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Landlines from today, schools re-open next week: J&K says 'gradual' easing

Taking steps exchange by exchange keeping terror threat in mind...a lot of Srinagar will function by today: Chief Secy

NAVEEDIQBAL & ADILAKHZER
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 16

MOVING TO relax restrictions imposed in the Valley after the state's special status was revoked on August 5, the Jammu and Kashmir administration Friday announced that communication lines will be restored in a phased manner, starting with

landline phones over the weekend, and schools will resume functioning from Monday.

Announcing the easing of restrictions, Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam told a press conference that government offices in the Valley functioned normally and attendance was "quite high" Friday. He said there has been no loss of life or major injury since the restrictions were imposed on August 5.

"Keeping in view the evolving situation, as well as the cooperation of people in maintaining calm and peace, we are now taking measures to ease the restrictions in a gradual manner," Subrahmanyam said. "As things stand, 12 of the 22 districts of the state are functioning normally with some limited night-time restrictions in five of these."

He said telecom connectivity **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



J&K Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam addresses the media in Srinagar, Friday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

J&K Cong chief in house arrest, when will this end, asks Rahul

ARUN SHARMA & BASHAARAT MASOOD
JAMMU, SRINAGAR, AUGUST 16

J&K CONGRESS chief and former minister Ghulam Ahmad Mir was placed under house arrest Friday in Jammu where police also detained the party's chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma for nearly three hours, whisking him away from the Congress headquarters when he was about to address a press conference.

Police gave no reason for Mir's arrest or Sharma's detention but **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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A nuke flutter from careful Rajnath: No-first-use may not be cast in stone

'India has adhered ...what happens in future depends on circumstances'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

KNOWN FOR his carefully calibrated choice of words, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Friday created a flutter when he said that India remained "firmly committed" to the doctrine of "no first use" for nuclear weapons but indicated that this may not be etched in stone.



Rajnath Singh pays tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his first death anniversary, at Pokhran, Friday. *PTI*

The Defence minister's tweets came after visiting **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

EXPLAINED

Now, for the tightrope walk

INDIA'S OFFICIAL position has been no-first-use since Vajpayee. But Rajnath Singh's comments re-open the debate. As China and Pak cosy up on Kashmir and India aspires to join the NSG, Delhi will have to do a tightrope walk.

At UNSC, China makes some noise, India rebuts

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

PUSHED BY China, the United Nations Security Council met Friday for a closed-door, informal consultation on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir but there were no statements or outcomes. US President Donald Trump, who received a call from Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan before the UNSC meeting, said India and Pakistan must reduce tensions over J&K through bilateral dialogue.

Barring China, no other UNSC member commented on the meeting after it ended given that it was an informal consultation. China's envoy to the UN Zhang Jun said UNSC members were "concerned about the human rights situation there and also it's the general view of members that parties concerned should refrain from taking any unilateral action that might further aggravate the tension".

Rebutting the Chinese envoy's claim, India's Permanent UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin said Zhang was trying to pass off his own remarks as "the will of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Kumaraswamy got phones of MLAs tapped, says probe, CM calls for report

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BENGALURU, AUGUST 16

AN INQUIRY into the tapping of phone conversations of Bengaluru's current Commissioner of Police Bhaskar Rao and the airing of clips to a section of the media has plunged Karnataka into political turmoil again, just weeks after the Congress-JD(S) coalition lost a trust vote paving the way for a BJP government in the state.

A police probe into the surveillance allegations has revealed that phones of several politicians, bureaucrats and journalists were tapped in recent months during the tenure of former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, who has since denied any involvement.

It began as an internecine battle between officers in the Karnataka Police for the post of Bengaluru Police Commissioner. And days after the clips were aired, Congress leaders like Siddaramaiah, former Home Minister M B Patil, leader Mallikarjun Kharge and former BJP Home Minister R Ashok are among those who have **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



His new headache

demanding a probe into the phone tapping.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has asked for a report from the Chief Secretary about the alleged illegal phone taps that occurred around November 2018 — when the Congress-JD(S) coalition was under threat from rebels in its ranks and BJP efforts to topple the government.

The allegations surfaced last week after telephone conversations of Rao with a man allegedly linked to the Congress high command emerged on a local television channel in Karnataka. Rao was appointed Commissioner on August 2 by Yediyurappa. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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In Marathwada, govt plans Rs 16,000-crore grid for piped water

KAVITHAIYER
MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

FACING CYCLICAL drought, the arid Marathwada region of central India has now been promised a network of giant pipelines running thousands of kilometres to connect the region's 11 major reservoirs, punctuated by water treatment plants and pumping stations, to provide piped drinking water to every village household three years from now.

Water scarcity in the region is acute — while large parts of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

western Maharashtra reeled under floods last week, over 250 villages in Marathwada continued to receive water through tankers. Already suffering from an acute depletion of groundwater levels, five districts still face a 20 to 42 per cent monsoon deficit though Maharashtra has recorded excess rain this season.

Called the Marathwada Water Grid, the first tenders are to be floated in a week, covering a Rs 4,527-crore component of the Rs 16,000-crore project.

Gujarat HC to monitor live footage from lower judiciary, rank them

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SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 16


FROM DISPLAY monitors attached to computers to live streams from CCTV cameras in lower courts and from an LED projector to video-conferencing, the Gujarat High Court Thursday inaugurated a "war room" to improve administration across the judiciary in the state.

With this project, the HC also plans to rank courts on a monthly basis based on the disposal rate of pending cases. Of the six screens housed within the war room located on the HC premises, one is solely **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

The 'war room' is meant to improve administration across judiciary in the state


dedicated to access CCTV footage from any and all courtrooms across the state along with video conferencing facilities.

HD Suthar, Registrar General of the Gujarat HC told *The Indian Express*, "The CCTV footage for any court room within the state can be accessed immediately which will allow us to keep an **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**




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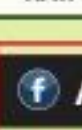
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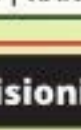
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UNSC China

the international community". "For the first time after the end of Security Council consultations, we noted that two states (China and Pakistan) who made national statements tried to pass them off as the will of the international community," he said.

The White House, referring to Imran Khan's call to Trump before the meeting, said: "The President conveyed the importance of India and Pakistan reducing tensions through bilateral dialogue regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir."

Dimitry Polyanskiy, Russia's Deputy Permanent Representative, told reporters before entering the meeting room that Moscow's view is that it is a "bilateral issue" between India and Pakistan. He said the meeting was being held to understand what is happening.

Akbaruddin, while taking questions from Pakistani journalists outside the UNSC meeting venue, said India is committed to gradually removing all restrictions in Kashmir.

"India remains committed to ensure that the situation in Kashmir remains calm and peaceful. We are committed to all the agreements that we have signed on this issue. We note that there are some who try to project an alarmist approach to the situation, which is far from the ground realities."

Underlining that the revocation of J&K special status is "an internal matter of India and these have no external ramifications" he said: "Stop terror to start talks."

The UNSC decided to hold "informal consultations" on J&K after China approached Poland, which holds the UNSC presidency this month, to discuss Pakistan's letter on India's move to revoke J&K's special status and its bifurcation into two Union Territories.

The Chinese envoy said "the unilateral action by India has changed the status quo in Kashmir, which is an internationally recognised dispute... India's actions have also challenged China's sovereign interests and violated bilateral agreements in maintaining peace and stability in the border areas, and China is very much concerned. I want to emphasise that such unilateral practice by India is not valid in relation to China, and will not change China's exercise of sovereignty and effective administrative jurisdiction over the territory."

"Both India and Pakistan are China's friendly neighbours, and both are major developing countries. Both India and Pakistan are at a crucial stage of development. We call on the two sides to set store of the developments of peace in South Asia and discard this zero-sum game mentality and settle disputes peacefully and maintain peace and security in the region collectively and jointly," he said.

Pakistan's envoy to the UN Maleeha Lodhi described her country's push for the UNSC meeting as "the first and not the last step".

J&K Cong chief

one officer, who did not wish to be identified, said these were preventive measures because there was apprehension of breach of peace. Sharma was released after being booked under CrPC sections 107 (security for keeping the peace) and 151 (arrest to prevent commission of cognizable offences).

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, in a tweet, said: "I strongly condemn the arrest of our J&K PCC Chief, Shri Ghulam Ahmed Mir & spokesperson, Shri Ravinder Sharma in Jammu today. With this unpro-

voked action against a national political party, the Govt has delivered democracy another body blow. When will this madness end?"

Mir said he was at his Greater Kailash home when senior police officers showed up around 5 pm and told him that he had been "put under house arrest". He said the officers claimed they had "orders from the top". A day earlier, Mir had visited the party headquarters to unfurl the Tricolour.

From Verinag in Anantnag district, Mir is a former minister and a two-term Congress MLA from Dooru. This year, he contested the Anantnag Lok Sabha elections and finished second, ahead of PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti.

Mir's house arrest came on the day the J&K administration announced that the situation was returning to normal in many parts of the state. In Jammu district, restrictions have been lifted.

The administration has not said how many people have been arrested or detained so far. But among the leaders held are NC's S S Salathia, Ajay Sadhotra and Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo, Congress leader Raman Bhalla, Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan leader Choudhary Lal Singh, Panthers Party chairman Harsh Dev Singh — all former ministers.

Meanwhile, Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Iltija Javed put out copies of a letter addressed to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, asking him why she has been detained at her home and is not allowed to meet anyone. In the letter, Iltija asked if it is a crime to speak for her people.

"We are not even told when visitors are turned away from the gate and am not allowed to step out either... I am left with no other option but to write to you since I have made several unsuccessful attempts to get a degree of clarity on my detention," Iltija said in her letter. She said security personnel posted at her residence cited her interviews to media channels as the reason for her detention.

Karnataka

who was sworn-in on July 26. In the leaked conversations, Rao, a 1990-batch IPS officer of ADG rank, was heard asking an alleged middle man Faraz to lobby on his behalf with a Congress leader for the post of Bengaluru police commissioner. The purported conversations also refer to efforts being made by a junior police officer to be appointed Commissioner by superseding all seniors.

The alleged conversations — the authenticity of which is yet to be established — seemed to have occurred prior to June 2019 when the Congress-JD(S) coalition led by Kumaraswamy was still in power and a few senior police officers in Karnataka were vying for the post of Bengaluru Police Commissioner.

On June 17, Kumaraswamy appointed 1994-batch IPS officer Alok Kumar — who had just been promoted to ADGP rank — as Commissioner, superseding 21 ADGPs. The move resulted in turmoil in not just police, but within the coalition too.

Before his appointment as Commissioner, Kumar was Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) for the city and had powers to authorise phone taps of persons linked to criminal activities.

Kumar, however, was eased out of the Commissioner's post by Bhaskar Rao after the BJP came to power. The bad blood between the officers was evident when Kumar stayed away from the customary handing over of charge to his successor despite Rao waiting in the Commissioner's office to receive

the baton.

Shortly after Rao assumed charge, audio clips of his purported phone conversations with the alleged Congress middle man emerged on a news channel. The leak occurred even as Kumar approached the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) against his premature transfer within days of assuming charge.

While Rao directed the Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil to conduct an inquiry into the origins of the leaked conversations, Kumar told reporters that the conversations were tapped while police were tracking the activities of Faraz. "We were intercepting the calls of Faraz who was a suspect in a ponzi scheme," Kumar said at the time, suggesting that Rao's phone was not directly tapped.

Rao did not comment on the leaked audio clips and phone tapping. He, however, complained to state DGP Neelamani Raju about the incident setting in motion the inquiry, sources said.

A report by the Bengaluru JCP revealed that police had been tapping phones of not just those involved in crime but also politicians and bureaucrats for over six months leading to the Bhaskar Rao tapping incident.

"There was illegal tapping of phones of MLAs and bureaucrats. Close associates of the current Chief Minister and other leaders were also being monitored," said police sources.

While there is a prescribed format for phone taps, an officer of the rank of Additional Commissioner can authorise tapping for a week without government sanction. However, sources said some of the phone taps of politicians and their associates were illegal.

The preliminary inquiry also looked at how the tapped conversations, which are government property, were leaked. It found that on August 2, when the Police Commissioner was being changed, a senior police officer asked officials at a technical cell involved in intercepting phone calls to provide recordings of the new Commissioner's phone conversations with the alleged Congress middle man on a pen drive.

The leaked conversations then allegedly found their way to a television channel through another IPS officer, said police sources.

Based on the preliminary report given to the DGP, the Karnataka government is likely to order a probe by the CID, according to sources. On Friday, Kumar withdrew his petition challenging the appointment of Bhaskar Rao as Commissioner of Police.

Kumaraswamy, who was in power when much of the alleged illegal tapping occurred, has distanced himself from the incident. "I have always said when I was the CM that power is not permanent. I did not have the necessity to hang on to power by tapping the phones of people. Allegations of my involvement in this matter is all false," he said.

Gujarat HC

eye on our judicial officers across courtrooms. It will also help us monitor the presence of advocates during gearings and police officers who may be required to be present for a case — whether they are present or not and so on."

"We will monitor and observe what areas particular courts may be lagging in, what difficulties they may be facing. For example, in tribal areas, transportation is an issue. Or say the absence of a stenographer may make it difficult for dicta-

Valley curbs being relaxed

will be gradually restored "exchange by exchange" keeping in mind the "constant threat posed by terrorist organisations in using mobile connectivity to organise terror actions".

"You will see gradual restoration from tonight and tomorrow onward. You will find a lot of Srinagar functioning tomorrow morning. BSNL takes a couple of hours to get back to action. Exchange by exchange, they will be switching it on. Over the weekend, you will have most of these lines functional."

Stating that some decisions were taken for long-term welfare of the people of all regions of the state and for better governance and accelerated development, Subrahmanyam said, "In implementing the decisions taken last fortnight, this history of cross-border terror-

ism required the government to put in place certain preventive steps as a precautionary measure. An important factor in doing so were credible inputs that such terrorist organisations were planning to undertake strikes in the state in the immediate future."

On the detentions over the last two weeks, he said "a few" preventive detentions were made in accordance with provisions of the law "to maintain law and order and avoid breach of peace".

As movement restrictions are removed "area by area", public transport is expected to start plying in these areas. The government approach, he said, is guided by the conviction that all-round development is "the most credible solution to address the separatist sentiments propagated by vested interests". Responding to questions,

the Chief Secretary said: "Our primary responsibility is to ensure that there is no loss of life. Most of you have seen the events of 2008, 2010 and 2016, what happened then and what has happened now. There has not been a single loss of life and the credit goes to the people of the state, the government and the security forces that they have managed to get over the situation very quietly and with utmost calm."

In Srinagar, prohibitory orders were relaxed in the Civil Lines area to allow public and vehicle movement but the curbs remained in place in the downtown part of the city.

People offered Friday prayers at neighbourhood mosques but the bigger mosques, including Jamia Masjid at Nowhatta, remained out of bounds. The day passed off peacefully barring minor

protests in parts of the Valley. At Jinab Sahib in Soura, people took to the streets after the prayers.

Residents of Foreshore Road near Hazratbal in Srinagar alleged that security personnel damaged public property Thursday evening following stone-pelting by protesters. Additional forces have been deployed in the area. Asked about the incident and claims of damage to civilian property, J&K government spokesperson Rohit Kansal said he would "get the matter checked".

Kansal said a journalist, who was detained by security forces in Tral, has been released. Irfan Malik, a journalist working for the daily Greater Kashmir, was picked from his home Wednesday night and was taken to the Tral police station.

A nuke flutter from careful Rajnath

Pokhran where India carried out nuclear tests in May 1998 when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was Prime Minister.

"Pokhran is the area which witnessed Atalji's firm resolve to make India a nuclear power and yet remain firmly committed to the doctrine of 'No First Use'. India has strictly adhered to this doctrine. What happens in future depends on the circumstances," Singh said. He was in Pokhran to offer tributes to Vajpayee on his first death anniversary.

"India attaining the status of a responsible nuclear nation became a matter of national pride for every citizen of this country. The nation will remain indebted to the greatness of Atalji," he said in a tweet.

A commitment to not be the first to use a nuclear weapon has long been India's stated policy.

Singh's comments come when Pakistan has been whipping up the rhetoric in the wake of the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan PM Imran Khan had told

Pakistan's Parliament that the Indian government's move could ultimately lead to a conventional war between the two nuclear-armed neighbours which was perceived in Delhi as nuclear blackmail by Pakistan which has developed "tactical" nuclear weapons.

While Singh's remark doesn't necessarily mean that the government is looking at a review of the nuclear doctrine, it could re-open the debate on no-first-use policy and.

These comments come almost three years after then Defence minister Manohar Parrikar had, on November 10, 2016, also questioned the no-first-use policy of India, saying why should India "bind" itself when it is a "responsible nuclear power". Later, he clarified that this was his personal opinion.

India first adopted a "No first use" policy after its second nuclear tests, Pokhran-II, in 1998. In August 1999, the government released a draft of the doctrine which said that nuclear weapons are solely for deterrence and that India will

pursue a policy of "retaliation only".

The document also maintained that India "will not be the first to initiate a nuclear first strike but will respond with punitive retaliation should deterrence fail" and that decisions to authorise the use of nuclear weapons would be made by the Prime Minister or his "designated successor(s)".

Despite the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan in 2001-2002 and again in 2008 after the Mumbai terror attack, India remained committed to its nuclear no-first-use policy. India is in the process of developing a nuclear doctrine based on "credible minimum deterrence".

However, in a speech at the National Defence College on October 21, 2010 by India's then National Security Advisor, Shivshankar Menon, the wording was changed from "no first use" to "no first use against non-nuclear weapon states".

The BJP had, in its 2014 election manifesto, said that it

is going to "revise and update" India's nuclear doctrine, including no-first-use policy. But Prime Minister Narendra Modi has, in the run-up to the recent general elections, reiterated the government's commitment to no-first-use policy.

In April 2013, Shyam Saran, convener of the National Security Advisory Board, affirmed that regardless of the size of a nuclear attack against India, be it a tactical nuclear weapon or a strategic nuclear weapon, India will retaliate massively. This was in response to reports that Pakistan had developed a tactical battlefield nuclear weapon, in an attempt to supposedly nullify an Indian "no first use" retaliatory doctrine.

Former Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal told The Indian Express Friday that Singh's comments could be a "signal to China and Pakistan" in view of their increasing co-operation and the latest attempt to corner India by raising the issue of J&K at the UN Security Council after 1971.

tion of judgments. Service of summons may be another issue. We will look carefully at rectifying any such problem areas and will give the courts full opportunity to remedy it."

The six screens will be monitored by three persons in the war-room, who will also make a daily status report for the administrative wing of the judicial system. Three screens will include monitoring of statistics with respect to subordinate courts' judicial pendency. One screen will also look at the HC's pendency and disposal status, case-type-wise and bench-wise.

Another screen is devoted to monitor infrastructure and human resources. Pointing at black, orange and green coloured courts dotting the map of Gujarat on the screen, Suthar said, "For example, there are some court complexes owned by us (black) while some others are rented (green) and some others government-owned (orange). Now say, for courts working within rented premises, it would allow us to effectively keep and track and allocate accordingly our budget for having those complexes operate out of completely owned buildings... We will be monitoring construction work as well by geo-tagging such sites and with support from the public works depart-

ment."

According to Suthar, only after sufficient opportunities have been given will the HC recommend what is required. "Periodical review will be placed before the administrative lordship along with the Acting Chief Justice/Chief Justice," Suthar said when asked if any action will be taken against judicial officers or courts found to be lacking in the parameters that the "war room" under the aegis of the State Court Monitoring System (SCMS) will monitor.

Senior advocate Tushar Hemani believes monitoring the CCTV footage from the lower courts is certainly desirable. "The moment a lower court judge is aware that he/she is being watched, I believe that will make them more vigilant," he said.

Suthar also explained that monitoring statistics will be translated to rankings. "Court rankings will be revised monthly based on the number of cases disposed. There's no differentiation with respect to quality of judgment. How do you assess quality of judgments? For every case, there will always be an aggrieved party and one satisfied party and an aggrieved party in all probability will approach a higher forum to address his/her grievances," he said.

Hemani, however, said that

an ideal system of ranking should be an amalgamation of quality of judgments as well as quantity. "Say for 100 cases disposed, 95 can be adjudged as part of the quantity aspect and five can be reviewed on the basis of the quality of judgment. Most cases are routine cases and there isn't any rocket science involved. In such a case, the number of cases disposed is relevant. But once a month, you have a politically sensitive case where application of the mind is required and the reasoning behind the judgment is relevant. For such cases, the quality should be reviewed and a combination of a court's performance in those two factors should drive their ranking," he said.

Built and developed in-house, six to seven people worked round-the-clock for fifteen days to create the war-room. Suthar said no additional expense was incurred as LCD monitors used in the set-up were already part of the existing inventory and CCTV cameras had already been installed in all 355 court complexes with 1,586 courtrooms and 1,078 working judicial officers across the state, from the state government's budget.

Marathwada

The project proposes to con-

nect 11 major dams in Marathwada through pipelines ranging from 1.6 m to 2.4 m in diameter. A primary loop will connect the reservoirs to enable pumping water from water surplus dams to areas serviced by reservoirs with low storage levels.

For example, right now, while the region's biggest dam Jayakwadi has opened its sluice gates partially after its reservoir Nath Sagar filled up to 91 per cent of its capacity owing to inflows from rained-out Nashik's east-flowing rivers, at least half-a-dozen of the remaining 10 major dams are still at dead storage.

"The project aims to bring in water security and optimal use of available water in the region. Often, there is water individually in these reservoirs, but collectively the region is water scarce," said P Velrasu, member-secretary of the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran (MJP), which is handling the project.

He called the Marathwada grid a potential "game-changer" for the region. Through pipelines and pump houses, the grid — much like a power grid — will allow water to be drawn from a water-surplus reservoir and pumped to water treatment plants and from there to talukas where there is a scarcity. Some sections of the pipeline will allow reverse flows to optimise

the system so that a water-scarce taluka is supplied from the nearest water-surplus reservoir. A secondary network of pipelines will convey water to each of Marathwada's 76 talukas, with tapping points at a distance of every 5 km to 10 km.

At a later stage, the project envisages connecting to the Marathwada grid the waters from Konkan's west-flowing rivers that now empty freshwater into the Arabian Sea, and also from the Krishna basin that keeps western Maharashtra flush.

For now, tenders will be floated for two packages — one contract will cover Aurangabad-Jalna, another Beed. Tenders for the remaining three packages will be floated soon after the state Assembly elections, due in October.

Concessionaires for each package will lay the primary pipelines for bulk water from the reservoirs, the secondary grid of pipelines for treated water, and water treatment plants. For Aurangabad alone, the project foresees 192 km of primary pipelines and 490 km of secondary pipelines. In Jalna, pipelines for bulk water will run 132 km and 293 km for treated water. Four treatment plants in Aurangabad will process 396 million litres daily (MLD), and three plants in Jalna will process 149 MLD. Together, the anticipated cost for the 1,108 km of pipelines and seven treatment plants is estimated to be Rs 4,500 crore.

As project consultant, Israel's national water supply company, Mekorot, which has in recent years emerged as a sectoral expert for water-scarce regions, is drawing up detailed reports on the anticipated demand district-wise for the region in 2050 for drinking water, animals, irrigation and industry.

Their scope of work also includes studying available and potential water sources, including existing supply lines. Mekorot will submit reports on the feasibility of a piped water grid for all uses, but the first phase will focus on providing piped drinking water to a region where hundreds of crores are spent each year on water tankers.

Guided by Israel's water supply network that includes a deep pipeline through the desert from freshwater Lake Sea of Galilee, the Marathwada grid is, however, not the first such Indian scheme. Telangana has built its Mission Bhagiratha, while Gujarat has a drinking water project that is a hybrid of pipelines and canals from the Sardar Sarovar dam.

According to Velrasu, no land acquisition is foreseen except for the water treatment plants, as the pipelines are to be laid along existing highways where the state has right of way. Wherever the pipes are to be laid under sections of farmland, farmers may be paid compensation for standing crops.

But some challenges remain: MJP's Rs 16,000-crore project will have to be matched by an almost equal investment by the state's water supply department to build a much more dense and complicated tertiary network of pipelines reaching villages and homes. Without those, the project will stay incomplete.

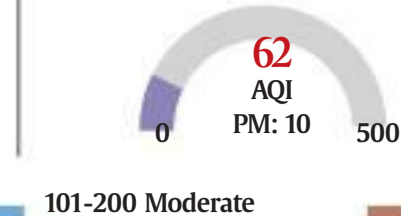
Also, under the Hybrid Annuity Model, following pre-qualification and vetting of designs, the bidder quoting the lowest Net Present Value (NPV) for construction and operations for 15 years will be selected. The concessionaire raises 60 per cent of the project cost via debt and equity, while the government pays the remaining in tranches. A budgeted revenue support from the government for the concessionaire over 15 years will be required.



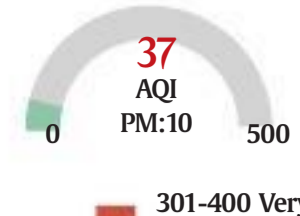
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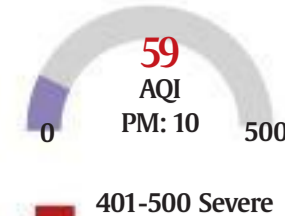
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DCP suicide: Cops probe blackmail claims, accused journalist at large

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 16

TWO DAYS after Faridabad's Deputy Commissioner of Police (DyCP) Vikram Kapoor committed suicide by shooting himself with his service revolver, a journalist accused of blackmailing Kapoor continues to be at large, police said.

In a one-line purported suicide note, Kapoor had claimed that an SHO had been blackmailing him. Kapoor's son reiterated this allegation in his complaint, and added that another person, identified by police as local journalist Satish Malik, was an accomplice. He alleged that both men had been blackmailing his father with false allegations for over a month, because of which he had been troubled.



Kapoor shot himself with his service revolver on Wednesday

registered on the basis of the complaint against the SHO and Malik on Wednesday. While Abdul Shahid, the SHO of the Bhopani police station, was immediately detained, he was formally arrested on Thursday.

A Special Investigation Team, headed by ACP (Crime) and with

three other members, has also been formed to probe the matter. Malik, meanwhile, is absconding, police said.

Although police said they are determining the details of the alleged blackmail, sources said Malik works for a Hindi language newspaper which had published

two articles in June, without a byline, making allegations of Kapoor accepting money from wine smugglers and bookies.

Police, however, said they are still trying to determine in what capacity Malik was involved.

"Now that the SHO has been taken into remand, all of these angles will be investigated. We are yet to determine in what capacity the second accused was involved, and why he has been named in the FIR. He is yet to be arrested," said Sube Singh, PRO of Faridabad Police.

Kapoor (59) was due to retire in October next year. He had joined the police force as part of the Haryana Police Service and had been promoted to the Indian Police Service two years ago. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Meanwhile, the accused SHO was produced in court Friday

and remanded in police custody for further questioning.

"Police requested for a five-day police remand, but the court granted four days. He will be further questioned during this period," said Singh.

"Initial questioning has taken place, but the accused has not cooperated with the investigation so far. We expect to be able to determine the reasons for the alleged blackmail during the remand period," said the PRO.

The incident took place around 6 am Wednesday at the DCP's residence in Police Lines, in Faridabad's Sector 30.

In his complaint to police, Kapoor's son claimed the family woke up to the sound of a bullet being fired, and walked into the drawing room to discover Kapoor's body on the sofa in a pool of blood, with his service revolver lying close by.

Finance dept for improving bus quality instead of free rides

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE DELHI finance department has questioned the rationale behind the Delhi government's proposal to provide a flat subsidy of Rs 10 per commute for implementing the free rides for women scheme, irrespective of distance travelled. It has also cast doubts on the capacity of the existing bus fleet to handle the potential jump in ridership.

The department, replying to a draft Cabinet note on the proposal, suggested that the government focus on improving quality of bus services "instead of extending free passes".

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has already announced that the scheme will be launched on October 29. The government maintains offering free rides to women will help increase their participation in the workforce.

However, the Delhi government's finance department has pointed out that the draft Cabinet note is "silent on how misuse of free passes, especially during odd



Sisodia had earlier interacted with women bus commuters. The CM announced the scheme will be launched on Oct 29

hours, will be prevented," sources told *The Indian Express*.

The department asked if the possibility of monthly or annual passes was considered. While the DTC came up with three options, including special passes, the government is inclined to roll out the scheme through special tickets instead of passes to help gauge demand better.

"It also pointed out that the transport department has made the proposal based on a day-long study of about 32,000 passengers. If the proposal of free ridership is implemented, there would be a

huge increase in female ridership in buses. However, the existing fleet may not be able to cater to this increase," a senior official said.

On subsidies, the department has questioned the logic of the Rs 10 per journey proposal. "Why should we not go for the actual denomination based on the distance travelled?" the official said.

Since the finance department has committed requisite funds for the scheme despite its reservations, it has suggested that the transport department consider alternative sources of revenue, to "offset the subsidy amount".

BRIEFLY

Brinda Karat writes to Puri on temple

New Delhi: In a letter to Union Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri, senior CPM leader Brinda Karat asked the Centre to rebuild the Guru Ravidas temple in South Delhi's Tughlaqabad, which was demolished on the Supreme Court's order. Meanwhile, AAP said it will stage a protest outside the BJP headquarters Sunday against the demolition of the temple. **ENS**

RML institute renamed after Vajpayee

New Delhi: On Friday, the Centre-run Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital's medical institute, earlier known as Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, was renamed Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences to mark the former PM's first death anniversary. Inaugurated by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, the institute will now offer undergraduate courses. **PTI**

E-learning push for better exam results

New Delhi: To improve results at Class X level, the Delhi government is opting for e-learning tie-ups with a private firm to target maths and science in "low-performing schools". After this year's board results, the education department identified maths and science as problem areas. A pilot e-learning initiative in these two subjects will be conducted in 102 "low-performing" schools for students of Classes IX and X. **ENS**

Woman alleges rape

Noida: A 32-year-old woman alleged an acquaintance raped her on the pretext of giving her a lift in Greater Noida Friday. Police said an FIR has been filed. **ENS**

'Food for 5 million people'

New Delhi: The Robin Hood Army, a volunteer-based initiative where excess food from restaurants is collected and distributed to the less fortunate, served around 5 million people across 500 villages from August 11-15 as part of their #Mission5 programme. **ENS**

AAP MLA convicted of assaulting woman who complained of waterlogging in 2014

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

A DELHI court convicted AAP MLA Manoj Kumar for assaulting a woman who turned up at his office to complain about waterlogging in 2014. The prosecution alleged that on February 8, 2014, the woman and several others went to the Kondli MLA's office with complaints of waterlogging in the area.

When the group aired their grievances, the MLA asked them not to disturb him and pushed

the woman, it was alleged. It was also alleged that an associate of the MLA assaulted another woman, and a man was slapped in the face.

Police had booked the MLA under sections of assault and outraging the modesty of a woman.

The court, however, opined that "the intention and motive of the accused may be was to shove the complainant on some issue but not to insult or outrage her modesty".

"Therefore, it cannot be said the prosecution is able to prove its charge under section 354 (as-

sault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) IPC but the charge under section 352 (punishment for assault or criminal force otherwise than on grave provocation) IPC has been clearly made out," said Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal.

When the prosecution argued for convicting the MLA under IPC section 354, the court observed that the prosecution's claim — that the accused tried to outrage the modesty of the complainant in the presence of such a large number of persons — seemed

"unnatural (and) there has to be clear and unimpeachable evidence before it can be accepted".

It went on to say that the accused is a public representative and it was his duty to behave fairly and courteously to those who approach him with problems. It said the most important piece of evidence was the complainant's testimony, which "has its own relevancy and efficacy".

The court held that "there is clear evidence on record that Kumar had pushed the complainant, which amounts to an assault on the complainant".

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for Fellowship Programmes at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka for the year 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Name of the Fellowship Programme	No. of Seats	Duration	Eligibility
1	Oral Oncosurgery	4	1 ½ Years	M.Ch (Surg. Onco) /MDS (Oral & Maxillofacial surgery) MS (Gen. Surg.) / MS (ENT)
2	Tumor Pathology	4	1 ½ Years	M.D/DNB (Pathology)

1. As per RGUHS notification No. RGU/ACA/AFF/KIDWAI/2018-19, dated: 24-11-2018, candidates with Diploma qualification having one year of teaching / clinical / practice experience will be considered for selection, if candidates with PG degree qualification is not available.
2. Preference will be given for sponsored candidates from Institution affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences.

Instruction: (1) Application can be downloaded from the Website: www.kidwai.kar.nic.in with a DD of Rs. 2,000/- as application fee drawn in favour of the Director, KMIO, Bangalore-29 and submitted along with the relevant copies of the documents to the Director, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore-560 029 in person or by Registered post before **23-08-2019**. The candidate should superscribe on the envelope as "Application for Fellowship Programme in _____" (2) Course Fee is Rs. 35,000/-. (3) Stipend will be paid as per Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology norms. (Only for non sponsored candidates). (4) The Candidates should attend the interview at their own cost. No intimation shall be sent separately for attending the interview. (5) The Written Test for all courses. **Date : 27-08-2019, Time : 9.00 A.M.** (6) Based on the marks secured in the Written Test, candidates will be called for Viva Voce in the ratio of 1:5 for each course. (7) Candidates selected have to join within one day.

Written Test: **1. Oral Oncosurgery**
2. Tumor Pathology } **Date: 27-08-2019 Time : 9.00 AM. Venue : Seminar Hall**

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50-yr-old cop shoots himself

New Delhi: A 50-year-old head constable, deployed at the Anand Vihar railway station, allegedly committed suicide inside the police booth Friday. The officer, Naresh Panwar, allegedly shot himself in the head using his service pistol.

DCP (Railways) D K Gupta said, "Panwar reported for duty at 1.50 am. At 8.26 am, a Railway Police Force personnel found him unconscious in a sitting position on the cement slab... with blood on his head and his service pistol lying on the ground."

Gupta said the post-mortem was conducted Friday and the body was handed over to his family. "No foul play is suspected. We did not find a suicide note and are investigating as to why he took this step," he said. Inquest proceedings have been initiated in the matter.

Panwar is survived by his wife and two children.

In another incident, a senior sub-inspector posted in Baghpat shot himself dead with his service revolver at his Ghaziabad home Friday, police said. ENS



THE CM'S BIRTHDAY

Addressing party members who came to greet him on his birthday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Friday said the AAP will win all 70 seats in next year's Assembly polls. Among those who wished him was Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who tweeted: "Birthday greetings to Delhi CM Shri @ArvindKejriwal. Praying for his good health and long life." The CM responded: "Thank you so much PM sir for your good wishes." Prem Nath Pandey

Commercial vehicles have till Aug 23 to get RFID tags

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE SOUTH civic body has extended the deadline for commercial vehicles to install radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags from August 16 to August 23, failing which vehicle owners will have to pay twice the Environment Compensation Charge and municipal toll tax as penalty, said an official. The penalty could be increased later.

In July, L-G Anil Bajjal had inaugurated the RFID technology at 13 toll plazas, which will deduct toll automatically from commercial vehicles. However, the system is yet to become fully operational at several booths.

Around six lakh vehicles enter the capital every day from these 13 toll plazas.

The corporation has introduced a public help booth within a 500-metre distance of all 13 toll plazas from where drivers can collect the tags. The device is installed on the windshield of vehicles. RFID cards, issued by the civic body to owners of the vehicles, will have to be recharged regularly. The South body has issued 95,000 tags till now.

Kapil Mishra joins BJP today: Will work for Modi, his vision

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

DAYS AFTER being disqualified as an MLA under the anti-defection law, former AAP government minister Kapil Mishra has said he will formally join the BJP Saturday, ending a long spell when he championed various causes as a "sympathiser" of the party.

Mishra said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision drew him to the BJP and he will strive towards ending the "politics of negativity" in Delhi.

Incidentally, as an AAP MLA, Mishra was one of the most vocal critics of Modi and BJP's Amit Shah. His remark terming the PM an "ISI agent" after the attack on the Pathankot airbase had triggered a huge controversy. The Indian government had at the time allowed an ISI team to inspect the base.

"I am joining the BJP to work for Modi ji and his vision for the nation. I strongly believe that the time has come to end negativity in Delhi, and Delhi should also walk with Modi. Now, I will reach out to various AAP volunteers and Anna Movement activists and will make all of them join the BJP in the coming days,"



Mishra, a former AAP government minister, was disqualified as an MLA

Mishra told *The Indian Express*. Delhi BJP spokesperson Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga said Mishra will be joining the party at 11 am on Saturday.

On August 2, Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel had issued an order disqualifying Mishra from the House following proceedings against him on a petition filed by AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj.

Bhardwaj's contention was that the former Karawal Nagar MLA campaigned for the BJP and PM Modi ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The charges were found valid by the Speaker.

However, Mishra had moved the Delhi High Court against the disqualification. Asked about the legal challenge mounted by him, Mishra said: "I will file a counter

affidavit in court in the next 10 days which will make my stand clear." The hearing in the case will come up on September 4.

Once considered a Kejriwal loyalist, Mishra had a meteoric rise in the AAP ranks and was also assigned key ministerial portfolios. He handled Law, Tourism and Water departments between 2015 and May 2017, when he was dropped on charges of "non-performance". Following his removal, Mishra had alleged that he "witnessed first-hand" exchange of cash between Kejriwal and PWD Minister Satyendra Jain at the CM's official residence.

This prompted the party to suspend him. After that, Mishra refashioned his stand on various issues, teamed up with Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta and SAD MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa, and often targeted the AAP leadership.

"My disqualification case is basically about power of speakers and its limitations. Politically I have time, and I openly declare that Delhi should have a pro-Modi government," he said.

Bhardwaj, the AAP chief spokesperson, said: "Through his conduct, he had already established that he is with the BJP..."

Hired monkey-catchers did no work, left Rs 20,000 power bill, says SDMC

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

WITH ITS plan to provide accommodation to monkey-catchers falling flat, catching monkeys continues to remain a headache for the South civic body. Every day, at least one monkey bite case is reported in the capital, as per civic body officials.

The South body had offered accommodation to a group of monkey-catchers from Haryana at a community centre in Madipur six months ago, hoping that the move will intensify the monkey-catching drive. But the group did not catch a single monkey and left



At least one monkey bite case is reported in the capital every day

in six months, said Ravinder Sharma, the South MCD director of veterinary department. The catchers also left behind

a Rs 20,000 electricity bill, which the South MCD will have to pay, said another official.

The civic body had earlier tried other measures to encourage monkey-catchers, including offering twice the amount than other civic bodies, putting out advertisements in newspapers, hiring langur handlers, and arranging food for monkeys at specific feeding areas. However, most techniques didn't work.

As per the South MCD's figures, 4,165 monkey bite cases have been reported this year, with the corporation managing to catch 311 monkeys till July. Last year, the corporation had managed to catch 623 monkeys.

reach till his throat.

The siblings were on their way to their aunt's house as their younger cousin was visiting from Punjab after many years. "Our mother and elder sister were to reach our aunt's house by bus... I was carrying Rakhis and sweets. I had not tied a Rakhi on my brother's wrist yet," said Monika.

Sharma had joined a new job as a civil engineer at a Paschim Vihar firm 10 days ago. After his father died, he was the sole breadwinner. "He was earning Rs 16,000 a month. We were all excited for him... Our mother is a homemaker, while I am finishing my studies. We were looking for a bride for Manav bhaiya... I don't know how we will manage without him. I didn't ask for a Rakhi present as he was taking care of all of us," said Monika.

The two-wheeler he was riding was gifted to him by their elder sister and her husband last year, she added.

2 held for abducting, robbing elderly woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, AUGUST 16

ABOUT 20 days after a 65-year-old woman was allegedly abducted and robbed of her jewellery and vehicle, police have arrested two people for the crime.

According to police, the incident took place on July 25 in Sector 62. The woman, Sheila, is

a resident of Tyagi village in Badshahpur, said police. In his complaint to police, the woman's son Sanjay stated that he, along with his mother and another person, was returning to Badshahpur in a vehicle after visiting his uncle in Sonapat on July 25. They decided to stop at Annapurna Hotel in Sector 62 around 10.30 pm to eat.

"His mother said she would go home and eat, so the complainant and his companion went inside the hotel while she stayed in the car. They came out around half-an-hour later, only to find that both Sheila and the car were missing," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

"It was only around 7 am the next day that Sheila returned home," he added. Police said Sheila claimed

that three bike-borne men abducted her while she was waiting for her son in the car, and threatened her before dropping her off in an unfamiliar area. She claimed the men had a pistol, and stole two gold bangles and earrings. "An FIR was registered and two of the accused, Gagan and Bir Singh, were arrested on Tuesday on the basis of a tip-off," said the PRO.

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

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T2 will fast-track passengers without check-in luggage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

IN A bid to ease the check-in process for domestic passengers who travel without check-in luggage, GMR-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), in collaboration with the CISF, has introduced 'Express Security check-in' facility at Terminal 2.

"An area has been segregated for such passengers, with separate X-Ray machines for their luggage and CISF security personnel. From the entry gate of T2 to the boarding gate now, it will take such passengers five minutes. Earlier, it was taking them 10-15 minutes," a GMR official said.

As per GMR, T2 sees at least 45,000 passengers daily, of which at least 13,000 passengers come without check-in luggage. Videh Kumar Jaipuria,



The plan started at T2, will eventually reach T1, T3: Officials

CEO, DIAL, said, "We will gradually extend the facility to T1 and T3."

The Express Security check-in was inaugurated on Friday and GMR has deployed at least 15 personnel at the four departure gates and inside T2 to educate passengers about the

move. Once passengers enter T2, they can head straight to the Express Lane, and won't have to spend time standing in queues with people carrying check-in luggage.

"A month after the move, we will know exactly how much time a passenger will save... it's

especially crucial during peak hours," said a GMR official.

A dedicated area has been earmarked at the T2 entry point for the new check-in facility, and the pre-embarkation security check will happen as soon as one enters T2, said an official.

A GMR official said, "The facility first started at the Hyderabad airport in 2017. Passengers who will benefit from this are government officials, businessmen and those attached to corporates... basically those who fly back and forth on the same day."

The facility is also expected to improve the on-time performance of airlines.

A GMR official said, "At times, flights get delayed because of check-in, as those with hand baggage and check-in baggage are in the same queue. This process will help reduce the delays."

Woman helper found hanging from tree at private school in Noida

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, AUGUST 16

A 35-YEAR-OLD helper committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree on the premises of Delhi Public School in Noida's Sector 30 Thursday evening. The victim has been identified as Basanti Devi, said police.

"A call to the police was made on Thursday evening that a woman had been found hanging. On investigation, it was found that she worked as a class IV employee at the private school. We are questioning her husband and father; so far they have not mentioned any possible motive to us. Further inves-

tigation is pending," said Shwetabh Pandey, Circle Officer (Noida 1st).

According to police, CCTV footage shows Basanti Devi walking alone towards the area where the incident took place. The school was closed due to Independence Day and only security staff were present at the time, police said.

On Friday evening, the woman's family and local residents protested outside the school premises alleging foul play. Basanti's body was kept on the road outside as several people gathered.

Hailing from Farrukhabad, Basanti and her husband Rakesh had been residing in Noida's Nithari area for the past

two years.

She had been employed at the school for the past six months, police said.

The family has claimed the school is withholding crucial information with regard to the chain of events leading up to the death.

"She did not take lunch that day saying the school was making provisions due to the Independence Day celebrations. She was happy and seemed fine. She usually returned by 4.30 pm. Around 7 pm, I started making calls," alleged Rakesh Kumar, Basanti's husband.

"So far, we have not found any evidence of foul play since CCTV footage did not show any-

one else besides her. We will question other people as well to investigate this," said Circle Officer Pandey on the allegations.

Police added that the woman's family has not filed any complaint so far.

When contacted, a DPS school official said: "We are deeply saddened by the unfortunate incident and we are with the family at this time. We have handed over the footage to police and are fully cooperating. She was a contractual employee. The incident took place in the evening, and everybody had left by that time. She did not say anything to her contractor either before taking this extreme step."



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LOT ON THE PLATE

WILL THE Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and the Congress, which fought the Lok Sabha polls in alliance, be together for the forthcoming Assembly elections as well? The Congress had stitched together a coalition comprising JMM, JMM(P) and RJD for the General Election, but all is not said to be well now. One gets to hear that an influential section of state Congress leaders is not in favour of an alliance with JMM. Some leaders want tickets for their family members and relatives. Leaders cite this inflexible stand of some senior leaders as one of the designs that led to the resignation of Ajoy Kumar as state unit chief. With Assembly polls only months away, all eyes are now on Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who has an unenviable task of balancing such pulls and pressures.

ENGAGING WITH FORCES

AT A time when Home Minister Amit Shah is busy with developments in Kashmir, his wife Sonal Shah has taken the lead in engaging with Central Armed Police Forces. On Friday, Sonal Shah was chief guest at the Sixth Foundation Day of CISF's Sanrakshika — or the CISF Wives' Welfare Association. She praised Sanrakshika for various steps it had taken for the welfare of families of CISF personnel, and also spoke about various schemes that the government has launched for women and children.

BASICS INJURED

A LAWYER who moved the Supreme Court against revocation of special status to Jammu and Kashmir had a curious reply when Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi told him that his plea lacked even the basic prayers. The petitioner, advocate M L Sharma, replied that it was due to an eye injury he had suffered. Sharma, who frequently files PILs, had come to the court on Friday with a kerchief tied over one eye and black goggles over it.

UNSC's J&K consultation a diplomatic, strategic failure, says Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

WITH THE United Nations Security Council (UNSC) deciding to hold "informal consultations" on Jammu and Kashmir at the instance of China, the Congress on Friday hit out at the BJP government, asking how it could allow the internationalisation of the issue. Allowing the matter to reach the UNSC, the Congress said, was a grave "diplomatic" and "strategic" failure on the part of the government.

The Congress, which has been critical of the bifurcation of J&K and the manner in which the special status to the state was abrogated by the Centre, said changes in the law with regard to J&K is an internal matter. "We are disturbed and extremely shocked at what is happening at the United Nations. We view it as a matter of grave and deep concern to the entire nation," Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said.

The Congress said the Kashmir issue is sought to be internationalised at the UNSC for the first time after over five decades. "We are not misled by all these noises about open door,

outdoor or indoor or closed door... The fundamental point is that under the Simla agreement signed by (former prime minister) Mrs (Indira) Gandhi, under India's established foreign policy... at the highest some of these issues are bilateral issues but this issue, in fact, is entirely our internal matter and not even bilateral. What we do about the law and the changes in the law qua J&K is not even bilateral. It is internal to India. And here far from internal, far from bilateral, we are jumping to internationalisation," Singhvi said. "India as a whole stands behind the government, but I am sorry to say this is a grave diplomatic failure of the government. In fact, it is worse. It is a grave strategic failure..." he added.

Referring to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to China earlier this week, he said while he was discussing the "very issue", Beijing approached the United Nations.

"...literally under the very noses of the Modi government, while hosting and entertaining our Foreign Minister, the Chinese government gets this meeting organised at the behest of Pakistan. Is this not a strategic failure for India apart from being a diplomatic faux pas..." Singhvi said.

Bihar tells employees to report cases against them

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 16

THE BIHAR government's General Administration Department (GAD) has asked the state DGP and all principal secretaries and district magistrates to inform the departments concerned about filing of any criminal case and subsequent chargesheet against any government employee, who has to mandatorily inform his department head about the filing of any case against him or her.

In a letter dated August 5 and sent to the DGP, all department heads, commissioners, district magistrates, SSPs and SPs, Deputy Secretary Gufran Ahmed wrote, "It is generally observed

that a government servant generally does not inform his or her parent department about lodging of criminal case against him/her. Sometimes prosecuting agency also does not inform the department concerned about filing of chargesheet against the accused government servants. This results in problems in establishment issues and the department can take wrong decisions."

The letter said it is mandatory for a government employee to "duly inform the department concerned" about any criminal case lodged. "Not doing so would be treated as discipline or wrong conduct," said the letter.

The government's move comes after the late detection of criminal cases against several government employees.

Structure, features found at site bear temple signs, SC told

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

MATERIALS UNEARTHED by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) pointed to the presence of a "massive structure...with features distinctive of a temple" at the site of Babri Masjid, the senior counsel for Ramlalla, C S Vaidyanathan, on Friday told the Supreme Court, which sought to know how he was linking the discoveries from beneath the ground at the disputed site to a religious structure.

Vaidyanathan took the CJI Ranjan Gogoi-led bench through the report of ASI, which excavated the site on the Allahabad High Court's orders and submitted its findings in 2003, and said that one of the most significant discoveries was that of a 'pranala', which is a discharge outlet attached to sanctum sanctorum in Hindu temples, on the northern wall of the structure. "Such a massive structure along with the 'pranala' goes to



show that it was a temple," he told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer. He said the outlet may have been from a Shivaling installation.

"But how do you connect the presence of 'pranala' to the existence of a Shiv-ling," asked Justice Chandrachud.

"That's how it is in temples," Vaidyanathan replied.

"So is it guess work," Justice Bhushan asked.

"No. Archeologists have to interpret their findings in context," Vaidyanathan replied.

The ASI report established that Babri Masjid was not built on

vacant or agricultural land, but on land on which stood a "massive structure" dating at least as far back as 2nd century BC. This structure was not any small residential structure but a huge one providing access to public, he said.

It stood there till the Mughal period, he added.

Vaidyanathan said some of the materials recovered from the site were carbon-dated and the archeologists had conducted stratigraphy study of the site.

Justice Chandrachud pointed out that a grave was discovered during the digging and asked how this could be explained.

Vaidyanathan pointed to stratigraphy tests and said the grave belonged to a "recent period".

Vaidyanathan submitted that there was "nothing that shows it was a temple dedicated to Lord Ram" but "preponderance of probability would show that it was a temple for Lord Ram because it is the place believed to be Lord Ram's birthplace".

Suggestions that it was a Buddhist structure were put to

the archeologist, Nagawswamy, but he had denied these, Vaidyanathan said.

He submitted that pillars and arches inside the demolished mosque bore images of Hindu gods and this discounts its claim as a valid mosque since Islamic law does not allow such imagery in mosques. Images of Krishna, Bala Rama (infant Ram), Shiv and motifs usually found in temples were discovered in Babri Masjid as early as 1950 when the court-appointed commissioner prepared a report after attachment, Vaidyanathan pointed out and said this belied the claim of it being a valid mosque.

"It is very clear that despite claims of it being a mosque, so many structures of images which discount it being a mosque or valid mosque were found in it as early as 1950," he said.

Vaidyanathan referred to photographs of the site taken in 1990. But Justice Bhushan asked him to produce photographs taken in 1950 by court-appointed commissioner. Vaidyanathan said he will submit the same.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his first death anniversary at his memorial in New Delhi on Friday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

Each UP division to get residential school named after Vajpayee: Yogi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 16

CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Friday announced that residential schools would be set up in each of the 18 divisions of the state in the name of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee and that the state government would unveil a 25-ft statue of the late leader at Lok Bhavan on his birth anniversary on December 25.

The CM was speaking at an event to mark Vajpayee's first death anniversary. Yogi claimed that Vajpayee had dreamt of "Akhand Bharat" and the Centre paid tribute to him by scrapping the special status to Jammu & Kashmir.

Later in the day, a government statement said that these residential schools would be meant for children of labourers.



Yogi Adityanath pays tribute in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav

Elaborating on the initiatives taken in the memory of Vajpayee, Adityanath said a memorial was being built in Bateshwar, funds of Rs 5 crore were allocated to set up a centre of excellence at DAV College in Kanpur, whereas a satellite centre of King George's Medical University was under construction in Balrampur district along with a medical university also under construction in Lucknow.

Venkaiah inaugurates Tagore's revamped mud house in Santiniketan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, AUGUST 16

VICE PRESIDENT Venkaiah Naidu on Friday inaugurated the renovated 'Shyamoli' building, a mud house that was often used by Rabindranath Tagore as his summer retreat, at Visva Bharati University in Birbhum's Santiniketan and said the country needs to preserve its cultural heritage.

Naidu also unveiled a portrait of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Rabindranath Tagore Centre of ICCR here.

"(I am) feeling blessed to be at Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, and dedicate 'Shyamoli', the ancestral house of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, renovated by the Archaeological Survey of India, to the nation, today... I am told that the historical house is a



Venkaiah Naidu in Kolkata on Friday. Express

property of Visva Bharati at present," Naidu said.

On the occasion of Vajpayee's first death anniversary, the Vice President Secretariat said in a tweet quoting Naidu, "Atal Ji had an uncanny ability to connect with people from all walks of life and with political parties of different ideological moorings. Atal Ji had virtually no enemies and was rightly called as Ajatshatru."

MP govt may move resolution for Upper House in next Assembly session

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, AUGUST 16

IN KEEPING with its pre-poll promise, the Congress is working on a resolution — that will be presented in the next Assembly session — to form a Legislative Council in Madhya Pradesh.

Former deputy speaker Rajendra Singh, who was the chairman of the Congress manifesto committee in 2018, said the party has discussed the issue and is serious about constituting a 76-member second House. He said an effort will be made to get the resolution passed unanimously in the Assembly and sent to the Centre.

The proposed Council cannot have more than 76 members because the Constitution stipulates that "the total number of members in the Legislative Council shall not exceed one-third of the total number of members in the Legislative Assembly". MP Assembly has 230 members.

A senior bureaucrat in the parliamentary affairs department said the proposal is under consideration but it would be too early to give a timeline. "The proposal has a huge financial implication and it will require clearance from the finance department," he said.

A proposal had been sent to the Centre in the 1960s after the

MP Assembly passed a resolution but it was never pursued. Unlike the BJP, the Congress in recent decades has promised a Council while the party was in government and Opposition, but it has not seen the light of the day.

The Congress, which returned to power after 15 years, is serious this time because the Council will allow it to accommodate some senior workers and leaders and revive the party organisation in several areas, especially in reserved Assembly constituencies. Out of 230 constituencies, 47 are reserved for STs and 35 for SCs.

A senior Congress leader admitted that the second House will open avenues to accommodate people who can't get elected for various reasons. "The second House may not serve much purpose but it all boils down to accommodating some persons," he said, admitting that one House was sufficient to meet all requirements.

The BJP has not taken any position on the issue so far. Senior leaders said they will wait for the proposal to come up before making the party's stand clear. A national level BJP leader said the party was unlikely to support such a proposal. He said the BJP will have to take a stand when the proposal is brought in the Assembly because it will have to be passed by two-thirds of those present and voting.

Chidambaram backs PM on call to control population

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

FORMER UNION minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Friday applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for flagging the dangers of population explosion, calling for a campaign against single-use plastic, and exhorting that wealth creators should not be eyed with suspicion.

Modi had made these points in his Independence Day address on Thursday.

The Congress said there was nothing wrong in Chidambaram endorsing the Prime Minister's call to have smaller families, respect wealth creators, and ban use of single-use plastic.

In multiple tweets on Friday morning, Chidambaram stated, "All of us must welcome three announcements made by the PM on I-Day. Small family is a patriotic duty, respect wealth creators (and) shun single-use plastic." Population control and avoidance of single-use plastic, he stated, "must become people's movements... There are hundreds of dedicated voluntary organisations that are willing to lead the movements at local levels."

Taking a dig at the government, he stated in another tweet, "I hope the Finance Minister and her legion of tax officials and investigators heard the PM's sec-



'Population control and avoidance of single-use plastic must become people's movements'

ond exhortation (regarding wealth creators) loud and clear." The Congress and Chidambaram himself have often accused the Modi government of indulging in "tax terrorism".

Asked about Chidambaram's remarks, Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi told reporters at the AICC briefing, "I don't think anything objectionable has been said either by the Prime Minister, or by Chidambaram in supporting what he has said. We have never condemned these three policies from this podium. How can anybody condemn a ban on plastic use?"

He said, "Our only opposition is that the Prime Minister is an expert in talking about development and making announcements... We would like to see implementation. From a policy point of view... we don't have any objections."

Odisha revises medical bond policy: minimum penalty Rs 1.5 cr

SAMPAD PATNAIK BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 16

ODISHA HEALTH Minister Naba Kisore Das on Friday announced the state government's decision to hike bond policy for post-graduate and super-specialty medical students in state-run medical colleges in an effort to retain doctors, a move that met with criticism from the association of government doctors serving other than in medical colleges.

The penalty will be applicable to qualified doctors who do not serve in the state for two years after completing their degrees.

"We finalised the health bond policy today. Those who study a postgraduate degree in Odisha have to submit a bond of

Rs 1.5 crore, and those who pursue super-specialisation will (be required to) submit Rs 2 crore," Das told the media.

He said the penalty earlier was Rs 36 lakh.

The minister also said, "I have instructed the department to implement this policy after the upcoming admission process (in this academic session) is over... Those who come to Odisha to study will have to stay here for two years or leave after paying the mentioned amounts," he said.

The government believes the policy will address shortfall of doctors serving with the government. While Opposition BJP called it an "empty announcement", Congress leader Narasingh Mishra backed the policy in principle.

The Odisha Medical Service

Policy meant to retain professionals

ODISHA IS said to have more than 2,400 vacancies in 6,500-plus sanctioned posts of doctors, and this is seen as the primary reason for raising the bond policy for medical students — to retain the medical professionals and fill up the sanctioned posts. But professionals working on field are of the opinion that poor pay and working conditions in the state are making most doctors move to the private sector, or to other states.

Penalty amounts to the tune of Rs 1.5 crore or Rs 2 crore are also seen as "meaningless" by many, as very few post-graduates will be able to cough up that kind of money.

Association, which represents government doctors serving other than in medical colleges, said in a written statement: "Why is this policy only for government, and not for private

medical colleges? This policy will help private medical colleges fill up seats at a higher rate."

Critiquing the move, Indian Medical Association (IMA) na-

super-specialisation degree) will be given a job. The government should first commit that it will announce posting before students graduate."

The government should also clearly spell out action to be taken against students who fail to pay the penalty and "abscond from serving the stipulated period", Dr Pujahari said. "Will the bond be registered with a court? Will assets of absconders be seized," he asked.

IMA's Dr Dwivedi said, "I would like to know whether any penalty was extracted earlier when hundreds of doctors who studied here went outside, and can now be found working at AIIMS in Delhi."

The office of the Health Secretary Dr P K Meherda said he was not available for a comment.

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NORTH Blast at firecracker unit in UP, owner killed

Lucknow: The owner of a firecracker manufacturing unit was killed in an explosion while he was working at the site in Unnao district's Sarosa village under Ajgain police station area on Friday. Police identified the deceased as Firoz (32), Ajgain SHO Ajay Raj Verma said Firoz had a licence to manufacture firecrackers at his unit where he was working alone on Friday. "Around 9.30 am, while Firoz was mixing gunpowder, it caught fire and led to an explosion. His wife Sayeeda Bano (29) was with him minutes before the explosion, but she had just stepped out to attend a phone call. She escaped unhurt as she was at least 20 yards from the unit when the explosion happened," Verma said. **ENS**



Puducherry CM V Narayanasamy distributes food as part of a free food distribution scheme at Sengazhuneer Amman Temple, Veerampattinam. **PTI**

EAST 4 dead, 19 injured in lightning strikes in West Bengal

Kolkata: Four persons were killed and 19 others, including four Bangladesh nationals, were injured on Friday after lightning struck them amid heavy rain in different parts of West Bengal, the state's Disaster Management Minister Javed Ahmed Khan said. Two deaths due to lightning-related incidents were reported from Kolkata, and an equal number from Purulia district, he said. While 16 people were injured because of lightning strikes in Kolkata, Purulia district accounted for three more, the minister added speaking to reporters. The Meteorological Department on Friday forecast heavy rain and thunderstorms with lightning in south Bengal till Sunday. **PTI**

WEST Three brothers get 7-year RI for practising black magic

Thane: A court here has sentenced three brothers from Maharashtra's Palghar district to seven years rigorous imprisonment for physically torturing patients at a de-addiction centre run by them and also for practising black magic on them. Thane district court judge Shailendra Tambe, in his order passed on Wednesday, also imposed a fine of Rs 1.2 lakh on each of the convicts — Kantilal Purushottam Deshmukh (52), Nandkumar (58) and Umesh (46). Additional public prosecutor Rekha Hiwrale told the court that the three ran Om Shiv Arogyadham Daru Mukti Kendra, a de-addiction centre where they physically assaulted patients and would threaten them with consequences if they refused to co-operate. **PTI**

SOUTH Man kills wife, son and parents before shooting self

Bengaluru: A man allegedly killed his pregnant wife, son and parents before shooting himself in Gundlupet, Chamaraajpet district on Friday, police said. Debts following heavy loss in business could be the reason for the man taking the step, police said. "Om Prakash shot them all in their forehead before shooting himself in the mouth. There appears to be consent as no sign of resistance was found. Investigations are on," Chamaraajpet Superintendent of Police H D Ananda Kumar said. He said Om Prakash Bhattacharya, his wife Nikitha, son Arya Krishna, his parents, were found dead in a field near a resort where they were staying. **PTI**



AFTER FLOOD, PICKING UP THE PIECES

A villager from Sukhwadi, Palus taluka of Maharashtra's Sangli district, looks for valuables in what remains of his home after the floods last week. The floods have inflicted heavy damage on the milk-producing clusters of Kolhapur and Sangli, with 7,847 cattle either dead or washed away in Pune division. Pavan Khengre

RAJASTHAN

Father of Dalit man beaten to death 'commits suicide'

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 16

THE FATHER of a 28-year-old Dalit man, who was assaulted by locals in Rajasthan's Alwar and succumbed to his injuries last month, died on Thursday, with his family claiming that he consumed poison after getting regular threats to withdraw the case from those accused of killing his son.

The family of Rattiram Jatav, 60, said that despite repeated requests, the police did not arrest those accused of murdering his son Harish last month.

"For the past four or five days, the people who killed my brother were threatening my father... My father used to worry every day... Suddenly, he consumed some substance at home... He told me that children (of the accused) had threatened him, saying that he must withdraw the case or they will kill us," said Jatav's son Dinesh. He also alleged that the police had taken no action against the accused in his brother's death.

"We are regularly making rounds of the police station but they wouldn't listen to us and abuse us instead. We are poor people. What do we do? We demand that the people who killed

my brother and threatened my mother, they should be given strictest punishment possible. Something should be done for our family as we are now left alone. My father was blind... Had the police taken action, my father wouldn't have left us like this," said Dinesh.

Alwar Superintendent of Police Paris Deshmukh denied the family's allegations that the police took no action in the case.

"Whether Jatav committed suicide or not will be evident after getting the autopsy report. It is certain that he has died but only after seeing the post-mortem report we will be clear about the cause of death. Prima facie, during the investigation we found that the family's claim of mob lynching was not correct. We even changed the investigating officer to ensure a fair probe. Further investigation is going on," Deshmukh told *The Indian Express* Friday.

On July 16, Harish accidentally ran his bike into a 55-year-old woman, following which he was assaulted by local residents. He later succumbed to his injuries.

After his death, his family alleged he was a victim of mob lynching but the police have said that they did not find the claim to be correct so far in the investigation.

Sexual harassment case: Major General dismissed from service

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

A MAJOR General of the Indian Army was on Friday dismissed from service for sexually harassing a woman officer when he was posted in Nagaland in 2016, military sources said on Friday.

The punishment awarded to Major General R S Jaswal by a general court martial (GCM) in December last year, was approved by Army Chief General Bipin Rawat, they said.

The general court martial (GCM), under the Western Army

Command at Chandimandir, had recommended Jaswal's dismissal after finding him guilty under Section 354A of the IPC (sexual harassment) and Section 45 (unacceptable conduct) of the Army Act.

"The Army Chief has confirmed the punishment awarded to the Major General by the GCM," one of the sources said.

During the GCM, Jaswal was attached to an Army formation in Ambala under 2 Corps as part of disciplinary proceedings.

He has been informed about his dismissal from service, sources said.

During the GCM, Jaswal had

denied the charges against him and alleged that he was a victim of the Army's factional feud following General Rawat's appointment as the Army Chief in December 2016.

The GCM was headed by a Lieutenant General and it comprised nearly half-a-dozen military officers as members.

The woman officer, from the Judge Advocate General branch of the Army, had filed a written complaint against Jaswal, following which, the GCM was ordered to probe the case. At the time, Jaswal was serving in the Assam Rifles in Nagaland as an Inspector General.

LIKE TO GIVE IT SOME TIME, SAYS CJI

SC defers hearing on plea to remove curbs on media in J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE SUPREME Court on Friday deferred a hearing on petitions challenging revocation of special status for Jammu and Kashmir and noted that they were "defective", even as it decided to wait for some time before acting on a plea for restoration of communication facilities in the region.

"We would like to give it some time... I read in papers (that) landlines and broadband services will be restored by today evening," Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, heading a three-judge bench, said while hearing the petition by Anuradha Bhasin, executive editor of the newspaper *Kashmir Times*.

Appearing for Bhasin, advocate Vrinda Grover told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer, that there is a "complete information blackout because of the communication blackout". As a result of this, she submitted, *Kashmir Times* could not be published from the Valley, and that it would be good if at least press cards are respected.

Grover submitted that the media is the fourth pillar of democracy, and information should be allowed to come out.

Justice Bobde said he had had a telephone conversation with the Chief Justice of Jammu and

SC extends admission deadline

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday extended till September 15 the time for admission of students from Jammu and Kashmir selected under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme to under-graduate courses in colleges across the country.

A bench headed by Justice U U Lalit extended the deadline in view of the prevailing situation.

The state's Standing Counsel Shob Alam had filed the plea on behalf of the J&K Higher Education Department.

Under the scheme, 5,869 scholarships are offered to deserving students from J&K for the academic year 2019-20. **ENS**

Kashmir and that BSNL lines were working well.

Grover replied that only select lines, and not all, are working.

Intervening, Attorney General KK Venugopal said the paper was being published from Jammu without any problem, and that

the administration has not placed any curbs on any publication.

"The situation is dynamic... in the course of the next few days, it will be settled," Venugopal said. He advised caution and said it will not be proper to "jump the gun".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta suggested that the matter should be left to the security forces. "Your lordships can trust the security forces.... They are taking stock of the situation."

The court adjourned the hearing but did not fix a date on when it be taken up next. The bench said it would take a call on this on the administrative side.

Earlier, while hearing petitions challenging revocation of special status, the bench pulled up advocate M L Sharma, who had filed the first petition. The bench asked why he had filed a defective petition. "What kind of petition is this? What are your prayers? What are your pleadings," the court asked him.

"We should have dismissed your petition as not maintainable. But we are not doing that as that will affect other petitions," the CJ said, pointing out that there were four other petitions on the issue.

The CJ said, "I read the petition and could not make out what it was." He said the counsel should have either withdrawn the plea or amended it. To this, Sharma said he will amend the petition.

The court later allowed Sharma to amend his petition.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Jind on Friday. Express

Shah hails Modi over Art 370 move: Cong couldn't do it in 72 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JIND, AUGUST 16

UNION HOME Minister and BJP president Amit Shah on Friday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi on scrapping of the special status for Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 within 75 days of coming to power in its second term, while the previous Congress-led governments could not do so in "72 years". He blazed this on that party's "vote-bank greed".

"Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A is a big milestone for the unity and integrity of India and now there is no impediment," he said in his first public meeting after the government move.

Shah blew the poll bugle in Haryana as he urged the state to give the party 75-plus seats in the upcoming Assembly elections so that Manohar Lal Khattar once

again forms the government.

"From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, 'Maa Bharti' today is rejoicing that Modi has removed Article 370. We had been saying that Kashmir is an integral part of India, but Article 370 was giving some sort of message that something is still unfinished," he said, describing its undoing as the "biggest work" done by the Modi government in its second term so far.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day announcement on creating the post of Chief of Defence Staff will strengthen the country's defence manifold.

Polls are due in Haryana in October. "Earlier, Haryana was known for shady land deals. Selection to government jobs had turned into a business. But Khattar eliminated it. In one term, he turned corruption into 'bhoot kaal' (past tense)," he said.



'Have to detain elements opposed to J&K merger'

J&K seats to be reserved for STs, delimitation soon: Madhav

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, AUGUST 16

REACHING OUT to the people in Jammu and Kashmir after scrapping of special status under Article 370, BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav on Friday said seats will be reserved for the Schedule Tribes, including Gujjars and Bakarwals, in the new Assembly.

He said delimitation of Assembly seats will be carried out to bring uniformity in parliamentary constituencies.

"All the benefits which are being enjoyed by Scheduled Tribes elsewhere in the country will now be available to you also in Jammu and Kashmir," he told a meeting of Gujjars and Bakarwals here. Assembly seats were reserved for SCs after a long struggle but Kashmir-centric politicians did not extend the quota to STs while misusing provisions of Article 370, he said. "Now with Article 370 becoming history, the number of Assembly seats to be reserved will be fixed as per population of STs."

Gujjars and Bakarwals have a population of nearly 16 lakh in Jammu and Kashmir and form the third largest ethnic group in the region after Kashmiris and Dogras. On charges that the government's move poses a threat to regional identity, Madhav said local residents will now be more powerful as political power will not remain confined to a few families in Srinagar. This power will reach every panchayat, block and district, he said. For this, all rules and regulations have to be made by October 31 when Jammu and Kashmir will become a Union Territory with an Assembly. "Delimitation of Assembly seats will have to be done in view of the new system," he said.

He said "we have to detain" elements opposed to the merger of J&K into the Indian Union and that Central rule is needed in view of the prevailing situation.

India suspends services of Thar Link Express

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 16

THE THAR Link Express, the weekly train that connected Jodhpur to Karachi, was suspended by India on Friday, a week after Pakistan authorities suspended services of the train from their side.

The train was scheduled to depart on Friday night from Bhagat ki Kothi railway station in Jodhpur for Munabao in Barmer, said railway officials.

"Services of the Thar Link Express have been suspended till

further orders and the train which was supposed to leave today night has been cancelled. Around 35 passengers had booked tickets for tonight's train," said Abhay Sharma, chief PRO, North Western Railways.

The train used to run till Munabao, following which, it would cross into Pakistan, from where the Pakistani railway services took it to its final destination of Karachi.

Pakistan had suspended the service a day after it suspended the Samjhauta Express, following its decision to downgrade bilateral ties with India.

Kerala man held in instant triple talaq case

Kozhikode: A 31-year-old man was arrested on Friday near Kozhikode for allegedly giving instant triple talaq to his wife, in the first such case in Kerala after the practice became a criminal offence.

EK Ussam (31) was arrested in Mukkom following a warrant issued by the Thamarassery Judicial First Class Magistrate Court. "On the basis of the directions of the magistrate, he was arrested and produced before the court. His wife had complained to the court which issued the warrant," a police officer said. However, the family of the accused said there was an agreement between the husband and wife to enter into a mutual divorce. **PTI**

SHAH OPTS OUT OF INAUGURAL CEREMONY CITING 'PREOCCUPATION IN DELHI'

Aadi Mahotsav to kick off in Ladakh today

DIVYAA LEH, AUGUST 16

THE AADI Mahotsav, a nine-day tribal festival and the Centre's first official function in Ladakh after the government decided to make it a Union Territory, will kick off at the Polo Grounds in Leh on Saturday evening. Home Minister Amit Shah was scheduled to inaugurate the event but he opted out on Friday citing "preoccupation in Delhi".

Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik will now inaugurate the event in the presence of Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, MoS Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh and Ladakh MP Jamyang

Tsering Namgyal. Shah sent a message wishing "success to the event, and hoping it leads to the expansion of the displayed tribal skills to other parts of the country".

Officials in the Tribal Affairs Ministry said they have been conducting such mega fairs in all the 27 states with tribal population but could not conduct one earlier in Jammu and Kashmir as they never got a response from the administration. "Now with Ladakh becoming a UT, the response was immediate and the event has been scaled up manifold," the official said, adding that as many as 80 tribal artisans from 20 states are landing in Leh to showcase their products in the company of an equal number of

local artisans.

Pravir Krishna, Managing Director, TRIFED, the nodal agency under the ministry which organises the Aadi Mahotsav, said, "We have decided to include Ladakhi pashmina, seabuckthorn and apricots produced extensively in the region under our Van Dhan scheme, which will now be sold in all parts of the country and also sent to 190 countries through Amazon."

While the government has planned 500 such exhibitions in the country in 2019-20, this is the first time that the Aadi Mahotsav is being held in Ladakh. Even when the region was part of Jammu and Kashmir,

an event of this magnitude was never allowed in Leh, officials said. On the Aadi Mahotsav's Kashmir edition, Krishna said, "Even if we are not able to plan one in Srinagar this year, we shall try and conduct several smaller events in other parts of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir."

A camp will be held for local artisans on the sidelines where they will be taught marketing and packaging skills to enable them to get more money for their produce. "For instance, apricot sold as apricot has a shelf life of seven days and gets Rs 100 a kilo, while if it's turned into jam and jelly, it gets more money and becomes non-perishable," Krishna said.

HOME MINISTRY LETTER Send proposals on grant of raised pay or face SC, CAPF chiefs told

DEEPTIMANTIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE HOME Ministry has written to chiefs of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to send proposals for grant of enhanced pay to officers of the paramilitary forces at the earliest or face contempt proceedings in Supreme Court.

Enhanced pay for officers of CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB in the form of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) was cleared by the Union Cabinet after the Supreme Court asked the government to extend the benefit — already available to IPS, IAS, IRS and IFS officers — to CAPF officers as well.

While the court has fixed a deadline for September-end for granting it, the process is stuck in red tape.

“Delay in furnishing requisite proposals may be construed as contemptuous with reference to the directions of the Honourable Court and for which, liability of contempt will lie with the force administration,” the Home Ministry’s letter, dated August 14 and signed by Additional Secretary (Police) PK Srivastava, stated.

On August 13, *The Indian Express* had reported that a tussle over recruitment rules between CAPF officers and their superiors from the IPS threatened to further delay delivery of the longstanding demand of the paramilitary forces.

The report mentioned that upset officers had sent multiple letters to Home Minister Amit Shah, alleging deliberate scuttling of the provision by their superiors. These letters called the behaviour of their superiors “snotty”, and their mindset “narrow and negative”.

The CAPF brass from the IPS called the move by the officers “unfortunate”, and an attempt to indulge in “trade unionism”.

The ministry appears to have taken cognizance of this tussle and asked the CAPF chiefs to do the needful at the earliest in order to meet the SC deadline. Once the proposals are sent to the ministry, they would be presented before the screening committee headed by the Home Secretary, and finally sent for approval to the Department of Personnel and Training.

An office memorandum sent to all the forces by the Police II di-

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Issue at stake: NFFU

LAST MONTH, Union Cabinet approved the proposal to grant organised cadre status to CAPF officers, which would make them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU). Non-availability of NFFU has been among the reasons for high attrition rate in the forces. NFFU makes officers eligible for higher pay in case they are denied promotion despite reaching the required seniority for lack of vacancies. All other Group A services have this facility.

vision of MHA has also flagged the issue of delay in receipt of proposals. “The Honourable Supreme Court has while disposing of the Contempt Petition on 31-07-2019 on the subject matter directed that the financial benefits due to officers may be paid within two months and compliance be reported. In order to comply with the directions of the honourable court, the DsG (Directors General) of the CAPFs are once again directed to forward the requisite proposals for grant of NFFU and NFSG (Non Functional Selection Grade) to Group A Executive Cadre Officers of CAPFs for placing them before screening committee, without any further delay,” the letter stated.

Srivastava’s letter noted that proposals had either not been sent entirely or the requirement partially fulfilled. “As on date, requisite proposals for grant of NFFU to the eligible officers are yet to be received from CAPFs. Further proposals for grant of NFSG to eligible officers have so far been received only from CRPF and part proposals from CRPF...for the years 2001 and 2002,” he wrote.

Rajasthan government to constitute SIT to probe lapses in Pehlu Khan case

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 16

THE CONGRESS government in Rajasthan has decided to constitute a special investigation team (SIT) to probe and identify lapses and irregularities in the investigation of the Pehlu Khan lynching case and to fix responsibility with regard to officials.

The decision on constituting the SIT was taken following a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at the chief minister’s office on Friday evening, two days after a court in Alwar district acquitted all six men accused of murdering Khan.

A government release said that during the meeting, Gehlot extensively discussed the shortcomings of the investigation. It was decided in the meeting that the SIT, under the monitoring of the Additional Director General of Police, Crime, will prepare its report within 15 days.

Man gets life in prison for rape, murder of minor

Muzaffarnagar: A special court here on Friday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for raping and murdering a two-and-a-half-year-old girl in 2017.

The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 55,000 on the accused after holding him guilty under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code and under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The court, however, acquitted another accused due to lack of evidence.

The lawyer representing the victim said she had been lured by the accused to his house by offering her ice cream. But he raped her and murdered her there, the lawyer said.

The body of the girl was found in the accused’s residence in Shamli district, he said. **PTI**

Parents feel Christian co-ed institutions highly unsafe for future of girls: Madras HC

Time government considers amending laws to save ‘interest of innocent masculinity’, says judge

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 16

WHILE REFUSING to interfere and quash an ongoing internal sexual harassment committee’s proceedings against a faculty member of the Madras Christian College (MCC), Justice S Vaidyanathan of the Madras High Court on Friday observed that there is a “general feeling” among parents, especially those of girl students, that “coeducational study in Christian institutions is highly unsafe for the future of their children”.

The court was hearing a petition by assistant professor Samuel Tennyson to quash findings of the internal committee against him and a consequential second showcause notice issued to him on May 24.

The alleged harassment, ac-

ording to a petition signed by 34 students, occurred during an academic tour to Bengaluru, Mysuru and Coorg earlier this year.

Justice Vaidyanathan also raised the question of “innocent masculinity”. The order stated that it is time the government consider suitable amendments in laws “to prevent its misuse, so as to safeguard the interest of the innocent masculinity”. It cited instances of misuse of the anti-dowry law, and stated that it is easy to misuse since “women will find it hard to resist the temptation to ‘teach a lesson’ to male members and file frivolous and false cases”.

Justice Vaidyanathan observed in his order, “Christian missionaries are always the source of attack in one way or the other, and in the present era, there are several accusations

against them for indulging in compulsory conversion of people of other religions to Christianity”.

Justice Vaidyanathan said: “Now, there is a general feeling amongst parents of students, especially female students, that co-educational study in Christian institutions is highly unsafe for the future of their children, and though they impart good education, the preaching of morality will be a million-dollar question. As long as a religion is practiced in streets in lieu of its worship places, like temple, mosque, church, etc, such devastation, as in the present case, does occur and will be mushrooming.”

Refusing to entertain Tennyson’s petition, the court said there is a justification in the act of the committee and that there was no violation of the principles of natural justice by

the committee, and that the court finds no infirmity with its report.

Justice Vaidyanathan said the court does not want to go into the question of “who is at fault in the present case” but, at the same time, “it has become imperative for this court to indicate that several enactments were brought into force for safeguarding the interest of women and we have to ask...whether those laws are invoked by women with genuine reasons”.

Earlier, after the college began an inquiry on the complaint by the students, Tennyson moved the court, seeking to quash a showcause notice issued to him.

He maintained that certain documents and statements about the inquiry, to be used in his defence, were not provided to him. The college argued that they had given him sufficient

opportunity to defend himself and to cross-examine the complainants.

In July 2014, Justice Vaidyanathan had stated, while hearing a case of forgery of land documents at a sub-registrar office in Chennai, that criminal punishment for those involved in forgery should be chopping off the arms.

He had said, “I came across an article that Iran has unveiled its latest innovation in criminal punishment — a machine that cuts off the fingers of thieves, and it is being used for cutting off the fingers of culprits by a court of Shiraz. For having committed forgery, this court is of the view that such a stringent punishment of chopping off fingers should be awarded to the petitioner.... Unfortunately, in our country there is no stringent law...”



Akash Mukhopadhyay

Roopa Ganguly’s son in police custody for rash driving

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 16

ACTOR-TURNED-BJP Rajya Sabha MP Roopa Ganguly’s son, Akash Mukhopadhyay, was sent to one-day police custody on Friday, after he allegedly rammed into a wall of an upscale south Kolkata club on Thursday night, sources said. No casualty or injury has been reported.

The order came after the police produced Akash, 21, before the Alipur court, sources said.

“Akash has been arrested on charges of rash driving,” said senior police official.

According to police, Akash has been booked under sections 427 (Mischief) and 279 (Rash Driving) of Indian Penal Code. He has also been booked under Motor Vehicles Act and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

On the night of the accident, he was detained and arrested the next morning. Police said a several eyewitnesses had claimed to have seen Akash driving a black sedan at a break-neck speed.

“The car crashed into a wall and a portion of it was damaged,” said an official.

Police are trying to ascertain if Akash was in an inebriated condition.

Meanwhile, Roopa Ganguly posted a message on her Twitter handle saying she needed no favours.

“My son has met with an accident near my residence. I called police to take care of it with all legal implications. No favours/politics please. I love my son and will take care of him but law should take its own course (sic),” she tweeted. She even tagged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said, “Neither I do anything wrong nor I tolerate. I am not up for sale,” she wrote in Hindi.

Meanwhile, state Bharatiya Janata Party president Dilip Ghosh spoke to Roopa Ganguly after the incident.

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“Police will find out if he was drunk. Action will be taken as per law. Rupa di herself called the police. Some TMC people are trying to make it an issue unnecessarily. If we find it true, we will also react accordingly,” said Ghosh.

Centre to decide on Justice Kureshi elevation in a week, SC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE CENTRE will take a decision within a week on the Supreme Court collegium’s recommendation to elevate Justice Akil Kureshi as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, the top court was informed on Friday.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer that he had an “instruction that within a week some decisions will be taken in this regard”.

Taking note of the submission, the court adjourned the hearing and said it will fix the next date of hearing on the administrative side.

The bench was hearing a petition by the Gujarat High Court Advocates’ Association, challenging what the association claimed was “arbitrary inaction” of the Central government in “withholding the appointment” of Justice Kureshi as Chief Justice of MP High Court despite the recommendation of the SC collegium. The court had earlier asked Mehta to assist it.

The petition contended that “deliberate inaction of the Respondent in not appointing Mr Justice Akil Kureshi as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court impinges and diminishes the primacy of the judiciary in the matters of appointment and transfer of judges to High Court and Supreme Court”.



Rampur district administration officials demolish the boundary wall of the resort in Rampur on Friday. **PTI**

Wall of resort owned by Azam Khan’s son in UP demolished

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 16

THE RAMPUR district administration Friday demolished a wall of a resort owned by Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan’s MLA son Abdullah, after it was found that a small canal of the irrigation department was allegedly usurped and made part of the resort.

Rampur District Magistrate Aunjaneya Kumar Said said the canal was made part of the resort, built on a land owned by Abdullah in 2014-15, “illegally”.

“The Badkusiya canal, which is 100 metres in length and 10 metres in breadth, was usurped by the resort and a boundary

wall was built around it. It was an illegal encroachment. We conducted a probe and served a notice to Abdullah Khan on July 29, asking him to get the wall demolished. He responded, but the response was not satisfactory and on Friday, we demolished the wall,” said Singh.

In its notice, the administration had asked Abdullah to get the wall of the resort demolished within three days, failing which the administration would do it.

The DM also told *The Indian Express* that local residents claim the bricks used to make the boundary wall came from the Lalpur bridge, which was built before Independence, and demolished a few years ago.

“A probe will be conducted to find out about the bricks recovered from the resort after the wall was demolished. We have received some complaints regarding the bricks. We will probe the allegations. The bricks do look extremely old,” said the DM.

After declaring Khan a part of the “land mafia”, the Rampur district administration and police are now trying to open a ‘history sheet’ of the MP. As many as 72 cases have been filed against Khan since April.

Khan’s close aide Aaley Hasan, a retired deputy SP who served as the chief security officer at Jauhar University, has about 30 criminal cases against him.

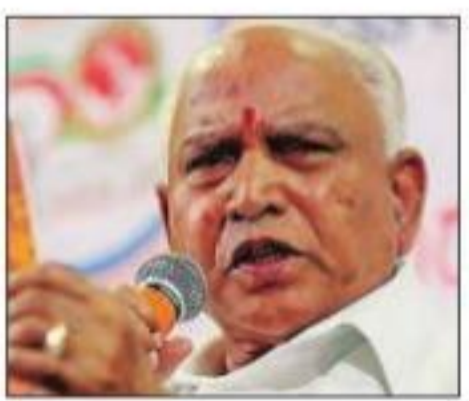
Facing flak, BSY drops offer to rename villages

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APPARENTLY FACED with criticism from a section of villagers and political class, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday dropped the offer to rename flood-hit villages after donors who contribute more than Rs 10 crore for relief works.

The offer has now been modified, and the Chief Minister said such donors contributing for the development of the flood-affected villages would have the new layouts, which would come up there, named after them, not villages.

“Clarification: Chief Minister



BS Yediyurappa

had announced that donors contributing more than Rs 10 crore will have the layouts named after them, not the villages,” he tweeted.

Yediyurappa’s announcement on Wednesday at a meet-

ing with industrialists and corporates in the wake of last fortnight’s rain fury that left 62 people dead, that villages would be renamed after companies if they give more than Rs 10 crore, had drawn criticism from some villagers and the JDS.

The contention of those villagers and some JDS leaders is that changing village name is nothing short of losing one’s identity.

The JD(S), headed by former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, had termed the move “Tughlaq”-like. “Please don’t make people who have lost everything in the floods to lose the name of their village,” the party had said.

BSY MEETS PM, SEEKS FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS

New Delhi: Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Friday and appealed for release of funds immediately to take up relief work in the flood- and rain-ravaged state. Responding to his appeal, the Prime Minister assured him of a central study team soon to assess the damage caused by the flood, the chief minister said. The Prime Minister “understood everything”, Yediyurappa said after the meeting. **PTI**

SC clears highway project connecting Char Dham

Forms fresh panel to mitigate environment damage; report to be submitted within four months

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 16

THE SUPREME Court has cleared the decks for the Char Dham highway project, which will connect four holy places in the hills of Uttarakhand through 900-km all-weather roads, by modifying an NGT order to constitute a fresh committee to look into environmental concerns.

It ordered the Ministry of Environment and Forests to form a high-powered committee by August 22.

NGO Citizen for Green Doon had petitioned the apex court,

after the National Green Tribunal on September 26 last year gave its conditional approval to the connectivity project in view of larger public interest, saying the project would cause an irreversible damage to regional ecology.

The NGT had constituted a committee headed by a former Uttarakhand High Court Judge to monitor the project.

Hearing the NGO’s petition against the project, the apex court bench, comprising Justices Rohinton Fali Nariman and Surya Kant, only modified the September NGT order by constituting a fresh high-powered committee.

After submitting its report, committee will hold quarterly meetings to ensure compliance and may suggest any further measures, says court

In addition to this, the court said representatives from Physical Research Laboratory under the government’s Department of Space, Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India, MoEF (from Dehradun regional office) and Defence Ministry to the high-

powered committee.

The top court asked the committee to submit its recommendations within four months.

The committee will hold quarterly meetings thereafter to ensure compliance and may suggest any further measure after each review meeting.

“The committee shall consider the cumulative and independent impact of the Char Dham project on the entire Himalayan valleys and for that purpose, the HPC will give directions to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

(MoRTH),” it said.

The panel should consider whether revision of the full Char Dham project should at all take place with a view to minimize the adverse impact on the environment and social life, the court said.

It will identify the sites where quarrying has started recommend measures required to stabilise the area and for safe disposal of muck.

It will also assess the environmental degradation — loss of forest lands, trees, green cover, water resources etc. — on the wildlife and will direct mitigation measures, the top court order said.

Tejashwi skips second party meet of the month

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LEADER OF Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, continued to remain evasive from active politics as he skipped the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)’s meeting of legislators in Patna on Friday. The meeting was called by legislature party leader and former CM Rabri Devi.

This is the second time that Tejashwi has skipped a party meet. Earlier in the month, he did not attend an RJD membership drive. He has also remained almost absent through the just-

concluded Assembly session. The Congress has also expressed its indirect displeasure at the leader of Opposition’s “absence”. Senior Congress leader Prem Chandra Mishra said, “Tejashwi’s absence is a the RJD’s internal matter, but he as the leader of Opposition should be proactive.”

Three days ago, Tejashwi, in a belated response to Kashmir issue, had tweeted: “A true democracy is celebrated when people are not closed without reason by their own government. People of India have every right to know the whereabouts of three former Chief ministers of Jammu & Kashmir”.

11 BODY & MIND

How to reduce exposure to air pollution

Pollution is linked to increased rates of heart attacks, strokes, cancer, dementia and much more



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HOT SUMMER days can bring spikes in air pollution, as traffic exhaust and other emissions bake in the sun.

Scientists have linked dirty air to a long list of health problems, and the danger can seem all the more frightening because, unlike with many other risks, we have no choice about breathing. But while most of us do not have the power to make the air cleaner, there are some things individuals can do to protect themselves.

Steps like changing travel and exercise routes and buying an air purifier can reduce your exposure to air pollution in any season, experts say.

"It's basically about awareness," said Frank Kelly, director of the Environmental Research Group at King's College, London. "You need to understand where you're being exposed the most, and then you need to be able to take measures to avoid that."

Doing so is especially important for those most vulnerable to dirty air's effects — children, older people and those with heart or lung conditions.

The evidence on pollution's dangers is powerful. It is linked not just to breathing problems but also to increased rates of heart attacks, strokes, cancer, dementia, prema-

ture birth and much more. Those who live with polluted air are more likely to die prematurely. Here are some things you can do to help protect yourself and your family.

Choose your route wisely

As researchers have focused recently on hyper-local variations in pollution levels, they have come to understand that within the same city — even the same neighbourhood — individuals take in different amounts of contamination, depending on exactly where they live, and where their routines take them.

That insight offers a measure of control. When walking, running or biking, "the things you can vary are, where do you go and when do you go," said Darby Jack, associate professor of environmental health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. "With both of those, some relatively small changes in behaviour can result in meaningful changes in exposure." Limiting exposure is particularly important during exercise, when we take in more air.

Steering clear of the busiest roads, even

just by choosing a parallel route a mile away, can halve the pollution you breathe, Kelly said.

Route choice is as important for drivers as for pedestrians, since exhaust fumes can become concentrated inside a car. "It's just like a mini-gas chamber," Kelly said.

While it is easy to feel protected inside a sealed car, walking on a traffic-clogged road generally exposes you to less pollution than driving on one, he said.

Pollution masks may seem like an easy fix, but the reality is murkier. While many successfully filter out pollution in the lab, they are less effective in practice

Traveling at less polluted times also helps. Rush hours, of course, generally bring pollution peaks. Less obvious is that in many places, the air quality is worse in the morning, because of a meteorological condition known as temperature inversion, in which a warm layer of air holds down a colder one, trapping pollution in place.

Inversions do not happen everywhere, so researching local conditions is important.

Jack suggested using one of the new generation of portable or wearable monitors to learn when and where air is most breathable. "You can do some little experiments,"

he said, and see what the readings are "if I ride at 7 in the morning, if I ride at 9 in the morning, if I ride on this route."

A reality check on masks

Pollution masks may seem like an easy fix, but the reality is murkier. While many successfully filter out pollution in the lab, they are less effective in practice, because if they do not seal tightly to the face, dirty air can seep around them, said Miranda Loh, head of environmental and public health at the Institute of Occupational Medicine, a research firm based in Edinburgh.

Even masks that fit well at first often shift when the wearer moves around or talks, said Loh, who has tested masks available commercially.

"I wouldn't say don't bother" wearing one, she said. But know that even a high-quality mask may not live up to its label's promises. "If you wear it and it fits you, even if it moves a little bit, you're still getting some protection. But what we don't want people to think is they shouldn't take other protective measures, they shouldn't be cautious."

No protective measure, though, can substitute for policies and regulations that make the air cleaner. The best advice for combating pollution, Jack said, can be summed up in one word: "Vote."

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Is your sleep cycle out of sync?

Why your circadian rhythm may be out of sync with the demands of the modern world

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EARLY TO bed, early to rise — a fine plan for a dairy farmer who has to get up long before dawn to milk the cows. But if you are someone who works all day with stocks and clients and may want to enjoy an evening out now and then, it would be better not to be getting up at 2 am and have to struggle to stay awake through dinner or a show.

Such is the challenge faced by a friend who has what sleep specialists call an advanced sleep phase. Her biological sleep-wake cycle, or circadian rhythm, is out of sync with the demands of the modern world.

My friend, who asked to remain anonymous, has always been an early riser, even as a teenager. Getting up at 5 was an advantage in high school — she never had to worry about being late. But as she aged, her nights kept getting shorter. Now at age 63 she's ready to go to sleep before 9 pm, but that rarely fits with the demands of her life.

No matter how delayed her bedtime, she gets up by 4 in the morning — and sometimes as early as 1:30 — and can't get back to sleep.

She said that given her stimulating job as an investment products specialist, she's not sleepy during the day, nor does she nap. Still, she is concerned about her short nights, partly because she has read that insufficient sleep — especially not enough REM sleep, when dreams occur — has been linked to a possible increased risk of Alzheimer's disease.

She knows that late dinners, especially with wine, contribute to her sleep problem. But it's also likely that her lifelong dairy-farmer sleep pattern is programmed by her genes, not the result of unavoidable disruptions or unwise living habits.

And, it seems, her early-to-sleep, early-to-wake rhythm may not be as extremely rare as has long been believed. In a new study in the journal *Sleep* by researchers in San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Madison, of more than 2,400 patients who visited a sleep clinic for complaints like sleep apnea or insomnia, a small number of them were found to have a previously unrecognized familial form of advanced sleep phase, a kind of permanent jet lag that the study showed often runs in families.

The lead author of the study, Dr Louis J Ptacek, professor of neurology at the University of California, San Francisco, said the world is full of long and short sleepers — the so-called owls who stay up late and get up late, and the larks who go to sleep early and wake up early. These patterns, too, often run in families, and Dr Ptacek and his colleagues have been identifying genes that influence them.

Such natural long and short sleep patterns fit into the normal distribution of people's sleep needs. But those with an abnormally advanced or delayed sleep phase are different — they may need the same amount of sleep as the average person, but the times at which they need to sleep and wake are anything but average. Advanced sleep phase is now known

to be determined by a single dominant mutation in a growing list of genes discovered in the laboratories of Dr Ptacek.

"But while this mutated gene travels in families, its expression can vary based on what the rest of the genome looks like," said Dr Ptacek. He and his colleagues concluded that "extreme morning chronotypes," as people with advanced sleep phase are called, "are not exceedingly rare."

The team pointed out that people with advanced sleep phase rarely consult sleep doctors or are studied in sleep clinics because most of those affected seem to like the pattern, perhaps because it fits well into the rhythm of their lives or they have selected or created a rhythm that fits into their sleep-wake needs.

The incidence of advanced sleep phase disorder is likely underestimated because it results in fewer social conflicts. People are not usually penalised for getting to school or work too early. Night owls, on the other hand, are more inclined to seek the help of a sleep specialist because it's so hard for them to get up and get going in the morning to meet the demands of school, work or household.

"People with delayed sleep phase often suffer a great deal," Ptacek said. "They may be unable to fall asleep before 2, 3 or 4 am and then have to get up at 7. They tend to be chronically sleep-deprived and may not function well."

Still, like my friend, not every early riser is happy about it. Ptacek told of one woman who at age 40 was getting up involuntarily at 4 am and at age 50 at 3 am. Finally, at 69, she sought help from a sleep specialist because she didn't like getting up at 2 in the morning when it was "cold, dark and lonely," then being too sleepy to attend social events in the evening. "She was depressed because no one took her seriously and people thought she was being unfriendly when she declined their evening invitations," the neurologist said, adding that the woman is now 90 and wakes up at 1 am.

I asked Ptacek whether advanced or delayed phase sleepers have to capitulate to their genetic heritage or might they be able to induce a more normal day-night schedule. He told me that in effect, it requires adopting behaviours like those used to overcome jet lag.

For example, exposure to bright light in the evening — especially the blue light from cell-phones and most e-book readers — can delay the biological clock and help people to stay up later (or, in the case of insomniacs, make it harder for them to fall asleep). Those with a delayed sleep phase need exposure to bright morning light to stimulate arousal.

For those who awaken in the middle of the night, Dr Ptacek advised getting regular exercise, avoiding a big meal close to bedtime and not stressing about not sleeping. "The more anxious you are, the less likely you'll be able to fall back to sleep," he said. Instead, he suggested, "Get up and do something kind of boring for an hour or so and then go back to bed."

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SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Kids who frequently fidget have better health, says study

CHILDREN WHO are frequently fidgeting during everyday activities burn more calories, using up energy amounting to nearly 3 kg of body weight a year, according to a study.

The study said fidgeting could have a "meaningful" biological or health effects in early childhood. Forty children took it in turns to spend just over an hour in an observation room and had their calorie expenditure measured while they took part in a range of activities, including watching television, playing with toys on the floor, drawing and colouring in, it said. Researchers recorded their shifts in posture, which took forms, including sitting, standing and lying down. These shifts were found to have had a noticeable impact on the activity energy expenditure of the children, who were mostly aged between four and five. The researchers concluded that such fidgeting activity could have "meaningful" biological or health effects in early childhood. The study is published in the journal *PLOS One*. PTI

[20-50 YEARS]

Liver disease related to obesity and diabetes rising in US

THE ONLY liver disease becoming more widespread in the US is one driven by obesity and diabetes, even as other types of liver disorders linked to drinking or hepatitis are becoming less common, researchers say.

For the study, researchers examined nationwide health survey data collected in five cycles between 1988 and 2016. Over this period, the proportion of adults with what's known as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) rose from 20% to 28.3%, mirroring increases in rates of obesity and diabetes over the same period. Most people have a little bit of fat in their liver, but in fatty liver disease, more than 5% of the liver by weight is made up of fat. If the condition isn't linked to liver damage from heavy drinking, it's known as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and is most often associated with obesity, diabetes and certain eating habits. "Many people may not realise they have NAFLD because they can live symptom-free for years, the study team writes. REUTERS

DIET DIARY

A closer look at CoQ10, 'not a true vitamin'

Most cellular processes require energy and CoQ10 is essential for health as it helps break down fat



BY ISHI KHOSLA

COENZYME Q10 or CoQ10 has sprung up as a supplement in last decade. It is a fat soluble 'vitamin like-substance' present in every cell of the body and helps in energy production. Because the body can synthesise CoQ10, it cannot be called a 'true vitamin'.

It helps to break down fats and carbohydrates to provide energy. It is manufactured by the body in small amounts;

however, levels decline as we age. CoQ10 levels are also reported to be low in patients with some chronic diseases such as angina, congestive heart failure and high blood pressure, muscular dystrophies, Parkinson's disease, cancer, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS. Some prescription drugs may also lower CoQ10 levels. Deficiency may also occur in patients with impaired CoQ10 biosynthesis due to severe metabolic or cellular disorders, not enough dietary CoQ10 intake, or too much CoQ10 use by the body. With lower levels of CoQ10, oxidative stress increases like in ageing.

Preliminary research suggests that it may be of value for treating certain conditions.

It occurs naturally in high amounts in organs like liver, heart and kidney; fish (sardines and mackerel), nuts, and some

oils (soybean), while much lower levels can be found in most dairy products, vegetables, fruits, and cereals. In healthy individuals, levels of CoQ10 are maintained both by synthesis of CoQ10 in the body and food intake.

It has no known toxicity or side effects. Levels of CoQ10 in the body can be increased by taking CoQ10 supplements, although it is not clear that replacing 'low CoQ10' is beneficial. No safe intake levels of CoQ10 for human beings have been established.

There is also, as yet, no simple clinical test to measure CoQ10 deficiency.

As most cellular processes require energy, CoQ10 is essential for health. It is distributed in membranes of the cells and possibly serves as a membrane antioxidant. CoQ10 supplements have been used to aid cardiac patients, especially those with high blood pressure and heart failure. However, it requires larger long-term trials.

Coenzyme Q also bolsters the immune system and improves immune function in patients with AIDS or HIV-infections, increases energy levels, promotes weight loss, and enhances gum health. It's also been shown to be beneficial in chronic fatigue syndrome and several neurodegenerative disorders, in-

cluding Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and Huntington's disease. Coenzyme Q helps protect against the side effects of radiation and chemotherapy in cancer treatment. It's role as a hypo-glycemic agent (reducing blood sugar levels) is being explored.

Promising results in animal studies, showing that coenzyme Q may be effective against cancer, prompted researchers in Denmark to conduct similar studies on small groups of women who had breast cancer. In many cases, the women in these groups responded positively, sometimes experiencing complete remission. However, the results were not conclusive because many women were taking other supplements and receiving standard cancer therapy while they were taking coenzyme Q.

CoQ10 has been used, recommended, or studied for numerous conditions, but remains controversial as a treatment in many areas. Benefits are not conclusively proven; well-designed long-term research is needed to strengthen recommendations.

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FORCE OF REFORM

Test of PM's announcement of Chief of Defence Staff will lie in delineation of office's powers. It needs a purposeful mandate

IT HAS BEEN clear for two decades that big military reforms cannot take place without political will. On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi signalled that such political will had been summoned when he announced that the armed forces would now have a Chief of Defence Staff, a post for which there was a long felt need. Its creation was recommended two decades ago by the Group of Ministers in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government that was tasked with studying the Kargil Review Committee and coming up with concrete proposals from it. The KRC had redflagged the urgent need for structural reforms in the military. The GoM proposed a five star CDS who would bring unity of command between the three services, rising above the often competing views and claims of the Army, Navy and Air Force, to advise the prime minister and defence minister on a host of issues such as strategy, procurement of weaponry, manpower requirements, as well as work towards tri-service operational "jointmanship".

However, through all these years, the proposal could never find enough backers either in the political class or the defence bureaucracy. The three services were not convinced either. Politicians were worried that concentrating power in the hands of a high military official would give rise to praetorian tendencies; the defence ministry feared a change in the civilian-military equation that would result in its own loss of supremacy; and the Air Force and Navy opposed it because they believed that the CDS system would be dominated by the Army. Even a watered down version of the CDS suggested by the 2011 Naresh Chandra Committee, which was essentially a slightly more empowered version of the existing Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee system, did not see the light of day.

The decision to appoint a CDS would be meaningful only if the government clears these speedbreakers, which still exist. In addition, now there is also the Defence Planning Committee headed by the powerful NSA, who is the de facto CDS. The real test of Modi's announcement will be known when the time comes to delineate the powers of this office. Without a purposeful mandate, it would end up becoming just another military office. It is clear that the CDS must be able to report to the prime minister and defence minister, and must be seen as the senior-most military official, rather than as just "first among equals" with the service chiefs. In the US, the powers of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are defined by a 1986 law. In the hierarchy, he is placed above the service chiefs, and his role defined as that of the "principal military advisor" to the president and defence secretary. The same law also lays out what the CJCS cannot do. For sure, there will be resistance to an empowered CDS, because the military, like most organisations, is loath to change. But the Indian armed forces know, too, that this is the best way forward to a modern army that is prepared for today's challenges.

SLOW AND SLOWER

Instead of short-term palliatives, government should keep the focus on fixing structural issues plaguing the economy

THERE IS MORE bad news on the economy. On Tuesday, data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers showed that sales dropped by 18.7 per cent in July — the sharpest decline in nearly 19 years. On Wednesday, data released by the commerce ministry showed that non-oil, non-gold imports, an indicator of domestic demand, contracted in July — they have contracted every month this financial year. The corporate results season also points to depressed demand. Clearly, household demand, which has been the bulwark of growth over the past few years, has slowed down substantially over the past few quarters. Why is this so? And can it be reversed?

Part of the explanation can be traced to household borrowings. Slower income/wage growth over the past few years led to households stepping up their borrowings to finance their consumption. In just two years, household financial liabilities went up from Rs 3.85 lakh crore in 2015-16 to Rs 7.4 lakh crore in 2017-18 — a period that also coincides with the sharp growth of NBFCs. This changed with the collapse of IL&FS. With the crisis engulfing the NBFC sector, the capacity of households to borrow to finance their consumption has been restricted. Bank lending is yet to offset this decline. This raises the question: If growth over the past few years was driven largely by households gorging on debt, which is unsustainable beyond a point, will policy interventions designed to fuel household consumption without addressing the underlying reason, the slowdown in income growth, be the prudent approach?

With the primary drivers of growth struggling, an argument is being made for a fiscal stimulus. Notwithstanding that the budget, which was presented just a few weeks ago, shied away from doing so, the space for a meaningful stimulus does not exist as the government is likely to find it difficult to meet its budgeted fiscal deficit target this year — its tax revenues are growing well below nominal GDP growth. In any case, higher government spending will be counterproductive — it will push up bond yields, restricting transmission of the interest rate cuts by the MPC. Reports also suggest that the government is considering a slew of measures to reverse the slowdown. At this juncture, the temptation to rely solely on short-term palliatives should be avoided. While sector-specific measures, such as addressing the concerns of the auto sector could be explored, the focus should be on addressing the structural issues that plague the economy.

THE ENLIGHTENED ONE

A Buddhist temple in Japan has an android for a priest. But in India, even such an advanced AI may not be able to adapt

HERE'S WHERE KARL Marx got it wrong: Opium sells itself, while religion requires marketing. The Kodaiji Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan, is just 400 years old. But its latest priest, Kannon, can technically live forever, acquire unlimited knowledge and like Douglas Adams' fictional supercomputer, Deep Thought, could hold the answer to "life, the universe and everything". Kannon is an android priest, with silicon skin and a camera for a left eye. It began conducting sermons earlier this year and preaches about compassion and the dangers of desire, anger and ego.

Apart from the tricky theological questions, an android does provide the perfect vessel to preach detachment. When it talks of desire and ego, it can counsel without hypocrisy. Ironically, though, the motive behind the technological update may not be so detached as the new priest. The clergy at the Kodaiji temple reportedly hopes that Kannon will attract younger people, amongst whom the influence of religion is waning.

Closer home, too, robotic intervention holds much promise for religion to get with the times — and we can do it cheaper. The repetition of mantras, whether at weddings or funerals, is set and, frankly, requires little engagement from the audience. Given that most people are not well acquainted with classical Sanskrit, the vedic android will require programming no more sophisticated than a tape recorder. The only thing preventing the complete digitisation of religion is that even the most sophisticated artificial intelligence cannot perform the moral gymnastics that human beings who deal with religion and public life are able to. For instance, what will be the caste of a robot priest? Some questions trump even the most sophisticated technologies.

The long disarm of the law

Even by its own spotty standards, abdication of the legal profession in leading the charge for liberty is striking



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THE CONSTITUTIONALITY AND wisdom of rendering Article 370 irrelevant to Kashmir can be debated. But no matter which side of the debate you are on, the spectre of the Indian legal system abdicating its responsibility to protect the liberties of ordinary Indians should alarm all of us.

There are three tragic ironies in the current moment. First, the very act of supposedly "integrating" Kashmir more fully into India starts off by virtually putting the whole population of the Valley under a pall of suspicion. The normal rights to movement, communication and expression have been suspended for a large section of the population. Admittedly, there are security exigencies in Kashmir, and the state has an interest in preventing violence. But to put a state under a communication lockdown of protracted and uncertain duration, to detain almost the entire political leadership of the state, to deny ordinary citizens their liberties, reeks of a conduct that befits a colonial power, not a liberal democracy.

The second alarming thing is the casualness with which all of this is justified. This casualness only underscores the lack of empathetic imagination and the weakening commitment to freedom that characterised the rest of India; it is as if we are saying, we will win over Kashmiris by imposing even more hardship on them. But the third irony is that their first experience of Indian law as a Union Territory is untrammelled executive power writ large, where anyone can be detained or prevented from travelling on any pretext whatsoever. Indian courts have had a spotty record in defending our civil liberties. But even by that spotty standard, the abdication of the legal profession in leading the charge for liberty is striking.

There are a few petitions pending in the Supreme Court. But the court has already abdicated its responsibility by kicking the can down the road. In the case of detention, where mass political arrests have taken place, time is of the essence. What is the point of habeas corpus protection if it applies only after the state has done its deeds? Even if, for argument's sake, some measures of detention or restrictions on public assembly are necessary, the justification, duration, form and location can at least be scrutinised. Even

if the Supreme Court wanted to take more time on Article 370 issues, taking up issues of "liberty" cases should have been its top priority.

But, more generally, there is an extraordinary listlessness in the legal profession in the defence of liberty. One would have thought that if Shah Faesal was denied the right to travel, prominent lawyers would invoke memories of the famous Maneka Gandhi case, and draw their swords on behalf of the right to travel. In fact, the tribe of senior counsel who are never shy to claim chivalrous custodianship of the Indian Constitution, are strikingly missing in leading the charge in the public sphere for liberty and rule of law in Kashmir. There are honourable exceptions, but such high degrees of deference in the legal culture of judges and lawyers to executive power does not portend well for Indian democracy.

Perhaps this is not surprising. So much of the public rhetoric is reminiscent of the Emergency. You had, then, Justice Y V Chandrachud arguing, in *ADM Jabalpur*, in a manner reminiscent of current discourse, that liberties could be ignored since political prisoners would not be mistreated. He had a "diamond bright" and "diamond hard" hope that such things would never come to pass. You had Justice A N Ray warning counsel not to "paint pictures of diabolic distortion and mendacious malignment of the government of the country."

H M Seervai's gloss on *ADM Jabalpur* is still worth quoting: "The majority judgment gave charter to every government servant to do his will against the helpless people, stripped by the Supreme Court of the protection of law. A rigid censorship concealed the extent of the injury inflicted by the judgment from the public gaze. But the evidence which has come to light since then shows how little justification there was for any judge to speak of 'motherly care' shown to detainees, or to express 'diamond bright and diamond hard hopes', that the kind of misdeeds which counsel for detainees feared had not tarnished the record of free India and would not do so."

There is danger that what Seervai described as the sensibility of the majority judgment is becoming the default common sense of our legal and wider political culture. Even if we admit that there are security and public order exigencies in Kashmir, there is no reason to exempt mass detentions from quick legal scrutiny. As the legal historian, Rohit De, reminded us (see his paper, *Constitutional Antecedents, in the Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*), even in the midst of World War II, when India was ruled by a colonial power, a newly created and young Federal Court of India (the precursor to the Supreme Court) had, under the leadership of Sir Maurice Gwyer, the courage to invalidate Rule 26 of the then Defence of India Rules and direct the Bombay High Court to issue a writ of habeas corpus. There were some technical grounds for the decision. But, as De recounts, "the court was shocked by the non-application of mind that went into these detention orders. This was evidenced by the practice of verbatim reproduction in the order of detention of all the objects in relation to which such an order may be made instead of specifying a particular ground of suspicion."

Even for the British, war was not a catch-all excuse to exempt habeas corpus cases from quick judicial scrutiny. All states are organised hypocrisy: They will use arguments from necessity to suspend the rule of law or civil liberties. But it does not portend well for a state when literally any argument from "necessity" or "sensitivity" is given a free pass by the judicial system. In fact, the abrogation of Article 370 makes it even more important to signal that the Constitution, whose writ and ambit we want to extend to Kashmir, is a constitution of liberty, not simply a tool of executive tyranny. It is a Constitution designed to elicit people's natural sympathies by guaranteeing their liberty and dignity.

Our legal abdication on liberties is a sign that we are not ready to treat Kashmiris as ordinary Indians and that we are willing to debase ourselves in the face of an executive that is acting more colonially than a colonial power.

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THE CALIPH OF THE COURT

Pakistan's Chief Justice Saqib Nisar neglected cases to campaign for a dam



KHALED AHMED

IN PAKISTAN, JUDGES at the top of the judiciary have a way of going berserk, taking seriously Islam's "justice on the street" legend about the caliphs of Baghdad. When this happens, the dubious practice of "suo motu" gets out of hand: The judge, instead of worrying about his backlog, creates new cases on his own and absents himself from his real job. Pakistan suffered the suo motu psychosis of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Iftikhar Chaudhry (2005-2013) and the state had to pay damages abroad because Chaudhry, heady with false charisma, rescinded foreign contracts. The lawyers who had supported him in his row with the government lived to regret their stupidity.

Chief Justice Saqib Nisar (2016-2019), watching the theatre of the absurd, of suo motu, of his predecessor, thought he could actually improve on the Caliph of Baghdad's act. He wanted to leave a blazing legacy, but left the reputation of the judiciary in tatters. His main "achievement" pertains to the Basha Dam.

Justice Nisar paraded around, collecting "dam funds" and toured the UK to lobby expat Pakistanis. The dam is estimated to cost \$14 billion. One estimate indicates that Nisar collected Rs 9 billion but cost the government Rs 13 billion in publicity ads.

Justice Nisar took cover behind Article 184 (3) of the constitution, which empow-

ered him "to act in matters of public importance involving fundamental rights". The dam is a bit of a stretch and may take a long time — and a lot of money that Pakistan doesn't have — to build. But his Basha shenanigans went on: A member of the Sindh Assembly was asked to deposit Rs 3 million in the dam fund for assaulting a citizen. Nisar asked a cement factory to deposit Rs 100 million in a case involving environmental damage to the temples of Katas Raj in district Chakwal, which did nothing to restore the Hindu temples.

As the backlog of cases at Justice Nisar's court mounted — from 38,129 in 2017 to 40,254 in 2018 — and the litigants whimpered in protest, he started favouring lawyers who sought long adjournments in return for — guess what — donations to the dam fund. Cases cited in the press included upscale housing billionaire Malik Riaz who was asked to chip in with "tens of billions of rupees"; and the Khokhar brothers accused of land-grabbing in Lahore, who had to cough up Rs 100 million. He went on his fund-raising binge and was often flanked by Prime Minister Imran Khan himself. As he circulated like the legendary Caliph of Baghdad, he thought he should give himself a name reflecting the "blessing" he was proving for the Pakistani masses. He chose the funny nickname, Baba Rehmeta.

Some lawyers — not all, because most of them are deeply religious — noted that he was going overboard with his blending of ideology with nationalism. One instance often cited was what he said in a speech in Quetta: "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was probably the first thinker who conceived the two-nation theory, that there were two nations; one was Muslims and the other — well, I don't even want to utter the word." He preened over downgrading the Hindu community, protected as equal citizens by the constitution he was supposed to uphold.

Some judges in the higher judiciary didn't like what Nisar was doing. It is difficult to say whether they really objected because Nisar was legally out of bounds or simply because he looked ridiculous. One judge was Justice Qazi Faez Isa, whom he removed from a hearing midway for questioning his exercise of the suo motu. Unfortunately, Justice Isa is today facing dismissal at the Supreme Judicial Council after a reference by the Imran Khan government. You have to pay for not being the Caliph of Baghdad.

Then, on June 28 came the curtains. Three events planned in London with former chief justice Saqib Nisar and a federal minister failed to go ahead "for lack of interest".

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AUGUST 17, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

FUEL PRICE RISE

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ordered increases in the prices of almost all petroleum products. The decision to increase prices was taken at a meeting of the cabinet this morning in the wake of unprecedented increases in the prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the world market. Naphtha, fuel oil and low sulphur heavy stock (LSHS), used as feedstock for the fertiliser industry, and lubricants of various grades, have been left untouched. While feedstocks for the fertiliser industry have been exempted from price increase to prevent any escalations in the prices of fertilisers in the interest of agricultural production, lubricants have been protected be-

cause they are already very highly priced in comparison with other products.

CPM VOLTE FACE

AFTER REPEATED ASSERTIONS that it will not back a political combination dependent on the RSS-Jana Sangh or the Congress (I), the CPM decided to support the Charan Singh ministry even while recognising that the government has not "yet freed itself" from the support of Indira Gandhi's party. Explaining the party's volte face, the CPM central committee said in a statement after its two-day-long deliberations in Delhi that it was necessary for it to back the government in order to prevent "the Jana Sangh-

dominated Janata Party from coming back."

NANAJI'S DUTY

JANATA LEADER NANAJI Deshmukh has told the prime minister that by raising certain questions and highlighting the inconsistencies in his (Charan Singh's) views about Morarji Desai, H N Bahuguna, Indira Gandhi and on other matters, he was only doing "national duty". In a letter to Singh, Deshmukh refuted the charge that he was travelling all over the country abusing him. He reminded Singh about the grave charges of corruption levelled by the latter against H N Bahuguna when both were members of Desai's government.



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By numbers alone

The change in Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional status is democratic only in one sense — it had a parliamentary majority. But democracy is much more than that



ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

DID THE ABROGATION of Jammu and Kashmir's special status express India's democratic wish, or did it violate basic democratic canons? The government's claim is the former, critics say it is the latter. How do we judge?

Democracy has at least four meanings. Democracy, first of all, is a system of electoral power. The BJP received 229 million votes in the recent elections. If all voters were to exercise franchise in Jammu and Kashmir, the erstwhile state would have at best eight million votes, of which the Kashmir Valley had approximately 4.5 million. The BJP has been committed to the abrogation of Article 370, saying it gave undue privileges to India's only Muslim-majority state. Having received a larger mandate for the directly-elected Lower House of Parliament, and confident that it could get enough votes in the indirectly elected Upper House, it went ahead with its ideological project and removed Article 370 via parliamentary majorities. This is consistent with the first meaning of democracy — namely, electoral majorities as a cornerstone of democratic power.

But elections alone do not define a democracy. The second idea of democracy is that it is not simply a system of majority rule, but also a system of minority protection. All post-Nazi democracies since 1945 have had this character. The Nazi regime and its theorists, such as Carl Schmitt, had argued that democracy was only about majority wishes and if the German majority wanted Jews to be second-class citizens, the Jewish minority of German lands would have no choice but to submit. Only liberalism, argued Schmitt, protected the Jews, not democracy.

The logical culmination of this view of democracy was the concentration camp, or the incarceration and death of several million Jews because their loyalties to the German nation were considered suspect by those who won power. Unless minority rights constrain the majority-rule principle, democracies can, in principle, lead to concentration camps. That is why post-1945, democracies have tended to be liberal democracies, not simply electoral democracies. Modern democracy first enables majority rule and then also checks and balances it with minority rights.

In and of themselves, 4.5 million votes cannot carry greater democratic weight than 229 million votes. Election winners do get the right to frame policies or enact laws in a democracy, but in post-Nazi democracies, this rule is radically modified when the 229 million voters are primarily of one religion (or race), and the 4.5 million votes are overwhelmingly from a minority religion (or race), as opposed to both being racially, religiously, ethnically so mixed that voters can be identified primarily as individual citizens, not as members of the religiously defined majorities and minorities. The problem is not rule by a majority, but rule by a religiously (ethnically or racially) defined majority.

Nearly 44 per cent of Hindus voted for the BJP in the recent elections and only eight per cent of Muslims did. India is about 80 per cent Hindu, and the Kashmir Valley over 96 per cent Muslim. The minority-protect-



C R Sasikumar

tion principle of democracy means that even with 229 million overwhelmingly Hindu votes, the BJP should not impose its will on seven million Kashmiris. The agreements made to protect minority rights — Articles 370 and 35A — would have to be respected, unless the minority itself agreed to their termination.

It is suggested that Kashmiri Muslims have no right to this reasoning because in the early 1990s, with the insurgency at its peak, they actively engineered the outmigration of Kashmiri Hindus, a minority community in the Valley where Muslims are a majority. This argument is flawed. All it can logically require is (a) identifying and punishing those organisations that forced the outmigration, and (b) insisting on the return of Kashmiri Hindus. By no democratic reasoning does it entitle a government to inflict majoritarian retribution on an entire community — to avenge an earlier majoritarian excess.

The third meaning of democracy is that it is a constitutionally-governed system. All modern democracies, except the British, are constitutionally-based. Elections establish who will rule, but the rulers so elected are also constitutionally bound. Here, there are three key questions.

First, can routine legislative action scrap an article of the constitution? Or, was a special legislative procedure, mandated by a constitutional amendment, required? If the latter, the change should also have been proposed as a constitutional amendment, and super majorities in the two Houses of the central legislature pursued ex-ante, not celebrated post-fact. Second, can the governor's approval, procured in this case, be taken as the state's consent for change? Constitutionally, the governor represents Delhi, not the state in question. The governor cannot be called a substitute for the state's elected political representatives. If the elected state legislature is not in session, a constitutional change pertaining to the state must await the return of

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The fourth meaning of democracy is that it is a system of political ethics. In a democracy, those vitally affected by a decision are given a chance to speak, even if they are likely, or destined, to lose. Losers are silenced in authoritarian polities, not in democracies. The Kashmir Valley is vitally affected by this constitutional change, but it was locked down, its leaders arrested, and a curfew imposed. This is similar to what happened on the eve of the Emergency, on June 25, 1975. Indira Gandhi arrested major Opposition leaders before a president-approved order was presented to Parliament and democracy suspended. Since August 5, we have witnessed a Kashmir-level emergency, though clearly not a national emergency.

In short, only in one democratic sense — democracy as a system of electoral power — can the decision to change Kashmir's status be called potentially legitimate. In all other democratic senses, we have witnessed severely anti-democratic conduct. It was electorally-enabled brute majoritarianism.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The demonstrators (in Hong Kong) should give Beijing no excuse for violent suppression. But the behaviour of a small minority does not justify a ruthless response to the movement as a whole." — THE GUARDIAN

A jan andolan for water

Proposed Jal Jeevan Mission will be a decentralised, community-managed and sustainable water management scheme



PARAMESWARAN IYER

ON AUGUST 15, during the first Independence Day speech of his second tenure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Jal Jeevan Mission, which plans to supply water to all households by 2024. Five years ago, on the same occasion, he had made an equally audacious pronouncement: That India would become open defecation free by October 2, 2019, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Having delivered on that promise, the PM has now set another BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) and, without a doubt, an idea whose time has come.

For many years, the central and state governments have been making efforts to increase access to safe and adequate drinking water. While the provision of a basic quantity of drinking water in rural India has been achieved through handpumps, dug wells or public stand posts, at the top of the aspirational ladder has always been household water supply (HWS). Thus, while states like Sikkim and Gujarat have managed to achieve high levels of HWS, a relatively low percentage of rural Indian households have access to this service. The strategy so far to increase access to HWS faced obstacles, including not paying enough attention to sustaining or recharging groundwater, the primary source, and treating service delivery primarily as an engineering solution, without adequate involvement of the users.

A further challenge at the policy level was that, until now, the institutional landscape for water at both the Centre and state government has been somewhat fragmented, with several ministries in Delhi and departments in states dealing with different aspects of water management, with overlapping roles and responsibilities. No single body had the ultimate oversight and authority necessary to resolve conflicting issues and take the necessary decisions. The creation of the Jal Shakti Mantralaya in the Government of India to integrate the management of India's water resources and supply of drinking water is a landmark step in diagnosing and addressing the problem. At a policy level, therefore, the stage has been set to deliver integrated water management solutions.

One of the main implementation challenges in rural drinking water service delivery has been the inadequate attention to taking concrete measures to sustain the source of the water, in most cases groundwater. The traditional approach to source sustainability by the large engineering departments in states has either been to assume that the groundwater source is infinite or that it is some other department's problem. Instead of taking simple and local measures, like creating rainwater harvesting structures and point recharge structures in the vicinity of borewells, the emphasis has been more on maximising the pumping of water and distributing it through pipes. This led to many of the systems either shutting down or func-

tioning suboptimally due to the groundwater source having dried up. The proposed Jal Jeevan Mission will make source sustainability measures mandatory prior to pumping and distributing water to households.

Another major issue with the traditional approach to service delivery was that the provision of drinking water was viewed primarily as an engineering solution, with schemes being planned and executed by the public health and engineering departments. However, water is an ideal sector for the applicability of the principle of subsidiarity — the idea that a central authority should have a subsidiary function, performing only those tasks which cannot be performed effectively at a more immediate or local level. Programmes like the Swajal project in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and the WASMO programme in Gujarat, demonstrated that with adequate capacity building and training, water can be most efficiently managed at the lowest appropriate level. Adopting this principle, the Jal Jeevan Mission's first preference will be to have single village ground water-based schemes, wherever sufficient quantity and good quality of groundwater exists. These schemes would be managed by the community itself through the setting up of a village water and sanitation committee, a sub-committee of the gram panchayat. Wherever adequate quantity of safe groundwater is not present, or where it may be technically not feasible to have single-village schemes, surface water-based multi-village schemes will be promoted. Further, in some remote regions, where it may not be technologically feasible to have household water supply schemes, local innovations, such as solar-based schemes will be encouraged.

It is not commonly known that household waste water, mainly from the kitchen and bathing, from household water supply amounts to about 75 per cent of the amount of water supplied. Under the proposed Jal Jeevan Mission, with rural households planned to get household water supply, huge quantities of household waste water will be generated across the country, therefore making its effective management critical. It is, therefore, planned to include a mandatory provision under the Jal Jeevan Mission for the effective channeling and treatment of household waste water (known as grey water), through appropriate and low cost drainage and treatment systems. Once appropriately treated, the grey water can be used for both recharge of ground water as well as for irrigation purposes.

On the lines of the Swachh Bharat Mission, extensive information, education and communication will be needed to create a jan andolan for water management. The ongoing Jal Shakti Abhiyan will help in creating awareness about the importance of integrating source sustainability and water reuse with the provision of household water supply. This integrated approach to decentralised, community managed, and sustainable water management is the backbone of the government's plan to ensure that every household gets the benefits of water supply. The Jal Jeevan Mission will be a major step towards improving our people's ease of living and meeting their aspirations of a New India.

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Summer of Love 2.0

The world needs another Woodstock and all that it stood for



RAMIN JAHANBEGLOO

FIFTYEARS AGO, in August 1969, half a million people gathered for three days on a 600-acre dairy farm at Bethel, New York to celebrate peace, love and music. The event became known as the Woodstock Rock Festival. The festival became world-famous after a soundtrack album and an award-winning documentary by the same name was released subsequently. Nearly 30 bands and musicians performed at the Woodstock Festival over four days, including Ravi Shankar, Joan Baez, Jimi Hendrix, Santana, The Grateful Dead, The Who, Jefferson Airplane, Joe Cocker and many others. Despite the famous absentees — like Led Zeppelin, Bob Dylan and Simon & Garfunkel — Woodstock became a symbol of anti-Vietnam contestation and the global counterculture movement. Unlike today's youth, who is thinking in terms of money and jobs and becoming increasingly conformist and complacent, the young people of the 1960s were feeling frustrated and rejected by the socio-political systems of their time. In American society in particular, young people were disgusted by the Jim Crow laws in the Southern US and the assassinations of the African-American emancipation movement leaders, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. They were also strongly opposed to the Vietnam war and the draft system — which mainly drew from

the Black population, minorities and lower-class whites. Increasingly disillusioned with the American political debate, the rebellious youth turned towards new radical values expressed by Black Power, Maoism and the hippie movement.

The hippie movement was reinforced by the escalation of US involvement in Vietnam, followed by unrest on college campuses. It included hundreds of thousands of young Americans across the country who showed their rebelliousness by way of their long hair and beards, colourful dresses, drug use and adherence to a host of oriental spiritual philosophies — things that American society had never heard of. Among the distinctive signs and attitudes related to those of this generation was the love of psychedelic and progressive rock music. In fact, the American counterculture movement was not only influenced by the philosophies of the Beat poets and writers like Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac and William Burroughs, and some Freud-Marxist icons like Herbert Marcuse and Erich Fromm; but it was also motivated by the music of rock bands like The Mamas and the Papas who popularised the Hippie image of California when they sang "If you're going to San Francisco/Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair."

In July 1967, Time magazine published a cover story on the Hippie movement, de-

scribing it as the "Summer of Love". According to the article, the movement was "blooming in every major US city from Boston to Seattle, from Detroit to New Orleans," embracing hundreds of thousands of souls. These were mostly young people in their twenties and thirties who dreamed of a place where they could practise free love, take acid and listen to their favorite bands: This is what the Woodstock Music Festival provided them with in August 1969. No other music festival had attracted so many counterculture people in one place. The Monterey International Pop Music Festival in 1967 and The Atlantic City Pop Music Festival had each attracted around 1,00,000 people. The specificity of the Woodstock Music Festival was that it embodied the zeitgeist of the 1960s, represented by political radicalism, women's liberation movement, anti-war partisanship and, finally, cultural transformation.

Max Yasgur, the man who rented out his farm for the Woodstock festival in 1969 died in 1973. In 1984, a plaque was placed at the site of the festival commemorating the historical event and years later, in 2008, the ashes of Richie Havens, one of the artists who participated at Woodstock, were scattered across the field. Several years ago, Michael Lang, who was one of the organisers of the original Woodstock event, decided to celebrate the

50th anniversary of the event in August 2019. However, the investors who had promised to help Lang in this enterprise walked out. Though Lang continued his dream of organising a Woodstock 50 with help from Oppenheimer & Co., the concert was finally cancelled in late July. Consequently, in an interview with the magazine Variety, Lang underlined that Woodstock remained committed to "social change, and the values of compassion, human dignity, and the beauty of our differences."

But the truth is, that times have changed and Woodstock is no more in the hearts and minds of today's youth. The Woodstock Music Festival was organised in 1969, a year after the sons and daughters of the most privileged sections of the United States and of Europe decided to change the world. The year that Grace Slick and Jefferson Airplane sang, "Now it's time for you and me to have a revolution." As such, the Woodstock Music Festival was the result of all that rebelliousness which seemed to be in the air, and it seemed to be everywhere. It was a moral revolt against a mode of living which has now taken over our universities and workplaces. Fifty years later, maybe, it is time to re-invent Woodstock.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOLID DEFENCE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Unifying the command' (IE, August 16). The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) as permanent chairman of the chiefs of staff committee (COSC) will ensure inter-services co-ordination and operational synergy between three defence services. CDS as the single point of contact between the defence services and the civilian leadership will aid policy coherence. The pivotal role of the National Security Council as an advisory body to the PMO in matters of national security should remain unaltered to maintain the upper hand of the civilian leadership.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

STORY IN HER EYES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Goddess of small things' (IE, August 16). Vidya Sinha was a star of the middle-of-the-road cinema that balanced itself between the blatantly commercial and the laboriously intellectual genres. With extraordinary flair, she emoted ordinary, run-of-the-mill moments. She will always be remembered as the actress whose eyes carried a story.

Sangeeta Kampani, Delhi

JINGOISM AGAIN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The PM's message'. The most notable feature of all the PM's speeches has been drawing

LETTER OF THE WEEK

MINISTRY'S TASKS

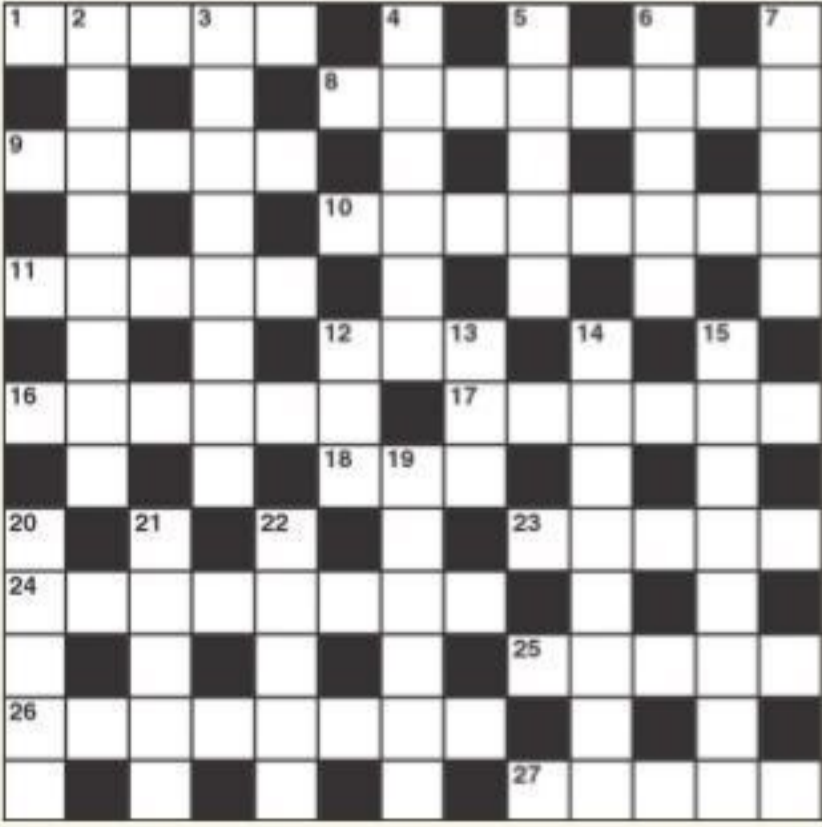
THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Face the deluge' (IE, August 14). In June, the government created an integrated Ministry of Jal Shakti. Some states have received less rainfall while others face a deluge. Both the situations have to be addressed. The Jal Shakti ministry should intervene in situations such as the one in Maharashtra and Karnataka. A lot of damage could have been avoided if the two states had agreed to a timely discharge of waters from the Almati dam.

Krishan Chugh, Delhi

parallels with non-BJP governments and condemning them, no matter how solemn the occasion. The country is undergoing serious economic troubles and there is political turmoil in J&K. The PM has rightfully said that all the citizens should take ownership of change. However, the country is gripped with jingoism and any dissent is viewed in bad light.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

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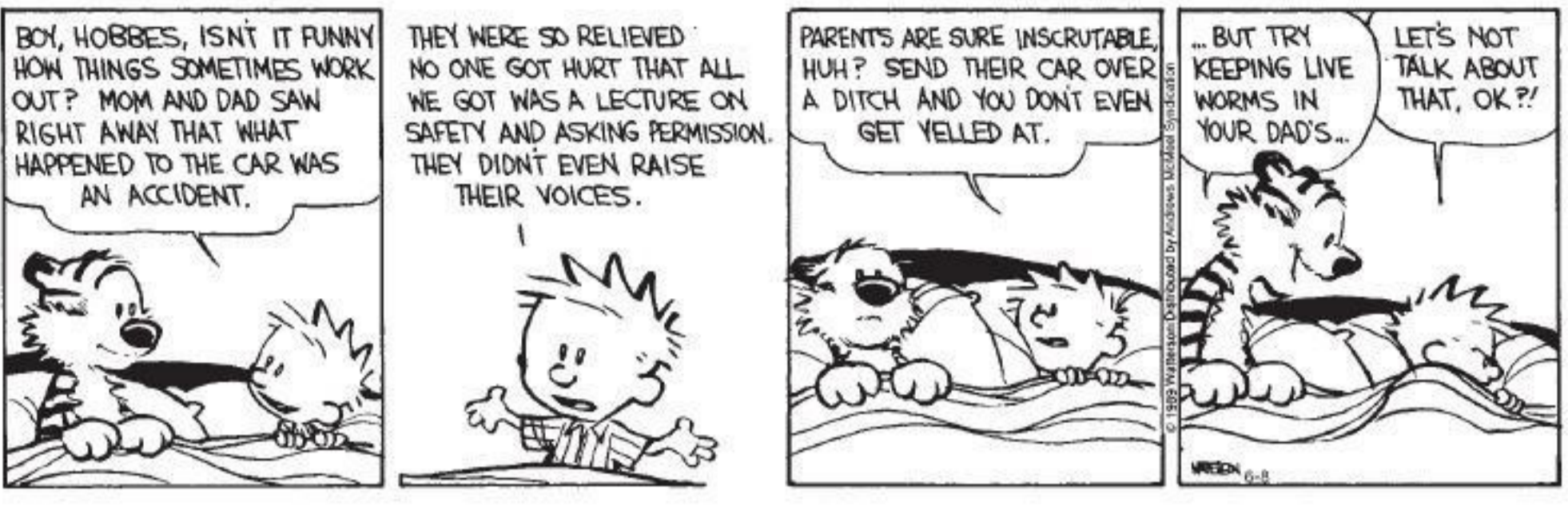
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1 Cut and run (5)
8 Boys must be prepared to observe it (5,3)
9 Save a ship and rescue about fifty (5)
10 Agitated cowhands demonstrating how they want to be paid (4,4)
11 Health resort in the country (5)
12 Ben sent back a bill (3)
16 A wool-gatherer perhaps (6)
17 A king, badly hurt in legend (6)
18 Letter from Greece needs some interpretation (3)
23 Climb with knotted laces (5)
24 They take steps to protest, perhaps (8)
25 There's relief when it is unsuccessful (5)
26 Don't allow to come out (8)
27 An entrance of ornamental stone (5)
DOWN
2 Final victor (8)
3 Call for a rise (8)
4 In difficulty drop a note (6)
5 Be quiet going in to purchase something like a shrub? (5)
6 Boat causes water to rise (5)
7 Pigs from a southern port perhaps (5)
12 Born in France (3)
13 Sheepish expression (3)
14 Having for sale an item sold in pairs (8)
15 Hustling around in the daytime (8)
19 Bird disease affecting humans (6)
20 A nasty accident on the tennis court? (5)
21 Stays on stage (5)
22 Footwear about right for the beach (5)

Solutions Crossword 3665: Across: 1 Safety rail, 6 Snub, 10 Denim, 11 Matriarch, 12 Aspiring, 13 Larm, 15 Raiding, 17 Retouch, 19 Pig iron, 21 Cushion, 22 Twist, 24 Exacting, 27 On a string, 28 Trace, 29 Suet, 30 Dressmaker. Down: 1 Side, 2 Finishing, 3 Tempi, 4 Ramming, 5 Integer, 7 Norma, 8 Behindhand, 9 Violates, 14 Propitious, 16 Irritate, 18 Union Jack, 20 Needier, 21 Charges, 23 Irate, 25 Totem, 26 Bear.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLER WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

WAORR, AECCDD, BINOS, ISWHMY. Grid for jumbling words.

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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CELEBRATION-NHPC NHPC, India's premier hydropower company celebrated India's 73rd Independence Day with great fervour & enthusiasm on Balraj Joshi, CMD, NHPC unfurled the national flag in the presence senior NHPC officers and their family members.

AWARD-WAPCOS Indica, Head (Corporate Communications), WAPCOS received First Prize for "Best Corporate Communication Campaign & Program - External Communication" from (SCOPE), an apex body of Central Govt. owned Public Enterprises.

CELEBRATION-ONGC Shashi Shanker, CMD, ONGC unfurled the national flag to celebrate its 64th Foundation Day on 14 August with much great enthusiasm & zeal. ONGC celebrates this day every year to renew its pledge for national energy security.

AWARD-POSOCO POSOCO has been rated & awarded as India's Most Trusted Company in Electricity Transmission Services Company Category for 2019. The Award was received jointly by . M Davar, Dir. (HR) & RK Srivastava, Dir. (Fin.) of POSOCO.

BSNL Due to the unprecedented flood situation in Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra, it has been decided by BSNL to offer free voice calls from BSNL Mobile to BSNL Mobile and 20 minutes free from BSNL Mobile to other operator Mobile numbers. In addition SMS and data of 1Gb is also free in the flood affected districts/areas of these states. Theses areas are Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Belgavi Districts and parts of Chikmagalur and Hassan in Karnataka; Wayanad and Malapuram district in Kerala; Sangli and Kolahapur in Maharashtra. PK Purwar, CMD BSNL said that it is a goodwill gesture for our esteemed customers in this time of natural calamity.

VISIT - SAIL Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas & Steel visited SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant, various mines under SAIL's Raw Materials Division and SAIL's R & D centre for iron & steel - RDCIS during his visit to Jharkhand.

CELEBRATION-PNB Punjab National Bank celebrated India's 73rd Independence Day on August 15, 2019. MD & CEO, Sunil Mehta hoisted the national flag. Present were Dr. R K Yaduvanshi, L V Prabhakar and Agghey Kumar Azad Executive Directors.

CELEBRATION-OBC Mukesh Kumar Jain, MD & CEO, OBC hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of 73rd Independence Day at the Bank's Corporate Office in the presence of Vijay Dube, ED, other executives & staff members of the Bank.

CUSTOMER MEET-INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK On the eve of pious Independence Day, IOB, Zonal Office, Delhi conducted Customer Meet on 13th Aug 2019 at Regional office Delhi. J Satyanarayana, GM, Zonal Office highlighted the importance of Banking Sector in Indian Economy.

ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE is facilitating its customers to track their loan applications online since last one year. This facility is provided for all Retail loans & MSME loans up to Rs 10.00 crores. The proposals can be tracked for both online applications submitted through Bank's website, and offline applications submitted at branch. Oriental Bank of Commerce is the first and only PSU Bank to introduce such mechanism for enhanced customer experience.

CELEBRATION-CRPF CRPF, Langjing, Imphal, celebrated 73rd Independence day with cheers & enthusiasm. Chief guest HK Kanaujia, DIGP (Adm), Manipur & Nagaland Sector hoisted the national flag. Lokendra Singh, DIGP GC, CRPF, was also present.

CUSTOMER MEET-CORPORATION BANK Corporation Bank conducted a Customer's Meet Cum Financial Literacy Camp. The Meeting was presided by Zonal Head of the bank, Beena Vaheed and AGM of RBI, Rajgiri Prasad.

AWARD MoSJE S.P. Mishra, Deputy Director (Media), M/o Social Justice & Empowerment will be conferred with 'Rashtriya Media Ratna 2018' by Media Press Club, an apex body of media professionals on 26th Sept., 2019 at Sirfort Auditorium, New Delhi. The award will be given to those personalities whose contribution is commendable at ground zero for making news & posting it through proper channel of media for their organization. Rehana Parveen, the chairperson of Rashtriya Media Ratna committee said that the commendable & relationship of S.P. Mishra, Deputy Dir. (Media), M/o S.J & E towards media personnel is commendable.

APPOINTMENT SCOPE has approved the appointment of Atul Sobti, new DG, SCOPE. The appointment has been made based on the Selection Committee recommendation. Atul Sobti has recently superannuated as CMD, BHEL.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK announces a cut in its Marginal Cost of Funds based lending rate (MCLR) for different tenors with effective from 16.08.2019. The rates for Overnight, One month and Three month tenor are 8.20%, 8.30% and 8.40% respectively and the rates for six month and one year tenor is 8.50%. CRPF This year too, CRPF -the largest Central Armed Police Force of the country, has been awarded with as many as 75 medals for gallantry (01 Kirti Chakra, 2 Shaurya Chakra, 2 President's Police medals for Gallantry and 70 Police Medals for Gallantry). With this, the total number of gallantry medals won by the deserving Force personnel till now has totalled to 1900 - the highest ever among all the CAPFs in the country. It deserves a mention here that out of the total 180 gallantry awards announced this year, CRPF alone bagged as many as 72 medals-the highest among all the police forces. ITBP 19 ITBP officials have been announced to be conferred with Police Medals on the occasion of 73rd Independence Day, 2019. 05 of them would be conferred with Police Medal for Gallantry, 04 with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service while 10 would be conferred with Police Medal for Meritorious service.



CAUGHT IN THE WEB

He once reportedly described publishing as a "terrible invasion of my privacy". And just last week, the books of JD Salinger, who is known to have disliked computers, have been made available as e-books online. His son Matt Salinger had rejected similar such requests in the past, until now.

In the Blind Spot

Easterine Kire's book provides vivid portraiture of a people on the fringes of the frames of conventional historiography



An Angami Naga festival in progress Photo: Yves Picq/Wikimedia Commons

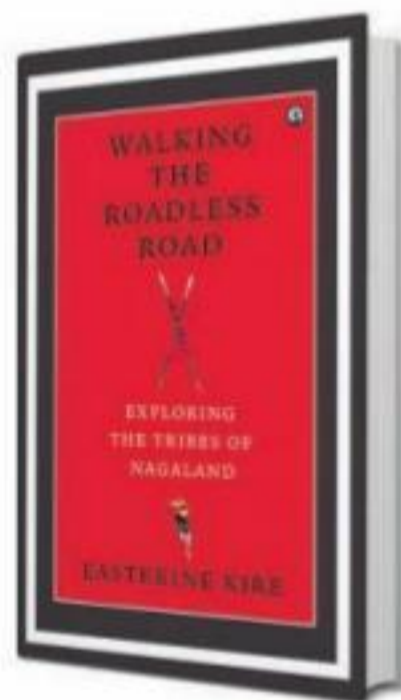
PRADIP PHANJOUBAM

EASTERINE KIRE's *Walking the Roadless Road* is fascinating for many reasons, despite a few jarring notes. The book profiles Nagaland's 16 recognised tribes. However, this is not the usual detached portraiture from the vantage of objective observers, but rather, images of these tribes as they see themselves. It is, hence, difficult to put the work in any genre or academic discipline. It is not quite anthropology or history, although influences of earlier works in these disciplines are evident, and it is not altogether a study in folklores and customary practices either, though the book is most engaging in the section which leans towards this approach. It is, however, a story well told.

The first of four sections which makes up two-thirds of the book, tell of the charming indigenous world of the Nagas. Kire makes it clear that the scope of her work does not extend beyond the boundaries of Nagaland state. She thus profiles all of Nagaland's 16 tribes, including the two not considered Naga: the Dimasacachari and the Kuki. This indigenous world seems unique and aloof. It is almost as if Kire is opening the door to another dimension in time, taking the reader on a guided tour of a magical world preserved in collective archetypal memories stored in folklores, songs, chants and rituals.

Adding to the richness of this portrai-

ture is accounts of the inherent fears of the tribes, often manifesting as malevolent spirits they believe they share their homes and hearths with, and the strategies they evolve to evade them. Each tribe has its own set of spirits to get along with, and consequently



WALKING THE ROADLESS ROAD: EXPLORING THE TRIBES OF NAGALAND
EASTERINE KIRE
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its own set of rules for holding the peace with the netherworld. These spirits, most of them corresponding to natural phenomena, earn importance according to their potential to harm humans. Kire does not attempt to interpret the significance of these fears, but it is clear that they represent the ways these indigenous communities cope with dangers they do not comprehend – such as unnatural deaths, epidemics, pestilences, crop failures, wild animal attacks etc. From these responses, the reader also gets to see the sinews that hold the identity and character of each tribe together. Almost all the tribes have the bachelor's seat or 'Morung', referred to by different names by each tribe. This is where young boys are bound by custom to spend their youth with peers, learning the ways of the village and cementing village solidarity.

Though most villages were at war with each other in pre-modern times, and had little or no shared identity, within the village the tribes were exogamous and marriages within the clan were prohibited. It is not difficult to see how this would have bonded the village as a community, as different clans within it would have been related by marriage. Also interesting are the sets of taboos of each tribe the author lists. In them, the reader gets interesting glimpses into how formal laws begin to take shape amongst indigenous communities as their economy matures. While in most tribes, these were merely the things villagers were prohibited from doing, in some tribes they

were more nuanced. Besides taboos, the Konyaks also had protocol regulations, such as who could remain seated in whose presence in the village council.

The book's weakness concerns academic rigour. There is very little multiple or multi-disciplinary sourcing, even while making pivotal conclusions. For instance, all the tribes have their own collective memory of how and where they migrated from. Some claim a sea-faring antiquity, others reminisce of a cave-dwelling past, and yet others look eastwards to China and Mongolia as their original homeland. Different Naga tribes claiming different origins is understandable but sometimes, as in the case of the Angami, these differing memories of origins are within the same tribe. Perhaps big tribes like the Angami were melting pots of ethnicity, where different migrating groups amalgamated, explaining the differing memories. Kire makes no effort to reconcile these, but perhaps she only wants to flag them for future scholars.

This slack, however, gets more pronounced when the book leaves the mythic world and enters the historical era. One example would help illustrate. In the tradition of Northeast scholarship, Kire often relies on works by colonial administrators, in particular, JP Mills and JH Hutton, both ICS officers who had extended stints in the Naga Hills of British Assam. British colonial administrators do seem to have been unusually gifted with an anthropological instinct. Four of them, as Prof David Syiemlieh

has written quite extensively, were quick to notice this otherworldly aloofness of the indigenous world there. As Indian independence drew close, they suggested that the contiguous mountainous region of Northeast India and Northwest Burma, should be clubbed together and treated as a separate country, neither India nor Burma.

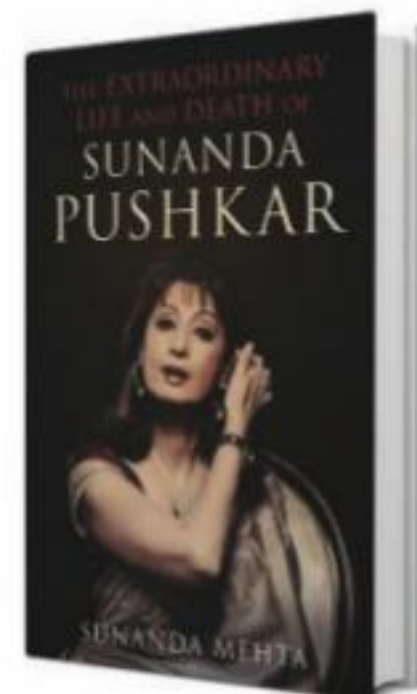
The most prominent and elaborate suggestion came from Robert Reid, governor of Assam, in 1937. His 22-page treatise, *A Note on the Future of the Present Excluded, Partially Excluded and Tribal Areas of Assam* was used with permission and attribution by Reginald Coupland of Oxford University, in the last of three volumes of his 1943 compilation on problems of constitution-making in India. Later, clumsy scholarships represented Reid's idea as the Coupland Plan. The plan was rejected for many reasons, most importantly because many other British administrators in Burma and India doubted its feasibility. Kire picks up and uses this erroneous explanation.

But the core of the book is Kire's portrayal of the pre-modern Naga world. The other threads are mopping-up exercises to make the book somewhat rounded. This core, however, is wonderful, pointing out the glaring blind spot of conventional historiography in picturing these societies.

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Happily Never After

Tracing the tragedy of Sunanda Pushkar's life



THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND DEATH OF SUNANDA PUSHKAR
SUNANDA MEHTA
Pan Macmillan India
344 pages; ₹ 599

COOMI KAPOOR

SUNANDA PUSHKAR's eventful life imitated fiction. Her tragic end was a gripping crime thriller in which unresolved questions still remain. Veteran journalist Sunanda Mehta, who was her namesake's contemporary in school but lost touch with her in later years, realised that it made for an engrossing story of love and death in the time of social media. The author traces Pushkar's eventful journey from a shy, reserved Kashmiri schoolgirl from an army background to a vivacious, outspoken beauty who was a part of the flashy Dubai social scene. The twice-married Pushkar was well into her fifties when she captivated the urbane and suave Shashi Tharoor, labelled by some as a ladies' man. Pushkar's emotional outbursts and *bindaas* behavior would be her undoing. She sought the limelight, but did not comprehend that in the bargain, her personal life would unravel in full public view.

Mehta records the highs and lows of Pushkar's journey from Kashmir to Ambala, Rishikesh, Dubai, Toronto and Delhi. She presents the facts and lets the readers judge for themselves. Pushkar first came into public notice when Lalit Modi put out a snide tweet in April 2010: "I was told by him not to get into who owns Rendezvous, especially Sunanda Pushkar. Why?" Modi was referring to Shashi Tharoor. Rendezvous was the Kerala consortium which beat two influential bidders in the IPL auction. Tharoor was quick to deny any monetary interest in mentoring a team from his home state. Pushkar explained her 4.9 per cent sweat equity in Rendezvous as earned because of her international experience as a marketing manager and entrepreneur. Others were not so convinced. Narendra Modi, then Gujarat chief minister, in an election speech, referred to her as a "Rs 50 crore girlfriend".

Despite the hullabaloo, Tharoor proudly acknowledged Pushkar as his girlfriend and intended to tie the knot. It was a fairytale marriage with parties in Kerala, Delhi and Dubai. The couple were clearly love-struck. The vibes were in your face, which made conservative political Delhi a wee bit uncomfortable. But within three years, there was trouble in paradise, and since both were Twitter addicts, the world came to know pretty fast. Pushkar turned increasingly suspicious of her handsome, twice-married husband, who was known to have a roving eye.

Pushkar's final days provide the riveting climax of the book. An insecure wife slowly fell apart, suspecting her husband of infidelity with a perky Pakistani journalist, Mehr Tarar. A betrayed Pushkar vowed revenge. On a flight, Pushkar discovered in Tharoor's phones an exchange of messages with Tarar, which enraged her. A fight ensued and a livid Pushkar slapped Tharoor in full view of other passengers.

In Delhi, Pushkar refused to return to the couple's official residence and moved into the plush Leela Palace hotel. She posted a series of damaging tweets on Tharoor's timeline in a bid to "expose" his affair. A humiliated Tharoor tried frantically to contain the situation. He announced that his Twitter account had been hacked and that he was happily married, and also moved into the hotel with his staff. But the situation spiralled out of control, with Tarar claiming in a TV interview that Pushkar had gone crazy. Huddled in her hotel room, Pushkar phoned celebrity journalist friends, offering interviews which would expose Tharoor and lift the lid on the IPL. The situation turned bizarre beyond belief. Nobody, particularly Tharoor and his staff, has a rational explanation for their behaviour in the last 36 hours of Pushkar's life. Tharoor was preoccupied with the AICC meet, and his staff were extraordinarily slow to react even when Pushkar failed to respond to urgent knocks at her door as late as 4:30 pm the next evening. Tharoor opened the hotel room at 8:15 pm, when Pushkar had been dead for several hours.

The postscript was equally unfathomable. The original post mortem report found accidental death due to poisoning, due to large quantities of the antidepressant Alprax, which she had swallowed. However, the head of the forensic department at AIIMS, professor Sudhir Gupta would later claim, on the basis of clinical tests, that though Pushkar was poisoned, the viscera did not show the presence of Alprax. He accused the AIIMS director of putting pressure on him to give a clean chit in the case. Much later, the FBI laboratories supported the conclusion of Alprax in the stomach, but could not identify the poison. The 15 injuries on her body, including bite marks and a needle mark, added to the unresolved mystery. A now, Tharoor is listed as an accused for abetting his wife's suicide.

'What honour is left when we have to take orders from traders who haven't yet learned to wash their bottoms?'

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE

ONE OF the very first Indian words to enter the English language was the Hindustani slang for plunder: loot. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, this word was rarely heard outside the plains of north India until the late 18th century, when it suddenly became a common term across Britain. To understand how and why it took root and flourished in so distant a landscape, one need only visit Powis Castle in the Welsh Marches.

The last hereditary Welsh prince, the memorably named Owain Gruffydd ap Gwenwynwyn, built Powis Castle as a craggy fort in the 13th century; the estate was his reward for abandoning Wales to the rule of the English monarchy. But its most spectacular treasures date from a much later period of English conquest and appropriation.

For Powis is simply awash with loot from India, room after room of imperial plunder, extracted by the East India Company (EIC) in the 18th century. There are more Mughal artefacts stacked in this private house in the Welsh countryside than are on display in any one place in India – even the National Museum in Delhi. The riches include hookahs of burnished gold inlaid with empurpled ebony; superbly inscribed Badakhshan spinels and jewelled daggers; gleaming rubies the colour of pigeon's blood, and scatterings of lizard-green emeralds. There are tiger's heads set with sapphires and yellow topaz; ornaments of jade and ivory; silken hangings embroidered with poppies and lo-

tuses; statues of Hindu gods and coats of elephant armour. In pride of place stand two great war trophies taken after their owners had been defeated and killed: the palanquin of Siraj-ud-Daula, the Nawab of Bengal, left behind when he fled the battlefield of Plassey, and the campaign tent of Tipu Sultan, the Tiger of Mysore.

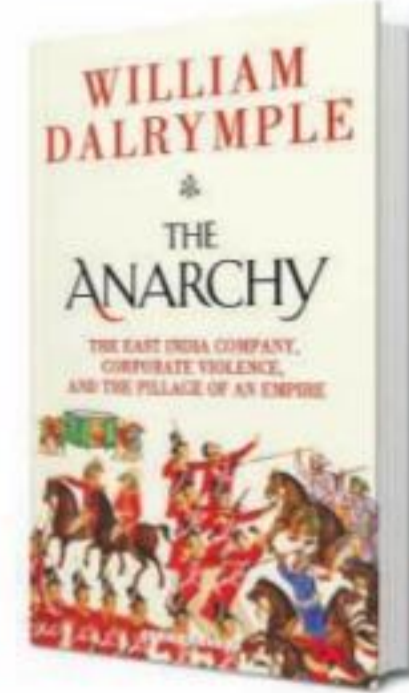
Such is the dazzle of these treasures that, as a visitor last summer, I nearly missed the huge framed canvas that explains how all this loot came to be here. The picture hangs in the shadows over a doorway in a wooden chamber at the top of a dark, oak-panelled staircase. It is not a masterpiece, but it does repay close study. An effete Indian prince, wearing cloth of gold, sits high on his throne under a silken canopy. On his left stand scimitar and spear-carrying officers from his own army; to his right, a group of powdered and periwigged Georgian gentlemen. The prince is eagerly thrusting a scroll into the hands of a slightly overweight Englishman in a red frock coat.

The painting shows a scene from August 1765, when the young Mughal emperor Shah Alam, exiled from Delhi and defeated by East India Company troops, was forced into what we would now call an act of involuntary privatisation. The scroll is an order to dismiss his own Mughal revenue officials in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa and replace them with a set of English traders appointed by Robert Clive – the new governor of Bengal – and the directors of the Company, whom the document describes as 'the high and mighty, the noblest of exalted nobles, the chief of illustrious war-

riors, our faithful servants and sincere well-wishers, worthy of our royal favours, the English Company'. The collecting of Mughal taxes was henceforth subcontracted to a powerful multinational corporation – whose revenue-collecting operations were protected by its own private army.

The Company had been authorised by its founding charter to 'wage war' and had been using violence to gain its ends since it boarded and captured a Portuguese vessel on its maiden voyage in 1602. Moreover, it had controlled small areas around its Indian settlements since the 1630s. Nevertheless, 1765 was really the moment that the East India Company ceased to be anything even distantly resembling a conventional trading corporation, dealing in silks and spices, and became something altogether much more unusual. Within a few months, 250 company clerks, backed by the military force of 20,000 locally recruited Indian soldiers, had become the effective rulers of the richest Mughal provinces. An international corporation was in the process of transforming itself into an aggressive colonial power.

By 1803, when its private army had grown to nearly 200,000 men, it had swiftly subdued or directly seized an entire subcontinent. Astonishingly, this took less than half a century. The first serious territorial conquests began in Bengal in 1756; 47 years later, the Company's reach extended as far north as the Mughal capital of Delhi, and almost all of India south of that city was by then effectively ruled from a boardroom in the City of London. 'What honour is left to us?' asked a Mughal official, 'when we have to take orders from a handful of traders who have not yet learned to wash their bottoms?'



THE ANARCHY: THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, CORPORATE VIOLENCE, AND THE PILLAGE OF AN EMPIRE
WILLIAM DALRYMPLE
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576 pages
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We still talk about the British conquering India, but that phrase disguises a more sinister reality. It was not the British government that began seizing great chunks of India in the mid-18th century, but a dangerously unregulated private company headquartered in one small office, five windows wide, in London, and managed in India by a violent, utterly ruthless and intermittently mentally unstable corporate predator – Clive. India's transition to colo-

onialism took place under a for-profit corporation, which existed entirely for the purpose of enriching its investors...

At the height of the Victorian period in the mid-19th century there was a strong sense of entitlement about the shady, brutal and mercantile way the British had founded the Raj... A second picture, this one commissioned from William Rothenstein to be painted onto the walls of the House of Commons, shows how successfully the official memory of this process was spun and subtly reworked by the Victorians. It can still be found in St Stephen's Hall, the echoing reception area of Parliament... [It] shows another image of a Mughal prince sitting on a raised dais, under a canopy... and again an Englishman is standing in front of the Mughal. But this time the balance of power is very different... Sir Thomas Roe, the ambassador sent by James I to the Mughal court, is shown before the Emperor Jahangir in 1614 – at a time when the Mughal empire was still at its richest and most powerful...

In many ways the East India Company was a model of commercial efficiency: one hundred years into its history, it had only thirty-five permanent employees in its head office. Nevertheless, that skeleton staff executed a corporate coup unparalleled in history: the military conquest, subjugation and plunder of vast tracts of southern Asia. It almost certainly remains the supreme act of corporate violence in world history.

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JKCA to Governor: Help our players travel for Vizzy Trophy

DEVENDRA PANDEY
 MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has written to the Governor, Satya Pal Malik, requesting the government to arrange for the movement of their players who are scheduled to travel to Vishakhapatnam on August 20 for the Vizzy Trophy.

While Kashmir remained shut for the 12th consecutive day, authorities are expecting the curbs will be lifted by the weekend — the first time since the Centre had abrogated provisions of Article 370.

In an email accessed by *The Indian Express*,

JKCA administrator CK Prasad, who is appointed by J&K High Court wrote, "I may inform your excellency that the JKCA cricket team will participate in the Vizzy Trophy tournament scheduled to be held at Vishakhapatnam from August 22, 2019, for which players have been selected who hail from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir. The team is scheduled to depart on August 20. We are finding it difficult to arrange for movement of players. May I have the permission to request your Excellency to help us to send the JKCA Cricket team for participation in the aforesaid tournament," Prasad wrote.

Since the curfew was imposed in the valley, cricket has been completely halted. The

team that was supposed to play ten practice games could play only four before their selection for the season-opener in Vizag.

JKCA player-cum-mentor Irfan Pathan, who returned from the valley a few weeks ago, said players from Kashmir including captain Parvez Rasool have remained incommunicado due to the restrictions imposed on the Valley.

"We are trying to ensure that players can travel to Vizag. Their futures will be at stake as these tournaments will decide their selection into the JKCA team. They had a session with the Indian team trainer last month. There are around 11 players from Jammu who could get in touch with the as-

sociation. However, we are yet to hear from the other nine players from Kashmir since the communication lines were disconnected," Pathan said.

He explained that earlier it had been decided that 15 players would travel but looking at the current situation, the JKCA felt it will be better to pick more players as there is no clarity when the situation will be back to normal.

"We somehow managed to select a team from those four trial games. There are youngsters who are selected from the smaller districts, and such tournaments are their only chance to see what they have and how they might perform when given a chance," Pathan added.



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IRFAN PATHAN,
 JKCA PLAYER-CUM-MENTOR

In Shastri they trust

India team's head coach gets a two-year extension by Kapil Dev-led Cricket Advisory Committee

SRIRAM VEERA
 MUMBAI, AUGUST 16

THE DECISION to give Ravi Shastri a second term as the coach was always a no-brainer especially after Virat Kohli's public endorsement of him prior to the team's departure to West Indies. Mike Hesson, former New Zealand coach, was the strongest contender but he would have been a left-field choice and Indian cricket probably isn't quite ready for one. The real question is what drives the pair's partnership? What makes them tick and beat in unison? We don't have to second-guess as Kohli had made it clear last November just before the tour of Australia.

Asked about the perception that Shastri is the coach because he is a 'yes man' to him, Kohli said he was baffled. "It's the most bizarre thing that I have heard - about him saying yes all the time. I don't think there is anyone who has said no to me more than him in Indian cricket, honestly. Because he is the one guy I can speak to and get an honest opinion and he will tell me something that doesn't need to be done."

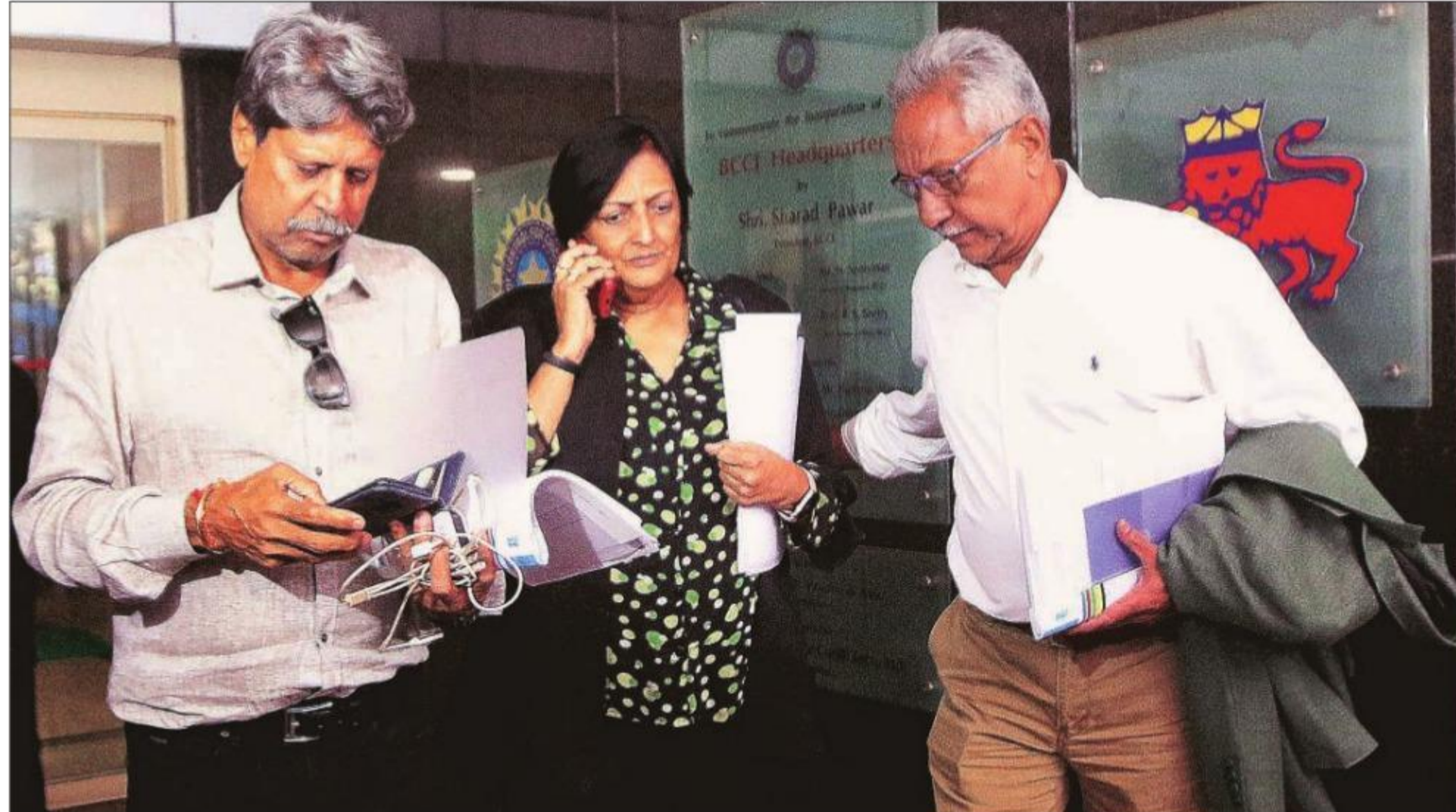
The contribution he has made is that making people believe that they belong to this level, because at a time when we all went through the difficult period, 2014 for me, and for a lot of other players Shikhar Dhawan in 2015, to be able to come out of that shell, I can vouch for that, to bring the best out of the players, he is the most important factor," Kohli had said.

It wasn't a surprise then that Kapil Dev, a member of Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) along with Anshuman Gaekwad and Shanta Rangaswamy, mentioned "communication" thrice as Shastri's strong point in their press conference to announce him as the coach. Though Kapil did say that the CAC didn't take Kohli's opinion before they arrived at their decision. "No. If we had taken his decision, then we would have had to take the entire team's as well. We didn't ask anyone."

Though India didn't win the World Cup and stumbled in a Test series in England — a tour that could have gone much better had they got their team combinations and decisions at the toss right.

However, they did win a historic Test series in Australia, apart from winning Tests in England and South Africa. They reached the semi-final of the world cup though considering the strong bowling attack, it has to be seen as par performance only. The injury to Shikhar Dhawan hurt the team but the lack of plan B, and in particular the middle-order problems, could have been ironed out before the showpiece tournament. Overall, despite some stereotyping and public perceptions of him, Shastri's record as a coach has been pretty good.

In Shastri's tenure as a coach, India won 11 Tests, lost 7 with three no-results. They won 45 out of 63 ODIs, with 2 ties and one no-result. In T20s, they won 25 out of 37



CAC members Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shanta Rangaswamy at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai on Friday. *Ganesh Shiresekar*

games with 1 no-result.

The road ahead for Shastri is clear: If his first stint was about communication, conflict-resolution, team-building, and fine-tuning the approach and attitude in overseas tours, the second could well be about improving the strategic thinking of the team. By the end of that tenure, Kohli had shown improvements as a captain as far as on-field decision making went.

By Shastri's own admission, Kohli is growing in tactical acumen and it's a work in progress. Now, it's time for Shastri the coach to build on that front.

The challenge ahead for him is to accelerate Kohli's growth as a captain and in particular, help the captain make better strategic decisions — like team compositions and the frequent rotation policy that hasn't helped in Tests.

In limited-overs cricket, the middle-order muddle should be solved — critics might say it should never be done by now, before the World Cup, but that's water under the bridge now. Shastri gets a fresh stint, a second chance, to put right those nagging problems that held back the team



Shastri to remain head coach till 2021.

from achieving their full potential.

The Indian cricket board had given the CAC five parameters to aid their call: Coaching philosophy, Experience of coaching, Achievements in coaching, Communication, and Knowledge of modern-coaching tools. The five candidates (Phil Simmons pulled out in the end) were ranked in order of priority: 1. Ravi Shastri 2. Mike Hesson 3. Tom Moody.

The other two applicants were Robin Singh and Lalchand Rajput.

Gaekwad summed up the rationale behind the selection: "I think basically being the coach, current coach, knowing the boys well, knowing the problems well in the team, what needs to be done I think he is well versed with entire system, while the others were not. They probably had to start (afresh), you know, so we were trying to find what could be like — Indian cricket if they were appointed as head coach, so somebody knows the system and knows the players very well, can communicate well, I think he has the advantage." Conflict resolution also must have played a big part in Shastri's selection.

Last time around, he had to step in after the relationship between Kohli and the previous coach Anil Kumble had gone sour. This time, just before his renewal, he had to smoothen out the fallout after reports that alleged a rift between Kohli and Sharma. Kohli and Shastri had already said that the reported rift was a figment of imagination but Shastri still had to smoothen out any awkwardness that might have arisen after the reports.

CAC wants say in support staff's appointment

Mumbai: CAC members have requested BCCI to allow them to have their say, along with the selection committee, to choose the Indian team support staff. Kapil Dev said that he had written email to BCCI on this that CAC should be part of that appointment process as well.

As per Lodha Committee recommendation, the head coach is appointed by CAC whereas senior selection committee will appoint support staff for the Indian team. "There should not be a communication gap, their strength and our strength is the same for the team and we want to make sure that team should get benefited and that's what we wanted and if we can help them (selection committee)..." Dev said.

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Australia slump in rain-soaked day at Lord's

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
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ENGLAND FAST bowler Jofra Archer marked his Test debut with a wicket as Australia suffered a top-order collapse before rain cut short play at Lord's on Friday. Australia lost three wickets for 11 runs en route to slumping to 80-4 when rain forced an early lunch on the third day of the second Test.

That left Australia 178 runs behind England's first-innings 258. The 24.1 overs that took place in the morning session represented the only action on Friday, with persistent rain leading umpires to eventually abandon play for the day after the first day was washed out without a ball being bowled.

Archer, on the ground where he bowled the Super Over that saw England seal a World Cup final win over New Zealand last month, had fine figures of one wicket for 18 runs in 13 overs. Stuart Broad led the way with 2-26 in 13 overs, while fellow seamer Chris Woakes chipped in with 1-27 in nine.

But Australia star batsman Steve Smith was still there on 13 not out, with Matthew Wade unbeaten on nought. Australia, 1-0 up in the five-match series after their 251-run win in the first Test at Edgbaston, resumed on 30-1 having seen Broad dismiss David Warner cheaply for the third time in as many innings this series.



Cameron Bancroft was Jofra Archer's maiden Test scalp. *Reuters*

Play resumed under gloomy skies, the floodlights on at full beam, with conditions difficult for batting. Cameron Bancroft was five not out and Usman Khawaja 18 not out following a lively opening spell by Archer, in for the injured James Anderson, England's all-time leading Test wicket-taker, late on

Thursday. Khawaja struck two offside fours in as many balls when first-change Woakes dropped short. But England altered the momentum with two wickets for no runs in four balls as Australia's 60-1 became 60-3.

Archer, topping speeds of 90 mph, had his first Test wicket when he nipped one back

sharply to have Bancroft lbw for 13.

The 24-year-old Sussex paceman's celebrations were put on hold as the struggling opener reviewed. But replays showing the ball would have clipped the top of the stumps meant Aleem Dar, equalling Steve Bucknor's record of 128 Tests umpired, saw his decision upheld.

There were some boos as Smith, fresh from twin hundreds at Edgbaston in his comeback Test following a 12-month ball-tampering ban, came into bat.

He could only watch as Woakes, with England at last bowling over the wicket to Khawaja, induced an outside edge to wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow that saw the left-hander caught for 36. Australia were 71-4 when Broad had Travis Head lbw for seven, although England had to review Dar's original not out verdict, with technology indicating the ball would have smashed into the left-hander's middle and leg stumps.

All-rounder Ben Stokes thought he had Edgbaston century-maker Wade lbw for a duck but the batsman's review revealed the ball had pitched outside leg stump.

Australia hold the Ashes but are bidding for their first Test series win away to England in 18 years. **BRIEF SCORES:** Australia 80/4 (Khawaja 36; Broad 2/26) trail England 258 (Burns 53, Bairstow 52; Hazlewood 3/58, Cummins 3/61, Lyon 3/68) by 178 runs.

Lara, Sarwan to work with WI batsmen before India Tests

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THE LEGENDARY Brian Lara and Ramnareesh Sarwan will work with West Indies batsmen ahead of the first of the two Test matches against India. Lara, one of the greatest batsmen of all-time, and Sarwan, who was one of the leading players of his generation from the Caribbean, will be part of the pre-series camp, to be held in Antigua ahead of the first Test match against India.

The two will share their immense knowledge, experience and expertise with the 13-member squad. West Indies and India will play two Tests — from August 22 to 26 at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in North Sound, Antigua; and from August 30 to September 3 at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica. Jimmy Adams, Cricket West Indies (CWI) Director of Cricket, was grateful to Lara and Sarwan for coming on board and offering their time to interact with the young batsmen as they get ready for the series, which signals the start of the new ICC World Test Championship for both teams.

"We have some good young batsmen in the team who we believe will form the future of West Indies cricket. We saw some very good signs of development earlier this year in the

"We have taken the step to have Brian (Lara) and 'Ronnie' work with these players, who have demonstrated a will to learn and succeed. We know they still have the passion and love for West Indies cricket and are eager to assist and share their information with the present generation."

JIMMY ADAMS,
 DIRECTOR, CRICKET WEST INDIES

Test matches when we played so very well to beat England and we want to see them grow and become outstanding players for the West Indies," Adams said in a statement issued by Windies. "We have taken the step to have Brian and 'Ronnie' work with these players, who have demonstrated a will to learn and succeed. We know they still have the passion and love for West Indies cricket and are eager to assist and share their information with the present generation." Lara, 50, is the leading scorer for West Indies with 11,953 runs in 131 Test matches. His mammoth 400 not out against England in Antigua in 2004 remains the only occasion a batsman has reached a quadruple century in Test history.

Rublev stuns Federer in straight sets

JOEKAY
MASON, AUGUST 16

FOR ROGER Federer, it was one big blur. The seven-time champion was ousted from one of his favorite tournaments in barely over an hour, falling in straight sets to a 21-year-old qualifier he'd never faced.

Andre Rublev - with only one career win over a top-five player to his credit - took advantages of Federer's numerous mistakes for a 6-3, 6-4 victory Thursday that further depleted the top of the men's bracket in the Western & Southern Open.

"The biggest and the most emotional win," Rublev called it. And shockingly fast, too: Federer's quickest defeat on the tour since 2003.

"To be honest, it's tough when it's fast like this to tell you, well, I could have done this or that," he said.

Federer has won the tournament more than anyone, using it as a springboard to the US Open. He had 16 unforced errors against the 70th-ranked Rublev, who raised both fists and wiped a teary eye in celebration after Federer's forehand sailed long to end it. Struggling with his serve, Federer got broken twice in the first set. "And there you have it. It set the tone for the match a little bit," Federer said. "He was super clean - offense, defense, serving well. He didn't give me anything."

Federer, who lost a classic five-set match for the Wimbledon title to Novak Djokovic, thinks he's in good shape heading into the US Open despite the upset in Cincinnati.

"I played 45 matches this year, so I think I should be fine," he said, smiling. But oh, this last one. And oh, what about that Big Four reunion?

The tournament originally had Djokovic, Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray together again for the first time since January. Nadal, the second seed, withdrew after winning the Rogers Cup in Montreal on Sunday, citing fatigue.

Murray returned to singles for the first time since another hip operation in January and lost his first match. Federer was gone before the weekend. Djokovic - the last one standing - reached the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Pablo Carreno Busta.

"All in all, it was a very good, quality match," Djokovic said. "I'm

pleased I'm going in the right direction and looking forward to the next one."

The men's bracket has become a qualifier's dream.

Qualifier Yoshihito Nishioka followed his upset of sixth-seeded Kei Nishikori - a player he called his hero - by beating Alex De Minaur 7-5, 6-4. It's the first time in 10 years that two qualifiers have reached the quarterfinals of an ATP Masters 1000 event. The day began with the ATP fining Nick Kyrgios \$113,000 for expletive-filled outbursts that included smashing rackets, insulting a chair umpire and refusing to get ready to return serve during a second-round match the previous night.

In the women's bracket, top-seeded Ashleigh Barty reached the quarterfinals, joined by a resurgent Venus Williams.

Barty beat Anett Kontaveit 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, raising her fist in triumph after fighting off one match point to take the 2-hour, 10-minute match. She was able to break in the second set before rallying on a day when she struggled to find consistency.

"The best thing is when my back was against the wall, the tennis was there," Barty said. "It may not have been there the whole match, but we were able to find it when we needed it."

Barty, the French Open champion and currently ranked No. 2, can move up to the top spot by reaching the final. With the crowd cheering for her, Williams recovered from a rough first set and beat Donna Vekic 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, her best stretch of tennis since she won three straight matches in March at Miami. **AP**

Liverpool face shortage of goalkeepers

London: Liverpool goalkeeper Adrian is doubtful for Saturday's Premier League trip to Southampton after sustaining a freak injury while celebrating their UEFA Super Cup victory over Chelsea, manager Jurgen Klopp said on Friday.

Adrian, signed on a free transfer earlier this month, only came

into the side to fill in for first-choice keeper Alisson who suffered a calf injury in the opening Premier League victory over Norwich City last week. The Spaniard became a club hero only days after joining by blocking Tammy Abraham's penalty to hand Klopp's side a 5-4 shootout victory on Wednesday. However, he was left with a

swollen ankle after a supporter who invaded the pitch to join in their celebrations slipped and kicked his foot.

"When we were all together (celebrating after the match), a supporter jumped over something, was chased by some security guys, slipped and kicked his (Adrian's) ankle," Klopp said.

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