

BILATERAL TENSIONS SPIKE OVER J&K

Meeting on Kartarpur today, but Pak ratchets up tension with missile test, airspace threat

MEA: Pak leaders making 'highly irresponsible' statements on J&K

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ON A day of multiple developments on the India-Pakistan front, Islamabad ratcheted up tensions by announcing that it has test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile, warning that it could order the closure of its airspace for India "at a time of its choosing", and declaring that Kashmir was the "cornerstone"

of its foreign policy. At the same time, Pakistan confirmed a technical meeting Friday on opening the Kartarpur Corridor and a month-long visa process from September 1 for Sikh pilgrims to attend the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak at Nankana Sahib in November. It also claimed that it was in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Leh, Thursday. ANI PAGE 8

Pak Opposition corners Imran over Kashmir

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WITH HIS back to the wall, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan faces the unenviable task of responding to India's decision on revoking special status to J&K even as his country's Opposition has slammed him for his "complete failure" in handling the Kashmir issue. Khan is backed by the pow-



Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan

erful Pakistan Army but after being caught on the backfoot politically, has resorted to extreme rhetoric bordering on war-mongering and provocative **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

CBI seeks LS Speaker's nod to prosecute three Trinamool MPs

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THE CBI has sought Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's sanction for prosecution of three Trinamool Congress MPs — Sougata Ray, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar and Prasun Banerjee — and former MP Suvendu Adhikari in the Narada case.

CBI sources said the MPs will be chargesheeted after the Speaker grants sanction. "Sanction had to be sought against a former MP as well because he was a sitting MP when the offence occurred," said a CBI officer.

The Narada sting case pertains to some TMC leaders who were purportedly caught on tape accepting money from a person posing as a representative of a private company. TMC leaders had denied any illegality and said the money was received as donation.

While the sting operation was purportedly conducted in 2014, it was broadcast on a web portal, naradanews.com, just before the state assembly elections in 2016. The CBI registered a case in April 2017, and senior TMC leaders, including West Bengal

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What the new law says

SECTION 17 A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, amended in 2018, says prosecution sanction has to be sought from the competent authority "in the case of a person who is or was employed, at the time when the offence was alleged to have been committed..." In the case of Lok Sabha MPs, the competent authority is the Speaker.

ministers, were booked for criminal conspiracy and corruption.

Among those who have been named in the FIR are: former Rajya Sabha MP Mukul Roy (now with the BJP), Lok Sabha MPs Sougata Ray, Aparupa Poddar, Prasun Banerjee and Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, late Lok Sabha **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

COMPETITION COMMISSION STUDY SOON

To swell its numbers & valuation, Zomato made restaurants pay bill; standoff deepens

Zomato admits to mistakes, but blames 'bargain-hunters' for impasse

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

AT THE heart of the standoff between restaurateurs and online restaurant discovery platform Zomato is a telling fact: by scaling its Gold programme that offered customers deep discounts at the expense of restaurants, Zomato raised as much as \$400 million in funds — almost 60 per cent of what it has raised since its inception.

Riding on Gold, launched in 2017, which has led to restaurants bearing additional costs, Zomato has been shoring up the number of its revenue-generating users that reflected in its subsequent fund-raising rounds.

Restaurant owners said this is a sharp contrast to what was initially envisaged. Gold was to be extended to a limited number of users — 5,000-10,000 across the country — to whom they could have extended discounts to at-

tract customers and drive sales. However, the number of Zomato Gold users has increased to over 13 lakh, leading to restaurants running businesses with "deep discounting". This has rendered Zomato Gold, along with other such programmes, unsustainable for restaurants after the number of users exceeded what their margins could afford.

In addition to charging a subscription fee from the users to gain benefits of Gold at its partner restaurants, Zomato also charged eateries a joining fee of Rs 40,000, as claimed by restaurateurs — this was subsequently increased to Rs 75,000.

For its part, Zomato admitted the company had "made mistakes" and the industry's stand against deep discounting was "a wake-up call". But then it took the unusual step of blaming some customers for misusing Zomato Gold.

Restaurateurs, led by the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Hockey coach Merzban Patel with his aide Conroy Remedios and India football goalkeeper Gurpreet Sandhu (red blazer), in New Delhi on Thursday. Amit Mehra

Coach who gave up all to shape Mumbai hockey gets his due

ANDREW AMSAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

HOURS BEFORE the bus outside Hotel Ashoka was to leave for Rashtrapati Bhavan Thursday, the occupants of Room No. 729 were dealing with a crisis of sorts. Mumbai-based hockey coach Merzban Patel, this year's Dronacharya Award winner, was refusing to sport a tie. And his

minders, mostly his one-time trainees, were trying their best to convince him that the function warrants formal wear.

"In the 69 years of my life, I haven't worn a tie. Is it compulsory?" he asks.

Patel is popularly known as "Bawa", the selfless Parsi coach known to spend most of his waking hours on the hockey field and who has groomed over two dozen international players, including

former India captain Viren Rasquinha. "My students got me these leather shoes. They are not comfortable. I've worn sports shoes all my life," says Patel, who has also refused to accept a smartphone from his students.

Having run Bombay Republicans, the club that is Mumbai hockey's assembly line, for close to four decades, Patel is a self-taught coach with no **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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11-judge Patna HC bench suspends order of judge who alleged judicial corruption

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 29

AN 11-JUDGE bench of the Patna High Court Thursday suspended an order by fellow judge Justice Rakesh Kumar who, while ruling on an anticipatory bail matter, alleged corruption and nepotism in the judiciary.

Justice Kumar's order, the bench said, is "to shake the confidence of the public in the judiciary and to lower its esteem to levels that may amount contemptuous".



Justice Rakesh Kumar of Patna High Court

Ruling Wednesday on an anticipatory bail petition of a retired officer accused of siphoning government funds, Justice Kumar said he would not remain "a mute spectator" and wanted his order sent via registered post to the Supreme Court, Prime Minister's Office and the Law

Ministry.

Justice Kumar, 60, was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Patna High Court on December 25, 2009 and took oath as Permanent Judge on October 24, 2011. According to the High Court website, he had practised in the Patna High Court for about 26 years on the criminal and constitutional side and "defended the cases of CBI in the capacity of standing Counsel (CBI) for about 12 years".

Taking note of Justice Kumar's order Thursday and constituting **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Refugees who came to Cachar after Partition seek closure

ABHISHEK SAHA
SILCHAR, AUGUST 29

ON AUGUST 5, 1964, Binoda Bihari Ray, then 39 years old, arrived with his wife and two children in Silchar, in Assam's border district of Cachar, from Ajmiriganj in then East Pakistan's Sylhet. The Relief Eligibility Certificate issued to him 15 days later says he had "migrated without documents" because of "atrocities by Muslim goondas".

The section in the document detailing the "route followed during migration" says — "Habiganj by boat, Sylhet by



Shilu Dey with her father's document. Abhishek Saha

train, Sutarkandi by bus, Karimganj on foot, Silchar by train." The four-page yellow

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document bears the sign and seal of New Migrants Camp, Cachar, dated August 20, 1964.

Fifty-five years later, one of his daughters, Shilu Dey (46), a resident of Udharbond near Silchar, is anxious whether her name will be in the updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) to be published on Saturday. It was not there in the draft NRC published July last year because Ray's certificate was not **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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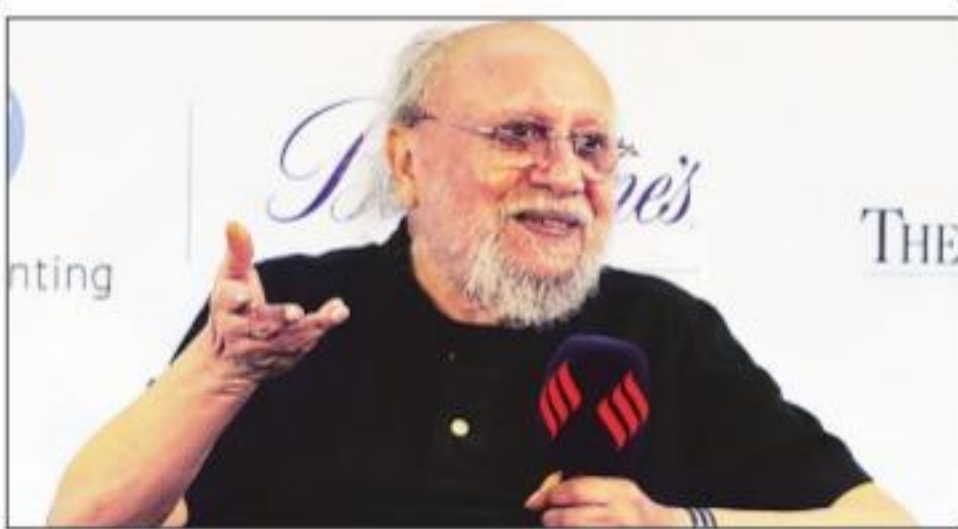
SURBHI GUPTA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

"THERE ARE many reasons for the rise of nationalism in India, but I think the primary reason is this: we have lost the right to our future. Only from robust scepticism, mutual criticism and cross criticism can we have a variety of futures to opt for, but now everybody knows that the dominant concept of the future is determined — that India has to be a powerful, developed superpower, fully armed and an

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Political thinker Ashis Nandy at the Express Adda in New Delhi on Wednesday. Renuka Puri

the country's leading public intellectuals in India, speaking at the Express Adda Wednesday

evening (detailed transcript will be published soon). A clinical psychologist and

sociologist by training and a political psychologist, Nandy is known to bring the rigour of his disciplines to the study of Indian society, culture and politics, in areas of interests ranging from Hindutva to modernity and utopia.

His most recent honours include the Grand Prize of the Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prizes (2007), the Sree Narayana Guru Samiti's Dr K K Damodaran Award for lifelong work for marginalised sections (2016), and the Hans Kilian Prize (2019).

At the Express Adda, which is a series of informal interactions organised by The Indian Express Group and features those at the centre of change, Nandy fielded **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

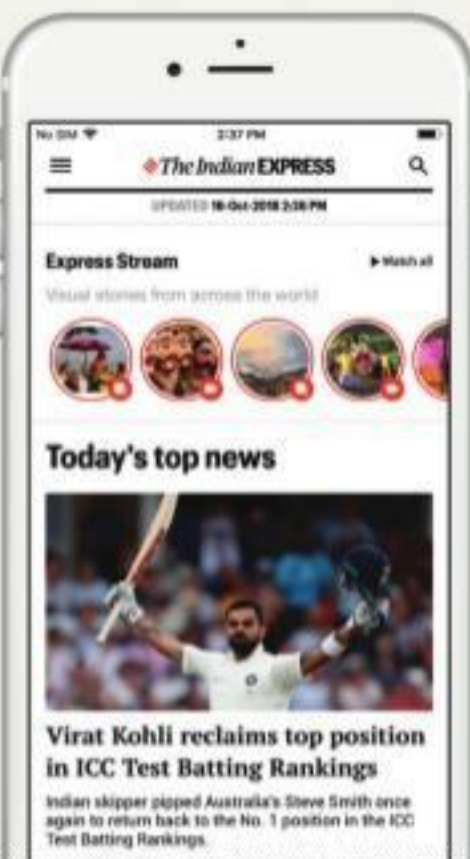
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WHY CHINESE CELEBRITIES ARE PROMOTING CHINA'S STANCE ON HONG KONG PROTESTS

Over the past few weeks, celebrities have been posting pro-China images, messages and music on their personal social media accounts that has in turn been promoted by Chinese government-backed media outlets.

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Trinamool MPs

MP Sultan Ahmed, West Bengal ministers Firdhad Hakim, Suwendu Adhikari, Subrata Mukherjee, former minister Madan Mitra, former Kolkata Mayor Sovan Chatterjee who recently joined the BJP, MLA Iqbal Ahmed and IPS officer Saiyaad Mustafa Hussain Mirza.

CBI sources said 10 of the accused, including Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, Aparupa Poddar, Suwendu Adhikari, Madan Mitra, Subrata Mukherjee, Iqbal Ahmed (brother of Sultan Ahmed) and Sovan Chatterjee, have been summoned to the CBI office in Kolkata for questioning. Their voice samples will be taken, said sources.

"I have been called. I will consult my lawyer and then visit the CBI office," said Aparupa Poddar. The others could not be contacted.

Meanwhile, CBI sources said Mukul Roy and TMC MP KD Singh were questioned at the agency's headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Patna HC

a suo motu bench, the 11 judges, in their order, said: "The Court Master also stated that the Hon'ble Judge had summoned the file for perusal a couple of days ago and had studied the same. It is, therefore, evident that the preparation appears to have commenced a couple of days prior to the passing of the order."

"...he has made scathing remarks against his colleague Judges who fortunately had passed together in the year 1986 from the Law College. This has absolutely no relevance to the controversy and then by taking a leap he has also commented upon the association of the Chief Justice with some Judges in a thoroughly indecent language which has no foundation. This is the illustrative rainbow depiction of the order that has compelled us to proceed in the matter," the bench said.

"Unfortunately those who have been castigated, if they are alive, have not been heard, and those who are dead, by providence and nature stand precluded from defending themselves."

"Such uncharity unleashed appears to be definitely an outcome of some personal prejudice that may have its genesis in a personal background as the utterances and overtures, as recorded and reported already in the print and social media, are full of anguish tending towards vengeance and not real reform. A sudden leap in the sky through an approach of gaining yellow page fame appears to be one of the motives behind the pronouncement," the bench said of Justice Kumar.

It went on to note: "Personal carping and unceremonious comments on all and sundry alike seems to be drowned in some sort of personal belief of the learned Judge that whatever he has perceived from his experience is all 24 carat truth, and the rest of the world, except himself, has created all the misery around. The description is to malign which ought not to have been expressed while occupying a judicial seat with a specified limited jurisdiction, that too in a matter in which for the time being he had no jurisdiction at all."

"The entire order is a burning example of the violations of principles of natural justice, judicial impropriety and a malicious tirade in the name of some crusade in the opinion of the Judge. The learned Judge has ordained himself to be the only mentor of all his perceptions about different forms of infamy without having the courtesy of the view point of others. The thoughts that pervade the pronouncement seem to believe that the personal impressions of the learned Judge are the only truth, and that the rest of the world is oblivious of the ills of society. This may have impelled the learned Judge to trumpet his voice, but in our humble opinion, from a totally inappropriate altar through somewhat besmirching gossip," the bench said in its order.

Zomato

National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), have taken up the issue of "deep discounting" with the Competition Commission of India, which has asked for a study on discounting in the food, beverages and hotel segments in India. Its findings are expected any day.

Zomato describes Gold as a programme that offers "either 1+1 on food (one dish paid, the other free), or 2+2 on beverages, allowing users to get more bang for their buck each time they dine out". Similar programmes are offered by other online aggregators such as Dineout, Eazydiner, mag-icpin, etc.

During the NRAI's #logout campaign — in which restaurants pulled out of Zomato — Zomato told partners that discontinuing Gold at their outlets would mean that the restaurants would have to pay the Rs 75,000-fee again to sign up. In a later mail, the company waived this if they joined back before a particular date.

Sector experts have pegged that Zomato expanding the Gold programme — which is essentially an offering of discounts to the subscriber — is part of its strategy to ramp up the number of transactions and paying customers on its platform.

A similar strategy was adopted by online retailers that drove up their gross merchandise values (GMV) by offering discounts, even though it led to heavy losses, as it helped companies increase their valuations.

The practice of driving up numbers to boost company valuations may be a trick borrowed from the e-commerce sector but the one key difference between what online retailers do to boost GMVs and what food-tech companies are doing now is that the bill for buying out of these transactions is being paid by the restaurants in case of programmes such as Zomato Gold.

"Both Zomato and Swiggy are in the market to raise funds. The only way they can raise their valuations and pick more funds is by showing transactions on their platform — whether it is in delivery or offline restaurants. They are almost buying out the transactions by giving heavy discounts. Flipkart and Snapdeal used to fight the same way in 2014 to shore up their GMVs that directly reflected in their valuations," said Satish Meena, forecast analyst at Forrester Research.

Zomato did not comment on a specific set of queries from The Indian Express on why it expanded the purview of Gold beyond a limited set of users and why restaurant owners were not kept in the loop on the scaling up.

According to Zomato's annual

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touch with India on granting consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav, the Indian national jailed in Pakistan.

In New Delhi, India said it strongly condemns "the highly irresponsible statements made by the Pakistani leadership on matters internal to India".

Referring to provocative statements, including by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, on the decision to revoke special status to J&K, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "We strongly condemn the highly irresponsible statements made by the Pakistani leadership on matters internal to India. These statements include references to Jihad and to incite violence in India. This is intended to project an alarmist situation,

Imran cornered by Pak Oppn on Kashmir

diplomatic steps. On Thursday, for instance, he called for nationwide demonstrations Friday noon on J&K.

But behind Khan's responses — downgrading of diplomatic ties with India, suspending bilateral trade and reviewing bilateral arrangements like stopping the bus and train services — is sharp criticism from his country's political leadership across the aisle.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) chief Shehbaz Sharif has accused Khan of "selling the future of Kashmir". During a joint session of the National Assembly, Sharif, who is the brother of incarcerated former PM Nawaz Sharif, also al-

leged that top Opposition leaders were being arrested to divert public attention from the Kashmir issue.

Referring to the recent arrest of Nawaz's daughter Maryam Nawaz, Sharif said: "The Opposition created an atmosphere of harmony after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to strip... Kashmir of its special status. But the government, with the arrest of Maryam, shredded that unity."

Maryam, who is seen as Nawaz's political heir, also lashed out at Khan, wondering if he had "walked into a trap".

"You, Mr. Khan, r so obsessed & occupied with fixing yr political rivals that u became com-

pletely & criminally oblivious to the challenges that have engulfed Pakistan. U have wreaked irreversible damage not only to the country but to Kashmiris who needed a strong Pak to support them," she tweeted.

Pakistan People's Party chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, son of Benazir Bhutto and Asif Ali Zardari, said the country "lost Kashmir" due to the incompetence of Khan's government. "Earlier, Pakistan's policy used to be how to take Srinagar from India. Now, due to the failure of the Imran Khan government, the position is how we can save Muzaffarabad (PoK)," he said.

Bilawal said Khan knew that the scrapping of J&K's special

status was on the BJP's election manifesto but did not take any action. "This is a strategic blunder. The government does not have any excuse... When it comes to the Opposition, Khan projects himself as lion, but in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he is timid and becomes a scared cat," he said.

India has categorically told the international community that the scrapping of key provisions of Article 370 was an internal matter and also advised Pakistan to "accept the reality". Now, Khan is left with little room, and had decided to raise the issue on various international platforms, including the United Nations.

documents, but their chances are slim because the Supreme Court has disallowed applicants from changing legacy person during claims round for fear of fraud.

Prominent Silchar civil society leader Sadhan Purkayastha, who is the secretary general of the Citizens' Rights Protection Committee, said, "People had come to India, leaving their home and hearth, to seek protection from a threat against their religious and social identity. They could not care less about papers at that point because they were coming 'home'. But today, they can be made stateless if they do not have the requisite papers".

Parimal Suklabaidya, Assam's environment and forest minister, and MLA from Dholai constituency of Cachar district, told *The Indian Express*, "It is true that many Bengali Hindus who had come in as refugees from East Pakistan are facing problems in establishing their citizenship".

"On August 31, let's see how the NRC inclusions and exclusions happen. The excluded will get a chance to file appeals at the FTs, there is a window of 120 days. And for those who are unable to prove their Indian citizenship at the FT in one way or the other, the BJP's ideologically and morally — as all our top leaders have repeatedly said — committed to bringing the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. People who were persecuted for being Hindus and hence came into India, are our own people," he said.

"We could not bring the CAB last time — because we did not have the majority in the Rajya Sabha, but this time we will pass it," he said.

While Assam's Brahmaputra valley witnessed large-scale protests against the citizenship amendment Bill, the Bengali-majority Barak Valley region saw widespread support for it. The Bill provides for granting citizenship to immigrants of six non-Muslim faiths from three countries, including Bangladesh,

under comparatively relaxed norms.

Patel is almost a permanent fixture at the Mumbai Hockey Association (MHA) stadium near Churchgate terminus, earning about Rs 12,000 every month for the training he imparts to children. His wards once floated the idea of pooling in money to fund a car but like the smartphone, Patel would have none of it.

"He would always ensure we got something to eat at training. He would often stay on an empty stomach but ensure we were fed. There's a joke in Mumbai circles about him. He always carries a handkerchief and during nervous moments in a match, he would chew on it. We used to hear: 'Bawa khana khayega ya nahin, kerchief ja-roo khayega' (Whether he eats his food or not, he'll definitely chew on his kerchief)," Rasquinha says, struggling to keep his laughter under control.

Patel's methods were rustic but effective. He believed in grinding it out in the field, and would not mince any words if he found that a player lacked motivation. "Nowadays, I have toned down. But in my youth, I used to get really angry. It always worked. It's a booster," he says, clenching his fist.

Patel's trainees say he has had to make "huge personal sacrifices" for his passion. At one point, he reluctantly accepted his parents' demand to consider marriage proposals, but the poor salary he drew was always a hurdle. "Everybody thinks about money, but I never ran after it. I think it was a blessing in disguise. If I had married, I would have not been able to give so much time to the sport," he says.

For Patel, the Dronacharya award is an assurance that those sacrifices didn't go futile. "But this changes nothing. You'll see me at the ground tomorrow. I'm 69 and have no family or possessions. Nothing but hockey. There's no life beyond it for me," he says.

Express Adda

questions on the rise of nationalism in India, on what differentiates Hinduism from Hinduism, the nature of violence in society and his reading of personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Nathuram Godse and V D Savarkar.

The idea that caste could defeat Hindutva, added Nandy, needed to be reconsidered. "Many used to say so, but now it doesn't seem like... because it is also about the community. To liberate from caste, you have to mobilise as the community, as a caste. The oppressed have to organise themselves like the Blacks did in the US, later some Whites also joined. But they had to organise themselves as a community," said Nandy who has previously been director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

Nandy said that for India, old-fashioned patriotism was good enough. "It is by blurring old-style patriotism and love for the country, which is natural and biological, and the idea of nationalism, we have tried to strengthen nationalism," he said. Nationalism, he added, was not only defined by love for the country, but by identifying specific enemies and allies.

From Savarkar to Godse to Gandhi, Nandy spoke expansively on the many faces of these men. On Gandhi's enduring relevance, he said: "Be it environment, feminist or peace movements, all owe allegiance to Gandhi. I remember reading a statement, in the 1990s, by a group of global scientists, on the situation of the world and the only person they named was Gandhi."

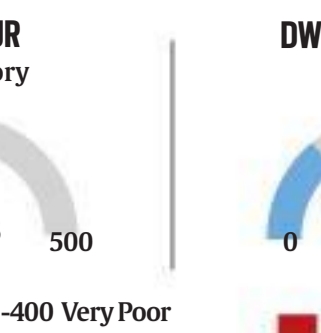
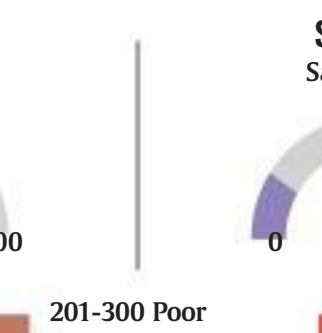
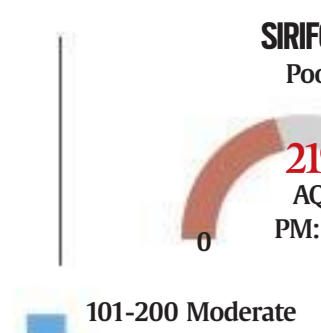
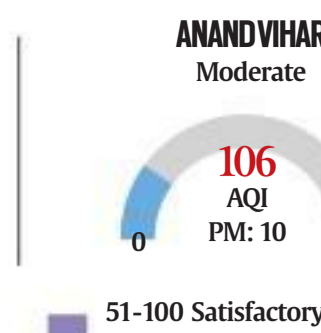
Nandy was in conversation with *The Indian Express's* Vandita Mishra, National Opinion Editor, and Pratik Kanjilal, Literary Editor.

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KHERKI DAULA AGAIN

23-year-old slaps, threatens woman toll operator, arrested

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, AUGUST 29

A 23-YEAR-OLD man was arrested by Gurgaon Police Thursday afternoon, two hours after he allegedly manhandled and physically assaulted a woman toll collector at Kherki Daula toll plaza when she refused to let him pass without paying tax.

According to the complaint submitted by the woman, the incident took place in lane number 11 of the plaza, when she was manning the toll booth.

"Around 10.45 am, an Alto came... I asked for the fee but the driver refused to pay. He started abusing me and got out of his car and hit me... While leaving, he threatened to kill me," alleged the complainant, Soni Kumari, who hails from Uttar Pradesh.

The incident was captured by a CCTV camera installed in the toll booth. It shows the driver first exchanging words with the woman toll collector, following which her male colleague, who is standing inside the booth with her, also intervenes and speaks to the man. The driver, however, gets out of his vehicle and approaches the window of the toll booth, where he can be seen arguing with the woman. Even as the matter gets heated and her colleagues intervene, the driver is seen slapping the woman and then going on to repeatedly try to beat her through the window.

Police said an FIR was registered regarding the matter at the Kherki Daula police station under IPC sections 294 (obscene acts), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), and 506 (criminal intimidation). The accused, Rahul (23), a resi-



The incident was captured by a CCTV camera installed in the toll booth. The man was arrested from the plaza



dent of Gurgaon's Shikohpur village, was arrested from the plaza.

"The accused has been arrested and the car in which he was travelling seized. He was produced in court and remanded in judicial custody. Further investigations are being conducted in the matter," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

This is not the first instance of violence at the toll plaza. In June, the PRO of Skylark, the toll operator, was beaten with a brick when he refused to allow a commuter to pass without paying tax on the basis of a false registration. A day prior to that, a lane attendant was dragged on the bonnet of a commuter's car when he refused to let him pass without paying tax.

Violence against women operators has also become increasingly common. In another incident in June, a woman toll collector was punched in the face by a commuter. She had refused to let him pass without paying toll, based on his claim that he was a resident of one of the local villages exempted from paying tax.

In December last year, similarly, a couple allegedly manhandled and beat up a woman toll collector when she refused to let them pass on the basis of an expired tag.

PAST INCIDENTS

JUNE 28, 2019: PRO of Skylark, the toll operator, beaten with a brick after he refused to let the vehicle of a commuter pass on the basis of a false registration certificate

MAY 15, 2019: Two commuters pass through toll plaza without paying tax after threatening toll collectors with what turned out to be a toy gun

JUNE 27, 2019: Lane attendant dragged on the bonnet of a car for 200 metres when he tried to stop its driver from passing without paying toll

APRIL 13, 2019: Lane attendant, who tried to stop commuters from passing without paying tax, dragged on the bonnet of their Innova for 3-4 km, taken to an isolated area, and beaten up

JUNE 21, 2019: Woman toll collector punched in the face by a commuter after she refused to let him pass. He claimed to be a resident of Shikohpur, one of the villages exempt from paying tax

DEC 7, 2018: Lane attendant run over by a mini-bus after he tried to stop its driver from entering the plaza lane from the wrong side

JUNE 21, 2019: A commuter hit a lane attendant with his car when the latter tried to stop him from passing without paying tax

DEC 7, 2018: Woman toll collector manhandled and beaten up by a man and his wife when she refused to let them pass on the basis of an expired tag

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Notice of 59th Annual General Meeting.
Book Closure Period and Information on Remote E-voting

Notice is hereby given that the 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on **Monday, September 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi – 110010** to transact the businesses as set forth in the Notice of 59th AGM dated August 19, 2019.

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from **Monday, September 16, 2019 to Monday, September 23, 2019 (both days inclusive)** for the purpose of AGM and determining the entitlement of the shareholders to the final dividend of 65 paise per paid-up equity share of Rs. 1/- each for the FY 2018-19, if declared at the 59th AGM of the Company.

The Notice of AGM and the Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2019 including the reports of Auditors and Directors thereon have been sent by e-mail to all the Members, who have registered their e-mail IDs with the Company/Depository Participant (DP) for communication purposes. The Notice of the AGM together with the Annual Report is also available and can be downloaded from the Company's website: www.nbccindia.com. Printed copies of the Annual Report along with the Notice have been dispatched to those Members of the Company who have opted to receive the same in physical form or whose email addresses are not registered with the Depository Participant/Registrar & Share Transfer Agents of the Company.

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 is the cut-off date for determining the eligibility of member to vote by electronic means at the AGM. The Members may cast their votes using an e-voting system from a place other than the venue of the meeting ('remote e-voting'). The Company has engaged National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) to provide remote e-voting facility.

The Members are provided with the following information:

- The remote e-voting period will commence on **Friday, September 20, 2019 at 9.00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 5.00 p.m.** During this period, the Members of the Company holding shares in the physical or electronic form as on the cut-off date i.e. **Tuesday, September 17, 2019** may cast their vote electronically.
- Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. **Tuesday, September 17, 2019**, may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or bssdelhi@bigshareonline.com. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for e-voting, then existing User ID and password can be used for casting vote.
- The Members are also informed that:
 - The remote e-voting will not be allowed after 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2019.
 - The facility for voting through 'Ballot Paper' will be made available at the AGM and the members attending the meeting who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting would be able to exercise their right at the meeting.
 - A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but would not be allowed to vote again at the AGM.
 - A person, whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. **Tuesday, September 17, 2019**, would only be entitled to avail the facility of either remote e-voting or voting at the AGM through Ballot Form.
- The Notice of the AGM is available on Company's website viz. www.nbccindia.com and on NSDL's website viz. www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In case of any queries, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and remote e-voting user manual for Members available on the website <http://www.evoting.nsdl.com> under the 'Downloads section' or you can contact on toll free number 1800-222-990 or Ms. Pallavi Mhatre (Manager), NSDL, 4th Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai- 400013, Email: evoting@nsdl.co.in, Tel: 91 22 24994200/ 91 22 24994545.

The results of the e-voting/voting by ballot will be declared after the AGM within the prescribed time period, with further hosting on the website of the stock exchanges (BSE and NSE) and the Company.

To support green initiative, members who have not registered their email address so far or who want to update their e-mail address, are requested to approach their respective DP (for electronic holding) or with Bigshare Services Pvt. Ltd., Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company (for physical holding) for receiving all communications electronically.

For NBCC (India) Limited
Sd/-
(Deepthi Gambhir)
Company Secretary, F-4984

Place: New Delhi
Date: August 29, 2019

ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
भूखण्ड संख्या-1, नॉलेज पार्क -04, ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी,
गौतम बुद्ध नगर,
सार्वजनिक सूचना

ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत M/s Ocean Infraheight Pvt. Ltd. के भूखण्ड संख्या-11, सेक्टर-टेकजॉन-04, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर दिनांक 28.08.2018 को मानचित्र स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी थी। तदोपरान्त बिल्डर द्वारा पुनरीकृत मानचित्र स्वीकृति (Revised Sanction) हेतु दिनांक 01.08.2019 को आवेदन किया गया है, जिसमें पूर्व स्वीकृत भवन मानचित्र के डिजाइन व अन्य कतिपय संशोधन किया जा रहा है। अतः प्रत्येक आवंटियों द्वारा अपनी consent दी गई है या नहीं, के सम्बन्ध में अपार्टमेंट ओनर अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकते हैं। इस सम्बन्ध में बिल्डर द्वारा प्रस्तुत संशोधित declarations एवं मानचित्र का परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में सुबह 9.30 से सांय 6.00 बजे के मध्य नियोजन विभाग के displayed में नकशे में किया जा सकता है। मानचित्रों में उ0प्र0 अपार्टमेंट एक्ट - 2010 के प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत उक्त प्रस्तावित संशोधन की घोषणा के सम्बन्ध में अपार्टमेंट स्वामियों / संघ को नॉटिस जारी करने के साथ 30 दिन के अन्दर आपत्तियों आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

अतः उपरोक्त के निहतार्थ अपनी आपत्तियों लिखित रूप से अपने आवंटन पत्र, नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष नंबर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यदिवस में ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, भूखण्ड संख्या-1, नॉलेज पार्क-04, ग्रेटर नोएडा में स्थित वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक, (वास्तु) विभाग में निर्धारित अवधि अर्थात सूचना प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिनों में प्राप्त करायी जा सकती है।

वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक, (वास्तु)
ग्रेटर नोएडा प्राधिकरण

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Notice for hiring Autos with PA System

Experienced individuals are invited to provide autos as per requirement in 4 zones i.e. Central Zone-13, South Zone-12, West Zone-15, Najafgarh Zone-13 fitted with PA system to Public Health Department South Delhi Municipal Corporation for Health Education Campaign in different Municipal Zones at a rent of maximum Rs.1090/- (all inclusive) per day per auto on following terms and conditions:-

- The Auto must be registered with Transport Department.
- The driver must be having a valid license.
- The fuel of the auto will be provided by the owner.
- Auto will be fitted with PA system (loud speaker) and facility for running CD/Pen Drive and mike. The message will be provided by the department.
- The Auto will run within the ward from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily with one day off in a week.
- The driver will maintain a log book and get it verified by Malaria Circle in-charge of concerned ward. If required, Auto may be called 7 days a week.
- Payment will be made only for actual days of working.
- Any traffic Challan / legal implication will be borne by the Auto driver / owner.
- The interested individuals should apply by 06/09/2019 up to 3:00 PM in the office of DHO of all respective zones i.e.

- Office of the Dy. Health Officer, West Zone, Shiva Ji Enclave, Dr. Shahib Singh Verma Nigam Bhawan, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-18
- Office of the Dy. Health Officer, Najafgarh Zone, Near Dhansa Stand, Najafgarh New Delhi-43
- Office of the Dy. Health Officer, Central Zone, Near Jal Vihar Terminal, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi-24
- Office of the Dy. Health Officer, South Zone, Near Uphar Cinema, Green Park Metro Station, New Delhi-16

In case the application received are more than requirement, selection will be done by lottery system by the Zonal authorities.

Ro No.47/DPI/S/19-20 MHO, SDMC

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महरौली MONSOON FESTIVAL 2019

Delhi Tourism
Invites you to
Mehruli Monsoon Festival
30th August to 1st September 2019, 12 noon onward

Celebrating the joyous traditions of saawan
Culture • Ecology • Heritage

Saavan ke Lok Nritya at Aam Bagh | Shaam-e-Mehfil at Jahaz Mahal | Kala aur Kahaniyaan at Jharna

Heritage and Ecology walks everyday

Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi

Dengue cases down by 80%

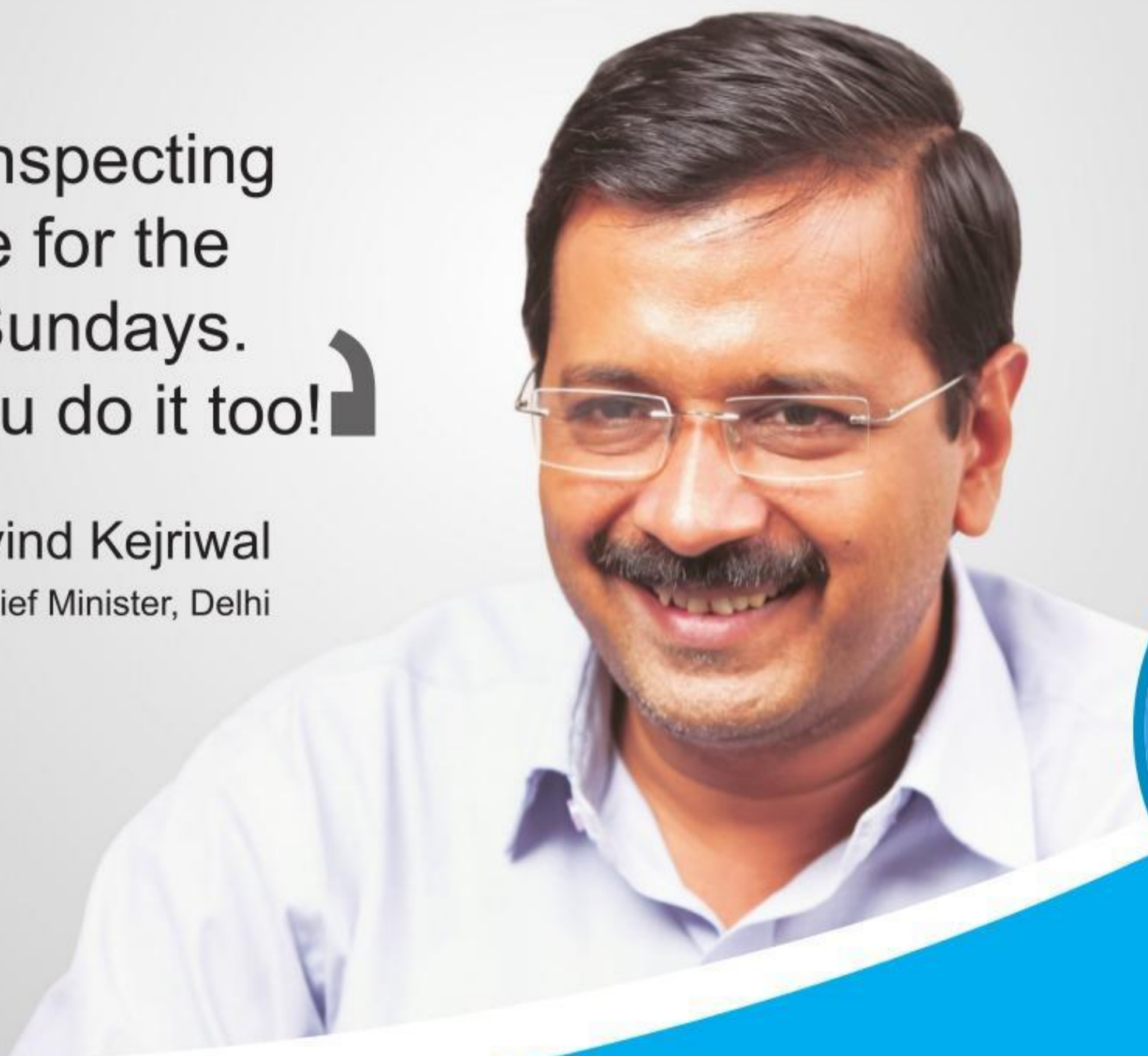
2015 : 15,867 cases

2018 : 2,798 cases

Delhi is prepared once again!

I will be inspecting my house for the next 10 Sundays. I hope you do it too!

- Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi



डेंगू पे
वार हर
रविवार

Dear Delhiites,
This year too, we have to come together to fight against Dengue.
1st September onwards.

10 हफ्ते, 10 बजे, 10 मिनट
हर रविवार, डेंगू पर वार।

Know about Dengue

- The Dengue mosquito breeds in stagnant clean water.
- The Dengue mosquito grows from an egg into a mosquito in 8-10 days. If clean water is not allowed to stand, the mosquito will not be able to breed.
- The Dengue mosquito's flight range is approximately 200 meters. If someone in your house contracts Dengue, then it is likely that the mosquitoes have either originated from your or your neighbour's house. It is important to check your home and also that of your neighbours for your family's health and wellbeing.

10 minutes, every Sunday

- For the next 10 weeks, we all need to set aside 10 minutes at 10 o'clock every Sunday. Check flower pots, coolers, vases or anywhere inside or outside your house to make sure that clean water has not accumulated. If you find there is an accumulation of clean water, pour it out, change it or add petrol or oil to it.

Just 10 Sundays

- Most Dengue cases occur in the monsoon or just after that. During this period, there are 10 Sundays. If we dedicate 10 minutes at 10 o'clock every Sunday for this, we can get rid of Dengue and Chikungunya. We need to spend less than two hours over 10 weeks. In the last five years, Dengue and Chikungunya have been brought under control, and this year, we will do it again!

Let's come together!

- If you have inspected your house, do take a selfie inside your house and WhatsApp it to 8287972050. Together, we will make Delhi Dengue-free.

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दिल्ली फिर कर दिखाएगी

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Health Department, Government of NCT of Delhi



MANOHAR SARKAR
VIKAS APAAR



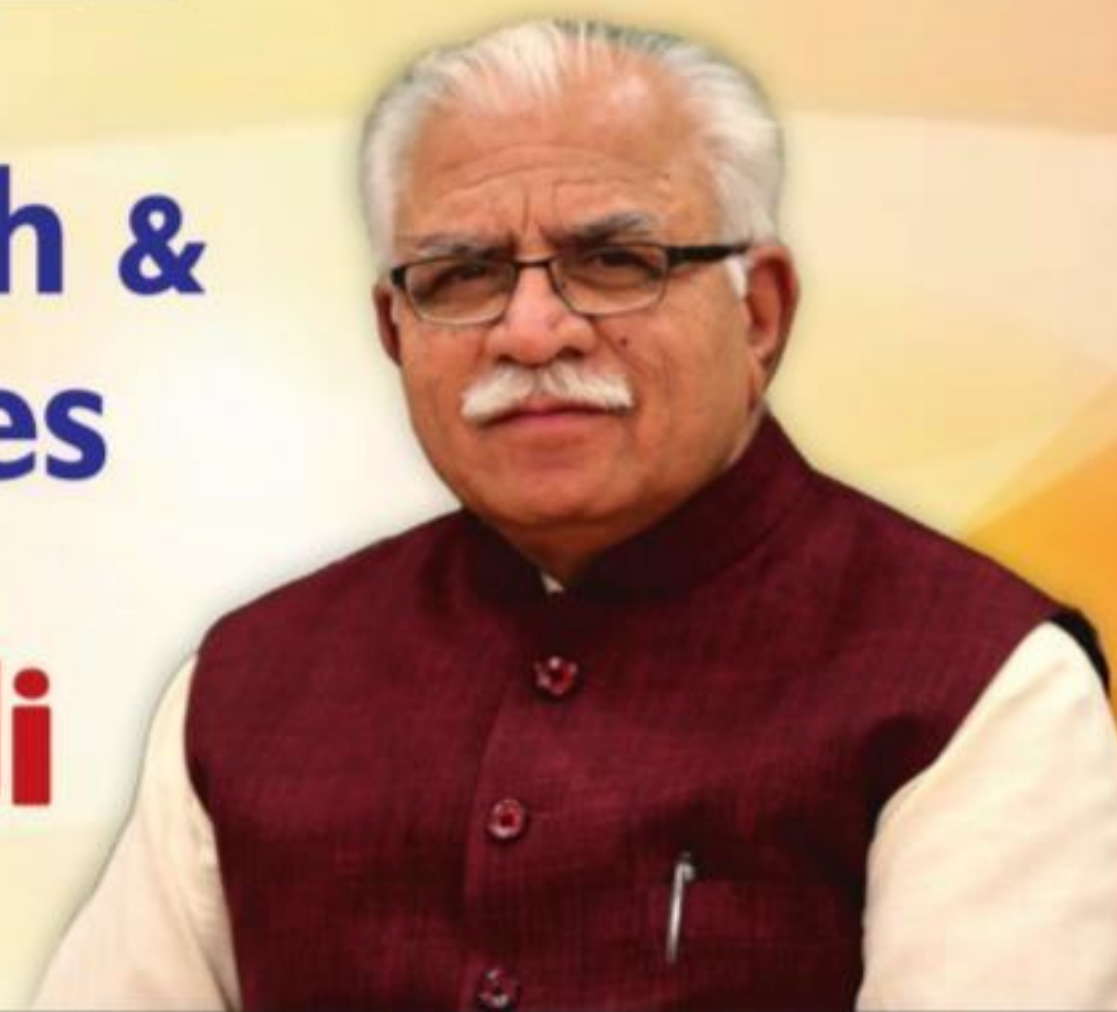
Inauguration



of 10 AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres

Through Video Link By

Narendra Modi Prime Minister



GRACIOUS PRESENCE

Manohar Lal

Chief Minister, Haryana

Rattan Lal Kataria

Union Minister of State, Jal Shakti,
Social Justice & Empowerment

Anil Vij

Health, AYUSH and Sports &
Youth Affairs Minister, Haryana

Gian Chand Gupta

MLA, Panchkula

Date: August 30, 2019 Time: 10:30 A.M.
Venue: Red Bishop, Sector-1, Panchkula

AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres in Haryana

Panchkula
(Sector-9)

Ambala
(Bara)

Kaithal
(Barsana)

Karnal
(Staundi)

Jind
(Sulehra)

Hisar
(Rakhi Shahpur)

Sonipat
(Mahra)

Gurugram
(Kasan)

Faridabad
(Shahjanpur)

Nuh
(Kairaka)



Say No To Plastic

Save Environment



A farm labourer in Odisha, helper at gas firm: Meet JNU's presidential candidate

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

IN 2009, Jitendra Suna (29) worked as a helper with Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) in the capital, fitting gas pipelines, fixing stoves and digging roads in case of pipe bursts. Ten years later, the Dalit PhD student from the Birsa Ambedkar Phule Students' Association (BAPSA), is contesting for the post of president in the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) polls.

Born in Pourkela village in the backward Kalahandi district of Odisha, Suna was introduced to physical labour quite early in life. His mother was a vegetable seller, while his father worked as an agricultural labourer and tilled the one-acre land given to the family during the Land Reforms Act of 1960. The piece of land is



Jitendra Suna is now a PhD student at JNU. Amit Mehra

now under mortgage.

"My mother died when I was in class VIII. I started sowing others' paddy fields, for which I would get around Rs 30-40 per day. As part of MGNREGA, I also dug roads and ponds, for which I would get Rs 100-150 per day," said Suna, who has six siblings.

Suna grew more aware of his caste identity. "I had noticed from childhood how we were treated differently, made to eat separately, live in a ghetto. The realisation grew stronger when my brother was questioned about his surname by colleagues, but he did not answer," said Suna.

The Rs 3,500 per month he got as a helper was not enough to sustain him in the city, leave alone sending money back home. Suna, therefore, decided to go back and complete his graduation.

The major turn in Suna's life came after his graduation when a friend told him about an institute in Nagpur which was offering free UPSC coaching.

"When I reached Nagpur, I realised it was a 10-month course in Ambedkarism and Buddhism. It was there that I developed an understanding of caste and untouchability... and so I decided to

study history and write our (Dalit) history," said Suna.

At the institute, Suna met students from HCU and JNU and decided to take the JNU MA entrance exam. He enrolled at the university in 2013, and went on to do an MA in History and MPhil from the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy. He is currently enrolled as a PhD student in the same centre and is writing his PhD on 'History of Identities & Exclusion; Ambedkar and the Marginalised'.

Suna is among the founding members of BAPSA. "We are seeing how the RSS and BJP are destroying democratic institutions... The Left-led JNUSU has failed to stand up to it," said Suna.

On his agenda is to address the dropout rates in JNU and make sure students get their fellowships. JNU goes to polls on September 6.

RAVIDAS TEMPLE: DELHI GOVT WRITES TO DDA 'Denotify forest land on which temple was built'

Move may allow temple to be rebuilt on original site

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

DELHI GOVERNMENT Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam Thursday wrote to the Delhi Development Authority to denotify forest land on which the Ravidas Temple in Tughlakabad was built. With the denotification, the government can allot land to the trust that owns the temple, and the temple can be rebuilt.

The letter comes a day before a planned protest over the temple's demolition at Jantar Mantar on Friday. A similar protest on August 21 at Ramliha Maidan and Tughlakabad had turned violent, with protesters from several parts of the country allegedly setting vehicles on fire and damaging public property after they were stopped from visiting the temple site.

The demolition took place on orders of the Supreme Court, after a long legal battle over ownership of the land. The matter is still pending in court.

In a letter to DDA vice-chairperson Tarun Kapoor, Gautam wrote: "An early resolution of the matter is required, which would



At the protest by Dalit groups on August 21 in the capital

be possible only if the owner of the land, which is the DDA, requests the forest department for denotifying the land from the forest category. Accordingly, you are requested to immediately review the matter and send an appropriate request to the forest department for denotifying the land so that the Delhi government can send a proposal to the central government for approval and allotment of land for construction of Sant Ravidas temple."

The issue was also discussed at the recently concluded session of the Delhi Assembly, where Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had demanded that the Centre

give at least four acres of land to rebuild the temple — either through filing a review petition in the Supreme Court or passing an ordinance — at the same site.

In Thursday's letter, Gautam said the matter should be given top priority as "each day of delay will aggravate the hurt caused to crores of persons belonging to the marginalised communities of India who hold Sant Ravidas as venerable, derive their meaning of life from his teachings."

A DDA official said that since the matter was pending in court, they would have to study if they could take action without inviting contempt proceedings.

19 meetings in 11 hrs: At BJP office, DUSU poll takes centrestage

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

FROM 9 am to 8 pm on Thursday, the Delhi BJP held 19 meetings at its Pant Marg office with different morchas and cells, during which the upcoming Delhi University Students' Union election was the centre of discussion.

Senior leaders said the Delhi BJP is investing resources on the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, so that they perform well and give a message ahead of next year's Delhi Assembly polls. DUSU polls are on September 12.

Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari said, "Meetings were held with different wings of the party like youth, women, Purvanchal, lawyers' and doctors' cells and they were given action plans for the university elections."

He said morcha leaders, cell members and ward councillors



Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari said different wings were roped in

have been told to reach out to students in their areas. "While student leaders will campaign around university issues, our leaders will ask students to vote for the ABVP because of our stand on national security and nation building," Tiwari said.

The PM has initiated several schemes for youth in the fields of sports and fitness which the leaders will take forward during meetings with students, he said. "DU represents India as it has students from across the country. The party wants to ensure a clean sweep in the DUSU polls so we can send a message across the country that the youth is with us," he said.

Audit flags 'irregularities of over Rs 1,600 cr' in SDMC

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE AUDIT report of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation has found alleged irregularities of over Rs 1,600 crore in the civic body, including unrecovered property tax arrears of Rs 1,177.47 crore.

Civic bodies in the city have been reeling under a fund crunch and, on several occasions, have failed to pay salaries of teachers and sanitation workers on time. The South body has the highest property tax collection potential.

The audit report for the year 2016-17, which was tabled in the Standing Committee of the South MCD Thursday, also found that "undue benefits" were given to property owners or builders.

"In 2,149 cases, demolition or sealing orders were not executed though it was mandatory on expiry of 15 days of issuance of demolition orders. In 47 cases, the

demolition or sealing orders were not passed," stated the report.

Standing committee chairperson of South MCD Bhupender Gupta said he was yet to read the report. "We will seek responses from all departments which have been questioned and take action on the findings," he said.

Standing committee member and Congress leader Ved Pal said that while the South MCD keeps complaining of a financial crisis, corruption is causing huge losses.

Parking

Delay in completing construction of multi-level underground car parking at New Friends Colony, Jangpura and Kalkaji resulted in cost overrun of Rs 14.27 crore and time overrun of more than seven years, the report said.

Tenders for construction of these parking lots were invited in 2009 and the project should have

been completed in March 2011. It is still in progress. The parking in New Friends Colony was delayed due to water seepage while in Jangpura, a contract dispute has delayed the project, said a South MCD official.

Purnima Sethi Hospital

Delay in construction of the 100-bed Purnima Sethi Multispecialty Hospital at Kalkaji meant a cost overrun of Rs 32.08 crore and time overrun of over 10 years. "It also deprived people of health services," the report said.

Other losses

The entire expenditure of Rs 26.90 crore incurred on a project to cover a drain from Pushp Vihar to Defence Colony became "wasteful" as the plan to provide parking space was defeated, the report said. The licensing department is yet to recover dues amounting to Rs 3.48 crore towards *tehbazari* fee.

NOTICE BOARD

EDUCATION

CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS, APPOINTMENTS, HONOURS



ORIENTATION - SRM UNIVERSITY

The Orientation Programme was celebrated at SRM University Delhi-NCR, Sonapat, where hundreds of newly-enrolled students and their parents participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. After lamp-lighting invocation to goddess Saraswati and felicitation of the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, Mr. Senthil Kumar, Director (Admission and Administration) welcomed the august presence by advising them to follow the 4Ds - Degree, Discovery, Dream and Doing as integral part of academic life. Dr. P. Prakash, respected VC of the university, cheerfully counselled the new students on the importance of knowledge production and ethos.

ACHIEVEMENT - AKGEC

Deeksha Singh from B.Tech batch of 2015-19 of Ajay Kumar Garg Engineering College brought laurels to the College for being awarded Chancellor Medal 2018-19 declared by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), Lucknow. She has been conferred with the award for securing 89.26% marks, the highest score across all engineering streams for 2015-19 batch of the University. Continuing the past tradition of students of the College, it is once again a matter of immense pride for AKGEC to have its students being awarded the AKTU Chancellor Medal for the fourth consecutive year since its inception in 2016. The College is also proud to have secured 16 positions, the highest among all affiliated colleges of AKTU, in the 2018-19 University merit list, with two Gold and two Silver Medals. This has been possible only with the sincerity and hard work of the students and focused efforts of the faculty and staff of the College. The College takes great pride in the Chancellor medal awardee Deeksha Singh being offered appointment by Infosys and Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Pvt Ltd. through campus placement.



FUNCTION - IGDТУW

First meeting of local advisory committee for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan was held in IGDТУW recently. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a flagship program of MHRD Govt. of India. Under UBA, IGDТУW has taken up 5 villages in Civil Lines, Paharganj, Sadar Bazaar, Daryaganj and Seelampur for community-based development. UBA CELL IGDТУW is actively working on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.



ORIENTATION - APEEJAY INST. OF MASS COMM

Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication successfully concluded the Orientation Programme for students who enrolled for various media courses at their campus. Dr Anurag Batra and Sam Rufus, Noted International Trainer of Creativity delivered the inaugural lectures. Talking about the programme, Prof. Ashok Ogra, said, "This programme aims to provide students from diverse backgrounds an understanding about Journalism, PR, Advertising, Events, Digital Media, etc. by interacting with leading experts in these fields." During the programme, students got an opportunity to interact with noted media professionals as well.



ORIENTATION - CPJ COLLEGE

CPJ College, Narela organized the Orientation Day for the students of Management, IT, Commerce and Law recently. The programme commenced with the lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest RS Goswami, Senior Advocate & Chairman Enrolment Committee (BCI) along with other dignitaries followed by welcome address of the DG Yugank Chaturvedi. The Chief Guest delivered an advisory speech motivating the students to excel in their life. A Power Point presentation covering the entire institute for thorough awareness of the students on the facilities provided, teaching environment and infrastructure. The students were also introduced faculties of the Institute.



CONFERENCE - SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

TEDxShivNadarUniversity started with a simple motive - to bring bright minds together through talks that are idea-focused, diverse in subjects, to foster learning, inspiration, and wonder, and provoke conversations that matter. In 2019, three successful conferences later, expectations are riding high for a bigger and better 4th edition of TEDxShivNadarUniversity. The motivation remains the same - to showcase ideas worth spreading & spark conversations that matter.



EVENT - IGNOU

IGNOU and Shisha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas organized a gathering of intellectuals to discuss the new innovative ideas and solutions for education which has great Bharat based values and also takes cognizance of Indian rich heritage and traditions in education. Gyanostav-2019 is second in the series of Utsav held to discuss the Bharat based values (lok vidya) in the National Education Policy Draft, 2019. The conference had presence of Mohan Bhagwat, Sansangchalak of RSS, HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Acharya Balkrishna of Patanjali Vidyapeeth, Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, amongst others.



CELEBRATION - MSD WORLD SCHOOL

MSD World School, kaushambi celebrated 73rd Independence Day at their premises recently. It had organized the kitemaking competition and rakhhi making competition too in school to enhance the student's creativity and morals. The Director Pooja Gupta hoisted the flag. The National Anthem echoed in the entire campus. Students marched in contingents to the beat of drum while teachers presided over it. Dancegroup was presented and school choir enthralled the audience with the patriotic songs. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees and they went back feeling happy and patriotic.

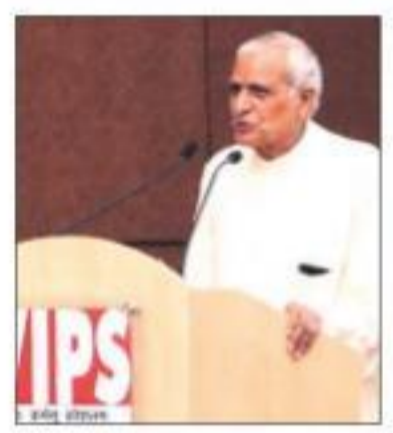


FUNCTION - KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE

Asar- The Entrepreneurship Cell of Kamala Nehru College works towards uplifting the deprived cobbler community by enhancing their skill set and making them self-sufficient with their Project Kadam. They set up a shop to sell the denim footwear handcrafted by the cobblers they help at their college fest, Ullas 2019. The nobility and the effort of the students was appreciated by all those who had attended the event.

VISIT - VIPS

Bajrang Lal Gupta visited the VIPS campus for an Interactive Session with students and faculty on EkatarManavDarshan - DeenDayalUpadhyay. He enlightened the audience with the philosophy of Integrated Holistic World View which focused on sustainable and inclusive growth. He explained the need to develop a Self-reliant and Decentralised eco system which had social welfare as its central theme. He also reiterated the need of transparent, responsible and accountable governance structure led by effective and honest leaders.



ORIENTATION - VIPS

Anandsen Gupta, CIO, Carrier HVAC was speaking at the Orientation Session for students of VIPS recently. He held an interactive session with the students where he shared a very interesting insight on : Seven Things They Don't Teach You In Business School.

1. Self-Compassion. Learning how to fail without hating yourself
2. Visioning Your Future Self.
3. Appreciation & Gratitude.
4. Trust and Patience.
5. Practice Mindfulness. Being is more important than doing.
6. Follow your heart and intuition. Not your mind, ego or wallet.
7. Our thoughts create our reality.



VIDYAMANDIR CLASSES has introduced its first ever Inter-City Test "SmartGenie", meant for students currently studying in class 7th and 8th. The competition will be held across Noida, Gr. Noida & Indirapuram regions. The event is aimed at rewarding the best minds of Schools and make students aware of the academic excellence required to clear Scholastic exams. The exams will be held from August-September 2019. The students will be required to take an exam for an hour which will be held during the school timings. The "Smart Genie" test will be written by all the students of class 7th & 8th and the student getting first position in each School for both the respective classes will be given the title of "Smart Genie".

ICAI through its Committee for Members in Industry & Business has collaborated with Manipal Global Education and designed Residential Management Development Programme. Keeping in mind the importance of managerial skills in today's global economy, this 23 days programme aims to sharpen the skills of CA Final Rank holders in terms of managerial and leadership abilities. This programme is being organized at Bangalore campus of Manipal University, and will be made available for the rank holders of CA Final Exam at a concessional fee. In addition, the course will conclude with a Special Placement Programme in which reputed organizations from all over the country would be participating. ICAI, in order to keep pace with the changing trends and to provide best learning platforms to its students and members, is making efforts to provide exposure to the CA Rank holders with skills that will enhance their overall understanding of the business in addition to their strong technical proficiency.

BRIEFLY

Woman jumps from building, dies

New Delhi: A 23-year-old pregnant woman allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the third floor of a building in Rohini Monday. Police said the woman succumbed to her injuries Wednesday. Her family alleged she was harassed by her husband and his family for dowry. Police have arrested the husband and registered a case of dowry death.

Appoint law officers on contract basis in jails: HC

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Thursday suggested appointment of law officers on contractual basis in 16 jails of the city for better administration and smooth functioning of prisons. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar asked why the government has not complied with Section 6 of the Delhi Prisons Act, 2000, which mandates the appointment of a law officer for every jail.

Man detained at IGI airport

New Delhi: Police apprehended a man at the IGI airport Thursday for allegedly carrying foreign currency worth Rs 20 lakh. Police said he had concealed the money in deodorant containers.

Man shot dead

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man was shot dead by a group of men in South Delhi's Tigris Wednesday night, said police, and added that a case has been registered. ENS

RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION RAISES ISSUES Excise dept to tweak its unsold liquor order

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE EXCISE Department of the Delhi government will modify its August 26 order, in which it had asked bars and restaurants to destroy liquor stock taken out of storage in two to eight days if it remains unsold, sources said.

The order said that beer, wine and alcopop be served within three days of being taken out of stock and placed on the bar counter. This duration is five days for Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and Foreign Liquor that costs less than Rs 1,500, and eight days for IMFL and Foreign Liquor costing between Rs 1,501 and Rs 6,000.

"The decision was taken to clamp down on instances of adulteration with cheaper liquor. But after receiving representations from restaurants and bar associations, as well as five-star hotels, we are planning to modify the order. They have made some points which are valid," said an official who did not want to be named.

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"Since most adulteration is seen in expensive whisky, cheaper liquor might be kept out. Also, no such complaints were received against five-star hotels. It was mostly from patrons of those establishments which claim to serve expensive liquor at lower rates that such complaints were seen," an official said.

Representatives of the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) have raised issue with the Excise Department. *The Indian Express* could not reach the representatives despite repeated attempts.

The order had stated: "During inspections by the Excise department, it has been observed that liquor stock at the bar counter is not served in the order of their receipt from the store... It has been brought to the notice of the department that this practice of not follow-

ing first-in first-out, and keeping liquor bottles at the bar counter beyond their normal period of consumption, has the potential for misuse through re-filling and adulteration. The order also said that following the expiry of the time limit set by the department, the stock will have to be removed from the bar counter and destroyed within a week."

According to officials at the excise department, whenever a bottle is taken out of storage of a restaurant or bar, it is marked as sold in the department's records.

"We had received written as well as informal complaints that bottles kept in the bar for a long duration were being adulterated, and bar-owners were injecting cheap alcohol in the bottles. In one case, for instance, a Champagne bottle was checked out from the store in February but was still displayed in the bar... but a Champagne bottle is on the bar counter for so long, it opens up the possibility of it being refilled with cheaper liquor. Restaurants and bars must manage their inventory better," the official said.



The Ridge is supposed to act as the city's lungs and help in mitigating pollution, said ecologist CR Babu

Mango, peepal trees in Ridge will create monoculture: Report

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

MANGOES, PEEPAL and bargad trees, which are among the plantations suggested by the Delhi High Court in the city's Central Ridge area, would create a monoculture and prevent achieving a full ecosystem, ecologist CR Babu has said in a report to the forest department.

Professor Babu, who heads the Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystem at DU, said the Central Ridge needs an ecosystem that will promote a thriving environment for birds, insects and help conserve soil nutrients.

The forest department had reportedly sought advice from Professor Babu on the plantation, following which he submitted the report, saying that monoculture is avoided by countries across the world. "If these species are planted in the Ridge, the purpose of bringing a natural

forest system would be defeated. Mango is cultivated in gardens, and the climate here does not support it," Professor Babu told *The Indian Express* Thursday.

The High Court had directed pharmaceutical company M/s Venkata Narayana Active Ingredients to plant 1.4 lakh saplings of deciduous indigenous variety in the Central Ridge while hearing a case of breach of judicial orders. Later, in July, a bench headed by Justice Najmi Waziri, had directed the Ridge Management Board to plant 50,000 more trees there.

The forest department has reportedly claimed that land under its control in the ridge would not support plantation of this magnitude.

Professor Babu said the Ridge should help in mitigating pollution.

He added if an effective, indigenous tree-based forest is fostered there, it will reduce PM2.5 levels, and help retain nutrients and moisture in soil.

Out for bicycle ride, 2 sisters fall into pit full of water, drown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 29

TWO COUSINS, aged six and nine, died after their bicycle fell into a ditch filled with water in Ghaziabad's Modinagar Thursday. According to police, the incident took place around 4 pm, when the victims, identified as Chanchal and Preeti, had gone out on their bicycle for a joyride after school.

"The girls were riding on a narrow path close to a field. They fell into a ditch filled with water. They were pulled out by locals and rushed to a hospital, where they died during treatment. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem," said K P Mishra, Circle Officer (Modinagar).

According to police, several portions of the road had caved, creating pits which got filled with rain water. An NDRF team

was called after locals informed police of the incident. Residents claimed that some of the pits were around 20-25 feet deep.

Police said the area comes under the jurisdiction of the local municipality, and added that any alleged irregularity will be investigated.

According to police, Chanchal's father works in Gujarat but she had been staying with Preeti's family.

32-year-old stabbed to death at South Delhi rehab centre

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

A 32-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed to death at a drug de-addiction centre in South Delhi's Kotla Mubarakpur Wednesday night. Police said an altercation over a stolen water motor took place between the victim and another man within the premises, after which the latter allegedly stabbed the victim and fled. A case has been registered against the accused under IPC section 302 (punishment for murder).

The centre is run by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board and does not have security guards at the main gate. Following the incident, the board said it will review security arrangements at all such centres.

DCP (South) Vijay Kumar said: "We received a call at 8.20 pm. The victim, Manoj Baisoya, was rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre where he was declared dead on arrival. The accused, Saheer, allegedly stabbed the victim after the two got into an



The centre does not have security guards at main gate

argument over the motor theft. Saheer had stolen the motor, belonging to the victim's cousin, in the afternoon. A team has been deployed to nab the accused."

According to police, Baisoya worked as a driver at Safdarjung Hospital and lived with his family in a flat in Aliganj, Kotla Mubarakpur. Saheer was undergoing treatment at the centre and slept at the night shelter, is housed in the same building, said police.

Mehar Singh, Baisoya's cousin, who lives in the same apartment complex, alleged, "I was out when my wife called and said someone had stolen the water motor kept outside the house. I checked footage from a CCTV near my house which showed a man around the flat... neighbours said he stays at the rehab centre. I called Manoj and we went to the centre around 3.30 pm. Manoj caught the man near the centre and fought with him. He promised to return the motor in an hour."

Building caretaker Naresh Anand, who made the PCR call, told *The Indian Express*, "On Wednesday afternoon, I saw two-three men arguing outside the building. By the time I went downstairs, they had left. Later that day, two of them were fighting outside the building. One of them pulled a knife and stabbed the other."

Bipin Rai, DUSIB member, said, "Before this incident, we never felt the need to deploy guards outside shelters... For women shelters, we have guards outside the gate."



IN GOOD FAITH

Idols being prepared ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi, to be celebrated on September 2. *Tashi Tobgyal*

To avail free bus rides, women to get single-journey passes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

FROM OCTOBER 29, women across the capital will be able to avail free rides on DTC and cluster buses using 'single-journey passes', which will be available with bus conductors.

The Delhi Cabinet, in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, on Thursday gave "in-principle" approval to its scheme of providing free travel to women in buses. The Delhi Assembly recently approved a supplementary grant of Rs 140 crore to facilitate free rides for women in buses for the current fiscal.

As per the scheme, single-journey duration passes will be issued to women passengers in DTC and cluster buses. The government will reimburse the amount, i.e. Rs. 10/- per single journey for DTC and cluster buses, and the same will be transferred to the designated accounts of DTC and cluster schemes respectively.

"Women passengers who do not want to avail free rides can buy tickets. The free travel scheme will be voluntary, which means any woman passenger who wants to purchase a journey ticket will be free to do so," said Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot.

According to officials, women passengers will be allowed free travel in DTC and cluster buses plying in the NCR region too. However, women officers, officials of the Delhi government and local bodies will not be entitled to transport allowance in case they opt for free travel facility in DTC and cluster buses.

"Government departments, local bodies, autonomous bodies, etc will take an undertaking from their women government servants to the effect that they are not availing the free travel facility. The transport department shall write to the Ministry of Finance after the implementation of the scheme to consider issuing necessary instructions to all ministries/departments/autonomous bodies belonging to Government of India and located in Delhi," added Gahlot.

No special educators, 151 pvt schools get notice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE DELHI Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) Thursday pulled up 151 private schools in the city for not engaging special educators, and have warned them of disaffiliation if the positions are not filled within six weeks.

"It has been learnt by the commission that your school does not have a Special Educator engaged in your work related to inclusive and meaningful education for Children With Special Needs," reads the showcause notice issued to the schools.

The showcause notice directs the schools to clarify whether they have a special educator engaged within 15 days of the issuance of the notice, and if not, appoint one within six weeks.

The principal of a prominent South Delhi school, which received the notice, said: "We have five special educators and two counsellors... I don't know how they released these notices..."

Transfer of Delhi zoo to central authority under discussion: Supriyo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

TRANSFER OF administrative control of Delhi's National Zoological Park to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) is under discussion and would follow due process, Minister of State for Environment Babul Supriyo said Thursday.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Supriyo said he would write letters to all zoos in the country to check the number of single animals they have, their genders, and a plan would be



The National Zoological Park in the capital

made to bring animals of opposite gender from other zoos.

He also said he would carry out surprise checks of zoos to see

if they were following the guidelines. To a question on whether control of other zoos could also be transferred to the CZA, Supriyo said, "All other zoos are handled by their state governments."

African Buffalo dies

The last surviving African buffalo at Delhi's National Zoological Park died of old age earlier this week, an official said Thursday. "It was born in 1988 and had grown quite old as per the general lifespan of this species. It's a rare animal in Indian zoos," the official said.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB
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सार्वजनिक सूचना

ग्रेट नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र के अर्न्तगत श्री निराला प्रोजेक्ट्स प्राीम लिमिटेड के मूलभूद संख्या जी.एच.-03, सेक्टर-02, ग्रेट नोएडा पर दिनांक 12.09.2013 को मानचित्र स्वीकृति प्रदान की गयी थी। तदोपरान्त बिल्डर द्वारा (टावर G-11) अधिभोग प्रमाण पत्र हेतु दिनांक 30.07.2019 को आवेदन किया गया है, जिसमें पूर्व स्वीकृत प्लेटों के डिजाइन व अन्य कतिपय संशोधन किया जा रहा है। अतः प्रत्येक आवेदियों द्वारा अपनी consent दी गयी है या नहीं के सम्बन्ध में अपार्टमेंट ओनर अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकते हैं। इस सम्बन्ध में बिल्डर द्वारा प्रस्तुत संशोधित declarations एवं मानचित्र का परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में सुबह 9:30 से सांय 6:00 बजे के मध्य नियोजन विभाग के displayed में नक्शे में किया जा सकता है। मानचित्रों में उओप्र अपार्टमेंट एक्ट-2010 के प्रावधानों के अर्न्तगत उक्त प्रस्तावित संशोधन की घोषणा के सम्बन्ध में अपार्टमेंट स्वामियों/संघ को नोटिस जारी करने के साथ 30 दिन के अन्दर आपत्तियां आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

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**BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
NEW DELHI BENCH-III, NEW DELHI
C.P.(CAA) 114(N)/2019
CONNECTED WITH
CA(CAA)-97(N)/2019
IN THE MATTER OF SEC 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION
OF
STALLION ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED
.....TRANSFEROR COMPANY NO.1/PETITIONER COMPANY NO.1
AND
AVNI SECURITIES PRIVATE LIMITED
.....TRANSFEROR COMPANY NO.2/PETITIONER COMPANY NO.2
AND
ALAKNANDA TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
.....TRANSFEROR COMPANY NO.3/PETITIONER COMPANY NO.3
AND
RAGINI ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED
.....TRANSFEROR COMPANY/PETITIONER COMPANY NO.4
WITH
CHANDA EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED
..... TRANSFEREE COMPANY/PETITIONER COMPANY NO.5
AND
THEIR RESPECTIVE CREDITORS AND SHAREHOLDERS
NOTICE OF PETITION**

Take notice that a petition under Sections 230 and 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanction/ approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation of Stallion Advisors Private Limited ("Transferor Company/Petitioner Company No.1"), Avni Securities Private Limited ("Transferor Company No.2/Petitioner Company No.2"), Alaknanda Traders Private Limited ("Transferor Company No.3/Petitioner Company No.3"), Ragini Advisors Private Limited ("Transferor Company No.4/Petitioner Company No.4") with Chanda Exports Private Limited ("Transferor Company/Petitioner Company No.5") and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented by the above named "Petitioner Companies" on 29th day of July, 2019 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi and the order in the said petition was pronounced by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal on 2nd day of August, 2019. The said petition is now fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench-3, New Delhi on 16th day of September, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. or soon thereafter. The Petitioner Companies No. 1, 2, 4 and 5 are having its registered office at F-7, Ground Floor, Hauz Khaz Enclave, New Delhi-110016 and Petitioner Company No.3 is having its Registered Office at C-111/3089, Vasanti Kunj, New Delhi-110070.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocates at their address mentioned hereunder, a notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her Advocate, with his/her full name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner's Advocates not later than 2 (two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit intended to be used in opposition to the petition, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of Petition shall be furnished by the Petitioner's Advocates to any person requiring the same upon payment of the prescribed charges.

Sd/-
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NOTICE OF RECORD DATE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of payment of:

- Annual interest on the 1,600 – 9.15% Secured Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures aggregating ₹ 7,62,500 each and
- The redemption proceeds of the Series-I of these Debentures, aggregating ₹ 16,00,00,000, both due on 17th September 2019.

For The Tata Power Company Limited
H. M. Mistry
Company Secretary

Place : Mumbai
Dated : 29th August 2019

CORRIGENDUM FOR THE ATTENTION OF PROSPECTIVE RESOLUTION APPLICANTS OF V HOTELS LIMITED

I, Anish Niranjan Nanavaty, in my capacity as the Resolution Professional of V Hotels Limited ("Company") had invited potential resolution applicants to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) towards submission of a Resolution Plan for the Company, vide newspaper advertisement published on July 30, 2019 in the newspapers *The Indian Express* and *Lok Sabha*, which can be found on the website of the Company - <http://vhotelsttdr.com>.

It is hereby informed that the last date for submission of EOI in accordance with the invitation published on July 30, 2019 has been extended to September 13, 2019 (which may be extended by the CoC at its sole discretion).

All terms, conditions and instructions provided in the invitation published on July 30, 2019 will continue to apply and this corrigendum should be read in conjunction with the same.

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Chief Guest	: Mr. Manish Sisodia Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi
To be presided by	: Prof. Jaspal Singh Ex-Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala
Guest of Honour	: Ms. Manisha Saxena Secretary, Art, Culture & Languages, Govt. of Delhi
Distinguished Guests	: Sh. Gurbhej Singh Guraya Secretary, Punjabi Academy, Delhi
Key Note Address	: Prof. Nashir Naqvi Ex Director, Sufi Centre, Punjabi University, Patiala
Welcome Speech	: Prof. Shehpar Rasool Vice Chairman, Urdu Academy, Delhi
Vote of Thanks	: Secretary, Urdu Academy, Delhi
Compere	: Dr. Shafi Ayyub

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Presidium : Prof. Wahajuddin Alvi, Dr. G.R. Kanwal
Compere : Mr. Noorain Ali Haq

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● Dr. Mohd. Rafi	Guru Nanak Sahab Ke Kalam Mein Urdu Farsi Alfaaz
● Dr. Rehman Akhtar	Nanak Bani Mein Ruhani Aur Adbi Aqdaar
● Dr. Dhanwant Kaur	Guru Nank : Yekjehiti Aur Roohani Mukalma
● Mr. Mutahir Husain Nausha	Nazar-e-Nanak (Urdu) Ka Adbi Aur Lisani Mutala
Dr. Raihan Hasan	Zikr-e-Guru Nanak Ji Aur Muslim Shora

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8 GOVT & POLITICS



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SURPRISE REQUEST

COME ELECTION time, and political leaders, especially the known faces, are flooded with requests for poll tickets. However, BJP MP and head of its national media cell Anil Baluni got such a request from a very unexpected source. Baluni was returning to India after an official trip and was at the immigration counter at Delhi airport. As he approached the official at the counter, he was greeted with joy and respect. "I need a ticket," the official said, and Baluni promptly took out his flight ticket. But the official clarified that he wanted a ticket to contest election from Haryana, where polls are due in the coming months. On Thursday, the aspirant landed up at the BJP headquarters to hand over a dossier with articles and pictures of his "public service" in his native place and a box of sweets for Baluni.

SPECIAL INTEREST

SOLICITOR GENERAL Tushar Mehta's fountain pens led to the much-needed thaw amid the acerbity in the P Chidambaram hearing, with Senior Advocate AM Singhvi, appearing for the Congress leader, taking time to inspect the pens before returning them with a thumbs up. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, also appearing for the former Union minister, was heard telling Mehta, who is a fountain pen aficionado, "aakhir likhna hi to hai (after all, the purpose is to write)". Sibal also "complained" that Mehta was yet to see his collection of paintings.

HEARING THEM OUT

THE ELECTION Commission is reviewing the national party status of the NCP, TMC and CPI. Although the three parties have urged the poll panel to take a lenient view, it seems unlikely. The Commission, however, has decided to grant each of the parties a personal hearing before taking a final decision on whether they will continue to enjoy national party status. The personal hearing, in all likelihood, will be in the second week of September.

Yechury in Srinagar, meets Tarigami for 3 hrs

Srinagar: Armed with a Supreme Court order, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Thursday met his ailing party colleague Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami, who has been under house arrest since August 5. Officials said the CPI(M) leader spent nearly three hours with Tarigami. Yechury had landed in Srinagar on August 9 too, but was turned away from the airport by the state administration.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court rejected the Centre's contention that Yechury's visit may endanger the situation in the state. "Why do you have any difficulty if a citizen of this country wants to go there and meet his friend and party colleague," a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was opposing Yechury's visit. **PTI**

Kashmir was never yours, Rajnath tells Pak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

RAISING THE issue of Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) the second time in less than a fortnight, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday that Pakistan has "no locus standi on Kashmir", and the "truth is that PoK including Gilgit-Baltistan has been under Pakistan's illegal occupation".

Speaking in Leh — his first visit after the government's decision to scrap J&K's special status and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories — Singh said: "I want to ask Pakistan when was Kashmir with you that you keep crying about it. In fact, Pakistan is part of India. On what issue are you aggrieved? Why you are unnecessarily crying? Stop crying." "We respected your existence after Pakistan became a separate country. It does not mean you keep saying whatever you want and keep commenting on Kashmir in a planned way," he said.

"Kashmir is a part of India and nobody has any doubt about it... Pakistan has no locus standi on Kashmir. Rather, it continues to illegally occupy the entire PoK along with Gilgit-Baltistan," he said, adding that Indian Parliament had unanimously passed a resolution in February 1994 "in which India's position has been clearly defined". Singh said Pakistan should, instead, "pay at-



Rajnath Singh with Lt Gen YK Joshi in Dihar, Leh. **ANI**

attention to the human rights violations of the people of PoK".

On making Ladakh a Union Territory, Singh said the government had not only honoured public sentiment but provided a solution to people's problems.

At a public meeting in Haryana on August 18, Singh had said: "Whatever talks take place, that will be on the issue of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. No talks will be done on another issue." And, just two days before that, Singh said in Pokhara 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.

MoS in the PMO Jitendra Singh was reported as telling a delegation of students from J&K on Thursday that "there will be a time when PoK and Gilgit-Baltistan will also be part of India".

Militants kill shopkeeper

Srinagar: Militants on Thursday night shot a shopkeeper on the outskirts of Srinagar, officials said. The deceased, identified as Ghulam Mohammed, owned a shop at Parim Pora. The officials said that three youths on a motorcycle shot him when he was closing his shop. Security has been strengthened in the area and police is on a lookout for the killers.

Two Gujjars were abducted by militants in Pulwama earlier this week. One of them was found dead on Monday, and the other on Tuesday. **PTI**

Union ministers set to visit J&K, talk to public

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

IN A bid to communicate with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and convey to them how the removal of special status and bifurcation of the state will help the region develop, key Union ministers are likely to make frequent visits to address the public and interact with the masses.

"Today Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has visited Leh and addressed people there. Slowly but steadily more key ministers will visit the state. The idea is that ministers heading all key ministries must visit the state and interact with the people. As the situation improves, visits will also be made to the Kashmir Valley," a senior Home Ministry official said.

Before Rajnath, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda visited Ladakh on August 17, while MoS PMO Jitendra Singh has made multiple visits to the state. However, no minister has so far visited the Valley since August 5, when the Centre announced its moves regarding the state.

"The idea is that such visits will build confidence. The opportunity will be used to convey to the people all the government is planning to do for the development of the entire region," the official said.

The government has formed a group of secretaries from all key ministries to plan long-term and short developmental goals for the state. The secretaries, with oversight from Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, have been asked to lay the roadmap for long-term development and ensure quick delivery of all central government schemes at the grassroots. "Meetings are being held. It has been discussed that short-term development projects that can be quickly delivered must be worked on first. Long-term planning is also going on," the official said.

A few teams of central officials have visited Srinagar while some of the level of joint secretary and secretary are expected to travel to the Valley in the coming weeks. The government is working on a plan to release detained political workers and leaders as things settle down in Kashmir. Internet, however, may remain shut for a prolonged period.

EXPLAINED E

Message of long-term engagement

AS THE government promises to gradually relax the restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir, the next step would require opening up political space in the state. The political executive will have to walk the extra mile to assure the public in the state that the Centre's move was not merely an ideological political project. Visits by the political executive in the coming days have the potential to signal a long-term commitment beyond the immediate move.

'People will know drama was to divert attention'

LEADER OF the Opposition in Rajya Sabha **GHULAM NABI AZAD** speaks to **MANOJ C G** on the situation in the Valley and why he thinks the government is trying to divert attention from burning issues

In a petition to the United Nations, Pakistan has quoted Rahul Gandhi as saying that "people (are) dying" in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP has targeted the Congress over this.

It is stupid on the part of Pakistan and shows the hollowness on their part. Rahul Gandhi has made it clear what he actually meant. I totally dismiss what Pakistan has mentioned. But the fact of the matter is that the world knows that Jammu and Kashmir is out of bounds for everybody, including a person like me who belongs to that state and is an MP... It is not the first time curfew has been imposed or Section 144 invoked, but never before state leaders, that too of mainstream parties, been detained like this...one

comes to the conclusion that there is something wrong which is being hidden...

How many Congress leaders are in detention?

It is very difficult (to find out) because for the first two-and-a-half weeks...not even landlines were working. Now for the past one week, landlines have been allowed... There is hardly any civilian left who uses landline phones. I have been able to talk to only one leader who has a landline. And he told me, "I am not allowed to move out"...so he does not know who is under detention...Nobody knows whereabouts of Omar Abdullah, Mehbooda Mufti

The Supreme Court allowed CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury to visit Jammu and Kashmir to meet his party colleague and former MLA Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami?

How shameful it is that the general secretary of a national party had to approach the Supreme Court to reach out to his state leader.



Will you also approach the Supreme Court?

We have presence across the state. It will be very difficult for me or the Congress to say which lea-

der...I will have to give a huge list...

The government is saying it is gradually lifting the lockdown. In your view, how will the situation develop?

Only God knows...What will happen will depend on gravity of the situation...I am not sure what is going to be the impact on minds of the people...If I go by hearsay...it (the situation) is very horrifying...I don't want to go by hearsay. I also don't want to go by what BBC, Al Jazeera and other foreign media outlets are writing...I would like to see for myself...we will come to know once restrictions are lifted...

Do you think there is simmering anger?

If there was no anger...they would not have imposed this type of curfew...

But many leaders of your party have supported the scrapping of special status?

Most leaders are very young. They do not know the history. I don't blame them. They go by

what the government is saying on the television. So many lies have been said. For instance, it is said there is no panchayati Raj in J&K...it is there since 1952. On the floor of the House, the government said Right to Education was not allowed to be implemented in J&K. In J&K...its constitution said education is free from primary to university level...Why should they take this RTE?

Karan Singh is not a young leader. He is a veteran and son of Maharaja Hari Singh. He has welcomed the bifurcation. He is silent on Article 370.

He has been saying different things. Four days before he presided over a meeting (of the J&K policy group of the Congress) and drafted one resolution. Then he was part of a (Congress) press conference...Four days later he gives (a statement). So I don't want to comment on that.

Did it surprise you?

Well, it didn't surprise me much. I don't want to say more.

Assembly polls are due in three states in two months...Many of your leaders say public perception is in favour of the scrapping of special status. How difficult will it be for the Congress?

I would like to ask my countrymen...they feel great pleasure that anybody can buy land in J&K. Yes, under Article 35 A you could not buy land...Why those people who are having so much pleasure that this provision has been dispensed with are not bothered about Assam, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur or Himachal Pradesh...that shows there is something wrong in our people's thinking. The people will one day understand that all this is being done because the government has totally failed on all the fronts...Two-three years later, the people will come to know all this was drama to divert their attention from the real issues, like growing unemployment, economic crisis...

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TUKARAM MUNDHE, NAVI MUMBAI MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

AWARD CATEGORY: TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION

A real-time intelligent transport system eases Navi Mumbai's travel woes

VISHWAS WAGMODE
NAVI MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

FORTY-YEAR-OLD Tanaji Kamble, a Mumbai municipality employee, is happy that the frequency of buses in his area has improved. For Savita Sawant, 36, a homemaker, finding the nearest bus stop has become easier since she installed a new mobile app on her phone.

Residents of Maharashtra's Navi Mumbai area, Sawant and Kamble say the introduction of the real-time data-driven Integrated Intelligent Transport System (IITS) by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has eased their travel woes.

In March 2017, Tukaram Mundhe, then municipal commissioner of the Navi Mumbai civic body, launched the IITS system with an objective of 'sustainable urban mobility'. Some of its key modules include an Automatic Vehicle Location System, Passenger Information System, a mobile application for citizens, a Command and Control Centre, an incident management system, an Automatic Fare Collection System, Planning and Scheduling Management and Business Intelligence systems, among others.



On August 21, Mundhe was among 15 district magistrates to be honoured with The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards that celebrated the finest work done by DMs across the country.

"The challenge was not the creation of an app, but an integrated service for every stakeholder — passengers, bus operators, administrators etc. That's



Navi Mumbai Municipal Commissioner Tukaram Mundhe receives the award from Union Minister for Law and Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad; (right) at the IITS control room in Belapur, Navi Mumbai.



Narendra Vasakar

how I came up with the plan for an intelligent traffic management system, where an app can inform every passenger about when a bus is arriving, if it is on time or if there has been a breakdown," Mundhe said after receiving the award.

As part of IITS's Automatic Vehicle Location System, GPS was installed on 448 buses that make 4,000 daily trips. The system helps track the vehicles' routes and check if they have sped away without stopping at any of the designated bus stops. The Automatic Fare Collection System gives live reports about fare collections, while the Planning and Scheduling Management system gives information about bus routes and staff duty.

The IITS has a control room in Belapur.

"In March 2017, there were 35,000 cases of buses skipping stops. Now, the problem has gone down by almost 50 per cent. Also, compared to last year, there has been a 15 per cent increase in the number of passengers taking buses," said Shirish Aradwad, general manager of Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport, the transport wing of the Navi Mumbai civic body, adding that the new system has led to an increase in the monthly revenue from Rs

10.50 crore in May last year to Rs 11.50 crore in August.

Though Kamble, the Mumbai municipality employee, says he does not use the app, "it helps that the LED display at the Nerul bus stop shows information about buses." In March 2017, five LED display units were installed in the Navi Mumbai area as part of the Public Information System. Now, there are 75 such units.

Sawant, the homemaker, says that while the mobile app is good, it needs improvement. "It doesn't tell us if the bus is late. Also, the app does not have any option to register complaints," she says.

Aradwad said a feedback option would be made available to passengers soon.

Sameer Bagwan, a member of the Transport Committee of the Navi Mumbai civic body, says the system has not been fully implemented, leading to some issues. "At times, the mobile app shows false location of buses because it is not fully developed. Once completely operational, it will be the best system," says Bagwan.

Aradwad said they have been fixing some of these issues. "Soon, we will launch a Navi smart card for people that can be used for ticketing and shopping too. It will take 10-15 days for trial and then it will be launched."

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Security up at Gujarat ports, alert warns of Pak marine infiltration

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 29

A SECURITY advisory has been issued to shipping agents of all vessels parked at Mundra port in Kutch over possible infiltration by Pakistani marine commandos from the coastal borders of Gujarat.

The advisory, issued by Adani Ports and Logistics, comes four days after the BSF found two abandoned mini boats at Harami Nala creek in Kutch, which may have originated from Pakistan. The Indian Navy had also warned of a possible terror attack from the sea.

The coastal borders of Gujarat have been on high alert since the Centre announced its move to scrap special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcate the state into two Union territories.

In the advisory dated August 29, all stakeholders and shipping agents at Mundra port have been asked to inform their vessels of a possible infiltration by marine commandos of Pakistan in Harami Nala creek. "All stakeholders are requested to institute preventive measures to mitigate hostile attacks and assume highest state of readiness and be vigi-



Mundra Port in Gujarat. PTI

lant towards any attempts to breach our coastal security. Any suspicious activities by individuals/ vessels/ crafts/ boats approaching towards the coast are to be tracked continuously and information to be disseminated to all concerned. All shipping agents and stakeholders are directed to inform their vessels accordingly and report any suspicious activity to marine control station and port operation centre immediately," read the advisory.

An official of Adani Ports and Logistics said, "We received a tip from the Indian Coast Guard regarding a possible infiltration by trained marine commandos of Pakistan, so we have informed all our staff and vessels' agents to remain vigilant."

Inspector General of Police (border range) D B Vaghela said, "We receive inputs about possible terrorist infiltrations from time to time and we have enhanced security at all vital installations in Kutch district, including Kandla port."

Anjar's Deputy Superintendent of Police Dhananjay Vaghela told reporters, "We have received inputs that terrorists can enter through the sea route." Police and other security agencies have increased patrolling and marine police have been pressed into service, he added.

Harami Nala is a marshy and shallow water channel on the India-Pakistan border in Kutch. The area, despite being difficult

terrain, is watched by security agencies on both sides as fishermen use it every day. Close to Harami Nala is Keti Bunder South Wildlife Sanctuary in Pakistan.

On August 24, the BSF discovered two mini-boats at Harami Nala, which prompted a search operation by security agencies in the coastal areas of Kutch over possible infiltration by Pakistani nationals. However, preliminary investigation by police did not reveal any suspicious activity.

The Intelligence Bureau had also sent a tip to the Gujarat Anti Terrorism Squad regarding infiltration of four terrorists with Afghanisthan passports into India to carry out terror attacks.

WITHPTIINPUTS

SC decision on Chidambaram plea for interim shield on Sept 5

ANANTHAKRISHNANG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29



His CBI remand ends today

THE SUPREME Court Thursday said it will rule September 5 on former Union Minister P Chidambaram's plea for interim protection from arrest in an alleged money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate even as the agency opposed his contention that it could not show the court any material it had not confronted him with.

The bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna, where the hearing in the ED case commenced August 23 and ended Thursday, also fixed September 2 to take up Chidambaram's plea challenging his remand in CBI custody in the INX Media case.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Chidambaram, requested the bench to also consider extending his CBI custody till then.

Intervening, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ED, said the lawyers could make the request before the CBI court when he is produced there at the end of his CBI remand Friday.

The bench also asked Mehta to submit documents related to the investigation and said it will take a call on whether or not to peruse the contents of the sealed cover.

Mehta had earlier asked the judges to have a look at the documents and this was objected to by Chidambaram's lawyers. Contesting this, Mehta said "this stand is absurd and devastating consequences will follow if this argument is going to be adopted".

"The contention that unless the accused is confronted with material in possession of investigating agency, it can never be shown even to the court is completely fallacious and defeats the very intent, object and express

language of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and any other penal statutes," he said.

The argument was "preposterous" and "will defeat the purpose of investigation in serious offences". If all evidence is exposed, the accused, he said, "can immediately tamper with the evidence and try to erase the money trail and create a camouflage depending upon what is revealed by the investigating agency while confronting him with that."

Mehta said "investigation is a science... In an investigation, we may have six things but only divulge three things first... That's the art of investigation," he said. In PMLA cases, there may be need to confront the accused not only with documents, but even with other persons, and that's entirely for the investigating agency to decide, he said.

Chidambaram, in a rejoinder affidavit, had raised the apprehension that "coercive methods" may be used to extract a confession from him. On this, Mehta cited judgments which said if the plea was allowed, the accused would resort to such arguments in every case.

Courts, he said, had to presume that officers will act responsibly, and "that's why accused are produced before courts regularly, to ensure that they are not ill-treated. There are checks and balances in every statute".

Mehta also opposed the contention that the charges against Chidambaram were not an offence in 2007-08 when they were allegedly committed. Money from the crime, he said, continued to be laundered even now.

NORTH 26 students fall sick after consuming midday meal

Lucknow: At least 26 students of a government primary school in Bahlolpur area of Shahjahanpur district fell sick after consuming 'tehri' and milk as part of the midday meal served at the school on Wednesday. After the students reached home around 1 pm, they complained of stomach pain and were taken

to the local community health centre, officials said. All of them have been discharged from the health centre, they added. The district administration has served a showcause notice to the only teacher in the school, Deepa Rani, and ordered the transfer of Block Education Officer Shatrughan Saroj. **ENS**



Police detain teachers of Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh during a protest in Lucknow demanding reinstatement of the old pension policy. Vishal Srivastava

EAST PSU employee held for raping minor in Jharkhand

Bokaro: A government employee has been arrested here for allegedly raping a 16-year-old girl, a senior police officer said on Thursday. The incident reportedly took place on Wednesday, he said. The accused is an employee of a public sector undertaking (PSU), the officer said. The girl was working as a domes-

tic help at the residence of the accused, the officer said. The man allegedly called her on Wednesday, raped her and slit her veins at three places, Bokaro SPP Murugan said. The girl has been admitted to hospital, while the accused has been sent to jail, another police officer said. **PTI**



PM LAUNCHES 'FIT INDIA MOVEMENT'

PM Narendra Modi with actor Shilpa Shetty and BJP leaders at the launch of the 'Fit India Movement' at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. A panel, headed by Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, has been formed to take the movement forward. "Fitness is not just a word but a pre-condition for a healthy and fulfilling life. It should become a revolution," Modi said. *Anil Sharma*

NMC Act: HC stays Centre's direction to nominate members

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE DELHI High Court Thursday stayed the operation of Centre's direction to all states and Union Territories to nominate members of the State Medical Council for the composition of Medical Advisory Council (MAC) under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

Justice Navin Chawla stayed the government's August 9 direction to all states and UTs till September 16, on the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill, 2019, which has been passed by Parliament and became an Act after receiving the President's assent. It said that the government

should not insist on nominations of members and sought a reply before the next date of hearing. Central government's standing counsel Monika Arora and advocates Harsh Ahuja and Kushal Sharma, appearing for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, said that sections in the Act will be implemented at different stages and the government has nine months to notify the Act.

Arora further apprised the court that as of now the Medical Council of India (MCI) is in place and it will be dissolved only after the NMC Act comes into force.

The court's interim order came on a plea by Dr Anil Agarwal, who claims to be an elected member of the Delhi

Medical Council (DMC). In his plea, Agarwal claimed that he is aggrieved by the Centre's direction, as there are no rules, regulations, guidelines or procedure to elect or nominate members from DMC for MAC under the NMC Act, 2019.

Agarwal has sought quashing of the Centre's direction on August 9.

Earlier this month, more than 20,000 resident doctors from government hospitals went on strike and refrained from attending to OPDs and other routine services. The medical practitioners were protesting against the NMC Bill which was passed in Rajya Sabha on August 1 with some amendments. The Lok Sabha passed it on August 6.

Pak shelling in Poonch, students have narrow escape

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, AUGUST 29

NEARLY A dozen students of the Government Middle School at Dabraj in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district had a narrow escape on Thursday morning when Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire from across the Line of Control.

Sources said students were in classrooms when Pakistani troops suddenly started firing mortar shells and small arms. As the shells fell in close vicinity to the school, which is situated on a hill, the teachers shifted students to a safer room.

Parents rushed to the school to bring back their children, but they were stuck as the firing and shelling continued. When firing stopped after over an hour, teachers allowed students to return home.

Defence Ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said that "at about 1130 hours, Pakistan initiated ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars in Mendhar". "Indian Army retaliated befittingly," he added.

Ever since the Centre scrapped the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and reorganised the state into two Union territories, there has been a rise in incidents of unprovoked firing and mortar shelling by Pakistani troops along the LoC. On Wednesday morning, they had initiated ceasefire violation along the LoC in Rajouri district's Keri sector, sources said, adding that three soldiers have been killed in Pakistani firing in the past one week.

ACTIVISTS HELD FOR 'MAOIST LINKS' HC judge: Didn't refer to Tolstoy's War and Peace

SAILEE DHAYALKAR
MUMBAI, AUGUST 29



Vernon Gonsalves

JUSTICE SARANG Kotwal of Bombay High Court and lawyers for the state and the accused clarified in the court on Thursday that the book that he had referred to on Wednesday was not *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy but *War and Peace in Jungle Mahal* by Biswajit Roy, which was seized by Pune police from the home of activist Vernon Gonsalves.

Justice Kotwal said he knows Tolstoy's *War and Peace* is a "literary classic" and also said the list of books, documents and CDs in the panchnama was in "bad handwriting".

He said, "I have never said that whatever was recovered from you was incriminating, it is for you to explain that it is not [incriminating]. I have not formed my opinion and that is why I asked you to clarify. Whatever I read, basically the handwriting was hardly legible, I was helping you [lawyer] read it because it was in Marathi. And before we went to *War and Peace in Jungle Mahal* there was a reference to 'State Repression'."

He added, "*Mao-adhyanthe Yudh Konasathi Kashesathi...*" "War" was with reference to that. And even *War and Peace* is with reference to that. There is no reference to the Leo Tolstoy book in the panchnama at all."

It was advocate Yug Chaudhry, who represents accused Sudha Bhardwaj in the case, who brought up the matter in the court. Addressing the bench, he said that "at no time did lordship ever mention Leo

Tolstoy. This book was written by Biswajit Roy. When you [Justice Kotwal] asked what was seized from the house of Vernon Gonsalves, a panchnama was shown to the court."

Both senior counsel Mihir Desai and Additional Public Prosecutor Aruna Pai agreed with Chaudhry's submission.

After this, Justice Kotwal said he knew that *War and Peace* was a "literary classic". He said, "What is reported, I am shocked... I hope I have sufficiently clarified. I am happy that you are with me in this. I am worried about the institution (Bombay High Court) and not me."

The court was hearing the bail plea of Vernon Gonsalves, who was arrested by Pune Police on August 28 last year for alleged links with the CPI(Maoist). The bail application of Gonsalves was heard with the bail pleas of other accused Sudha Bhardwaj and Arun Ferreira.

Justice Kotwal and Yug Chaudhry were referring to media reports, including in *The Indian Express*, that during Wednesday's hearing, the judge read out the title *War and Peace* from the list. *The Indian Express* quoted him as saying, "Why would you keep a book about a war in another country at your home?"

Back home after 54 years, ex-Chinese soldier now waits for visa renewal to reunite with family in Madhya Pradesh

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, AUGUST 29

WANG CHANG Qi, a Chinese soldier who was caught and imprisoned by Indian forces before he settled down in Tirodi village of Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district, had to wait for 54 years to reunite with his family in China. But for the past five months, he has been waiting for another visa renewal to return to his family in Tirodi.

According to his son Vishnu Wang (38), his 80-year old father had applied to the Indian embassy in China in April, but there has been no positive response so far. "I have been in communication with Indian officials both in India and China but the process isn't going anywhere," Vishnu said.

"I have written emails to even the Foreign Secretary and Joint Secretary but there is no response," he added. "The officials here and in the Chinese Embassy in Beijing say they are waiting for each other's response."

In 2017, Wang met a visiting Chinese official who later facilitated his visit to China to meet his family.

He was captured by Indian forces in January 1963 when he had "lost his way back to China to stay in Indian territory" following the India-China war. He claimed to be a surveyor with the Chinese army but was convicted for spying. He remained in various jails for about seven years before being released from the Balaghat jail.

He later settled in Tirodi village, where he initially worked in a flour mill before starting a



Wang Chang Qi (third from left) with his relatives in China.

grocery shop. He married an Indian woman, Sushila, and had four children — two sons and two daughters.

After a media report about his life in exile in 2017, officials

from the Chinese embassy in Delhi were moved and worked to facilitate his journey to China in February that year. Under a multi-entry visa valid till February 2018, he was taken to

Xianyang city in Shaanxi province, where his elder brother stayed. After an emotional reunion with his family, he returned to India in May the same year. He again went to China in July and returned in October to see his ailing wife Sushila, who died during Diwali, days after his return.

Wang made two more visits to China in 2018, first in January under an old visa and later in October under a visa that had been renewed in March 2018. Since then, he has been stuck in China due to non-renewal of visa, which had to be done in March this year.

"We are running from pillar to post to facilitate his return but officials are not responding," said Vishnu, adding, "When he first visited China, (Foreign Secretary) Vijay Gokhale was

the Indian Ambassador to China." Vishnu's profile picture on WhatsApp shows his father with Gokhale.

In February 2018, Wang had written to the Indian government to compensate him for the "torture" he had suffered in India during his stay. "He was beaten up by the police in 1971, 1990 and 1995 for various concocted reasons. He was even jailed in 1995. This is what he was referring to in his plea for compensation," Vishnu said.

"After Wang's story came out in the media, the then Balaghat Collector had promised me a job. But nothing has been done," said Vishnu, who currently works in an explosives factory in Balaghat district. "The two governments should decide our final fate. We are ready to even shift permanently to China."

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Hooda meets Sonia, no word on leadership change in Haryana state unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

FORMER HARYANA Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Thursday met Congress president Sonia Gandhi, but there was no word from the party on the possibility of any leadership change in the state party unit.

Hooda has been demanding the removal of Haryana Congress president Ashok Tanwar and sources in the party claimed that Tanwar could be replaced to placate the veteran. But a section of the leadership is said to be against the party giving in to what they called Hooda's arm-twisting.

Hooda met Sonia along with AICC general secretary in-charge of Haryana Ghulam Nabi Azad. On Wednesday, Azad had meetings with senior Congress leaders from Haryana, including Rajya Sabha MP and former Union minister Kumar Selja, who many believe could be appointed the state Congress president as part a compromise formula.

ED attaches 14 plots allocated to 'Hooda's associates' in Panchkula

DEEPTIMANTIWARAY NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has attached 14 industrial plots worth Rs 30.34 crore in Haryana's Panchkula in connection with a money laundering case it is probing against former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

"These 14 Industrial plots were fraudulently allocated to the persons closely connected to the then Chief Minister of Haryana Bhupendra Singh Hooda who was the ex-officio Chairman, HUDA (Haryana Urban Development Authority). Since these fraudulently acquired



Bhupinder Singh Hooda

plots are proceeds of crime, the same have been provisionally attached under PMLA," an ED statement said on Thursday. ED said its probe revealed that HUDA had 14 industrial plots available for allotment in 2011. It found that the prices fixed for the plots were allegedly kept very low vis-a-vis market rate.

for allotment, the ED has claimed.

The agency said the Punjab and Haryana High Court had directed the Haryana government to evolve fair and transparent criteria for such allocations. But, according to ED, the criteria for allotment were altered 18 days after the last date of application and all the applicant data was in possession of HUDA.

"Marks for certain criteria were altered to favour the pre-selected applicants... The marks for certain criteria were reduced and for others the criteria points were given zero marks, thereby effectively removing the criteria as given in EMP. The entire interview process was vitiated and compromised as no formal record of marks allocation was kept. It has been found that the plots were allocated to persons closely connected to

Bhupender Singh Hooda in personal capacity and also in terms of the political party he belongs to," the ED statement said.

Hooda is already facing an ED probe in multiple cases of land allotment during his tenure as CM. On Monday, the ED filed a prosecution complaint against Hooda along with Congress leader Motilal Vora in a competent court in Panchkula in the Associate Journals Ltd case. AJL is owned by the Gandhi family. Hooda had allotted land to the company for running a newspaper office at a massive loss to the exchequer, the ED has alleged.

Hooda is also under probe for matters related to land allotment in Manesar near Gurgaon. Hooda on his part has termed the investigations against him as political vendetta.

CHOPPER SCAM

Michel will evade process of law if granted bail, ED tells Delhi court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) told a Delhi court on Thursday that AgustaWestland chopper scam accused Christian Michel would evade the process of law if granted bail.

The agency made the submission before Special Judge Arvind Kumar while opposing Michel's bail application. The court has reserved the order on September 7.

Michel's counsel told the court, "Since the other co-accused have been granted bail, I ask the court to grant me (Michel) bail... the investigation against Michel is over and there is no justifiable basis for keeping him incarcerated."

Stalin completes a year as DMK chief, emerges a strong Oppn voice

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, AUGUST 29

WITHIN A year of taking over as DMK chief, M K Stalin has led the party to a massive victory in the Lok Sabha polls, built his image as the DMK's unquestionable leader, and has emerged as an Opposition icon from South India.

Stalin took charge as party chief on August 28 last year. He was fighting the ruling AIADMK, which had emerged as the third largest party in Delhi in 2014 elections. The DMK is in the same position now.

While Stalin silenced rebel factions in the DMK, including that of his elder brother M K Alagiri, a DMK MP added that he also got his sister Kanimozhi in his camp.

"When Kalaigarr (M Karunanidhi) died, there was a question about whether Kanimozhi's political future. With no plans for a revolt, she was ready to support Stalin. And Stalin had clarity about Kanimozhi's stake in the party. Instead of offering her a Rajya Sabha seat, he sent her to Thoothukudi to contest the election. She was expected to emerge as the face of DMK in Delhi. But after elections, Stalin assigned crucial roles to different MPs instead of keeping a single face of the party," he said, citing assignments given to MPs like Tiruchi Siva and TR Baalu. "Stalin was keeping everyone in good humour, leaving no room for a revolt or complaint," the MP added.

M Subramaniam, former Chennai corporation mayor and an aide of Stalin, said Stalin's first year as DMK president was a real victory. "Election results were the real proof, many DMK candidates won by margins of up to five lakh. His handling of alliance partners was also a lesson for other parties. He has become a leader who united many voices," he said.

However, Stalin could not resist the controversy that grips many parties in India - the elevation of his son Udhayanidhi Stalin, a film producer-cum-actor-turned-politi-



M K Stalin

cian, as head of DMK's youth wing.

P Ramajayam, a political analyst with the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in Trichy, said that other politicians manage to get top posts for their children even if have no political background. "Stalin could have done the same. But he made his son a youth leader, which demands nothing but extensive travel and meeting people. This is exactly how Stalin emerged in politics, climbing ladders," Ramajayam said.

Many observed that Stalin's "consistency in choosing his battles" helps him a lot. Be it anti-Hindi protests or anti-Centre campaigns or statements attacking Narendra Modi at the peak of elections, there were few voices in the Opposition to match Stalin's, except that of Mamata Banerjee. Stalin was the leader who first proposed the name of Congress' Rahul Gandhi as Prime Minister candidate when there was no consensus among other Opposition parties. The same spirit was seen when he attacked the Centre over the Kashmir issue. He was the first to slam the Centre's announcement of 10 per cent reservation quota for economically weaker sections.

"Above all, his tours across the state continue even after a year of becoming party chief, instead of sitting in Chennai and controlling the party," said Ramajayam. However, there are some issues un-

EXPLAINED E.

Significant year ahead for DMK

THE NEXT year will be crucial for Stalin and the DMK as the party faces the long-pending local body polls and Assembly polls of 2021. DMK has been out of power in Tamil Nadu since 2011. This year Stalin succeeded in poaching two strongmen of rival TTV Dhinakaran. A slow revival of AIADMK under Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and the BJP's generous support for it may be the only threat for Stalin now.

derneath the calmness in party hierarchies. Sabareesan, Stalin's son-in-law, wields significant power in party operations, and a change of style Stalin brought in the functioning by centralising power, like late J Jayalalithaa ran her party, are factors that are affecting many second-level leaders in the DMK.

According to C Ponnaiyan, organising secretary of AIADMK, Stalin's self-styled management and influence of his family will lead to DMK's disintegration.

"Many stalwarts in DMK are unhappy with the power given to Stalin's legal heirs. Stalin is not a good orator like his father or a knowledgeable man. It is the extraordinary money power DMK earned from 2G scam that enabled him to take control of the party," Ponnaiyan said.

BJP set for organisational polls to elect its president

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WITH THE BJP getting a "massive" response to its membership campaign, the party is set to hold its organisation elections to elect current president Amit Shah's successor in December.

The membership campaign, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi on July 6 and ended on August 20, is set to increase the BJP's existing membership by 7 crore, said J P Nadda, the party's working president.

Nadda said the target was to recruit 2.2 crore members, as the BJP's constitution seeks a 20 per cent increase in membership in every

drive. "However, we ended up having a 50 per cent increase in almost all the states," he said.

He said the campaign was successful and was received with "overwhelming support" despite the "floods in many parts of the country". He added that the process of collecting the data of the 7 crore new members was still on, and once completed, the party's total membership strength would be 18 crore.

Nadda also claimed that in Chanasma, a town in Gujarat's Patan district, every voter from Booth Number 14 has joined the party.

As the membership drive concludes, the party will begin the organisation election process in September, with the polls at the booth level scheduled for October, and for the district level in November. The elections of national council members will take place in December, followed by the election of the party's national president.

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Raja Bahadur property: SC directs matter to CJI for reference to larger bench

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WITH TWO judges arriving at different conclusions, the Supreme Court has directed that the issue of acquisition of properties of the late Raja Bahadur Sardar Singh of Khetri, a member of the Constituent Assembly, by the Rajasthan government be placed before the Chief Justice of India for reference to a larger bench.

While Justice R Banumathi set aside the order of the Rajasthan High Court — directing that the properties be made over to Khetri Trust, a trust said to have been created by Raja Bahadur Sardar Singh — Justice Indira Banerjee upheld the order.

Accordingly it was ordered, “in view of difference of opinions and the distinguishing judgments (Hon’ble R. Banumathi, J. allowed the appeal and Hon’ble Indira Banerjee, J. dismissed the appeal), the matter be placed before Hon’ble the Chief Justice of India for referring the matter to the Larger Bench”.

A Bar at law from England, a Raja Sabha Member and ambassador to Laos, Raja Bahadur Singh died intestate on January 28, 1987.

BJP EX-MP BOOKED FOR ABDUCTION; GIRL MISSING FOR 6 DAYS

College says missing law student ‘absent since Aug 5’

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

FIVE DAYS after a 23-year-old law student went missing after uploading a video on Facebook blaming an “influential sant-politician” for allegedly harassing and destroying the lives of many girls in her college, the college authorities have claimed that the student has been absent since the beginning of the third semester on August 5.

Former BJP MP Chinmayanand, president of the college’s management committee, has been booked for abduction on the basis of a complaint by the student’s father.

The woman is among 20 students of her batch. Her batchmates said they barely spoke to her about the issue and that it was never raised before. The hostel room where the woman was lodged has been sealed by the police.

Only three of the 14 rooms in the hostel were occupied and now, the remaining occupants have also left the rooms,

SC TO TAKE UP CASE OF MISSING GIRL TODAY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will on Friday take up the case of the law student reported missing from her college in Shahjahanpur. The matter has been listed for hearing before a bench of Justices R Banumathi and AS Bopanna. The court took suo motu cognizance of the issue after a group of lawyers brought it to attention. **ENS**

according to the college administration.

“We have a complaint box here students can submit anonymous complaints but no such complaints (of harassment) ever came to me. When we checked our records, we found that that girl has been absent since August 5,” said the college principal, adding they do not keep any attendance record of the hostel.

The college is barely 3 km from the woman’s residence and her father claimed that she chose to live in the hostel as she

had taken up a job at the college to help with the e-library after her classes and was also taking coaching sessions.

The student was paid Rs 5,000 as honorarium and she was employed as she told the college administration that she was facing a financial crisis, the college authorities said.

The woman’s family is in shock and worried about her security. “When she called from someone’s phone on August 24, she sounded scared and wanted to tell me something, but I started scolding her immediately as her phone was switched off for the last few days and we were worried... I wish I had listened to her as well. She was trying to give some hints but out of anger, I did not listen,” said the student’s mother, tears rolling down her cheeks.

The student’s father, a heart patient who says that he hasn’t taken a bath since the last five days due to anxiety about the possibility of bad news, said, “In the city, some of the reputed colleges are run by Swamiji (Chinmayanand), so I had enrolled my daughter and

my younger son into the law college.” He strongly denies the college administration’s claim that the student was absent since August 5.

“This is not right... Her phone was switched off and we thought she might be in the hostel. I am worried about her security. We had no idea about any harassment till that video went viral. Maybe she had called to inform us but we did not listen.”

He said his wife spoke to “Swamiji” and he told her that he would try to look for the student when he returned on Tuesday.

“There was lot of pressure on us to remove his name from my complaint but I listened to the video of my daughter again and again and I could not relate it to any other sant, who is associated with the college. Thus, despite all the pressure, I decided not to remove the name,” he said.

“Didi ko kuch kar diya to rote hi reh jayege (If something happens to my sister, we can only cry),” the student’s brother said, adding that he slept at 3 am as he was trying to help the police locate his sister.

Examining Babur dedication of mosque little problematic: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29



THE SUPREME Court on Thursday termed as a “little problematic” the demand of a Hindu body that it judicially scrutinise, after almost 500 years, whether Mughal emperor Babur dedicated the disputed structure in Ayodhya to ‘Allah’ for it to be a valid mosque under the tenets of Islam.

The counsel for Akhil Bhartiya Sri Ram Janam Bhoomi Punarudhar Samiti told a five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, that the Allahabad High Court erred in saying it will not go into the issue as to whether Babur constructed the mosque without following Islamic practices.

Senior advocate P N Mishra, appearing for the Hindu body, a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a Muslim party in the case, said

that instead of deciding on allegations that Babur was not the owner of the land and was incapable of validly executing ‘wafk’ for the mosque, the high court held that since almost 500 years have passed, it would not deal with the issue which may be a matter of “debate for historians”.

“In Islam, even an absolute sovereign like Babur could not do everything. He still had to abide by the religion,” Mishra told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, on the 15th day of the hearing in the Ram

Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case.

“What High Court suggested here that Babur had the absolute power and he had done something...that cannot be reviewed. They (HC) said that now we cannot get into the question as to what Babur did was against ‘sharia,’ the bench said.

It added that rather than getting into the alleged violations of Islamic law and practices, the High Court said it would deal with the aspect of people believing it to be a mosque.

“This will be little problematic, if we asked the judicial validity of the dedication of the land as mosque by Babur,” the bench observed.

Mishra said there was no religious forum for deciding such disputes and the courts cannot simply refuse to decide such issues and there are judgments which provided that it can be done on the basis of Hindu and Muslim laws.

UP: 3 more assaulted by mob over suspicion of child-lifting

ASAD RAHMAN
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

THREE PEOPLE, including a mentally-challenged man, were assaulted in separate incidents of mob violence in Uttar Pradesh in the past 24 hours on the suspicion that they were child-lifters.

This comes after Uttar Pradesh DGP OP Singh on Wednesday appealed to people to not pay heed to rumours of child-lifting and not to indulge in violence. The DGP has directed SPs of all districts to take strict action in such cases and to invoke National Security Act (NSA) against those involved.

The mentally-challenged man (25), was assaulted in Dhanori village of Rampur district. “The victim, Hasan Ali, is deaf and mute

and mentally challenged. On Wednesday, he ventured out of Khanpur village, where he lives, and reached Dhanori. People there did not recognise him and suspected him to be a child-lifter. A crowd of 70-odd people assaulted him. He has suffered serious injuries, but is out of danger,” said SHO, Swar police station, Satendra Kumar. He said they have lodged an FIR under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 307 (attempt to murder).

“We have arrested seven people and are searching for seven others named in the FIR,” he said. Asked if NSA has been invoked, he said, “We will see if it needs to be invoked after the primary probe.”

In another incident, two people were assaulted in Shalukapur village of Ambedkar Nagar district.

SHO, Ibrahimpur police station, Sanjay Kumar Singh said, “On Thursday, one Pawan (18) was seen talking to minor girl. The girl was crying after being rebuked by her mother and Pawan asked her if she is fine. Some people mistook him for a child-lifter and assaulted him. They then called Shrawan (26), at whose house Pawan lives on rent and assaulted him too.” The SHO added: “We have arrested three accused and are trying to identify the others.”

Police have lodged an FIR under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation). SP, Ambedkar Nagar, Virendra Kumar Mishra, said, “We will invoke NSA, if needed, after initial probe.”

‘Gangrape’ victim dies, kin allege police inaction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 29

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman, who was allegedly gangraped in Mumbai last month by her friends, died at a government hospital in Aurangabad on Wednesday night.

The father of the woman has alleged that the gangrape took place on July 7, when she went to a friend’s residence to attend a birthday party.

The woman, who was suffering from a serious illness, had been staying with her brother in Mumbai for over a year. The rest of her family resides in Jalna.

In his complaint to the police in Aurangabad which the father filed on July 26, he alleged that his daughter returned from the party complaining of dizziness and a blackout. She was initially taken to a doctor but as her condition deteriorated, she was taken to Jalna and admitted to a private hospital on July 15. Ten days later, she was shifted to a government hospital in Aurangabad. By then, she

was unable to speak.

On July 26, the father filed a complaint with the police in Aurangabad, alleging that his daughter told him through gestures that she was gangraped by her friends at the party. The case was then transferred to the Mumbai Police. No arrests have been made yet in the case.

“We have registered a rape case based on the father’s statement. A medical board of three doctors has looked into the case. Dedicated officers are investigating,” said an officer.

The woman’s family, however, has alleged that the police have not taken any action. “We have provided the police the details of a man who had called my sister over 50 times and also sent her messages around the time of the incident. But he has not been arrested,” said the victim’s brother.

The police, however, said the suspect had been questioned. “His call records show that when the woman was allegedly raped, he was not near her. There is no evidence yet to show that he is involved.”

Supreme Court set to get four new judges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

THE SUPREME Court is set to get four new judges with its Collegium learnt to have cleared the names to fill existing vacancies.

Highly placed sources said the Collegium, which met on Wednesday, had decided to recommend the names of Justices V Ramasubramanian, currently Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Krishna Murari, the Chief Justice of

Punjab & Haryana High Court, S Ravindra Bhat, the Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Kerala High Court Chief Justice Hrishikesh Roy.

The court is working with a strength of 30 and its sanctioned strength is 34.

Firm on my decision, says IAS officer who resigned citing J&K

KAMAAL SAIED
SURAT, AUGUST 29

KANNAN GOPINATHAN, the IAS officer from Diu and Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli (DDDNH) who resigned in protest citing denial of freedom of expression in Kashmir, has refused to join service even as the office of the administrator of the Union Territory of Daman & Diu issued a notice asking him to report to work as his resignation was yet to be accepted.

The notice signed by Gurpreet Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms of the UT administration, was stuck on the door of the room at the Circuit House in Silvassa where Gopinathan is put up.

A 2012 batch officer, Gopinathan said, “I came home late last night (Wednesday)... It is a procedural notice because what they are saying is I should re-join duties during the intervening period (till the resignation is accepted). I have gone public with my opinion and I strongly remain firm on my decision.”

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E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on “As is where is” “As is what is” and “whatever there is” basis as on 13.09.2019. The details of bank’s dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest money & Description of immovable properties is given below:

Sl No	Details of immovable properties	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	All that part and parcel of land and building along with present and future construction thereon: In the name of Smt. Kavita Devi W/o Mr. Jitendra Kumar (Chauhan), area admeasuring 1.17 decimal, Sale Deed No.912 dated 29.01.2010, bearing Book No.1 Zild No.11, Page No.373-380, Comprising in Khata No.77, Plot No.490, Thana No.116, Tauzi No.11088, Holding No.854(O)/600(N), situated at Mohalla-Purvi Quila, Near Nalanda Collegiate School, Mauza-Mahi Khandak, PS-Biharsharif, District-Nalanda, Bihar and bounded as under (As per deed): North-Kachchi Gali, South-Sahab Miyan & Kabir Khan, East-Kaushendra Kumar S/o Muneswari Devi, West-Ayub Malik.	M/s Ashu Noodles Enterprises, Prop: Mr. Jitendra Kumar Chauhan Guarantor: Smt. Kavita Devi, Mr. Mahesh Chauhan	₹42,95,345/- (Rupees forty two lacs ninety five thousand three hundred forty five only) with up to date interest as on 24.04.2019 cost & charges thereon till the date of realization.	₹29,83,100/- (Rupees twenty nine lacs eighty three thousand one hundred only)	₹2,98,310/- (Rupees two lac ninety eight thousand three hundred ten only)	Biharsharif
02	All that part and parcel of the Land and Building along with present/future construction thereon: In the name of Smt. Lalita Devi W/o Sri Pravin Kumar, area admeasuring 15.625 Decimil, Sale Deed No.1035 dated 25.02.2005, bearing Book No.1, Zild No.24/05, Page No.117-123, Khata No.45, Plot No.510, 513, Thana No.467, Situated at Village- Chikhi, Mauza- Chikhi, PO- Amba, PS- Kutumba District- Aurangabad, Bihar, bounded as under (Deed): North- Nij Mokir, South- Kishore Pandey/Road, East- Nij Mokir, West-Prahlad Pandey.	M/s Pandey Rice Mill, Prop: Mr. Pravin Kumar Guarantor: Smt. Lalita Devi, Mr. Kaushal Pandey	₹1,02,36,230/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only) with upto date interest as on 26.06.2018 Cost & Charges thereon till the date of realization	₹9,72,320/- (Rupees ninety three lakh seventy two thousand three hundred twenty only)	₹9,37,232/- (Rupees nine lakh thirty seven thousand two hundred thirty two only)	Singhpur
03	All that part and parcel of land along with present and future construction thereon: In the name of Smt. Mukta Sinha W/o Sri Goluk Bihari Srivastava, area 3.12 dec., Sale Deed No.2921 dated 29.03.2005, Mohalla-Khatakachak, Ward No.8/23, Thana Civil Lines, Thana No.10, Khata No.71(old), Plot No.274(old) 2366(new), Boundary: North- Sri Jageshwar Gope, South-Rasta, East-Payeen, West-Niz present vendee.	M/s Steel India, Prop: Sri Shivlok Bihari Srivastava Guarantor and Mortgagee: Smt. Mukta Sinha	₹27,51,696/- (Rupees twenty seven lacs fifty one thousand six hundred ninety six only) with up to date interest as on 27.05.2017 cost & charges thereon till the date of realization.	₹15,71,300/- (Rupees fifteen lakh seventy one thousand three hundred only)	₹1,57,130/- (Rupees one lac fifty seven thousand one hundred thirty only)	Bodhgaya

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 11.09.2019 till 5.00 PM at Allahabad Bank, Biharsharif Branch for Sl.No.01, at Allahabad Bank, Singhpur Branch for Sl.No.02 & at Allahabad Bank, Bodhgaya Branch for Sl.No.03

Date & Time of e-auction: 13.09.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of <http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Mithlesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000/9593653562, Shri Ayush Kumar Bhadani (Senior Manager), Mob-8052365563.

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Date : 26.08.2019
Place : Gaya
Authorized Officer
Allahabad Bank

MP set to use colour tags to tackle stray cattle menace

MILIND GHATAI BHOPAL, AUGUST 29

IN AN attempt to rid the streets of stray cows, the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh has decided to use different colour tags

for cows in gaushalas and those that roam the streets, including those owned by cattle rearers. Most cows in gaushalas in the state already have yellow tags. A different colour tag will be used for stray cattle impounded during drives by civic and local bodies.

Animal Husbandry Minister Lakhan Singh Yadav said the new tag would facilitate quick identification of the cattle and recovery of fine from the owner. Many owners milk the cows in the morning and leave them on the streets till the evening. These

cows are different from those abandoned by owners. The minister said all abandoned cows will be shifted to gaushalas and the new tags aim to target owners who temporarily leave milk animals on the streets. The minister said the government's target was

to free the roads of stray cattle in the next year-and-a-half to ensure that they don't cause accidents and don't damage crops. The decision to use a different colour to tag stray cattle was taken at a meeting on Wednesday attended by the Animal Husbandry

Minister and Urban Development, Housing Minister Jaivardhan Singh and senior officials of the departments concerned. It was decided to increase the fine recovered from cattle owners to check the tendency of temporarily abandoning the cattle.

हरियाणा सरकार लोक निर्माण विभाग भवन तथा मार्ग शाखा गुरुग्राम वृत्त अधिसूचना

अधिसूचना संख्या : 2019/ दिनांक चूंकि, हरियाणा के राज्यपाल को यह प्रतीत होता है कि नीचे अनुसूची में विनिर्दिष्ट भूमि की लोक प्रयोजन के लिए आवश्यकता है या आवश्यकता होनी सम्भाव्य है अर्थात् डाक्टर फरुखनगर गुरुग्राम रोड का कि० मी० 21.300 से 34.800 तक 4 लेन करने के लिए ; और चूंकि, भूमि अर्जन, पुनर्वासन और पुनर्व्यवस्थापन में उचित प्रतिकर और पारदर्शिता अधिकार अधिनियम, 2013 (2013 का केन्द्रीय अधिनियम 30), की धारा 4 की उप-धारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, हरियाणा के राज्यपाल ने नीचे अनुसूची में विनिर्दिष्ट क्षेत्र में सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण कराने का निर्णय किया है; इसलिए, अब अधिनियम में यथा उपबन्धित सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण अध्यायन करने तथा सामाजिक समाघात प्रबन्ध योजना तैयार करने के लिए सामाजिक समाघात निर्धारण इकाई हरियाणा राज्य औद्योगिक एवं संरचना विकास निगम लिमिटेड जिला पंचकूला को स्वीकृति प्रदान की जाती है। प्रक्रिया राजपत्र में इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन की तिथि से छह मास की अवधि के भीतर पूरी की जाएगी।

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कुल्गांव बदलापूर नगर परिषद Outward No. KBMC/PWD/7570/2019-20 Date: 29.08.2019 (Tender Notice No. 2) Corrigendum No. 03 KULGAON Badlapur Municipal Council has invited E-Tender for Planning and Designing construction of flat type high rise buildings cum commercial units including onsite development with all infrastructures services for economical weaker section (EWS) scheme at Belavali, Badlapur for 2298 housing units (EWS) vide published E-tender Notice No. 02 (Tender No. 2019_DMA_459536_1) Dated 10.07.2019. The last date of downloading online Tender was 29.08.2019. Due to less number of applications, last date of online submission is extended from 29.08.2019 to 03.09.2019 up to 3.00 pm. The technical bid will be opened on 04.09.2019 at 3.00 pm if possible. Sd/- Chief Officer Kulgaon Badlapur Municipal Council

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI (ORIGINAL COMPANY JURISDICTION) CO. PET. NO. 66/2012 IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 1956 AND IN THE MATTER OF: M/S. CHINATRUST COMMERCIAL BANK ... PETITIONER VERSUS LILLIPUT KIDSWEAR LIMITED ... RESPONDENT NOTICE OF WINDING UP ORDER It is notified that by an order made by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in the above matter, dated 22.05.2019, it was ordered that the above named company namely LILLIPUT KIDSWEAR LIMITED be wound-up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and the Official Liquidator attached to the Hon'ble High Court was appointed as its Liquidator. Sd/- (D.K. SINGH) OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR ATTACHED TO HIGH COURT OF DELHI LOK NAYAK BHAWAN, 8TH FLOOR, KHAN MARKET, NEW DELHI-110003 PH. 01124693393; web: ol.delhi@mca.gov.in DATED: PLACE: NEW DELHI davp 07104/11/0053/1920

रक्षा अनुसंधान विकास संगठन Defence Research Development Organization रक्षा मंत्रालय Ministry of Defence गैस टरबाईन अनुसंधान स्थापन, बेंगलूरु Gas Turbine Research Establishment, Bengaluru, (GTRE) Email ID: hrd@gtre.drdo.in ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना APPRENTICESHIP (2019-2020) Advt. No. GTRE/HRD/026 & 027 Dated: 22 Aug 2019 GTRE invites applications for Apprenticeship Trainees: Table with columns: Sl. No., No. of Fellowships, No. of vacancies, Educational Qualifications. Probable date of start of online applications: 03 Sep 2019 Probable last date of submission of online applications: 07 Sep 2019 For Further details and application form (to be filled online) Please visit website: http://www.drdo.gov.in under caption "What's New" davp 10301/11/0066/1920

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA NOTIFICATION File No. 5/14/2019-2TCP Dated: 03.07.2019 Whereas the Director under the Haryana Development and Regulations of Urban Areas Act, 1975, has Granted Licenses for Development of Urban Areas in Sectors 58 to 115 falling within the final published Gurgaon-Manesar Urban Complex Development Plan - 2031, and in terms of the said Act of 1975, it is the responsibility and duty of the Government to provide external development works including and most importantly Water Supply Infrastructure for Providing Drinking Water in the said Urban Areas. Whereas, it appears to the Governor of Haryana that it is necessary and expedient in Public Interest that in order to ensure provision of Water Supply Infrastructure to the population residing or to reside in the New Urban Areas Constituting Sector 58 to 115 as per the Final Published Gurgaon-Manesar Urban Complex Development Plan-2031, it is necessary to lay Master Water Pipelines from the Water Treatment Plant at Chandu Budhira upto the Water Distribution Locations in the New Urban Sectors and for that purpose acquire the right of user of Land under which the said underground water Pipeline is to be laid, the description of which is given below: Now, therefore in exercise of power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Haryana Underground Pipeline (Acquisition of Right of User in Land), Act, 2008 (31 of 2008), the Governor of Haryana hereby declares its intention to acquire the right of user over the Land described in the specification below; In Exercise of the Powers conferred by the aforesaid section, the Governor of Haryana hereby authorizes the officers of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), a statutory authority established under the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2017, for the time being engaged in the provision of Water Supply Infrastructure, along with their workmen or authorized agents, to enter upon and survey the land in the locality and to do all other acts required or permitted by Act No. 31 of 2008. Any person having an interest in the Land described below, who has any objection to the acquisition of the right of user for laying of the underground Pipeline, may file the objections, if any, in writing, within a period of Twenty-one days from the publication of the Notification in the Official Gazette or in Two Daily Newspapers circulating in the locality of which at least one shall in the Regional Language or publicity in the locality, whichever is later. The objection may be filed before the District Revenue Officer, Gurugram duly vested with the powers of the competent authority vide Notification dated 06.10.2008 by the State Government under clause (a) of section 2 of Act No. 31 of 2008 and read with clause (b) of sub-Rule (1) of Rule 2 of the Haryana Underground Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Rules, 2009. The Plans of the Land and other details may be inspected in the Office of the District Revenue Officer, Gurugram and Executive Engineer-I, GMDA, Gurugram, Plot No. 44, Sector-32, Gurugram besides the website of GMDA at www.gmda.gov.in and the DRO (Competent Authority) is further directed to published the Notification as per sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Act No. 31 of 2008. Specification of Land Table with columns: Village, District, Tehsil, Total Land Required, Kila No., Area in Sq. Mtr. Hadbast No., Kila No., Area in Sq. Mtr. 75 75/8 245 Sq. mtr. 75/14 454 Sq. mtr. 75/15 149 Sq. mtr. 83/3 215 Sq. mtr. 83/7 110 Sq. mtr. 83/6 541 Sq. mtr. 83/15 168 Sq. mtr. Total 1882 Sq. mtr. Sd/- (A.K. Singh) Principal Secretary Town & Country Planning Department Government of Haryana, Chandigarh. 72442/HRV.



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Seize the slowdown

Large disinvestments could help bridge fiscal shortfall and maintain government spending growth



NEELKANTH MISHRA

OPENING THE DOOR

Government does well to relax rules for foreign investment in single-brand retail, contract manufacturing and coal mining

ON WEDNESDAY, THE NDA government announced a slew of measures aimed at facilitating greater foreign investment in the country. Under the new rules, it has provided for a relaxation of the contentious sourcing norms which have been a major deterrent for foreign investment in single-brand retail. Now, firms can adjust their entire procurement from India, be it for their domestic operations or for global markets, against their local sourcing requirements. Further, local sourcing norms need not be met annually, but as an average of the first five years. Sourcing, even through group companies or indirectly through third parties such as contract manufacturers, will now be counted towards their domestic sourcing obligations. Single brand retailers have also been allowed the option of setting up their online retail platforms before putting in place a brick and mortar presence. Further, the government has allowed 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing and in coal mining and related activities such as washery, handling and separation. This easing of restrictions on foreign investment, which sends a positive signal to the international community, should be seen as a continuation of the measures announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last week to prop up the economy.

With the trade war between the US and China showing no signs of resolving, foreign companies are increasingly reassessing their operations. For instance, technology major Google is reportedly shifting the production of its Pixel smartphone out of China to Vietnam. So far, India has not been able to take advantage of this ongoing relocation of production facilities out of China. But, these changes in the rules should gradually facilitate foreign firms setting up manufacturing bases in India, providing a boost to both employment and exports. Allowing 100 per cent FDI in contract manufacturing through the automatic route will also attract global players looking to set up alternate manufacturing hubs — diversifying away from China. Adding exports to the local sourcing norms is also likely to encourage the building of larger production facilities, providing a much needed fillip to the country's subdued exports. Sectors such as electronics, mobiles, apparel and pharma are likely to benefit the most from these measures. And with India's electronics imports exceeding \$50 billion in 2018-19 — it was the biggest driver of the trade deficit after oil — over time, these measures could also help contain India's current account deficit.

These initiatives are an attempt to create a manufacturing ecosystem, establishing value chains with both upstream and downstream linkages. But they need to be accompanied by reforms, especially factor market reforms, that address the structural issues plaguing the economy. The continuing overvaluation of the rupee also needs to be attended to. In the coming weeks, the government is likely to announce more measures to tackle the slowdown. These should be at the top of its agenda.

PLOT HOLES

Bhima-Koregaon arrests had invited questions about police action. They remain unanswered

THE PROCEEDINGS IN the Bombay High Court regarding the bail plea of Vernon Gonsalves, an activist facing charges under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for his alleged links with the CPI (Maoist), are a pointer to all that seems questionable about the police action that followed the Bhima-Koregaon incident in January 2018. Gonsalves was arrested by Pune Police on August 28 last year and has been in prison since. Police has provided a list of CDs, documents and books that were allegedly seized during a search at Gonsalves' home to the court to oppose his bail — including Anand Patwardhan's acclaimed film, *Jai Bhim Comrade*, and the online library Marxist Archives. The exchanges in court reveal the callous and shoddy manner in which the police have apparently proceeded in this case: On Wednesday, Judge Sarang Kotwal pulled up the prosecution for not listing the contents of the seized CDs in the chargesheet. As Justice Kotwal said, the police "have to show that the material that it has is incriminating evidence". It is a travesty of justice to hold a person in judicial custody for a year when the prosecution seems to rest its case on pieces of literature and music.

In fact, the Bhima-Koregaon case has the markings of a laboured attempt by the state to paint a subaltern political gathering as a violent uprising. The Bhima-Koregaon event (it resulted in caste violence and the death of one person) on January 1, 2018 and the Elgar Parishad in Pune that preceded it, were public events organised after securing the necessary permissions from the state. The police, wary of the political implications of targeting a celebration of Dalit pride, has sought to read a Maoist conspiracy into it and target activists, who are lawyers, civil rights activists and so on. Along with Gonsalves, the police had arrested and charged trade leader and lawyer Sudha Bharadwaj, poet Varavara Rao and activist Arun Ferreira for alleged Maoist links. Even before it moved against Gonsalves and others, Pune Police arrested Dalit activist Sudhir Dhawale, Nagpur academic Shoma Sen, activists Mahesh Raut and Rona Wilson on similar charges. Family members and supporters of the persons detained have accused the government of using them as an instrument to stifle potential dissent.

The onus is on the police to prove that it has a case against these individuals, and it must do so in reasonable time. As for bail, it is the right of every citizen and should be denied only in exceptional situations. The judiciary, hopefully, will recognise the injustice in the continued incarceration of those arrested after Bhima-Koregaon and order corrective steps.

GLASS HALF FULL

A study has found that optimists live longer. Pessimists are asking: What for?

YET ANOTHER STUDY, this time by Lewina Lee of the Boston University School of Medicine published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, has found that the "psychological asset" of optimism leads to a longer and happier life. Lee and her colleagues have found that people who look at the brighter side of things have a greater chance of living beyond 85 years. Optimists, the proverbial half-glass-full types, probably see the silver-lining of being around to have a chance at completing a centenary. But their more gloomy counterparts are unlikely to be jealous.

The first thing pessimists might do is question the premises of the study itself, and ask if it isn't begging the question: If a person has managed to live till 85 and is still lucid enough to participate in rigorous scientific endeavour, they have probably enjoyed good health to begin with (another factor, according to the study, that leads to longevity), have purpose in life ("retirement is the biggest killer") and have a community of friends and family. Is it a surprise, then, that such octogenarians can see the silver lining in a rainstorm?

It is far too easy to deride those with a bit of *joie de vivre* as, well, a little dumb. It is easy to cite the climate change apocalypse, the rise of bigotry, the increasing stupidity of popular culture and the sheer boredom of existence to say: Who wants to be around for that long anyway. It's easy to pretend that cynicism is the same as wisdom. This might, of course, be a case of sour grapes, since optimism is as difficult to manufacture as longevity. In the final analysis, the question is: Is it better to have a short, miserable life or a long and happy one?

THE ECONOMY HAS slowed. Now that there is a consensus on that, the debate has moved to how severe it is, how long it can last, and where the intervention needs to be. Like a snowball that grows bigger as it rolls on, economic momentum builds in a certain direction till a force (intervention) is applied. The later the response, the stronger the necessary intervention.

This amplification of the prevailing trend plays out on several fronts. Let us start with financial conditions. Once financing conditions tightened after the default by a large financial firm about a year back, the resultant economic weakness pushed more firms into default. For a few quarters, private financial firms that had the potential to grow took advantage of the lack of competition and grew their loan-books profitably. But now, as the underlying issues stayed unresolved and growth has weakened further, afraid of new bad loans, even they are slowing down credit disbursement. This is now likely to cause the next round of weakness.

Similarly, supply chains sometimes act like bull-whips: The handle of the whip moves slowly, but the end of the whip can move at the speed of a few hundred kilometres an hour. Relatively small fluctuations in end demand can get amplified further up in the supply chain: A retailer sees a 2 per cent drop in demand, and decides to shed some inventory too; now the wholesaler supplying the retailer sees a 5 per cent drop in demand. By the time it reaches the manufacturer, the apparent demand could be down by 10 per cent. They then cut output and component suppliers, further upstream, send contract workers on leave.

What is happening in the auto supply chains currently is a good example: Car registrations last month were down 11 per cent, but sales by manufacturers were down more than 30 per cent. The resultant production slowdown leads to income losses in the economy, particularly if there are many temporary workers (recall that less than 20 per cent of Indian workers work with a salary slip), and that further weakens end-demand. For autos, the situation has likely been exacerbated by the technology transition scheduled for next year, which is a disincentive for the supply chain to hold much inventory, partic-

ularly when financial conditions are tight. But this is visible even in soaps and shampoos. Lack of credit is also driving inventory liquidation in real estate, as "investors" (that is, people who bought apartments as investments), partly in need of cash, and partly in fear of further price declines, stampede out of the market. This slows down cash flows to developers and intensifies their distress.

The third front is fiscal. Government revenues weaken with economic activity. In particular, destocking in the economy hurts GST collection (a large part of the GST on a product is paid when it leaves the manufacturer). In the first three months the government's expenditure grew at just 2 per cent, against the full year budgeted target of 21 per cent. Given the slippages on taxes, it is unlikely that the government will be able to increase its pace of expenditure. This worsens the slowdown: Fixed annual fiscal deficit targets are inherently pro-cyclical in nature. In a slowing economy, they intensify the weakness, and in an accelerating economy, they provide even more fiscal room for the government to spend.

It is tempting to ignore this, or just hope that the economy self-corrects. As one can expect, in a complex economy like India, where hard data is limited, perceptions of the slowdown run at a different pace from ground reality. With millions of people viewing the economy through different prisms, sometimes the collective conscious chooses to ignore signs of weakness, and at other times the sense of panic overshoots reality. Sales of smartphones, some consumer appliances, paints, and plastics, for example, were healthy in the last quarter. However, as discussed above, the weakness has worsened in recent months, and even these sectors may then start to follow the broader trend.

One should also not dismiss the group-think, as it too matters, affecting individual decisions on consumption and investment that add up to the economic activity measured as GDP. Dented confidence of consumers and companies, if not nipped in the bud, can by itself cause economic weakness. A significant pickup in monsoon activity (from a 19 per cent deficit a month back to a 1 per cent surplus now) should help sentiment incrementally, but the weakening global macroeconomic backdrop is a growing challenge.

So, then, what may be the interventions that can stop, if not reverse, this downward momentum? Significantly lower interest rates or a faster pace of base money injection by the RBI are likely to help, but they may no longer be sufficient to drive a recovery. As discussed in these columns earlier ('How to use the mandate', May 31), the government needs to take a decisive approach on the financial architecture in India: It needs to take an axe to the system, as a scalpel will no longer suffice. For the economy to grow at 12 per cent, given the objective of increasing formalisation, total formal credit needs to grow at well over 15 per cent, and the current ecosystem does not appear capable of providing that.

Many, including this writer, have recommended large disinvestments to bridge the fiscal shortfall and maintain government spending growth, particularly on infrastructure; it would also serve the dual purpose of signaling the reform intent of the government to economic participants, in addition to, over time, improving productivity of those assets. The likely dent to the political capital of the government may be offset by the resultant change in economic sentiment. It is important to remember that a three trillion dollar economy needs steady structural reforms to maintain its growth momentum.

The government's first response shows a desire to intervene to rectify problems; more may be on the way and necessary. Governments, globally, respond with progressively greater force as they calibrate the intensity of the intervention, the dose of the medicine. Milton Friedman, a Nobel laureate in economics, once wrote: "Only a crisis — actual or perceived — produces real change. When that crisis occurs, the politically impossible becomes the politically inevitable."

The bull-whip works both ways: When supply chains have already shed their inventory and demand suddenly picks up, the positive side of the cycle can be as exciting as the negative side is depressing. Other cyclical factors can then also turn supportive. But changing the momentum is the challenge, and one hopes that the right interventions come sooner rather than later.

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A FINER NET

Marine Fisheries Bill addresses a regulatory void. It needs cooperative federalism



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A MARINE FISHERIES Regulation and Management (MFRM) Bill 2019 is in the public domain for discussion. Comprehending the Bill's rationale requires understanding the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982 and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreements under which India has obligations to frame laws. The MFRM Bill 2019 is one such piece of legislation.

Under UNCLOS, which India ratified in 1995, the sea and resources in the water and the seabed are classified into three zones — the internal waters (IW), the territorial sea (TS) and the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The IW is on the landward side of the baseline — it includes gulfs and small bays. Coastal states treat IW like land. The TS extends outwards to 12 nautical miles from the baseline — coastal nations enjoy sovereignty over airspace, sea, seabed and subsoil and all living and non-living resources therein. The EEZ extends outwards to 200 nautical miles from the baseline. Coastal nations have sovereign rights for exploration, exploiting, conserving and managing all the natural resources therein.

Since fisheries is a state subject, fishing in the IW and TS come within the purview of the states concerned. Other activities in the TS and activities, including fishing beyond the TS up to the limit of the EEZ, are in the Union list. No Central government, so far, has framed laws covering the entire EEZ. The Bill attempts to

make up for this. The annual fishery potential of the country's EEZ is about 5 million tonnes. Utilising it judiciously is an important priority of the government that was underscored by the formation of a new fisheries ministry.

The Bill is also a response to discussions on fisheries' subsidies at the WTO since the Doha Round of 2001. India has been defending the rights of developing nations for special and differential treatment. Developed countries contend that nations without laws to manage fisheries in their respective EEZs are not serious about unregulated fishing. The MFRM Bill is India's response to such sentiments.

The Bill prohibits fishing by foreign fishing vessels, thus nationalising our EEZ. An Indian fishing vessel desirous of fishing in the EEZ, outside the TS, must obtain a permit. This requirement has been contested by the fishing industry — particularly small-scale operators.

There is a faulty assumption in the Bill that only large-scale vessels fish outside the TS. Actually, thousands of small-scale fishing crafts regularly venture into such areas. Their freedom to access fish outside the TS will cease if the Bill becomes law. A few exemption clauses to safeguard their livelihoods should be incorporated in the Bill.

Bigger vessels, particularly trawlers, registered and licenced under state departments, will need a permit to fish. This is a welcome

measure to manage the fishing sector.

The Bill lacks congruence with important regional fishery agreements. It is incomplete compared to the regulations in other coastal nations. However, it is necessary for the sustainable future of the marine fishing industry. The Bill respects the jurisdiction of our coastal states over the TS. It proposes social security for fish workers and calls for protection of life at sea during severe weather events. State governments, fisher associations and the fishing industry representatives should not blindly oppose the entire Bill on the basis of their fears of the fishing permit. They should argue for greater "cooperative federalism".

Fish cannot be bound by territoriality dictates of the Centre or states. Cooperative governance between them over different territories (IW, TS and EEZ) is key to the sustainable management of marine fisheries, which should now ideally go into the Concurrent List. Small-scale fish workers should demand making the entire IW and TS completely free of trawling using the FAO/UN Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines to support their arguments. This will raise their incomes, ensure a steady supply to consumers, heal the coastal areas and curb the bane of destructive fishing.

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AUGUST 30, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

UP GOVERNMENT SAFE 153 MEMBERS OF the Raj Mangal Pandey-led Janata Party, 43 Congress (I) members and the lone Socialist Party member voted for the no-confidence motion. On the Uttar Pradesh government side, 199 members of the Banarasi Das-led Janata Party, nine members of the CPI, six members of the Congress, one member of the CPM, and four Independents voted against the motion. The no-confidence motion moved by Raj Mangal Pandey, new Leader of the Opposition, was debated for seven hours in an atmosphere full of suspense because of the horse trading which continued until the last moment.

URANIUM ORDERED EVEN AS THE US Nuclear Regulatory commission is still dragging its feet on authorising shipment of 19.8 tonnes of enriched uranium for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station, New Delhi has applied for another shipment. Under the new US Non Proliferation Act, the last date for the NRC to entertain applications from countries that are not signatories to the Non Proliferation Treaty or who have not accepted fullscope safeguard of all their nuclear facilities is September 10. The last date for authorising shipments is March 10.

BRANDED AND BEATEN RAM SINGH, A 14-year-old Harijan boy was

severely beaten with lathis and a blunt instrument, then tied to a mulberry tree with ropes and branded with hot iron pincers on his face, genitals and thigh. More than 50 residents of the narrow alley where he lived stood by, watching this gruesome act. The parents, Phul Singh and Shanti, were held back by some men so that they could not come to their son's rescue. The next morning, the parents went to the police post to register a case and heard an unsympathetic policeman inform them: "For what your son did he should have been shot." The police visited the locality more than a day later. According to the Singhs, no statement has been taken from them, nor have any arrests been made.

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A more precarious citizenship

India is unlikely to deport to Bangladesh people who fail NRC test. But the millions who will become non-citizens will have fewer rights



SANJIB BARUAH

THE PHRASE "INDIA'S internal matter" has featured prominently in the country's diplomacy in recent days. It cropped up repeatedly in the government's responses to the international fallout of the moves on Jammu and Kashmir: To scrap Article 370 and downgrade the state to a Union Territory. The country's diplomats have pointed to the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore resolution of 1999 to assert India's jurisdictional competence to take those actions.

"Every new agreement overtakes the past," says India's ambassador to the UN regarding the international commitments made in an earlier era. But whether the Centre's unilateral action—and the communication blockade and security crackdown imposed on the people most affected by it—is consistent with the commitment to resolution of differences through peaceful and bilateral means is quite another matter.

Last week, the "internal matter" formulation also surfaced in a somewhat novel context. In statements made in Dhaka, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar described the process of the identification of citizens and non-citizens in Assam as India's internal matter.

The use of the phrase in the case of Kashmir is quite familiar: To make a jurisdictional assertion of India's power to act on matters affecting that area. The claim is that Kashmir comes under India's "domestic jurisdiction" in the sense of Article 2(7) of the UN Charter, which excludes UN intervention in matters that are "essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state". But there are no jurisdictional challenges to the process of citizenship documentation in Assam. The citizenship practices of states and the power to define the rules of entry into a country are widely seen as matters of sovereign discretion.

Jaishankar's statement in Dhaka was clearly intended for a different purpose: To ease Bangladesh's fears. It was a promise that the fallout of the citizenship documentation process in Assam will be contained; it will not extend to Bangladesh. Home Minister Amit Shah had previously raised India's concerns about unauthorised immigration with his Bangladeshi counterpart. The news of the NRC — and that millions of suspected Bangladeshi unauthorised immigrants may be excluded — has received wide media coverage causing significant consternation and confusion in Bangladesh.

Not surprisingly, the media there made a point of putting Jaishankar's comments in that context. According to the *Daily Star*, when the minister was "asked about concerns that some four million Bangla-speaking people are at the risk of losing Indian citizenship as they were left out of the National Register of Citizens in Assam," he said, "This is an internal matter of India". Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Abul Kalam Abdul Momen was quoted as telling reporters that when he pointed out that his country was "already in serious trouble with 1.1 million Rohingyas," Jaishankar replied, referring specifically to the NRC, "you don't worry at all about it".

Of course, Article 370 featured prominently on Jaishankar's agenda in Bangladesh.



CR Sasikumar

His comment that the Kashmir decisions were India's internal affair was the focus of newspaper headlines in Bangladesh. The country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed his country's support for that position: "Bangladesh maintains that the abrogation of Article 370 by the Indian government is an internal issue of India."

But what does it mean to suggest that the NRC and related efforts to harden the Indo-Bangladesh border and to curb unauthorised immigration will not impact Bangladesh? At least the Indian Supreme Court order that re-energised the NRC process does not support such a reading. The NRC was only one element of that 2014 ruling. The Court, acting on the far-reaching powers given to it by Article 142 of the Constitution, gave a number of directions including one on the "mechanism of deportation of declared illegal migrants". By no stretch of imagination can this instruction be construed as a matter of domestic policy.

"While taking note of the existing mechanism/procedure for deportation keeping in view the requirements of international protocol," said the order, "we direct the Union of India to enter into necessary discussions with the Government of Bangladesh to streamline the procedure of deportation". The issue, however, has taken a backseat during the Court's monitoring of the implementation of its directions. The updating of the NRC—India's largest ever judiciary-led bureaucratic operation — has taken most of its energy and attention.

India's efforts to tighten border enforcement and curb irregular migration parallel similar moves by a few other countries. The impact of these actions on regional neighbours has rarely been benign. In the most extreme case, the Donald Trump Administration's clampdown on unauthorised immigrants has had profound effects on countries south of the US border. The single most important factor negatively impacting Central American countries like Honduras and El Salvador has been the return of deportees.

Understandably, one message that Jaishankar tried to convey to Dhaka was that no matter what, Indian policies will not include deportation—at least not to any noteworthy extent. This won't come as a surprise to many. That India does not have large-scale deportations in mind has been quite evident for a while.

Given the ruling party's ideological predilections, it is clear that the aborted citizenship amendment bill will be reintroduced in the near future, and it is likely to get Parliament's approval quite easily. What will then effectively become a faith-based selective amnesty will radically change the meaning of being excluded from the NRC.

India's diplomatic priorities vis-à-vis Bangladesh are simply much too high to risk alienating that country by deporting its nationals. The Modi government has clearly made a decision that the question of unauthorised immigrants is best left as India's internal matter. Many would welcome the fact that deportation is now off the agenda. But the full implications of this shift will not be apparent for a while.

Viewed in comparative terms, regularisation or legalisation is one obvious alternative. Irregular migration is to a significant extent a component of labour migration. Faced with a choice between ignoring tax evasion in the underground economy that frequently employs irregular migrants, or exercising control over it, governments have sometimes found regularising the status of unauthorised migrants to be an attractive policy option. Amnesty is its synonym. But lately it has become a controversial word, at least in the US.

There are no signs that a general amnesty will be among the options that India will consider. But defining hundreds and thousands of people living in the country as non-citizens will create a new form of precarious citizenship — people with fewer rights and entitlements. This is an uncharted and potentially dangerous territory for a democracy. The growing talk of detention camps and the rapid normalisation of the idea does not bode well.

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Given this outlook, those who once supported the Assam Movement will be hard-pressed to claim that the completion of the NRC will mark the successful achievement of their goals. Whatever one thinks of the movement's famous demands for the "three Ds, detection, deletion and deportation," the future of Assam will be very different from what supporters of the movement had imagined.

Popular protest movements — like revolutions — it seems, can also end by devouring their own children.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Hong Kong has many more available legal resources, and activating and mobilizing them will not only have an effect, but also help maintain the consistent logic of Hong Kong's existing legal system, and make the anti-riot measures strictly follow the rule of law." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Fewer human sightings

For tigers to regain some dominion over the jungles, it is essential that their habitat remain as wild as possible



STEPHEN ALTER

WHAT DO WE mean by the word "wild"? How do we define and preserve wild places? How many tigers and other creatures actually still "live in the wild"? Though there is no clear, precise answer to any of these questions, our future depends upon ensuring that a significant portion of our planet remains wild.

Earlier this year, my wife and I visited the Pench and Tadoba Tiger Reserves, on either side of the state border dividing Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Late in the afternoon, driving along a forest track, we were fortunate to see a large tigress, visibly pregnant. She was lying in the shade, camouflaged amidst the foliage, about 100 metres from an artificial waterhole. A few minutes after our jeep pulled up and our guide pointed out the tigress, approximately 20 other vehicles congregated at the same spot.

We watched the predator for half an hour before she eventually got on her feet and slowly made her way directly in front of us to a concrete-lined tank of water, filled by a solar-powered pump. Lowering her hindquarters into the pool, until half her body was submerged, the tigress emitted a soft moaning sound, as if she was in distress. Perhaps the cubs inside her womb were getting restless or the jeeps had disturbed her; possibly the high temperature that day added to her unease. But the cool water seemed to soothe the tigress's discomfort.

Though this "tiger sighting" was one of the highlights of our visit to the parks and allowed me to get a good photograph, the conditions under which we observed the tigress made me wonder about the underlying purpose of tiger reserves. Our noisy convoy of "jeep safaris", engines revving, as they took up a position near the waterhole and the impatient crowd of visitors, including an obnoxious woman who shouted abuses at the other drivers for blocking her view, could just as easily have been a traffic jam in the nearby city of Nagpur.

On July 29, 2019 — the "International Tiger Day" — the Prime Minister of India released encouraging figures from the country's most recent tiger census. Officially, India now has 2,967 tigers in the wild, their numbers doubling from an all time low of 1,411 in 2006, when poachers and the illicit demands of Chinese medicine seemed close to wiping them out. A wildlife census is a notoriously difficult project. But, with camera trap technology and trained scien-

tists from the Wildlife Institute of India conducting the recent survey, it seems that the current numbers are relatively accurate, though there is always a margin of error.

Nevertheless, a healthy debate over this census has already begun and one of the world's foremost experts on tigers, K Ullas Karanth, Director of the Centre for Wildlife Studies in Bengaluru has written, "When tiger recovery efforts began 50 years ago we had about 2,000 tigers. If after all this effort and expenditures we are satisfied with just 3,000 tigers, it points at a serious management problem." Karanth's research leads him to believe that India's forests have the "carrying capacity" of 10,000-15,000 tigers, which means we still have a long way to go.

In order to allow tigers to regain some dominion over the jungles of India, it is essential that their habitat remain as wild as possible. Paradoxically, we might argue that the true definition of a wild environment is one that does not require the protection of human beings, where nature preserves and sustains itself. Of course, with population pressures and the chanted mantras of development, that isn't feasible. But, in essence, human beings need to be excluded from the limited percentage of forested land that has been designated for wildlife preservation. Most of India's conservationists have long recognised that forest-dependent communities must be part of the solution. However, while that goal may be achieved through designated areas of "mixed-use forest", humane and generous relocation packages, as well as dialogue, education and ecologically-sensitive job opportunities, it still comes down to providing wildlife with enough space and biodiversity to survive.

Some years ago, Madhusudan Katti, a professor of vertebrate ecology, wrote an insightful and provocative essay entitled, "Are leaf warblers more important than tigers?" The essential point he makes is that wild forests are complex, interdependent ecosystems in which a tiger's survival depends as much on tiny birds eating swarms of insects that devour the foliage and denude the jungle, as on the preservation of prey species or the deterrence of poaching. Wild places need much more than just the simple mathematics of a wildlife census.

As we watched the pregnant tigress rise from the waterhole and vanish silently into the jungle, I couldn't honestly say that I had observed a tiger "in the wild". The intrusive presence of our jeep safari seemed to negate that phrase. Perhaps, like graziers or woodcutters who are relocated outside the perimeters of tiger reserves, we too need to be excluded so that the litter of cubs the tigress bore might grow up with fewer "human sightings."

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An unfair comparison

Unlike the Emergency, Article 370 was abrogated to undo an historic wrong



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"THE PRESIDENT HAS proclaimed Emergency. There is nothing to panic about." These words of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on June 26, 1975, created a scene of total bedlam across the country. The President's proclamation of Emergency came within a fortnight of the Allahabad High Court's order that found Indira Gandhi guilty of using government machinery and officials for her 1971 poll campaign. Further, she was disqualified from membership of Parliament for six years.

Subsequent to the proclamation of Emergency, the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) was amended through a presidential ordinance. Simply put, after the amendment, carried out on June 30, 1975, any individual considered as a political threat or who gave a stimulus to the voice of the Opposition could be arrested under MISA without a trial. In view of this, several petitions were filed in various high courts challenging the detentions, which were in violation of the fundamental rights of the detainees. The respective high courts had ruled in favour of the detainees, compelling the Indira Gandhi government to approach the Supreme Court (SC) on this matter, known as *Additional District Magistrate Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla* or the habeas corpus case.

The SC's ruling on 1976 came to be known

as the darkest hour for India's judiciary. The Court held that with the declaration of Emergency, no person had the locus standi to move a habeas corpus writ petition before a high court to challenge the legality of an order of detention. However, in 2017, the SC, declared that the suspension of the right to life and liberty during the Emergency was not good law and such an interpretation is seriously flawed.

It is important to understand this timeline in light of several articles in various newspapers that have compared the habeas corpus case to the situation in Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370. With the SC referring all the petitions filed regarding Article 370 to a five-judge Constitution bench, these are brazen attempts to browbeat the judiciary.

The sole purpose of proclaiming the Emergency was for Indira Gandhi to retain her position as prime minister. Article 370 was abrogated to address the gross injustice concerning the rights of women, tribal communities and backward classes of society. For example, a woman from Jammu and Kashmir who married outside of the state would lose her status as a state subject as per the erstwhile state law. It is also saddening that the present and future generations of backward classes who were initially brought to J&K in 1957 by the state

government have been compelled to remain as sweepers in the state. This was because they were not given the Permanent Resident Certificate. Prior to the amendment, non-Kashmiri Indians, manufacturing firms or multinational corporations were not permitted to invest in land or property. This is all set to change. Explaining each advantage this abrogation brings to the table would require a lot of space. Article 370 being scrapped was in the interest of the public at large, unlike promulgation of the Emergency, which was to suit the private interest of an individual.

Secondly, the Emergency was undoubtedly arbitrary in nature. It was proclaimed without the consent of any of the cabinet ministers and was devoid of any reasoning. After the imposition of the Emergency, the government amended the MISA through the 39th Amendment, yet again in an arbitrary manner, when most parliamentarians were jailed. In stark contrast lies the abrogation of Article 370. Comparing the abrogation to draconian acts such as MISA and the proclamation is a mismatch of epic proportions. It is to be noted that Article 370 itself was supposed to be temporary; it was under Part XXI of the Constitution, which is titled "Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions". Moreover, only after both houses of Parliament voted in favour of

the resolution after an informed debate, was Article 370 abrogated.

Lastly, given the manner in which MISA was amended, it was of no surprise that the government led by Indira Gandhi arrested over 900 individuals under the Act between 1975-77. These arrests were undertaken without any reasoning, violating inviolable Fundamental Rights such as those provided by Articles 14, 19 and 21. In sharp contrast, the precautionary measures taken in J&K are for the larger interest of the public to maintain public order, which is the responsibility of the elected government. Moreover, a section of society have claimed these actions to be a violation of human rights. However, such an argument is misplaced as these actions have been undertaken in accordance with Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The essence and rationale of Emergency was summarised aptly by Jayaprakash Narayan in the foreword of renowned jurist MC Chagla's autobiography: "I never thought that the daughter of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru would dare or stoop to snuff out the lamp of liberty to serve her personal and dynastic ends." Unlike the Emergency, Article 370 was abrogated to undo a historic wrong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEED FOR A CHURN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Join the debate' (IE, August 29). Even before a healthy discussion on the unnecessary demonisation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi could take place in the public domain, the Congress in Kerala has given a show cause notice to its MP, Shashi Tharoor. The party needs to reinvent itself by incorporating new and young leaders, who are open to suggestions and not afraid to embrace change. The old order must go. An improvement in the quality of debate will keep the government on its toes and make the nation take notice of the Opposition's contribution. But negativism has become the order of the day.

Anupama Goswami, Mumbai

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Join the debate' (IE, August 29). The Congress has to realise the root cause of its defeat in the 2019 general elections. There seems to be much confusion within the party, which reflects in divergent views of the party leaders on Article 370 or PM Narendra Modi. Only criticising the PM will not work. This should be accompanied by putting forward ideas for development.

Vihaan Gupta, Ujjain

FREEBIES AGAIN

THIS REFERS TO editorial, 'Cost of water' (IE, August 29). Low prices of water do not create a milieu for the judicious use of this scarce resource. The Delhi government's arrears-waiver scheme will be inimical to water conservation. The AAP government's admission that the water billing system is faulty could become an alibi for defaulters. Freebies by governments before the elections have nothing to do

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FIRE IN AMAZON

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Writ in flame' (IE, August 28). It is very unfortunate that the lungs of the world are burning and the President of Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro, has been blaming the country's environmental NGO's for the blaze. Bolsonaro seems to be in a hurry to prove himself as a disciple of US President Donald Trump. The Amazon fires are an alarming event as the forest is a great repository of flora and fauna. It is also home to more than 400 indigenous tribes, who have been living there for centuries. Vivek Kumar, Patiala

TELLING NUMBERS

How police relate Muslims and migrants with crime



Release of Status of Policing in India Report 2019, Prem Nath Pandey

'WHICH GROUPS ARE NATURALLY PRONE TO CRIME?' HOW POLICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED

Community	very much	Somewhat	rarely	Not at all
Upper-caste Hindus	6	27	32	24
OBCs	5	28	34	23
Dalits	7	28	30	24
Adivasis/tribals	5	26	31	27
Muslims	14	36	25	17

IN THE 'Status of Policing in India Report 2019' prepared by Common Cause and Lokniti-CSDS, aspects of which were reported in *The Indian Express* on August 28 and 29, one key finding was about bias among police personnel in relating Muslims with crime. About half the police personnel surveyed responded that Muslims are likely to be naturally prone towards committing crime ("very much" and "somewhat" combined).

The question asked was: "In your opinion, to what extent are — a. Upper-caste Hindus, b. OBC people, c. Dalits, d. Tribals, e. Muslims — naturally prone towards committing crimes...?" The options were "very much", "somewhat", "rarely" and "not at all".

With 14 per cent responding "very much" and 36 per cent responding "somewhat", the total of 50 per cent for Muslims was far higher than it was for any other community. For upper-caste Hindus, OBCs, Dalits and tribals, the total for "very much" and "somewhat" responses ranged between 30 and 35 per cent.

Some states, such as Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Bihar, had about two-third or more police personnel who held the opinion that the Muslim community is likely ("very much" and "somewhat" combined) to be naturally prone to commit crime. In Uttarakhand, four out of five police personnel had this opinion, the report said.

Police view of migrants

The report refers to the update of the National Register of Citizens of India (NRC) in Assam, then goes on to note that anti-migrant sentiment is not restricted to migrants from other countries but also includes migrants from various states within the country. It says police are often partisan in the harassment of these communities, and sets out to quantify this bias on the basis of responses.

Three in every five police person-

'ARE MUSLIMS NATURALLY PRONE TO CRIME?'

Police respondents	Very much	Some what
Uttarakhand	19	60
Chhattisgarh	14	53
Jharkhand	22	44
Maharashtra	12	53
Bihar	16	48

'ARE MIGRANTS NATURALLY PRONE TO CRIME?'

Police respondents	Very much	Some what
All India	24	36
Andhra	42	46
Chhattisgarh	51	33
Maharashtra	38	43
Uttarakhand	35	46

nel perceived migrants as being naturally prone towards committing crimes. This is the total of the responses of "very much" (24 per cent) and "somewhat" (36 per cent). Significantly, in Assam, this bias appeared less pronounced than the national average. The total of the "very much" and "somewhat" responses, as compared to 60 per cent nationally, was 49 per cent in Assam, with only 1 per cent responding "very likely" and 48 per cent responding "somewhat".

The bias against migrants was pronounced in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand, where at least four in every five police personnel believe that migrants from other states are likely to be naturally prone towards committing crimes ("very much" and "somewhat" combined). In Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, about three in four believed so.

Source for all data and tables: Status of Policing in India Report 2019

Pak economy: a reality check

Pakistan's recent bluster is in stark contrast to the precarious state of its economy — a GDP less than a tenth India's, and buried under a mountain of international debt. This is what macroeconomic indicators show

SIMPLY PUT

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

EVER SINCE Parliament revoked the special status enjoyed by Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan and his colleagues in government have warned of a potential military conflict, even nuclear war, with India.

On Thursday evening, the Ministry of External Affairs condemned the "highly irresponsible statements made by the Pakistani leadership on matters internal to India... (including) references to jihad and to incite violence in India".

Early Thursday morning, Pakistan had tested its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Ghaznavi, which is capable of delivering multiple types of warheads upto 290 km, after having shut down, the previous day, the three air routes above Karachi until August 31.

On Tuesday, Pakistan's Science and Technology Minister Fawad Chaudhry, a close aide of Imran's, had posted on Twitter that his Prime Minister was "considering a complete closure of airspace to India, a complete ban on use of Pakistan land routes for Indian trade to Afghanistan", and boasted that "Modi has started, we'll finish!".

If Pakistan does close down its airspace to India completely, flights to/from airports in the Gulf, Europe and the United States from/to India could get longer by perhaps 70-80 minutes. When Pakistan took this step from February 26 to July 16 in the wake of the Balakot airstrikes, Indian carriers lost around Rs 700 crore. However, Pakistan itself suffered more — losing around \$50 million in revenues, which was roughly five times the cost to India.

Pakistan's bluster and threats of hurting India financially come at a time when its own economy is in a perilous state, teetering on the brink of collapse, with no room for losing any revenue.

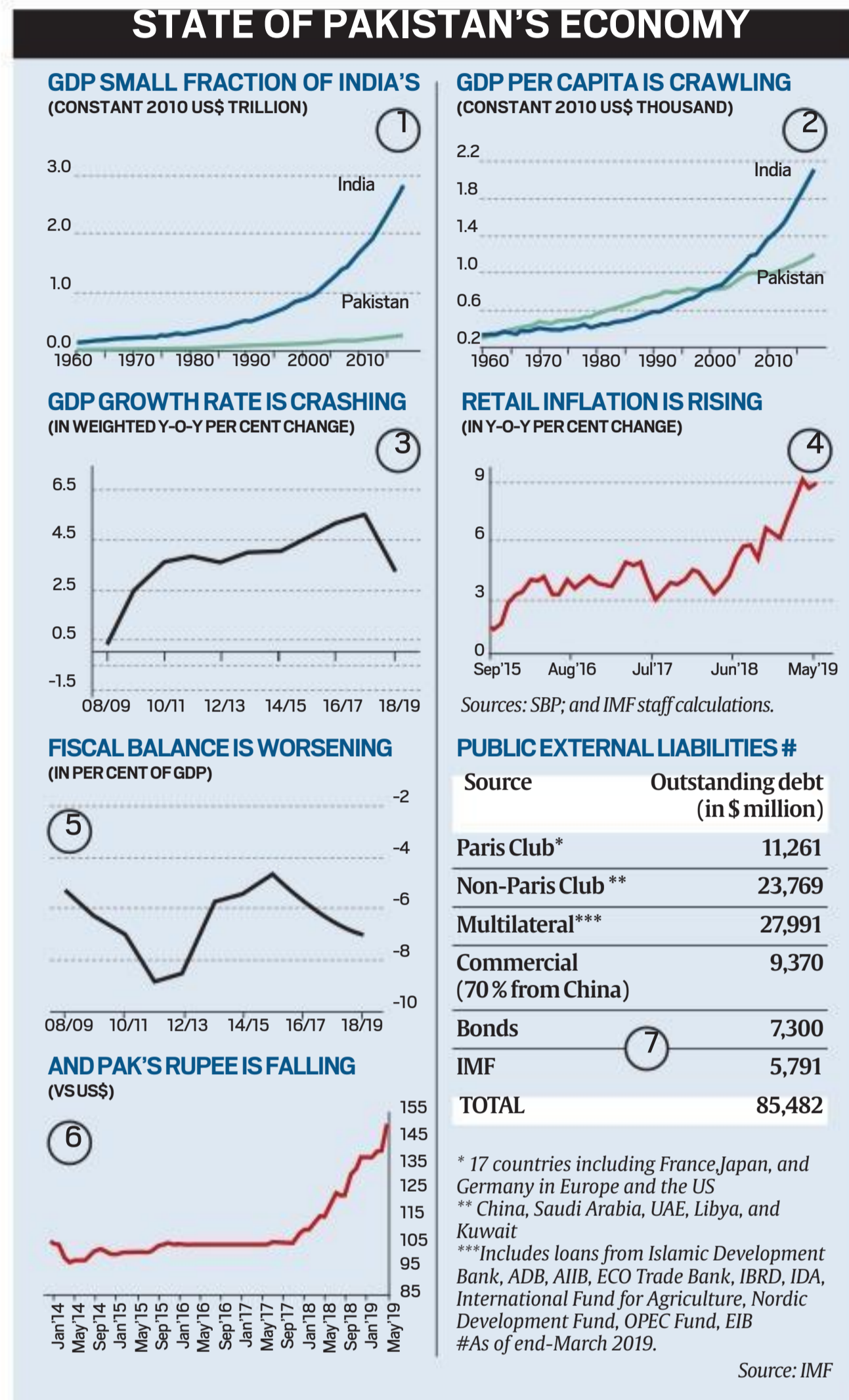
India, Pakistan compared

According to the World Bank, Pakistan's gross domestic product or GDP stood at \$254 billion at the end of 2018; for India, the figure was \$2.84 trillion (see chart 1).

To put this in perspective: not only was the Indian economy more than 11 times Pakistan's last year, if India grows at 7% in 2019, it would add almost \$200 billion in just one financial year — or almost 80% of Pakistan's 2018 GDP.

Another way to compare: India's GDP was at the level where Pakistan's is today 44 years ago — in 1975.

Caveat: aggregate variables like the GDP often do paper over more granular details.



For instance, thanks to the wide gap in total population, India's GDP per capita overtook Pakistan's only in 1999.

State of Pak economy now

Pakistan's economy has had several fluctuations but on the whole it has grown at an average of 4.3% — a rate similar to the so-called Hindu rate of growth — between 2000

and 2015. But its economic momentum is fast slipping (see chart 3); Pakistan is expected to grow at less than 3% in both 2019 and 2020, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). To make matters worse for the average Pakistani, slower growth hasn't abated the sharp rise in retail inflation (see chart 4), which was close to 9% in May 2019.

What a skull tells us about human evolution

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A 3.8-MILLION-YEAR-OLD skull could help rewrite our knowledge of human evolution. Two new studies published on the specimen could clarify the origins of Lucy, the well-known ancestor of modern humans.

While 3.2-million-year-old Lucy belonged to a species of hominins (which include humans and their ancestors) called *Australopithecus afarensis*, the newly investigated skull belongs to the older species *Australopithecus anamensis*. Previously, it was thought that the two species never coexisted, and that the older species gradually morphed into Lucy's species. The new research indicates that they did coexist, for some 100,000 years. The skull that was studied was in the



The skull and the facial reconstruction. Cleveland Museum of Natural History

form of a nearly complete cranium (the portion that encloses the brain). It was discovered at a palaeontological site in Ethiopia in 2016. Researchers named it MRD-VP-1/1, or MRD for short. The research, published in *Nature*, was conducted by scientists from in-

stitutions including the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Besides identifying the species as *Australopithecus anamensis*, they determined the age of the fossil to be 3.8 million years by dating minerals in layers of volcanic rocks near the site. They also combined field observations with analysis of microscopic biological remains to reconstruct the landscape, vegetation, and hydrology in the area where MRD died, the Cleveland Museum said in a statement.

The dating suggests that MRD's species could have coexisted with Lucy's because of a "speciation event". It is possible that a small group of MRD's species became genetically isolated from the rest of the population and evolved into Lucy's species, whose population eventually out-bred MRD's species. The finding also helps bridge a big gap between

the earliest-known human ancestors (about 6 million years old) and species like Lucy (2-3 million years old). MRD's anatomy may also help solve a puzzle — the identity of a 3.9-million-year-old bone found in Ethiopia in 1981. If it belongs to Lucy's species, it would mean that this species existed at a time even before the time when MRD had been dated.

Additionally, the new research has suggested what MRD's species may have looked like. So far, the species was known only from jaws and teeth. In MRD's case, the cranium was so complete that scientists have reconstructed his facial features. The Max Planck Institute described him as "a mix of primitive and derived facial and cranial features". Some characteristics were shared with later species, while others had more in common with those of even older and more primitive early human ancestor groups.

E-cigarette ban: the science behind proposal, and industry counter-view

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 29

WHEN THE NDA government completes 100 days of its second term on September 7, the Health Ministry will hope to have in place an ordinance banning the manufacture, sale and marketing of e-cigarettes. One of the three 100-day goals the ministry has set for itself, The Prohibition of E-cigarettes Ordinance 2019 is being sent to a Group of Ministers as directed by the Prime Minister's Office.

What are e-cigarettes?

An e-cigarette, short for electronic cigarette, is a battery-operated device. One of a large variety of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), an e-cigarette emits vapourised nicotine, or non-nicotine solutions. The user inhales it looking for a sensation similar to inhaling tobacco smoke, but without the smoke.

The pros and cons of e-cigarettes are

hotly debated, with the industry refuting scientific evidence about the product being harmful, and users urging the government to legalise it. India's market for e-cigarettes, while nascent today, is projected to grow annually at more than 25 per cent in the next five years.

The draft ordinance

The draft ordinance was necessitated by the fact that an earlier order by the Centre asking the states to crack down against e-cigarettes could not stand judicial scrutiny. However, a recent order, in which the High Court threw out a petition asking for protection from an ordinance against e-cigarettes, has emboldened the Health Ministry, which now seeks legal backing for a ban (rather than just an advisory) in the form of an ordinance. The ordinance makes any violation of its provisions punishable by imprisonment of one to three years, and a fine of Rs 1-5 lakh.

Some states, including Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh,



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Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Mizoram, have already banned use and sale of e-cigarettes, vape and e-hookah.

In August last year, the ministry had written to states asking them to stop sale (including online), manufacture, distribution, trade, import and advertisements of e-cigarettes. Under the Constitution, health is a state subject, so any move to ban manufacture and sale of a product on health grounds needs to come from the state government.

In February, the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation had written to all state drug controllers, saying they should not allow sale, online sale, manufacture, distribution, trade, import or advertisement of ENDS. The Delhi High Court stayed the Centre's circular banning sale and manufacture of ENDS like e-cigarettes and e-hookah with nicotine flavour, saying as the products were not a "drug".

The scientific position

In a white paper in May, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) wrote: "The use of ENDS or e-cigarettes adversely affects almost all the human body systems with impact across the life course, from the womb to tomb. The cartridges used in ENDS or e-cigarettes are filled with liquid nicotine, flavouring agents and other chemicals. A typical cartridge contains about as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes and can act as a potential source for nicotine addiction."

Published in the *Indian Journal of Medical*

Research, the ICMR white paper added: "Studies on these nicotine solvents had shown a varied degree of release of potential carcinogens... depending on the battery output voltage. The liquid-vaporizing solutions also contain toxic chemicals and metals that have been demonstrated to be responsible for several adverse health effects, including cancers and diseases of the heart, lungs and brain."

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a recent statement: "As of 5:00 pm, August 22, 193 potential cases of severe lung illness associated with e-cigarette product use had been reported by 22 states... CDC is providing consultation to state health departments about a cluster of pulmonary illnesses possibly related to e-cigarette product use, or 'vaping', primarily among adolescents and young adults."

Patients have presented with symptoms such as cough, chest pain, shortness of breath, fever, fatigue, nausea and headache. These are sometimes accompanied by

anorexia, diarrhoea and weight loss.

The industry's opposition

In a reply to the Drug Controller General of India dated August 28, the Trade Representatives of ENDS in India (TRENDS), has questioned the scientific documents that the government has cited in favour of a crackdown on e-cigarettes: "...It is ironical that it has been acknowledged by the ICMR itself that it has proffered no research or study to support the claims made in the white paper and that it is merely a compendium of available reports in the international medical field. By the same token, may we humbly suggest that an equal number of studies are available in the medical world that argue against the conclusions derived by ICMR."

Complaining that its letters to the ministry and to the minister have gone unanswered, TRENDS has sought an appointment with CDSCO officials to "place before you scientific evidence that refutes all the claims made in the ICMR report about the dangers of ENDS as a product category".

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TOP OF THE WORLD



The former FBI chief was fired by Trump in May 2017. AP

USA
Comey violated FBI policies in handling memos, says watchdog

Washington: James Comey violated FBI policies in his handling of memos documenting private conversations with US President Donald Trump in the weeks before he was fired as director of the bureau, the Justice Department's inspector general said. The watchdog's office said Comey broke rules by giving one memo to a friend with instructions to share it with a reporter. Comey also failed to notify the FBI after he was dismissed in May 2017 that he had retained some memos at home, the report said. But the inspector general also said none of the information shared with the reporter was classified.

Bring us down if you can, British govt challenges its opponents

Labour vows to stop no-deal Brexit in Parliament, despite PM's move to suspend House for a month

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LONDON, AUGUST 29

PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson's government on Thursday challenged opponents of Brexit in Parliament to collapse the government or change the law if they wanted to thwart Britain's exit from the European Union. More than three years since the Brexit referendum, the United Kingdom is heading towards its gravest constitutional crisis in decades and a showdown with the EU over Brexit due in just 63 days time.

In his boldest step since becoming PM last month, Johnson enraged opponents of a no-deal Brexit on Wednesday by ordering the suspension of Parliament for almost a month.

The Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, John Bercow, said that was a constitutional outrage as it limited the time the 800-year-old heart of English democracy has to debate and shape the course of British history.

But Jacob Rees-Mogg, the Brexit supporter who is in charge



Protesters outside the Houses of Parliament in London. Reuters



“This country is in danger of crashing out on the 31st of October with no deal. We have got to stop that and that is exactly what we will be doing next Tuesday.”

— JEREMY CORBYN
LABOUR PARTY LEADER

of managing government business in Parliament, dared opponents to do their worst.

“All these people who are wailing and gnashing of teeth know that there are two ways of

doing what they want to do,” Rees-Mogg told the BBC.

“One, is to change the government and the other is to change the law. If they do either of those that will then have an effect.

“If they don't have either the courage or the gumption to do either of those then we will leave on the 31st of October in accordance with the referendum result.”

However, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said as soon as Parliament returns from its summer break on Tuesday, his party would initiate a process to legislate against a no-deal Brexit that he said would be damaging for the jobs and the economy.

“What we are going to do is try to politically stop him (Johnson) on Tuesday with a parliamentary process in order to legislate to prevent a no-deal Brexit and also to try and prevent him shutting down parliament in this utterly crucial period,” Corbyn told reporters.

“This country is in danger of crashing out on the 31st of October with no deal,” he said. “We have got to stop that and that is exactly what we will be doing next Tuesday.” REUTERS

JOHNSON'S MOVE FUELS RESIGNATIONS

RUTH DAVIDSON
LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN SCOTLAND

Ruth Davidson quit as leader of the Conservative Party in Scotland on Thursday, saying she could no longer juggle the demands of being a politician with family life and after doing everything she could to mitigate the risks of Brexit.

GEORGE YOUNG
CONSERVATIVE PARTY CHIEF WHIP IN HOUSE OF LORDS

George Young said in a letter to the leader of the House of Lords that he was very unhappy at the timing and length of the prorogation of Parliament, and its motivation. The move risks undermining Parliament at a critical time in the country's history, he said.



Military vehicles pass Huanggang Port in Hong Kong. Reuters

Chinese military sends new troops into Hong Kong

Routine troop rotation, says Beijing

AUSTIN RAMZY
HONG KONG, AUGUST 29

THE CHINESE military began sending a new group of troops into Hong Kong on Thursday, a move it described as a normal annual rotation of its garrison in the city but one that was being closely watched because of months of political turmoil.

“This rotation is an annual normal routine action approved by the Central Military Commission,” Lt. Col. Han You, a spokesman for the Hong Kong garrison of the People's Liberation Army, said.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency published photos of trucks carrying troops, armoured personnel carriers and a ship entering the city under the cover of the early morning darkness.

The Chinese military has about 6,000 to 10,000 soldiers in Hong Kong at any given time. The exact number is not public. The troops have been based here since Hong Kong, a former British colony, returned to Chinese control in 1997.

The city is in the midst of its biggest political crisis since the handover, with near daily protests against the government, including some that have turned violent. On Sunday, an officer fired a warning shot when a group of protesters with sticks and metal poles

EXPLAINED
E. Timing of move causes unease

THE TROOP movement into Hong Kong comes just a day ahead of a planned large rally calling for full democracy in the city. Beijing maintained that it was a routine troop rotation, but refused to say if the number of troops stationed in Hong Kong had increased. During past troop rotations, China had made it clear that the number of troops remained the same. These factors have contributed to unease among protesters, with one Hong Kong legislator calling the move deliberate posturing by China.

charged a group of police officers.

China has warned the military could be called upon to respond to the protests. In recent weeks Chinese paramilitary troops have held drills in Shenzhen, a mainland city bordering Hong Kong. The Hong Kong government has denied that it called upon the military for assistance. NYT

YEMEN
Airstrikes kill at least 30 troops near Aden

Sanaa: Airstrikes hit Yemeni government forces heading to the southern port city of Aden to fight separatists backed by the United Arab Emirates on Thursday, killing at least 30 troops, a government commander said. It was not immediately clear who was behind the airstrikes but the government side blamed the UAE, which has armed and trained separatist militias in southern Yemen. Officials in the UAE declined to immediately comment. Infighting has raged for weeks between Yemeni government forces and the separatists, even though the two are allies in a Saudi-led coalition that has been fighting Yemen's Houthi rebels.

Myanmar filmmaker gets one year prison sentence after criticising Army

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YANGON, AUGUST 29

A MYANMAR filmmaker was sentenced to a year in prison on Thursday for criticising the military, as free expression advocates warned of “grave threats” to those who challenge the powerful armed forces.

Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi, an activist and founder of human rights film festivals, was detained in April following a Facebook post in which he slammed the 2008 military-drafted constitution.

The charter is deeply unpopular in Myanmar as it gifts the armed services three-quarters of parliamentary seats and control of three ministries despite an ostensible transition to civilian rule.

He was sentenced under a law that criminalises incitement by publishing statements causing “fear or alarm” to the public. “I wasn't surprised because I expected what was coming,” Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi told reporters as he was led from the Insein courthouse in Yangon.

The ruling will take into account time served since his arrest.



Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi



GRETA THUNBERG SAILS INTO NEW YORK

Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg sailed into New York Harbor on Wednesday in a zero-carbon emissions vessel, completing her nearly 14-day journey from England to take part in a United Nations climate summit. The 16-year-old Swedish schoolgirl, who set sail from Plymouth, England, on Aug. 14, was greeted by cheers, chants and singing as her silver sailboat, the Malizia II, cruised past the Statue of Liberty through choppy waves and rain to drop anchor in Manhattan's yacht harbor. Reuters

TALKS TO WITHDRAW U.S. FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN AT ADVANCED STAGE

Trump: 8,600 troops to remain after Taliban deal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 29

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Thursday said American troop levels in Afghanistan will drop to 8,600 if a deal is reached with the Taliban and that a permanent presence will remain.

“We're going down to 8,600 and then we make a determination from there,” Trump said in an interview with Fox News radio. “We're always going to have a presence.” Trump also said that



if another attack on the US originated from Afghanistan “we would come back with a force like... never before”.

GHANI CHALLENGER 'READY TO QUIT ELECTIONS'

Kabul: Afghan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, President Ashraf Ghani's main challenger in the election next month, has said he is ready to abandon his bid for power for the sake of peace, raising more questions about prospects for an election

the Taliban have vowed to block. The twice-delayed election comes as the US and the Taliban are trying to seal a deal under which US forces will withdraw in exchange for a Taliban security guarantee and a promise of talks with Ghani's government.

US troops were first sent to Afghanistan after the Sept 11, 2001, terrorist attacks carried out by Al-Qaeda, which was sheltered

by the former Taliban regime. Washington now wants to end its military involvement in the country.

AMAZON BURNING

The fire is coming closer and closer: Brazilian indigenous speak out

LEOCORREA, MARIO LOBAO & ANNA JEAN KAISER
ALTAMIRA, AUGUST 29

AS FIRES raged in parts of the Amazon, Mydye Kayapo sat in a small boat looking out over the Curua River in the Bau indigenous reserve. The smell of smoke filled the air, and Kayapo was worried.

“The fire is coming closer and closer to our reserve,” he told a visiting news team from *The Associated Press*. “Now it is about 20 kilometres away.”

Kayapo, one of the Bau people's leaders, helps organise a village watch group to protect the community's lands from encroaching flames as well as ille-

gal loggers, miners and others seeking to exploit the area. With fires spreading quickly to wide swaths of indigenous territories in recent weeks, his task has grown more critical.

So far in 2019, Brazil reported 83,000 fires, a 77 per cent increase from the same period last year. Many of those were set in already deforested areas by people clearing land for cultivation or pasture.

With over 98 per cent of Brazil's indigenous lands within the Amazon, groups like Kayapo's are particularly exposed.

According to Brazil's National Space Research Institute, an estimated 3,553 fires are now burning on 148 indigenous territories in the region.



Members of the Kayapo indigenous group. AP

“Just outside, our reserve is being heavily deforested. It's being badly destroyed,” Kayapo said. “We indigenous people need to be united.”

As a multitude of international players discuss how to develop and protect the Amazon, Kayapo and others find themselves on the front line of fire-

fighting efforts and an ever-acrimonious feud with Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro.

Bolsonaro has come under severe criticism for environmental policies that some say are weakening safeguards in the rainforest. He maintains Europeans are trying to infringe on his country's sovereignty, while also arguing that the demarcation of indigenous lands has hindered business interests.

On Tuesday, he reasserted his claims at a meeting of Amazon regional governors, arguing that reserves are being exploited by outsiders to halt the growth of Brazil's economy.

“Many reserves are located strategically, someone arranged

this,” Bolsonaro said, without noting who he was referring to. “Indians don't have a lobby, they don't speak our language, but they have managed to get 14 per cent of our national territory.”

As rhetoric escalates, indigenous leaders have some of the most at stake. Saulo Katitauru, a leader in the municipality of Conquista D'Oeste in Mato Grosso state, appeared woeful as he walked along the banks of the Sarare River.

“The non-indigenous do whatever they want and then put the blame on the Indian,” Katitauru said, explaining that when his group reported a fire to authorities, a rancher said the tribe had set the blaze themselves.

This year, he said his indigenous group, the Nambikwara Sarare, felt the effects of farming and ranching expansion even more acutely and said inspectors were “not going after” the criminals. “Some years ago there were a few (fires) but now there are more,” Katitauru said. “With the Amazon burning, this is the largest (fire) that has ever happened and the smoke is coming here. Today the sky is clean, but two days ago it was full of smoke and hot.”

In recent days, leaders of the Group of Seven industrial nations pledged to help protect the Amazon region with \$20 million in funds, in addition to a separate \$12 million from Britain and \$11 million from Canada. AP

THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

Tick tock

Boeing's troubles cost the aerospace industry \$4bn a quarter

BOEING HAS LONG been a central cog of America's industrial machine. Each year it sells \$100bn-worth of aerospace equipment and services around the world and pays \$45bn to other American firms. It is the world's largest aircraft-maker and America's largest manufacturing exporter. Its commercial jets, which account for 60% of revenues, ferry millions of passengers. One in 100 American workers toils either directly for Boeing, whose workforce numbers 137,000 in its home country, or one of its 13,600 domestic suppliers, which employ a further 1.3m people in mostly well-paid jobs. In short, what is good for Boeing is good for corporate America.

The flipside is also true, as has become obvious in the wake of two crashes of Boeing's 737 MAX aircraft, in October and March, which have been linked to a malfunctioning flight-software system, and which killed 346 people. The human cost is immeasurable. The financial blow to Boeing itself, its suppliers and its airline customers is more tangible—and mounting.

The company has continued to churn out the troubled aircraft since its grounding by regulators in March. But it has not been able to deliver them to customers. As a result Boeing's inventories have grown by \$6bn so far this year. The flightless planes fill all free space at its facilities, including car parks. Add the knock-on cost for airlines and for the supply chain and a rough estimate is that every quarter that the best-selling airliner remains on the ground costs \$4bn. As the bill spirals an entire industry is now willing the plane to be back in the air by the end of the year.

Start with the airlines. Pressure on carriers to cut costs made the fuel-efficient MAX Boeing's fastest-selling model ever. Around 5,000 have been ordered since its launch in 2011 and nearly 390 delivered. Southwest, an American carrier with 34 such planes, has cancelled thousands of flights. In July it revealed a \$175m hit to pre-tax profits in the second quarter. American Airlines, which has scrapped 115 or so flights a day, reckons that full-year profits will be \$350m lower as a result. OAG, an airline-data firm, estimates that, globally, the grounding will cost airlines \$4bn in sales by November. Many airline bosses would agree with Michael O'Leary, chief executive of Ryanair, Europe's second-biggest carrier with 135 MAXes on order, who has told Boeing to "get their shit together".

Some airlines have put the plane back in their schedules for November, on the assumption that once Boeing submits fixes to the faulty software in September, America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and its counterparts in other countries will allow a return to service before the end of the year. This looks optimistic. Even if regulators approved the new software, it would take six to eight weeks to get planes out of storage and in the air. And as Jose Caiado of Credit Suisse, a bank, points out, it is unclear if pilots require retraining in flight simulators, adding more delays. Southwest, which aims to get the MAX in the air by January, seems to admit as much.

In the meantime, airlines are plugging gaps with other planes. Southwest is retiring seven fewer older, thirstier 737s from its fleet this year than it originally planned. United Airlines is pressing into service wide-bodied jets, which are costlier to run than single-aisle jets like the 737 and so generally reserved for long-haul routes.

Affected airlines can expect compensation in kind from Boeing, in the form of bigger discounts and better deals on other services. The same cannot be said of Boeing's



In March Goldman Sachs estimated that the MAX may account for a third of Boeing's overall revenues (including its defence business) in the next five years. Reuters

suppliers. It has relentlessly squeezed their profit margins in recent years in search of efficiency. Many have invested in extra ca-

capacity to supply parts for 57 MAX planes a month, Boeing's original production target for this year. Instead, Boeing cut monthly

output back from 52 to 42.

Low spirits

Spirit AeroSystems, which gets around half its revenues from supplying fuselages for the 737 MAX, saw margins slip and is cutting overtime and putting workers on unpaid leave to cut costs after "disruption in a complex production system", says its boss, Tom Gentile. It has lost 28% of its market capitalisation, or around \$3bn, since March. Allegheny Technologies, which makes composite materials used in the aircraft, has been similarly clobbered. General Electric, America's troubled engineering giant which supplies MAX engines in a joint venture with Safran, a French aerospace company, faces a bigger bill. It is paid only when planes are delivered. It estimates that its cashflow could be reduced by as much \$1.4bn in 2019, adding to its woes. Safran's results for the first half of 2019, due on September 5th, will be pored over for signs of trouble.

Most aerospace firms do not live by Boeing alone. That, and Boeing's decision to maintain production, has insulated them from a bigger fallout. UTC, an American conglomerate which makes electronics, seats,

wheels and brakes for the MAX, reckons the delays will have only a small impact on profits. The situation for suppliers is summed up neatly by David Squires, boss of Senior, a British firm that makes high-tech components not only for Boeing but also for GE and Spirit. The grounding has not been devastating, he insists. That said, his firm will now be where it hoped to be in April 2019 only by the start of 2021.

Then there is Boeing itself. The 737, the first of which took to the air half a century ago, has been a huge seller for the company—the 10,000th rolled off the production line in 2018. In March Goldman Sachs, a bank, estimated that the MAX may account for a third of Boeing's overall revenues (including its defence business) in the next five years. Although no MAX orders have been cancelled so far, Boeing has not booked any new ones either. Further delays, Boeing has admitted, may force it to cut production further—or even shut it down altogether.

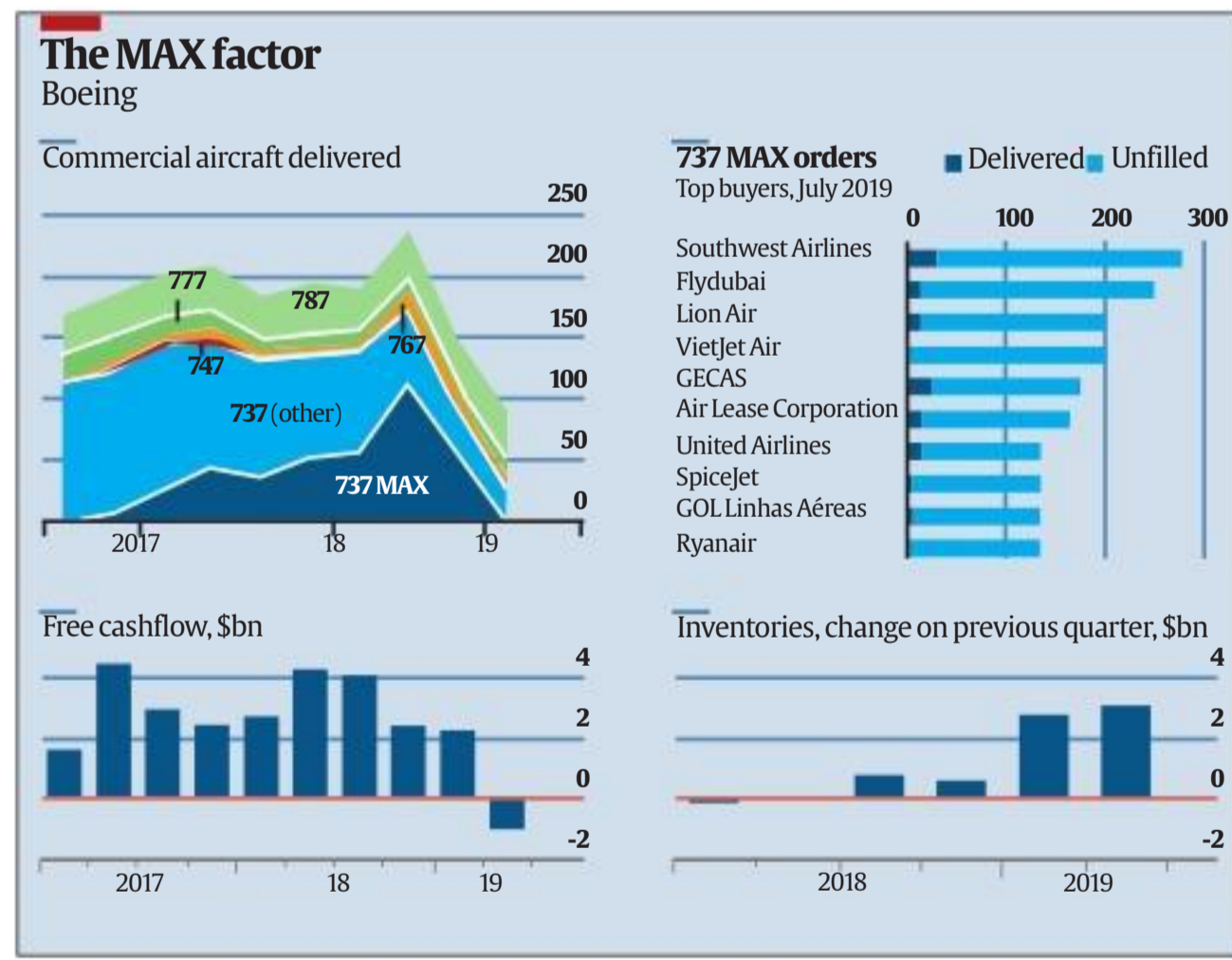
The fiasco has already led the plane-maker to postpone plans to develop a new twin-aisle plane to replace the ageing 757. Its share price has dropped by 25% in the past five months, wiping \$62bn from its

stockmarket value. It reported a record quarterly loss of \$2.9bn in the three months to June, after it set aside \$4.9bn for compensation for angry airlines. It may need to allocate more towards other contingencies. Southwest's pilots have already sued Boeing for lost wages resulting from cancelled flights. Crash victims' families are also preparing lawsuits.

Boeing can endure the financial pain for a while longer. Its duopoly with Airbus means that, in the short run, airlines and suppliers have little choice but to bear the costs stoically. Boeing's chief executive, Dennis Muilenburg, appears confident that the MAX will be flying again before its commercial partners and investors run out of patience.

Many in the industry seem to share this conviction—regulators will not, the thinking goes, jeopardise Boeing's future because the company is too big to fail. Perhaps. But the FAA, roundly criticised for being slower than other regulators to ground the plane, and earlier granting Boeing wide-ranging powers of self-certification, is in no mood to prove them right.

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POLIO IN AFRICA

Vanquishing the virus

Africa is on the verge of being declared polio-free

ERADICATING POLIO is hard. It is even harder when politicians and imams fan the conspiracy theory that the polio vaccine is part of a Western plot to sterilise Muslims, as happened for several years in northern Nigeria. So in 2015 Nigeria's president, Muhammadu Buhari, decided to set an example. He gave the vaccine to one of his grandchildren on television, before rallying politicians and tribal leaders to join the campaign.

His efforts, and those of hundreds of thousands of volunteers, have paid off. On August 21st Nigeria marked three years since its last documented case of wild polio. That means the country is set to be declared polio-free by the WHO-backed Global Polio Eradication Initiative. If that happens, probably next year, all of Africa will be officially free of the virus. Polio will remain in only Afghanistan and Pakistan; and one day it will be completely eradicated, like smallpox was in 1980.

Mass vaccination in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, was a logistical challenge. Health workers went village to village in round after round of campaigns. They were stationed in markets and at border crossings. To reach

remote spots, they got creative. Satellite imaging was used to map the islands around Lake Chad. Then health workers went by canoe to deliver the vaccine.

Violence was a big problem. Polio was last found in a child in Borno, a north-eastern state ravaged by Boko Haram. The jihadist group prefers kidnapping children to vaccinating them. It helped spread the myth about sterilisation. So brave health workers have been rushing into areas from which it retreats (even temporarily). An improving security situation has helped. In 2015 about 600,000 children

were not accessible. Now that number is under 100,000.

Volunteers trained to spot the virus have been crucial in preventing outbreaks—not just of polio. In 2014 they helped trace nearly 900 people who may have been exposed to Ebola after an infected man from Liberia arrived in Lagos. Nigeria quickly contained the virus, which killed eight in the country.

The big worry now is that polio from Afghanistan and Pakistan may be brought to Africa and lead to new outbreaks. In the past polio from India made its way to Angola and Congo after they were declared polio-free. The strain from Pakistan is already travelling: it was recently found in sewage in Iran. That is one reason why it is important to maintain high vaccination rates in Africa.

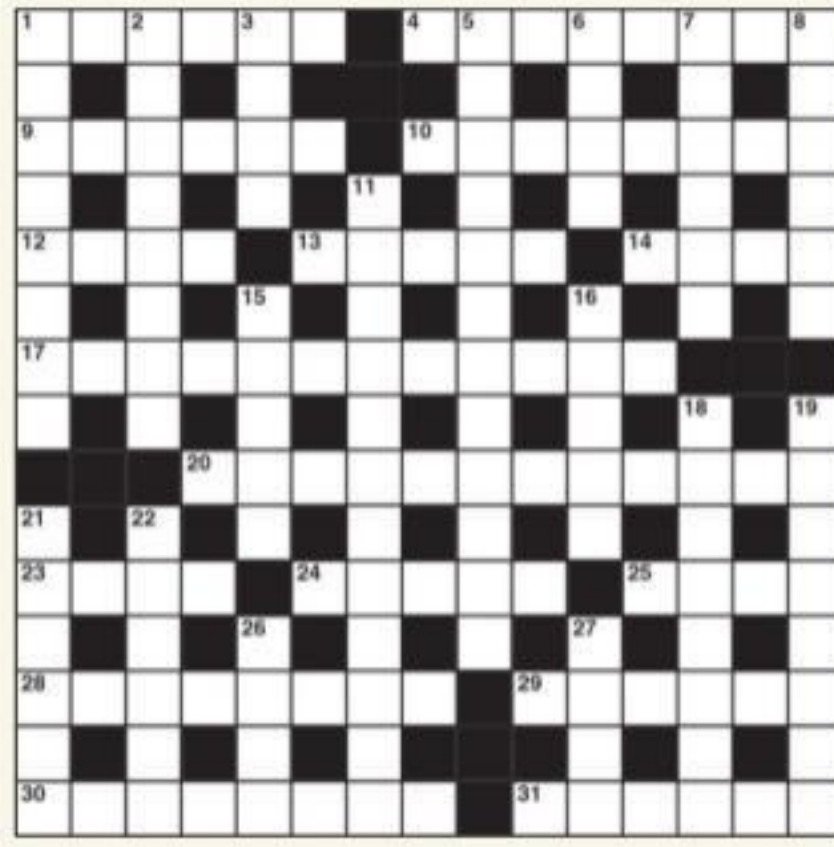
This week's anniversary is good news, but risks remain. Mutations of the weakened virus in the vaccine are circulating in several African countries, including Nigeria. Higher vaccination rates will solve that problem, too. More work is still needed.

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The big worry now is that polio from Afghanistan and Pakistan may be brought to Africa and lead to new outbreaks. Reuters

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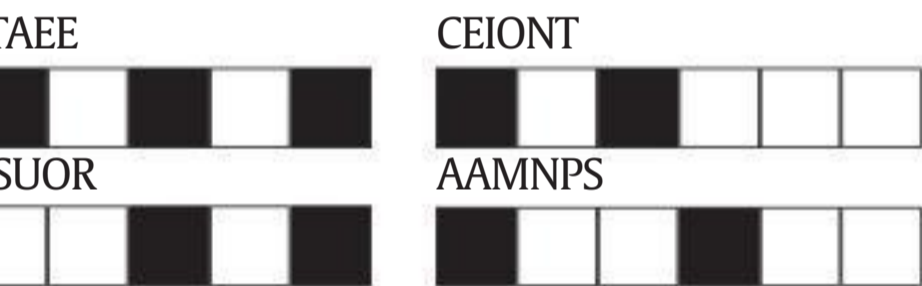


MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLLED WORDS

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SOLUTION: ELATE, SCOUR, NOTICE, SAMBARK. Answer: I can speak Espananto like a native. - Spike Milligan

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Sudoku grid for puzzle 3954

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HEAD OF THE TABLE

Academy Award-winning director Oliver Stone is all set to head the jury at the Zurich Film Festival. He will also present a restored version of his 1991 biopic, *The Doors* and the documentary *The Putin Reviews* at the festival's 2019 edition.

AROUND TOWN



Paper Tales

THE LATEST works by artist Ruchika Wason Singh are being showcased at the exhibition 'Balagan in Metamorphosis & Other Stories'. Curated by Manuela De Leonardi, the exhibit features works on paper by the artist. At the Shridharani Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam. On till August 31.



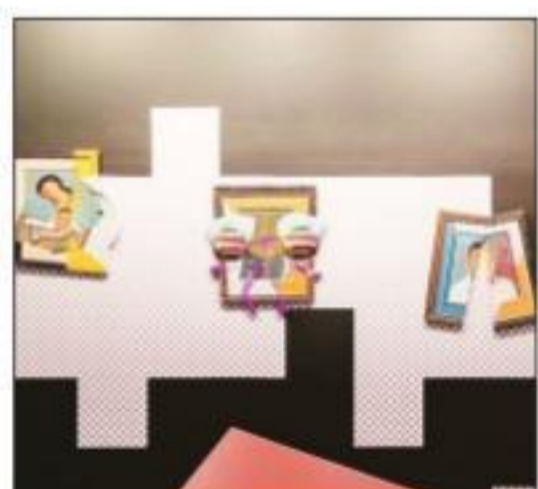
Classically Speaking

ATTEND THE Parampara Series, 2019, a festival of dance and music. The three-day long festival will include performances by the Raja Radha Reddy Troupe, Shubha Mudgal (pictured) on August 30, Sujata Mohapatra and Trichur Brothers (August 31) and Kumudini Lakhia Troupe and Jayateerth Mevundi (September 1). At Kamani Auditorium, 7 pm onwards. Entry by passes



Sign of Three

AAKRITI, A Bengali theatre group in the Capital is presenting three plays directed by Souvik Sengupta. They include *Ghar* (pictured), a story of a family hosting a Kashmiri boy in a post-Pulwama world; *Bansh*, a tale of two robbers attempting to rob a bank and *Mrityusangeet*, a Bengali adaptation of Egyptian writer Tawfiq Al Hakim's play, *Song of Death*. On August 31 6:30 pm onwards. At Muktdhara, Banga Sanskriti Bhawan, Gole Market.



Ways of Seeing

THE DELHI Contemporary Art Week will feature seven art galleries and about 50 artists under one roof. These include Gallery Espace, Exhibit 320, Nature Morte among others. The works will be showcased at India Habitat Centre, August 31-September 7.



National Identity

THE DEPARTMENT of Architecture, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, is hosting an exhibition of panels from the Brazilian Pavilion at the Venice Biennale. Curated by Brazilian Ambassador Andre Aranha Correa do Lago, these panels will be on display at the foyer. Correa do Lago, a well-known architectural critic, was curator of the Brazilian Pavilion at the Biennale in 2014, where he presented a chronological timeline of his country's architecture, emphasising its intimate connect with modernism.

'We were the first unapologetic, loud liberals'

The original bad boys of the small screen, Raghu Ram and Rajiv Lakshman, return to what they do best, this time in a new format

EKTAAMALIK

IT IS THE original duo that earned the tag of 'Enfant Terrible-s' and took it to the gallery completely. In 2003, twin brothers Raghu Ram and Rajiv Lakshman screamed their way into a TV career, with profanities bleated out as often as they opened their mouths to talk, by judging contestants for the show *MTV Roadies*. Soon enough, they had cemented their place in Indian pop culture. The two became popular for calling out contestants and heaping them with abuses in the auditions. "Only the abuses are remembered, but no one remembers why we were doing it. We talked about honour killings, dowry and live-in relationships. When we would see someone being judgmental about dark skin, or being homophobic, or someone who needed to be schooled, we did what was needed. I think we were the first unapologetic loud liberals. We don't see them now. Everyone is scared," adds Raghu. "Tough love. That is what it was. We would create a hard, negative world and the test was, could you survive it? *Agar British rule nahi hota, toh Gandhi bhi nahin hote*. Heroes are only born out of adversity," recalls Rajiv. Collectively, the words and work of the two had riled up many people and some even hated them. They even faced an attack by the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). The outfit had cited that abuses were not a part of Indian culture. "We were just having a conversation with kids, which the grownups were not able to. The adults were offended and taken back. But so many people, who are now adults, share with us that they watched *Roadies* on the sly because their parents didn't allow them to. We had an impact — they hated to love us — we couldn't be ignored. But you can't inspire by playing safe and blending in," share the brothers. They are 44 and complete each other's sentences often.

TV critics may have panned them but the people wanted to watch. The hard-to-please judges are now making a come back together after a long hiatus. Their latest venture is *Skulls and Roses*, a reality show which streams on Amazon Prime, starting today.

The show which is shot in Knysna in South Africa, has 16 boys and girls as participants. They have been divided between Rose Island where they are encouraged to bond and fall in love, and then the scene shifts to Skull Island where the very same bonding is then tested for its fortitude and authenticity. *Fear Factor* meets *Love Island*, we feel. Raghu disagrees. "You don't have a frame of context for this. You have never seen something like this. We have brought the 'we vs me' template in play here. The instinct to love, care and nurture vs the instinct to self preserve — two of our very primitive instincts," shares Raghu. Rajiv nods in agreement. "This will make you uncomfortable, it will get awkward and yes it will shock you," he adds.

Raghu and Rajiv were in the middle of reality TV boom in India. The music was pulled out of MTV and one saw a plethora of reality shows. The two produced *Roadies* and later produced *MTV Splitvilla* and *MTV Dropout Private Ltd*. "MTV in the late '90s and early 2000s was a madhouse run by mad people. We all started together, Cyrus Broacha — with his *Bakra* — a mad Parsi. But that's how he was in real life and the place let him be. We never knew what our ratings were," adds Ram. "Once we got a business sheet for the decade, and we saw losses for nine years, except this one year where it reflected some profit. Everyone was scratching their heads, *ki humne kiya kya*," says Rajiv.



A still from *Skulls and Roses* (above); Raghu and Rajiv Amit Chakravarty

The brothers were born and brought up in Delhi's Munirka and have their roots in Andhra Pradesh. Born to a chartered accountant father and a journalist mother, the two were very active in the cultural societies during their stint at Delhi University. "We had an acoustic band and choreographed performances. Those were simpler times. There were trees to climb and streams to swim. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We forgot to study and, are, essentially, college-drop outs. We have always carried Munirka with us. People who saw the auditions remarked *'thoda Munirka ka feel aa raha tha*,'" share the twins.

Raghu and Rajiv began their careers as spot boys for a project, and then made the most of the cable boom that captured India during the mid-'90s and early 2000s. They did every kind of job possible with the BBC and TV 18 among others. "We are thankful

to our parents who let us be. And we want every young person out there, who's trying to make it, and wants to make their parents proud, to just be happy and be comfortable in who you are. One doesn't need much else," says Raghu.

We wonder if the duo will elicit their choicest abuses and dole out their signature brand of tough love, especially in times of social media, where everyone can abuse anyone without a second thought. "Today it's all weaponised. There are organised attacks on people. Everyone is a bully. We would confront racism — which is very different than a misogynistic and structured attack on a woman's weight, dress and choices. Please don't club us together. As for social media, it is like switching on a bulb in a very dirty room. It's not the light bulb's fault — the filth was already there. The light bulb is just illuminating that fact. That is what social media is," he adds.



Life of A Cop

An upcoming murder mystery for the stage, *36 Defence Colony*, attempts to highlight the often unseen side of Indian police officers

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

A GRAVE crime has been committed at the palatial mansion number 36, Defence Colony, Delhi, where the matriarch of the Deewan family, Savitri Deewan, has been murdered. The culprit has left the lights switched off — quite unusual for someone who slept with her night lights turned on. Police officer ACP Prakash Ahlawat, son of a Delhi Police constable, is made in charge of the case, as he runs door to door, along with the laid back sub inspector BB Jaakhad, trying to solve the murder mystery. All fingers point towards the spouse of Savitri's daughter Nishtha Deewan, the rich and spoilt Samrat, who had been in constant fights with his mother-in-law over property. But amid jokes of Jaakhad, of his wife's fascina-

tion with *methi ke paranthe*, and reminiscing about fellow constable Ram from Chandni Chowk, who is admitted at AIIMS for lung cancer, the play *36 Defence Colony* reveals that there is more than what meets the eye.

Written and directed by actor and writer Manil Mayank Mishra, the play follows the journey of Ahlawat (essayed by Mishra), as he snakes his way through clues of the case, amid pressure from the much respected politician Jai Vardhan Singhania (Girish Jain). Having essayed the role of a journalist on the big screen in *No One Killed Jessica*, *Talwar* and *Fitoor* and the latest entrant in *Savdhaan India*, Mishra's aim was simple: to show how a police officer is simply performing his duty for the welfare of the people. The inspiration lay closer home, starting with Mishra's father, RC Mishra, a retired jail superintendent from the UP cadre, who was once in



A scene from the play *36, Defence Colony*

charge of the captivity of hardened terrorists in jails.

On returning with a production after 2015, Mishra points out how there are constant allegations against police officers and how they take advantage of their uniform. Mishra says, "Citizens post videos alleging injustice in treatment. We are presenting the perspective of these officers who are



Notes from Bhutan

The 10th edition of Mountain Echoes literature and cultural festival was an amalgamation of diverse stories and ideas

TANUSHREE GHOSH

THE 10TH EDITION of Bhutan's Mountain Echoes literature and cultural festival, featuring 80 speakers, came to a close on Sunday in the quaint blue-green capital city of Thimphu. Besides music concerts, open mic, and film screenings across four other venues, the talks and literary sessions were held at Taj Tashi and the Royal University of Bhutan, the same venue, where just days ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited students of Buddhism from Bhutan to Nalanda University in Bihar.

The three-day festival, organised by Jaipur-based Siyahi in association with India-Bhutan Foundation, started with Queen Mother Her Majesty Arshi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, 64, sharing an endearing story about her father, who passed away earlier this year. She spoke of her late father's insistence on learning and "not wasting even a moment" followed by the love story of her parents.

Love story was also how Vanessa R Sasson, professor of religious studies from Canada, wanted to write Yasodhara's story as, in her book, *Yasodhara: A Novel About the Buddha's Wife*. She was in conversation with Tashi Zangmo, the sassy executive director of Bhutan Nuns Foundation. One thing that has been missing in the academy and Buddhist studies, Sasson says, is that, they often don't think about Buddhism having love stories. "We only think about renunciation and monasticism, and think of the Buddha leaving, but before the Buddha left, there was a love story, and more research threw up evidence to this interpretation," she admits. From early Pali texts to Sanskrit to Chinese texts, every time they were born together, Yasodhara was always his wife. Lifetime after lifetime, she's there with him as he's moving towards becoming the Buddha, and in their last life, they are born at the same time, in the same kingdom.

"Buddhism has the ultimate love story, because it is a multi-life love story," she said. "Actually, Yasodhara was Buddha's widow, but calling her that would have been scandalous." There are episodes in the novel — fiction offers that liberty — where Sasson had to 'make up' some events because they were ignored in the documented texts on Yasodhara's life. Sasson quotes Prince Siddhartha from a text. "If I touch my (newborn) son, she (Yasodhara) will wake up, and I won't be able to go." And when she wakes up next morning, she's devastated, and cries, seeking him through the palace," she says. So many texts and poems sing of her loss, and that makes it a love story for Sasson. "There's no absolute Mahabharata, Ramayana, and *Abhijnanashakuntalam*. Stories are retold over 2,000 years. We have to keep retelling them else they die, and in every retelling, we see them differently. Literature is not uniform," said Sasson. If some Buddhist writings mention the entry of women to the Sangha as mildew attacking rice fields — "literature also has moments where you see women



A dance performance by the students of Royal Academy of Performing Arts (above); Vanessa R Sasson (left) in a conversation with Tashi Zangmo

as 'being seen'."

It was the love for his race that made author Tony Joseph dig deeper into the Aryan debate in his book *Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From*. He said, "All population groups in the world are mixtures. And Indian population has been formed by four major migrations. One that is politically sensitive is the last one dating back 4,000 years — the Indo-Europeans." He added that the first Indians arrived here 65,000 years ago, which "makes the tribals our closest relatives in the world." Joseph said. "Even BR Ambedkar has seen the tribal groups differently, seen them as opposed to Shudras," he added. He also spoke about how invasion theories have been falsified and we should avoid using words like invasion, archaeologically, because Harappan civilisation declined owing to drought and not invasion, and that, historically, Harappans were the ancestors of both north and south India.

The love for the revered river back home, made California-based professor of history, Sudipta Sen, write the book *The Ganges: The Many Pasts of an Indian River*. The glorious past becomes both a vehicle of escape from — as well as a tool of greater inquiry to seek answers from and engage with — the present reality. Sen used Ganga as a trope to speak of the dichotomy between the sacred and the profane, how the sacred water used by 150 million people in north India, used for all purposes of life — birth to death — still a living pulse, is so desecrated yet contaminated at the same time. "The future," Sen said, "is to harness older ways to being in harmony with the environment."

The "compelling need" to be fair while asking "what if" continues to drive *The Indian Express* Chief Editor Raj Kamal Jha to delve into fiction. Speaking about his latest novel, *The City and the Sea*, Jha said, "Each individual has a story. It is the job of art, if not of life, to tell the story of different people."

undue advantage of their uniform. Ahlawat is constantly on his toes, trying to uncover the face of the culprit, as he oscillates between the Deewan household and the police station.

"Most hindi films, especially from the '90s, have shown how police officers can beat up *gundas*, and how they jump from the 36th floor, unharmed, as can be seen in Mithun Chakraborty and Amitabh Bachchan's films. Only one inspector solves all the cases in the city, and directly confronts the don. That is not the reality. Many people are involved," says Mishra, 35.

With a rather unexpected ending and showing the manner in which the cops obtain information from criminals in jails, the play draws attention to how the officers have no fixed working hours, and can be called at any odd hour. "*Maine poori zindagi khakhi dekhi hai*. I have seen my father return from work at 3 am, only to be called back for duty once he was home. My mother was used to his irregular schedule," says Mishra.

The play will be staged at Vasuki auditorium, Lok Kala Manch, Lodhi Road, on September 1, 7 pm. Tickets priced at Rs 350 and available on Bookmyshow

'Wimbledon' at Sabina Park

With the series on the line, Windies are likely to gamble on a green carpet for the second Test against India beginning today



EXPRESS IN WEST INDIES

SANDIP KINGSTON, AUGUST 29

SABINA PARK is nudging 90. It's wrinkled and withering, the characteristic sky blue paint peeling off the patchy walls, revealing the rusting iron rods and wires underneath. The yellow seats of the George Headley Stand and the 10-foot walls, splashed with advertisements, tremble when heavy trucks and SUVs whizz by. The stands are lined with dust and discarded beer bottles. The grand old stadium, at once the rawest and most romantic in the Caribbean, is a metaphorical mausoleum of West Indies cricket — once grand and glorious, now rumbling and ragged.

Sabina Park once had the reputation of producing some lightning fast tracks. It wasn't always the case so. The 1960s churned out batting beauties to suit their batsmen; the 70s produced fast and bouncy tracks; the 80s saw some horrendous wickets with variable bounce, and by the 90s the pitch was defanged. In the subsequent decades, just like West Indies cricket, the Sabina Park track became unpredictable. Sometimes fast and bouncy, often slow and dry.

This time around, the buzz around Sabina Park is about this being a green, bowl-first surface. This is what the team has asked, they say. A few days ago, chief curator Michael Hylton told local newspaper Jamaica Gleaner that he's grooming a Wimbledon-like grass court. "When everyone gets here on August 30, I want them to believe that they are at Wimbledon on the first morning — green, green, green ... That's what I want them to see, and the team that executes the two disciplines well will get the desired result," he had said.

If the way their batsmen folded up on the fourth day on a placid surface in Antigua, and the fire the Indian seamers spewed, is any indication, a green track could easily backfire, posing a considerable dilemma for the ground-staff. It could just play into the hands of Jasprit Bumrah and Co. and the Test match might not even last as long as it did in Antigua. But in their darkest of days, it's the tinge of green that gives West Indies the slightest ray of hope. It was the idea in Antigua as well, though the assistance was negligible beyond the first day.

Ironically, the Indian seamers seem more equipped to kick up nostalgia at Sabina Park. Back in the day, the venue had a reputation of offering a ferocious pitch and hostile atmosphere for any visiting team. The stands thronged with reggae and rum, the whiff of marijuana flitting in the breeze.

The spectators — many from the neighbouring Trench Town, one of the roughest areas in the country — made the players feel as though they were performing in a coliseum. They no longer flock the arena as they once used to. In years gone by, the atmosphere was elevated by staggering, if at times, chilling performances from Jamaica's famous sons — some of the quickest fast bowlers the world had ever beheld. Michael Holding slithering down the slope, scything through batting line-ups like a hot knife through butter, or Patrick Patterson, bow-legged and rumbling up the hill, pounding the crease like a heavy truck, or Courtney Walsh steaming against the wind, blowing techniques and temperament up. A lonely stroll across the pitch will stir memories and stories, exaggerated by that retelling down the years. Sabina has seen it all — blood, sweat, tears, toil, joy, jubilation, riots and ignominy, a full cycle of life and emo-



A day before the start of the Test, the pitch at Sabina Park looked distinctly green. Express Photo

Considering their weak batting, Windies's best chance to square the series is if their bowlers manage out their Indian counterparts.

tions like any other octogenarian.

Jamaican cricket had other heroes, batsmen from George Headley and Frank Worrell to Lawrence Rowe and Chris Gayle, but here it was all about the bowlers; they're the immortals of Sabina. Talk to any old-timer, and he will rattle out stories of how Holding detonated the Australians, or Patterson snuffed out the hapless English batsmen or how Walsh outwitted the South Africans. "No one beating us here then. No one dared to," says Malcolm Junior, a 65-year-old member of the ground-staff.

It's not an empty boast — for 32 years, from 1958 to 1990, West Indies were invincible at the Sabina, a string of 18 Tests matches. To beat West Indies at their peak in Sabina was the equivalent of beating Roger Federer at Wimbledon in the aughts or Rafael Nadal at the French Open anytime. Rivals (often batsmen) left with bruised bodies and battered pride. "I heard, England once had a dentist in their (support staff). Almost every broke their teeth," quips Junior, revealing his sparkling white teeth.

Chances are that it will be the present-day West Indies team that might need a dentist in their support staff, with Bumrah bowling the way he did at Antigua. And considering their batting's weakness, the best formula for the West Indies to square the series is for their bowlers to outdo their Indian counterparts. They no longer have the Holdings or Pattersons or Walshes, but

they've the guileful Kemar Roach, the rumbustious Shannon Gabriel, the resourceful Jason Holder, and Keemo Paul, the last of them coming into the squad for Miguel Cummins. As they demonstrated against England and on the first day in Antigua, they can harass batsmen in favourable conditions.

The grass, though, could be trimmed on the morning of the match, or it could be there to bind the surface together as Kingston is enduring a torrid summer, the hottest in five years. Agreed Hylton: "I specifically requested that we maintain the heavy grass on the surface as this will help to bind the wicket together. I want to have a 60-40 percentage balance on this strip in favour of the batters; however, it will offer a lot of assistance to the bowlers as well."

Whether it would be a flyer or swinger or a belter, all Hylton wouldn't want is a repeat of the 1998 fiasco against England when the Test was abandoned after 10 overs. Holding, a proud Jamaican, was devastated that this should take place on his home ground. He called it the most embarrassing moment of his cricket career. "I've never seen a pitch as dangerous as that. The people responsible should be brought to task. This pitch isn't fit for Test cricket or even club cricket for that matter. It's completely substandard," he had said.

"It's been 30 years since that happened, but whenever we walk out to prepare the pitch, we think of that shameful day. All we are trying to do is to recreate the old glory, to make it what it once was," says Junior.

Ageing though the Sabina might be, it's not an empty and echoing concrete structure bereft of life and soul, like the Vivian Richards Stadium. All it needs is perhaps a lick of paint, like the West Indies team if they're to restore some pride, for themselves and the grand old Sabina, in the series.

'Bumrah's 5-7 is the best spell of fast bowling by an Indian'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KINGSTON, AUGUST 29

Jasprit Bumrah's situational awareness is unmatched and his five-wicket haul in the second innings of the opening Test against the West Indies is one of the "best spells of fast bowling" by an Indian, feels the team's bowling coach Bharath Arun. Bumrah, who was given a month's break after the World Cup, looked rusty in the first innings in Antigua but came back to claim five 5 for 7 in 8 overs as India thrashed West Indies by 318 runs in the opening World Test Championship match.

"Bumrah is a thinking bowler. He is aware of situations and adjusts himself beautifully. If you see the lengths that he bowled in the second innings, he pitched the ball up and was getting appreciable movements," Arun told reporters. "That's the best spell of fast bowling I have seen from an Indian in a long, long time."

For Arun, a coach's priority is to ensure that execution part is perfect as the outcome is then taken care of.

"Well, wickets are the outcome but I am not always looking at the outcome. I am looking at the execution part and that was exactly what was discussed with Bumrah after the first innings," Arun said.

"His execution (in the first innings) was a trifle short and with his style of bowling, he should have pitched it up. Wickets were not a concern as the process of bowling right lengths will eventually get you wickets."

"He is consistently bowling 140 clicks over a consistent period of time, and his action is not an orthodox one, so it takes a batsman a second longer to pick up what he is trying to do. What makes him even more potent is the fact that he is so accurate," said Arun.

When asked about his relationship with the fast bowling unit, which has been revered for consistency over the past 18 months, the 56-year-old attributed it to his clear understanding of the mindset of bowlers.

"My interaction with every bowler is so different from one another. I think, it is extremely important to know the mindset of a bowler and once you are aware of that, it is easier for a coach to give the right feedback.

"With Bumrah, we didn't need to speak anything about his bowling. We just told him to change the length and he did that. Understanding is necessary as a coach. With a small tweak you can make the bowler better," he added.

One of the key aspects of his tenure has been the successful workload management of the bowlers.

"We have taken good care to ensure that their workloads are monitored, so that they remain fresh, when we need them. The key to their success has been how their workloads have been managed and how (seriously) these bowlers have taken up the fitness aspect.

"It is not only Ishant and Bumrah, who have got five wicket hauls, even (Mohammed) Shami bowled beautifully whenever he was given the ball," Arun opined.

Starc strikes, Smith returns to action in tour game

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE DERBY, AUGUST 29

Australia's Mitchell Starc pressed his claims for a Test place with three wickets in an over against Derbyshire as star batsman Steve Smith played Thursday in his first match since being concussed. Left-arm fast bowler Starc has yet to feature in a five-match Ashes series that is all square at 1-1 with two to play following England's dramatic one-wicket win in the third Test at Headingley last week.

But Starc did his chances of being included for next week's fourth Test in Manchester no harm by working up towards his top speed after lunch on the opening day of a three-day tour game against the English county in Derby on Thursday. Having gone wicketless before lunch, Starc had Matt Critchley caught behind mishooking by Alex Carey for an entertaining 11 off five balls featuring two well-struck fours. Carey was in as wicketkeeper for rested Australia captain Tim Paine.

Next ball Alfie Leadall was clean-bowled by a ball that was simply too quick for him. Tony Palladino survived the hat-trick only to be bowled for a duck off the last ball of the 47th over.

At tea, Starc had figures of 3-46 from 16 overs in Derbyshire's total of 168-8 with uncapped fellow quick Michael Neser, not expected to feature at Old Trafford, having taken 3-31 in 11. South African batsman Leus du Plooy, in at nought for two, was 82 not out.

Fans hoping to see Smith bat for the first time since the drawn second Test at Lord's, when he was hit on his unprotected neck after being struck by a 92mph Jofra Archer bouncer, had to wait with Derbyshire captain Billy Godleman deciding to bat after winning the toss. Smith's injury at Lord's saw Australia's Marnus Labuschagne become Test cricket's first concussion substitute.

But Smith is set to return to Ashes action next week provided he comes through this match in Derby unscathed. In Derby, Smith spent most of the first two sessions fielding at second slip.

He also bowled the last over before lunch, with the occasional spinner's warm-up delivery sailing yards wide before he started the over proper with a full toss.

Aus reviewing DRS process

Reuters adds: Australia are reviewing the way they use cricket's Decision Review System after blowing their last referral late in the Headingley cliffhanger against England, captain Tim Paine has said. Paine wanted Australia's last review on a leg-side lbw appeal against tailender Jack Leach, denying spinner Nathan Lyon a referral for a much stronger leg before shout soon after against Ben Stokes.

Stokes, who scored an unbeaten century, guided England to a rousing one-wicket win that levelled the series 1-1 ahead of the fourth test at Old Trafford. Paine, who has worn plenty of criticism for his ambitious review, said the team were looking to come up with a better plan for the rest of the series.

"We're trying our best to come up with a system that's better," he told Melbourne radio station SEN. "And we can, I suppose, gather information on what different people are seeing on the field at the time and in that 15 seconds try to make a better decision than what we have been doing, but it's a little bit of trial and error."

The wasted review was one of a slew of mishaps in the final hour as Australia gave up a seemingly impregnable position to allow England back into the series. Paine said his team were "obviously really dejected" in the immediate aftermath at Headingley on Sunday but he was proud at how they had banded together in the days since.

No Dhoni, no surprise, Pant lone keeper in T20 squad

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, AUGUST 29

MS DHONI'S international return seemed highly unlikely after he was left out of the 15-member India T20 squad for the upcoming three-match series against South Africa. The MSK Prasad-led selection committee announced the squad on Thursday, with Rishabh Pant as the sole specialist 'keeper in the side. According to a BCCI insider, the present selection committee has decided to look beyond the former India captain.

Dhoni decided to take a two-month sabbatical after the World Cup and although the three T20 internationals in September fell into his reclusive period, The Indian Express has learnt that the veteran 'keeper-batsman wasn't even considered.

"Ahead of the West Indies tour, the selection committee decided give proper opportunities to Pant. Actually, the present selection committee is only looking at Pant, as he is being groomed," sources told this paper.

Before the West Indies tour, Dhoni had an informal discussion with chief selector Prasad during which the former had left his cricket future at the hands of the selection committee. Prasad, on the other hand, had laid out Indian cricket's future roadmap. As the Indian team went to West Indies, Dhoni, an honorary Lt Col of the Territorial Army, patrolled the Kashmir valley as part of his training with the 106 TA Battalion (Para). In three T20 internationals during the on-



Dhoni, who had taken a two-month sabbatical from the sport, is currently vacationing in the United States. File

going Caribbean tour, Pant scored 69 runs including an unbeaten 65. He had an average ODI series though, with just 20 runs in two innings. But the 21-year-old has become India's first-choice 'keeper-batsman across formats and as the BCCI insider put it, his grooming process will continue. "Let's see how it goes."

And even if the Pant experiment fails, there's no guarantee that Dhoni will be brought back to the fold. "There are other wicketkeepers also. The Indian cricket is ac-

tually looking beyond MS Dhoni at the moment," sources said.

The next 50-over World Cup will be played in 2023 and given that Dhoni is 38 years old, it's very unlikely that he will last till then as a top-flight cricketer. Back-to-back World T20s, however, are lined up in 2020 and 2021 in Australia and India respectively. A Chennai Super Kings official spoke confidently about Dhoni's availability for the next year's IPL, but given that he has a mind of his

own, it would be interesting to see the skipper's future course of action. He stunned everybody with the suddenness of his Test retirement in December 2014. A little over two years hence, he also abruptly relinquished his white-ball captaincy.

A new selection committee will come after the BCCI elections, scheduled on October 22. Also, Dhoni hasn't called time on his limited-overs international career yet. He has lost his attacking mojo, but coming at No. 7, with India reeling on 92/6 in the World Cup semifinal against New Zealand at Old Trafford, Dhoni's partnership with Ravindra Jadeja kept the team in the game till the penultimate over.

Bands of brothers

Probably for the first time in Indian cricket, two sets of brothers will be in the same India squad, as Hardik Pandya and Krunal, and Deepak Chahal and Rahul (they are cousins) have been picked for the home T20 series. Deepak and Rahul were in the T20 squad against West Indies. Hardik, meanwhile, replaced Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

The three T20 internationals against South Africa will be played in Dharamsala, Mohali and Bangalore on September 15, 18 and 22 respectively. **SQUAD:** Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant (w-k), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Krunal Pandya, Washington Sundar, Rahul Chahal, Khaleel Ahmed, Deepak Chahal, Navdeep Saini.

Dube, Axar pyrotechnics, Chahal five-for help India A beat SA A

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 29

MUMBAI ALL-ROUNDER Shivam Dube's big-hitting prowess was well complemented by senior international Yuzvendra Chahal's five-wicket haul as India A comfortably beat South Africa A by 69 runs in the first unofficial One Day encounter of the five-match series here on Thursday.

The muscular Dube smashed an unbeaten 79 off 60 balls that included a half a dozen of sixes and three boundaries which took India's score to 327 for 6 in 47 overs. His whirlwind seventh partnership of 121 off 71 balls with Axar Patel (60 no off 36 balls) gave Indian total an imposing look.

In reply, Chahal warmed up nicely for the upcoming international assignments with figures of 5 for 47 as South Africa were all out for 258 in 45 overs despite Reeza Hendricks' century.

Hendricks's 110 off 108 balls went in vain as the Proteas weren't exactly comfortable with the slow nature of the tracks.

Wicketkeeper-batsmen Heinrich Klaasen (58, 43 balls, 4 fours, 3 sixes) and Khaya Zondo (30) were the only other batsmen to make notable contributions as Chahal kept the SA 'A' batsmen in check. Earlier in the day, most of the Indian batsmen got starts but couldn't convert into big scores.

The highly-rated Shubman Gill (46, 47 balls, 7 fours) and captain Manish Pandey (39, 41 balls, 4 fours) were set but failed to score big. The home team appeared to be heading for a below-par score when Krunal Pandya (14, 25 balls, 1 six) fell to Anrich Nortje, with the score at 206 for 6.

However, Dube and Axar had different ideas. The two southpaws blasted the rival bowlers at will, almost, not sparing the pacemen — Anrich Nortje (2 for 89 in 10 overs), Beuran Hendricks (2 for 89 in 10 overs) and Junior Dala (1 for 62 in 9 overs).

Dube reached 50 in 46 deliveries, his first in List-A career, blasting some big sixers.

After a quiet start, all-rounder Patel raced to his 50 in just 34 balls as he effortlessly smote a few sixes.

The South Africans didn't get off to a great start, losing opener Janneman Malan (18), who survived after being caught off Deepak Chahal's but it was adjudged no-ball.

Hendricks played positively and was on the lookout for runs. He kept find the boundary but the middle-order failed to offer him support. **BRIEF SCORES:** India 'A' 327 for 6 in 47 overs (Shivam Dube 79, Axar Patel 60, Shubman Gill 46, Manish Pandey 39, Ishan Kishan 37, Bjorn Fortuin 2/40, Beuran Hendricks 2/89) beat South Africa 'A' 258 all out in 45 overs (Reeza Hendricks 110, H Klaasen 58, Y Chahal 5/47, Axar Patel 2/39).

World Cup gold around her neck and golden earring waiting at home

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 29

RIFLE SHOOTER Elavenil Valarivan loves gold earrings. The 20-year-old is known to pester parents Dr Valarivan and Dr Saroja for a new pair every few months. On Thursday, the signature dangling gold jhumkas sparked in her ears as the Ahmedabad shooter got herself some serious gold around her neck as well, winning the air rifle World Cup in Rio.

She became the second Indian shooter this year after Apurvi Chandela to win a gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle at the ISSF World Cup in Brazil. A score of 251.7 in the final helped edge out Seonaid McIntosh of Great Britain at Rio de Janeiro.

"The only thing I trouble my parents for is gold earrings after every 3-4 months (Laughs). But this time I am returning with my first senior gold medal and I am sure they will get me one more pair to celebrate," she said. It was her second final of a World Cup and the focus was on improving the quality of shots. "I have been working on

my balance and alignment. The range here is a 60-lane range as compared to 100-lane range in places like Munich and I was targeting a score above 630 in qualification," shared Valarivan while talking with The Indian Express.

Munich disappointment

The shooter, who became national champion in 2017, was competing in her fourth world cup and she scored 629.4 in qualification before emerging as the champion in the final with a difference of 1.1 over McIntosh. The first two series saw Valarivan hitting scores of 10.5 or more six times to end third behind McIntosh at 52.6 and Ying Shin Lin of Chinese Taipei at 52.3. The elimination series had Elavenil hitting the big 10s (10.5 or above) nine times with the only blemish being her last shot of 9.6.

Before the last shot, Elavenil had a lead of 1.6 points over McIntosh and with the British shooter ending with 10.1, the 9.6 was neatly enough. Two months ago, Elavenil had missed the bronze medal by 0.1 points in Germany where Chandela won gold. The last six months had also seen her make

changes in the trigger mechanism of her rifle. "At Delhi, my rifle had malfunctioned and we had to change the trigger mechanism. The trigger weight was not suiting me and once we figured that out, we got the mechanism changed," she said.

In Munich, where she missed the bronze medal, she had been distracted by other shooters' scores, with a howler of a 9.7 in the middle of elimination round. Apart from that, her groupings clustered towards left of bull's eye, which meant changes in balance.

"In the final, I struggled with the height difference of targets. I discussed it with Gagan sir. The qualification round of 632.8 gave me a lot of self-belief," added Valarivan.

In Munich, Valarivan's fourth shot of 9.7 in the elimination round had meant that she finally lost by 0.1 point to Hong Xu of China despite shooting 10.6 and 10.7 off her last two shots before elimination. Narang spent time ironing out the flaw at training sessions in Chennai.

In Rio, Valarivan shot into lead at the end of the second elimination round and maintained the lead till the end of the final, a



Elavenil won the women's 10m air rifle at the ISSF World Cup in Brazil.

change Narang had noted as a positive. "In finals, she used to be concerned about other shooters' scores. It happened in the World Cup in Munich, where she lost the bronze medal by 0.1. The 9.7 came in the middle of ten scores of 10.5 and more and when we talked after the final, she told me that she was looking at what others had shot," he recalls. Narang had told her to shut out everything happening around her. "She had to find her own rhythm and settle in the final and it will act as her strength. She did not think about others' scores till the medal round. In an event, where shooters like Apurvi and Anjum also compete, Elavenil's strength has been her ability to focus and to handle pressure," shared Narang.

Early beginnings and junior success
Both her parents belonged to academia. The youngster initially competed in athletics - 100m and 5,000m at the national level for Gujarat before a visit to Ahmedabad Military and Rifle Training Club with her father started her interest in shooting in 2013. Six months later, the youngster joined the Gun for Glory centre at Sanskardham School, 25km away from her home in

Kokhra locality in Maninagar in Ahmedabad.

The youngster would persuade her father to get her own rifle in 2016 and the next year saw her topping the selection trials with a world record equalling score of 250.6 before she won the 10m Air rifle gold at the Kerala senior nationals.

Before Rio, Valarivan won two gold medals in Junior World Cups last year. "While growing up, we would spend time on dry practice which meant only holding the rifle for more than 45 minutes daily," Narang says. When air rifle changed from 40 to 60 shots, we also had to make her spend time on re-posturing and making the body handle the pressure of shooting 60 shots. "Her biggest strength has been her stability," said Neha Chavan, who has been coaching Valarivan since 2013.

"When she started, her height was same as the height of a rifle and she would tell us that she will win a gold medal one day. This gold medal is the real thing for us," mother Saroja said, adding she'll consider buying her daughter another pair of danglers after all.

Ref praised for stopping match over homophobic banners

REUTERS
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THE COACHES of Nice and Olympique Marseille and France's equality minister have all praised the referee who interrupted the Ligue 1 match on Wednesday because of homophobic banners in the home crowd.

France's equality minister Marlene Schiappa said these banners had sullied the stands while Nice coach Patrick Vieira said referee Clement Turpin had been left with "no choice." Play was stopped in the first half for around 10 minutes and players left the field over the banners displayed by Nice fans.

French media also reported homophobic chanting during the match which Marseille won 2-1. One banner referred to Tuesday's takeover of Nice by British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, who also owns the Team Ineos cycling team. The banner used the word "pedale" which means "to pedal" but is also a derogatory term used to define gay people.

Another banner read: "More fans in the stands means a more gay stadium."

"The referee was right to stop the match," said Vieira, the former Arsenal and France midfielder. "These things are unacceptable. The message was clear, and the referee didn't have a choice. He could have maybe given us a bit more time to go and see the supporters and to ask them to remove the banner. But he explained things to me that I fully understand." "I hope that this won't happen again, in Nice or in any stadium." Vieira's opposite number Andre Villas-Boas agreed the referee made the "right decision". Schiappa said in a Tweet that Nice fans had ignored "several requests" to withdraw the banners. "Football is passion, not hate," she said. The French league has promised to crack down on homophobic chanting this season which has already seen a second tier match between Nancy and Le Mans interrupted. Homophobic chanting is deeply ingrained in some Latin American countries, especially when the visiting goalkeeper runs up to take a goal kick, and FIFA dealt with several dozen cases during the qualifying competition for the 2018 World Cup. Mexico were sanctioned 12 times -- two warnings and 10 fines -- while Chile were on three occasions ordered to play away from their National Stadium, although they simply moved the games to alternative arenas in Santiago.

After qualification, Anjali faces next hurdle

Athletics federation wants reclusive Haryana athlete to attend confirmatory trials in order to be selected for World Championship

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LUCKNOW, AUGUST 29

TWENTY-ONE-year-old Anjali Devi's meteoric rise over the past year, from being a little-known athlete to twice breaching the World Championships qualification mark in the highly competitive 400 metres, has been nothing short of remarkable.

In September, the Haryana athlete won the gold medal (51.79 seconds) at the Open Nationals in Bhubaneswar to meet the Qualifying Standards (51.80) for the biennial global event. On Thursday, at the 59th Inter-State Athletics Championships, Anjali beat a PT Usha-trained athlete and two national campers to emerge victorious. She improved her personal best to 51.53 seconds.

But Anjali will have to appear for 'confirmatory trials' closer to the World Championships, a top Athletics Federation of India (AFI) official confirmed. Confirmatory trials are held for athletes who are not part of the national camp or whose flash-in-the-pan performances or sudden dip in form raise doubts over their ability to excel consistently. Anjali fits the criterion.

She won the "best athlete award" in Bhubaneswar and after an assessment, was inducted in the national camp under foreign coach Galina Bukharina. She was seen as one of the brightest youngsters to emerge till her timings began to plateau and then dip during the 90-day camp in Antalya, Turkey.

So she was sent back to train at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala, where campers train when in the country.

Her timings in training didn't improve -- her best in four races in Feb-March was 54.50 seconds -- and soon she left the camp. The reasons she gave for going home kept changing -- from her mother not being well, to wanting to sit for examinations. Since the end of March, AFI has made a number of attempts to convince her to return to the camp, but over these five months she has stayed away. She also missed the state trials in June.

Anjali tried to clear the air over her absence from the camp and said she had an ankle injury for which she wanted to consult her personal doctor in Rohtak. However, her explanation cut no ice with the AFI.

"Anjali will have to attend a confirmatory trial before the World Championships. AFI has a policy of making athletes, who are not part of the national camp or have stayed away for whatever reason, attend these trials once they qualify for an international competition. Before the Asian Games, we had conducted similar confirmatory trials for athletes like Sandeep Kumari (discus



Anjali Devi improved her personal best to 51.53 seconds in 400m at the Inter-State Athletics Championships in Lucknow on Thursday. AFI

throw) and Monica Chaudhary (1,500 metres) as they were not part of the national camp but had qualified. AFI has been asking Anjali to join the national camp for the past few months but she has given different reasons for not doing so. So we will have to see her performance at the confirmatory trials. Only after that will we decide on her selection for the World Championships," AFI's planning commission chairman Lalit Bhanot told The Indian Express.

Being at the national camp, according to Bhanot, provides an athlete the best possible facilities for training, including guidance from qualified coaches, a nutritious diet and, at the same time, ensures that an athlete is clean as anti-doping tests are conducted regularly. The field Anjali obliterated in the women's 400 metres final on Thursday included national campers Saritaben Gayakwad, Revathi V and Jisna Mathew (Usha School).

The top quarter-milers, including World Under-20 champion Hima Das are in a training-and-competition phase in Jablonec in the Czech Republic. This group will head straight to the Doha World Championships to be held in September-October.

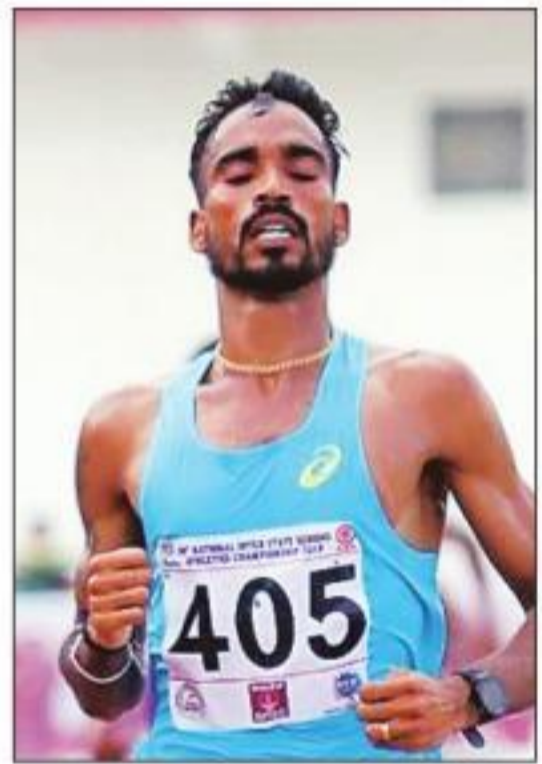
Hima's inability to meet the Qualifying Standard of 51.80 seconds has resulted in the spotlight being on Anjali, whose rapid rise but long stints away from the camp has made officials cautiously optimistic about her future.

Anjali said she was now looking forward to joining the national camp in the run-up to the World Championships. She had participated in the Federation Cup in Patiala in May, but failed to make the final.

"During the Federation Cup, I was injured. Also I had put on weight. I was unfit. Following that, I went for an ankle treatment. I wanted to consult my personal doctor, who treated a back injury earlier, so I went home. Since then, I have been training with my personal coach in Kalva in Jind. As I am fit now, I thought I must participate in the inter-state championships because I wanted to register a good time before the World Championships," Anjali said.

Anjali is not the first 400m runner who has played peekaboo with AFI. Nirmala Sheoran, a 2017 Asian Championship gold medalist, was absent from the camp for 10 months leading up to last year's Asian Games. She made a reappearance at the National Inter-State Championships in Guwahati and met the Qualifying Standard for the Asiad, where she finished fourth. She was not picked for the 4x400m relay squad. In November last year, Nirmala failed a dope test.

TODAY'S RESULTS



Men's

■ **10,000m:** 1. Gopi Thonakal (in pic) (Kerala) 30:52.75; 2. Arjun Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) 30:55.71; 3. Vikram Bangriya (Goa) 30:59.98

■ **High Jump:** 1. Sarvesh Kushare (Maharashtra) 2.23m; 2. Geo Jose (Kerala) 2.21; 3. B Chetan (Karnataka) 2.19.

■ **Discus Throw:** 1. Behnam Shiri (Iran) 57.82m; 2. Kirpal Singh (Punjab) 57.67; 3. Gagandeep Singh (Punjab) 54.57.

Women's

■ **400m:** 1. Anjali Devi (Haryana) 51.53 seconds; 2. Saritaben Gayakwad (Gujarat) 52.96; 3. Jisna Mathew (Kerala) 53.08.

■ **10000m:** 1. Phoolan Pal (Uttar Pradesh) 37:00.52; 2. Kavita Yadav (Karnataka) 37:03.16; 3. Kiran Sahdev (Maharashtra) 37:10.58.

■ **Triple jump:** 1. Bhairabi Roy (West Bengal) 13.01m; 2. Aishwarya (Karnataka) 12.85; 3. Karthika Gothandapani (Andhra Pradesh) 12.74.

■ **Pole Vault:** 1. Krishna Rachan (Kerala) 3.80m; 2. Nivya (Kerala) 3.60; 3. Sinju MK (Kerala) 3.30.

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Kotak to coach India A, Mhambrey for U-19

Former Saurashtra captain Sitanshu Kotak and ex-India seamer Paras Mhambrey have replaced Rahul Dravid as head coaches of India A and U-19 sides respectively following a reshuffle in the support staff for juniors. Dravid has recently been appointed as the National Cricket Academy's head of cricket operations and will be preparing the roadmap for India A and U-19 teams along with upgradation plan for the existing coaching module. It will require him to stay more at the NCA even though he is free to travel for A or U-19 tours whenever he deems necessary. "There will be no formal announcements on this as all these people are NCA staff and this is an internal rejigging," a BCCI official told PTL.

Mizoram school lifts Subroto Cup U-14 title

Saidan Secondary School of Mizoram was on Thursday crowned Under-14 boys champions of Subroto Cup after defeating Unique Model Academy of Manipur 2-0. It was the Mizoram school's maiden title win in the tournament. B Romalsawma and Hummawia scored the goals for the Mizoram school in the sixth and 43rd minutes. The first half started with fierce exchanges. It was the Mizoram school players who showed their attacking intent and scored the first goal in the 6th minute through B Romalsawma.



Skysport claimed PSG had finally agreed to sell Neymar back to Barcelona.

Uncertain Neymar takes part in PSG training

Neymar took part in Paris Saint-Germain training on Thursday afternoon amid reports that an agreement had been reached that would see the Brazilian return to Barcelona. The world's most expensive player was the last to take to the training field in a session attended by a large contingent of journalists and broadcast live on PSG's own television channel. A short while earlier, Italian broadcaster Skysport claimed PSG had finally agreed to sell Neymar back to Barcelona, two years after signing him for 222 million euros (\$264 million at the time). Meanwhile, Catalan radio station RAC1 reported that Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu was in Monaco -- where the Champions League group stage draw was due to take place on Thursday evening -- and would take part in negotiations with PSG.

Vietnam joins F1 calendar in 2020 season

Formula One announced a record 22-race season next year with Vietnam joining the championship and the Dutch Grand Prix making its return to delight Max Verstappen and his fans at the iconic Zandvoort circuit. But Red Bull's gifted young Dutch driver won't have the chance to repeat last month's success at Hockenheim with the German Grand Prix dropped from F1's draft calendar released on Thursday. Germany's four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel described the loss of his home race as "a great pity". "Perhaps next year or the years that follow we'll realise that F1 should be in Germany," the Ferrari driver told AFP.

Abhimanyu replaces Tiwary as Bengal captain

Abhimanyu Easwaran was on Thursday named captain of the Bengal cricket team in place of Manoj Tiwary in all the three formats for the upcoming season. Tiwary, who has played 12 ODIs and three T20 Internationals, had succeeded Laxmi Ratan Shukla in 2015-16 season and led the side to Ranji Trophy semifinals in the 2017-18. The Sourav Ganguly-led Cricket Association of Bengal wanted a split captaincy, giving Tiwary the option to lead in the shorter formats while promoting Abhimanyu for the Ranji Trophy.



Cantona's speech leaves audience confused

Former France great Eric Cantona gave a typically perplexing speech after collecting the UEFA presidential award at the Champions League draw. Cantona said "only accidents, crimes, wars will still kill us, but unfortunately crimes and wars will multiply. I love football." It came after Cantona, who was fondly referred to as King Eric by fans of former club Manchester United, was asked to give his thoughts on receiving the accolade in Monaco. Dressed in a red shirt and grey cap, Cantona started off by invoking William Shakespeare's King Lear: "As flies to wanton boys, we are for the gods." He added: "They will kill us for the sport. Soon the science will not only be able to slow down the aging of the cells, soon the science will fix the cells to the state and so we will become eternal."

Novak survives injury scare

Advances to US Open third round after defeating Argentine Juan Ignacio Londero

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MAYBE, JUST maybe, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer are feeling some lingering after-effects of their historic Wimbledon final last month. For Djokovic, it's in the form of a left shoulder that is hurting right now and probably contributed to slower-than-usual serves in the US Open's second round on Wednesday night. For Federer, it's in the form of slow starts: He's lost the opening set in each of his first two matches at Flushing Meadows for the first time in 19 times he's entered the Grand Slam tournament.



Djokovic's shoulder injury flared up, which impacted his serve and backhand. Reuters

If they're going to reprise their rivalry late next week in the semifinals, both will need to improve. Djokovic was repeatedly visited by a trainer for shoulder massages at changeovers during a ragged 6-4, 7-6(3), 6-1 victory over 56th-ranked Juan Ignacio Londero of Argentina. Djokovic is a righty, of course, but he uses his other hand both for ball tosses on serves and on his two-fisted backhand - and both were less effective for stretches.

"I was definitely tested. This is something I've been carrying for a quite a while now," said Djokovic, who repeatedly shook his left arm between points while serving in his first-round match on Monday and did that again this time. "It wasn't easy playing with the pain and you have to fight and hope you get lucky with some shots."

Even though he won for the 35th time in his past 36 Slam matches, including in a fifth-set tie-breaker against Federer at the All England Club on July 14, the Serb looked uncomfortable and went away for stretches, including trailing 3-0 in the second set.

Asked how he plans to prepare for his next match on Friday, Djokovic replied with a laugh: "I'll probably freeze my arm for 48 hours, not do anything with it, and then see what happens." Federer, meanwhile, is not about to start trying new tricks now, despite needing to come back twice already.

He got to the third round by beating Damiir Dzumhur 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 on an afternoon when rain postponed all but nine scheduled singles matches and every doubles contest. Still, it's not as if the guy is going to seek some sort of magic solution. Working up more of a sweat in the gym before heading to the court, say. Or playing an extra practice set.

What he chose to focus on, instead, is looking on the bright side: "Can only do

Serena wards off McNally challenge

New York: Serena Williams withstood a "rough and rowdy" challenge from 17-year-old American wildcard Katy McNally at the US Open on Wednesday to keep her bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam title intact. Williams, a six-time champion in New York, recovered from dropping the opening set to prevail 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 and set up a third-round showdown with either 29th seed Hsieh Su-Wei or Karolina Muchova.

"I had to stop making errors. I made so many errors in the first two sets. I was just too many. You can't win tournaments making that many errors. I knew I had to play better, and I knew I could," Williams said. AFP

men already were gone by the time Federer stepped into Arthur Ashe Stadium — he cleaned up his act quickly.

Indeed, Federer was one of the lucky ones who will stay on the usual play-one-day, get-a-day-off Grand Slam schedule. Only matches at Ashe and Louis Armstrong Stadium, the event's two arenas with a retractable roof, were held. That included a loss by two-time champion Venus Williams to No. 5 seed Elina Svitolina, and victories for No. 2 Ash Barty, No. 3 Karolina Pliskova and 2017 runner-up Madison Keys on the women's side, and a win for No. 7 Kei Nishikori on the men's.

"You go through a little phase where you don't start so well and everybody asks you right away, 'What are you going to do?' You're like, I don't know. Just go back to the drawing board. Just do the same things again. You hope for a better outcome," said Federer, owner of a total of 20 major trophies, four ahead of Djokovic.

"I don't think there is, per se, a secret to a good start, other than warming up well, being well-prepared mentally, not underestimating your opponent. I did all of that. You know me, I will always do that."

better," Federer said, "which is a great thing, moving forward."

At a Flushing Meadows flush with surprises so far — half of the top 12 seeded

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice(s) on the dates mentioned below, calling upon the below mentioned borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned herein below within 60 days from the date of notice/ date of receipt of the said notices. The below mentioned borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the **borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors** and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the properties described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned below in the table. **The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.** The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank, for the amounts mentioned herein below beside future interest and other charges/expenses. In case borrower/guarantor do not pay back the dues within 30 days of this publication, the property shall be sold as prescribed, to recover the dues.

Name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor & Name of Branch	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice & Amount	Date of Possession
M/s Trived Traders Through its Proprietor Sh. Narayan Prasad Agarwal 1. Sh. Banmala Agarwal W/o Sh. Narayan Prasad Agarwal, 2. Sh. Manoj Agarwal S/o Sh. Narayan Prasad Agarwal 3. Sh. Meenu Rani Agarwal W/o Sh. Manoj Agarwal	1. All the Part and Parcel of the Residential Plot and construction thereon with land measuring in East-41 Ft, West-41 Ft, North-59.47 Ft. and in South-59.47Ft with total area of 2438.27 Sq ft. i.e. 226.60 Sq Meter bounded in East-Road 25Ft Wide, West- Land of Smt. Mithlesh Sharma, North-Land of Other Person & in South- Land of Smt. Mithlesh Sharma, belonging to to Khasara No.470, situated at Village Salempur Mehdood, Pargana Roorkee, Tehsil & Distt- Haridwar. Sale Deed Registered in Bahi No.1, Zild No.25 Pages 39-56 at Sr No.563 on dated 21.07.2010 in favour of Smt. Banmala Agarwal S/o Sh. Narayan Prasad Agarwal.	02.05.2019 Rs. 41,93,801/- (Rupees Forty-One Lakh Ninety-Three Thousands Eight Hundred One Only with further interest and other expenses w.e.f 01.04.2019 until payment in full	26.08.2019 (Symbolic)
	2. All the Part and Parcel of the Residential Plot and construction thereon having with total area of 1900 Sq Ft i.e 464.96 Sq Meter., bounded in East-Land of Smt Vanmala Agarwal, West- Road 6.35 Meter wide, North-Property of Raghuveer Maurya and in South- Road 9.14 Meter Wide, belonging to Khasara No.470, situated at village Salempur Mahdood, Pargana-Roorkee Tehsil & District Haridwar. Sale Deed Registered in Bahi No. 1, Zild No.26, Pages-357 to 392 at Sr No.608 on dated 22.07.2010 in favour of Sh. Narayan Prasad Agarwal S/o Late Sh. Babulal Agarwal.		
	Branch : Mayapur		

Date: 30.08.2019 **Place : Haridwar** **Authorised Officer**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

[Under Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on Dates as mentioned below (date of the sale) for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder due to the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s).

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor & Branch	Description of the Immovable Property	Reserve Price	Amount mentioned in the notice (Plus future interest & expenses to be calculated further)	E-auction Date Timing of E-auction Bid submission last date
		EMD of the Property Bid Increase Amount		
Borrower: M/s Hariom Galla Bhandar, Prop.: Shri Binod Prasad Gupta, Keoty Runway, Darbhanga. Guarantor: Shri Rameshwar Sahu, Mouja / Village - Runway, pargana - Pindaruch, P.O. & P.S.-Keoty, Darbhanga. B/o: Kathalbari, Darbhanga (BIHAR)	Equitable Mortgage of land and building in the name of Shri Rameshwar Sahu, situated at mouja-Runway, Pergana-Pindaruch, PS-Koti, Darbhanga bearing Khata No.824, Khesra No.-1769(O) & 1770(O), 3086(N), 3145(N), Area-1 Katha 6 Dhor. Bounded: North-Road, South-Smt.Somaria Devi, East-Ajab Yadav, Shukan Yadav and Kalar Yadav, West-Road.	₹21,02,000/- ₹2,10,200/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹26,45,506/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s Shyama Handloom. Prop.: Shri Ajit Kumar Jha, G.M. Road, Darbhanga. Guarantor: Smt. Bina Devi, W/o Shri Gopi Chandra Jha, Sarisabpahi, Pandual, Madhubani and Smt. Niroj Lata Devi W/o Shri Deo Chandra Jha, Sarisabpahi, Pandual, Madhubani. B/o: Kathalbari, Darbhanga (BIHAR)	Equitable Mortgage of all parts and parcel of the property consisting of land in Khata No.779, Khasra No.5339(O), 5791(N), Site Area-9 Katha 15 Dhur i.e. 18525 sft wide Sale Deed No.-3516 dated 06.04.1988 situated at Sarisabpahi, Anchal, Pandaul within the registration sub district-Madhubani district-madhubani in the name of Smt. Niroj Lata Devi and Smt. Bina Devi. Land Bounded: North-Babu Umesh Jha, South-Doctor Sri Gauri Nath Jha, East-Sadak West-Sri Pasupati Jha.	₹15,49,600/- ₹1,54,960/- ₹50,000/-	₹31,77,754/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s Shyama Sarees. Prop.: Shri Pradeep Jha, Near Corporation Bank, Incom Tax Chouraha, G.M. Road, Darbhanga. Guarantor: Shri Deb Chandra Jha, at Sarisabpahi, Pandual Madhubani and Shri Ajit Kumar Jha, at Sarisabpahi, Pandual Madhubani. B/o: Kathalbari, Darbhanga (BIHAR)	Equitable Mortgage of all parts and parcel of the property consisting of land and building in the name of Sri Deb Chandra Jha & Sri Gopi Chandra Jha, situated at Sarisabpahi, PS-Pandaul, District-Madhubani, bearing Sale Deed No.10187, dt.29.10.1990, Khata No.401, Khesara No.4297(Old), 4298(Old) Measuring Area 8 Dhur 8 Kanma i.e. 807 sft., Land Bounded: North-Pokhra Bhinda, South-Pitch Road, East-S. Nath, West-Jagannath Jha	₹7,63,000/- ₹76,300/- ₹50,000/-	₹72,76,820/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s R S Enterprises. Prop.: Mr. Sambhu Kumar Mehta, S/o Late Ram Narayan Singh, Rambag Road, Infront of Janhit Press, Near Kalazar Hospital, P.O.-Ramna, P.S-Mithanpura, Muzaffarpur-842002. Guarantor: Nil. B/o: Aghoria Bazar Chowk, Muzaffarpur (BIHAR).	All part and parcel of property measuring 7 Dhur, situated at Khata No.-452, New Khesra No.-669, Thana No.411, Jamabandi No.-4899, Mohalla-Rambag Road Lane, Infront of janhit Press, Ward No.-36, Muzaffarpur, Bihar-842002 in the name of Mr. Sambhu Kumar Mehta, Registered Mortgage Deed No.-27997 dated 09.10.2013. Bounded: North-Smt. Urmila Nandey, South-Niranjan Kumar, East-Sudhir Kumar, West-Gali.	₹8,44,000/- ₹84,400/- ₹10,000/-	₹13,12,826/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s Yadein Traders. Prop.: Sri Suresh Prasad, 18/605, Andi Gola, Sudhakar Lane, Jawaharlal Road, Sariyaganj, Muzaffarpur-842002. Guarantor: Sri Ram Nareesh Prasad, S/o Sri Gyan Chand Prasad of Balughat, Muzaffarpur, Bihar-842001. B/o: Aghoria Bazar Chowk, Muzaffarpur (BIHAR).	All part and parcel of the Building spread into 7.0 decimal, situated at 18/605, Andi Gola, Sudhakar Lane, JL Road, Sariyaganj, Muzaffarpur Having Khata No.-48, Khesra No.-315, Thana No.-406, Ward No.-23, Holding No.-605, standing in the name of Suresh Prasad (Proprietor) Partition Deed No.-466/02 dated 07.03.2003. Bounded by: North-Road, South-House of Pawan Chakarwati, East-House of Basudeo Prasad, West-House of Badrinarayan Sah.	₹84,43,500/- ₹8,44,350/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹58,36,603/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Sh Ravindra Kumar Yadav, S/o Sh. Nagdeo Ray. Dist.-Vaishali, Bihar-843114, B/o: Hajipur (BIHAR).	Vacant plot with demarcation pillars having poultry farm in part area situated at Rev. Thana No.-457, Khata No.-290, Khesra No.-1841, Village-Lakhnipur, Anchal-Patepur, Sub Registry-Mahua, Dist.-Vaishali, Area-6 Khatha 8 dhuri, 12160 Sq.Ft. in the name of Sh. Ravindra Kumar Yadav. Bounded by: North-Shiv Deo Ray, South-Brajkishore Ray, East-Saburi Ray, West-Road.	₹12,48,000/- ₹1,24,800/- ₹50,000/-	₹15,11,371/- and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Dharmendra Kumar S/o Achhay Paswan and Mrs. Rinki Kumari W/o Mr. Dharmendra Kumar, Mortgagor: Mr. Dharmendra Kumar and Mr. Rohit Kumar, Guarantor: Rohit Kumar, Address: Mauza-Saidpur Dhawan, PS- Bihur, Pin-804401, B/o: Arwal (BIHAR).	All the part and parcel of land and building measuring area 3.125 decimal whose Sale Deed No.721 dated 28.02.2001 in the Name of Mr. Dharmendra Kumar and Rohit Kumar S/o-Achhay Paswan Under Thana No.-23, Khata No.-81/11, Plot No.64/86, Mauza-Saidpur Dhawan, PS-District-Arwal, Bihar, Pin-804401, Bounded by: North-Road & Kripal Saw, South-Purchaser, East-Jagdish Prasad, West-Kunwar Mistri.	₹23,70,000/- ₹2,37,000/- ₹10,000/-	₹10,15,734/- and interest thereon	10.10.2019 11:00 AM to 11:30 PM 09.10.2019

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