter for the first time since 2012 as Brexit uncertainties heaped pressure on firms, official figures showed Friday. The decline is set to raise alarm that the economy could experience its first recession in a decade. The drop illustrates the market disappointment to the quarterly contraction, which lowered annual growth rate to 1.2 per cent from 1.8 per cent in the first quarter. AP

Govt launches ₹10,700-crore PM-KMY

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

THE GOVERNMENT on Friday rolled out the Rs 10,700-crore pension scheme for farmers — Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)— which will ensure all enrolled beneficiaries receive Rs 3,000 per month after attaining the age of 60. The scheme was among the decisions approved by the Cabinet in its first meeting on May 31 after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office for a second consecutive term.

Announcing the launch of the scheme, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said all 12.5 crore small and marginal farmers (who own 2 hectare or less) of the country can register for the scheme from now onwards.

About 420 farmers had registered in the first few hours of the launch, he said. FE

Industrial production growth in June at 2%; lowest since February

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

INDIA'S INDUSTRIAL production growth declined to a four-month low of 2 per cent in June, on the back of poor performance of mining and manufacturing sectors, government data released on Friday showed. Factory output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), showed expansion of 7 per cent compared to June last year.

The last lowest reading in IIP growth was in February this year, when it had inched up 0.2 per cent. Since then, the index grew at 2.7 per cent in March, 4.3 per cent in April and 4.6 per cent in May.

Data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) showed that for the April-June quarter this fiscal, industrial output grew at 3.6 per cent, sliding from 5.1 per cent

Manufacturing sector witnessed a slowdown, recording growth of 1.2% in June as against 6.9% a year ago

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Manufacturing sector witnessed a slowdown, recording growth of 1.2 per cent in June as against 6.9 per cent a year ago. Capital goods segment, an indicator of investment, posted contraction of 6.5 per cent compared to 9.7 per cent growth in June 2018. Growth in mining fell to 1.6 per cent this June from 6.5 per cent in the same month of last fiscal.

Expansion in the power generation sector was at 8.2 per cent, slightly below 8.5 per cent in June 2018. As per use-based classification, primary goods segment in-

Oil demand growth at lowest since 2008: IEA

London: Mounting signs of an economic slowdown and a ratcheting up of the US-China trade war have caused global oil demand to grow at its slowest pace since the financial crisis of 2008, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Friday.

The situation is becoming even more uncertain ... global oil demand growth has been very sluggish in the first half of 2019," the IEA said in its monthly report.

The agency said that as against the same month in 2018, global demand fell by 160,000 barrels per day in May — the second year-on-year fall of 2019. REUTERS

DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH PROGRAMME Will give boost to maritime economy ... opportunities wide open: Andhra CM

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 9

PROMOTING BRAND Andhra Pradesh as a desired destination for investment and trade on a global platform, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday explained in detail the trade opportunities in various sectors.

Addressing delegates of over 30 nations at the Diplomatic Outreach Programme at Vijayawada, jointly organised with the Economic Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Reddy also defended his government's decision to review power purchase agreements (PPAs) made by the previous government, and the law to provide 75 per cent reservation to locals in industries.

The 974-km long coastline

would shore up an array of opportunities in development of ports besides aquaculture giving a boost to blue economy, he said.

"We would love to collaborate in infrastructure development, setting up oil refineries, steel plants, and water management, interlinking of rivers as ours is a riparian state, clean drinking water plants and reforms in transport system by phasing out diesel-run buses and moving on to energy-powered buses," he said. "We also plan to give a boost to maritime economy where the opportunities are wide open for investment." Ambassadors and diplomats of countries like South Korea, Singapore, Austria, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Botswana, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, UK, Denmark, Indonesia, Australia and few other countries attended the event.

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INVITATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) For Hiring of Project Management Agency for implementation of MGNREGS

Request for Proposal is invited by Director, Special Projects-cum-Mission Director, MGNREGS Odisha Society, PR & DW Department for hiring of Project Management Agency for implementation of MGNREGS. The details relating to the eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and other information relating to this RFP can be downloaded from the home page of PR & DW Department website (www.odishapanchayat.gov.in).

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Director, Special projects-cum-Mission Director, MGNREGS Odisha Society

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'We're talking with China ... not ready to make a deal'

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 9

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Friday he was not ready to make a trade deal with China and had decided that the US would not do business with Chinese telecoms giant Huawei Technologies for the time being, prompting US stocks to fall sharply.

"We're doing very well with China. We're talking with China. We're not ready to make a deal — but we'll see what happens," Trump told reporter at the White House before departing for fundraisers in New York.

The US President also called on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates by a full percentage point, saying the nation's economy was being "handcuffed" by the US central bank's monetary policy.

He did not give any other details about how he would want the Fed to proceed on carrying out such a drastic reduction.

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JABARIYA JODI ★

Director: Prashant Singh Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Parineeti Chopra, Javed Jaffrey, Aparshakti Khurana, Chandan Roy Sanyal, Sanjay Mishra, Sheeba Chaddha, Sharad Kapoor, Neeraj Sood

Not Made in Heaven



SHUBHRA GUPTA

GROOM-KIDNAPPING in Bihar is not a new subject for Bollywood. But *Jabariya Jodi* is the first to spin a story around it with A list stars. Sidharth Malhotra, Parineeti Chopra and a host of talented actors come together for this kidnap-'em-and-marry-'em-off tale. But from start to finish, there isn't a single shred of conviction on display. The result is a confused, unpleasing, long-drawn mess, which the viewers will *Jabariya* have to sit through. Abhay Singh (Malhotra) is the son-and-chief-factotum of the local 'bahubali' (Jaffrey), under whose *chitra-chaya* there flourishes a posse of goons. Their chief job is to organise

kidnappings at the behest of the bride's family. Bulging bags of cash change hands, and everything goes along swimmingly till, one day, Abhay's childhood sweetheart Babli Yadav (Chopra) hoves into view.

Right from the start, you can see the clear and present problem. Abhay and Babli seem to have been modelled on *Bunty Aur Babli* (Abhishek Bachchan and Rani Mukerji in the 2005 Yashraj flick) in their 'small-town' sartorial choices, but the pair just doesn't click. Malhotra is too polished for his rustic Bihar role. And Chopra, toggled out in the most outlandish clothes Patna may have witnessed too, seems to have got stuck in a rut of familiarity. The same pair had done a good job in the 2014 *Hasee Toh Phasee*: specificity was

written into their characters, and both carried off their roles well. Here, they are painted on the wall.

As the film goes along, confusion gets confounded. Is this a well-meaning social drama, a rom com, or an actioner? First, there is the excuse of greedy dowry-seekers being given their just desserts when they are forced into these 'jabariya shaadis'. So we get a lot of trying-too-hard-to-be-funny-but-mostly-tasteless episodes of young men and women being forced to cohabit, while Abhay's gang, made up of Bollywood's idea of back-chattering hoods, is handed out quirky lines for us to laugh at. The too-sudden change of heart, amongst the same people who've done this for decades, is cringe-wor-

thy: even poor Javed Jaffrey who's evidently enjoying vamping it up as the kingpin of the kidnappings is forced into wimping out, and delivering a lecture on the ills of 'jabariya shaadis'. Huh?

The two actors who stand out are Chandan Roy Sanyal, as the hero's best buddy, and Aparshakti Khurana, as the nice, noble loser. Both descriptors are clichés, but both single-handedly lift the scenes they are in.

How about giving these actors more to do, Bollywood? Better roles may end up making their *jodi* worth our time. The rest of it is a waste of time and talent.

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The Power of No

NERKONDA PAARVAI (TAMIL WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

★★★
Director: H Vinoth
Cast: Ajith, Shraddha Srinath, Abirami Venkatachalam, Andrea Tairang, Vidya Balan

THE TAMIL remake of *Pink* has an original screenplay by H Vinoth, Shoojit Sircar, Ritesh Shah and Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury. So while it has many scenes which are almost exactly the same as in the Hindi version, there are some differences too. And that's mostly down to the fact that Ajith who plays Amitabh Bachchan's part, is shown to be younger, fitter, and most importantly, as able to take on twenty goondas as Bachchan used to, in his younger avatar. And that makes it a diluted film: one that needs to cater to Ajith's fan base as much as desirous of shifting the gender role needle in mainstream Tamil cinema.

Pink broke new grounds in the way it raised the all-important question of consent, in a court-room drama. Three Delhi-based girls spend a harrowing evening with a

bunch of well-connected, entitled young men, only to find themselves unfairly in the dock, and at the receiving end of false accusations. They aren't molesters, the guys claim; it is the girls who were soliciting. The lawyer for the young men goes after the trio, casting aspersions on their 'character' and morals, and that's when Bachchan, in a speech as thunderous as any he's made in the past, comes up with that irrefutable one liner, 'no means no'.

There was a lot of chatter, post *Pink*, about hapless young women having to fall back on a male savior. But to me *Pink* transcended that trope, and kick-started an important conversation in mainstream Bollywood. And out of it.

Nerkonda Paarvai (Direct Gaze), produced by Boney Kapoor, does the same, eventually, once it gets past the needless distraction built around male star. Ajith's stylishly grey-haired Bharath Subramaniam has a tender but entirely dispensable backstory in which he gets to romance his pretty wife (Balan), and lip-synch to a song while he's at it. More space is taken up in two extended set-pieces in which he beats up a posse of baddies. He kicks,



punches and bludgeons, and duly pulps the bad guys.

The girls, Meera (Srinath), Famitha (Venkatachalam) and Andreas (Tairang, reprising her role from *Pink*) are also weeper than the ones in the Hindi version. They wring their hands more, clearly to keep their 'behaviour' as 'independent girls' palatable. Still, for what it's worth, there are some well-scored points about women being able to go

out with men (gasp), have a drink or two (double gasp), and crack a 'dirty joke' or two, without them being considered 'easy' or fair game, strictly worthy of sexual assault.

A young unmarried woman admitting in public to not being a virgin, and not being pilloried for it, is major. Whatever the language, with or without a male savior, this can never be a bad thing.

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One Page at a Time

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK

★★★
Director: André Øvredal
Cast: Zoe Margaret Colletti, Michael Garza, Gabriel Rush, Austin Zajur, Natalie Ganzhorn

SHALINI LANGER

IF THE Guillermo del Toro connection as co-screenwriter and producer is not enough to draw you to *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*, how can we resist this: Alvin Schwartz's three books of short stories for children on which this film is based carried nightmarish illustrations that made them America's most frequently challenged series for inclusion in school libraries.

But don't raise your expectations too high. Assembled into one storyline about a haunted house, a girl kept imprisoned within, who told stories which killed everyone who heard them, the film sputters to life in patches, grabs you with its first few

tales, and then lets the scare fizzle out too fast and too much. Besides, separate ghosts haunting separate stories may have worked as a compilation in a book, but assembled together into one storyline, they make little sense or enough chill.

Mounting it against Richard Nixon's re-election as President, as the drumbeats of the Vietnam War roll on, seems a desperate allusion to some of the real-life nightmares haunting America in 1968. As the story spirals out of control, there are even more attempts to link it to reality, in the casual racism faced by a Mexican, and in questions over veracity of news one hears.

But really, if director Øvredal's film works at any level at all, it is thanks to Colletti as the dauntless teenager driving it. In her unbecoming glasses and freckles, Colletti's Stella is a girl with enough courage and heart to drive back any monster, not needing to be made pretty or to be saved by any boy.

When the boys do try, they can barely keep pace, even in portraying the tension that underlines any good horror flick.

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Prisoner in Her Body

ONE CHILD NATION (DOCUMENTARY)

Directors: Nanfu Wang, Lynn Zhang

MANOHLA DARGIS

SOUL-BARING AND furious, the documentary *One Child Nation* takes a powerful, unflinching look at China's present through its past. The main subject is the decades-old policy that the country embraced in the late 1970s to limit population growth.

In 1982, China ratified a constitution that decreed, "Both husband and wife have the duty to practice family planning." Another blandly worded constitutional article suggested the threat that hung over this duty: "The state promotes family planning so that population growth may fit the plans for economic and social development."

Directors Nanfu Wang and Jialing Zhang unpack that threat and what it meant for citizens and women. It is an account of one battle in the continuing war over women's bodies that is in no way limited to China. (In 2015, China ended the one-child policy, allowing married couples to have two children.)

The filmmakers deftly commence chronicling Wang's story. (Both Wang and Zhang were born in China.) Using a combination of archival and originally shot material, Wang introduces her family, including the younger

brother who would have been abandoned if he had been born a girl.

Born in 1985, Wang is now based in New York, but the birth of her son brought her back to China. She returns to her hometown in the Jiangxi province of eastern China and visits some wary locals, including a former village chief, now in his 70s, who describes how the one-child policy was executed.

The personal stories are often brutal. To administer the one-child policy, China instituted a national task force that included family-planning workers and relied on propaganda, surveillance and worse. Enforcement could be draconian. Families that didn't cooperate had their homes destroyed and their possessions seized. Women endured forced sterilizations and late-term abortions; a midwife says she performed tens of thousands of sterilizations and abortions, adding, "Many I induced alive and killed." Families found their own ways of dealing with the policy, including abandoning infant girls in hopes that the next child would be a boy.

Wang's mother tells her that "when I was about to give birth to your brother," her grandmother said: "If it's another girl, we'll put her in the basket and leave her in the street." It's ghastly, and while you may want to look away, Wang and Zhang keep you watching. They also remind you of the parallels between China and the United States. Each tries to police a woman's sovereignty over her body.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

News on Mute

In the absence of information from Kashmir, TV news channels rose to the challenge by dredging up unverifiable rumours from social media



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

THE PRIME Minister has closed off a watershed week with a telecast that promises Kashmir education, prospects, prosperity and LTA. Most positively, he has indicated that

print in the days after the reorganisation of the state and its demotion to union territory status, and little that was worth showing. Except the video of the National Security Advisor sharing lunch on a street with the local colour, against the backdrop of downed shutters, which betrayed the local flavour.

Other images showed Srinagar depopulated, with fewer civilians visible than in pictures from the flooded districts of Maharashtra. The usual channels reported that Section 144 was in force, but magically, life was normal. *Mumkin hai*.

TV news channels rose to the challenge of the information vacuum, dredging up unverifiable rumours from social media, like the theory of the trifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir. Deprived of domestic news, the diplomatically learned suggested that the government had responded to a flick of the endlessly long

tail of the Great Game, which Donald Trump's unprovoked willingness to mediation had agitated. Simpler explanations, like the BJP's persistent discomfort about special status, seemed to be too obvious to satisfy.

The debates on TV revealed two misapprehensions. One, the discomfort zone is not really the removal of special status. Many liberals who are uncomfortable about this week's events have been equally uncomfortable about regional exceptions persisting for decades after Partition, especially the legally exclusive zone of Kashmir. The real problem is that an agreement cannot be scrapped or gutted unilaterally, and certainly not without consulting the people affected. Secondly, the larger question is not about Kashmir, but about federalism. With this precedent, can the Centre proceed in a similar way in any state where governance

has faltered and where President's rule has been imposed? And can it black out telecommunications and fetter movement at any time? This will be debated in TV studios, besides the courts.

When you want to see yourself clearly, you look in the mirror—in this case, the international media. Information asymmetry is what Foreign Policy chose to highlight on August 5, with an infographic headlined 'India is the world's leader in internet shutdowns'. Drawn from SFLC.in, it showed a huge spike since 2016, and noted that there have been more shutdowns between January 2016 and June 2018 than in the restless states of Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Ethiopia and Iran combined. It attributed the world-beating rate of shutdowns to Kashmir. The Internet Freedom Foundation has condemned the shutdown.

Meanwhile, among the mainstream foreign news channels, CNN's coverage on the day of the lockdown was dominated by news of shootings in the US and protests in Hong Kong. Their world lead was 'Boris could be the last prime minister of the UK', and the India

lead was classic human interest: 'Doctors find 526 teeth in boy's mouth'. In the UK, Kashmir was second lead on the BBC, but the 10th on the *Guardian's* index page. Fox News led with the shootings, naturally, but then collapsed into news of a shark attack on some people, the broken shoulder of someone else, a Brazilian gangster dressed as his daughter, and the distinguishing features of sunburn and allergy. Nothing on Kashmir.

In India, the focus on Kashmir has reduced coverage of beguiling stories, like the Ayodhya matter in the Supreme Court, where a learned judge has asked if, anywhere in the world, there has ever been a lawsuit concerning the birthplace of the Prophet or Jesus, and the wondrous "Counsel for Deity" has sought time to reply. But on the bright side, Kashmir has brought relief to the 131 chartered accountants who had sprung to the defence of the government and denounced 108 economists predicting gloom ahead, shortly before gloomy data emerged. No one will remember their stupidity now.

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A moving target

The first competent biography retracing the elusive, enigmatic life of Udham Singh

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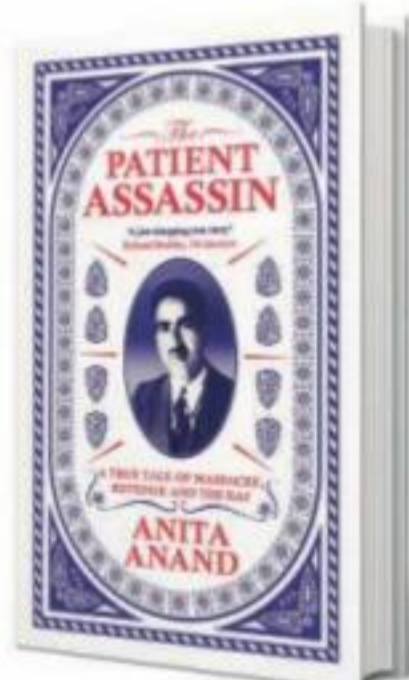
ON JULY 31, 1940, Udham Singh, the moody, dissembling but dogged assassin of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, was hanged in London's Pentonville prison, and his body buried in a layered grave with the other damned and forgotten in a nondescript patch within the prison. It took another three decades, and a late awakening by the Indian authorities, before the call for the return of his remains to India gathered steam. When this finally happened, a hero's welcome was accorded to his tricolour-draped casket: in 1940, Mahatma Gandhi had famously decried Singh's act of revenge for Jallianwala Bagh as an "act of insanity"; in 1974, a high-powered political delegation received his remains at Palam and the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, along with thousands of citizens, paid tribute to the martyr at Kapurthala House. After similar reception in every major town of Punjab and Haryana, Singh's remains were at last cremated in his home town of Sunam. But things always seem to come late to this brave man: 45 years later, two urns containing part of his ashes still await a memorial bearing his name in Sunam. Another urn lies on dusty display in a dishevelled room at Jallianwala Bagh. A decent biography of the man has also taken its time coming. So far, anybody interested in his journey has had to rely largely on small press, sub-quality publications regurgitating the same mix of part-legend and part-fact gathered from letters, recollections and anecdotal accounts. *The Patient Assassin* by Anita Anand is a suitable reward for this long wait.

Anand's effort is impelled not only by her exceptional journalistic curiosity, but also familial passion. Her grandfather escaped death in Jallianwala Bagh only by a quirk of fate that took him away to perform an errand even as Reginald Dyer and his soldiers were heading into the Bagh — he suffered from survivor's guilt for years. Taking advantage of the fact that her husband's forefathers belonged to the Punjabi peddler community, among whom Singh lived in his last years in England and whose descendants are valuable sources, she succeeds in piecing together most of a life that appears to have been lived for the sole purpose of evading discovery, then or later. To achieve this, the author has criss-crossed continents much like her protagonist, questioning known sources, digging for new evidence in far-flung archives and mopping up remaining recollections of those with personal or family memories of the man.

Singh is not an easy man to chase; rootlessness was built into his identity, unreliability his preferred art form. Carrying the burden of poverty and "low caste" (he was born into a Punjabi Kamboj family), he lost his parents in early infancy. His elder brother, with whom he grew up in the Central Khalsa Orphanage in Amritsar, was to succumb to illness soon. The following years saw him lurch from indifferent work during the First World War in Mesopotamia to east Africa. Contact with the Ghadar movement — of which he would remain a life-long votary — and a burning desire for revenge for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre ensured that he spent the rest of his life dodging and ducking his way in Punjab, Europe and America. Possessed of considerable charm and persuasiveness, he dropped identities frequently, changed one name for another, loved and left several women. He was truly "a man born with so little, who wanted to be so much." Only a few things



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THE PATIENT ASSASSIN
ANITA ANAND
Simon & Schuster
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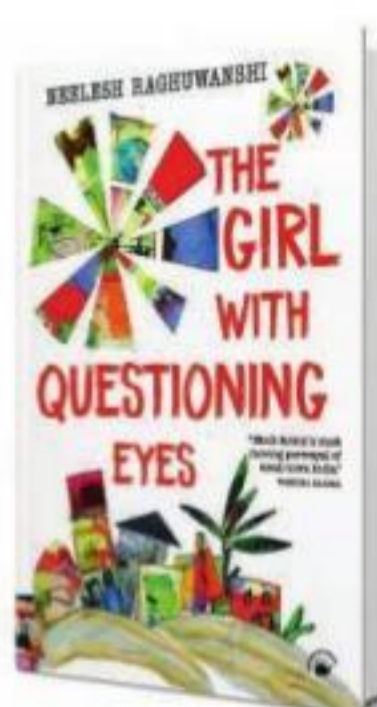
seemed to have been constant in his life: his commitment to India's freedom, his anger with the British Raj, his focused pursuit of Michael O'Dwyer and his devotion to Bhagat Singh. His secular commitment to his ideals is perhaps best expressed in the name that he adopted and preferred — Mohammed Singh Azad; he would be first booked under that name for the O'Dwyer assassination.

The narrative pace of *The Patient Assassin*, does justice to the personality of the protagonist. The book reads for the most part like a spy thriller, particularly when detailing the lone wolf's successful evasion of powerful intelligence agencies. The historical material that provides a context to Udham's earlier years does not weigh down the narrative: we get just enough information on the Ghadar movement, India's involvement in the first World War, satyagraha, the Rowlatt Act and so on. Her treatment of the Baisakhi massacre and the immediate events leading up to it is also balanced and sympathetic, and it's clear she

wears the subaltern Amritsari's hat; though some minor inaccuracies in these sections would need to be weeded out in subsequent editions.

It would have been the perfect icing on the cake if Anand had also given a definitive answer to the most intriguing question of all — was Singh actually present at Jallianwala Bagh, serving water to the wounded and dying, as popular legend has it? She goes only so far as to say that the massacre fundamentally transformed him, and the truth of his whereabouts was known only to him. For some reason, the author ignores Singh's statement during his 1940 trial: "At that time I did not know who was the Governor at that time when the shooting took place because I had gone to East Africa at that time. I was not in India at the time." Even if he was the most unreliable witness of them all, this statement must count for something.

The writer retired as the former Indian ambassador to the US



THE GIRL WITH QUESTIONING EYES
NEELESHTH RAGHUVANSHI (author),
DEEPA JAIN SINGH (translator)
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dhaba is also a forum for public debate, where opinions about life and politics are aired and argued.

There is an endearing description of the one special set of clothes that Kakka wears once or twice a year, kept safely away in a box, jealously guarded by the older sisters. For most days he has two sets of lungi-vests — "The vests had a clear trajectory: first a couple of holes, then the holes developing into maps of countries, and finally the countries shrinking into strings that were more

string than country." He is devoted to the dhaba and firmly believes in honest labour, which, even if menial — he tells his daughters — is never something to be ashamed of. Generous and principled, frequently to his own disadvantage, he advises customers against over-ordering, often "turning a ten-buck customer into a four-buck customer."

Kakka's eyes well up with tears every time another daughter gets married and has to leave home for her in-laws'. Seeing the suffering of the older girls once they become daughters-in-law, he decides against marriage for the younger ones until he has educated them to stand on their feet. But by the end of the book, Kakka has all but become a tragic figure. Vishnu Khare, in his afterword to the Hindi version, has likened him, when finally deprived of his beloved dhaba, to a "suburban King Lear". His handsome but abrasive son would rather run a cycle repair shop, and his daughters in their failed lives are a source of grief. His single remaining consolation is Babli, who continues to pursue her father's dream of studying and leading an independent life. It is her eventual success that saves the story from an appalling end.

The English version of the novel reads well, though some departures from the direct, no-frills prose of the Hindi puzzled me. Small-town India of the Hindi heartland comes through as alive and kicking. The teeming life of Ganj Basoda is so clearly observed by the lively narrator that the book might well have been called, to echo the Beatles, 'A Girl with Kaleidoscope Eyes'.

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A clutch of despair and hope

Shah Alam Khan's book is a wide, bleak sweep of India's volatile socio-political landscape

TANVIR AHMAD

WHAT DO you call a person who is a professor of orthopaedics in the premier medical establishment of India, AIIMS, who is also a novelist-poet, and comments frequently in the press on socio-medical as well as domestic and international socio-political issues? Someone who quotes Brecht, Derrida, Marx, Hannah Arendt and Rosa Luxembourg casually and tellingly? Shah Alam Khan's views are not in the service or to the liking of the Indian and Western dispensations, but that does not prevent him from expressing them.

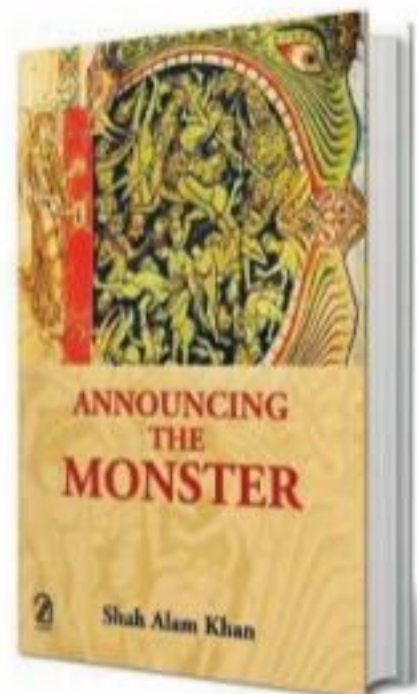
This book is a collection of Khan's articles, two stories and a film review. It has six sections covering politics, communalism, science, media, society and healthcare. All of them are searing indictments of the power elites of the world and India. The first essay is titled 'Announcing the Monster', which is also the title of the book. It was written the day after the BJP was voted to power in 2014.

The pieces included here speak ever so loudly of his concern for the downtrodden, the poor, the ill, tribals — in a word, the marginalised, whether by religion, caste, gender or region. Mostly, they are responses to the daily 'new news', like the dissolution in 2015 of the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau, perhaps because it searched for and got real data on nutrition among the marginalised — and thus showed the picture flashed by the government of "achhe din" to be an empty boast. But it had given policy-makers the wherewithal to make sensible interventions to help ameliorate the condition of malnutrition among the poor of India. Its dissolution suggested that the government is more into media management than actually doing any good for the millions of poor.

Khan's interest in history enables him to show that 20th century European fascism and Hindutva are mirror images of each other in many ways, apart from what many people already know — the penchant for vegetarianism, cleanliness (*swachhata*) and mob lynching. His concerns include the commercialisation of his own profession, medicine. He talks of the government's indirect support of the private sector in medicine when it reduced the health budget in 2014 instead of raising it.

He worries about the wretchedness and haplessness stalking our land. He and his colleagues in the medical profession may be able to help a child with cancer, but they are helpless in the face of rampant malnutrition and the raging poverty which can nevertheless take away such a child's life; or the increasing communalism which takes away the job of the father, and thereby, the life of his ailing child.

Fascism depends on citizens not wanting



ANNOUNCING THE MONSTER
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to get involved, allowing people belonging to the minorities to be lynched in broad daylight, accompanied by celebration. Even when any culprit is apprehended and convicted, he or she gets parole or bail on flimsy grounds. And then we get to know of some new travesty of justice. New, as in recent. Not new in the sense of different. All this is possible because we, as a people, just don't care. Arnab Goswami actually got it wrong: the nation does not want to know.

Khan takes on the French establishment in connection with the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks, saying that the radicalisation of Islam is not the cause of the Jihadists' actions. Radicalisation is itself a result of the treatment meted out to Muslims coming into France and driven into ghettos to eke out miserable lives with no hope of betterment. All this, because the imperialist past of France is still calling the shots.

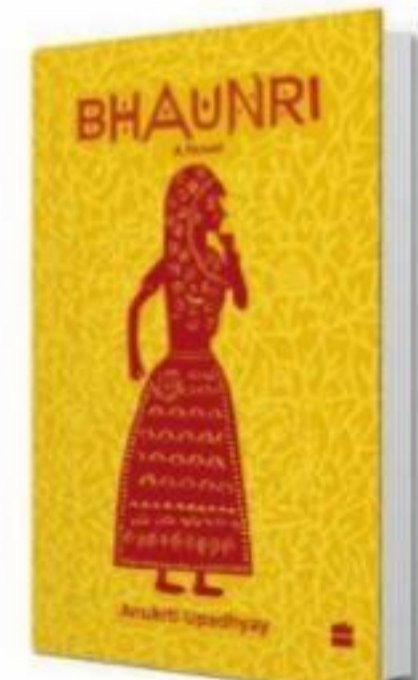
Elsewhere, he asks whether the reader remembers Alan Kurdi. I didn't, but then I never knew his name to start with. He was the boy with an angelic look whose body was found washed up on the shore. Khan writes about him a year after the event and is sure that we would have forgotten the name. But then, we also forgot the name of the young man who appeared on the cover of a well-known Indian magazine pleading for his life with sorrow and hopelessness in Gujarat in 2002.

A deep sense of humanity and sensitivity probably urges Khan to write such pieces, unmindful of the negative consequences that could transpire. It is because of people like Shah Alam Khan that there is hope.

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ON THE SHELF

Love's just labour



BHAUNRI: A NOVEL
ANUKRITI UPADHYAY
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"IF HEARTS don't meet, bodies are but fleshy houses of sin."

Bhaunri's mother's words dictate the rest of the story, which is set in rural Rajasthan. *Bhaunri* tells the tale of a girl who is married as a child and sent to live with her husband as a young woman. The eponymous character is the product of her upbringing; the first few pages of the book revolve briefly around how her mother left behind a loveless marriage with an impotent man, and ran away with Bhaunri's father. Bhaunri is drawn to her husband, Bheema, from the moment she sets her eyes on him. But Bheema is a product of his fraught upbringing too: he is unfaithful and abusive, just like his father was to his mother. Bhaunri loves her husband, but his unfaithfulness pains her. "A woman's capacity to bear is unending... it is not our place to complain," Bhaunri's mother-in-law, known simply as Mai, tells her. Mai and Bhaunri are at two ends

DIVYA SETHU

Small-town flavour

A little kasba and the pulsating milieu, personal narratives it can contain

SARA RAI

BORN IN 1969 in Ganj Basoda, a small town near Bhopal, Neellesh Raghuvanshi is known primarily as a poet, though she has written plays and worked as a scriptwriter for Doordarshan TV. *The Girl with Questioning Eyes* (Ek kasbe ke Notes) is her only work of fiction. She could be said to belong to the *yatharthvadi* or realist tradition of writing in Hindi, of which Premchand was an early practitioner. "I'm different..." is how Babli, the narrator describes herself, and one could say this about Raghuvanshi's novel as well.

Reading *The Girl with Questioning Eyes*, one is struck by what the author does not do. She does not try to make the novel a mirror of society; there is no attempt at the fictional version of a sociological tract. If the novel seems all the same to be something of both, it appears to be organically and fluently so. Sticking to the ground and avoiding flights of fancy, Raghuvanshi closely follows the life and struggles of a lower middle class family in a kasba, where rules are strict and dreams small. This she does with a detached terseness, without sentimentality or melodrama. Her characters are not created to serve an agenda. By giving us seemingly insignificant details of the place and its peo-

ple, the novel lets us see the kasba from up close.

On the Bombay-Benares railway line, the train halts at Ganj Basoda. The town, known for its grain market and stone quarries, resounds with noises from bylanes and bazaars. Its crisscrossing voices, the laughter and merriment, the trundling bullock-carts, the roaring motor-cycles and the *chhook-chhooking* trains — all create a universe of sound that make the novel not only a visual but an aural delight. Written in straightforward language (which in the Hindi version is layered with a generous sprinkling of Bundelkhandi), the novel, even as it describes ordinary everyday events, gets an odd raciness — you want to turn the pages quickly, know what happens next.

Babli, whose voice takes us through the novel, is the sixth of nine children — all girls except for the seventh, a boy — born to a wayside dhaba owner and his wife, called Bai and Kakka by the children. Kakka works hard daily, morning to night, to make enough money to meet the needs of his eleven-member family. A dhaba, such as he runs, differs from a hotel or restaurant not only in its clientele — drawn from various sections of the lower-middle class, but also in the function it performs. Located in the busy market, right by the bus stand from where most of its customers come, the

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BRIEFLY

Kumble hits out at conflict of interest issues in cricket

Panaji: Every person in every walk of life has some conflict or the other but it is the proper disclosure that is important, feels former India captain and coach Anil Kumble. The conflict of interest allegations have reared its head in recent times with stalwarts like Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman, Sourav Ganguly being served with notices, and latest to join the bandwagon is Rahul Dravid. "I think every profession has conflicts in every walk of life. How you deal with it, how you disclose those prior what you are involved in. I think it is very critical. And once people know that you are involved in so and so, then I don't think there is any conflict," Kumble told reporters during a promotional event here on Friday. Kumble finds the situation a bit unfortunate as there are only 300 Test cricketers in India and may be only 50 per cent who are still alive. "There are only 300 as of now and out of 300, I guess 50 per cent of them are living. So, only those can contribute back to the game. If you don't want them to contribute back to the game, then I think you need to find somebody else to contribute in cricket," he said. **PTI**

Little-known coach made SA director

Johannesburg: Enoch Nkwe, a coach with a single season's experience at South African franchise level, was named as the Proteas' interim team director for a tour of India next month. "It is a tremendous honour and privilege to lead the Proteas as the interim team director," the 36-year-old former all-rounder told the Cricket South Africa (CSA) website. "It is a special moment for me and my family and I will do my best to make a difference in this interim period." Nkwe collected two trophies in his first season in charge of the Gauteng Lions franchise, as well as coaching the Jozi Stars T20 team which won the inaugural Mzansi Super League. He was named coach of the year at last weekend's annual awards function. He takes over from Ottis Gibson, whose contract as head coach was not renewed after South Africa's poor World Cup campaign earlier this year. CSA announced last Sunday that the position of team director, with responsibilities for all aspects of the national team, would replace that of a head coach. Acting director of cricket Corrie van Zyl said Nkwe's appointment was "a result of his merits and balanced approach". "He is someone who complements the direction that will be taken by the team going forward," said Van Zyl. Nkwe had a moderate first-class playing record, scoring three centuries and averaging 28.06 with the bat in 42 matches. **AFP**

Warne eyes IPL-like success in the '100'

London: Shane Warne has been appointed head coach of the London Spirit team for next year's Hundred competition and the Australian is looking to replicate the success he enjoyed with the IPL side Rajasthan Royals. As captain-cum-coach of Rajasthan Royals, the former leg-spinner had led the side to title-triumph in the inaugural IPL edition in 2008. "I'm very proud and very honoured to be asked to be the head coach of the Hundred team based at Lord's. The opportunity to coach in a brand new tournament and work with modern-day players is something that I will really enjoy and I am looking forward to the challenge," he was quoted as saying by *'The Guardian'*. Run by England and Wales Cricket Board, the first edition of 'The Hundred' — a professional 100-ball cricket league — is scheduled for next year. The league will consist of eight city-based franchise teams. **PTI**



SAFETY FIRST

New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson leaves the stadium after warm-up game against a Board Presidents' XI was called off due to bad weather in Katunyake. **AP**

Positive result

Stand-off between BCCI, sports ministry on dope testing cricketers comes to an end after nearly a decade

MIHIR VASAVDA
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FROM THE time the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) adopted its anti-doping rules in 2009, there has been a constant tussle between them and the National Anti Doping Agency over the jurisdiction of cricketers. NADA, which was formed in 2006, contested it had the authority to conduct dope tests on all athletes, including cricketers. The BCCI defied their claim, citing that since it did not take any funds from the government and was not a National Sports Federation — as defined by the sports ministry — it was not obliged to have its players tested by them.

These arguments have been played out over and over again. But it was only on Friday — almost after 10 years after this dispute began — that the BCCI finally agreed to come under the ambit of NADA. So what changed now?

The immediate trigger can be traced to a question in the Parliament by Shiv Sena Lok Sabha member from Mumbai, Vinayak Raut, in June. Raut asked sports minister Kiren Rijju 'if the sports ministry had issued directives to the BCCI on this issue and if the BCCI had defied government's directives on dope tests.'

Rijju took a firm stand. His statement, tabled in the Lok Sabha on June 27, read: "It (NADA) has jurisdiction over all athletes and sports associations in India. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was apprised of this for compliance... BCCI not being a recognized Dope Testing Agency under WADA Code, its stand was not found acceptable."

A day before, on June 26, the sports ministry had shot off a letter to BCCI CEO Rahul Johri, citing flaws in their anti-doping mechanisms and hinting at conflict of interest since the board itself tested and handed punishments to its players. Since then, Johri met sports secretary Radheyshyam Julaniya twice — first only July 9 — and then exactly a month later, on Friday.

In both meetings, the ministry did not waver in its position. It rejected BCCI's pro-



Team India cricketers will now be tested by NADA. **File**

posal that they will allow NADA to test 10 percent of its total samples; that too of junior and under-23 players. "We made it clear that there can't be separate laws for cricket. The government respects what BCCI has done to spread the game but the law is same for everyone," Julaniya said.

At the same time, the BCCI claimed the ministry was pressurizing them to comply with the anti-doping code by not clearing the tours of South Africa 'A' and women teams. On August 6, the ministry wrote a letter to the BCCI, saying it would grant the necessary NOCs only after it gave an assurance that they would agree to comply with NADA rules. Eventually, the BCCI relented on Friday.

No RTI move

Julaniya said there wasn't any move to bring BCCI under RTI or make them adopt the National Sports Code. Anti-doping was the only issue on agenda at the moment.

The cricket board, during the meeting with the ministry, raised three key concerns: that the samples from cricketers are collected by an agent who holds at least a graduate degree in the related field to ensure efficiency; allow them to continue using the existing doping kits, which are WADA approved; and

timely adjudication in doping cases. "They wanted another testing agency to carry out tests on the players. But we refused that proposal. As per WADA rules, NADA is authorized to conduct dope tests on all players in the country," Julaniya said.

The Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (COA) chief Vinod Rai contested this claim.

"How are we giving our cricketers to NADA? Wasn't Prithvi Shaw's sample tested at NADA labs? All samples over the last five years till now have had been tested only in NADA labs. It was about the competence of the professionals who will collect the sample and the quality of the testing kits. They (NADA) have agreed to be with us on both," Rai said. "IDTM (Sweden-based International Doping Tests and Management) or similarly qualified professionals will draw the samples and in case it costs more, the BCCI will meet the costs."

While the tug-of-war is likely to continue, Friday's developments mean that the cricketers, like other athletes, will have to provide their year-round whereabouts to the government so that surprise out-of-competition tests can be conducted on them. Out of competition tests are considered to be the

How can COA take such decisions on NADA: Shah

Mumbai: With the BCCI election scheduled to take place on October 22, former secretary Niranjan Shah slammed the board for bucking under the sports ministry's pressure and agreeing to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). "They should have informed the sports ministry that elections are due in two months, and the new body will take a call on the NADA issue. We have fought with sports ministry on this issue for years now... how can the COA take such a policy decision," Shah told *The Indian Express*. The sports ministry said they would not grant NOC to South Africa A and women's team tours, scheduled to take place in India later this month, unless the board comes under NADA's jurisdiction. "In such case the BCCI should have decided to keep these tours on-hold," Shah asserted. **DEVENDRA PANDEY**

bedrock of anti doping.

In an interview to *The Indian Express* recently, BCCI's anti-doping manager Dr Abhijit Salvi had said only 30 percent of the approximate 250 samples they collect every year, were out of competition testing.

NADA itself hasn't been up to scratch on this front as it had failed to test several top Indian stars outside competition last year. Its adjudication process — one of the concerns raised by the BCCI — has not been speedy as well, there are more than 70 cases from 2018 pending before its disciplinary panel.

The sports ministry, following Friday's meeting, may have paved the way for cricketers to come under its ambit. But it's unlikely we've heard the last on this issue.

Chandimal, Mathews recalled to Test squad

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SRI LANKA'S cricket selectors on Friday recalled former captain Dinesh Chandimal in a 15-man squad for the first test against New Zealand after he was dropped for two big series because of poor batting form.

The selectors announced that batsman Angelo Mathews, who missed the last test tour to South Africa, is also included in the squad. Niroshan Dickwella, a limited-overs specialist who was dropped for the World Cup because of poor form, was also selected for the longer format after a string of good scores for Sri Lanka A. He scored two centuries and a half-century on that tour.

There are nine specialist batsmen, three fast bowlers and three spin bowlers in Akila Dananjaya, Lakshan Sandakan and Lasith Embuldeniya. The first Test of the two-match series begins in Galle on Aug. 14.

The decisions came at a time when Sri Lanka is going through their latest episode of transition. However, despite the obvious shortcomings, they have been performing well under skipper Dimuth Karunaratne, having become the first team to beat South Africa at home and then putting in a decent performance in the World Cup, in fact finishing way above than they were predicted to. However, the decide to change their coach, their third in a year, and so a lot of changes are expected.

When you glance through the personnel, they seem to have the firepower to compete with New Zealand. The skipper and Kusal Perera have settled well into an opening pair while the likes of Kusal Perera, Mathews and Chandimal beef up their middle order. Now with Niroshan Dickwella too back in the scheme of things, they look more than a decent unit, more so if Dhananjaya De Silva lives up to his immense potential. So far, his talent has surfaced only sporadically.

They have a unique, un-Sri Lankan like problem. A dearth of quality spinners, now that the long-serving Rangana Herath too has retired. They have ditched the much-used Dilruwan Perera, and picked a bevy of young spinners such as left-arm wrist-spinner Lakshan Sandakan, off-spinner Akila Dananjaya and left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya. The first-bowling, though, settled with the likes of Suranga Lakmal, Lahiru Kumara and Vishwa Fernando, the heroes of the South Africa series.

SQUAD: Dimuth Karunaratne (captain), Angelo Mathews, Dinesh Chandimal, Lahiru Thirimanne, Kusal Mendis, Kusal Janith Perera, Niroshan Dickwella, Dhananjaya De Silva, Akila Dananjaya, Lasith Embuldeniya, Suranga Lakmal, Lahiru Kumara, Oshada Fernando, Lakshan Sandakan, Vishwa Fernando.

'Lanka, tough place to tour'

Describing Sri Lanka as a tough place to play, Ross Taylor, a veteran of 92 Tests, said he was looking forward to the two-Test series beginning in Galle from August 14. "They (Sri Lanka) know the conditions very well and play very well in these conditions. And upsetting South Africa at home would give them a lot of confidence. They are also looking to play the (ICC) Test Championship. Sri Lanka is genuinely a tough place to play cricket in," Taylor said.

Sri Lanka trounced South Africa 2-0 at home a year ago. Taylor also said that with the advent of ICC Test championships, there is now a "context" and meaning for every game and not just high-profile clashes like the Ashes. "Obviously there are names and number on the back (of the jerseys, like in ODIs). (There is) context (and) there is something on every game. And someone else mentioned to me the other day is you probably take note of other Test series a lot more now than you would have (than) just following the big series (like) Ashes," the right-handed batsman said.

After a heart-breaking loss in the World Cup final, Kivis are taking to the field for the first time. "It is nice to get into a new format (Test, after the World Cup) and it is exciting to play the Test Championship."

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

TAROUBA (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO), AUGUST 8

SHUBMAN GILL notched up an unbeaten 204 in the third unofficial Test against West Indies A at the Brian Lara International Stadium on Friday. In doing so, the 19-year-old became the youngest Indian cricketer to score a first-class double century, breaking former India opener Gautam Gambhir's record, who had scored 218 for the Board President's XI against Zimbabwe in 2002. India A had resumed at the overnight score of 23/3, and Gill, starting at 2, reached his century at the stroke of lunch.

His overnight partner Shahbaz Nadeem fell for 13, after resuming on five, early in the day. Captain Hanuma Vihari (118 not out) then joined Gill and the two resurrected the innings after the top-order collapse. The duo registered an unbeaten 315-run stand for the fifth wicket before India A declared on 365/4 soon after Gill scored his double ton. The youngster bounced back strong from his first-ball duck in the first innings and his



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knock was laced with 19 fours and two sixes. Captain Vihari, on the other hand, who had earlier bailed his team out in the first innings with a half century, continued in the same vein, hitting 10 boundaries and a six. Earlier, West Indies A bowled out India A for a meagre 201 in the first innings on the opening day before folding up for 194 in their first essay. India have already pocketed the series by winning the first two games of the series. But the match belonged to Gill, whose sublime knock comes days after failing to find a spot

in India's senior team's tour of the West Indies.

"I was waiting for the Indian senior team and I expected to be selected for at least one of the squads," Gill had said. "It was disappointing not to get picked but I am not going to spend time thinking over it. I'll keep scoring runs and performing to the best of my ability to impress the selectors," he added. While he didn't make it to the senior squad, Gill was the subject of discussion at the selection meeting.

"He went to New Zealand when KL Rahul was suspended and now Rahul has come back so he is in the waiting list. Definitely he will be considered in the future," was how chief selector MSK Prasad's assessment. In his brief career, Gill has been impressive, showing the skill and gumption to adapt to the rigours of all three formats. His first-class career is only eleven matches old, but he's already amassed more than 1700 runs, and has hit a half-century in each of these matches. Overall, he has scored 1545 runs in 38 matches at an impressive average of 45.44 for India A. His breakout year included him picking up the 'Emerging Player of the Tournament' award in IPL for the Kolkata Knight Riders.

Chasing 373 for a win, West Indies A showed the stomach for fight, as Jeremy Solozano and Bamdon King hit resolute half-centuries as the third unofficial Test headed for a draw on the final day, here. The hosts were 179/2 in the second session of the day with Solozano (63 batting) and Sunil Ambris (10) at the crease. The hosts, who started at 37 for none, lost Montcin Hodge (25) when Shahbaz Nadeem had him caught by skipper Hanuma Vihari but not before he added 68 runs for the opening wicket with Solozano. Next man in King ensured that Indian bowlers continued to toil as he added 99 runs for the second wicket with Solozano. Again it was Nadeem who provided the breakthrough by clean bowling King. With just under two sessions remaining in the match, a result other than a draw is not likely to emerge, considering that the hosts are batting well. Barring a batting collapse, the two teams will share the honours.

BRIEF SCORES: India A: 201 and 365/4d in 90 overs (Shubman Gill 204 not out, Hanuma Vihari 118 not out, Chemar K Holder 2/88); West Indies A: 194 and 179/2 in 60 overs (B King 77, J Solozano 61 batting; S Nadeem 2/57).

Archer set to make Test debut, Moeen dropped

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LONDON, AUGUST 9

WORLD CUP-WINNER Jofra Archer is in line to make his eagerly-awaited Test debut after being included in England's 12-man squad for next week's second Ashes Test against Australia at Lord's, while Moeen Ali was left out on Friday. Fast bowler Archer could replace James Anderson after England's all-time leading wicket-taker was ruled out with a calf injury that restricted him to sending down just four overs in a 251-run first-Test defeat by Ashes holders Australia at Edgbaston.

Archer missed that match because of a side problem but has since proved his fitness in a second-team fixture for county side Sussex against Gloucestershire, taking 6 for 27 and hitting a quick-fire century.

England also have another seam-bowling option in Surrey left-arter Sam Curran. Fast bowler Olly Stone, who was in the squad for the first Test but did not play, has been ruled out with a back injury. Meanwhile, off-spin-

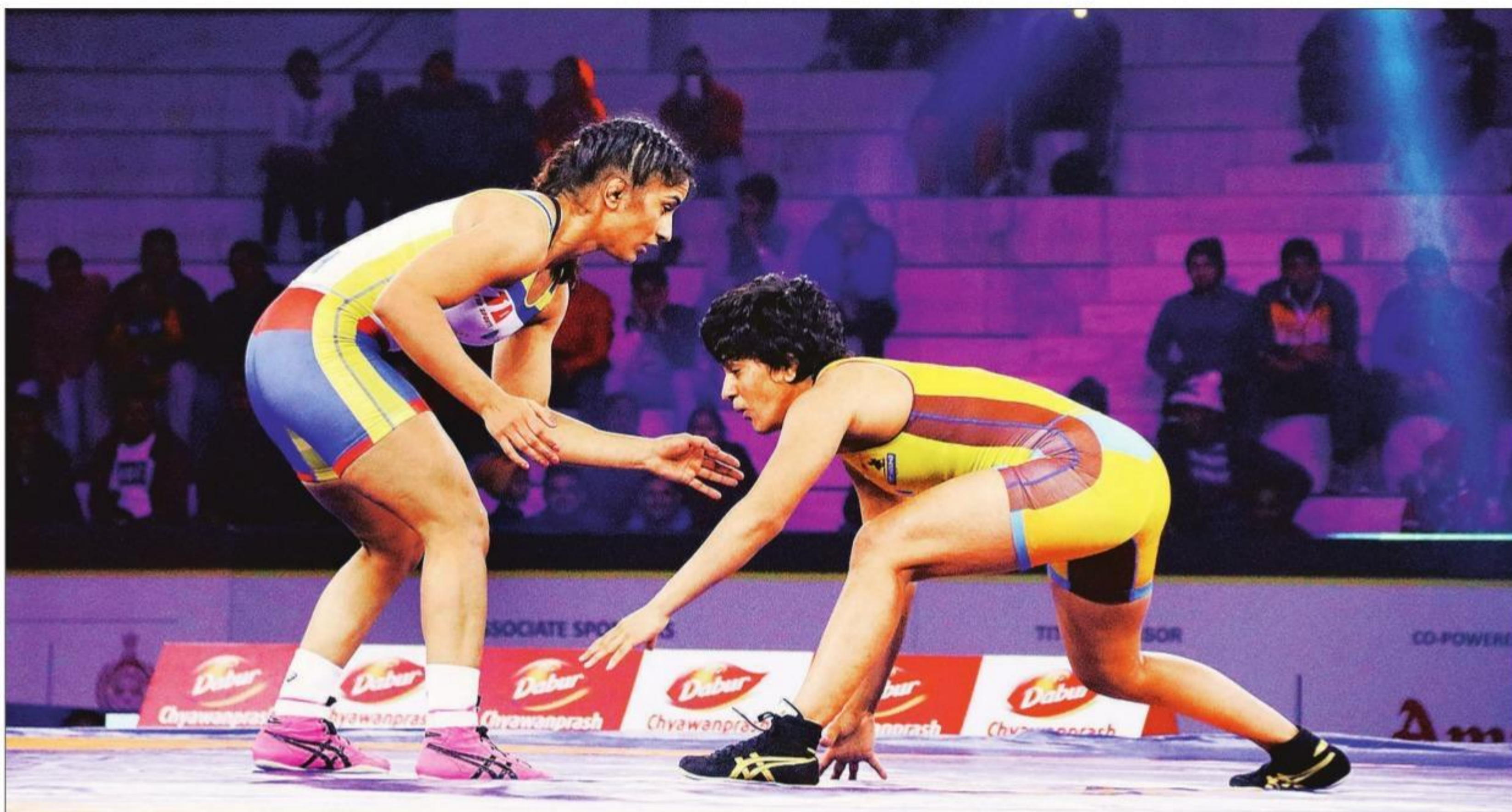
ner Moeen has been dropped, with left-arter Jack Leach recalled into the squad ahead of Wednesday's start at Lord's. Moeen was omitted after a miserable match at Edgbaston.

The 32-year-old all-rounder only managed returns of 1 for 42 and 2 for 130 with the ball, while scoring just four runs in the match — including a first-innings duck. His second-innings bowling display was particularly concerning, with Moeen offering neither control or persistent wicket-taking on a wearing pitch favouring spinners and even bowling a couple of head-high beamers.

And both times he batted he was dismissed by Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who has now claimed Moeen's wicket nine times in 11 innings. Somerset's Leach played his last Test against Ireland at Lord's a fortnight ago when the nightwatchman made a career-best 92 — an innings that helped set up an England victory and won him the man-of-the-match award. England's middle-order trio of Joe Denly, Jos Buttler and Jonny Bairstow all had poor returns with the bat at Edgbaston.

How Vinesh became Winesh

Improved stamina, technical tweaks gave Vinesh three gold medals in a month — a much-needed morale booster ahead of the Worlds



There is scope for improvement in Vinesh's mat movement, says her coach. He wants the Haryana freestyle wrestler to jettison her linear movement in favour of a circular one. Express file

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 9

FROM SOMEWHERE in the middle of a dense forest in Spala, Poland, Woller Akos is talking about heartbeats. In broken English and crackling voice, the Hungarian wrestling coach repeats three words to drive home his point: 190bpm, threshold and Vinesh. The words that explain, at least partly, the reason behind Vinesh Phogat's recent golden run.

Phogat, one of the few medal prospects for India at the 2020 Olympics, won three titles in the 53kg weight class in the last month: first at the Grand Prix of Spain, followed by Yasar Dogu ranking tournament in Turkey and the Poland Open. En route to a hat-trick of gold medals, she defeated a Rio Olympics bronze medalist, and a few other wrestlers who are ranked in the top 10 of the world.

The gold medals, though, do not excite Akos. Neither do they make Phogat more — or less — favourite for a podium finish at next month's World Championship or next year's Olympics. The bouts she has competed in over the last month, however, have reassured Akos and Phogat of one thing: "She can wrestle in a high-level match for six minutes. Not just three," Akos says.

Overcoming a shortcoming

One of the shortcomings of Phogat's otherwise solid game has been her stamina. It became a boringly predictable pattern: start strongly with high intensity, run out of steam in the second period and, consequently, allow errors to creep in.

"In the first period — in the first three minutes — she did actions but in the second period, there is always some mistake and she lost," Akos says. "The difference between the Vinesh of now and before is that earlier, when she got tired, she stopped. Always. But now, she can work more even after reaching the tired point."

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VINESH'S HUNGARIAN COACH

A numbers man, Akos rattles out a few fascinating figures to illustrate Phogat's increasing stamina.

"One aspect we have worked on is her heart-rate capacity," Akos says, adding that it helped in providing more oxygen and energy to the body. "At the start of the year, Phogat's maximum heart-rate was 182bpm when she trained. So we would reach that threshold, take a short break and bring it down to 120bpm and restart our training. That way, we have gradually increased her maximum capacity to 190bpm."

The training Akos talks about wasn't restricted only to drills on the wrestling mat. 10m sprints were added to her routine to make Phogat quicker on the mat — these were interspersed with pushups and pull-ups. Weightlifting was another major addition to her programme — when they started, Phogat recorded a personal best of 75kg in clean and jerk and 117.5 in dead-lifts.

Building blocks

These might appear to be trivial details but few realise the importance of 'building these blocks' better than Akos. In his short career, there were few parts of his body that weren't injured. Eventually, his creaking bones and sore muscles forced him to retire in his mid-20s. Therefore, ever since the 34-year-old took Phogat under his wings in June last year, there has been a single-minded focus on making her a Duracell Bunny.

From this perspective, the recent European swing has been a reaffirmation

for Akos and Phogat of all they've done in the last 12 months, especially after moving up from competing in 50kg category to 53kg. Akos knows the gold medals in Spain, Turkey and Poland in the last four weeks would mean nothing if, for starters, Phogat does not end up in top-6 at the World Championships in Nur Sultan (Astana), Kazakhstan, from September 14 to 22. Those finishing in that bracket will earn a quota for the Tokyo Olympics.

"So the medals are not important. These were only preparation tournaments, so it did not matter if we won gold or silver or bronze or even were out in the first round. We need more matches, more high-level matches because Vinesh has changed her weight category," Akos says.

The training stint in Spala provides just that. The Olympic centre, surrounded by forest and spread over 22 hectares, currently has about 100 wrestlers training there, according to Akos. "From USA, Canada, Sweden, Hungary, local girls from Poland, Norway, some from Ecuador, Tunisia... from everywhere," he says.

The Japanese hurdle

It's an interesting mix for Phogat to spar with. But one nation is missing from that list as well as from the recent competitions Phogat has competed in: Japan.

The Japanese domination in women's wrestling at the Olympics is comparable to China's stranglehold in table tennis or USA's in basketball. Few have found a counter to

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WOLLER AKOS
ON VINESH'S RECENT RUN IN EUROPE

the blinding speed and tactical supremacy of Japanese wrestlers — at the Rio Olympics, the hosts of 2020 Games won four gold medals out of the six on offer.

Phogat is among the few who has upset a Japanese wrestler in a major championship. In the Asian Games final last year, she rattled Yuki Irie with subtle tweaks to her style and clinched the gold. In the 53kg class, she is likely to come up against two-time world champion Haruna Okuno (she was the 55kg champion in 2017 and ruled the 53kg category at the worlds last year).

There are others as well, of course. World No. 1 Sarah Ann Hildebrandt of the USA has been solid the whole year while there's a tasty rivalry building up between Phogat and China's Qianyu Pang. But it's Okuno who will enter the World Championship with a target on her back, and Akos has already begun scheming.

New tilts and holds are being added to Phogat's armoury — like the two-on-one and headlock positions, and the under-hook. There's been renewed attention on transitions after a takedown or a leg-attack, with Akos keen to add "one or two more actions", like a leg-lace or gut-wrench during transitions. But a key change is likely to be seen in Phogat's motion on the mat.

Phogat's movements are often forward-and-backward. Akos wants her to move in circles, instead.

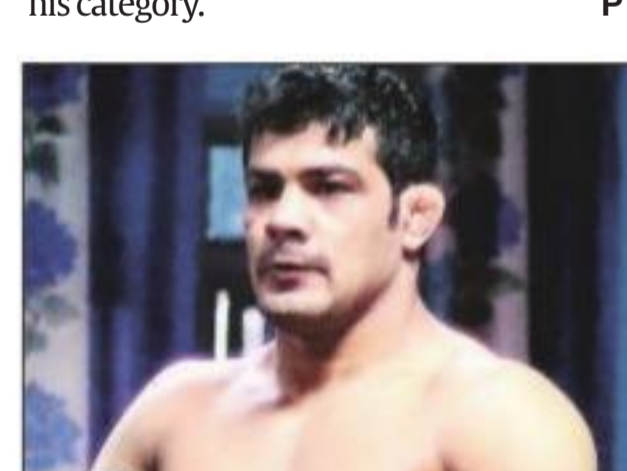
"What is important against the Japanese girl is foot motion. We have started to train in a way that her motion on the mat is circular so as to not give an opportunity to the Japanese girl to attack," Akos says.

The idea, he says, is not just to prepare Phogat for her opponents, but also to see her react in situations where she isn't comfortable. "The training for World Championship and Olympics is to get Vinesh out of her comfort zone. It has to be very hard, physically and technically. Everything we do is designed that way."

Sushil suffers crushing defeat on return to mat

New Delhi: Sushil Kumar's much-anticipated return to the mat after one year ended with a crushing defeat as he was pinned by world number five Bekzod Abdurakhmonov in the 74kg quarterfinals at the Medved tournament in Minsk, Belarus. Uzbekistan's Abdurakhmonov, the reigning Asian Games champion in the category, got hold of Sushil's right leg and earned four points. He then pushed the Indian out of the mat to add two more. Another leg attack by the reigning World Championship bronze medalist had Sushil flummoxed and soon the Uzbek pinned Sushil to end the bout in just 90 seconds. It was Sushil Kumar's first tournament after a failed campaign at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games, where he made a first-round exit.

The two-time Olympic medalist is to compete in the World Championship trials upon his return to the country. Injured Praveen Kumar and Jitender had sought time from the Wrestling Federation of India to challenge Sushil in 74kg trials, prompting the WFI to delay the trials in this category. Sushil does not figure even in the world's top-20 in his category.



Sushil lost to the World No. 5 by fall

Australia PM criticises CA over new transgender policy

REUTERS
SYDNEY, AUGUST 9

CRICKET AUSTRALIA (CA) have come under fire for a new policy aimed at making the sport inclusive for transgender and gender diverse players, with Prime Minister Scott Morrison describing it as "heavy-handed" and "mystifying" on Friday. CA issued two policies on Thursday, one setting out the rules for "Elite" cricket, which they said was closely aligned with the 2017 International Cricket Council guidelines, and the other for "Community Cricket".

While the "Elite" policy demands that trans women must reduce their testosterone levels over a 12-month period to compete in women's cricket, the "Community" policy requires only a nomination of a gender identity.

There was an immediate backlash on social media with some critics lambasting the governing body for progressive posturing but the majority accusing CA of fundamentally undermining women's sport. Morrison waded into the debate in a radio interview with conservative pundit Alan Jones on Friday and suggested the mandatory policies were unnecessary, at grassroots level at least. "I think it's pretty heavy-handed to put it pretty mildly," the prime minister told Sydney radio station 2GB.

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AUSTRALIA PRIME MINISTER

"I think it's a very sensitive issue. I would need to have Cricket Australia understand that this is a very heavy-handed approach they're taking with local sport, and I think there are far more practical ways to handle these issues than these sort of heavy mandatory ways of doing it. And I'm sure these issues have been quite carefully and practically managed at a club level already, and so why there is that necessity to get the sledgehammer out on this is mystifying me."

CA's policy initiative followed Sport Australia's launch of "Trans and Gender Diverse Inclusion" guidelines for all sports in the country last month.

The inclusion of transgender athletes in elite women's sport has become the subject of huge controversy, with critics arguing that being born male gives an unfair physical advantage even after transition. Advocates for transgender inclusion argue that the process of transition decreases that advantage considerably and that physical differences between athletes inside sex classes mean there is never a truly level playing field in sport.

Transgender weightlifter Laurel Hubbard's gold medal-winning performance for New Zealand in women's events at the Pacific Games in Samoa last month became a lightning rod for criticism of transgender policy in the region. Hannah Mouncey, an Australian transgender athlete who was part of the consultation process CA carried out in drawing up the policies, said they had set the standard for the governing bodies of professional sport.

"It's quite easily the best in the world at the elite level and I don't think we'll see a better policy come out anywhere," she told the Canberra Times on Thursday. "It's brought together all the best bits of other policies and created one that's specific to cricket."

"There has to be an elite pathway (for transgender and gender-diverse people), that's something which shouldn't be denied to someone just because they're different."

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'Big mistake to close English window early'

The Premier League has made a big mistake in closing the transfer window before its European counterparts, Tottenham Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino said on Friday. England's top flight clubs can no longer sign new players after the deadline expired on Thursday, but those in Italy, Spain, Germany and France can still strengthen their squads. "I'm more than happy with my squad after we close the window in England," Pochettino. "But of course we are at a disadvantage to the European clubs, because they have 20 days more to operate and that's a big mistake by the Premier League to allow that." Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen and defender Toby Alderweireld both have only a year left on their contracts and Eriksen in particular is on the radar of Real Madrid.

India win 8 medals at Asian schoolboy boxing

Indian junior boxers collected eight medals, including two gold, to finish their campaign as the runners-up at the Asian schoolboy Boxing Championships in Kuwait. Yashwardhan Singh (58kg) and Bharat Joon (70kg) won gold. Aryan (37kg), Vinay Vishkarma (49kg), Preet Malik (55kg), Gaurav Saini (64kg) and Randeep (70+kg) lost their respective finals and finished their campaign with silver medals. Earlier, Naksh Beniwal won the bronze medal in the 67kg.

US gets past 200 medals at Pan Ams

Led by another productive day in the pool, the United States sailed through the 200 total medal barrier at the Pan Am Games on Thursday and warned there was more to come. The United States will need a big finish if they are to better the 103 gold and 265 medals won four years ago in Toronto but with three days of competition remaining, including two more in the pool, they will have their chance. With 82 gold and 206 total medals, the United States are the clear leaders in the table with Brazil surging into second on 36 golds ahead of Mexico with 27 and Canada with 26. "We're just getting warmed up," said Margo Geer after winning the women's 100 metres freestyle for her first individual gold to go along with a pair in the relays.



Despite loss of Romelu Lukaku and Ander Herrera, Manchester United manager Solskjaer said the club would only sign players if they improved the squad.

Solskjaer confident squad will ease doubts

Manchester United can ease supporters' doubts after a relatively quiet transfer window by producing the attractive football that has delighted them in the past, manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said on Friday. A pall of gloom hangs over Old Trafford with many fans disillusioned with United's transfer business in the close season even though the club signed defenders Harry Maguire, Aaron Wan-Bissaka and winger Daniel James. However, United lost striker Romelu Lukaku to Inter Milan and midfielder Ander Herrera to Paris St Germain without recruiting replacements but Solskjaer said the club would only sign players if they improved the squad. "There are always going to be fans out there wanting to sign players. The way we can clear doubts is by playing football, showing what the team want to be and the style of football we want to play," Solskjaer told reporters ahead of Sunday's Premier League match at home to Chelsea. "When our fans see that intention they have always been supporting the team. Within the team and the club we are feeling very confident and we don't feel that negativity."

La Liga ties on Fridays, but not Mondays

Spain's La Liga has been given the go-ahead in a court ruling to continue staging matches on Fridays but not on Mondays following the latest round of a tug-of-war with the country's national football federation (RFEF). The decision by Madrid judge Andres Sanchez Magro, which is provisional and was announced in a 32-page document on Friday, means that the season can start as planned with a match between Athletic Bilbao and titleholders Barcelona on Friday Aug. 16. However, two games due to be played on Monday, Aug. 19, will have to be moved. La Liga had wanted to continue staging matches on both Fridays and Mondays, as well as Saturdays and Sundays, as it has done in the past.



Strain rules Woods out of Northern Trust

Masters champion Tiger Woods withdrew Friday from the opening FedEx Cup playoffs event with what he described as a mild oblique strain. It was the first time Woods has pulled out in the middle of a tournament since the Dubai Desert Classic in February 2017, two months before he had a fourth surgery on his back to fuse his lower spine. "Due to a mild oblique strain that led to pain and stiffness, I have to withdraw from The Northern Trust," Woods said in a statement released by the PGA Tour. "I went for treatment early Friday morning, but unfortunately I'm still unable to compete." Woods, playing in only his second tournament since the U.S. Open in June, opened with a 4-over 75 on a Liberty National course so soft that only one other player had a higher score. It was his second-worst score in 89 rounds in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Sneha claims 11th leg of Women's Pro Tour

Hyderabad's Sneha Singh rode a birdie blitz towards the end of the front nine before playing a very steady round on the back nine to win the 11th Leg of Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here on Friday. The 15-year-old local golfer, who is coached by her father Sanjay Singh, played gutsy golf for an even par 71, while overnight leader Vani Kapoor showed some rust and dropped some crucial shots to card a disappointing six-over 77. From being five ahead of Sneha, Vani finished one behind her in second place.

An El Clasico for Neymar signature

Spanish rivals Barcelona and Real Madrid are set to vie for the PSG forward's acquisition

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
MADRID, AUGUST 9

REAL MADRID will rival Barcelona in the race to sign Paris Saint-Germain striker Neymar this summer, according to reports in the Spanish press on Friday. Madrid have shifted focus to Neymar after the close of the English Premier League's transfer window on Thursday ended their hopes of signing Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba. According to Marca, Neymar has "returned to the scene" with the club "believing for some time that the team is lacking a big star up front".

Sports newspaper AS claims the Brazilian has been offered to Madrid by PSG, who are open to selling if they can either recoup the 222 million euros they spent on him in 2017 or receive half that amount, with players included in the deal. It means La Liga's two greatest rivals are set to go head-to-head in the battle to sign Neymar before the Spanish transfer window closes on September 2.

Barcelona newspaper Mundo Deportivo says the 27-year-old will wait until August 20 for Barcelona to make a decisive move, after which "PSG's number 10 does not rule out any option in order to leave the French champions, where it is clear he does not want to stay any longer."

But Mundo adds that "it is clear Neymar wants to play for Barcelona" while Diario Sport agrees, writing that "the winning card Barca continues to hold is the will of the striker to reunite with players like Leo Messi and Luis Suarez. With them he has a great understanding on the pitch and also a strong friendship off it."

Marca believes Madrid also has factors in their favour. "Neymar's priority is not to go to Barcelona. His priority is to leave the PSG," wrote Marca, also citing their "magnificent relationship"



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with PSG, "quite the opposite" of how the French club view Barcelona.

Luka Modric is mentioned as a possible makeweight while Philippe Coutinho, who reportedly rejected an offer from Tottenham this week, could be included in an offer from Barcelona.

Sport admits whichever team signs Neymar will "inflict a blow on their rivals by snatching a star player from the other's grasp".

"From now on, it will be Neymar that decides," Sport added. "Barcelona want the player to go public but he understands such a move would be risky. If Barca and PSG do not reach an agreement he would be stuck in the French capital for a third year."

Neymar 'relieved' after rape case dismissed

Brazilian football star Neymar said he was "relieved" on Friday after a judge in Sao Paulo dis-

missed the rape case against the Paris Saint Germain forward citing insufficient evidence.

"I'll be sincere and I'm not going to say I'm happy, but yes, relieved," said Neymar in an Instagram post.

The decision -- the final episode in the rape case hanging over the superstar since June -- comes on the recommendation of prosecutors just over a month after police dropped the case citing lack of evidence.

Neymar vehemently denied allegations he raped a Brazilian woman in a Paris hotel in May.

Judge Ana Paula Vieira de Moraes "accepted prosecutors recommendations and demanded the case be dismissed," a court spokesman told AFP.

Neymar said he would "never forget" this incident due to the "PAIN it caused me, my family and the people who really know me."

He added: "This scar will remain to remind me at what point people are capable of doing good things, but also of doing BAD things."

Prosecutor Flavia Merini had argued that the plaintiff Najila Trindade, a Brazilian model, had provided no conclusive evidence of rape against the PSG player.

"What happened between four walls is impossible to know, we have her word against his," Merini told reporters. "We have decided to ask for the closure of the case." However Merini said dismissal was not equivalent to acquittal for Neymar, 27, the world's most expensive footballer. The case could be reopened at any time should new evidence emerge, she said.

Serena, Osaka set up US Open final rematch

REUTERS
TORONTO, AUGUST 9

SERENA WILLIAMS and Naomi Osaka advanced to the Rogers Cup quarter-finals on Thursday to set up their first meeting since the American's infamous row with an umpire overshadowed last year's U.S. Open final. Osaka won her first career Grand Slam at Flushing Meadows but the title match will be remembered for Williams' feud with Carlos Ramos, who warned her for a coaching violation before deducting a point and then a game for her behaviour.

Williams, a three-times Rogers Cup champion, overcame a sluggish start on Thursday to earn a 7-5 6-4 win over Russian qualifier Ekaterina Alexandrova.

Japanese second seed Osaka then closed out the day's action with a 7-6(4) 6-4 win over Polish qualifier Iga Swiatek.

"I've been actually looking forward to playing her for a while," Williams said of the Osaka matchup. Williams, who is eager to get more hard-court matches under her belt before seeking a record-tying 24th career Grand Slam at the U.S. Open, came back from an early double-break down, helped in part by eight double-faults by Alexandrova in the first set.

The American eighth seed, in her first career meeting with Alexandrova, went down a break again and trailed 3-1 in the second but her serve suddenly started to click as she stormed back to 3-3 and from there raced home. "She played really well. She didn't really give me any rhythm,"



Serena Williams beat Russia's Ekaterina Alexandrova 7-5, 6-4 to reach the Roger Cup quarter . AP

Williams said. "I wasn't sure what would come, if it was going to be hard or soft or a winner or what so it was definitely a challenge for me." Osaka also had her hands full and needed to save a pair of set points before grabbing the opener against Swiatek.

The Japanese made a quick start to the second set and seemed in control until Swiatek made a comeback, the 18-year-old winning over the crowd with her versatile play as the match wore on.

Osaka, 21, said she was excited about the chance to play Williams, someone she grew up watching and has beaten in their two previous meetings. "Whenever I get the opportunity to play her it's something that I feel is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Osaka. "It feels more like I am showcasing my skills to

her like 'look what I can do.' So I will go into the match with that mentality."

Defending champion Simona Halep, in her first event since winning last month's Wimbledon, needed 67 minutes to secure a 6-2 6-1 win over Russian wildcard Svetlana Kuznetsova. Halep took a medical timeout in her previous match to have her left Achilles tendoned to and she said she still felt pain in the area against Kuznetsova but that it was feeling much better. "The fact that I'm back in the quarter-finals here means a lot to me," said Halep. "It feels like I'm getting back the rhythm which I had in Wimbledon." Up next for Halep will be in-form Czech qualifier Marie Bouzkova, who breezed by former French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko 6-2 6-2 and has yet to drop a set.

Nadal, Federer join ATP player council

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MONTREAL, AUGUST 9

WORLD NUMBER two Rafael Nadal said that he and long-time rival Roger Federer made a joint decision to stand for the ATP Player Council. The 33-year-old Spaniard, an 18-time Grand Slam singles winner, confirmed the choice by the pair of icons at the ATP Montreal Masters after reaching the quarter-finals by beating Argentina's Guido Pella 6-3 6-4 on Thursday.

Federer, a 20-time Slam singles champion, and Nadal were elected by fellow players to fill two

of the vacancies caused by the resignations of Robin Haase, Jamie Murray and Sergiy Stakhovsky prior to Wimbledon.

"We decided to be together out there," Nadal said. "I will not be alone there. He will not be alone there." Both of us can (combine to) be a good power, good help for the sport in some way -- hopefully in a better way.

"We are here to help and to know a little bit better what's going on. Last year have been some up and downs in a lot of things."

Controversy has arisen over the past months concerning various issues, with ATP Council president Novak Djokovic often on the

opposite side of discussions from Nadal and Federer. The world number one Serb has clashed with many fellow players with disagreements centered on the decision to dispense with the services of ATP chief executive Chris Kermode, a popular figure in tennis.

Splits widened at Wimbledon when Djokovic was taken to task over his relationship with the disgraced Justin Gimelstob. Former player Gimelstob, who has sat on the player council, pleaded no contest to assault charges in Los Angeles earlier this year for attacking a man in front of his wife and children at Halloween in 2018.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

No. CID/ATVM Facilitator/DLI/2018 Dated 08 August 2019
ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF FACILITATORS, FOR ISSUE OF UNRESERVED TICKETS THROUGH AUTOMATIC TICKET VENDING MACHINES (ATVMs) OVER DELHI DIVISION.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Delhi on behalf of the President of India invites Application from Retired Railway employees and their Spouse/Adult child of the Retired Railway employee of Northern Railway for the appointment of facilitators for issuing of unreserved ticket through Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) at various stations over Delhi Division.

S. N.	Name of Station	No of ATVMs	No. of facilitators to be appointed
1.	DELHI JN.	5	3
2.	GHAZIABAD	5	7
3.	ANAND VIHAR	4	1
4.	PANIPAT	3	7
5.	DELHI SHAHDARA	3	7
6.	MEERUT CITY	3	7
7.	ROHTAK	3	4
8.	MUZAFFAR NAGAR	3	8
9.	BALLABGARH	3	8
10.	PALWAL	3	8
11.	FARIDABAD	3	7
12.	SONIPAT	3	8
13.	DELHI SARAI ROHILLA	3	8
14.	GURGAON	3	6
15.	NEW FARIDABAD TOWN	3	9
16.	SHAMLI	3	7
17.	KURUKSHETRA	3	8
18.	KARNAL	3	8
19.	DELHI CANTT	3	7
20.	BAHADURGARH	3	6
21.	SAHIBABAD	2	6
22.	JIND	2	1
23.	NANGLOI	2	5
24.	DELHI SADAR BAZAR	2	6
25.	BARAUT	2	5
26.	SUBZI MANDI	2	5
27.	TUGLAKABAD	2	5
28.	TILAK BRIDGE	2	6
29.	DEOBAND	2	6
30.	NARELA	2	6
31.	SHAKURBASTI	2	3
32.	PALAM	2	6
33.	MEERUT CANTT	2	6
34.	NARWANA	2	4
35.	PATAUDI ROAD	2	4
36.	JHAKHAL	2	5
37.	GANAUR	2	6
38.	SHIVAJI BRIDGE	2	6
39.	KHA TALUJI	2	6
40.	MODI NAGAR	2	6
41.	DELHI KISHANGANJ	1	3
42.	NOLI	1	2
43.	KAITHAL	1	2
44.	ADARSH NAGAR	1	3
45.	BADLI	1	3
46.	BAGPAT ROAD	1	2
47.	MANSA	2	5
48.	VIVEK VIHAR	1	3
49.	SAMALKHA	1	3
50.	SAMPLA	1	2
51.	TOHANA	1	2
52.	GOHANA	1	3
53.	JULANA	1	2
54.	NAYA GHAZIABAD	1	3
55.	BUDHLADA	1	2
56.	TAPRI	1	3
57.	MURAD NAGAR	1	3
TOTAL		123	283

Earnest Money (Rs.) Nil
Application Form cost (Rs.) Nil
Security Deposit (Rs.) Nil
Date of receiving of application Application shall be accepted in the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Delhi on "First Come First Basis"

Eligibility Retired Railway Employee, spouse and adult children of retired employee. The order of priority for engaging facilitators shall be as under
(a): Retired Railway employee.
(b): spouse/adult child retired Railway employee (only one person for one retired Railway employee to be nominated by him/her)
(Spouse/adult children of retired railway employee shall not have any claim for employment and an undertaking on stamp paper shall be submitted as per format.

Address of the office & date from which tender document will be available The Application containing details of terms and conditions & draft agreement are available on the website of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and can be downloaded from 13.08.2019, 1500 hrs. The Application can be obtained from the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Delhi free of cost from 13.08.2019, 10:30 hrs or same may be downloaded from Railway website

No. CID/ATVM Facilitator/DLI/2018 Dated : August 8 2019 2582/19
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Bharat Sarkar/Govt. of India

Grih Mantralaya/Ministry of Home Affairs
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, INDIA
Ad III Section, NDCC II Building, 1st Floor,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi 110001

File No. A-350 13/4/2019-AD.III/811 Dated: 07.07.2019
Selection for appointment on deputation basis (including short term contract) for the post of Statistical Investigator Gr.I in the Pay Scale of PB 2 Rs. 9300 34800 with Grade Pay Rs 4600/- (Level 7 of Pay Matrix of 7th CPC) in the Office of the Registrar General, India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Applications are invited from eligible and willing officers on deputation basis (including short term contract) in the Office of the Registrar General, India, New Delhi for filling up 208 posts (subject to change of vacancy position) of Statistical Investigator Gr. I in PB-2 Rs. 9300-34800 with Grade Pay Rs. 4600/- (Level 7 of Pay Matrix of 7th CPC). These posts are located in Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI) in New Delhi and Directorate of Census Operations State capitals of all over the India. The officers can be posted in any-where in India, Directorate of Census Operation/U.T.s as per the posts carry all India transfer liability. Preference to a particular location will not be considered. Eligibility of the post is as under:-

- Eligibility Conditions:-
2. Officers under the Central Government/State Government/Union Territories/Universities/Recognized Research Institutions/ Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Organisations/statutory or Semi-Government Organizations:-
(c) (i) holding analogous posts on regular basis in the parent cadre or department, or (ii) with five years service in the grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the posts in the pay band-II (pre-revised) Rs 9300-34800 plus Grade pay of Rs. 4200 or equivalent in the parent cadre or Department; and
(d) Possessing the following educational qualifications and experience;
(iii) Master's Degree in Statistics or Mathematics or Economics or Business Studies or Management Studies from a recognized University
(iv) Two years' experience in collection, tabulation analysis and interpretation of Statistical Data.

3. The details of post and duties & responsibilities to the above post may be seen at website <http://www.censusindia.gov.in>
4. The pay of the officers so selected will be regulated in terms of the Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 2/8/97-Estt. (Pay-II) dated 11.03.1998 and as amended from time to time.

5. The applications of only such officers/candidate will be considered as are routed through proper channel and are accompanied by supporting self-attested certificates/documents in support of Qualification and Experience claimed by the candidates and are also accompanied with the following certificate.

- (i) Bio-data in duplicate as per proforma given in Annexure- 'II'
(ii) Cadre clearance certificate
(iii) Statement giving the details of Major or Minor penalties imposed upon the officer, if any, during the last ten (10) years.
(iv) Vigilance clearance/ Integrity Certificate.
(v) Photo copies of ACRs for the past five years (2013-14 to 2017-18) duly attested on each page by an officer not below the level of Under Secretary or equivalent.

6. It is, therefore, requested that the application of eligible and willing officers/ candidates and who can be spared immediately in the event of selection may be forwarded to "The Under Secretary, Admn. III Section, Office of RGI, NDCC II Building, 1st Floor, Jaising Road, New Delhi- 110001" in duplicate in the prescribed proforma (Annexure I) duly signed by the applicant and certified by the Controlling Officer within a period of 60 days from the date of published of this advertisement. Candidates who apply for the above post will not be allowed to withdraw their candidature subsequently.

7. Period of deputation including period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately preceding this appointment in the same or some other organization/department of the Central Government shall ordinarily not exceed three (3) years.
8. The maximum age limit for appointment on deputation shall not be exceeding 56 years as on closing date of receipt of applications.

9. Statistical Investigator Gr. I so appointed on deputation basis are liable to be posted anywhere in India anytime as per administrative requirement of this office.
Note:
(i) Incomplete applications and applications received after closing date and not certified by the respective forwarding authority, will not be entertained.
(ii) It may be ensured that the applications are forwarded strictly with reference to the circular and the annexure.

Sd/-
(Santosh Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)

ECHS desires to engage following staff on contract basis & creating a reserve panel for ECHS Polyclinic at Khanpur, Air Force Station Tughlakabad New Delhi as per the following details:-

Sl No	Appointment	Basic Qualification	Vacancy	Work Experience	Desirable attribute	Age Limit	Reservation for Ex-servicemen	Contractual Fee (per month)	Place Date & time of Interview
01	OIC Polyclinic	Graduate	01	Minimum 5 years work experience in Health care institutions or Managerial Positions.	Additional managerial qualification. Experience of more than 10 years. Computer qualifications if any	Below 53 Years	100%	Rs. 75,000/-	ECHS Polyclinic Khanpur at 1000 Hrs on 03 Sep 19.
02	Dental Officer	BDS	01	Minimum three years experience as a dentist	Merit in BDS, PG/ other Additional qualification Experience more than 05 years if any	Below 63 Years	60%	Rs. 75,000/-	
03	Lab Assistant	(i) Diploma in Medical Lab Technology (DMLT)/ Class-I Laboratory Tech Course (Armed Forces)	01	Minimum Five years work experience as a Lab assistant in Laboratory.	Experience of more than 10 years	Below 53 Years	70%	Rs. 28,100/-	
04	Pharmacist	(i) B Pharma from a recognised Institution	01	Minimum Five years experience	Any Diploma Course in speciality Pharmacy	Below 53 Years	70%	Rs. 28,100/-	
05	Dental Hygienist	Diploma holder in Dental Hygienist/ Class-I DH/ DORA Course (Armed Forces)	01	Minimum 5 yrs experience in Dental Laboratory / Clinic.	Experience of more than 10 yrs. First Aid Course	Below 53 Years	70%	Rs. 28,100/-	
06	Female Attendant	Literate	01	Minimum 05 years experience in Civil/ Army : Health Institution	Experience of more than 10 years First Aid Course	Below 53 Years	70%	16,800/-	

Note: For the above posts application to be submitted before 02 Sep 19 at the address mentioned Gen Inst at Sl No. 06

General Instructions:-
1. **Contractual Remuneration:** Contractual fee as per above mentioned vacancies shown against each. The contractual employees will not be entitled, any allowances / financial benefits or concessions as admissible to Govt. employees.

2. **Contractual Terms and Conditions:-** The contractual employment will be for a period of two years wherein the second extension is granted based on satisfactory performance in the first year. The detailed terms and conditions for employment will be available with ECHS Cell Station Headquarters. The services of the staff are also terminated before expiry of the contractual period by either side after giving 30 days notice. ECHS will be at liberty to terminate the contract of the staff with immediate effect by paying the contractual remuneration of one month in lieu of 30 days notice period in the circumstances warrant so. The selection is purely contractual in nature and does not confer any right for regularization and permanent absorption.

3. **Working Hours:** The working hours for the staff would be 48 hours per week (8x6) from Monday to Saturday.

4. **Leave:** The staff will be entitled for leave @ 2.5 days for every completed month during the contractual period which will lapse, if accumulated at the end of six months besides Sundays & Gazetted holidays.

5. The applicants will report to the place, date and time of interview as indicated above along with the application Form, Medical Fitness Certificate from SMO/CMO, Original degree Certificate and experience certificate with Xerox copies. Application form will be obtained from ECHS website www.echs.gov.in. Results of the interview will be available on 04 Oct 19, 1100 Hrs at Main Guard Room Notice Board and is subjected to approval of competent Authority and Intimated by registered post to selected candidates.

6. All application to be addressed to C Adm O, Air Force Station, Tughlakabad, MB Road, New Delhi-110080 and also be dropped by hand in drop box placed at Main Guard Room of this station.

Sd/-
(KR Ranjan)
Wg Cdr
OIC ECHS Cell Khanpur
AFS Tughlakabad New Delhi-80