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GDP growth contracts to 5 per cent, slowest in six years; Govt says more boosters coming

Collapse in consumption demand, slowdown in 5 of 8 sectors, savings dip

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

WEAK MANUFACTURING and consumption numbers dragged the country's GDP growth to a 25-quarter low of 5 per cent in the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal, data released by National Statistical Office (NSO) Friday showed. The GDP growth rate has now slowed for the fifth consecutive quarter with the previous low recorded at 4.3 per cent in March 2013.

Besides a sub-1 per cent growth in the manufacturing sector and weak agricultural growth, the slowdown was led by a visible collapse of consumption demand, evident from the

INDUSTRY	Percentage change over previous year's Q1	
	2018-19	2019-20
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	5.1	2.0
Manufacturing	12.1	0.6
Construction	9.6	5.7
Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services	6.5	5.9
GVA at Basic Price	7.7	4.9
GDP	8.0	5.0

tepid 3.1 per cent growth in private final consumption expenditure — an 18-quarter low. This

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THE NEW LARGEST BANKS AFTER SBI

ANCHOR BANK	AMALGAMATING BANK(S)	BUSINESS SIZE (in Rs)	BRANCHES
Punjab National Bank	Oriental Bank of Commerce, United Bank of India	17.94 lakh cr	11,437
Canara Bank	Syndicate Bank	15.20 lakh cr	10,342
Union Bank of India	Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank	14.59 lakh cr	9,609
Indian Bank	Allahabad Bank	8.08 lakh cr	6,104

STATE BANK OF INDIA: Largest bank, amalgamated earlier, Rs 52.05 lakh cr business

EXPLAINED **Right step, timing remains a challenge**

THE MERGER builds large banks — a step that brings efficiency and scale in banking. But the timing is a challenge: Activities, decision-making in smaller banks being merged will freeze. This when GDP contracts and consumption dips could affect the credit disbursement process.

Big bank reform: 10 merged into 4 for scale and growth

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

THE CENTRE Friday unveiled a mega amalgamation plan, the third in a row, that merged 10 public sector banks into four larger entities with board-level governance reforms aimed at improving banks' financial health and enhancing their lending capacity to support growth.

The merger announcement was followed by a move to infuse equity of Rs 55,250 crore in these banks to enable them grow their loan book.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced four new sets of mergers — Punjab

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India to merge to form the

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Assam's final NRC today, CM says will help people left out

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 30

THE FATE of lakhs of people in Assam will be decided Saturday when the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be published, four years after the exercise began. With the state on edge, the government stepped up security across all districts and sought to assure people that those excluded will not automatically be considered "illegal foreigners".

On Twitter, the NRC State Coordinator's office announced that the "Final NRC publication will be done through a press release from official NRC handles

(NRC website, Twitter and Facebook) at 10 AM on 31 August 2019."

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said Friday that people excluded from the NRC will get an opportunity to file appeals and be heard in Foreigners' Tribunals (FT) as per directions from the Union Home Ministry.

Sonowal said that extension of filing an appeal from 60 days to 120 days to the FT, will help "all the excluded persons to enjoy a level-playing field". "Government of Assam will take care of the cause of the excluded people and due care will be taken so that nobody is

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280 law and order incidents in 3 weeks, Srinagar tops the list: J&K police report

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 30

IN THE three weeks since the removal of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into two Union Territories, there have been around 280 law-and-order incidents across 10 districts of the Valley with more than 160 of these in Srinagar alone, according to an internal report of J&K Police accessed by *The Indian Express*.

At least 80 civilians have sustained pellet injuries in these incidents, official sources said, adding that two persons are currently undergoing treatment in hospitals.

The police, an officer said, count as a law-and-order incident any episode where "a

WORLD WAR-LIKE THREAT: IMRAN

New Delhi: Pakistan's PM Imran Khan has warned that the world faces a threat "similar to" World War II, but "under the nuclear shadow" this time. Earlier, he had said that "anything can happen" in the face-off between two "nuclear-armed countries". **PAGE 10**

person violates a law" even if "a group of boys barricade roads in their colony... Or, when they rough up a civilian. There are brushes with the forces too but

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Army Chief General Bipin Rawat in Srinagar on Friday. ANI

At LoC, Army chief tells troops: Be ready for any contingency

ARUN SHARMA, ADIL AKHZER & KRISHN KAUSHIK
JAMMU, SRINAGAR, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

AS TENSIONS soared between India and Pakistan, Army chief General Bipin Rawat Friday

visited formations and units deployed along the Line of Control in the Valley, and urged troops to be ready for any contingency including "emerging security challenges" in view of "increased infiltration attempts".

The Army chief, who reviewed preparedness along the LoC, is on a two-day visit to the

Valley, his first after the removal of the special status of J&K and its bifurcation into two Union Territories.

Accompanied by Chinar Corps commander Lt General KJS Dhillon, General Rawat was briefed by local commanders on ceasefire violations by Pakistani **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

First talks after J&K move: India, Pakistan make progress on Kartarpur

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
DERA BABA NANAK, AUG 30

INDIA AND Pakistan made "good progress" on the technical aspects of the proposed Kartarpur Corridor at a meeting held here on Friday — the first after the government's decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

"It was a positive meeting and good progress has been made regarding timely completion of the corridor project," an official of the Pakistan Foreign Office told *PTI* in Lahore. "Both sides also agreed to have another meeting of technical experts to review the progress on the project," the official said.

A meeting on the "political aspects" of the project will also be held soon, the Pakistani official said. "In that meeting, the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



At an NRC Seva Kendra in Guwahati on Friday. Dasarath Deka

33 mn people, 66 mn papers: Meet officer at the centre of it all

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 30

AS STATE coordinator of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), he is the head of an unprecedented, gigantic bureaucratic exercise with no equivalent in the world. Under his watch, around 33 million residents of Assam, supported by at least 66 million documents have attempted to prove that they or their ancestors have been in India before March 24, 1971, in a technology-driven verification procedure he devised.

And on Saturday, 50-year-

old Prateek Hajela, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will announce to the world Assam's final NRC, bringing to an end six years of his work on the project, which will list Indians residing in Assam and render millions who face exclusion to the risk of being stateless.

Last year, the Supreme Court, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Should be civil about disagreement, hear each other's point of view: PM

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 30

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Friday said people need not agree on everything "but there must be enough civility... for differing streams to be able to hear each other's point of view" and that he looked forward to "constructive criticism".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. PTI

Addressing the Malayala Manorama New Conclave 2019 in Kochi via a video link from New Delhi, Modi said: "Usually, it is believed that public figures prefer to be on forums whose thought process matches with the person's own world view. Because there is a lot of comfort in being among such people. Of course, I also cherish being among such surroundings but at **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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PM PRINCIPAL SECY NRIPENDRA MISRA TO QUIT OFFICE

CHIDAMBARAM'S CBI CUSTODY EXTENDED

UP law student traced, SC meets her, will stay in Delhi for 4 days

ANANTHAKRISHNAN, MAULSHREE SETH & MANISH SAHU
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, AUGUST 30

DIRECTING UP police to produce the missing Shahjahanpur law student who was traced to Rajasthan Friday, a Supreme Court bench, after interacting with her in the evening,

instructed that she be accommodated in a short-stay home in New Delhi for four days.

The woman was reported missing a week ago from Shahjahanpur, and her father had accused former BJP MP Swami Chinmayanand, head of the law college management, of harassing her and other students. Acting on his complaint, police had booked Chinmayanand on charges of

abduction and intimidation — charges he denied.

On Friday evening, Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to send a team to fetch her parents and arrange their meeting. The judges asked authorities of the short-stay home to allow her to use the landline phone to speak to her parents but barred her from **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

NIA 'misreads' blood test as hawala, summons top cardiologist

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

IT BEGAN Friday as an NIA investigation into alleged hawala transactions between the country's leading interventional cardiologist Professor (Dr) Upendra Kaul and Jammu and Kashmir separatist leader Yasin Malik. But it ended minutes later as a case of confusion over blood test results and abbreviations.

At 10.30 am Friday, Prof Kaul, who has been awarded the Padma Shri, was asked to explain text messages exchanged between him and his patient Yasin Malik that mentioned "INR 2.78". The NIA, according to Prof Kaul, believed INR 2.78 was possibly connected to hawala transactions.

But minutes into questioning, Prof Kaul explained to the premier agency that the INR mentioned in the text message stood for International

Normalized Ratio (INR), the result of a blood test commonly conducted to check how quickly the blood clots in patients consuming anti-clotting medicines — and not Indian Rupee, which is also abbreviated INR. Incidentally, Prof Kaul, who was summoned Friday as a witness by the NIA as part of its 2017 terror funding probe, has been critical of the Centre's decision to scrap the special status of J&K and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories.



Prof Upendra Kaul called in J&K terror funding case

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Prof Kaul said: "Yaseen Malik has been my patient since 1996. When he was in jail, Malik there is this blood test to check the efficacy of anti-coagulation. And it is called the International Normalized Ratio (INR)." According to him, for a healthy person, an INR of around 1.1 is considered normal. "And a person who is on blood thinners, the INR is between the range 2-3. In Malik's case, the INR was 2.78 and we have exchanged

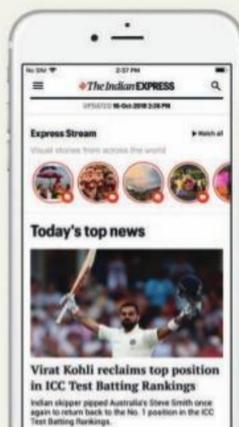
Batra Heart Centre, Prof Kaul said, "And following the surgery, he made a few visits for post-operative care. And in particular, there is this blood test to check the efficacy of anti-coagulation. And it is called the International Normalized Ratio (INR)." According to him, for a healthy person, an INR of around 1.1 is considered normal. "And a person who is on blood thinners, the INR is between the range 2-3. In Malik's case, the INR was 2.78 and we have exchanged

texts on the blood result test. They (NIA) must have picked up the INR 2.78 and possibly thought that it was some kind of hawala transaction going to Jammu and Kashmir. The agency was very nice during the questioning and I clarified that INR refers to the blood test," he said.

NIA sources said there were calls and text messages exchanged between Kaul and Yasin Malik. "These need to be verified. It is a routine process. Multiple people are

called for questioning when their numbers figure on a suspect's CDR or they are found in communication through any medium. Not everyone is a suspect. To be frank, we didn't even know that Kaul had criticised the government. We are focused on our case," said a senior NIA official.

Another official said that the agency also hoped to get details on Malik's health issues since the separatist leader keeps complaining about his ill health.



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WEB EXCLUSIVE

THE WAIT: ONE DAY BEFORE NRC, HOW FIVE FROM ASSAM AWAIT THE FINAL VERDICT

Irrespective of the support for the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, the effects of its implementation have cut across age, gender and ethnicity. With the final NRC list due on August 31, The Indian Express chronicles the stories of five individuals whose fates hang in the balance

VIDEO OF THE DAY



SHOULD HEAR POINTS OF VIEW: PM MODI

Should be 'enough civility' in public life to hear views, he says

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FM announced the merger of PNB, OBC and United Bank of India

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NRC out today

subjected to any unnecessary harassment," he said. "As long as the appellant's plea remains sub-judice with the Foreigners' Tribunal, he or she cannot be treated as a foreigner," he said, appealing to people to maintain peace, adding that the NRC was "an outcome of the untiring efforts of the thousands of people".

According to an NRC official, the publication Saturday will be a "Supplementary Inclusions List" which will provide the names of those included in the NRC after they had filed "claims" against their exclusion in the final draft published July 30 last year or excluded in the additional draft exclusions list published on June 26, 2019, or those who were in the final draft but had "objections" filed against their names or those who were included in the final draft but called for hearing from July 5, 2019, onwards.

The final draft NRC included 2.89 crore of the 3.29 crore applicants, and left out over 40 lakh people. Over 36 lakh of those left out, had filed "claims" against the exclusion and of the 2.89 crore included, objections were filed against around 2 lakh people.

In the draft exclusion list of June 26 this year, 1.02 lakh of the 2.89 crore were excluded, who were all given a chance to appeal their cases.

The "Supplementary Inclusions List", the NRC official said, will be available at the respective NRC Seva Kendra and office of circle officers and office of Deputy Commissioners. A person can put in his/her Application Receipt Number (ARN) and check the status online too.

On the NRC website, the lists titled "Supplementary Inclusions/Exclusions Lists (Final NRC) status" will reflect any change in the status of the above mentioned four categories of people will be shown. From September 7, the consolidated list will be available online.

NRC state coordinator Prateek Hajela was not reachable for comment. He has been censured against talking to the press on the NRC process by the Supreme Court, which monitors the exercise.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Assam DGP Kuladhar Saikia said, "Everything is peaceful and calm, and situation is very normal. A total of 218 companies of additional security forces are being deployed and if any objectionable social media post is brought to our attention we will take strict action."

J&K data

these have been minor and have not led to any serious injury".

According to the police internal report, Srinagar has had more than 160 law-and-order incidents between August 5 and August 27. This is followed by approximately 22 incidents in Pulwama and 18 in Baramulla. The highest number of incidents recorded on a single

day in the Valley was 24, reported on August 17.

Reporting of such incidents, the officer said, is high in Srinagar but "the intensity remains low" and "these are groups of not more than 10-15 people who are taking the law into their hands".

Within Srinagar, areas of Safakadal, Soura and Nigeen have been witness to maximum protests since the J&K administration imposed a lockdown on communication and movements within the state, ahead of the August 5 announcement.

The Safakadal area in downtown Srinagar has reported over 30 such incidents while Soura has reported 20 and the Nigeen area 15.

Movement restrictions were back Friday to pre-empt any likelihood of stone-throwing incidents post prayers. In Jenab Sahab Soura, an area that has been volatile since the first day of the lockdown, around 1,000 people gathered for the prayers. And yet again, prayers were not offered at Srinagar's Jamia Masjid.

An officer said one reason for the high number of incidents in Srinagar is its population of approximately 17.5 lakh, constituting about 30 per cent of the Valley count. "It is also difficult to predict Srinagar too precisely. In other districts, officers have understanding of pockets where such law and order incidents may occur," the officer said.

Security forces in the Valley, the officer said, are focussed on "ensuring that there is no loss of life" and "are tackling mobs based on the intensity of the crowds".

Army chief

troops, the situation on the ground and the measures taken. During his interaction with soldiers, he praised them for their high morale and motivation.

A Defence spokesperson said the Army chief "appreciated the robust counter-infiltration grid which has neutralised multiple infiltration attempts of terrorists".

The visit to the LoC formations and units assumes significance given the increase in incidents of ceasefire violation by Pakistan and infiltration attempts. Large-scale activity is said to have been noticed at over two dozen terror camps/launch pads along the International Border and LoC.

In New Delhi, Defence sources said street outfits have, over the last 10 days, been threatening local shopkeepers not to open shops. Terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen have also put up posters in different parts of the Valley, issuing threats and trying to instigate local residents, sources said.

In the Valley, restrictions on civilian movement were re-imposed Friday with authorities barring people from offering prayers at the major mosques. Several protesters were injured under police and paramilitary forces fired pellets and tear-

smoke shells to disperse protesters at Anchar on Srinagar's periphery.

Moving to foil protests, police and paramilitary forces blocked roads with concertina wire spools and metal barricades. The Friday prayers were allowed in neighbourhood mosques.

Kartarpur

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between the two countries on the corridor project," he said.

The meeting, held in makeshift tents at Zero Point, was attended by 10-15 officials from each side. These included officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Border Security Force, National Highways Authority of India, Land Ports Authority of India and Punjab government's irrigation department.

"The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere," NHAI Chief Engineer T S Chahal told PTI. The two sides discussed technical issues including timing of completion of bridge, alignment of roads and other engineering aspects of the proposed crossing points.

Sources said discussions were held on the construction of a temporary service road, as both sides have agreed that there is no time to construct a bridge over the flood plains of Ravi before November 8 — the deadline set for opening the corridor.

"India has conveyed to Pakistan that we will construct a parallel arrangement of the bridge and service road on our side," said an NHAI official.

"We have already constructed a part of the bridge on our side. We have urged Pakistan to build a similar bridge on their side, so that the two can then be linked. But this may not be possible before November 8," said the official.

"So we have made two provisions on our side. We can use a ramp to connect the bridge with the service road; the service road on our side will be linked to the service road constructed by Pakistan. Or we can just use the service road for the entire stretch over the causeway," said the official.

Prateek Hajela

which is monitoring the process, censured him for about the NRC to the media. "In any endeavour where the intentions are pure and so also are the ways and means," wrote Hajela on Facebook on June 30, "every obstruction is an opportunity — an opportunity to reflect, accept, identify one's weakness and remove it, or an opportunity to identify one's strength and use or display it to overcome the obstruction, or an opportunity to think beyond the ordinary and get over the obstruction."

Born in Bhopal, Hajela is from a renowned family in the city. His father served in the Madhya Pradesh government and his brother is a doctor. His uncle, P D Hajela, was a former Vice Chancellor of the Allahabad University in UP and Sagar University in MP.

In July 1996, Hajela first came to Assam as an Assistant Commissioner in Silchar in Assam's Bengali-majority district of Cachar — the same place where during Durga Puja in October last year, an NGO put up a huge banner in the town portraying Hajela as the demon that the goddess slays. A poem in the banner jibed that Hajela increases people's worries with "one stroke of his pen".

In September 2013, Hajela was appointed Commissioner and Secretary of the Home and Political department of Assam by the then Congress government and also took over as State Coordinator for the NRC updation process as the nodal officer

GDP growth contracts to 5 per cent

comes amid global headwinds and lingering trade disputes.

Data showed that the growth has slowed down in five out of eight sectors, reflecting the widespread weakness in the overall economy.

Investment demand, too, was sluggish, with only government expenditure providing support to growth. The first quarter numbers point to the need for a sharp pickup in growth in the remaining three quarters if the targeted growth of 6.9 per cent for the current fiscal is to be achieved.

With declining household savings and lower buoyancy in government's revenue collections, there will be limited fiscal space to spur economic growth and the monetary policy tool — through more rate cuts — could be relied on to boost growth going ahead.

The slowdown in economy is also expected to adversely affect income growth which, in turn, would further dent consumption demand. A favourable low base effect, however, would be seen third quarter onwards, which will help push the headline growth number higher.

Growth rate of Gross Value

Added (GVA), which is GDP minus net product taxes, fell below 5 per cent level to 4.9 per cent in the first quarter of this financial year as against 7.7 per cent in the corresponding period last year. Nominal GDP growth was recorded at 8.0 per cent in April-June as against 12.6 per cent last year.

In April-June, manufacturing growth slumped to 0.6 per cent as against double-digit growth of 12.1 per cent last year, while the "agriculture, forestry and fishing" sector recorded a growth rate of 2.0 per cent as against 5.1 per cent last year. GVA growth for the construction sector also slowed to 5.7 per cent in April-June from 9.6 per cent year ago.

The Reserve Bank of India, in its Annual Report for 2018-19 released on Thursday, had suggested that the recent deceleration in the economy could be in the nature of a soft patch muting into a "cyclical downswing", rather than a "deep structural slowdown" and that its disaggregated analysis confirmed that a broad-based cyclical downturn is underway in several sectors — manufacturing, trade, hotels, transport, communication and

broadcasting, construction and agriculture.

A string of indicators, from automobile sales to rail freight, have reinforced deep drops in domestic consumption.

The slowdown is being felt beyond discretionary purchases such as vehicles and durables with fast-moving consumer goods companies manufacturing small-ticket items such as soaps, biscuits and other daily essentials

reporting a steady slide in consumer sentiment. Vehicle sales numbers in July were the worst in 19 years coming on the back of over 286 dealership outlets downing their shutters in the last 18 months and at least 15,000 job losses estimated over the last quarter. The steady slide in investment activity has been progressively intensifying — evidenced by a nearly 30 per cent drop in capital expenditure by the government in the June 2019 quarter alongside a near halving of new project announcements by India Inc.

The government had come out with several measures last week to tackle the downswing and promised more steps in the coming weeks. The package

unveiled on August 23, the first of three planned stimulus packages, included a reduction of taxes, improvement of liquidity in the banking sector, increased government spending on auto and infrastructure, and accelerated refunds of goods and services tax (GST).

Economists said that although government expenditure provided some support to growth, collapse of private consumption demand is the real cause of concern.

Said Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian: "Qtlly. GDP estimates show that India's GDP growth, while high, has shown some slowdown. This is due to both endogenous and exogenous factors. Impact comes, especially, from global headwinds due to deceleration in developed economies, Sino-American trade conflict etc."

"Similar phenomena has also been observed previously before during Q4 (2012-13) and Q4 (2013-14), when growth was around 5%. Electricity and power generation, which is a leading indicator across the world, grew by 8.6% — a good sign of green shoots towards higher growth," he said.

Big bank reform: 10 merged into 4 for scale

country's second-largest lender; Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank to amalgamate; Union Bank of India to acquire Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank; Indian Bank to merge with Allahabad Bank. Banks have been merged on the basis of likely operating efficiencies, better usage of equity and their technological platform, officials said.

Instead of privatising some of these banks or bringing in strategic investors, the government decided that amalgamation is the "best route" to achieve banking sector scale and to support the target of achieving a \$5-trillion economic size for India in five years, Sitharaman said. Analysts note that the amalgamations will help banks scale up but doubt if it will lead to an immediate improvement in their credit metrics.

The biggest merger of the four was Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India merging into Punjab National Bank to create the second largest state-owned bank with Rs 17.95 lakh crore-business and 11,437 branches. These three banks are technologically compatible as they use Finacle Core Banking Solution (CBS) platform. Punjab National Bank MD and CEO Sunil Mehta said the bank and the government "were in consultation for quite

some time and we were on board."

Fund infusion in the merged entity will provide growth capital enabling the bank to enhance lending, Mehta said. Punjab National Bank will get a fresh capital infusion of around Rs 16,000 crore, the FM said.

"In 2017, when there were 27 public sector banks, after today's announcement there will be 12. So 12 solidly present, well-consolidated, energised, adequately capital-endowed banks will now operate to achieve the target of \$5-trillion economy," Sitharaman said, adding that "we're trying to build the NextGen banks."

The merger of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank — both of which use the iFlex CBS platform — will create the fourth largest public sector bank with Rs 15.20 lakh crore-business and a branch network of 10,324.

Canara Bank will get a capital infusion of Rs 6,500 crore. Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank's merger with Union Bank of India will create India's fifth largest public sector bank with Rs 14.59 lakh crore-business and 9,609 branches. The government announced a capital infusion of Rs 11,700 crore for the Union Bank of India. These three banks work on Finacle CBS platform.

"We have synergies since we are operating on same tech-

nology platform. Our Board will meet within a week to take a call on the proposal," Union Bank of India MD and CEO Rajkiran Rai G. said. He said the capital infusion announced by the government will help the amalgamated bank grow its balance sheet by over 10 per cent.

The merger of Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank — both use the BaNCST technology platform — will create the seventh largest public sector bank with Rs 8.08 lakh crore-business with strong branch networks in the south, north and east of the country. Indian Bank will get an equity infusion of Rs 2,500 crore.

Last year, the government had merged Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda, creating the third-largest bank by loans in the country. The government said this merger has been "a good learning experience" as profitability and business of the merged entity has improved.

Earlier, the State Bank of India acquired its associate banks. Indian Overseas Bank, Uco Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Punjab and Sind Bank, which have strong regional focus, will continue as separate entities. Bank of India and Central Bank of India will work on strengthening their national footprint.

for the Registrar General of India (RGI).

"We recommended him because he had sound knowledge of the subject. He was a very efficient bureaucrat at that point and there was no adverse remark about him," former Congress Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi told The Indian Express. He is quick to add, "But Hajela is not the 'boss' of the process - the RGI is. And it is being carried out under the monitoring of the SC. Officers may come and go."

For about six months after his appointment, Hajela worked to chalk out a basic foundation of the NRC process alone and by August 2014, hired his core team of 10-12 people, said sources.

As the process progressed, Hajela is credited with single-handedly devising the technical

concepts that guide the NRC updation — where a person's ancestry could be mapped via digital datasets, which draws from decades-old documents, and the planned the modus operandi for consequent rounds of physical verifications. On the personal side, Hajela keeps his latest Apple devices close — any query to him on the NRC process often leads to him fetching soft copies of documents or SC orders on an iPad.

Hajela has applied for the NRC too, and in the first draft published midnight December 31, 2017, his and his daughter's names hadn't been included. Father and daughter — like lakhs of people in the state — appeared for a hearing in Guwahati in May 2018 much in media glare. Their names were included in the final

draft.

On the morning of July 30, 2018, Hajela along with RGI Sailesh addressed a jam-packed press conference at the NRC office in Guwahati to release the final draft of the register that excluded over 40 lakh applicants.

Following that, the SC severely reprimanded him and RGI Sailesh for talking to the press and threatened to put them behind bars.

In recent months, the state government and the state unit of the BJP have lashed out at every possible opportunity against Hajela. In a statement on July 24, the state BJP said Hajela was working under the direction of "certain forces" to "publish a faulty NRC with names of illegal foreigners in it".

PM Modi

the same time, I believe there must be a constant and continuous dialogue between individuals and organisations irrespective of one's thought process."

"We need not have to agree on everything but there must be enough civility in public life for differing streams to be able to hear each other's point of view. Here I am, at a forum where perhaps I do not have many whose thought process is similar to mine but there are enough thinking people whose constructive criticism is something I greatly look forward to," he said.

"The organisers of this conclave have picked a very interesting theme — New India. Critics will ask you: Are you also speaking the language of Modiji now? I hope you have your answers

ready for that. But, since you have picked a theme so close to my heart, let me take this opportunity to share with you what I think is the spirit of New India."

"I have always said: we may move or not, India is changing fast and this change is happening for the good. At the core of the New India spirit are individual aspirations, collective endeavours and a spirit of ownership for national progress. New India is about participative democracy, a citizen-centric government and pro-active citizenry. New India is the era of responsive people and responsive government."

For many years, the Prime Minister said, a culture was perpetrated in which aspiration became a bad word. "Doors opened depending on your contacts. Success depended on whether or not you belonged to an Old Boy's club. Big cities, select big institutions and big families. This is all that mattered. The economic culture of Licence Raj and Permit Raj struck at the heart of individual ambitions. But, today things are changing for the better. We see a spirit of New India in the vibrant start-up eco-system. Thousands of talented youngsters are creating fantastic platforms, show-casing their spirit of enterprise. We also see this spirit on the sports field."

UP law student

meeting anyone else till the court meets her again. The bench will hear the matter next on September 2.

The judges said she was responsive to their questions, that she understood English but replied mostly in Hindi. "She stated that prior to Raksha Bandhan she left Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, along with her three college mates who are also their family friends, in order to protect herself. She has stated that she does not intend to go back to Uttar Pradesh for the present till she meets her parents in Delhi and talks to them. She has further stated that after meeting her parents and talking to them, she will take a decision on her future course of action. Miss "A" wants to stay back in Delhi for the time being till she meets her parents and talks to them," the judges said.

The woman's father told The Indian Express: "We have been watching news channels the entire day and we learnt about our daughter's recovery from Rajasthan. Later in the day, some police officers came to my house and informed us that she had been recovered from the Dausa area of Rajasthan."

"We have come to know that the next hearing will take place in the Supreme Court on Monday. I have not yet spoken to her but I have been informed that she wants to meet us. Soon, we will all leave for Delhi to meet her and get to know the truth. So far, we only know what she said in a video uploaded before she went missing," he said.

The bench had taken suo motu cognizance of the matter after a group of women lawyers brought the matter to its notice a day earlier.

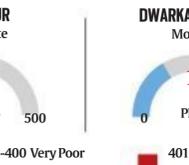
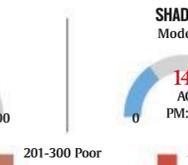
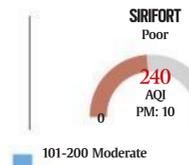
Meanwhile, DIG (Bareilly Range) Rajesh Pandey said: "We recovered her from Dausa district in Rajasthan. She was there with a youth."

The police team searching for her learnt that the youth accompanying her had withdrawn Rs 1,500 from an ATM in Jaipur Thursday. The money, police said, was withdrawn from the youth's bank account. A police team was also sent to Uttarakhand to record Chinmayanand's statement. Last Sunday, his lawyer Om Singh had lodged an FIR, alleging an extortion bid.

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LOCAL POLICE INTERVENED

Delhi Police team mistaken for child lifters in Bareilly, roughed up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI,
AUGUST 30

A TEAM of Delhi Police personnel were mistaken for child lifters and confronted by locals in Bareilly district's Bhura village Friday.

DIG, Bareilly Range, Rajesh Pandey claimed locals mistook the policemen and people accompanying them because they

were in plainclothes. "On Wednesday evening, their car was stopped by locals and was only allowed to go after local police came to the spot and said they are policemen. They were manhandled by locals, but once local police arrived, they were allowed to go. They had come to give a notice to a local resident for a dowry case," said Pandey. SHO of Bhojipura police station, Manoj Tyagi, said the police team from Welcome police sta-

tion in New Delhi comprising an inspector and two constables were targeted. "They were accompanied by a woman, the complainant in the dowry case, and her brother, who had long hair. Locals mistook them for child lifters. Delhi Police had not informed us about their visit, else one of us would have accompanied them," said the SHO. Tyagi said that once local police were informed, they rushed to the spot and spoke to locals.

"We found the people had Delhi Police IDs. We convinced locals to let them go," he said. Delhi Police, however, claimed the team of three police officers from North East district were "in uniform and accompanied by a local police officer from Bhojipura police station in Bareilly". DCP (North East) Atul Kumar Thakur said, "On August 28, a team from the district went to Bareilly to investigate a dowry case. They were accompanied by

a male relative of the complainant. Before they headed to the village, they got a DD entry done at the local police station and were assigned a constable." A police officer said at least 50-60 villagers gathered around the group and the "complainant's relative was roughed up". The villagers let them go after they were convinced they were policemen, the officer said. Delhi Police denied the UP police's claim that the team had been manhandled.

As girls drowned, village in Ghaziabad feared they had been kidnapped

AMIL BHATNAGAR
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 30

WHEN NINE-YEAR-OLD Preeti and her cousin, six-year-old Chanchal, could not be found after they went out cycling Thursday, a rumour that a child lifter had kidnapped them spread across Modinagar's Devendrapuri colony. Panicking, the family and neighbours started looking for a possible suspect everywhere. The cousins, however, had died after their bicycle fell into a pit filled with water.

"When we couldn't find them, people said a child kidnapper was on the prowl... For an hour, everyone searched accordingly. It was only when my daughter-in-law spotted Preeti's slippers next to the muddy track that we realised they had fallen in. If we had looked earlier, maybe my granddaughters could have been saved," said Kunti, their grandmother.

On Thursday afternoon, the sisters decided to cycle around the area. They ventured onto a narrow path in a field, marked by pits filled



The spot where the children drowned. Express

with rainwater. The cycle slipped and they fell into a 10-foot-deep pit. Their bodies were found hours later during a search operation. "They never go out cycling; they would always play outside. But that day, they decided to take the cycle," said Kunti, alleging that "these pits have been ignored for many years". The particular patch of land in Devendrapuri, which has more than 1,500 houses, comes under the Nagar Palika. Locals have alleged apathy on their part. "There are several deep drain-

like pits that have developed over time. There is also a drain whose embankments have been broken. Today, the hole was covered with sand but it took the death of two children for them to wake up," alleged Rishabh, a resident. The district magistrate is awaiting a report on the incident, being looked into by the SDM, Modinagar. "Action will be taken once the role of any erring official is ascertained. The area comes under the authority of the Nagar Palika," said Ajay Shankar Pandey, DM Ghaziabad.



QR tags were affixed on trees in Lodhi Gardens. Archive

QR codes will be removed from 100 trees: Forest dept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

TAKING A stance against damage done to trees, the Delhi forest department directed the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) to remove QR tags from 100 trees in Lodhi Gardens Thursday. The action follows a notice issued last week to the council, leading to a probe which has found pervasive damage to trees on which QR codes were affixed.

"As per a 2013 NGT order, nothing can be fixed on trees. So the question of permission does not arise (which the NDMC did not take). There will be an inspection of trees from tomorrow, and further action and penalty will be decided afterwards," said Deputy Conservator of Forests (South) Saurabh Sharma.

As per the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, the fine amounts to Rs 10,000 per tree. Officials said the NGT order ensures prevention of any damage, especially in the form of hurting nutrition procurement, to the trees.

"Fixing anything on trees leads to infection and causes them to dry up as it disrupts the nutrition flow. In fact, even one nail can seriously cause damage — these QR codes were 10 cm by 10 cm, and in places an inch deep," said Verhaen Khanna from the New Delhi Nature Society.

Khanna, who inspected the site, said that to attach QR codes, the NDMC had to cut a portion of the trunk. He also claimed that the glue used to fix the tags was also eating up the wood.

"The horticulture department has said it would put wet soil and some medicine on the trees to undo the damage done by the glue. They have a tree ambulance to fix other issues," Khanna said.

The 2013 NGT order mandates removal of all signboards or nails from trees. "We can put the sign on a stick or stand as an alternative," added Khanna. NDMC officials said they never intended to harm the trees. "The tag was, at most, 2 mm deep, not an inch. We have handled trees and this would not have resulted in as much damage as they (forest officials) claim. In the next Tree Census, we will install QR codes with elastic so as to not damage the epidermal cells," said S Chellaiiah, director of the NDMC's Horticulture Department.

The QR tags were originally intended for inquisitive visitors who could scan the code for additional information about the tree. While only 100 trees were affixed with these tags at Lodhi Gardens, which is home to some exotic species of trees such as baobabs, officials said the plan was to fix QR tags on 4,000 trees across the city.

Newlywed dies in building collapse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

AN 18-YEAR-OLD newlywed woman died after two floors of a three-storey building collapsed in Outer Delhi's Samaypur Badli, early Friday morning. Two others, including the woman's husband, were injured, police said. The couple, Chotu Kumar Gautam (25) and Poonam, who hailed from UP's Hardoi, lived on the second floor, while Parveen Singh (27), who suffered minor injuries, lived on the third floor.

"We were informed about the incident at 5.15 am. We alerted the Delhi Fire Services and rushed to the spot. We cleared the debris and rescued three people. Two of them were rushed to Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital and one was taken to Babu Jagjivan Ram Hospital. The woman was declared dead on arrival, her husband needs to undergo surgery. The third victim was discharged after primary treatment," said a senior police officer.

Poonam's parents lived on the ground floor. Sudhir Gautam (27), Chotu's elder brother, said, "Poonam and Chotu got married three months ago... after which



The three-storey building collapsed on Friday

they shifted to Delhi. They rented the one-room set two months ago." Chotu worked as a labourer in a nearby factory.

Singh said he had been living at the place for three years, and had complained to the landlord multiple times about the poor condition of the building.

"The parapet fell earlier this year. Luckily, nobody was hurt. I contacted the owner over the issue. He said he would fix the building, but didn't do anything," alleged Singh.

No arrests have been made yet, police said, adding that an FIR has been registered against unknown persons.

Van driver's son held for raping minor

Gurgaon: The son of a driver of a private school's van has been arrested for allegedly raping a nursery student on Thursday. Police said the accused went to work in his father's place as the latter was unwell. According to police, the incident came to light on Friday morning when the child's parents woke her up to find she was refusing to attend school. "The child confided in her mother, revealing that the previous day, the son of the driver of her van had taken the vehicle to an isolated area and raped her," said a police officer.

"An FIR was immediately registered regarding the matter, and the accused driver was arrested. Further investigations are being conducted," the officer said.

Investigation into the matter revealed that the driver of the van had fallen ill on Thursday, and had sent his son to pick up and drop students to and from school. Police said the child was the last to be dropped off. **ENS**

Mistaken for child kidnappers, four women waylaid by mob in Noida

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, AUGUST 30

FOUR WOMEN were cornered by a mob which mistook them for child kidnappers, in Noida Phase 2 Friday. Police said they received a call informing them that a crowd "foiled a bid by four women to kidnap an infant" in Sector 93's Gheja Market.

"A PCR van and staff of Phase 2 police station reached the spot.

One of the women was carrying her eight-month-old child, who appears to have been mistaken for a kidnapped child," said an official from Phase 2 police station. Police urged the caller to not indulge in rumour mongering.

Man held for spreading rumours

A 19-year-old man was arrested Friday for allegedly spreading child-kidnapping ru-

mours in Noida's Sector 51. The accused called police claiming that a child had been kidnapped in Hoshiarpur.

"It appears he suspected a mentally challenged woman might kidnap a child... no crime had taken place. Proceedings under CrPc section 151 (preventive detention) was initiated," said a police officer.

Meanwhile, UP Police is mulling action under NSA against rumour mongers for deterrence.

Fines for not harvesting rainwater

New Delhi: Houses and institutions built on more than 100 square metres of land will have to install rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems on their premises, failing which, they will have to pay stringent fines.

The Delhi Jal Board passed the resolution in its board meeting held on August 19 and set a deadline of March next year to install RWH systems in buildings built after July 2001. Those buildings built before the date will get another year to comply.

Consumers with RWH systems will get a 10% rebate but defaulters will be charged 1.5 times the water bill till the system is installed, officials said. In cases where installing an RWH system is not possible, DJB officials will be allowed to take a final call.

"The guideline was already a part of the Master Plan... We will start an awareness programme to inform consumers," said DJB vice-chairperson Dinesh Mohaniya. **ENS**

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At 2 DU rallies, ABVP mixes campus development with J&K, Savarkar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

IN LARGE rallies conducted by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in the North and South campuses ahead of the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) polls, the now removed busts of V D Savarkar, Bhagat Singh and Subhas Chandra Bose were at the centre of addresses by the top leadership.

Among those who addressed the crowd of hundreds of ABVP activists at the Faculty of Arts in North Campus were national joint organising secretary Shrinivas; Delhi state secretary Sidharth Yadav; and north zone joint organising secretary Ajay Thakur.

"Today, ABVP's Chhatra Garjanan rally in Delhi University is to give a warning to the administration and to those people who want to humiliate the university. I want to ask you



At the rally in North Campus, Friday. Express

all — can an image of Veer Savarkar not be put up in a campus in this country? Can an image of Bhagat Singh not be put up in a campus in this country? Can an image of B R Ambedkar not be put up in a campus in this country?" Shrinivas said.

Members of the outgoing union had put up a pillar with busts of Savarkar, Singh and Bose outside the Arts Faculty last Wednesday, without permission

Potential candidates, on the other hand, kept the thrust on 10 student-centric demands. These include a demand for gynaecologists at college health centres, concession passes for university students for Metro travel, free education for transgender students, construction of new hostels, student representation in the academic council, and an option for supplementary examinations for undergraduate students.

While students likely to contest DUSU polls attempted to maintain focus on these promises, the leadership took a more aggressive approach. "Decide if you are with those who work to unite the country or those who work to divide the country," said Ajay Thakur, stating that the organisation "works for national issues along with issues of student interest" by placing emphasis on the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

The polls are scheduled for September 12.

No water in school, paying for tankers myself: Councillor

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

TUGHLAKABAD COUNCILLOR Poonam Bhati, during the South MCD standing committee meeting Thursday, said a girls' school in her area has had no water for the past month after the motor stopped working. She said tankers have to be sent every alternate day, for which she spends around Rs 30,000 out of her pocket.

"Officials inspected the school Friday and said fresh boring needs to be done," she said.

South body education department director Shirish Sharma said as a stop gap arrangement, water supply from the Delhi Jal Board has been provided. "Work will be started for

fresh boring," he said. Bhati, however, said, "DJB supply in our area is weak; it comes every three-four days. Will the children be thirsty till then?"

She also claimed she was bearing the cost of lights at a park in Tughlakabad Extension, as the civic body has not installed the same despite repeated requests.

Councillors also raised the issue of illegal vendors operating in weekly markets in connivance with officials.

Standing committee chairperson, South MCD, Bhupender Gupta, said, "We all know how *tehbazari* rules are flouted. Contractors, in nexus with local officials of the area, set up more than double the number of shops that are allowed by the MCD."

Gupta told officials to address the issues or face action.

Job was dangerous, but paid more: Kin of man dead in sewer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 30

WHILE THE pay was better for cleaning drains — around Rs 800, as opposed to Rs 200-500 for other tasks — the money did little to assuage the concerns of Balraj Sauda's relatives over his safety. On Tuesday, their fears came true as they received news of his death while he was cleaning a drain in Gurgaon's Sector 7.

"We used to hear about sanitation workers dying... we begged our uncle to give it up. He agreed that the job was dangerous but added that he was careful, and that the pay was good," said Sauda's nephew, Prem.

It was 10 years ago that Sauda first came to Gurgaon from UP's Meerut. While he initially worked

as a sweeper, over the last few months, his work was mostly cleaning sewers and drains.

On Tuesday, Sauda was hired by a dairy owner to clean drains outside his house in Krishna Colony. The father of four descended into the drain, without a helmet, bodysuit or oxygen mask. "He started feeling giddy and fainted. Two of his helpers pulled him out. He was rushed to the hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival," said ASI Sanjeev Kumar, the investigating officer.

An FIR was filed and the dairy owner arrested. He was produced in court and released on bail.

The arrest is of little comfort to Sauda's wife: "Two of our daughters are teenagers and we were saving money for their weddings. Now we aren't even sure of daily survival."

ACTIVISTS THREW TABLES AND CHAIRS, ALLEGES SFI

Police reach AUD campus as ABVP disrupts film screening

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

A SCREENING of Anand Patwardhan's documentary film 'Ram Ke Naam', based on the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition, was allegedly disrupted by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) at Ambedkar University Delhi Friday. Police were called to the campus as tension escalated.

The Left-wing Students' Federation of India (SFI) had organised the screening in solidarity with students of Hyderabad Central University (HCU), who were detained for screening the documentary on campus last week.

SFI AUD unit secretary Sruti M D claimed they faced problems with the screening right from the beginning despite having sought permission. "A guard came and locked the door around 2.30 pm when the screening was to begin,



At Ambedkar University Delhi, Friday

and said he had been ordered by the security office not to allow anyone inside. After an argument, we were allowed in and we began the screening. Soon after, some ABVP members came in shouting slogans, and started saying how the movie hurts sentiments of Hindus," she said.

"The Dean of Students, Pro-Vice-Chancellor were already present, and they tried to intervene, but ABVP refused to listen. After heated arguments, they finally went out and cut off electricity to our room. This happened three-four times. We were finally forced to watch it on a laptop with bluetooth speakers," said Sruti.

She claimed that while the screening was on, ABVP activists threw tables and chairs on the door to break it open. During this time, the administration allegedly called the police.

"We somehow finished the screening despite several disruptions but could not hold a discussion like we intended to," Sruti said.

ABVP AUD unit president Badal Prakash said they interrupted the screening because SFI did not have permission for the event and the film showed Hindus in a poor light.

"When they circulated an invite for the film yesterday, they said RSS and VHP were terrorist organisations. They have also been throwing pamphlets with Bhagwan Ram ji's photo on the ground, and stepping on it," he alleged.

"The film has already been stopped from being screened at HCU and Presidency College Kolkata because of its content. We only wanted them to postpone the programme till they had valid permission," said Prakash.

Dean of Students Santosh Singh did not specify whether police were called by the administration. "There was no violence. We stopped the issue from escalating. We did not anticipate that things would go in this direction as AUD has always allowed space for expression. I think elections are around the corner and these student groups are trying to make their presence felt," he said.

Man who molested woman in Chandni Chowk gets year in jail

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

NOTING THAT it was important to assure women of their safety in the city, a Delhi court upheld a one-year sentence handed to a man accused of molesting a businesswoman from North East India. "People tend to take advantage of women in busy market places because they believe they can escape because of the crowd and because a victim may not, out of shame and fear of harassment, report the crime," it observed.

The accused, Pradeep Kumar, had molested the woman while she was travelling in a rickshaw with her business

partner in Chandni Chowk on October 28, 2014.

The man was accused by her business partner and handed over to police. He was convicted by a Delhi court under IPC section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and directed to undergo a sentence of one year, following which he filed an appeal before Additional Sessions Judge Dr Ashish Aggarwal.

The ASJ wanted to enhance the sentence of the appellant, but as there was no appeal against the sentence awarded to the appellant filed by state, the court did not take recourse to that.

"Here, the victim is a person from a North Eastern state of India who was travelling for

business. It is important to assure such women of their safety in the city," the court said.

The counsel for the appellant argued before court that the woman did not raise an alarm and did not object to the incident, which shows that his client was wrongly implicated in the case.

Rejecting the argument, the court held "a person who is travelling nonchalantly would obviously be startled and shocked on such an incident taking place".

The court also referred to the woman's cross-examination, in which she stated that she "froze" and was in shock. "The mere fact that she would not raise an alarm does not inure any benefit to the appellant," the court said.

In fact, the complainant also

did not wish to depose before the court, but she later overcame her inhibitions, court records stated. Records also showed she did not wish to get embroiled in any controversy or come to court.

"She clearly found no pleasure in making the accusation. She harboured the impression that reporting the crime would cause her harassment and she had no inclination to travel to court and to depose. This is evident from her repeated pleas that she should not be made to come to court. Yet, the complainant overcame her inhibition to report the crime. There is nothing to suggest that she had any oblique motive in mind in making the imputations," the ASJ said in his judgment.

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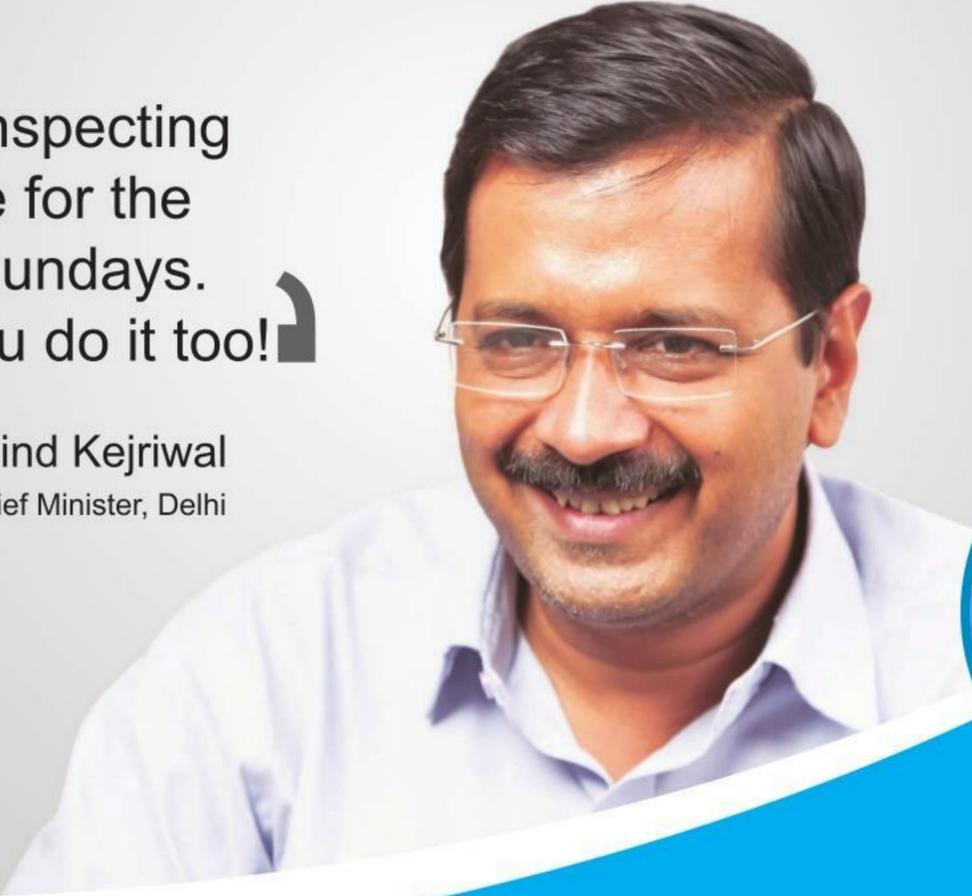
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FIR against lawyer after wife alleges triple talaq

SOMYA LAKHANI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

AN FIR has been registered against a 31-year-old lawyer after his 26-year-old wife alleged that he gave her triple talaq on Thursday afternoon, outside Parliament Street police station.

'An FIR was filed Friday, no arrest has happened so far. We are collecting evidence and probing the case,' said Additional DCP (New Delhi) Deepak Yadav

both at the mediation cell at Parliament Street police station. When we stepped out, I told my husband that he's ruined my life, and after some time he said 'talaq, talaq, talaq.'

The woman said she got married to the lawyer in February 2018, and alleged he pressured her for dowry, including a car. She claimed, "In May this year, I filed a complaint under matrimonial dispute and we were at the mediation cell over this matter."

The woman's husband denied her claims. He alleged, "She orchestrated an attack on me. I never said 'talaq, talaq, talaq' to her. I am not aware of an FIR filed against me."

In her FIR, the woman claimed she is an advocate practicing at a lower court in the city, and that on Thursday she said to her husband, "Please settle the matter and you be happy at your home and let me be happy at my home."

Several cases of triple talaq have been registered in the capital this month, including one in which a 38-year-old man allegedly served triple talaq to his wife over speed post in South West Delhi. In Central Delhi's Kamla Market, a 26-year-old man was arrested after allegedly saying talaq thrice to his wife, earlier this month.

Things come to head as AAP men 'barge into' Goel meeting

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A MEETING between BJP MP Vijay Goel and resident welfare associations of Mukherjee Nagar on the issue of the Arvind Kejriwal government's water bill waiver scheme Friday became the venue of a scuffle between AAP and BJP supporters.

Goel, a former Union minister, said AAP leader Dilip Pandey and his "goons" reached the area and started sloganeering to disrupt the meeting. He also alleged they attacked him.

"The meeting was held to start a signature campaign in which the people of Delhi, who've paid their water bills, would have demanded a refund. AAP leaders are desperate as RWAs and honest taxpayers are now against them, so they came to disrupt," he said.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had recently announced a graded waiver of water



Goel called the meeting to discuss the water bill waiver

bill arrears, with full exemption for several colonies.

RWA general secretary Saurav Gandhi registered a police complaint, claiming the meet was disrupted by Pandey and his supporters. "When Goel was speaking, AAP supporters raised slogans and even got into a scuffle with him," he claimed.

Pandey, however, said he went to the meeting to have a dialogue with Goel, but was pushed away by BJP workers.

"As a citizen, I had gone to listen to the dialogue. I saw Goelji badmouthing Kejriwal. I wanted to ask a few questions but instead of listening to me, BJP people started sloganeering and pushed us away," he claimed.



BRIEFLY

Ravidas temple: Groups launch strike

New Delhi: Members of the Sant Samaj Ravidas Jayanti Samaroh Mandir and Ashram Samiti Friday launched an indefinite strike at Jantar Mantar over the demolition of Ravidas temple.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

To keep mosquito-borne diseases at bay, MCD workers spray a chemical solution near the New Delhi Railway Station on Friday. Praveen Khanna

Overloaded Canter tips over, crushes two men

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TWO MEN on a bicycle died after a Canter overturned on them in Ghaziabad's Indrapuram, early on Friday. The victims, Ram Pravesh and Subhash, were returning from work around 6 am when the accident took place near Chijarsi Gate.

"The two men were returning from Noida and riding right next to the vehicle. It appears the truck took a sharp turn and the

container part on the rear dislodged. It fell on the men and they were crushed to death. A case of rash driving has been registered against the driver who is absconding," said Deepak Sharma, SHO, Indrapuram.

The victims worked at a printing press in Noida's Sector 63 and were returning home after a night shift, police said.

The Canter was heading from Rajasthan towards Meerut carrying construction material. Police are investigating if the truck was loaded beyond its capacity.

Chargesheet against MLA

New Delhi: Police have filed a chargesheet against AAP MLA from Badarpur Narayan Dutt Sharma for allegedly threatening a woman over the phone last year. Police said the hearing is on September 12.

Nigerian held for selling drugs

New Delhi: A 37-year-old Nigerian national was arrested for allegedly selling drugs in North East Delhi, said police. ENS

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD E-Tender Notice Agra Division e-tender notice no.- DRM/C/AGRA/Cat/D & E/GMU/2019/07 Date: 23.08.2019

Table with 5 columns: Tender/ Stall Bid No., Name of Station & Category, Minimum Annual licence Fees/fix for 1st year per stall (₹), Location of Proposed Stall, Cost of Total value for five year period L/Fee (₹), Earnest Money 2% of total value (₹)

Note: (1) For All E-Tenders Type of Licence is - Catg. (2) For All E-Tenders Category is - GMU. (3) Category in case of SMU/GMU: For E-Tender Sr.No. 1 to 4,6,7,9,11,13 & 17 - General, E-Tender Sr.No. 8,10,14,16,18,19,21 to 30 - General (Women), E-Tender Sr.No. 5,12 & 15 - General - Freedom Fighters/Women including War Widow and Widow of Railway Employee, E-Tender Sr.No. 20 - General - Dislocated / displaced due to their land having been taken over by the Railway.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED E-TENDER NO. TN-27(RVU)1920WLOB00972

NORTHERN RAILWAY Open E-Tender Notice The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

NIT No: RWD/EK/PMGSY(PIU-I)/NIT-29/2018-19 Dated Bameng the 30/08/2019 The Executive Engineer/PIU-I, Rural Works Division, Bameng, East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system for PMGSY road works in the District of East Kameng for 5 (Five) Nos. Packages.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const. Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of President of India invites open E tender under single packet system for the above noted work.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan Distt Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (through e-tendering) S. Name of Work with its location, App. Cost of the work (in Rs.), Tender inviting Officer Address, Tender Documents Fee (in Rs.), Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.), Date & time for closed of Tender, Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Opened E-tender based on single Packet system (Tender notice No. M/C&W/24/2019-20 dt. 28-08-2019) are invited by Divisional Rail Manager/ Mech./C&W/Varanasi/North Eastern Railway for and on behalf of President of India for following work:-

North Eastern Railway Open Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2019-20-T10 Date 29.08.2019 Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD, North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "OPEN" E-Tender for the following work:-

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan Distt Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.

SBI Credit Risk Management Department, Corporate Centre, 7th floor, Air India Building, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL State Bank of India invites bids from eligible consultants for Credit Risk Management. Kindly visit Bank's website https://bank.sbi/.

Office of Satna Smart City Development Limited (SSCDL) Municipal Corporation, Satna (M.P.) - 485001 E-TENDER NOTICE (IInd Call) NIT No. SSCDL/2019/Tender/394 Satna, Dated : 28.08.19 Tender No. 2019_UAD_47679_1 Date: 29.08.19

INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD. NOTICE INVITING TENDERS 1. For Tejas Trains on Delhi-Lucknow and Mumbai - Ahmedabad routes, GGM/Services invites following three tenders:

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of the president of India, invites single packet Open e-tenders via www.ireps.gov.in for the following:- S.N.: 1. Name of Works: Hiring of SUV/MUV (Tata Safari, Tata Hexa, Mahindra XUV 500, Innova etc.) for local use under Sr.DCM, DRM Office, Moradabad on round the clock basis for office area of Moradabad, UP, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh, NCR, Delhi area for approx. 2500 km run in a month for a period of one year. Reserve Price for one year excluding GST: Rs. 6,01,955,88/-.

UJVN LIMITED (An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise) E-TENDER NOTICE Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online tenders from interested parties for following tenders: Tender No: 02/EE(Maint)/Khodri/2019-20 Name of work: Procurement of Rubber Seal & Chevron Packing items for Khodri Power station

UJVN LIMITED (An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise) E-TENDER NOTICE Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online tenders from interested parties for following tenders: Tender No: 03/EE(Maint)/Khodri/2019-20 Name of work: Procurement of Fasteners and Consumable items of Khodri Power station.

7 GOVT & POLITICS



RIGHT RIGHTS

IT WAS an initiative started during Maneka Gandhi's time as Women and Child Minister. While examining issues of NRI women, the WCD Ministry had recommended to the Ministry of External Affairs that the mother, and not the father, should be considered natural guardian of a child, a move that didn't go down well with those who considered themselves to be part of men's rights groups. The move eventually fizzled out. The National Commission for Women is now set to take up a similar task and has called for multi-stakeholder consultation to review laws regarding guardianship rights for mothers.

POSITIVE BUZZ

OUTGOING BSF D-G Rajnikant Mishra has set a precedent of austere conduct in office and it has created such a buzz that his contemporaries, and even his successor, may be under pressure to follow. Not only does Mishra make sure that no official asset is ever used for personal purposes, even his wife, who is the chief of BSF Wives' Welfare Association, takes a private car to official functions.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi greeted Cabinet colleague Ravi Shankar Prasad on his birthday on Friday, underlining his work in "furthering the impact of Digital India". Prasad was in Tirupati on the occasion, his first visit to Tirupati Balaji temple after his election to Lok Sabha.

LOOKING FOR OFFICERS

A UNION Minister of State, inducted into the Council of Ministers for the first time, is already having trouble keeping his personal staff. First, his assistant private secretary got into trouble with the native cadre of the ministry and was sent packing a few weeks ago. The officer concerned had by then already started having trouble adjusting with the minister's private secretary. Now even the private secretary has been shunted out, leaving the minister searching for a new team.

Former AMMK leader appointed DMK propaganda secretary

Chennai: Former AIADMK MLA Thangamiselvan, who defected from TTV Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), was appointed as DMK's propaganda secretary on Friday. Thangamiselvan had joined DMK two months ago. Apart from him, there are two other propaganda secretaries, A Raja and Tiruchi Siva. Former AIADMK MLA V P Kalairajan, who also defected from the AMMK, was given the post of literary wing secretary of DMK. "I am happy that the party has appointed me as the propaganda secretary," Thangamiselvan said while speaking to the media. **ENS**

CBI CUSTODY EXTENDED TILL MONDAY BY 'MUTUAL SUGGESTION' In 55 hours, no question on shell firms, money trail: Chidambaram

PRITAM PAL SINGH & ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

FORMER UNION minister P Chidambaram, who has been remanded to another three days of CBI custody in connection with the probe into charges of alleged corruption in INX Media case, on Friday told a special court that he has been questioned for over 55 hours, during which more than 400 questions were put to him. He replied them promptly, even though the agency claimed he has been evasive and non cooperative, he submitted.

The senior Congress leader also opposed the CBI's demand for further five days of his custodial interrogation. He told Special CBI Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar that he was repeatedly shown only three files during questioning, and was shown the same even on Friday for over two-and-a-half hours.

"There is simply no justification to keep me in custody. No question on bank accounts, shell companies and money transfers (were asked)," Chidambaram, who himself was making the submission, said.

He told the court, "In the Supreme Court, there was a mu-



P Chidambaram at a Delhi court on Friday. Praveen Khanna

tual suggestion (by his and the CBI's counsels) to extend my custody till Monday (September 2) since the matter was listed for that day (his application challenging the trial court's remand order is listed for hearing)."

Chidambaram made the submission following confusion over who had made the suggestion to keep him in custody until September 2.

Chidambaram's counsel, Senior Advocate Dayan Krishnan, urged the court that the CBI's application for five-day remand be kept pending until September 2, when the Supreme Court takes up the matter challenging the remand.

Stating that "we do not mind" being in police custody until Monday, Krishnan said, "We have serious issue on the nature of questions asked by CBI. (There was) not a single document on money trail, shell companies shown to me in over 55 hours of questioning since my custody." Special Judge Kuhar said, "It is not a question of your choice.... This application has to be disposed of today, as there will be a new application on Monday."

Appearing for CBI, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) K M Natraj told the court that the suggestion to remain in custody came from Chidambaram's counsel. "We need further five

days of remand as the investigation has not yet been completed.... We are taking time because he (Chidambaram) is not straight giving answers; he takes a lot of time in answering."

The court asked CBI why it did not seek 15 days of custody on the first day itself. The court said, "You were aware about the volume of documents, still you sought time in piece meal. On day one you should have asked for 15 days. In this manner your remand will continue for months or more."

The court extended the remand until September 2 in view of submissions made by CBI and Chidambaram's counsel.

Meanwhile, the Enforcement Directorate on Friday submitted documents related to the questioning of Chidambaram in the INX Media money laundering case to the Supreme Court in a sealed cover under its official seal, PTI reports. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted the documents before a bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna.

On Thursday, the top court, while extending Chidambaram's protection from arrest in the case until September 5, had asked ED to submit the documents in sealed cover under its official seal.

Principal Secy to PM will leave office in 2 weeks

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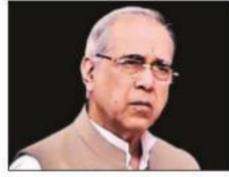
NRIPENDRA MISRA, Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be demitting office in two weeks after serving in the post for more than five years.

Official communications in the PMO on Friday indicated that Misra (74) had expressed his intention to be relieved of his assignment, following which Modi asked him to stay for two weeks. The PM-headed Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on Friday also inducted P K Sinha, a 1977-batch IAS officer who just stepped down as Cabinet Secretary after a four-year term, as an Officer on Special Duty in the PMO. Rajiv Gauba, former Home Secretary, took charge as the new Cabinet Secretary.

It is believed that P K Mishra may be made the next Principal Secretary to Modi. Mishra, a 1972-batch IAS officer, is the second senior-most bureaucrat in Modi's PMO after Nripendra Misra, serving as his Additional Principal Secretary since 2014.

"I have enjoyed working committing my every hour and thought for more than five years towards this satisfying journey. It is now time for me to move on, even as I remain devoted to public causes and national interest," Misra said in a statement on Friday. "I wish Narendra Modi ji success as he leads our country into a bright future."

"Shri Nripendra Misra is among the most outstanding officers, who has a great grasp of public policy and administration. When I was new to Delhi in 2014, he taught me a lot and his guidance remains extremely



Nripendra Misra

valuable," Modi tweeted in the evening after announcing that he had accepted Misra's request to step down.

Soon after Modi came to power in 2014, Misra's was the first important bureaucratic appointment he made, for which the government got a TRAI (Amendment) Bill, 2014, passed in Parliament that gave legal validation to Misra's new position in the PMO. Misra was TRAI chairman between 2006 and 2009 and the Act restricted a TRAI chairman from taking up any government job after demitting office. The Congress had protested the move in the Rajya Sabha even though other key Opposition parties, like the Trinamool Congress, had raised no objections.

Over the past five years Misra, a 1967-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has played a key role in transmitting the PM's thoughts, observations and wishes to various government departments, ministers and secretaries. Misra's missives to ministries have kept various departments on their toes vis-à-vis the PM-monitored items.

Before joining TRAI, Misra was the telecom secretary between 2004 and 2005 and fertilizers secretary from 2002 to 2004.

PMLA case: Karnataka Cong leader appears before ED

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SENIOR CONGRESS leader from Karnataka D K Shivakumar on Friday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in a money laundering case, officials said.

Shivakumar, an MLA from Kanakapura, had to appear before the agency after the Karnataka High Court on Thursday dismissed his petition challenging the summons issued to him by the ED. He arrived at the agency's headquarters in Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, around 6.30 pm and was accompanied by his supporters.

"It is my duty (to appear)... I have to respect the law. We are lawmakers and law-abiding citizens. They (ED) have sum-



D K Shivakumar at a press conference in Bengaluru. PPT

moned me... I don't know why they have called me under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). But, let me see, hear them. I am ready to face them (ED)," the MLA told reporters before entering the

agency's office. The ED had in September last year registered a money laundering case against Shivakumar, Hanumanthaiah, an employee at the Karnataka Bhavan in Delhi and others. The ED case was filed on the basis of a prosecution complaint filed by the Income Tax Department against him last year before a special court in Bengaluru on charges of alleged tax evasion and hawala transactions.

Earlier in the day, Shivakumar indicated that his "instrumental role" in ensuring safe stay of Gujarat Congress MLAs in a Karnataka resort during the 2017 Rajya Sabha polls amid allegations that the BJP was trying to poach them, was the reason for the I-T searches and subsequent ED action against him. **(WITHPTIINPUTS)**

Anti-corruption drive: CBI checks in 41 locations

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THE CBI on Friday conducted surprise checks in 41 cities and towns across the country in a drive against corruption at lower levels of central government departments, officials said.

More than 150 checks were conducted at offices of 27 government departments in these cities, the CBI said. Vigilance Officers of concerned government departments also participated in what the CBI called joint surprise checks (JSCs).

"The JSCs are primarily being conducted at such points and places of corruption where common citizens or small businesspersons feel maximum pinch of corruption in government machinery," CBI spokesperson Nitin Wakankar said.

Mumbai police chief gets three-month extension

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 30

MUMBAI POLICE Commissioner Sanjay Barve, who was to retire on August 31, was granted a three-month extension on Friday. The 1987-batch IPS officer is likely to oversee the state Assembly elections, expected to take place within the next three months.

The extension was granted as

a special case, an official said. "The appointments committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for extension in the service of Barve for three months beyond his superannuation, as a special case in public interest," the official added.

Barve will be in charge till November-end, following which, the race for the next police commissioner will begin.

PRASHANT NARNAWARE, OSMANABAD DM

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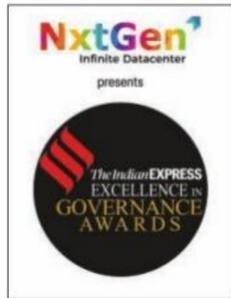
How Osmanabad farmers joined hands to transform fortunes of a rain-fed district

ATIKH RASHID
OSMANABAD, AUGUST 30

OSMANABAD, A rain-fed district that's part of Maharashtra in Maharashtra, has usually found itself in news for the wrong reasons, among them the high incidence of farmer suicides. However, initiatives by the district administration have transformed the farm economy of scores of villages in the district, with many now emerging as centres of floriculture.

The credit for this transformation largely goes to Prashant Narnaware, a 2008-batch IAS officer who served as district collector between October 2014 and April 2017, and officials of the agriculture department.

In 2015, Narnaware started an initiative to bring farmers together as groups to enable them to receive aid from banks and avail subsidies under various government schemes. The administration also arranged workshops for farmers to which specialists, successful agricultural entrepreneurs, farmers and chairmen of various agricultural groups and companies were invited. Experts from well-known institutes such as Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, and Tata Institute



of Social Sciences, Mumbai, also visited the area and provided their inputs. According to officials of the Agriculture Technologies Management Agency, a wing of the state agriculture department, 2.83 lakh farmers were brought together to form 14,632 farmer groups and 58 'farmer companies' across the district. These groups



Osmanabad DM Prashant Narnaware receives the award from Union Minister for Law and Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad; (right) protected farming of Gerbera in Padoli village.



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Shia Board stakes claim over 1/3rd land share, says ready to give it to Hindus

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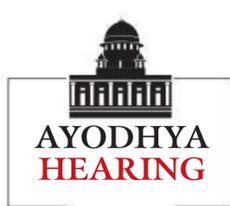
THE SHIA Wakf Board on Friday staked claim over one-third share of the disputed land in Ayodhya, contending that the September 30, 2010 order of Allahabad High Court on a three-way division had only said that the share be given to Muslims, and not specifically to Sunnis.

Advocate M C Dhingra, appearing for the Shia Board, told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi that it had filed an appeal in the apex court

against the March 1946 decision of Faizabad civil court upholding the Wakf Commissioner's decision to list it as a Sunni Wakf.

Dhingra told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, that the Shia Board never claimed any adverse possession of the site and was not contesting claims of the Hindus. He said the Shia side was ready to give its share of land to Hindus.

Advocate Hari Shankar Jain, representing the Hindu Mahasabha, recalled the history of invasions by Mughal emperors and said "Babar had invaded



India", and that "invaders rights can't be institutionalised". "The black days of slavery are over. We are living in civilised society," he said.

Jain claimed that "no oral or documentary evidence has come on record that the place was considered a Muslim place

of worship till 1855. After the British came, they played (the) communal card and incited Muslims to assert their right to worship at the site and fixed railings at the site."

"Invaders came here to establish the might of Islam and conquer pagans who were idol worshippers...invaders were completely fanatical," he contended.

Jain said the temple was a war booty to the invaders and Islamic law allowed distributing war booty.

Senior Advocate P N Mishra, appearing for Sri Ramjanmabhoomi Punarudhar Samiti, contested the claim of

the Sunni Wakf Board that it was a mosque. He said there were bells on the premises of the Babri Masjid which showed it could not have been a mosque, as bells are forbidden in mosques under Islamic law.

Mishra said the law of adverse possession cannot apply to a mosque, as Islamic law specifically prohibits usurping land of others. Even if building is constructed by usurping land of others, it cannot be treated as mosque, he said.

Mishra said that even according to Muslims, there was only intermittent use of the mosque and no continuous use, so title cannot be claimed.

Revamp on cards, Sonia meets leaders from Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh

MANOJ C J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

A FORTNIGHT after she returned as Congress president, Sonia Gandhi has begun an exercise to revamp the AICC secretariat and some state units. Many in the party, however, argued that a mere tweak here and there would be meaningless, and that the party should be focusing on getting its messaging right, especially on issues of ideology and nationalism, to effectively counter the BJP.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, AICC general secretary in-charge of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, also met leaders from the state to discuss the way ahead.

While the Congress high command has effected a leadership change in the election-bound states of Maharashtra and Jharkhand, Haryana is proving to be a headache. Finding new presidents for Madhya Pradesh and Delhi too is tricky because of factional feud.

Sonia discussed the issue with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Friday. Sources said Nath, who is now the PCC president, is in favour of former Mahila Congress chief Shobha Oza or home minister Bala Bachchan. The Jyotiraditya Scindia faction is not agreeable, and there is speculation that Scindia, a Congress Working Committee member, is himself interested in taking over as state Congress president. There are many other contenders, among them former minister Ajay Singh and former MP Ramnivas Rawat.

Nath's meeting with Sonia coincided with rumours that Scindia had threatened to quit the party if he was not made PCC chief. Scindia did not speak about the issue, or respond to calls. When asked about the rumours, Nath told reporters "I don't think he is unhappy or angry."

Scindia was recently made chairman of the screening committee for the Assembly elections in Maharashtra. However, his supporters, including a couple of ministers in MP, have expressed



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visits flood-affected areas in his Lok Sabha constituency of Wayanad. PPT

unhappiness over his being given responsibility in another state. A handful of supporters raised slogans outside the PCC office in Bhopal on Friday that Scindia be made PCC chief. Legislators close to him argued that he had played an equal role in the Congress winning the Assembly elections in MP and should be compensated for his effort.

Sonia also had a meeting with Haryana CLP leader Kiran Choudhary. On Thursday, she had a meeting with former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who has virtually raised a banner of revolt demanding the removal of state Congress chief Ashok Tanwar. The party is yet to find a formula that is acceptable to all the factions.

A section of the party believes a change of guard in the deeply divided Haryana Congress just two months before Assembly elections will be counter-productive. Those close to Tanwar appeared confident that he would continue till the elections, but sources did not rule out the possibility of appointment of Hooda's son and former MP Deepender as one of the working presidents to placate the veteran.

The party's Delhi unit is headless since the death of Sheila Dikshit. Sonia had a meeting with former president Arvinder Singh Lovely and A K Walia. But there is no unanimity among Delhi leaders on Dikshit's successor.

Priyanka, meanwhile, met a group of leaders from UP to dis-

EXPLAINED Internal tussles amid changed landscape

SONIA GANDHI'S meetings with party leaders from Delhi, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have not evoked much interest among party functionaries outside these states even as the party struggles to define itself in the changed political landscape. Amid the deliberations in UP, many leaders admitted in private that the need of the hour is bring clarity on issues like ideology and nationalism and figure out the right message.

cuss organisational revamp and the way ahead for the party. The Congress wants to replace Raj Babbar and appoint a new PCC president in UP.

WITH INPUTS FROM MILIND GHATWAI IN BHOPAL

Govt plans drive to restrict plastic use

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

FOLLOWING UP on the Prime Minister's call on August 15 to eliminate single-use plastic in the country, a committee headed by Narendra Modi on Friday decided that a major initiative on restricting the use of plastic and handling of plastic waste will be kicked off on October 2, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

A meeting of the Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the PM, for the commemoration of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, was held at the Parliament Library Building. It was attended by the Ministers for Home, Defence, Finance, HRD, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Culture, and the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

Eight eminent Gandhians, who are members of the Committee, were also present. A Jan Andolan to eliminate use of plastic will be kicked off with the birth anniversary celebrations, and various ministries will take up different initiatives from next month.

Between September 11 and October 2, the government has planned a plastic use and waste awareness campaign across 4,000 towns and 6 lakh villages. The Centre, along with states, will prepare plans and implement collection and disposal of plastic waste in tandem with the awareness campaign.

On October 2, a nationwide

Between Sept 11 and Oct 2, govt has planned a plastic use and waste awareness campaign across 4,000 towns and 6 lakh villages

'shramdaan' for plastic waste will be organised in all gram panchayats, urban local bodies, schools and highways. The Committee also decided that a 'grand function' will be held at Sabarmati riverfront, which runs along Sabarmati ashram in Ahmedabad, during which a commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released.

The October 2 campaign will in turn kick off a larger campaign till Diwali (October 27) on the segregation, transportation and recycling/disposal of waste. The matter will be highlighted at the UN conference on September 24.

The government will provide special remission to jail inmates from October 2 to January 30, 2020. Gandhi busts will be unveiled in 54 countries, all iconic buildings across the country will be lit up on Gandhi Jayanti, light and sound shows will be held at India Gate in Delhi, Rajkot and Guwahati, 1,50,000 cyclists will cycle across India as a part of the celebrations, and a Gandhi-themed national handicrafts fair will be held from October 1 to 15. In addition, 1 lakh students will be roped in to assemble solar lamps.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik during a function for the promotion and development of Yoga. Anil Sharma

'Need to link ancient knowledge of curing serious illness with modernity'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday said India has rich literature, dating back to thousands of years, on the cures for serious illnesses but the country has had little success in linking this ancient knowledge with modernity. But work is underway through the Ayush Ministry for five years to change this approach by validating the ancient research in laboratories and presenting it in a way medical science can understand, he said.

If India's healthcare system has to be transformed, Modi asserted, the approach has to be holistic — by strengthening the combined power of traditional and modern medicines.

"Vedas have references of cures for serious illnesses. Unfortunately, we have achieved

little success in linking this ancient research, the treasure trove of knowledge, with modernity.

"In the last five years, we have tried to change this. We prepared a scientific basis of it by validating it in laboratories. We presented it in a way the medical science can understand," he said at the Yoga Awards ceremony here.

Drawing attention to the changing eating habits, Modi said the food now off the table of many Indians is being adopted by several people in the world. In this context, he said cereals like jowar, bajra (millet), ragi were once a part of diet of Indians but they gradually vanished as eating these grains became synonymous with the "poverty tag".

"The attitude of forgetting our tradition and adopt it in a new way when someone else says it, has to be changed," the Prime Minister said.

Calling for revival of this nutritional wealth, he said the country must work towards having a "millet revolution" which can be produced for the world.

The Prime Minister said 1.5 lakh healthcare and wellness centres are being built, of which Ayush is also a critical component. "We also have the target of building 12,500 Ayush centres, of which 10 have been inaugurated in Haryana today. Our endeavour is to establish 4,000 such centres this year which means every block would have one such centre," he said.

The centres, inaugurated by Modi via video-conferencing, are in Panchkula, Ambala, Kaithal, Karnal, Jind, Hisar, Sonapat, Gurugram, Faridabad and Nuh.

He also stressed on the need to create a homogenous system by creating an "Ayush grid" on the lines of One Nation, One Tax and One Nation, One Mobility Card.

Plan to monetise Defence land assets discussed at meet with Finance panel

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

GIVEN THE mandate to figure out whether "adequate, secure and non-lapsable" funds could be allocated for defence and internal security, members of the 15th Finance Commission met with officials of the Defence Ministry for the first time on Friday, and the idea to "monetise" the ministry's assets across the country was among the issues discussed, it is learnt.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was present at the meeting.

Multiple sources told *The Indian Express* that ministry officials informed the Commission about the chronic shortfall of funds. Ministry officials are also



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a meeting with the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, N K Singh. PIB/PPT

learned to have told members of the Commission about various options being explored to plug the funds gap.

The Defence Ministry owns 17.54 lakh acres of land across the country, making it India's

biggest owner of land, and there is a line of thinking within the ministry that these can be used to monetise in order to reduce the gap between funds allocated and funds required, sources said. According to the Directorate

General Defence Estates, which is part of the Defence Ministry, only 1.57 lakh acres out of the total land the ministry owns is within the country's 62 cantonments, leaving 15.96 lakh acres outside. Even Parliament's Public Accounts Committee and the Comptroller and Auditor General has in the past pulled up the ministry for not being able to effectively manage its land assets.

Sources said assets such as the 39 British-era military farms were part of the discussions on ways to monetise such estates. The ministry is also learned to have informed the Commission about its funds projections for 2020-25, the period for which the Finance Commission is working on.

Members of the Commission "assured" the ministry that it will

take into consideration "all suggestions that would help increase overall capital space of the ministry, bring about predictability, and help the ministry in its defence preparedness," according to a statement issued by the Defence Ministry.

Changing the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission, the President had issued an order on July 29. The modified terms stated that it "shall also examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up, and if so, how such a mechanism could be operationalised".

The meeting went on for nearly an hour, and could be the only one of its kind since it is supposed to submit its report by November-end.

Puri demolition drive hits hurdle as Math chief refuses to vacate

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 30

THE EVICTION and demolition drive undertaken by the Puri district administration around Jagannath Temple hit a snag on Friday after the Mahanta (chief) of one of the *maths* (monasteries) being demolished refused to move out of the premises and continued to sit in protest.

As per a state government decision, structures within 75-metre radius of the temple in Puri, specifically Meghnad Pacheri (boundary wall), are being demolished.

On Wednesday, the administration started bringing down

Emar Math, located in the south-eastern corner of Jagannath Temple. However, the drive stopped on Friday after Mahanta Rajgopal Ramanuj Das sat in meditation in the premises, ignoring requests to vacate the place.

The *math* belongs to the Ramanuj sect and is believed to be one of the oldest and richest *maths* in Puri.

Speaking to news channel OTV over phone, Das said the administration had only discussed about demolishing unused and dilapidated structures. Das reportedly declined the Puri administration's offer to provide him an alternative cell for meditation.

Apart from Das's protest, the demolition was largely unop-

posed by priests, residents and business establishments.

On August 23, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced Rs 500 crore for various infrastructure projects in Puri, and measures to be taken for the demolition.

A statement from the CMO read: "Terrorism is a major problem all over the world. Terrorists have no religion, but they target religious places. It is important that recommendations for the security of Sri Mandir be implemented. I know that some families will be affected. However, a sacrifice is necessary for Sri Mandir's security. Cooperate with us thinking this is in service of Mahaprabhu (Jagannath)," he tweeted.

"What we have said about the grave economic crisis in the country has been confirmed. The PM and FM remained in denial, questioning the wisdom of the economists and the motives of the Congress. We are concerned about the collapse, loss of jobs, sharp decline in factory output, negligible capital investments and the huge mismatch in the budget," he said.

Congress communication department head Randeep Singh Surjewala said the dismal GDP data reflects "financial mismanagement" and the fact that "a spate of economic emergency prevails and pervades the entire economy".

"The myopic BJP government is pre-occupied in shoddy headline management and cover up job, instead of addressing the structural issues ailing the economy. This is a classic case of quacks turning into surgeons," he tweeted.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
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PR 215788 (Water Resource) 19-20 (D)

STATE COMMITTEE DECLARED MLA NON-TRIBAL

FIR under SC/ST law filed against Ajit Jogi

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, AUGUST 30



This is another act of vendetta by CM Baghel'

DAYS AFTER a state government committee declared that former chief minister Ajit Jogi was not a tribal, a FIR under an SC/ST law has now been registered against him.

The committee's observations have put Ajit's legislative Assembly seat, which is a reserved ST seat, at threat. The case was filed in Bilaspur district, under section 10 (1) of the Schedule Castes, Scheduled

Tribes and Other Backward Classes, Rules 2013 which is a non-bailable section. No arrest has been made so far said Bilaspur police.

Earlier this week, the high-powered committee led by Secretary to the Government of Chhattisgarh DD Singh, had sub-

mitted a report which said that Jogi had not been able to prove himself to be a member of the Kanwar tribe. They had also recommended the cancellation of his tribal certificates.

The FIR was lodged by Bilaspur tehsildar T R Bhardwaj on behalf of the district collector and pertains to the falsification of tribal certificates.

Ajit said that this was another act of vendetta, and that he would take legal action against everyone involved in the case, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the officials con-

cerned for their lack of "knowledge of the Constitution." "The rules that they are accusing me with came into effect in 2013, while the certificates are from 1986. They do not even know the law," he said.

Ajit's son, MLA Amit Jogi, also went to a police station and demanded that he too be arrested. The Jogis alleged that this is being done at the behest of a "vindictive chief minister", and that none of these charges will stick in court.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice Under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.
in the matter of OA No. 58/2018/DRT-III
PUNJAB & SIND BANK VERSUS APPLICANT SHRI VINOD MITTAL & ORS DEFENDANTS

Bihar bans 12 pan masala brands for a year

Patna: The Nitish Kumar government on Friday banned 12 pan masala brands in the state for one year for containing magnesium carbonate, which causes health problems, an official said.

The decision was taken after the detection of magnesium carbonate in all 20 samples of pan masala collected from nine districts by food safety officers. Food Safety Commissioner Sanjay Kumar has banned the manufacture, storage, transportation, distribution...sale of pan masala of 12 brands, a release said. PTI

Indian Institute of Technology Indore Khandwa Road, Simrol Indore-453552 No. IIT-Fac. Recruit-2019-04 Dated: August 30, 2019 Recruitment of Faculty Members

Indian Bank ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI: 110 001 Notice Under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.

whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / DIVERSION / REGULATION / RESCHEDULING AND CHANGE OF STOPPAGE OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK AT BALLABH GARH STATION

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Non-interlocking work at Ballabh Garh Station in connection with 4th line between Tughlakabad - Palwal Section. To execute this work, Northern Railway will take appropriate traffic blocks up to 11.09.2019. Consequently, The following trains will temporarily be affected on the dates shown against each:-

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Security Helpline No. 182 and Passenger Complaint Helpline No. 138. Northern Railway logo and contact information.

DOCKYARD APPRENTICE SCHOOL, NAVAL DOCKYARD, MUMBAI-400 023

ENROLMENT FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES (OT-03)

Naval Dockyard, Mumbai invites online applications on www.bhartiseva.com from ITI qualified candidates (Male/Female) in various non-designated trades for enrolment for apprenticeship training at Dockyard Apprentice School, Mumbai under Apprentice Act - 1961 read in conjunction with Apprenticeship Rules 1992.

All other relevant information wrt number of vacancies in various non-designated trades, reservation of vacancies, eligibility conditions, scheme of examination, selection procedure, filling up of online applications, etc are to be accessed on www.bhartiseva.com

The website www.bhartiseva.com for filling up online applications would be opened from the third day (1000 hrs) of publication of notification in Employment News and will remain open till 21 days after date of publication in Employment News (upto 2350 hrs on the 21st day).

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Government of Jharkhand Department of Higher, Technical Education & Skill Development. Recruitment Notice Dated :- 29-08-2019. Advertisement No:- 39

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NORTH

Husband, in-laws booked over triple talaq, dowry charges

Muzaffarnagar: A case has been registered against a man for allegedly giving instant triple talaq to a woman in Muzaffarnagar district, police said on Friday. According to the complaint, Shahvaiz and his family members has been harassing the woman over dowry. The accused, a resident of Shamli district,

came to the woman's parental house in Purkazi gave her instant triple talaq on Monday. The couple got married last December. Cases were registered on Thursday against Shahvaiz, and others under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act and the Dowry Prohibition Act. **PTI**



The Lalbaug cha Raja Ganesha idol revealed at an event in Mumbai on Thursday, ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi, which will be celebrated on Monday. Prashant Nadkar

EAST

Five Bangladeshis arrested by BSF in Bihar

Kishanganj: Five Bangladesh nationals were arrested here while trying to cross over to the neighbouring country, a senior Border Security Force (BSF) official said. The five, all residents of Thakurgaon district of Bangladesh, claimed that they were working as masons in J&K and they arrived in Kishanganj on

Wednesday, BSF DIG Amritlal Tirkey said. "We had received information. When BSF personnel spotted them, they got scared and began to run away but were eventually caught," Tirkey said. Areas along the border have been put on high alert after J&K's special status was revoked, he added. **PTI**

WEST

Man gets life term for raping four-year-old girl

Palghar: A 27-year-old man has been sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnapping and raping a four-year-old girl in 2017. The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 1,000 on the accused. The accused was recently convicted under relevant sections of the POCSO Act and the IPC. The incident occurred in 2017, when the vic-

tim was playing outside the house. The accused lured her with sweets, took her to an isolated place where he raped her, the prosecutor said during the hearing. Subsequently, the girl's family filed a police complaint and the accused was arrested. Gupta was booked under POCSO and IPC for rape and kidnapping. **PTI**

SOUTH

Former bureaucrat, 3 others held for alleged graft

Kochi: Retired Kerala PWD secretary T O Sooraj and three others were arrested on Friday by the state Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau for alleged corruption in the construction of a flyover here during the previous Congress-led UDF rule, officials said. They were arrested based on "evidence of cor-

ruption" gathered against them in connection with the "poor construction" quality, closed for traffic from May 1 after it started developing cracks within three years of being built, officials said. CM Pinarayi Vijayan had ordered the probe into the construction of the 750-metre flyover inaugurated in 2016. **PTI**

Bengal passes Bill to punish lynching with death penalty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 30

THE WEST Bengal Assembly on Friday passed a Bill against lynching, providing for life imprisonment to those injuring a person and capital punishment for causing death.

West Bengal is now the second state in the country after Rajasthan to have passed an anti-lynching Bill.

Just like The Rajasthan Protection from Lynching Bill, 2019, the draft The West Bengal (Prevention of Lynching) Bill, 2019, proposed life imprisonment and a fine of Rs 5 lakh as the maximum punishment for someone whose act is found to lead to death of a person. However, capital punishment for causing death was inserted in the Bill that was tabled by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in the Assembly on Friday.

The Bill, passed by voice vote, came after a series of lynching cases in the past few months in Kolkata and the districts. Rumours of child-lifters were also seen to be spreading in different areas, especially in North Bengal.

The Bill carries punishment of jail term of three years to life imprisonment in cases of assault leading to injury, besides fines ranging from Rs 1 lakh to

EXPLAINED E. A strong message with a stringent law

WITH THE anti-lynching Bill, the Mamata Banerjee government aims to set an example on how to check such crime with an iron fist. Although Rajasthan was the first state to come up with such a Bill, the Bengal government has gone a step ahead and introduced the provision of capital punishment in case of death, making the Bill more stringent. The state government is thus sending a zero-tolerance message against lynching.

Rs 3 lakh. In case of death, perpetrators can be punished with death sentence or rigorous life imprisonment and fine of up to Rs 5 lakh.

"Lynching incidents are social evils and all of us have to come together to fight against this evil. The Supreme Court has given direction to take action against lynching. The central government should have brought a law against it. But because it is yet to do so, we are bringing this law in our state. We need to raise awareness against incidents of lynching," Banerjee said in the Assembly.

The Bill was supported by Opposition parties Congress and CPM, while the BJP neither supported nor opposed it in the House. However, outside the House, BJP legislature party leader Manoj Tigga said his party was opposed to the legis-

lation. "It will be used to settle political scores against the BJP and other parties. The TMC government will use this Bill to silence the Opposition," he said.

Leader of Opposition Abdul Mannan (Congress), who supported the Bill, said, "We hope it will not be misused."

According to the CM, the Bill aims to protect the constitutional rights of vulnerable people. "People are being lynched just on the basis of fake messages and rumours spread on WhatsApp groups. One cannot resort to lynching for personal enmity, on the basis of caste and religion, rumours of child-lifting or mere politics," Banerjee said.

When the draft Bill was first circulated among lawmakers on Wednesday, it provided for life imprisonment as the maximum punishment. However,



Mamata Banerjee: Lynching incidents are social evils and all of us have to come together to fight it.

the legislation that was circulated and passed on Friday had death sentence as the maximum penalty.

The Bill says that anyone found guilty of publishing, communicating and disseminating any offensive material, either physically or electronically, leading to an incident of lynching, shall be liable to imprisonment up to one year and fine up to Rs 50,000.

It says the state police chief will appoint a coordinator, who will act as the nodal officer to monitor investigation and take measures to prevent lynching and mob assault.

The Bill also has provisions for punishment of those who obstruct the legal process by threatening victims or witnesses. Those held guilty of such activity can be jailed for three to five years.

J&K TERROR FUNDING CASE

FEMA violation: Rs 62 lakh penalty slapped on Watali

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

KASHMIRI BUSINESSMAN Zahoor Ahmed Shah Watali has been slapped with a penalty of Rs 62 lakh for violating Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) rules.

Watali is being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for allegedly funneling funds from Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed into Kashmir to fuel unrest in the Valley.

The Adjudication Authority under FEMA has fined Watali for operating a Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) account at a Delhi branch of HSBC Bank "in an unauthorised name", the ED said on Friday. It said the authority slapped the penalty on Watali after adjudication proceedings against him.

The agency had earlier issued a showcause notice of the same value to Watali. The ED said it began an investigation after receiving information about several suspicious foreign exchange transactions. During the probe, it was revealed that Watali was maintaining Non-Resident Saving Accounts in HSBC Bank, GK-1, New Delhi.

"At the time of opening of these accounts, Watali had submitted documents, namely a copy of a passport issued in Washington DC, resident visa etc, claiming himself as a Non-Resident Indian, whereas during this period, he neither remained outside India for more than 182 days in the preceding financial year, nor was his intention to remain outside India for an uncertain period," an ED statement said.

From 2003-2009, Watali received inward remittances to the tune of Rs 62,93,711 in these accounts, ED has claimed.

"He continued holding the accounts and allowed remittances and thereby contravened the provisions of Section 4 and section 6(3) (f) of FEMA, 1999, read with Schedule 1 of Regulation 51(1)(i) of the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulation, 2000. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued to Watali on the basis of complaints filed under section 16(3) of FEMA 1999," the statement said.

The ED had earlier attached Watali's properties worth close to Rs 9 crore in connection with the terror funding case it is probing against him. Watali, along with other nine accused in the case, is under judicial custody at Tihar Jail, Delhi.

JHARKHAND RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT



The embankment collapsed near Bagodar in Giridih district on Wednesday, flooding fields in at least six villages. Express

Embankment collapses hours after inauguration, 'rat holes' blamed

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, AUGUST 30

ONE OF the embankments of a branch canal in Jharkhand's Giridih district collapsed on Wednesday night, hours after Chief Minister Raghubar Das inaugurated the Konar river irrigation project, and a senior official said it is possible that rat holes damaged the embankment.

The embankment collapsed near Bagodar in Giridih district, flooding fields in at least six villages, including Barwadih, Pratapur, Ghoskodih and Khataia.

Work to repair the embankment is on and water flow to the Bagodar area has been stopped, an official said.

The government said the

Konar River Project was completed after 42 years.

As part of the project, a 7 km underground tunnel and a 103 km canal was constructed.

The state government said that because of this irrigation project, more than 85 villages covering 62,895 hectares would receive water for irrigation. The project cost Rs 2,176 crore.

Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Arun Kumar Singh said the chief engineer of Water Resources Department, Hazaribagh, has been asked to file a report.

"The left part of the 25-30 feet kacha embankment collapsed about 16 km from the Bagodar branch canal. There is a possibility that the breach was caused due to rat holes. Immediately, the water flow was

stopped," he said.

A high-level team headed by the chief engineer has been set up and asked to submit a report within 24 hours, he said. Officials also said the embankment collapsed due to "heavy pressure" of running water.

While inaugurating the project at Banasho in Vishnugarh block of Hazaribagh district, Das said, "After being left incomplete for the last 42 years, the irrigation project has now been inaugurated. Now, 85 villages of Hazaribagh, Giridih and Bokaro won't face scarcity of water for irrigation."

Leader of Opposition in Assembly Hemant Soren tweeted, "(The project) did not survive for 12 hours and now the allegations are being levelled against rats."

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

JUST OVER a week after he said that "anything can happen" in the face-off between two "nuclear-armed countries", Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday warned of a threat similar to World War II, but "under the nuclear shadow" this time.

In an Op-Ed article in the *New York Times*, Khan said: "With the nuclear shadow hovering over South Asia, we realize that Pakistan and India have to move out of a zero-sum mindset to begin dialogue on Kashmir, various strategic matters and trade. On Kashmir, the dialogue must include all stakeholders, especially the Kashmiris. We have already prepared multiple options that can be worked on while honoring the right to self-determination the Kashmiris were promised by the Security Council resolutions and India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru."

"Through dialogue and negotiations, the stakeholders can arrive at a viable solution to end the decades of suffering of the Kashmiri people and move toward a stable and just peace in the region. But dialogue can start only when India reverses its illegal annexation of Kashmir, ends the curfew and lockdown, and withdraws its troops to the barracks," he said.

"It is imperative that the international community thinks beyond trade and business advantages. World War II happened because of appeasement at Munich. A similar threat looms over the world again, but this time under the nuclear shadow," he said.

In an interview to *NYT* on August 22, he had said that he



Imran Khan

doesn't want to pursue dialogue with India, and, with the face-off between two "nuclear-armed countries", "anything can happen" — indicating conflict between the two countries.

On August 19, in the first phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump since the government's decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Modi told Trump that "extreme rhetoric and incitement to anti-India violence" by certain leaders in the region was "not conducive to peace".

This was clearly aimed at Khan, who has ratcheted up the rhetoric against India in the last few weeks.

Since August 5, Khan has threatened to "teach Delhi a lesson", and told Pakistan's Parliament that "incidents like Pulwama are bound to happen again". "What will happen then? They will attack us and we will respond and the war can go both ways... But if we fight a war till we shed the last drop of our blood, who will win that war? No one will win it and it will have grievous consequences for the entire world. This is not nuclear blackmail," he had said.

In a series of tweets on Sunday, he called the Indian gov-

PAKISTAN OBSERVES 'KASHMIR HOUR'

Islamabad: Pakistan observed "Kashmir Hour" on Friday to express "solidarity" with people of the state with several rallies held across the country. The nationwide, 30-minute protest began at noon. It was followed by sirens across Pakistan, with traffic grinding to a halt for few minutes in several cities. The main event was in Islamabad where Prime Minister Imran Khan delivered an address to a slogan-shouting crowd. **PTI**

ernment "fascist", "racist", following "Nazi ideology", and accused it of "ethnic cleansing & genocide ideology".

On Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar had said, "We condemn the irresponsible remarks and tweets by Pakistani leaders on matters internal to India... The main motive behind this is to form an alarming situation for India which is far from ground realities. Pakistan needs to understand that they have been snubbed from all sides. The world has seen their provocative and unsubstantiated rhetoric based on lies and deceit."

Meanwhile, Pakistan's diplomats at the High Commission in Delhi held a walk inside their compound on Friday to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir. Addressing the diplomats, Pakistan's Acting High Commissioner Syed Haider Shah said: "We want to assure our Kashmiri brothers and sisters that in this difficult hour Pakistan stands united with them."

BUSINESSMAN SHOT DEAD IN SRINAGAR

Mother spotted gunman, warned father moments before attack: son brought dead.

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 30

THE WIFE of the businessman who was killed by militants in Srinagar on Thursday, spotted one of the attackers and even warned her husband, her family members said on Friday.

Ghulam Mohammed Mir, 60, was gunned down at his shop at around 8.30 pm by unidentified gunmen.

Mir was one of the leading wholesale dealers in Srinagar's Parimpora area. His family told

The Indian Express on Friday that at the time of the incident, Mir was overlooking the unloading.

Just before he was shot, Mir's wife spotted one gunman hiding near the truck, his family said. "My mother came to him and said there is one person with a weapon. Soon they (gunmen) approached my father and asked about my elder brother (Bashir Ahmad). They fired at him and he fell on ground," Mir's younger son Shabir Ahmad said.

The family said Mir was taken to the nearby SMHS hospital, where he was declared

brought dead. Police sources said he had three bullet wounds.

The Kashmir police zone said on Twitter on Thursday night, "Terrorists fired at a civilian in the Parimpora jurisdiction of Srinagar who succumbed at the local hospital. Police team is on the spot. Area under cordon. Further details shall follow."

The family said it was clueless why Mir was targeted. "They came and fired at him. Even now, we are not sure what was his fault," one of his relatives said. Mir is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.



Sarah was a popular member of the Jew community in Mattancherry. Hariharan Subrahmanian

CHOSE TO STAY BACK EVEN WHEN CLOSE ONES MIGRATED

Sarah Cohen, face of Cochin Jews, dies at 96

VISHNU VARMA
KOCHI, AUGUST 30

The Jew Town of Mattancherry on the western suburbs of Kochi, named after the city's Jewish community, has lost one of its most popular residents. Sarah Jacob Cohen, the oldest living member of a once-burgeoning Jewish community, died at 96 at her home.

Sarah, who ran a small embroidery shop on the Jew Town street, died of natural causes at around 1:30 pm on Friday, said Jasmine, one of her caretakers who was with the nonagenarian for the past 11 years. Sarah's shop, which was attached to her home, stood close to the Paradesi Synagogue, the com-

munity's centuries-old most important place of worship in the city. The synagogue is visited by lakhs of tourists.

"She fell while standing up a couple of weeks ago and had to be admitted to the hospital. She had suffered a tiny fracture. But barring that, she was absolutely fine and had no major health problems," said Jasmine.

"On Friday afternoon, she asked for some lime juice. I gave to her. Shortly afterwards, she breathed her last," she said.

Sarah's body has been kept in a mortuary at a hospital in Palluruthy and the last rites will be carried out on Sunday afternoon. Her husband Jacob Cohen died 21 years ago. The couple were childless. Sarah's relatives settled in Israel and Australia are

likely to attend the final rites.

Sarah was a beloved member of the Jew community in Mattancherry and chose to remain in India even when her close ones migrated to different parts of the world. Until recently, she performed her daily prayers in Hebrew and loved to chat with tourists about the history of her community and its contributions to Kerala.

On most days, she could be found sitting by the window inside her shop, staring outside and often chatting with visitors.

The Jewish Kippah, produced out of satin and designed by Sarah many years ago, is the most popular souvenir in the shop. The shop has been run over the years by Thaha Ibrahim, Sarah's caretaker.

Bengal BJP chief heckled by mob, he sees TMC hand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 30

WEST BENGAL BJP chief and Medinipur MP Dilip Ghosh was on Friday heckled by a mob in Kolkata's Lake Town area. While the BJP has alleged that TMC workers were behind the attack, the state's ruling party has said local residents protested against Ghosh as they did not want any disturbance in the area.



Dilip Ghosh

Ghosh had reached Lake Town on Friday to attend a 'Chai Pe Charcha' meet — an apparent attempt by the BJP to counter the TMC's public outreach initiative 'Didi Ke Bolo'. According to sources, as soon as Ghosh reached there, a group of people surrounded his car and started raising slogans. What followed was a scuffle between supporters of the TMC and BJP, which left two BJP supporters injured.

After receiving information about the incident, police reached the spot and brought the situation under control.

"Our workers were attacked. They were TMC goons. These things never affect me as I am always prepared for such situations. It just shows how insecure they are," said Ghosh. "The Trinamool is giving me publicity wherever I go. My party workers in the area invited me to tea. On

reaching there, I saw that the TMC had put up many party flags. And then they started abusing me."

Lake Town is a stronghold of TMC leader and state Fire Services Minister Sujit Ghosh.

Speaking about the incident, Bose said, "He (Ghosh) chose a wrong place to have his morning tea. Here people are TMC supporters and will always support us for all the development work we have done. Local residents became agitated and raised 'go back' slogans because they don't want any disturbance here."

In a separate incident, Bongaon BJP MLA Biswajit Das was injured after a mob threw stones at his car at Gopalnagar in Bongaon on Friday. Das, who had recently left the TMC and joined BJP, was on his way to Kolkata to attend the Assembly session when the attack took place. He was subsequently shifted to a local hospital.

2014 BURDWAN BLAST CASE 4 Bangla nationals get 10 yrs imprisonment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 30

A SPECIAL NIA court in Kolkata on Friday sentenced 19 people, convicted in the 2014 Burdwan blast case on Wednesday, to varying jail terms. Those sentenced include four Bangladeshi nationals, who received a jail term of ten years. The punishments for the remaining convicts range from 6-10 years.

"Four Bangladeshis have been sentenced to ten years imprisonment. Three others, including two women, have been charged for six years, while the rest have been sentenced to eight years imprisonment. These 19 convicted had pleaded guilty. So far, they have accepted the punishment and it seems they won't appeal to a higher court," said NIA counsel Shyamal Ghosh.

"The punishment ranges from 6-10 years in the case. Four Bangladeshi nationals have been given maximum punishment by the court. They have been convicted under the Foreigners Act. According to the order, once their punishment period runs out, they will be sent back to Bangladesh," said MD Abu Salem, the counsel for the



One of the convicts at Bankshall Court, Kolkata. Partha Paul

accused.

The accused also include a student from Assam. "The one from Assam is a student and hence has been convicted to six years of imprisonment," said another counsel who did not want to be named.

The NIA has so far taken 31 people into custody in connection with the case, while charges were framed against 33. The 19 accused who were convicted had pleaded guilty.

The 19 were convicted under IPC sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 125 (wages or attempts to wage war against the government of any Asiatic power in alliance or at peace with the gov-

ernment of India), the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, the Explosive Substances Act and the Arms Act. The Bangladeshi citizens were also convicted under the Foreigners Act.

The blast, which took place on October 2, 2014 in a two-storey residence in Khagragarh, killed two people. According to agencies, it was accidental. The NIA took charge of the investigation in 2014 and submitted its first charge sheet in March 2015.

The explosion blew the lid off a flourishing network of the banned Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh in Bengal, especially in the districts of Burdwan, Birbhum and Nadia.

Haryana to prepare data on cattle to further develop breeds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 30

THE HARYANA government will soon prepare a genealogy record of its buffaloes and cows to further develop their breed. This will also facilitate the buyers to choose a good quality buffalo or cow while the owners would be able to bargain in a better way.

The government says Haryana is first state to prepare such data in the country.

Almost 2,000 veterinarians will move door-to-door to collect all types of information on the bovines including their milk yield. The government will later issue animal registration certificate for each of the bovines to their owners.

Haryana Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Om Prakash Dhankar said Friday the registration of animals is entirely voluntary for their owners and meant to motivate those who take part in keeping certified animals. "Its difficult to find out details of previous generations of animals concerned but we will start keeping record from now onwards. In coming years, we will be able to maintain family records of the bovines. Semen for artificial insemination will be prepared from the high yield animals only which will further develop the breed," said the minister.

SC collegium clears names for Chief Justices of 9 HCs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

THE SUPREME Court Collegium has recommended Chief Justices for nine High Courts, including the four whose current Chief Justices have been cleared by it for elevation to the top court.

Justice J K Maheshwari, senior puisne Judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court, has been recommended for appointment as Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court and Justice Ajai Lamba, currently in Allahabad High Court, has been recommended for the post of Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court.

Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, a senior puisne judge from Madhya Pradesh High Court, has been proposed as Chief Justice for Punjab and Haryana High Court and Justice L Narayana Swamy of Karnataka High Court as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.

The Collegium, which met on August 28, also recommended Justice S Manikumar of Madras High Court as Chief Justice of Kerala High Court and Bombay High Court judge Justice Indrajit Mahanty as Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court.

It also recommended Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, the se-

The HCs include Andhra Pradesh, Gauhati, Punjab & Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Sikkim, and Gujarat

nior-most Judge from Gauhati High Court, for the post of the Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court, which is set to fall vacant upon retirement of the incumbent.

The Collegium also cleared Justice Vikram Nath, the senior-most Judge from Allahabad High Court, to be Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.

In April 2019, the Collegium had recommended that Justice Nath be appointed Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. The government, however, referred the recommendation back to the court for reconsideration. Following this, the Collegium decided to recommend his name for the Gujarat High Court.

The Collegium has recommended the elevation of the current Chief Justices of high courts in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Rajasthan and Kerala to the top court.

SC stays NSA detention order against man accused of cow slaughter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

THE SUPREME Court on Friday stayed a detention order passed under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) against an Uttar Pradesh man accused of cow slaughter.

A bench headed by Justice RF Nariman also issued a notice on the plea by Mehboob Ali, said his counsel Narveer Dabas.

Ali said in the plea that the "stringent provisions of the National Security Act, 1980 providing for preventive detention have been invoked against" him "in a most arbitrary, discriminatory and mala fide manner, and in utter violation of the Fundamental Rights enshrined in Article 21 and 22 of the Constitution of India".

He contended that the detention order was passed on January 14, 2019 "on a mere apprehension that the petitioner may act in a manner prejudicial to maintenance of public order. The basis of such apprehension is the alleged involvement of the petitioner in two alleged cases of cow-slaughter and the 'apprehension' of the petitioner being released on bail in the said two cases".

Dabas said the petitioner had not been named in either of the FIRs connected with the cow slaughter and had been granted bail in the cases.

His plea said he "has never been involved in any case which has any nexus with the maintenance of public order nor has he ever been involved in any heinous offence".

He said the grounds cited in support of the detention order "fail to disclose or even allege any nexus of the petitioner with the incident of mob violence that had occurred on 03.12.2018 leading to registration of a criminal case".

The petitioner had challenged the detention order before the Allahabad High Court, but the plea was dismissed.



ONLINE NATIONAL LAB DIRECTORY LAUNCHED

Union Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan at an event in Delhi, on Friday to launch an online directory which provides information about Indian standards of various products and testing infrastructure. Of the estimated 10,000 labs across the country, about 4,500 labs owned by public and private academic institutions are listed on the online directory. Prem Nath Pandey

Foreigners visiting India can get treatment for pre-existing diseases without medical visa

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

THE GOVERNMENT has liberalised its visa regime to allow foreigners to avail of medical treatment in India for pre-existing diseases without a medical visa. This facility, however, will not be extended to those seeking organ transplant.

Earlier, anyone seeking medical treatment in India after arrival on a primary visa would have to get their visa converted to a medical one. This was liberalised last year, but pre-existing diseases were excluded.

"Now, the Government of India has further liberalised the Medical Visa regime and permitted foreigners to get the indoor treatment on their primary (original) visa even for pre-existing diseases (except in cases of organ

transplant) which the foreigner may have been suffering from even before his/her entry into India," an MHA statement said.

According to the ministry, some foreign nationals, who are already in India on valid visas, were facing difficulty in getting medical treatment in the event of their falling sick during their stay in India. They were being advised by some hospitals to get their visas converted into medical visas before admitting them.

"The Government of India had already revised the procedure last year, which exempts foreigners from getting their primary visa converted into medical visa for obtaining indoor treatment up to 180 days for seeking admission in a hospital wing owing to illness," the statement said.

Now, according to MHA, a foreigner suffering from a minor

medical condition, which needs only OPD consultation or treatment, may take treatment at any hospital on his or her primary visa. In case of indoor medical treatment of less than 180 days or up to the stay stipulation period, a foreigner is permitted to take such indoor medical treatment subject to certain conditions.

"The indoor treatment may now be taken on primary (original) visa irrespective of the fact that the diseases which the foreigner may have been suffering from even before his/her entry into India and even for ailments which were in his/her knowledge," the statement said.

Treatment of diseases which require organ transplant shall, however, be permitted only on a medical visa, the MHA said.

LATERAL ENTRY

Govt issues orders to place 9 professionals as joint secys

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

FOUR MONTHS after the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) recommended their names for respective ministries, the government on Friday issued formal orders to place nine professionals as joint secretaries in various ministries in the much-touted lateral entry move.

The UPSC had in April recommended the names as well as the ministries based on the selection process decided by the government. The Department of Personnel and Training Friday formally appointed these professionals for three years, most of whom have vast experience in the private sector and have IITs and IIMs in their resumes.

Amber Dubej, who has an experience of over 25 years, is a Partner at KPMG in India, heading Aerospace and Defense. He is an alumnus of IIT Bombay and

IIM Ahmedabad. He has been posted in the ministry of Civil Aviation.

Kakoli Ghosh, selected for the Agriculture Ministry, has worked in the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations whose mandate is to "defeat hunger" in the world with special focus on the developing countries.

Rajeev Saksena, appointed in the Economic Affairs Wing of the Finance Ministry, has been working for the past two decades and has most recently been the Director, Economy and Infrastructure in the SAARC Development Fund.

Arun Goel, appointed in the Commerce Ministry, has been in the leadership team of the online e-commerce platform Shopclues and has set up companies in the past.

Sujit Kumar Bajpayee, appointed in Environment and Forests and Climate Change ministry, works in the NHPC as

Manager (Environment). Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale, placed in the New and Renewable Energy Ministry, has been the Director and Chief Executive Officer at Panama Renewable Energy Group.

The department of Financial Services will get Saurabh Mishra, who has in the past co-founded a "fintech" firm and has served several roles, including the CEO. Bhushan Kumar has been placed in the Shipping Ministry. Bhushan has been the CEO and MD at Diamond Shipping, which is a part of Dubai-based Sharaf Group, from January 2008 to July 2009.

Suman Prasad Singh, posted in Road Transport and Highways Ministry, has had association with the highways sector through the NHAI as well as the Damodar Valley Corporation as a private professional. He is an IIT engineer and also has a law degree from National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

Mamata declares Rs 25,000 for puja committees across Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 30

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday announced a grant of Rs 25,000 each to 28,000 puja committees across the state to promote culture, heritage and help them focus on community development. The announcement will cost the public exchequer around Rs 70 crore.

During a meeting with Durga Puja committees, Banerjee announced there would also be 25 per cent concession on electricity bills for the committees. No tax will be levied by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and also on firefighting equipment.

The CM also said Durga pujas organised by all-woman teams would be given an additional Rs 5,000 by West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police.

She also asked puja committees not to set up VIP gates in pandals.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 CrPC)

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that **Sanjay Singh S/o Charan Singh, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case no. VIII/18/DZU/2018, u/s 8/22/23/29/38 NDPS Act, 1985 of Narcotics Control Bureau, Delhi Zonal Unit and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sanjay Singh S/o Charan Singh**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sanjay Singh S/o Charan Singh, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sanjay Singh S/o Charan Singh, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the day of **14.10.2019**

By order
Sh. Ajay Kumar Jain
Spl. Judge NDPS Act
Room No. P-1, P Building,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi

Dated: 30.08.2019

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 CrPC)

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that **Archana Sharma W/o Amit Kumar, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case no. VIII/18/DZU/2018, u/s 8/22/23/29/38 NDPS Act, 1985 of Narcotics Control Bureau, Delhi Zonal Unit and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Archana Sharma W/o Amit Kumar**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Archana Sharma W/o Amit Kumar, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Archana Sharma W/o Amit Kumar, R/o House No. 31, 8 Marla, Model Town, Gurugram, Haryana** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the day of **14.10.2019**

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DIRECTOR GENERAL MARRIED ACCOMMODATION PROJECT, E-IN-C'S BRANCH IHO OF MOD (ARMY) OUTSOURCING FOR LEGAL CONSULTANT ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

1. Application are invited by DG MAP for hiring of Legal consultant at monthly remuneration of Rs. 1,00,000/-. The qualification and experience requirement of the consultant shall be as follows:-

- (a) He/She should be a practicing Lawyer in High Court/Supreme Court with a practice of 10 Years or more and with the experience of handling Arbitration cases of construction contracts.
- (b) In case of Legal firm, the firm should have experience in handling arbitration case preferably in construction contracts.

2. Last date for submitting application is 13 Sep 2019.

3. The detailed notice is available on www.dgmap.gov.in

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आवश्यक सूचना

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पुलिस अधीक्षक, प० सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

Head constable shoots self in Lucknow

Lucknow: A police head constable on Friday shot himself in the head with his service pistol at the headquarters of state police security department in Lucknow's New Hyderabad. Police identified the head constable as Devi Shankar Mishra (55).
SHO, Mahanagar, Ashok Kumar said Mishra shot himself around 11 am. "The reason is yet to be ascertained," SHO said.
ADG (Security) Dipesh Juneja said Mishra had been with the security and intelligence department for around 20 years. "He was posted at the CM residence for security and was recently sent to headquar-

ters for administrative reasons. We had told him to deposit his weapon on Thursday, but he did not. He was to do so on Friday, but after coming to the office in the morning, he shot himself," said Juneja.
On the possible reasons behind Mishra committing suicide, Juneja said, "We don't know. It will only become clear after we speak to his family members."
Mishra hailed from Unnao and lived in Lucknow with his wife and two daughters. Circle Officer, Mahanagar, Santosh Singh said, "Stress could have been a reason. We will investigate the matter thoroughly." **ENS**

Alencherry removed as head of Ernakulam archdiocese

SHAJUPHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
AUGUST 30



Cardinal George Alencherry

FOLLOWING AN outcry from a section of priests and others, the Synod of Syro-Malabar Church on Friday removed Cardinal George Alencherry as head of the Ernakulam archdiocese. The Synod, with the consent of Vatican, appointed Bishop Antony Kariyil as the Vicar Archbishop, a post created to tide over the crisis in the Syro-Malabar Church. Alencherry has been in the dock for shady land deals which caused a loss of Rs 90 crore to the archdiocese.

Alencherry would continue as Cardinal and overall head of the Syro-Malabar Church, one of the 23 eastern churches under Rome.

In a related development, two auxiliary bishops Sebastian Adayanthrath and Jose Puthenveetil, who had been under suspension for last two months for having supported the revolt against

Alencherry, were rehabilitated in dioceses outside Kerala.

While Puthenveetil was sent to Faridabad, Adayanthrath was shifted to the diocese of Mandya in Karnataka, where Kariyil was the bishop.

A circular from Vatican, giving consent to the changes, stated on Friday that events related to governance of Ernakulam archdiocese and attitude of some priests continued to create concern. All these are a severe blow to the Catholic Church in the country, said the circular.

Trouble in the Church began two years ago when priests at the archdiocese revolted against Alencherry over the land deals. In the wake of the allegations, Alencherry was last year removed as administrator of the archdiocese.

Two months ago, the Vatican reinstated Alencherry and suspended the auxiliaries who revolted. Priests of the archdiocese were upset over the move. They boycotted him and also staged a dhama at the archbishop's house. Subsequently, the Church assured the priests that the Synod will look into their demand for the removal of Alencherry and appointment of a new administrative archbishop.

The Synod, comprising 55-odd bishops, on Friday pointed out lapses on the part of Alencherry in the land deals. The Synod took strong exception to the revolt by the priests, but did not take any action against them.

Jose Vailikkodath, who led the rebellion, said they were happy that a new administrative archbishop had been appointed. "It is a moment of victory for the priests and a section of laity who led the protest against the Cardinal. But, it is sad that the Synod has failed to find remedy for the financial loss," he said.

WOMAN ALLEGES THREATS FROM HINDU GROUPS

Lodge inter-faith couple in safehouse, HC tells Haryana authorities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 30

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court on Friday ordered Haryana government authorities to lodge an inter-faith couple at a safehouse in Panchkula after the woman alleged that Hindu groups were threatening her and her husband.

The 19-year-old woman was on Friday brought before a single bench of Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa after the court directed police to do so.

When questioned by the court, the woman said her date of birth is August 19, 1999. This was confirmed by the police and her father, who was in court.

She asserted that she had married her Muslim friend out of her "own will and accord and wishes to reside with him" and added that her parents opposed the marriage.

Her petition said they married earlier this month after being in a relationship for the past two years.

The woman said she fears for the life and liberty of her and her husband.

Directing the government to

file a response before September 19, the court directed that the couple be kept at a protection home in Panchkula. The woman's counsel had sought a safe accommodation for the couple, stating that Hindu groups had created tension in Mewat's Ferozepur Jhirka area where they lived.

The plea, filed through advocate Mohammad Arshad and argued by advocate G S Dhillon, alleged that the woman's father had lodged a complaint of kidnapping against her husband at the instance of the Hindu groups.

In a separate order, the court ordered authorities to provide protection to advocate Arshad, who alleged that his family members had received threats for representing the couple in court.

"The DGP has been asked to file an affidavit after inquiring into the instances recorded in the petition filed by me for protection," said Arshad. "An FIR has been filed against my brother-in-law and another relative to exert pressure on me. I am merely a counsel. The Bar Association has also taken up the matter with the police."

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
TIRUNELVELI HIGHWAYS
(Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
T.N.No.5/2019-20/D1, dated 30.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 10.10.2019 At 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.1 to 7) pertaining Virudhunagar (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle.

DIPR/2968/Tender/2019

CBI takes over probe into Deoria home abuse case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 30

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the probe into alleged sexual harassment and illegal detention of girls at a shelter home in Deoria. The shelter home was run by an

NGO, Maa Vindhyavash Prashikshina Avam Samaj Seva Sansthan. The CBI Thursday lodged FIRs against its director Girija Tripathi and her daughter and superintendent of the shelter, Kanchan Lata Tripathi, under charges of sexual harassment, human trafficking, sexual assault, adoption without following prescribed procedures, wrongful confi-

nement and assault or criminal force to deter public servants from discharging their duty, said a CBI official. The two were arrested last year.

Deoria Police, which earlier probed the case, filed a chargesheet against Girija and Kanchan. In the second FIR, seven others were charge-sheeted, said Arun Kumar Maurya, SHO, City Kotwali.

Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth,
Tal.- Dapoli-415 712, Dist.- Ratnagiri
e-mail id : universityengineerdbskkv@gmail.com Phone No. : 02358-282411, 12, 13

No. : Dr. BSKKV/Works/A-7/2727/8243/2019 Date : 26th August 2019

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 13

ONLINE "B-1" e-tenders for the following works are invited by the University Engineer, Dr. B. S. Konkan Krishi University, Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri from the contractors registered in PWD with the Government of Maharashtra in appropriate Class.

Sr. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Amount of E.M.D. (Rs.)	Period of completion	Cost of e-Tender form non-refundable (Rs.)	Registration class of Contractor
1	Proposal construction of Vernicompost Shed in Nursery Section at RFRS, Vengurla, Dist.- Sindhudurg.	7,65,572/-	7,700/-	100 Days	500/-	Class 7
2	Construction of Half Round Poly Shed (20 Nos.) in Nursery Section at RFRS, Vengurla, Dist.- Sindhudurg.	29,55,128/-	29,600/-	180 Days	500/-	Class 5-A
3	Construction of Agriculture Technology and Information Centre at RFRS, Vengurla, Dist.- Sindhudurg.	70,12,107/-	70,200/-	300 Days	1,000/-	Class 4-A

Note :

- All eligible/ interested contractors who want to participate in tendering process should compulsory get enrolled on e-tendering portal maharashtraetenders.in/adv.maharashtra.etenders.in in the appropriate category applicable to them.
- Contractors details for difficulties in submission of online tenders if any contact to Sify Technologies Ltd., Pune, Phone No. 020-25315555.
- It is compulsory for all participants to submit all documents online.
- Other term and conditions displayed in online e-tender forms. Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.
- Above Tender Notice is displayed on www.dbskkv.org
- Technical & Commercial Envelope Opening for any enquiry plz. contact University Engineer, DBSKKV, Dapoli (02358-282411, 12, 13) in office hours.

Sd/-
(Dr. A. G. Mohod)
UNIVERSITY ENGINEER

DGIPR/2019-2020/2356

Maharashtra govt schools for tribals to turn English medium

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
YAVATMAL, AUGUST 30

GOVERNMENT-RUN ashram schools for tribal children in Maharashtra will be made English medium schools, Tribal Development Minister Ashok Uikey said on Friday.

The conversion of ashram shalas (schools) into English medium ones will be done in a phased manner to ensure better educational opportunities for tribal students residing in rural Mahara-

shtra, the minister said. "In the first phase, 50 government-run run ashram shalas will be converted into English medium schools and the admission will be given for Class I. Admission will also be given to students from Class VI during the 2019-20 session."

The state government has decided to rope in qualified teachers from reputed private schools for the purpose, Uikey said.

The state Tribal Development Department runs 502 ashram shalas, where tribal students get education in Marathi medium as

per the curriculum prescribed by the Maharashtra State Education Board. Ashram shalas with better infrastructure will be considered for the English switchover, the minister said.

Subjects such as Maths and Science will be taught in both Marathi and English from Class VI onwards in these schools, Uikey said. English medium teaching will allow tribal students from remote villages to pursue careers in engineering, medical and other technical education streams, he said.

The Director General of Police
Maharashtra State Police Headquarter, Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg, Colaba, Mumbai-400 001

e-TENDER NOTICE (TENDER NO. 2094/2095/ 2096/2097 & 2109)

THE Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai invites proposals from reputed and experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process to :

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Tender reference No.	Item Description	Quantity in Nos.	Deadline
1	2094	DGP/17/6162/ Digital Network/ Nanded Range/44/2019	DIGITAL NETWORKS FOR UNIT IN NANNED RANGE	1 System	28.08.2019 to 17.09.2019
2	2095	DGP/17/6162/ Microwave Link/45/2019	MICROWAVE RADIO LINK	50 ± 25%	28.08.2019 to 10.09.2019
3	2096	DGP/17/6162/ Digital Wireless Sets/46/2019	DIGITAL MOBILE RADIO (WIRELESS SET) (VHF HIGH BAND)	69 ± 25%	28.08.2019 to 03.09.2019
4	2097	DGP/17/6162/ Portable Digital Repeater/ 47/2019	DIGITAL PORTABLE REPEATER (VHF HIGH BAND)	04 ± 25%	28.08.2019 to 03.09.2019
5	2109	DGP/17/6162/ Revalidation (2019-20)/ Walkie Talkie/Mumbai City/51/2019	Supply of Digital Open Standard APCO P25 Phase-II TDMA (800 Mhz Band) Portable Radio (Walkie- Talkie)	958 ± 25%	28.08.2019 to 17.09.2019

Interested bidders for detailed Tender documents should visit <http://mapo.maharashtra.etenders.in>

Tender submission would be online and should be submitted in the above given schedule.

Mumbai,
Date : 28.08.2019

Sd/-
(Varsha Karbhari)
Desk Officer
For Director General of Police
DGIPR/2019-2020/2451

PWD GOVT GR. NO. CAT-2017/CN-8/BUILDING-2/DT. 12 APRIL, 2017
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPECIAL PROJECT (P.W.) DIVISION, YAVATMAL
Address : Near P.W. Rest House Civil Line Yavatmal
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E-Tender Notice No. 12/2019-2020

Government of Maharashtra Public Works Department through Executive Engineer, Special Project (P.W.) Division, Yavatmal inviting online E-Tender in EPC Form (EPC) from Register/Non Register Contractor in appropriate Class.

Download Tender Document from Government Website <https://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in>. Right of accept or reject tender is reserve by Executive Engineer, Special Project (P.W.) Division, Yavatmal. Conditional Tender is not accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Construction of High Level Major Bridge Across Adan River Near Bori Village at Ch. 133/400 on Anjangaon Muritizapur Karanja Darwha Yavatmal road SH-282 in Darwh Taluka Distt. Yavatmal.	670.00
2.	Construction of Minor Bridge at Ch. 63.00 on Darwha Jawala Road SH-290 in Darwh Taluka Distt. Yavatmal.	71.00

E-Tender Download :- to <https://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in>
Period Pretender Conforance } available on this website.

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Opening of E-Tender :- As per E-Tender Annexure.

Place :-Office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle Yavatmal

All information about E-Tender is availabel on folowing web-site <https://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in> Any changes occur in the tender will be informed on above web-site

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कानपुर विद्युत आपूर्ति कम्पनी लिमिटेड 14/71, सिविल लाइन्स "केसा हाउस" कानपुर
अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा ई-निविदाएं पृथक-पृथक दो भागों में निम्न सामग्रियों हेतु केस्को ई-निविदा वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। ई-निविदाएं प्रपत्र पूर्ण कर निविदादाताओं द्वारा वेबसाइट पर खुलने की तिथि के अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं। उक्त ई-निविदा उसी दिन 15:00 बजे से 17:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्यदिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑफ लाईन एन.ई.एफ.टी./आर.टी.जी.एस. (खाता सं. 628805018266 आई.एफ.एस.सी.-ICIC0006288) के रूप में, केस्को कानपुर के पक्ष में देय होगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर दिए गए समय से दो घंटे पूर्व तक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू.टी.आर. की स्कैण्ड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑफ लाईन एफ.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी के रूप में स्वीकार किया जायेगा जो कि केस्को कानपुर के नाम पर देय होगी एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित पी.क्यू.आर. एवं तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरे एवम् व्यवसायिक शर्तें होंगी, बिना धरोहर धनराशि के तथा सशर्त निविदाएं खोली/ स्वीकार नहीं की जाएगी। ई-निविदा सं. 13/19-20, पात्र फर्म मूल निर्माता, विवरण विभिन्न प्रकार 11 के.वी. एवं 33 के.वी. एक्स.एल.पी.ई. केबिल बाक्सज की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि (रु.) 180000/-, निविदा धनराशि रु. में (जी.एस.टी. के साथ) 5900/-, ई-निविदा अपलोड करने एवं खोलने की तिथि 16.09.2019 उपरोक्त ई-निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई-टेंडरिंग वेबसाइट www.kesco.co.in / <https://etender.up.nic.in> के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पूरा न करने वाले निविदादाता के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताए किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएँ, हस्ता./- (मनीष कुमार गुप्ता) अधिशाही अभियन्ता (भण्डार क्रय) संख्या: STP/A-11/568/19-20, दिनांक 30/08/2019

POCSO CASE

29 days after minor's rape, UP man gets life imprisonment

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 30

A SPECIAL court in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh has awarded life imprisonment to a man convicted of raping a four-year-old girl 29 days after the crime.

The court held the accused guilty on Thursday morning and sentenced him later in the day. The accused was arrested after a case was registered on August 1. The police had filed the chargesheet on August 20.

The convict, who was sentenced under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), is a distant relative of the victim, sources said.

The Special Public Prosecutor said, "The incident occurred on August 1. The victim's father had alleged that the accused took the girl to his residence and raped her. The police arrested the accused the next day. On August 20, police filed the chargesheet against the accused in the court."

He added that nine prosecution witnesses were examined and the defence did not produce any witness.

A senior police officer said they regularly monitored the status of the case in court.

"We ensured that all witnesses are produced on the day they are called by the court. Recently, I got information from prosecuting officer that a witness may not be able to come to the court due to heavy rain. I immediately sent a police van to her residence. The witness reached the court in the police vehicle," said the officer.

Girl who consumed poison after being gangraped dies: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 30

A CLASS X student who consumed poison after being allegedly gangraped died at SSKM hospital in Kolkata on Friday, police said.

The incident took place on Saturday in West Bengal's Purba Medinipur district and the girl allegedly consumed a pesticide the next day. She was rushed to Kolkata and admitted to SSKM Hospital. Police officers said four people, including a minor, have been arrested in connection with the case.

According to police sources, the girl had gone to meet her boyfriend on Saturday. Her boyfriend called his other friends and they allegedly raped her in a deserted field, the sources said. They added that the accused shot a video of the act and threatened to circulate it if she revealed anything.

After returning home, the girl told her family members about the incident and later consumed a pesticide. Her family members have lodged a complaint with police. Police have arrested four accused, but the family said the prime accused is still absconding.

According to police, three accused have been sent to police custody and the minor has been sent to a welfare home. "Raids are on to nab the others," said an official.

13 BODY & MIND

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Tattoo needles may trigger allergic reactions

TATTOOS CAN cause allergic reactions, and tattoo needles, even clean ones, may be partly to blame, a new study found.

Previous studies have shown that tattoo inks contain high amounts of nickel, chromium, cobalt and mercury, which are transported to the lymph nodes and can cause allergic reactions. But now researchers have found that an additional source of metal is the needles themselves. Scientists analysed 12 steel tattoo needles and found that all contained chromium and nickel. They looked at the needles with an electron microscope before and after they were used. After a tattooing session, the needles were abraded, with microscopic bits of nickel and chromium worn off. The report is in *Particle and Fibre Toxicology*. We cannot quantify the risk that comes with these particles," said the report's lead author, Ines Schreiber of German Federal Institute for Risk Protection. "But in general, be aware that there might be risks" **NYT**

[20-50 YEARS]

Dog owners may have healthier hearts

OWNING A dog may be good for your cardiovascular health. That is the conclusion of a study of a randomly selected group of 1,769 residents of Brno, in the Czech Republic. None had a history of cardiovascular illness, and 42 per cent owned pets. Researchers scored them on the American Heart Association's seven measures of heart health: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, physical activity, diet, body mass index and smoking. Then they compared scores of the 24 per cent of the people who owned dogs and the 18 per cent who owned other pets with those of the rest who owned none. Owners of any pet scored higher than those who didn't own a pet, but dog owners scored higher than both. The authors do not conclude that owning a dog by itself assures protection against cardiovascular disease. Instead, the physical activity that dog ownership requires may be the key. **NYT**

[50+ YEARS]

Diabetes: Fish oil supplements show no benefits

TAKING FISH oil supplements has no benefit in preventing or treating Type 2 diabetes, a large review of randomised clinical trials has found. Some observational studies have suggested a positive effect for supplements, which are high in omega-3 fatty acids, and they are widely promoted for diabetes control and prevention. But this new analysis, commissioned by the WHO, included 83 trials involving 1,21,070 subjects with and without diabetes, mostly testing omega-3s against placebo. Omega-3s had little or no effect on the likelihood of a diabetes diagnosis, on average blood glucose levels over time, or on fasting insulin. "There is no evidence from long-term studies that taking fish oil supplements will improve diabetes control or lessen the risk of developing it," said senior author Lee Hooper of Norwich Medical School. **NYT**



Gracia Lam/NYT

Alternatives to surgery for an enlarged prostate

Up to 90 per cent of men in their 70s have benign prostatic hyperplasia, a nonmalignant growth of the prostate gland

JANE E BRODY

ED GOLDMAN, a retired bookbinder who says he is "pushing 80," does not let his age or enlarged prostate curtail his physical activities and desire to travel. He walks the streets of his beloved New York for about two miles a day, five or more days a week, and knows every possible bathroom stop along his usual routes.

When arriving in foreign territory, he immediately checks out the location of lavatories to avoid an embarrassing accident. "The urgency, when it hits, can be pretty scary," he told me.

Goldman, like up to 90 per cent of men in their 70s, has benign prostatic hyperplasia, or BPH, a non-malignant growth of the prostate gland. As the prostate enlarges with age, it squeezes the urethra that passes through it and can disrupt normal urinary function.

The prostate is a walnut-shaped gland that produces the seminal fluid in a man's ejaculate. The gland typically starts to enlarge in men's 40s as smooth muscle and lining cells proliferate. As the gland gradually increases in size, nearly half of men develop moderate to severe symptoms of the lower urinary tract by their eighth decade of life.

These symptoms can include hesitancy starting to urinate; weak flow; incomplete emptying of the bladder resulting in urinary retention; a frequent urge to urinate, and for some, an urgency that can cause incontinence, especially when lacking immediate access to a bathroom.

The result is often a serious diminution in quality of life, for example, when one has to make a sudden dash to the restroom in the middle of a meeting, golf game, concert or lecture that perhaps lasted longer than expected. The urgent need to urinate makes

getting stuck in traffic or in a stalled subway car ever more stressful.

Goldman said he uses the bathroom every one to three hours and at least once during the night, adding that "it is very unusual for me to sleep for more than six hours at a time." He knows he is lucky so far. For some men who awaken every few hours to use the bathroom while trying not to disturb a bed partner (if they have one), a six-hour stint of sleep would be considered a blessing.

Common risk factors for developing BPH include, in addition to age, a family history of the condition, obesity, metabolic syndrome, a sedentary lifestyle and diabetes. There is a higher incidence among African-American men. Diets high in starches and meat have been linked to progression of BPH, while a vegetable-rich diet has been associated with less severe symptoms.

The good news is there are now quite a number of ways to alleviate the symptoms of BPH short of surgery to remove part or all of the prostate, which can cause other problems, including erectile dysfunction. According to guidelines published by the American Urological Association, recent treatments have focused on slowing the progression of the condition and preventing its complications.

Still, the first approach to relieving the symptoms of BPH, and perhaps even preventing or slowing the progression of prostatic enlargement, are focused on lifestyle changes. They include reducing overweight; minimising liquid intake late in the

day; getting regular physical activity; avoiding smoking and consumption of alcohol, caffeine and highly seasoned foods; and treating constipation.

Also helpful for men (and women) who have difficulty fully emptying their bladder and soon have to return to the bathroom is a technique called double-voiding. After urinating normally, wait about 20 to 30 seconds and try again. Men are likely to have more success emptying their bladders by sitting on the toilet and leaning forward instead of standing.

The traditional "gold standard" remedy for BPH known as TURP, for transurethral resection of the prostate, involves inserting a scope through the penis and cutting away excess prostate tissue to relieve pressure on the urethra. Though TURP is the most effective remedy for troublesome BPH, in addition to causing sexual complications, this surgery incurs a risk of bleeding that limits its usefulness for men like

Goldman who take anticoagulants.

In a less invasive version of TURP with fewer complications, a bipolar current is used to ream out the prostate. Another minimally invasive technique, called HoLEP, uses laser irradiation to remove excess tissue.

Experts say that aggressive surgical treatment like TURP should now be necessary to treat an enlarged prostate only in certain circumstances. These might include inadequate kidney function, recurrent urinary tract infections, bladder stones, blood in the urine, or the patient's unwillingness to take a daily medication or failure to get relief through drugs.

Among currently preferred treatments are several categories of drugs, including alpha-blockers like Flomax, 5ARIs like finasteride, and PDE5 inhibitors like tadalafil. There is also a combination drug of an alpha-blocker and a 5ARI that is said to work better than either one alone. While the sexual side effects of surgery are usually permanent, if such effects are caused by a medication, they can be reversed by stopping the drug and perhaps switching to another one.

There are also now minimally invasive techniques to reduce the pressure exerted on the urethra by an enlarged prostate. In one, called the UroLift System, a telescope-like instrument is inserted through the penis and one or more small bands are inserted to retract the part of prostate that is pressing on the urethra. It is usually done in a urologist's office as an outpatient procedure under local anesthesia and is supposed to result in immediate symptom relief with minimal risk of sexual side effects.

Another minimally invasive procedure, called Rezum Water Vapour Therapy, uses convective water vapour energy to destroy overgrown prostatic tissue. As with the UroLift System, it is done in an office setting under local anesthesia. The risk of side effects, including those associated with sexual performance, is reported to be low.

Keep in mind that most of the data about the success of UroLift and Rezum, including reports from patients, come from their manufacturers. If you are considering one of these, it would be a good idea to speak with one or more men who have had the procedure.

Most important, the urological association insists, is that patients with BPH be told about all the various treatment options and their benefits and risks, enabling them to make an informed decision about how to treat their problem. **NYT**

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DIET DIARY

Why be cautious on whey



BY ISHI KHOSLA

THE USE of protein supplements, especially whey protein, is rising among gym-goers and sportsmen. Endurance and high-intensity workouts do merit an increase in protein requirements, which can usually be met with natural dietary sources. However, most people including youngsters, are now opting for supplements as a convenient choice.

Whey constitutes about 85-90 per cent of the volume of the milk used for transformation into ripened cheese and retains about 55 per cent of milk nutrients. Whey protein isolates, extracted from liquid whey, are more than 90 per cent protein and may contain other substances, including growth factors.

Whey protein is considered the gold standard of protein as it is a high quality, complete protein that is a rich source of branched chain amino-acids (building blocks of proteins) and essential amino acids. Whey proteins are not a single protein but consist of a number of individual protein components. Whey protein contains more leucine — essential amino acid — than milk protein, egg protein and soy protein.

Commonly known benefits of whey include a boost to the immune system, muscle building, lowering of cholesterol levels and high blood pressure and cancer prevention. The benefits of whey protein are well-known and documented. However, not all people are the right candidates for whey as tolerance levels may vary. Increasingly, the issue of food sensitivities comes up as a reason for intolerance. People with known food sensitivities like milk, dairy and gluten, digestive disorders, including stomach and intestinal disorders, must be cautious and avoid whey protein supplements. More often than not, the undesirable side-effects are not recognised early enough.

From skin problems to abnormal liver and kidney function, the side-effects can be diverse. Some of them are abnormal heart rhythm, increased bad cholesterol, digestive complaints like acid reflux, bloating, constipation and cramps, nausea, headache, hairfall, acne, poor bone health and reduced appetite.

Diabetics should be careful and consume whey only if advised by a professional. Whey protein may also increase the risk of bleeding and those taking blood thinners or with bleeding disorders should avoid it. In general, long-term and excessive use of whey protein should be avoided.

Whey protein contains many of the same components found in human breast milk and for this reason, it is a key ingredient in a wide variety of infant formulas, including those for premature infants. However, in infants, colic diarrhoea, failure to thrive, and rashes have been associated with whey protein exposure. Pregnant and lactating women are advised to choose natural sources of protein.

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Exercise may help women suffering from depression

Benefits may depend on supervision, finds study

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FOR WOMEN with serious depression, a single session of exercise can change the body and mind in ways that might help to combat depression over time, according to a new study of workouts and moods. Interestingly, though, the beneficial effects of exercise may depend to a surprising extent on whether someone exercises at her own pace or gets coaching from someone else.

Already, a wealth of recent research tells us that exercise buoys moods. Multiple studies show that physically active people are more apt to report being happy than sedentary people and are less likely to experience anxiety or depression. In a few experiments, regular exercise reduced the symptoms of depression as effectively as anti-depressant medications.

But science has yet to explain how exercise, a physical activity, alters people's psychological health. Many exercise scientists speculate that working out causes the release of various proteins and other biochemical substances throughout our bodies. These substances can

enter the bloodstream, travel to our brains and most likely jump-start neural processes there that affect how we feel emotionally. But it has not been clear which of the many substances released during exercise matter most for mental health and which kinds of exercise prompt the greatest gush in those biochemicals.

Those open questions prompted Jacob Meyer, an assistant professor of kinesiology at Iowa State University in Ames, to start considering endocannabinoids and the runner's high.

As the name indicates, endocannabinoids are self-produced psychoactive substances, similar to the psychoactive compounds in cannabis, or marijuana. Created in many of our body's tissues all the time, endocannabinoids bind to specialised receptors in our brains and nervous systems and help to increase calm and improve moods, among other effects.

Past studies show that exercise often increases the levels of endocannabinoids in the bloodstream, probably contributing to the so-called runner's high that leaves some people feeling tranquil and floaty after workouts.

At the same time, problems with the endocannabinoid system are linked with some



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mental health concerns. People with diagnoses of depression often have relatively low levels of endocannabinoids in their blood.

So, Meyer thought, might exercise that increases endocannabinoid levels potentially play a role in combating depression? And if so, what kinds of exercise would produce such an increase, and what kinds would not?

To learn more, Meyer turned to stored

blood samples and other records from a relevant earlier experiment. That research, which he had conducted as a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin, had involved women with major depression completing a number of workouts on stationary bicycles.

Each of the workouts lasted for 20 minutes, but their intensities varied substantially, from light to draining. During most of the sessions,

the women were told how intensely to pedal, with their efforts monitored and adjusted so they maintained that level. But during one workout, they could choose the intensity, pedalling as easily or strenuously as they liked.

Before each session, the women gave blood and completed questionnaires about their emotional states. Immediately afterward, they gave blood again and, 10 minutes and 30 minutes later, repeated the questionnaires.

In earlier studies using data from this experiment, Meyer reported that any exercise, whether its intensity was light or difficult, left the exercisers feeling more cheerful. However, the positive impacts tended to be more substantial when the women followed directions about how intensely to exercise compared to when they set their own pace.

Now, for the new study, recently published online in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, Meyer set out to see if any changes in the women's endocannabinoid levels after the different sessions might have played into that dynamic. For the sake of a simple comparison, he focused on one session in which the women had cycled continuously at a moderate pace and another in which they had pedalled at whatever intensity they chose. For most, their you-pick effort was gentle; but for others, it

was moderate, and for a few, intense.

And he found notable differences in outcomes. After both workouts, the women reported feeling less depressed and worried. But only when they had followed instructions to pedal moderately did their blood show increases in endocannabinoids. When they had exercised at their preferred pace, even if it was moderate, endocannabinoid levels remained unchanged. What these results suggest, Meyer says, is that being coached leads to different impacts on our bodies and minds than working at our own pace, whatever that might be.

Why the prescribed exercise should have increased endocannabinoids, though, while the go-as-you-please workout did not is still mysterious, he says. It may be that our brains recognise when a workout's intensity is not one we would voluntarily choose and prompt the release of substances that make the effort more tolerable. That idea requires additional research, he says. This study also did not look at men with depression or the long-term impacts of the exercise.

Overall, the study underscores that our responses to exercise can be complicated, intertwining the physiological and the psychological, Meyer says, but any exercise is better for mental health than none. **NYT**



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Beyond economic band-aid

Stimulative impact of RBI transfer is lower than presumed. Sustained reforms remain key



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BIGGER, BETTER

Consolidation of state-owned banks is an ambitious step. Its success will hinge on stronger central bank, governance reforms

ALMOST THREE DECADES after the M Narasimham Committee first recommended a redrawing of India's banking landscape, the NDA government on Friday announced a big and bold step to consolidate state-owned banks. According to the mega merger plan unveiled by the finance minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will be merged with Punjab National Bank, making it the second largest bank in the country, while the south-based Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank will become one entity which will make it the third largest local lender, besides an amalgamation of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank with Union Bank of India and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank. This comes on top of the merger of associate banks of the SBI with the parent bank, and that of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda during the Narendra Modi government's first term, thus pruning the number of government banks to a dozen.

A consolidation offers the promise of economies of scale, leveraging of pooled resources, manpower, brands, better utilisation of branch networks and increased efficiencies. Supplementing these will be the government's decision to infuse capital separately into many of these banks and game-changing reforms such as the insolvency law and the asset quality review of lenders. In the near term, this will certainly benefit the largest shareholder, the government, more, with fewer banks to focus on and to assign capital. But the question is whether creating bigger banks will necessarily lead to the emergence of stronger entities. The biggest potential risk in such a consolidation blueprint is the swelling of more systematically important or too-big-to-fail entities and the systemic challenges they pose as the IL&FS blow-out showed. Manpower rationalisation and cultural fit will also be issues. Overcoming political resistance, and that of bank unions, may also not be easy. The process of integration will be difficult, consuming a lot of political and managerial energies.

The success of this ambitious plan to shrink the number of banks in India will hinge on a much stronger and more independent central bank with an enhanced capability to supervise these banks and ensure financial stability. It will also mean further bolstering the RBI's capital buffers. The government's move on Friday comes at the right time, with the NPA or bad loans problem appearing to have bottomed out. But India's banking reforms will be complete only when the next set of governance reforms show in board driven and professionally run banks, which are free to operate without policy constraints or hounding by probe agencies and when the government reduces its equity. That should be the next milestone.

GLOOMY NUMBERS

With growth slumping, government must address structural issues plaguing the economy

INDIA'S ECONOMY EXPANDED at the slowest pace in 25 quarters in the first quarter of the current financial year. Gross domestic product (GDP) grew by a mere 5 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20, down from 5.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2018-19, as both consumption demand and investment weakened. In its last monetary policy meeting in August, the RBI had lowered its growth projections, forecasting GDP growth to average 5.8 to 6.6 per cent in the first half of the current financial year. But the numbers released by the statistics office, which are well below expectations, suggest that the slowdown is more entrenched than what is believed.

Higher public spending appears to have helped stem the slide. Excluding public administration and defence, which largely connote government spending, gross value added by the remaining sectors of the economy grew by 4.5 per cent, down from 5 per cent in the previous quarter, signalling the extent of the slowdown. Manufacturing activity barely registered a rise, growing by a mere 0.6 per cent in Q1FY19. Construction also slowed down to 5.7 per cent, down from 7.1 per cent the previous quarter. The collapse in consumption demand, which has been the bulwark of growth over the past few years, is worrying. Private consumption growth, which has slowed down sharply to 3.1 per cent down from 7.2 per cent in the previous quarter, is unlikely to perk up sharply in the near term. Investment activity, which grew by 4 per cent, is unlikely to witness a quick revival. Going forward, the government is likely to front-load its expenditure, giving a push to economic activity. The cumulative impact of the rate cuts by the MPC (the sharp slowdown creates room for further cuts) will also be felt over the coming quarters. But a broad-based pick-up in economic activity is unlikely in the near term.

In light of the new numbers, the clamour for the government to loosen its purse strings will only get louder, especially after it has received Rs 58,000 crore more from the RBI than what had been budgeted for. But the space for counter-cyclical fiscal policy is all but exhausted. The government has over the past week announced a slew of measures aimed at arresting the slowdown. While sector-specific sops will provide some relief, they are unlikely to address the deeper issues plaguing the economy. To salvage growth, a business as usual approach will no longer suffice.

ALAS, POOR MRD

Three generations of our ancestors, the Australopithecines, are now identified. But MRD is shaking the family tree

THE FANTASTICALLY NAMED Yohannes Haile-Selassie of the University of Cleveland, who has unearthed an almost perfectly preserved skull of an ancestor of Lucy, has boggled the minds of his peers and uprooted the carefully manicured timeline of the human race. Because while traditional thinking suggests that each species bowed off the Darwinian stage in favour of a more evolved descendant, stratigraphic dating of the new skull discovered in Ethiopia suggests that the species shared the world with its descendant Lucy for at least 1,00,000 years. Perhaps they shared families, too.

Let's get the problem pegged out neatly. Lucy is an *Australopithecus*, of the genus from which our own line of Homo is descended. She is properly known as *Australopithecus afarensis*, and was named Lucy because when her fossilised bones were brought into camp in the mid-70s, they were playing *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*. In the taxonomic literature, she is unglamorously known as AL-288-1, but she had galvanised the scientific community when her age was determined — 3.2 million years. But she was not the first of her genus to be discovered. That honour goes to Raymond Dart's Taung Baby, formally *Australopithecus africanus*, aged 2.8 million years, who was found 95 years ago. And now we have its grandparent and Lucy's ancestor, *Australopithecus anamensis*, aged between 4.1 and 3.6 million years. Three generations of the pre-human family etched in stone.

Time wages a relentless war of attrition with identity, and the oldest member of a family is often nameless. He is just Grandpa. Following this unkind tradition, no one has named the new find. The literature records it only as MRD. But this old codger has rattled our cage, and our evolution is no longer a linear transition from MRD to Lucy to the Taung Baby, and finally to us.

EVEN AS THERE has been a slew of comments around the RBI's surplus-capital transfer to the government, confusion reigns on its macroeconomic implications. There's a perception that a fresh stimulus of the amount transferred (Rs 1.76 lakh crore) is now available. Consequently, market participants are queuing up to suggest where this fresh spending should be deployed. Indeed, a stimulus of this quantum (almost 1 per cent of GDP) invested in public infrastructure projects — that have large multiplier effects — should be enough to arrest the current slowdown, right?

Not quite. It's important to understand how this transfer will get absorbed into the Budget. For starters, Rs 28,000 crore of this amount was already transferred and used in last year's budget. Additionally, the July budget penciled in Rs 90,000 crore as RBI dividends for 2019-20. So this amount has already been budgeted to pay for extant expenditures and is not available for fresh spending. That leaves us with a more modest sum of Rs 58,000 crore or 0.3 per cent of GDP. Won't additional spending of this quantum boost aggregate demand?

Not quite. That's because — in all likelihood — these funds won't be available for financing new expenditure, but will have to be used to reduce the quantum of expenditure cuts to meet this year's fiscal target of 3.3 per cent of GDP. Why is that? Because tax collections have been budgeted very aggressively. Gross tax collections grew at just 8.4 per cent in 2018-19 off nominal GDP growth of 11.2 per cent (a tax buoyancy of 0.8).

In 2019-20, after adjusting for the tax rate changes, gross tax collections have been budgeted to grow at 15 per cent. Even if nominal GDP were to grow at 11 per cent (the first quarter grew at 8 per cent), this would imply a tax buoyancy of almost 1.4 — the highest in three years. With growth likely to slow further this year, we think achieving a sharp jump in tax buoyancy is improbable. As a case in point, gross tax collections grew at just 1.4 per cent in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Consequently, like last year, potentially large expenditure cuts will be necessary to meet the fiscal deficit target. In 2018-19, ac-

Even if the deficit stays the same, the fact that asset sales will increase (on account of the RBI special dividend) implies that India's fiscal impulse will increase by 0.3 per cent of GDP in 2019-20. So there will be an aggregate stimulative impact of 0.3 per cent of GDP on the economy. But it will not come from new expenditures, but instead from replacing tax shortfalls (which are contractionary) with the RBI dividend (which is not) on the revenue side. So the stimulus will come from the composition of revenues, not from new spending — something that's currently lost on markets.

tual expenditures were lower by 0.8 per cent of GDP (Rs 1.5 lakh crore) compared to what was budgeted. Even if tax collections grow at 14 per cent this year — which implies a higher buoyancy despite weaker growth — this would still imply a potentially hefty shortfall of 0.7 per cent of GDP (Rs 1.5 lakh crore) in net revenues, which means spending would have to be cut by a commensurate amount to meet the fiscal deficit target.

This is where the RBI's higher-than-budgeted transfer will likely be used, because it will ensure that less spending will need to be cut to meet the fiscal deficit target. Therefore, contrary to casual presumption, the RBI's extra dividend will not facilitate extra spending, but reduce expenditure cuts required to stick to the budgeted fiscal deficit. Qualitatively, the one-time dividend from the RBI constitutes an "asset sale" of the government, because it's a reduction of the government's equity in the central bank. It's important, therefore, that revenues from asset sales are deployed towards creating fresh assets, rather than being used to finance current expenditure.

All told, will the RBI transfer constitute a fiscal stimulus for the economy? At the aggregate level, that would normally depend on whether the Centre's fiscal deficit widens. If the actual deficit remains at the budgeted level of 3.3 per cent of GDP (as we believe it will) — with the RBI dividends being used to offset tax shortfalls — there should be no stimulus, right?

Not quite. This is because in India asset sales are counted above the line (as a revenue item) instead of below the line (as a financing item), which is how most other countries treat asset sales. Therefore, the true fiscal impulse is determined by deducting asset sales from the fiscal deficit, because asset sales, unlike taxes and duties, aren't contractionary.

Therefore, even if the deficit stays the same, the fact that asset sales will increase by 0.3 per cent of GDP (on account of the RBI transfer) implies that India's fiscal impulse will increase by 0.3 per cent of GDP in 2019-20. So there will be a stimulative impact of 0.3 per cent of GDP on the economy. It will, however, not come from new expenditures, but instead from replacing tax shortfalls (which are con-

tractionary) with the RBI dividend (which is not) on the revenue side. So the stimulus will come from the changing composition of revenues rather than new spending — something that's currently lost on markets.

Of course, this also assumes the RBI dividend doesn't simply offset shortfalls of other asset sales (disinvestment). The government has correctly set an ambitious disinvestment target of 1.05 lakh crore this year. Now it must follow through. If disinvestment targets are missed, and the RBI dividend simply ends up substituting for that shortfall, total asset sales will not increase this year and there will be no stimulative impact of the RBI dividend at all.

Finally, with the Budget receiving a larger-than-expected windfall from the RBI, reducing the likelihood of any fiscal slippage, government bonds should have rallied, right? Rather, they have sold off in recent days. This is potentially because the special dividend will add to inter-bank liquidity as soon as the government spends it. Therefore, for whatever liquidity target the RBI has in mind, the central bank will have to do 0.3 per cent of GDP less of open market operation (OMO) purchases and/or FX purchases. From the perspective of bond markets, therefore, the number of potential OMOs for liquidity creation reduces, possibly explaining the recent hardening of bond yields.

Contrary to popular perception, therefore, the RBI dividend transfer is not a panacea. At most, we believe it will have a stimulative impact of 0.3 per cent of GDP — and, that too, assuming the steep disinvestment target is met. Instead, what has been very encouraging in recent days is the flurry of announcements by the government to ease frictions and attract more FDI across various sectors. But much more of this is needed. India's growth slowing to just 5 per cent in the April-June quarter is a stark reminder, as if one was needed, of the severity of the slowdown. We believe India's economy needs sustained structural reforms to boost potential growth. The RBI dividend, at best, is a cyclical band-aid.

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WHERE MEDIA IS BESEIGED

Populism in South Asia threatens to reduce media to banal agitprop



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WHEN LEADERS ARE powerful and charismatic, it is difficult to report on them objectively. Their supporters are emotional and often do not accept reports that could serve as correctives in democracy. Much-loved leaders often appeal to hidden national intolerance and so, are not impartially assessed.

The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) is "censoring" TV comment during debates. This censoring is carried out in many ways including phone calls to cable operators in the private sector. Channels can be suddenly switched off and critics can be silenced through mysterious warnings and threats that can force commentators to leave the country. People who come on TV with forceful critiques disappear mysteriously, only to be released a few days later after they have sworn to keep mum. When nationalism is on the upswing — especially when the state is expected to go to war — the media is reduced to banal agitprop.

India is no different. Raksha Kumar, in *Foreign Policy* (August 2), gives us a tour d'horizon: "For much of Modi's first five years in office, his government seemed to get a free pass from the country's pliant media. In November 2016, when Modi abruptly recalled 86 per cent of the country's currency — to fight corruption, he said at the time — many influential media outlets failed to ask crucial questions. By initially lauding what most economists called a damaging move and by buying the government line, journalists helped spread

the incorrect perception that phony economics could fix big problems. In the end, India's growth rate dropped for several quarters."

"In February, Indian military pilots struck the Pakistani town of Balakot in response to a suicide attack on its soldiers. India's media was awash in jingoistic sentiments, unquestioningly publishing in print and broadcasting on TV the government line that New Delhi had killed a 'very large number' of militants from the Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist group. Days later, Reuters and some other international media challenged the government line with satellite imagery as evidence; but the damage, once again, was done, as most Indians had already been sold New Delhi's version of events," Kumar continues.

Pluralism is at risk in South Asia from populism. Prime Minister Hasina Wajed of Bangladesh has a three-fourths majority in the country's Parliament and the media is too scared to speak the truth and risk being roughed up by Awami League supporters. In the run-up to the 2018 election, the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) suffered mass arrests on trumped-up charges. Mysteriously, more than 40 candidates of the Opposition alliance left the electoral race while the vote was being cast. *Daily Star's* editor is said to have been asked to pay about \$8 billion to satisfy the "defamed" citizens. The "mob" is always there to do the needful if an erring journalist doesn't "let go". Media was controlled under the military

rule of Generals Ziaur Rehman and H M Ershad. Khaleda Zia and Hasina Wajed acted in a similar manner, one leaning on the power of the military and the other on the charisma of the founder of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Reporters Without Borders ranks Bangladesh 146th out of 180 in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index. Thirty-two journalists revealed to Reuters that "the recent strengthening of defamation laws with a new Digital Security Act has spread a climate of fear in the industry."

When the police gets to you in Bangladesh, they do so under legislation that Bangladeshi journalists don't like. In Pakistan, it's different because you don't know who is threatening you, and if you get a drubbing you are not supposed to reveal your assailant. Such things have happened to journalists, bloggers — they get a rough deal in Bangladesh too — university teachers and even women reporters.

In Pakistan, the personal appeal of Imran Khan is the most powerful phenomenon faced by the media. Modi is powerful in India and Imran Khan is powerful in Pakistan. This doesn't bode well for the future of South Asia. Not being criticised is no merit as it deprives the common citizen of an objective mechanism of judging the elected leader. As both sides suffer from the same measure of inflexibility it clearly points the way to war.

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UP DROUGHT

THE UTTAR PRADESH Vidhan Sabha has discussed inconclusively the grave drought situation in the countryside where the kharif crop had dried up, cattle are dying, tubewells and pumping sets are not operating for want of electricity and diesel and canals are cut by desperate peasants. MLAs have warned the government, which was accused of having failed to do anything to address the situation arising out of rioting by farmers for water from tubewells, pumps and canals.

RAJASTHAN FAMINE

AFTER THE FLOOD ravages of mid-July in five districts, Rajasthan now faces famine in a vast

area because of a severe drought. Except for the flood-affected region, in the rest of the state crops have started withering — it is likely to force about 1,00,000 people with more than two million livestock to migrate.

RANK OVERHAUL

THE THREE SERVICES chiefs have urged the government to overhaul the rank structure in the armed forces, envisaging better career opportunities from the bottom to the top, including the creation of six more full generals, three more admirals. In a paper presented to the government, the three chiefs have said that the strength of Indian forces has increased manifold since Independence

and it is time that each command is placed under a full four star general in the army or equivalent rank in the air force and navy.

COUPLES' POSTING

MARRIED WOMEN in the IFS and IAS want their posting at the place where their husbands are serving. In the past, when the number of couples in the two services was small, the government was able to oblige them. The foreign office would arrange that they were posted in the same mission, sometimes even by upgrading certain positions. Now, since more and more batchmates are marrying the government is thinking of what to do.



15 THE IDEAS PAGE

A politician and an optimist

Arun Jaitley will be missed for his friendships across political camps, and contribution to policymaking. Above all, he was a man of ideas



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BY SURJIT S BHALLA

ARUN JAITLEY, A keen legal, political, economic and cricket mind, passed away way before his time at the age of 66. He was also a friend and mentor to many, and was part of the BJP trinity of Modi-Jaitley-Shah. Jaitley had many leadership attributes, but in my opinion, in the main, he was a policy ideas man.

India will feel his contribution for a long, long, time. Both the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and bankruptcy code are mega financial sector reforms, and possibly the most impactful. I want to briefly discuss his contribution and leadership towards making reforms happen.

The adoption of GST was not Jaitley's brainchild, but he certainly was the one who made it possible. There was a lot of opposition from the states, and from politicians of all hues. Its passage needed cajoling, negotiation, and single-minded pursuit. It required a constitutional amendment, and support from the Opposition. Both ex-post and ex-ante, Jaitley was born to make this legislation possible.

Via the adoption of GST, the world learnt of another of Jaitley's attributes — the ability to own up to mistakes, and work towards rectification. It is difficult to conceive of mistake-less economic reform, particularly in implementation. The GST had too many rates, and mishaps were not properly accounted for. It had to be learning by doing. Never once did the then finance minister claim that things were working well; exporters not getting their credit in time — true, and we will address that problem. And Nirmla Sitharaman has promised that all past dues will be paid within the next three months. Too many rates — also acknowledged and the GST council, led by Jaitley, repeatedly cut rates. Again, no excuses were offered other than the realistic apology that GST decisions, given the federal nature of the tax, and the economy, had to be broadly by consensus. But India has seen more adjustments in GST law, and with zero flip-flops (to date), than any reform in recent memory.

Policy-making, even by the best, is never perfect. It is not my case, nor of any other admirer of Jaitley, that he made all of the right decisions at the right time. But not only was he most open to criticism, he was actually very good-humoured about it. I remember the July 2014 Budget, the maiden budget of the Narendra Modi government. PM Modi had run a successful political campaign against UPA economics, and one of the "jewels" of UPA policy was the retrospective tax. Everyone expected the tax to go, but it remained. When confronted, Jaitley smiled it off, took blame rather than point to any bureaucrat, and said it will be changed in due course.

Here again is a lesson for all of us recommending, or changing, economic policy. The power of the bureaucracy is quite supreme. That it should be so, and was so, in 1947 is well understood. But why that should be the case in 2004, or 2014, or 2019 is something that historians and psychologists should jointly consider.



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I never worked for, or with, Arun Jaitley. Over the years, we have met at seminars. From my side (at least) there was a strong interest in establishing "contact" with Arun, especially since our interests overlapped so much. A law degree was my choice when very young; I am sure (I think!) that Jaitley at some time or another must have wished that he was an economist! We both had a strong and passionate interest in cricket — and he bought me two tickets for a match at Ferozshah Kotla some 20 years ago. And that ticket came my way after a discussion over cricket. As it now transpires, and deservedly so, Ferozshah Kotla is going to be renamed the Jaitley stadium.

My real bond with Jaitley (again from my side) was in our obsession with policy ideas. The subjects for passionate discussion were economics, politics (elections) and cricket. He had very sound ideas about elections. For a long time, he was maintaining that 2019 would be a presidential-type election. It was. That the aspirational middle class would decide the election. It did. And that PM Modi's inclusive growth agenda would win him the hearts and minds of the Indian electorate — right again. And substantiated rumour has it that his estimate of the BJP victory was very, very, close to the actual.

That policy-making is never perfect, even with the best of minds and the best of intentions, is illustrated by two "mishaps" in economic policy under Jaitley's stewardship. The first occurred with the guarantee of 14 per cent annual return in GST revenue for the states for five years from the date of implementation in July 2017. Nominal growth in GDP has averaged close to 10.5 per cent from that date. That is a loss of approximately Rs 45,000 crore annually to the Centre.

How much can this loss be attributed to an over-eager Centre wanting to get a mega economic reform under their belt? Was Jaitley a bad negotiator? No. The 14 per cent guarantee seemed the most expected reality at that time. Nominal GDP had grown by an average of 14 per cent over the previous five years. The newly formed Monetary Policy Committee (the main "arbiter" of inflation rates in India) was predicting accelerating inflation and hence, 14 per cent growth in GST rev-

Policy-making, even by the best, is never perfect. It is not my case, nor of any other admirer of Jaitley, that he made all of the right decisions at the right time. But not only was he most open to criticism, he was actually very good-humoured about it. I remember the July 2014 Budget, the maiden budget of the Narendra Modi government. PM Modi had run a successful political campaign against UPA economics, and one of the 'jewels' of UPA policy was the retrospective tax. Everyone expected the tax to go, but it remained. When confronted, Jaitley smiled it off, took blame rather than point to any bureaucrat, and said it will be changed in due course.

enues, did not seem such a stretch. It is another story that the MPC (and associated economists) got their inflation forecast horribly wrong for the next 2+ years, and possibly at least the next 5+ years, and beyond.

The "institution" of MPC may not have been much of a reform at all. Again, a reality check-mate on a reform that on paper seemed reasonable. The UPA regime had unleashed a decade of historically the highest annual inflation in India, even higher than that in the wake of the global high-inflation decade of the 1970s (induced by the quadrupling of the price of oil in October 1973). This was also the period of the highest fiscal deficits. Economists put two and two together and reached five.

Fiscal policy is about taxation and expenditures. On expenditure, the restraint shown by Modi-Jaitley has been exceptional — and from my point of view, too exceptional. Unfortunately, the fiscal hawks (including those in the Bimal Jalan committee) do not give the duo enough credit. I have already documented the path-breaking nature of GST reform. The first major direct tax reform was also initiated and inspired by Jaitley. Direct taxes were reduced in the 2019 interim budget; this was the first reduction in 22 years. Second, Jaitley announced that the goal of the government was to tax all corporates at a 25 per cent rate. Hopefully, we will reach, and exceed, his target soon.

Jaitley was an optimist, and someone who always saw possibilities for India well before most others. It is also remarkable (and a tribute to Jaitley's genius) that when no one saw potential in Modi post the 2002 Godhra riots, Jaitley was prominently by Modi's side. His ability to accurately size up individuals came across when he described me as a one-handed economist. Not sure he meant it as a compliment, but I took it as one — and he was accurate.

They say, and research proves, that an optimist lives much longer than a pessimist. The real loss to the nation, his party, and even non-supporters, is that he was rudely taken away so much before his time.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The sovereignty of parliament ought to be upheld, not least because it is the principle Brexiters said they wanted to preserve. Mr Johnson's move has united his opponents in righteous indignation." —THE GUARDIAN

Propaganda comes of age

Films like 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' and 'Chalo Jeete Hain' give longer life to the jumla



AAKASH JOSHI

ON JULY 21, 2018, the BJP's official handle tweeted: "Chalo Jeete Hain" is a short film which compels you to think who do you live for? It presents an inspiring story of young Naru, destined to serve the nation. Guess who?" Earlier this month, *Chalo Jeete Hain* won the National Award for Best Film on Family Values. *Uri: The Surgical Strike* received multiple awards too, for acting and its technical finesse. Even *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha* managed to win an award for choreography.

First, the obvious point: All three films are a blatant exercise in propaganda for the government, the ruling party and Prime Minister Narendra Modi (he is indeed Naru), and it may well be the case that they have been rewarded for this loyalty through the national awards. But, more importantly, two of the films (*Toilet* is a bore, and does not move beyond being a two-hour-long PSA) display a technical finesse and narrative subtlety that makes them far more convincing than all the advertisements, apps and TV channels that have been deployed thus far in service of a government and the ruling party's ideology.

Chalo Jeete Hain, for example, retroactively assigns to young Naru many of the themes that were a hallmark of the prime minister's first term in office. He is a bright student, does indeed serve tea at the railway station, is filled with concern for a poor, Dalit classmate (Harish) whose mother is fated a life of misery in pre-swachh Bharat. Naru's mother coughs at a chulha because presumably, there is no Ujjwala Yojana. But it is in Naru's "rescue" of Harish and his interactions with his Guruji that the most interesting foreshadowing of today's politics takes place. Harish does not attend school despite being academically bright because he cannot afford a uniform, and Guruji insists that exceptions (a masterful attack on reservation) erode social unity and discipline. Eventually, through a play, Naru manages to raise money from the local landlord to help Harish. There must be no exceptions, divisions, no circumstances in this ideological project.

Like the archetype of the mythical hero, the narrative of New India is read back into the past, and fused with the politics of today. Naru's inspiration is Swami Vivekananda, and he wants to "live only for others". He is the *adarsh balak*, set to be *maryada purushottam*.

Yet, this message isn't forced down your throat, and for those who are politically neutral, or not given to putting every frame of the 31-minute film under the microscope, *Chalo Jeete Hain* is, in fact, a quite pleasing watch. It is in the vein of Amol

Gupte's films (*Stanley ka Dabba*, *Hawaa Hawaai*), a world of children, where their innocence allows them to bring about change in the lives of their compatriots because the desire to help has not been tamped by society and cynicism.

Uri: The Surgical Strike is a far more popular film. Everyone from the prime minister to senior cabinet ministers and BJP leaders, were peppering their public statements with "How's the josh!", leaving those who hadn't seen the film somewhat perplexed. But first-time director Aditya Dhar has managed to replicate and cash in on — arguably to an even greater extent than *Border* — the currency of cool that has defined Hollywood's celebration of the US military-industrial complex (think *Zero Dark Thirty*). And there, like here, well-made propaganda featuring soldiers, receives great accolades. The Indian army is beyond reproach, as are the national security advisor and the prime minister. The latter fulfils his promise — *ghar mein ghus karmareng* — after the attack by armed militants at the Indian Army base in Uri. The soldiers are slick, the equipment state-of-the-art, and the enemy is a monster. "Terrorism", and the death of soldiers allows Indian forces to torture, kill without trial.

Neither *Uri* nor *Chalo Jeete Hain* claim to be wholly factual, just as the *Bal Narendra* comic was not an official biography, and the numbers of "terrorists killed" being circulated by political sources (not government) after the surgical strikes or Balakot attacks have never been confirmed by the military. The films, well-made, appealing and "based on facts", have a far greater impact, each for a different reason. In *Uri*, the big-screen experience, the larger-than-life and infallible Indian government, lends credence to the stories about the surgical strike(s). It makes real, in mythical proportions, the rumours of what went on because the Indian people do not know what really went on. *Chalo Jeete Hain*, a short film, takes a different route. It tells a small story, something out of a folktale or even Premchand. It confirms that for the prime minister, family has always been the fellow citizen and it does it in close ups, through a gentle background score and some masterful lighting. It confirms a biography that is not yet substantiated, makes every government scheme part of the PM's personal narrative.

It is precisely because of the paucity of verified details about their subject matter that both films can appear as truth, or perhaps the lie that is repeated so often that it becomes so. Unlike the ham-handed government ads, or even the poorly-scripted attempts like *Toilet: Ek Prem Katha*, these films will keep you on the edge of your seat, make you cry for the disenfranchised and make you hate the villains and love the heroes.

These stories will make true every half-truth, make history out of every jumla. As such, they do deserve recognition for being pioneers, harbingers of a new era: Indian propaganda has come of age.

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Man for all seasons

Arun Jaitley provided a political compass to the BJP till the end



GAURAV BHATIA

Hazaron saal nargis apni benuri pe roti hain/ badi mushkil se hota hai chaman mein deedarwara paida -Iqbal

ARUN JAITLEY WAS a multi-faceted individual. A brilliant lawyer, darling of the media, erudite parliamentarian, foodie and a witty and generous human being, he touched the lives of everyone who came into contact with him. He took inspiration from the poem written by the former prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee: "Toot sakte hain magar hum jhuk nahin sakte".

In cricket parlance, Jaitley, an ardent cricket lover, completed his innings on August 8. He will be remembered for the sixes and fours he regularly hit, especially when they were most required by his team, the BJP.

As finance minister of the country for almost five years, starting from 2014, he was instrumental in implementing GST. Consensus building was sine qua non for the implementation of GST and, there was no better consensus builder than Jaitley. It was his vision and ability that helped the NDA government to open 35 crore Jan Dhan accounts so that the formal banking system reached the marginalised; the Jan Dhan accounts ensured that they were brought into the mainstream and empowered.

Another feather in his cap was the enactment of the Insolvency Code in 2016. The Insolvency Code has resulted in the recovery of more than 1.5 lakh crore of bad debt. The Supreme Court in *Swiss Ribbons (P) Ltd. v. Union of India* said: "We are happy to note that in the working of the Code, the flow of financial resource to the commercial sector in India has increased exponentially as a result of financial debts being repaid. Approximately 3,300 cases have been disposed of by the adjudicating authority based on out-of-court settlements between corporate debtors and creditors, which themselves involved claims amounting to over Rs 1,20,390 crore. These figures show that the experiment conducted in enacting the Code is proving to be largely successful. The defaulter's paradise is lost. In its place, the economy's rightful position has been regained."

Such was Jaitley's respect for institutions of the country that when on January 12, 2018, four justices of the Supreme Court of India held a press conference and certain opposition parties tried to derive political mileage out of it, he, out of reverence for the institution that he served so well, respected the doctrine of separation of powers and maintained that the BJP will act with rectitude, exercise complete restraint and not politicise the issue as it was the internal matter of the judiciary.

My association with Jaitley began in 2002,

when I moved to Delhi to practice in the Supreme Court. My father, Virendra Bhatia, who was the then advocate general of Uttar Pradesh, had asked me to meet him and seek his professional guidance. I visited his chamber and introduced myself to him. He had a very strong positive aura and I was awestruck with his legal and political knowledge.

He had an exceptional quality of remembering and referring to you by name. His study table had the latest volumes of Supreme Court journals and latest edition of all magazines, neatly flagged and marked showing the level of reading and research he did to keep himself abreast with all the latest developments. I never thought at that point of time that he will be the one to ensure my induction in the BJP and mentor me in the years to come.

After the change of government at the Centre in 2004, Jaitley always made it a point to visit the Supreme Court canteen after his daily list of cases was over. He loved interacting with lawyers over tea. The impromptu meetings in the canteen were filled with humor and thought-provoking discussions.

He was a regular blogger. For the BJP spokespersons, his blogs were like the Bhagavad Gita; they provided the most effective referral points to understand the stand of the party and intricacies of complex political, social and legal issues. In his wide ranging blogs, he recognised the spirit of co-

operative federalism during the implementation of GST. A three-part blog on Emergency is a must read for all, where he highlighted the horrors of Emergency, having been imprisoned for almost 19 months. His lucid blog on how triple talaq affects the fundamental rights of Muslim women is an example of his understanding of complex constitutional and social issues. His last blog on the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A, brilliantly sums up the reasons behind the historic decision taken by the leadership of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah.

In spite of his fading health before the 2019 general election, he did not lose his cheerful disposition. He remained a political compass for the BJP and was instrumental in conducting the morning meetings with party spokespersons. He would give an opportunity to everyone in the room to voice their opinion on various subjects. He would patiently yet keenly listen to each of the proposition made. It was due to his exemplary guidance and understanding of the political scenario that the BJP returned to power.

Jaitley was a political and legal giant. He was a man of principles. He lived with dignity, fought for dignity and passed away with dignity. He leaves behind a legacy difficult to surpass. We will miss you always, Sir.

The writer is national spokesperson, BJP

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REFORMS NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Opening the door' (IE, August 30). It is good that the government has finally woken up to the need for measures to attract FDI in certain sectors. Yes, the country may have lost to Vietnam or other countries where companies have shifted their production base from China. Nevertheless, India can still attract a fair share of business from foreign companies. That will not only give a significant boost to our economy but will provide the much needed push to employment.

Bal Govind, Noida

CONTEXT MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'An unfair comparison' (IE, August 30). It seems that the author has missed the context in which comparison between Emergency and the abrogation of Article 370 is being made. According to the article, 900 opposition leaders were arrested for dissent during the Emergency. At present, many are under house arrest in Kashmir. The Emergency was proclaimed without the consent of cabinet ministers. Similarly, Article 370 was revoked without the concurrence of the state legislature. The author talks about the rights of women in Kashmir. His concern for gender equality is well appreciated. But the women's reservation bill has been pending in Parliament for more than 10 years. It could well be that the abrogation of Article 370 will bring development to Kashmir. But there were more democratic means for that purpose.

Amit Singh, Delhi

LETTER OF THE WEEK

LAST CHANCE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The last window' (IE, August 27). India must, in order to keep up with the global phenomenon of climate change, shift its focus to deal with the rising global temperatures. One of the alarming effects of global warming is rising water levels which will, in the long term, result in the loss of land. This poses a major threat for all coastal cities and will trigger massive migration. India has a large coastline and it is in India's interest to take steps toward sustainable development to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Stuti Srivastava via e-mail

UNFAIR TO SENIORS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'BCCI names a largely unchanged squad for the T20 home series against South Africa' (IE, August 30). Resting Jasprit Bumrah is understandable. But why has M S Dhoni, always a match winner, failed to find a place in the team? Rishabh Pant has been retained despite his failure in the West Indies. Omitting Dhoni to accommodate Pant is not correct. Seniors must be given their due. Hope the BCCI is not forcing stalwarts to quit the game.

TSB Chander, Chennai

TOP OF THE WORLD



Donald Trump

US sets up space warfare command

Washington: President Donald Trump has launched the US Space Command, which he said will ensure America's dominance in space is "never threatened". The command's establishment comes as the US has grown increasingly concerned about threats to its satellites from countries like Russia and China. "Those who wish to harm the United States, to seek to challenge us on the ultimate high ground of space, it's going to be a whole different ballgame," he said on Thursday at a White House ceremony marking the command's establishment.

LIBYA UN chief fears 'full civil war'

United Nations: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said Thursday that he fears Libya will end up in a "full civil war" unless moves are soon made to end the conflict. "Unless action is taken in the near term, it is highly likely that the current conflict will escalate into full civil war," Guterres said in the report. He acknowledged the need for the support of the international community in finding a political solution for the country, where forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Haftar launched an offensive to take the capital Tripoli from the UN-recognized Government of National Accord in early April.

UK Indian-origin man jailed for domestic abuse

London: An Indian-origin finance executive has been jailed for 22 months after admitting to a domestic abuse charge in a UK court. Tarang Katira had pleaded guilty to one charge of controlling or coercive behaviour, contrary to Section 76 of the UK's Serious Crime Act 2015, and sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court in London on Thursday. The 34-year-old was also ordered to pay 1,500 pounds in legal costs, and a restraining order has been placed on him to prohibit contact with the victim - an unidentified woman believed to be his partner.

TAIWAN Promoting indigenous defence: Tsai

Taipei: Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen says the island has been "aggressively promoting indigenous national defence". Tsai spoke Friday at Armed Forces Day in Taipei City. She said Taiwan has been locally building its own submarines and fighter jets. Tsai added Taiwan's determination to defend itself has won international support, as the US in recent months approved sales of M1A2 tanks and F-16Vs. Chinese President Xi Jinping has said he would not rule out using force in efforts to "unify" Taiwan and the mainland.

NO NOD FOR RALLY TO MARK 2014 UMBRELLA MOVEMENT

Hong Kong police arrest pro-democracy activists ahead of protest anniversary

AUSTIN RAMZY & EZRA CHEUNG HONG KONG, AUGUST 30

THE POLICE in Hong Kong arrested at least three prominent activists ahead of a sensitive political anniversary Saturday, as the authorities intensified their crackdown on an opposition movement that has shaken the semi-autonomous Chinese city for months.

Joshua Wong and Agnes Chow, student leaders of the pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong five years ago that presaged the current protests, were arrested Friday morning, their political organization said.

Andy Chan, who led the now-banned Hong Kong National Party, was taken into custody Thursday night at the Hong Kong airport, he said on Facebook.

Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's chief executive, said Tuesday that the government was looking into "all laws in Hong Kong - if they can provide a legal means to stop violence and chaos."



Pro-democracy activists Joshua Wong (right) and Agnes Chow in Hong Kong on Friday. AP

when asked whether she was considering use of the sweeping Emergency Regulations Ordinance.

Two days later, the Chinese military sent fresh troops in the early-morning darkness to its Hong Kong garrison.

Beijing described the move as a regular rotation of its forces, but in light of warnings

from mainland officials that the military could be used to quell unrest in Hong Kong, it raised questions about whether China was positioning its troops for a crackdown.

Opposition leaders were hoping to hold a large rally Saturday, the fifth anniversary of a decision by the Chinese legislature to impose strict limits on

elections in Hong Kong, but those plans were in doubt.

The police have rejected an application to hold a large rally and march to the Chinese government's representative office in Hong Kong to mark the anniversary of the decision, which helped inspire the 2014 Umbrella Movement. An appeal was turned down Friday. NYT

CHINA 'REJECTED' PLAN TO APPEASE PROTESTERS

EARLIER THIS summer, Carrie Lam, the chief executive of Hong Kong, submitted a report to Beijing that assessed protesters' five key demands and found that withdrawing a contentious extradition bill could help to defuse the situation

THE CHINESE central government rejected Lam's proposal and ordered her not to yield to any of the protesters' other demands at that time, three individuals with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

BEIJING'S REBUFF of Lam's proposal for how to resolve the crisis, detailed for the first time by Reuters, represents concrete evidence of the extent to which China is controlling the Hong Kong



Carrie Lam

government's response to the unrest.

OTHER DEMANDS analysed in Lam's report, which was submitted before an August 7 meeting in Shenzhen about the crisis, were: an independent inquiry into the protests; fully democratic elections; dropping of the term "riot" in describing protests; and dropping charges against those arrested so far

US-IRAN STANDOFF

Europe to step up efforts to save nuclear deal: Germany

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA HELSINKI, AUGUST 30

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES will step up diplomatic efforts to save the beleaguered Iran nuclear deal, Germany's foreign minister said Friday after talks with Britain and France.

Tensions have spiked recently in the Gulf, where Iran has seized Western tankers as Tehran and Washington have locked horns over the 2015 deal.

US President Donald Trump last year unilaterally pulled out of the accord that handed Iran relief from sanctions in return for curbs on its atomic programme.

The move alarmed European powers, which see the deal as the best way to stop Iran acquiring nuclear weapons, and infuriated the Islamic republic.

The foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany - the three European parties to the deal - were joined by EU diplomatic chief Federica Mogherini for talks on the sidelines of an EU meeting in Helsinki.

Germany's Heiko Maas said the trio wanted to build on momentum from last weekend's G7 summit, where Trump indicated willingness to talk to Iran.

China expels WSJ reporter who wrote on Xi's cousin

SUI-LEE WEE BEIJING, AUGUST 30

CHINA HAS effectively expelled a reporter working for *The Wall Street Journal* after he wrote an article about the cousin of the country's top leader, Xi Jinping, in the latest sign of a government clampdown on media freedoms.

The Chinese authorities declined to renew the press credentials of Chun Han Wong, a reporter in Beijing for *The Journal*, a spokesman from Dow Jones, the parent company of the newspaper, said in an emailed statement on Friday.

Wong, a Singaporean national, had reported on Chinese politics from Beijing for *The Journal* since 2014. Wong's expulsion comes amid a widening crackdown on journalists, both foreign and domestic.

The government has threatened others with expulsion or made reporters wait for months, and sometimes years, before their visas were approved.

China's Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Wong was the co-writer of an article in July about Ming Chai, a 61-year-old Australian citizen who is also Xi's cousin. The article, which quoted unnamed Australian officials, said that the authorities were scrutinising Chai's activities as part of a broad money-laundering and organised crime investigation. China's Foreign Ministry at the time called the accusations groundless. NYT

EU fear of no-deal Brexit soars as UK defends move to suspend parliament

ASSOCIATED PRESS HELSINKI, AUGUST 30

BRITISH FOREIGN Secretary Dominic Raab defended Friday his government's decision to suspend parliament and rejected suggestions that the move will prevent lawmakers from debating the country's departure from the European Union as concern mounts that a costly and damaging Brexit without any agreement is now more likely.

Britain is due to leave the EU on October 31; a move that has divided the country and shaken the European project to its foundations. On Wednesday, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson got Queen Elizabeth II's approval to suspend parliament,



Anti Brexit protesters outside the cabinet office in London on Friday. AP

a move widely criticised by his political opponents who see it as a maneuver to give them even less time to block a chaotic no-deal Brexit.

Johnson previously had refused to rule out such a move, but the timing of the decision took lawmakers - many of whom are on vacation - by surprise.

At talks with EU foreign ministers in Finland, Raab said "the idea that this is some kind of constitutional outrage is nonsense. It's actually lawful. It's perfectly proper. There's precedent for it."

"We've been talking about nothing but Brexit. We're going to get a chance to scrutinise all aspects of Brexit between now and end of October," he told reporters.

JUDGE REJECTS BID TO STOP SUSPENSION OF UK PARLIAMENT

London: Opponents of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's move to suspend parliament in the final weeks before Brexit lost the first of several legal bids to stop him on Friday. Scottish judge Raymond Doherty rejected the request for a temporary injunction pending a full hearing on September 6. "I'm not satisfied that there's a need for an interim suspension or an interim interdict to be granted at this stage," Doherty said in his ruling. PTI

UK joins France, Germany to express concern over South China Sea tensions

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, AUGUST 30

IN A rare show of unity, the UK has joined its European neighbours, France and Germany, to issue a joint statement expressing concern over brewing tensions in the South China Sea, which it warns could lead to "insecurity and instability" in the region.

The statement welcomes the efforts by members states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), of which India is a sectoral dialogue partner, to hold talks with China to achieve a rules-based Code of Conduct based on United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

"We are concerned about the situation in the South China Sea which could lead to insecurity and instability in the region," the statement reads.

"We call on all coastal States of the South China Sea to take steps and measures that reduce tensions and contribute to maintaining and promoting peace, security, stability and safety in the region, including as regards the rights of coastal States in their waters and the freedom and rights of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea," it notes.

As state parties of the UNCLOS, UK, France and Germany underlined their interest in the universal application of the Convention, which sets out the comprehensive legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas including in the South China Sea must be carried out. PTI



Chinese structures in Subi Reef at the South China Sea

Beijing refuses to budge, says Philippines

Beijing: Beijing told visiting Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte its position on the South China Sea was not up for negotiation, a spokesman said Friday. China claims most of the contested sea, including waters close to Philippine shores, and has rejected a UN-backed international tribunal ruling that said its assertion to the Sea is without legal basis. Duterte is under pressure at home to challenge China, with tensions high after a Chinese fishing trawler hit and sank a Filipino boat in June in the contested waters. PTI

What's Next for Brexit? Possible Outcomes

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament next month has brought a fresh wave of consternation and confusion to Britain's already chaotic efforts to leave the EU

- 1 LAWMAKERS TAKE CHARGE**
A majority of MPs oppose what they consider a destructive "no-deal" departure. By suspending Parliament for weeks, an NYT report said the UK PM has galvanised several opponents into action, who have hinted they may copy Boris Johnson in using an arcane procedure to stop a "no-deal" Brexit
- 2 MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE**
Lawmakers can resort to a motion of no confidence, ousting Johnson from office. The problem is the opposition cannot agree on a caretaker PM. Even if it succeeded, Johnson could refuse to resign and schedule a general election for November, in effect forcing through a no-deal Brexit
- 3 A SNAP ELECTION**
If lawmakers should succeed in passing legislation outlawing a no-deal Brexit, Johnson could try to outflank them again by calling a general election. To call an election, Johnson would need the support of two-thirds of the House of Commons, so he would need opposition votes
- 4 LEAVING EU WITH A DEAL**
The critical date is October 17-18, when the bloc's leaders meet, providing a chance for last minute negotiations. If a no-deal Brexit is still a possibility, Johnson can put a gun to the heads of European leaders to get a revised deal, then put the gun to the heads of his lawmakers to get the measure passed
- 5 A NO-DEAL BREXIT**
If European leaders offer too few concessions for his liking, Johnson might plow ahead with a no-deal exit. It is, after all, the default option. The risk, however, is that the predictions of economic chaos after a no-deal Brexit are borne out, making an election unwinnable for him, as per an NYT report

'10 YEARS OF RISING GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS... OF WATCHING THE REEF HEADING FOR CATASTROPHE'

Australia downgrades Great Barrier Reef to 'very poor' status

PAULINA DURAN SYDNEY, AUGUST 30

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT Barrier Reef is in very poor condition because of climate change, over fishing and land clearing, a state agency said on Friday, as it downgraded the reef's status to the lowest level, which could jeopardise its World Heritage status.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) said the health of the world's largest coral reef system, off the northeast coast of the Queensland state, had deteriorated since its last review, in 2014, but the problems the reef faces were not insurmountable. "This report draws attention

to the fact that the outlook for the Great Barrier Reef, the long term outlook, is very poor - that's largely driven by climate change," GBRMPA's Chief Scientists David Wachenfeld told reporters in Sydney.

"Despite that, with the right mix of local actions to improve the resilience of the system and global actions to tackle climate change in the strongest and fastest way possible, we can turn that around."

The report, which is compiled every five years, painted a deteriorating picture of widespread coral bleaching, habitat loss and degradation caused by human-induced climate change, overfishing, poor water quality, and coastal land clear-



A 2015 image of the Great Barrier Reef. Reuters/file

ing for grazing.

The reef stretching for more than 2,300 km (1430 miles) is

home to 400 types of coral, 1,500 species of fish and 4,000 types of molluscs.

Some parts of the reefs remained in good condition but many species including dol-

phins, dugongs, sharks, rays and turtles were being threatened.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee last year called for global action on climate change to protect five large coral reefs, including the Great Barrier Reef.

The committee is due to consider the reef's heritage listing, considering its health and a possible "in danger" status.

"The Great Barrier Reef is one of the globe's most famous World Heritage Areas yet the report finds that its integrity is challenged and deteriorating," environmentalist group Australian Marine Conservation Society said in a statement.

"This is now the third Outlook Report. We've had ten years of warnings, ten years of

rising greenhouse emissions and ten years watching the Reef heading for a catastrophe," said the group's director of strategy, Imogen Zethoven.

"This report will be a major input into UNESCO's committee and here is a very strong case for the reef to be considered for the in danger list."

The inclusion of the reef on the in danger list would be an embarrassment for the government and could damage the tourist industry.

UNESCO's chief of the Asia and Pacific region, Feng Jing, said the organisation was following closely the state of the reef and progress made in protecting it and would consider its status in July next year. REUTERS

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I Subhash chand s/o Mana Ram Jee R/O D-291 J.J.Colony Nangloi Delhi-41 change my name to Subhash for all purpose. 0040510033-7
I, Shaista Gazal D/O, Saiyad Mazid Husain R/O E16/1, Johri Farms, Jamia Nagar, ND-25, have changed my name to Ghazal Siddiqui for all purposes. 0040510150-1
I, Shahnaz Parveen W/o Mohammad Sabir, R/O-C-433, Gali No.15, Indira Kalyan-Vihar, Okhla-Phase-I, New Delhi-110020, inform that in my daughter Sahiba Parveen school-record's my name is wrongly-mentioned as Shehnaaz Begum. My correct name is Shahnaz Parveen which may be amended accordingly. 0040510197-10
I, Shahbaz S/o-Mr. Naziruddin Khan R/O-H.No.B-702, and B-12/7, Street No-5, Near V.T. Model School, Kabir Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Shahbaz Khan for all purposes. 0040510101-1
I, Sarojeni Devi Bhandari W/o Anand Singh Bhandari (Army No.JC:764696K) R/O H.No.220, Galino.7, Darshan-Vihar, Burari, North Delhi-110084 want to correct my name from Sarojeni Devi to Sarojeni Devi Bhandari. This is for Army record purposes. 0040510208-4
I, Satish Aneja S/O Kishan Lal Aneja R/O-203, Agrc-Enclave, Near-Karkardooma, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092. Changed My Name To Satish Kumar Aneja. 0040510182-5
I, S. Padmaja D/o S. Seetharam R/O-E-1007 Superch Livingstons Crossings Republik Ghaziabad-201016., have changed my name to Padmaja Saravali. 0040510182-1
I, Ruchika Oberoi W/o-Tarik Oberoi R/O-A-248, Derawal-Nagar, Delhi-110009 have changed my name from Ruchika Oberoi to Ruchika Oberoi for all purposes. 0040510148-8
I, Reena Mittal W/O Pramod Kumar R/O-4/1906 Street No-5 Rama Block Bhola Nath Nagar Shahdara Delhi-110032. Have Changed My Name To Shalu Gupta. 0040510148-2
I, Ravinder Kumar Chauhan S/O Babu Lal R/O-F-36, Khanpur-Extn., Behind DTC Bus Depot, New Delhi-110080 have changed my name to Ravinder Chauhan. 0040510208-2
I, Ramesh Kumar S/O Sh.Chintamani Pokhriyal Resident of H.No.245, Sector-3, R.K. Puram, New Delhi, have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Pokhriyal for all future purposes. 0040510167-1
I, Sunil Kumar S/O Late Shiv Raj Singh Yadav, R/O.272/A, Naharpur, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name from AsLesha Rao to Lakshita Yadav. 0040510190-3
I, Rakesh Kumar S/O Pishori Lal R/O-H.No.G-15A, Adhyapak Nagar, Nangloi, N.Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar ASI permanently. 0040510197-3
I, Rakesh Goyal S/O Jagdish Rai Gupta R/O.88, Deepali Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name from RAKESH GOYAL to RAKESH GUPTA for all future purposes. 0040510111-4
I, Vipin R/O H.No-4, Vill-Rangpuri, New Delhi-110037 have changed my name to Vipin Phraswal 0070672420-1
I, Tarik Oberai S/O-Tajinder Oberai R/O-A-248, Derawal-Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name from Tarik Oberoi to Tarik Oberai for all purposes. 0040510148-7
I, Swaraj Singh S/O Late Sh. Missar R/O RZ-77/330, Gali No. 10, Madanpuri, Nagar, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-46, have changed my son's name from Arshraj Singh to Akshat Raj Singh for all purpose in future. 0040510123-1
I, Suresh Dhawan S/O Sh. Pran Nath Dhawan R/O H.No. 60E, PD Block, Near ND Market, Pitampura, Delhi-110088 have changed my name from Suresh Kumar Dhawan to Suresh Dhawan for all purposes. 0040510159-1
I, Sunny S/O Kunwar Pal Singh R/O-B-171, Gali No-9, B-Block, Bhajan Pura Delhi-53, have changed my name from Sunny to Sunny Tomar 0040510091-1
I, Sonia Goyal W/O Rakesh Gupta R/O.88, Deepali Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name from SONIA GOYAL to SONIA GUPTA for all future purposes. 0040510111-5
I, Sharda W/O Mr. Ashok Kumar Chaudhary R/O 490-A, Nyay Khand-3, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014. Change my name from Sharda to Sharda Chaudhary for all future purposes. 0040510226-1
I, Pinki Khatri W/O Subhash Khatri R/O H.No.34, Block-A, Ashok Vihar Phase-II Delhi-52 have changed my name to Pinky Khatri 0040510182-2
I, Praveen Singh S/O Late Karan Singh R/O J-1/309 DDA Flats Kalkaji ND-19 have changed my name to Praveen Singh Rajput for all purposes. 0040510208-1

I, Manju Bala W/o Sunil Kumar R/O C-579, Gali No. 10, Majlis Park, Adarsh Nagar, North West Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Manju Bahl for all purposes. 0040510112-1
I, Chhote Lal Verma S/O Om Prakash Verma R/O.H.No.73, Village Islampur Sector 38, Gurugram, Haryana 122001, Permanent R/O Mahuwa Bujurg, Gorakhpur, U.P have changed my name from Chhote Lal Verma to Rohit Verma for all future purposes. 0040510144-1
I, Manish Devji W/o Sh.Rohitash Kumar Meena R/O:RZF-177/2, Gali No.31, Sadh Nagar, Palam-Colony, New-Delhi, Intimate that my name Manisha Devi wrongly-mentioned in my son's name as Sarmeet education documents instead of Manish Devji. Manish Devji is my correct name. 0040510182-10
I, Meenakshi Kaishorya W/O Jayant Puri R/O-A-89, G/F, Vivek Vihar-II, Delhi-110095., Changed My Name To Soni Puri. 0040510182-8
I, Ram Pratap Bansal S/O-Ram Kumar R/O-G-149-150, Tf, Pocket-30, Sector-3 Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed My Name To Ram Pratap. 0040510197-7
I, Kumari Garima Devi w/o Sh. Surya Dev Shastri R/O-F-77/F-1, Dilshad-Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Garima Shastri for all purposes. 0040510148-10
I, Jitender S/O Vikram Singh H.No-314/5, Block-B, Mitthapur-Extn, New Delhi-110044., Changed My Name To Jitender Kumar. 0040510182-6
I, Jitan Parashar S/O Narendar Kumar R/O-D-131, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Jatin Parashar permanently. 0040510197-1
I, Jai Mala W/o Nidhan Das R/O.CN-99,Part-2, Ram Mandir, J.J.Colony, Indra Camp, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Jay Mala Permanently. 0040510152-1
I, Gupta Kumar Sanjay S/O-Ram Chandar Gupta R/O-118, S.F, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34 Have Changed My Name To Sanjay Kumar Gupta. 0040510197-6
I, Geeta Biswas W/O, Ajay Kumar Shah R/O 1681, Gali No.2, Govindpuri Extn. Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Geeta Shah for all purposes. 0040510216-1
I, Farhat Imam W/o Asghar Imam R/O-J-803, Vrinda City, Sec-Phi4, Greater Noida, PIN-201310, have changed my name from Farida Imam to Farhat Imam for all purposes in future. 0040510111-1
I, Davinder Kumar Katyal, S/O Ram Prakash Katyal R/O-G-22/3-A, Rajouri-Garden, Rajouri Market, New Delhi-110027. Changed My Name To Devinder Katyal. 0040510182-4
I, Bharat Lakhani S/O Late Shri Shankar Lal R/O 3/80, DDA Flats, Garhi, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Bharat Kumar for all purposes. 0040510133-1
I, Balvinder Singh Rahsi S/O Mohan Singh Rahsi r/o G-44, Sant Nagar Extn, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Balvinder Singh permanently. 0040510100-1
I, Bablu S/O Veer Singh R/O.Village-Rasulpur, Nawada, Sector-62, Noida, Gautambudh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301., changed My Name To Bablu Singh. 0040510182-7
I, Ashok Kumar S/O Sharwan Lal R/O-F-75, S.F, Mansarovar Garden, N.Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Arora. 0040510197-2
I, Ashiqeen S/O Islamuddin R/O H.No.3064, First Floor, Gali Topi Wali, Shankar Gali, Bazar Sita Ram, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Ashiqeen Malik for all future purposes. 0040510113-1
I, Arihant Kumar S/O Mukesh Kumar R/O-D-31/A Gali No.8, Ashok Mohalla, Majupur Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Arihant Kumar Jain for all purpose. 0040510182-3
I, Ajeeb S/O Sh.Madan Pal R/O 227/225, Siraspur, North West Delhi, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Ajeet for all purposes. 0040510086-2
I, Dhitherto known as Mohd Aslam S/O Pyare Ahmed as Pvt.work residing at H.No.B-2/31, Gali No.-4, Kabir-Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pappu Khan. 0040510148-5
I, Dhitherto known as Jatin S/O Ram Bir Singh R/O-H.No.D-246, Gali No-7, Brijpur, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jatin Kumar 0040510148-4
I, Kumari Usha Kumari Nagpal W/O Dharm Vir Chhabra R/O-B-2/192, UGF, Paschim-Vihar Delhi-110063 Have Changed My Name To Usha Chhabra. 0040510197-8
I Surender Singh s/o Mangal Singh Monga h.no-21, Kungsum-Marg, DLF-phase-1, Gurgaon have changed my name to Surendra Singh. 0040510197-4
I Shakti Rajan Dwibedy S/o Kulamani Dwibedy R/O 121 Lok Vihar Apartment, VikasPuri, New Delhi-110018, have change my Shakti Dhar Dwibedy 0040510149-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Smt. Pabhi W/o Late Anwar Singh R/O B-149, Sharma Market, Pul Prahlad Pur, New Delhi, has disowned her Son Laxman @ Lachi and his wife Vineeta and their children from all her Moveable-immovable properties and severed all relations with them, due to their disobedience. My client and her other family members shall not be responsible for their acts.
Sd/-
Omkar Pandey (Advocate)
Ch. No. 182 Saket Courts New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to all general public that my clients Shri Jagdish son of Shri Kalayan Singh aged 48 years, and his wife Smt. Pushpa aged 44 years both are residing at B-473, B-Block, Weavers Colony, Ashok Vihar, New Delhi-110052 have disowned and debarred their son named Kamal aged 26 years and his wife Mrs. Reema aged 26 years from their all movable and immovable properties and break off their all relations with them. As my clients lost their faith and control upon them. If any body has have any relations or transactions in any manner in present or in future with them than my both clients would not be responsible in any manner what so ever or for any acts.
Anil Kumar Gupta, Advocate
Ch. No. 247, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-11001, Mob: 9811381268

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that the General Public that my client Mr. Gaurav Sikka son of Sh. Darshan Sikka R/O F-126, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi, is the intending purchaser of Property No. 6/162, area measuring 100 sq. yds., Situated at Subhash Nagar, Tehar-1, New Delhi, Any claim or opposition to the said Property must be lodged within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which will be presumed that there are no claims or oppositions and my client shall complete any transactions. Claims or oppositions received after the said 15 days shall not be binding on my client. Please contact to Mr. Gaurav Sikka at 9871801955 or Hemant Madan 9811474085 within 15 days.
Hemant Madan (Advocate)
Enr D-919/010, 2nd Flr., Transport Auth, Janak Puri, ND

COURT NOTICE

Case No 9325/16, PS Shakropur M/s Colours Offset vs M/s Balaji Enterprises 30.07.2019 (At 02.40 pm)
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
Whereas complaint has been recorded in the Court of Judge, MM East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi that Mr. B. K. Mishra of M/s Balaji Enterprises, No-1350, Sector 12, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad has committed the offence of cheque bounce, punishable under section 138 Negotiable Instruments Act of the Indian Penal Code, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mr. B. K. Mishra cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Jd. Judge that the said Mr. B. K. Mishra has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant.
Promadation is hereby made that the said Mr. B. K. Mishra of M/s Balaji Enterprises is required to appear at Karkardooma Courts, Delhi before the court of Jd. Judge Rashita Vatsyan, MM East District, to answer the said complaint on the 30th day of September 2019.
By Order of the Court, MM East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi dated 30.07.2019

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़
अल्पकालिन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सूचना
सूचना सं- WRD/JRR.DIV.PAKUR-SBD-IFB-08/18-19 Date-30/08/19
1 कार्य का नाम लिह्रीपाड़ा (पाकुड़) बहुधामी जलापूर्ति योजनामार्गत बासलोई नदी में जिओ कॉर्डिनेट-24°31'15.33"N, एवं 87°27'04.26"E पर वीयर सं-03 का निर्माण कार्य।
2 प्राकालित राशि रूपये में 7,40,58,901.40 (सात करोड़, चालीस लाख अठानव हजार,नी सौ, एक रुपये चालीस पैसे) मात्र।
3 कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि 550 दिन
4 वेवसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि 06/09/2019 के 11:00 बजे पूर्वहन से
5 निविदा अभिलेख प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 18/09/2019 के संघ्या 5:00 बजे तक
6 तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 20/09/2019 1:00 बजे अपराहून तक
7 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़।
8 प्रोक्वोरमेंट अधिकारी का सम्पर्क नं 0912257903, 07488210039
9 ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन नं 06432-232477
नोट- सिर्फ ई-निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जाएंगे
ज्यादा जानकारी http://jarkhandtender.gov.in पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
PR.215787 Water Resource(19-20):D कार्यपालक अभियंता सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़।
निचे अडवाक का समने, से कहनी है, बुदे बरुई बरुई तो बुदे को तरुईगे

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
सिंचाई प्रमंडल गोड्डा, शिविर-महागामा
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई निविदा संदं सं- WRD/Jrr.Div.Mahagama/SBD-IFB-03/19-20 दिनांक 30.08.19
क्र0 कार्य का नाम सुन्दर नदी के बाग दरबख में ग्राम-मोकलक,प्रखण्ड-बसंतारा,जिला-गोड्डा के पास कटाव निरोधक कार्य।
1 प्राकालित राशि रु0 2,52,97,629.00 (दो करोड़ बावन लाख सप्तानवसे हजार रू: सौ उन्नीस) मात्र।
2 निविदा शुल्क रु0 10,000.00 (दस हजार) मात्र।
3 अग्रण की राशि रु0 2,53,000.00 (रुपये दो लाख तिरपन हजार) मात्र।
4 कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि 270 दिन।
5 वेवसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय 13.09.19 से 20.09.19 अपराहून 5.00 बजे तक।
6 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 23.09.19 को अपराहून 3.00 बजे।
7 निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रण राशि 13.09.19 से 21.09.19 अपराहून 5.00 बजे तक।
8 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 23.09.19 को अपराहून 3.00 बजे।
9 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का पदनाम एवं पता गोड्डा शिविर-महागामा
10 e-Procurement पदाधिकारी का दूरभाष सं- 9431310821,7061542751
11 ई निविदा प्रकोष का दूरभा सं- 06432-232477
नोट-केवल ई निविदा स्वीकार किया जाएगा।
वितरुत जानकारी के लिए वेवसाइट http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
बुदे - बुदे नहीं बरुईगे तो बुदे को तरुईगे
कार्यालय अभियंता, सिंचाई प्रमंडल गोड्डा,शिविर-महागामा
PR 215759 (Irrigation) 19-20#D

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110 608.
NOTICE
This refers to Institute's advertisement No.F3-5/2019-Estt.(RCT) for filling up of 02 posts of Administrative Officer on deputation basis published in July, 2019 and advertisement for filling up of 04 posts of Assistant Administrative Officer (under direct rectt.) published in May, 2018. It is notified that advertisements in respect of both the posts are hereby withdrawn/cancelled due to some administrative reason.
Sd/-
davp 17112/11/0043/1920 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (RECT.)

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-I
O.H.T. BERIWALA BAGH, SUBHAS NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110064
PRESS NOTICE TENDER NO. 36/W-I(2019-20)
S.No. Name of work Amount put to tender Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1. Replacement of sewer line at A-Block Khyala JJC Ward No. 007 S AC 27 Rajouri Garden under ZE-I/E (WEST-I) Tender ID:- 1919_DJB_179180_3 Rs. 45,61,718/- 13.09.2019 up to 3.00 PM
Can view this particular statement in detail https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
Sd/-
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WEST) I Advt. No. J.S.V. 312/2019-20 (O) 25125273

झारखण्ड सरकार
ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकांमो)
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय
102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची
ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
दिनांक : 30.08.2019
मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकांमो), झारखण्ड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
ई- निविदा संख्या - 30/R1/2019-20/RDD(RWA)/GARHWA
क्र0 आईडेटो फिकेशन सं0 संख्या/पैकेज संख्या कार्य का नाम प्राकालित राशि (रुपये में) कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि टेंडर कोल नं0
1. RDD(RWA)/GARHWA/01/2019-20 समग सं (N) लोनबीडा बाग पुतुर तक पथ का सुवुडोकरण कार्य (समगई - 6.100 किमी0) 1,79,86,034.00 एक करोड़ उनसी लाख तिरायती हजार चौतिस रु0 मात्र 12 माह द्वितीय
2. वेवसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि- 05.09.2019
3. ई- निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 16.09.2019 अपराहून 5.00 बजे।
4. जिला निबंधन कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रण की राशि, श्राव्य पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपरोक्ष किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दरतावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि- 18.09.2019 पूर्वहन 10.00 बजे से अपराहून 3.30 बजे तक।
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 19.09.2019 पूर्वहन 11.30 बजे।
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकांमो), झारखण्ड, रांची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष का दूरभाष सं0-0651-2207818
8. निविदा शुल्क भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकांमो), कार्य प्रमंडल, कचहरी रोड में सुगुये होगा जो लौटाना नहीं जाएगा।
वितरुत जानकारी के लिए वेवसाइट jarkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल
बुदे - बुदे नहीं बरुईगे तो बुदे को तरुईगे
PR 215793 Rural Work Department (19-20)_D

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Pandharkawada
E-mail-pandharakawda.ec@mahapwd.com / Telephone / Fax No. (07235) 227431
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 23/2019-20 (2nd Call)
Online e-tender in EPC form contract are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Pandharakawada for following works from of Tender document. Tender document download form Govt. web site https://maharashtra.tenders.in.Rights are reserved for All or any one of the tender may be rejected by the competent authority. Conditional Tenders are not accepted.
Sr. No. Name of work Estimated Cost (Lakhs)
1 2 3
1 Improvement to Bori Patan Mukutban Road SH-315 Km. 39/500 to 69/00 Tq. Zari Dist. Yavatmal (2nd Call) 7148.50
Note :-
1) The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal http://maharashtra.tenders.in on sub portal http://pwd.maharashtra.tenders.in as under.
2) Please note the further changes regarding this work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice. The changes will be available only on e-Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal https://maharashtra.tenders.in
3) Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.
Outer No. 4495/T.C./Date-29/8/2019
(P. N. Boob)
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Pandharkawada

झारखण्ड सरकार कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़
अल्पकालिन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सूचना
सूचना सं- WRD/JRR.DIV.PAKUR-SBD-IFB-06/19-20 Date-30/08/19
1 कार्य का नाम लिह्रीपाड़ा (पाकुड़) बहुधामी जलापूर्ति योजनामार्गत बासलोई नदी में जिओ कॉर्डिनेट-24°31'28.99"N, एवं 87°28'14.25"E पर वीयर सं-05 का निर्माण कार्य।
2 प्राकालित राशि रूपये में 8,88,41,534.33 (आठ करोड़, अठसी लाख, एकतालीस हजार, पाँच सौ, चौतिस रूपये,तीस पैसे) मात्र।
3 कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि 550 दिन
4 वेवसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि 06/09/2019 के 11:00 बजे पूर्वहन से
5 निविदा अभिलेख प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 18/09/2019 के संघ्या 5:00 बजे तक
6 तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 20/09/2019 1:00 बजे अपराहून तक
7 निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता कार्यपालक अभियंता सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़।
8 प्रोक्वोरमेंट अधिकारी का सम्पर्क नं 0912257903, 07488210039
9 ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन नं 06432-232477
नोट-सिर्फ ई-निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जाएंगे
ज्यादा जानकारी http://jarkhandtender.gov.in पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
बुदे - बुदे नहीं बरुईगे तो बुदे को तरुईगे
कार्यालय अभियंता सिंचाई प्रमंडल पाकुड़
PR 215789 (Water Resource)19-20#D

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
Office of the Executive Engineer Water Resources Department, Water Ways Division, Khunti
e-Procurement Notice
e-Procurement Reference No. EE WWD NIT NO-02 KHUNTI
1 Name of work Restoration of Latratu Dam under Latratu Reservoir Scheme.
2(a) Estimated Cost (Rs.) Rs. 843.99 lakhs (Eight crore Forty Three lacs Ninety Nine Thousand) Only
(b) Bid Security (Rs.) Rs. 8,44,000/- (Eight Lacs Forty Four Thousand) Only
3 Time of Completion 06 (Six) months
4 Availability of Tender 05.09.2019/From 3.00 pm On-line
5 Bid Submission 05.09.2019 to 23.09.2019 upto 5.00 pm ;
6 Date & Time of Opening Technical Bid 25-09-2019/5:00 pm
7 Submission of Hard Copy 24.09.2019/3:00 Pm
8 Name and address of Executive Engineer, Water Ways Division, Khunti
9 Contact No. of 9431176912
10 Procurement Officer ceranchi-wrd-jhr@nic.in
11 Help Line No. of e-Procurement 9771437380
Further details can be seen on website: http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in
Executive Engineer
PR 215852 (Water Resource) 19-20 (D) Water Ways Division, Khunti

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. SA/AR/ED/OT/19-20/17, DT:29/08/2019

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Rolling Stock, Southern Railway, Electric Loco Shed, Erode acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites online E-tender for the under mentioned works.

Item No	Name of the Work	Tender Value	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document
1	Works contract for Conversion of BHEL type BA panel into conventional type BA panel in electric locomotives available at Electric Loco Shed, Erode. Completion Period : 12 Months.	11,58,524/-	23,200/-	2,240/-

Tender closing date and time : 11.00 Hrs. of 01/10/2019

For further details interested persons may kindly log on to "http://www.ireps.gov.in". Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tender till ten days prior to the opening of the tender. Tenderers are advised to check the web site before submitting their offer whether any such corrigendum to the tender has been issued or not.

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Rolling Stock, Electric Loco Shed, Erode

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR RESIDENT COMMISSION

5, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi: 110011
Tel: 011-24611108 / 24611210

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders affixed with Rs. 5/- Revenue Stamps are invited from the reputed/registered Tour and Travel Operators/ Taxi Operators for supply of cars, on hire charge basis to the Resident Commission, J&K Govt. 5-Prithviraj Road, New Delhi for movement in and around Delhi on call basis as & when required. Interested parties shall quote their rates for various models of cars (Small & Luxury cars) for half day/(4 hours/ 40 Kms) and full day (08 hours/80 Kms.) extra charge per Km, extra charge per hour, night charge per hour, Parking & Toll charges GST, if applicable, separately in the format as per Annexure I. The tender documents can be had from this office on any working day upto 3.00PM against a cash payment of Rs.50/- (Rupees fifty only). Quotations addressed to the Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Resident Commission, J&K Government, 5 Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi, should reach this office on or before **12th of September 2019 upto 3.00 P.M.** and dropped in tender box at ground floor near reception, J&K House, 5 Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi. The tender shall be opened at 4.00 P.M on the same day in the office of Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, New Delhi. The bids received after stipulated date and time will not be considered.

Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Resident Commission

No.: KBI/Adv/1842-43/2019 No: KRC/MTO/47/4483/19
Dated: 29-08-2019 Dated: 28.08.2019

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

Khurshid Lal Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110050

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of MTNL, New Delhi vide Tender enquiry:

- No. EE(E)TY/MTNL/2019-20/11 Online item rate tenders are invited for Up-gradation of defective accessories for Fire Alarm & Fire Fighting System at T.E. Building, Yamuna Vihar under EE(E)TY Area, Delhi (Estimated Cost : Rs. 15,56,080/-).
- No. EE(E)TY/MTNL/2019-20/10 Online item rate tenders are invited for Up-gradation of defective accessories for Fire Alarm & Fire Fighting System at T.E. Building, Dilshad Garden under EE(E)TY Area, Delhi (Estimated Cost : Rs. 6,22,140/-).
- No. Sr. Manager (TX-MM)/O.F. Cable Laying/2018-19/21 Online tenders are invited for "Appointment of Contractors for O.F. Cable laying by open trench, trenchless, rocky trenchless, buckey and DBC method, pulling of O.F. Cable through duct, fitting and clamping of O.F. Cable, aerial cables/overhead cables, allied works and maintenance work for O.F. Cable" (Estimated Cost : Rs. 22,12,57,500/-). Any further Amendment(s), Corrigendum(s) etc. will be published only on the given website.
- No. EE(C)KKD/MTNL/NIT/2019-20/01 Expression of Interest proposals in online bids are invited for appointment of Project Development Consultants/Consultant Companies for development of MTNL Telephone Exchange plot at CBD, Shahdara and Keshavpuram, Delhi for their effective utilization and related activities permissible by local authorities on PPP Model.
- No. 03/EE/C/EC/MTNL/19-20/NIT Online item rate tenders (Two Bid System) are invited for Renovation for Civil works on 2nd Floor office space for DOT at TE Building, Minto Road, New Delhi (Estimated Cost : Rs. 28,96,659/-).
- No. EE(E-S)/BCP/NIT/2019-20/35 Online item rate tenders are invited for Augmentation of fire system at T.E. Bldg., Bhikaji Cama Place, MTNL, New Delhi (Estimated Cost : Rs. 17,31,544/-).

For detail information, please log on to website: <http://www.eprocure.gov.in>, <http://tenders.gov.in> and <http://tender.mtnl.net.in>.

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3rd & 4th Floor, Chandernagore Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110001
Phone: 23553503. FAX: 23753923

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (c) OF SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 18 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (the Act)

An application for amendment of the inter-State transmission licence granted by the Commission vide order dated 29.07.2013 in Petition No. 44/TL/2012, by including 12 ohm Series Line Reactor in Mohindergarh-Dhanonda 400 kV D/C line ckt I & II at Mohindergarh end has been made before the Commission by Adani Power Limited and Adani Transmission (India) Ltd., with its registered office at Adani House, Near Mithakhai Six Roads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380 009.

- A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for amendment of inter-State transmission licence before the Commission can be accessed at the website www.adanitransmission.com or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.
- The Central Transmission Utility has recommended for amendment of inter State transmission licence of the applicant.
- On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant satisfies the conditions for amendment of inter-State transmission licence and by order dated 20.08.2019, the Commission has proposed to amend inter-State transmission licence for inclusion of 12 ohm Series Line Reactor in Mohindergarh-Dhanonda 400 kV D/C line ckt I & II at Mohindergarh end.
- Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 18 of the Act to invite suggestions or objections, if any, to the proposal to amend the inter-State transmission licence by the Commission to be received by the undersigned latest by **11.09.2019** at the above noted address. The objections or suggestions received after the specified date shall not be considered.
- The Commission has fixed the application for final disposal on **17.09.2019** and the person who files the suggestions or objections may in his discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

(Sanoj Kumar Jha) Secretary

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME/O&F/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. M-1-OT-Vehicle-MB-19, Closing Date & Time 23.09.2019 up to 15:00 hrs. and will be opened on the same day at 15:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen/download. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment mode like Net Banking, Debit/ Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Hiring of one Multi-utility Road Vehicle (Scorpio, Innova, Tata Storm/Safari, Tata Suno/Tata Suno Gold, Bolero, Xylo, TUV 300, TUV500 or similar) for crew management and breakdown duties in operating wing of Mechanical Department, DRM's office N.Rly, Moradabad with minimum running 2500 KMs per month for a period of one year.
Tender Type	Open
Bidding System	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date & Time	23.09.2019 15:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Uploading Tender	29.08.2019
Pre-Bid (Yes/No)	No
Pre-Bid Query Date/Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 4,99,385.28 (Inclusive of all taxes and charges excluding GST)
Tendering Section	O & F
Bidding Style	Single Rate For Each Schedule
Bidding Unit	(In%) ABOVE/BELOW / AT PAR
Earnest Money	Rs. 10,000/-
Validity of Offer	90 Days
Tender Doc. Cost	Rs. 1000.00
Period of Completion	12 Months
Bidding Start Date	09.09.2019
Contract Type	Service

No: M-1-OT-Vehicle-MB-19 Date: 28.08.2019. 2785/19

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पुलिस अधीक्षक, का कार्यालय, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

फिरार प्राथमिकी अभियुक्त जोड़का लागुरी के विरुद्ध सूचना हेतु

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है, कि पश्चिमी सिंहभूम चाईबासा टोन्टो थाकाकासं 14/16, दिनांक-13.06.16 धारा 302/120(बी)/34 मा०द०वि० के नामजद फिरार प्राथमिकी अभियुक्त-जोड़का लागुरी, पे० जुंरिया लागुरी, ग्राम सालीकुटी, थाना टोन्टो जिला पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा के विरुद्ध फिरार दिखाते हुए आरोप पत्र समर्पित किया गया है। इनके बारे में कोई भी व्यक्ति निम्नलिखित पदाधिकारी को सूचना दे सकते हैं, सूचना दाता का नाम-पता गुप्त रखा जाएगा एवं उचित पुरस्कार से पुरस्कृत किया जाएगा।

पुलिस अधीक्षक, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा-9431706451, 829410500, अनुमंडल पुलिस पदाधिकारी, जगन्नाथपुर-9661179930 पुलिस निरीक्षक, झीकपानी अंचल-94317706461 थाना प्रभारी, टोन्टो-9801033766 जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चाईबासा-0658-259911, 255164 पुलिस नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची-6051-2400607, 2400608

पुलिस अधीक्षक, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा

PR 215735 (West Singhbhum)19-20'D (सूच - सूच नहीं बदरते जो सूच को बदरते)

कार्यालय नगरपालिका पटौदी (गुरुग्राम) नीलामी-नोटिस

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगरपालिका पटौदी दिनांक 04.09.2019 (बुधवार) को सांघ 02.00 बजे पुराने हस्तगत का मलबा जैसे ईट, मलबा, सरिया- पत्ती मलबा, लकड़ी-चौखट मलबा, पुरानी इत्यादि को नीलाम करना चाहते हैं। नीलामी की नियम एवं शर्तें निम्न प्रकार से होंगी :-

- इच्छुक बोलीदाता को नीलामी शुरू होने से पहले 20,000/- रूपय बतौर अधिम राशि मौके पर हो जमा करवानी होगी, वदोपरनम ही वह बोली लगाने के लिए अधिकृत होगा। सफल बोलीदाता को छोड़कर अन्यो को अधिम राशि मौके पर ही वापिस लौटा दी जाएगी।
- सफल बोलीदाता को 1,00,000/- रूपय बतौर सिक्कीरिटी उसी दिन नगरपालिका में जमा करवानी होगी, जो कि कार्य समाप्त होने उपरान्त उसको वापिस लौटा दी जाएगी।
- सफल बोलीदाता मलबा दुलाई के समय किसी भी प्रकार की जान माल की हानि होने पर स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। कार्य शुरू करने से पहले इस आशय का एक हलफनामा 100/- रूपय के स्ट्याम पेपर पर नगरपालिका में जमा करवानी होगा।
- सफल बोलीदाता मलबा दुलाई का कार्यालय समय सुबह 09.00 बजे से सांघ 05.00 बजे के बीच में करेगा तथा अवकाश के दिन कार्य नहीं होगा।
- सफल बोलीदाता ईट-मलबा, लोहा-पत्ती मलबा, पुराना लकड़ी-चौखट, मलबा तथा पुरानी इन्टरलॉकिंग टाईल इत्यादि का निर्धारित/ अंतिम नीलामी रेट प्रतिदिन नगरपालिका में जमा करवानी हेतु बाध्य होगा अन्यथा अगले दिन मलबा नहीं उठाने दिया जाएगा।
- सफल बोलीदाता को मलबा दुलाई का कार्य एक माह के अन्दर-अन्दर पूर्ण करना होगा अन्यथा सिक्कीरिटी स्वरुप रखी गई राशि को नगरपालिका को जल करने का अधिकार होगा।
- सफल बोलीदाता को हरियाणा सरकार के नियमानुसार श्रम विभाग या अन्य सरकारी कर का भुगतान स्वयं करना होगा।
- सफल बोलीदाता द्वारा उपरोक्त नियम एवं शर्तों को पालना ना करने पर उसके द्वारा नगरपालिका में जमा की गई सिक्कीरिटी राशि जब्त कर ली जाएगी।
- अन्य नियम व शर्तें मौके पर बताई जाएंगी।

हस्ता./- प्रधान नगरपालिका, पटौदी। हस्ता./- सचिव नगरपालिका, पटौदी।

Government of Maharashtra PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, AURANGABAD

e-Tender Notice No. (20) of 2019-2020

e-Tender for the following works in B-1 form for the 05 (five) works is invited via online e-Tendering system from Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Aurangabad (Ph. No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra, Dates 03/09/2019, Time 11:00 to 09/09/2019, Time 18:00.

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on Sub Portal of Public Works Department also on www.mahapwd.com portal as per online tender Schedules.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Aurangabad

(dgipr/2019-2020/2460)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of female Age: Approx 35-40 years, Height: About 152 Cms., was wearing Red colour Blouse, Sky colour Peticot, Earring & Yellow colour Kada in hands and Bare feet, was found at Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant, Sec-13, Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 34-A, dated 28.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi Ph.: 011-27571162, 27571171

DP/3225/RD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age : 23 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Sallow, wearing kesar colour lunggi only, was found dead on 24.08.2019 at flyover, near Hanuman Mandir, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 30-A dated 24.08.2019 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi Tel. No. 011-23968730

DP/379/N/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Namely : Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx 30 years, Height: 5' 2", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Red colour T- shirt and grey colour pajama, who was found near Sewa Ashram, Singhu Border, Delhi from where he was admitted to Lady Harding Hospital, Delhi. During treatment he was died. In this regard a case DD No. 68-A dated 07.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S. Narela, Delhi Tel. No. 011-27280435

DP/579/ON/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDER)

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers.

Tender No.	Name of work	Advertised Tender Value	Earnest Money in favour of Sr. DFM/NR, New Delhi	Date & time of submission of tender bid	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen
197-S175/Hiring-Vehicle/TKD/19/MC-IV	Hiring of Multi-utility Vehicle i.e. TATA XENON/ ISUZU D-max or equivalent/ Higher version at Wagon Care Centre, Tughlakabad for Two years.	Rs. 18,32,962.56/- (including GST & ECC)	Rs. 36,700/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only, FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS)	Upto 26.09.2019 at 12.00 hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

No. 197-S/175/Hiring-Vehicle/TKD/19/MC-IV Dated 29.08.2019 2782/19

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Cooling Tower of 4 x 2000 m³/hr Capacity.

Bidders may request the tender document at the above address by post/mail. Detailed NIB may be viewed in websites: www.tenders.tn.gov.in / www.tnpl.com

Due date for submission: 30th September, 2019

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-W-51-19 Date: 24.08.2019

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's Office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open Tender through on line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

E-Tender No.	Description of work	Approx cost (₹)
JHS-N-W-51-19	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract supply (IPS) system installed at MACLS/PS/ISSI stations, interlocked LC gates and IBS on BIN-JHS-DHO section of Jhansi division for a period of 3 years.	14472825.84

Earnest Money: ₹ 2,22,400/- (Rs. Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Only). Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 5,000/- + 5% Sale tax = ₹ 5250/- (Rs. Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only) Date of closing Tender: 23.09.2019. Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance: 36 Months. * Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs on 23.09.2019. * For full details and submission of bid, please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 1229/19 FA

North central railways @CPRONCR

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

1st & Ground Floor, I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla -171 013 Tel. No. 0177-2623259 2623513, 2626320, 2623513, 2623043, 2623043 Fax: 0177-2628220 Website: www.hpsedc.in

No. HPSEDC/CC/ST/Misc./2k19-3232 Date: 29.08.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for procurement of DSLR Camera, Video Wall, IRIS Device, Slap Scanners and WebCam for various Government organizations in the State. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 06.09.2019 at 2.30 P.M. in HPSEDC, Shimla. Last date for online e-bid submission is 25.09.2019 (upto 02.30 P.M.) and shall be opened on the same day at 3.00 P.M. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website: www.hpsedc.in and <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

General Manager (Technical), 0316/H.P.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. M-II-HBHW-MB-19. Closing Date/Time 25.09.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet & can be seen / downloaded. The tenders/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit/Credit cards etc. available on IREPS Portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of work	Provision and fixing of 03 Nos. Hot axle box and hot wheel detector over MR Moradabad.
Tender Type	Open
Bidding system	Single Packet System
Tender closing Date & Time	25.09.2019, 15:00 hrs.
Date of Uploading Tender	Upto 30.08.2019
Pre-Bid Required	No
Pre-Bid Query Date, Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 37,48,500/-
Tendering Section	C AND W
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender
Bidding Unit	%age Above/Below/ At par
Earnest Money	Rs. 75,000/-
Validity of Offer	45 Days
Tender Doc. cost	Rs. 3,000/-
Period of Completion	45 Days
Bidding start date	11.09.2019
Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid	No

No.: M-II-HBHW-MB-19 Date: 28.08.2019. 2789/2019

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AUCTION NOTICE FOR UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS

An open auction of unusable electrical goods such as Air-conditioners, Desert Cooler, Washing machine etc. and other waste materials will be held on 05/09/2019 at 12:00 Noon at the NSD Campus. The details are available on website www.nsd.gov.in. The eligible interested parties are invited with original e-recycling certificate for participation in the Auction.

Registrar, NSD

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E-Procurement Open Tender Notice No. MM/OT/51 to 62/AX

Online Bids (Technical & Price Bid) are invited from well established & reputed Manufacturers/suppliers for supply of item as per details indicated below:

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, CLEMENT TOWN, DEHRADUN

Senior Secondary School (Affiliated to CBSE New Delhi), Affiliation No. 3530019

REQUIRES VICE PRINCIPAL

- Qualitative Requirement**
 - Should have Master Degree with B.Ed.
 - Should have been a PGT in a recognized school for 03 Years in the last 09 Years or 06 Years teaching experience in a recognized High School (High School Classes)
 - Total Teaching experience not less than 09 Years
 - Should be computer literate.
- Age:** Age criteria to meet on (on the last date of receipt of application) is as under:-
 - Minimum 35 Years
 - Maximum 50 Years
 - For Ex. Servicemen Maximum age will be 50 Years.
- Pay & Allowances:** Negotiable along with other perks as per CBSE Guidelines. Special incentives for out standing meritorious candidates.
- Selection Process:** Through Panel Interview (Only Candidates Shortlisted based on Qualification, Experience and other Criteria as may be considered by the Management, will be called for interview). Interested candidates may apply on plain paper enclosing bio-data along with Passport size photograph, copies of experience certificates / testimonials, E-mail ID, contact numbers and any other relevant details in a sealed envelope marked "Application for the post of Vice Principal, Army Public School, Clement Town, Dehradun" by Registered/ Speed Post to Army Public School, Clement Town, Dehradun-248002

Note: Applicants are requested to attach attested copy of Educational, experience and achievement certificates. Incomplete application is liable to be rejected. Last date of submission of Application 20 Sep. 2019
Contact detail: (a) Address - Principal, Army Public School, Clement Town, Dehradun - 248002. (b) Telephone No. 0135-2643584, 2644789
Note: The School Management reserves all right of selection/ rejection.

Principal

Sl No.	Tender No.	Item	Approx. Estimated Value of Material (Rs. In Lakh)	Amount of DD to be enclosed alongwith TC Bid towards EMD (Rs. In Lakh)	Due Date of Opening of Tender (Technical -Bid)
01	MM/OT/51/AX	Bicycle Rim Assembly	403.20	As per Tender	25.09.2019
02	MM/OT/52/AX	Helmet	113.81	2.85	25.09.2019
03	MM/OT/53/AX	Artificial Denture For Sr. Citizen	857.714	As per Tender	26.09.2019
04	MM/OT/54/AX	MS Square Tube ERW	69.00	01.175	24.09.2019
05	MM/OT/55/AX	Foot Rest	33.75	0.84375	26.09.2019
07	MM/OT/56/AX	C.P. Wheel chair Deluxe	55.00	1.375	30.09.2019
07	MM/OT/57/AX	Retrofit Kit Assy.	1318.00	05.00	27.09.2019
08	MM/OT/58/AX	Bicycle Chain & B.B.Shell	88.59	As per Tender	24.09.2019
09	MM/OT/59/AX	MSIED Kit	300.00	05.00	24.09.2019
10	MM/OT/60/AX	PVC Gloves	29.26	As per Tender	07.10.2019
11	MM/OT/61/AX	Spares of Retrofit Kit	31.50	0.785	27.09.2019
12	MM/OT/62/AX	Machined Components	138.00	As per Tender	25.09.2019

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
CIN: U40199PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

TENDER ENQUIRY No. 254 DT. 28.08.2019

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of CCTVs/ Recorders and establishment of Control Room inclusive of AMC at Shanah, HEP, Jogindernagar & Barot (HP).

Start Date for Downloading Tender Document : 04.09.2019

Pre-bid conference will be held at Patiala Venue: EIC/HPs A-4, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, : 19.09.2019 (11.00 A.M.)

Last date of submission of Application 20 Sep. 2019
Contact detail: (a) Address - Principal, Army Public School, Clement Town, Dehradun - 248002. (b) Telephone No. 0135-2643584, 2644789
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Principal

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in Newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website: www.pspcl.in. Tender Specification along with detailed terms and conditions can only be downloaded from website <https://pspcil.abprocure.com>. Details regarding E-Tendering is available on website www.pspcl.in. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their Digital Signatures, Register themselves on the website <https://pspcil.abprocure.com> and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by the due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above ground shall be entertained.

C-339/19 C-6849/Pb EIC/HYDEL PROJECTS, PSPCL, PATIALA.

Interested Tenderers may download the tender document from ALIMCO website www.alimco.in (for reference only) and CPPP website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Tender Fee of Rs. 800/- to be submitted in the form Demand Draft in favour of ALIMCO, payable at Kanpur. All SSI/MSE vendors are exempted from tender fee on submission of valid registration certificate. Tenderers are requested to submit their Offers/Bids Online through E-Tendering Process only on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and send the Original Demand Draft against Tender fee and EMD to reach ALIMCO office latest by 1400 hrs. before Bid submission end date which will be opened on Bid opening date at 1530 hrs. on the due date as indicated above. ALIMCO reserves the right to reject any or all requests/Others without assigning any reason.

For ALIMCO - DGM (Materials)

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. -12/2019 Dated :- 29.08.2019

S N	Name of work with its location	App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)	Address of the office from where the tender form has been issued	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1.	20/S/DEE/G/MB/2019:- Outsourcing of non-core activities for maintenance of batteries, lights, fans and their cleaning in TL coaches at Primary Maintenance Depots at Bareilly & Haridwar for a period of one year.	58,14,783.33	5,000/-	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	1,16,300/-	12 (Twelve) Months	Tender will be received upto 15:00 hrs shall be opened at 15:00 hrs on 30.09.2019	Website www.ireps.gov.in Notice board is located in the Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.

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19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹39,720	₹71.42	\$59.61	₹48,600

Indian basket as on August 29, 2019

SENSEX: 37,332.79 ▲ 263.86 NIFTY: 11,023.25 ▲ 74.9 NIKKEI: 20,704.37 ▲ 243.44 HANG SENG: 25,724.73 ▲ 21.23 FTSE: 7,232.73 ▲ 48.41 DAX: 11,976.16 ▲ 137.28

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR SCAN E-COMMERCE

CCI interim study takes note of issues raised by vendors, online aggregators

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

INITIATING A study on the e-commerce sector including segments like mobile, grocery, food, electronics, lifestyle and hotels, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) released the interim findings of the research in which concerns pertaining to discounts, commissions and algorithms were raised by various stakeholders such as restaurant owners, online aggregators, hotels, online travel agencies, sellers, online marketplaces.

In the food sector, restaurants have said that deep discounts by online platforms "cannibalising dine in" and the burden on discounts is shifting to restaurants. They have also noted that online food platforms arbitrarily increase commissions and compelled them to use their manpower. To this, online food platforms have asserted that restaurants participate in discount schemes at their own discretion; and commissions are decided based on mutual negotiations and there is no restriction on use of manpower.

The interim findings of the antitrust panel's study show that 78 per cent of the restaurants surveyed have an online presence and 69 per cent went online between 2016 and 2018. Further, it noted that for respondent restaurants around 28 per cent revenue is earned through online platforms.

The CCI has also pointed out a developing trend of online platforms expanding into related B2B domains such as food ingredient supply, alongside providing kitchen infrastructure. In addition to this, online aggregators have also ventured into cloud kitchens. The restaurants have stated that data collected by online platforms from the eateries is being used to promote their own cloud kitchens, while the aggregators have said that data is shared with restaurants.

In addition to this, the CCI also studied the online retail

Need to keep watch on data usage: Kumar

New Delhi: Data is critical for e-commerce and there is a need to keep close watch on its usage to prevent creation of "unprecedented market power", and it should not be controlled by a central authority as that could kill all trade and commerce, Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar said on Friday. The underlying comparative advantage and strength of the fast growing e-commerce sector comes from data, he said. Kumar was speaking at a workshop of CCI on e-commerce. PTI

segment, in which vendors or sellers said that e-commerce platforms give preferential treatment to certain sellers; there is a high search ranking for preferred sellers; and they feel compelled to participate in discounts.

On the other hand, e-commerce market place players have said that the sellers are independent third party players; sellers participate in deals at their own discretion; search ranking of sellers is based on algorithms; and there is a mechanism in place to deal with unauthorised vendors selling counterfeit products. Similarly, the hotel industry argued that they are forced to set unviable rates because of discounts by online travel operators. They also informed CCI that they see unilateral increase in commissions by online tour operators, and the search ranking algorithm is opaque. Online tour operators have said that prices are determined by hotels, and they offer discounts above listed room price.

The competition panel has sought views of stakeholders by September 30, before it publishes the final findings.

'DECISION MAY BLOCK CREDIT FLOW IN SHORT TERM'

Good move but bad timing: experts on bank merger

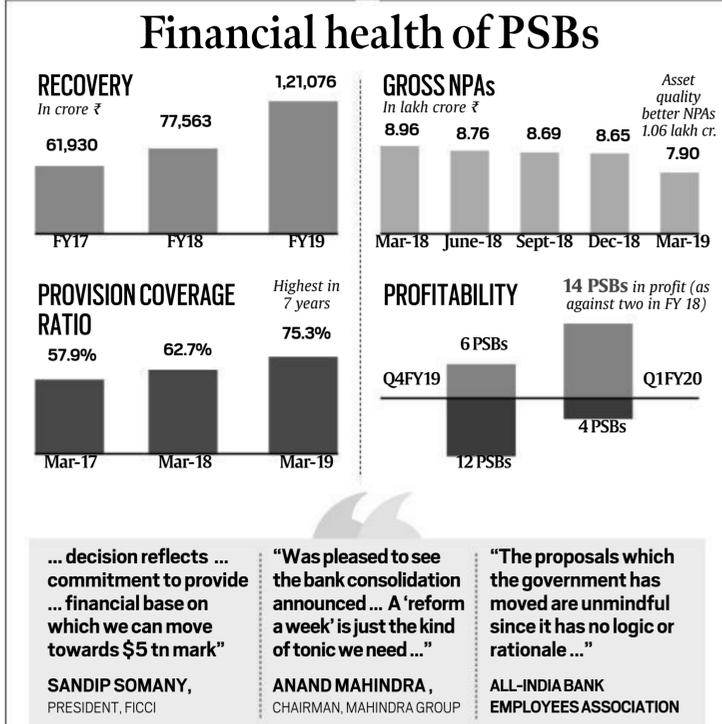
SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

IN THE works for over last one year, the government on Friday decided to announce the merger of 10 PSU banks into four. As it coincided with the announcement of first quarter GDP number of 5 per cent, market experts termed the bank merger announcement as a "good move, but bad timing".

Banking analysts and top officials at mutual funds said that while the move will benefit in the long run as it will create large banks and improve efficiency of the banking system, it is expected to further slow down bank lending — especially by those that are getting merged, in the near term.

"The banks that are getting merged will see a slowdown in decision making at the top level as senior officials of such banks would put all the decisions on the back-burner and it will lead to a drop in credit delivery in the system," said the CIO of a leading mutual fund. In fact, the three-way merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda took over six months to come into effect. While the government first proposed the merger of the banks in September 2018, the merger came into force on April 1, 2019.

The head of a leading financial services firm said that there seems to be a lack of co-ordinated effort within the Centre to lift the economy. "There is a slowdown in the economy and private consumption and investments are down and at a time when you need to lift the economy and increase the credit flow in the short-term, you take a decision that will block the credit in the short term," said the



official. He added that the measures being announced leave a lot to be desired. "More than interest rate transmission, we need transmission of liquidity and that is not happening." There is a growing concern in the market over the continued slowdown in growth from 8 per cent to 5 per cent in five quarters and analysts called for steps that can revive the economy and growth in the near term.

"The momentum at which we have lost 3 percentage points of GDP growth is a matter of concern," said an economist. Banking experts say that the merger may take around six months to come into effect, and till that time banks getting merged with the anchor banks will see a freeze in decision making. "The idea is good but the timing is bad," said a fund manager with another mutual fund.

"Smaller state-owned banks are generally inefficient and so the idea to merge them to make a large bank would be a good one in the long run. However, at a time when the consumption is slowed down significantly, the merger will slow down lending at their entity level and also within the system. This will throw up a short-term challenge to prop up growth..." said the fund manager.

... decision reflects ... commitment to provide ... financial base on which we can move towards \$5 tn mark"

SANDIP SOMANY, PRESIDENT, FICCI

"Was pleased to see the bank consolidation announced... A 'reform a week' is just the kind of tonic we need..."

ANAND MAHINDRA, CHAIRMAN, MAHINDRA GROUP

"The proposals which the government has moved are unimindful since it has no logic or rationale..."

ALL-INDIA BANK EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

'New FDI norms may not help boost inflows'

Relaxation of the foreign direct investment (FDI) norms by India in many sectors is unlikely to meet the desired objective of upping flows or aiding growth anytime soon, an India Ratings and Research report said

VISIBILITY ON DEMAND VITAL: To attract "meaningful flows" of funds, visibility of demand is necessary, and a broad-based economic recovery will be critical for attracting flows

VIEWS ON 100% FDI IN CONTRACT MANUFACTURING AND COAL MINING:

■ Move is expected to facilitate significant domestic and foreign investment

■ Urgent need is to address structural demand-side headwinds and regulatory challenges



EASE OF DOING BUSINESS IN COAL SECTOR: There is significant need to enhance ease of doing business in the coal sector, through measures like rationalisation of regulatory procedures such as the land acquisition

'MINIMAL' PRIVATE INVESTMENT: Private sector investment in captive coal mines are "minimal" owing to these regulatory challenges and uncertainties, along with lack of excavation infrastructure

BENEFITS OF 100% FDI IN CONTRACT MANUFACTURING:

■ Will open gates for global electronic goods manufacturers to set up shop in India

■ Manufacturers' concern on IP rights could be overcome

FLEXIBILITY TO NEW ENTRANTS: Once the economy revives, the ability to raise up to 100 per cent FDI will boost financial flexibility of new entrants

'8.65% interest on EPF to be notified soon'

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

LABOUR MINISTRY and Finance Ministry have reached a consensus on the 8.65 per cent interest rate for Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) subscribers for 2018-19 and the interest rate will be notified soon by the Labour Ministry.

"The Finance Ministry has agreed with the 8.65 per cent EPF interest rate (for 2018-19). It will be notified soon," Labour and Employment Minister Santosh Gangwar said Friday.

Since the EPFO board's recommendation to hike the interest rate to 8.65 per cent in February, the two ministries have been exchanging missives regarding the sustainability of the rate and the risks associated with the investment exposure of the retirement fund body.

In a pre-election announcement, the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the EPFO in February recommended hiking the interest rate for its 6-crore active subscribers to 8.65 per cent for 2018-19 from a five-year low of 8.55 per cent in the previous financial year.

In April, the Finance Ministry had questioned the Fund's exposure to IL&FS and similar risky entities and the Ministry of Labour and Employment was asked by the Finance Ministry to explain whether the EPFO has sufficient surplus for the payout decided for last fiscal, especially if some of these investments turn bad.

The Ministry was also asked to explain a key question: why the "surplus" after payout of EPF interest rate for previous years

EXPLAINED E. EPFO avoided ₹158 cr deficit

ACCORDING TO the EPFO estimates, there would have been a deficit of Rs 158 crore on providing 8.7 per cent rate of interest on EPF for the previous financial year. That is why the body decided to provide 8.65 per cent rate of interest for 2018-19.

is shown only in the EPFO's "estimates," but not reflected clearly in the "actuals" over the years? At 8.65 per cent, the estimated surplus of EPFO is Rs 151.67 crore. Retaining the previous year's interest rate of 8.55 per cent would have resulted in a surplus of Rs 771.37 crore and an interest rate higher than the recommended rate at 8.7 per cent would have resulted in a deficit of Rs 158 crore, as per the estimates.

As per convention, Finance Ministry ratifies the EPF interest rate recommended by the CBT every year, following which it is notified by Labour Ministry. The increase in EPF rate comes at a time when there's an overall downward rate cycle. The hike in EPF interest rate will yield an interest rate higher than most small savings instruments, which are linked to yield on government securities.

Overlooked for chairman post, CBDT member Ranjan seeks retirement

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

CBDT MEMBER (Legislation) and senior Indian Revenue Services official Akhilesh Ranjan, who was overlooked for the post of the Board's Chairman, has written to the government seeking voluntary retirement, sources said Friday. On Wednesday, the government had granted a one-year extension to PC Mody, the current Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), who otherwise was due to retire on August 31 and Ranjan by way of seniority would have succeeded him as Chairman.

On August 19, Ranjan and other members of the task force on direct taxes headed by him had submitted the draft of the new direct tax legislation and report of the task force on direct tax law. The report is yet to be made public. Both Ranjan and the CBDT spokesperson did not respond to the queries sent by *The Indian Express*.

Sources said that Ranjan has sought retirement from the service owing to "family and personal reasons" but would have continued in the service had he been elevated as the Chairman. Ranjan, a 1982-batch Indian Revenue Service officer, was second in the succession line and was stipulated to retire in April next year.

Fiscal deficit touches ₹5.47 lakh cr at July-end

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

THE GOVERNMENT'S fiscal deficit as of July-end reached Rs 5.47 lakh crore — 77.8 per cent of the Budget Estimate (BE) for the current fiscal.

According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Friday, the fiscal deficit — or gap between expenditure and revenue — in absolute terms was Rs 5,47,605 crore at the end of July.

The deficit stood at 86.5 per cent of 2018-19 BE in the year ago period.

The Centre estimates the fiscal deficit to be at Rs 7.03 lakh

crore during 2019-20.

It aims to limit the deficit at 3.3 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the current financial year.

According to the CGA data, the government's revenue receipts during the April-July period of this fiscal was Rs 5,47,605 crore at the end of July, as against the corresponding period last year.

In absolute terms, revenue receipt was at Rs 3.82 lakh crore as of July-end 2019.

For the entire year, the revenue receipts have been pegged at Rs 19.62 lakh crore.

The CGA said that the capital expenditure was 31.8 per cent of the BE. This compares

77.8% OF BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR CURRENT FISCAL

■ According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Friday, the fiscal deficit — or gap between expenditure and revenue — in absolute terms was Rs 5,47,605 crore at the end of July

■ The government's revenue receipts during the April-July period of this fiscal was unchanged at

19.5 per cent of the BE, as against the corresponding period last year

■ In absolute terms, revenue receipt was at Rs 3.82 lakh crore as of July-end 2019. For the entire year, the revenue receipts have been pegged at Rs 19.62 lakh crore, according to the Controller General of Accounts data

with 37.1 per cent in the year ago period, it added.

Meanwhile, total expenditure

in April-July period stood at Rs 9.47 lakh crore or 34 per cent of the BE. The expenditure

US doesn't have a 'tariff problem', it has 'a Fed problem', says Trump

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 30

UNITED STATES President Donald Trump on Friday denied his trade wars were harming the country's economy, instead blaming the Federal Reserve for allowing a strong dollar to make American exports less competitive.

The remarks came just two days before Washington is due to impose a wave of a new tariffs on billions in Chinese imports after this month's sharp deterioration in trade relations with Beijing.

He said aggressive tariffs are taking care of "bad and/or unfair players"

"We don't have a Tariff problem... we have a Fed problem," Trump said on Twitter.

He said as the euro falls against the dollar, it is "giving them a big export and manufacturing advantage," while his aggressive tariffs are taking care of "bad and/or unfair players."

Fears that Trump's trade wars

are damaging the world's largest economy and pushing the world toward recession have rippled through global markets this month — with investors soothed this week by the more positive tone struck by Chinese and US officials.

But Trump has frequently lashed out at Chinese and European authorities, accusing them of deliberately weakening their currencies to gain unfair trade advantages — charges they have denied.

And he has repeatedly criticised Fed chair Jerome Powell.

China: Teams keeping 'effective communication'

REUTERS
BEIJING, AUGUST 30

CHINESE AND US trade negotiating teams are maintaining effective communication, China's Foreign Ministry said on Friday, less than 48 hours before US tariffs kick in on an additional \$125 billion in Chinese goods. The tariff war now involves hundreds of billions of dollars of goods and threatens global economic growth. Uncertainty about when or how it could end has roiled markets and complicated corporations' long-term investment plans.

Google reveals years-long 'indiscriminate' iPhone hack

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 30

GOOGLE SECURITY experts uncovered an "indiscriminate" hacking operation that targeted iPhones over a period of at least two years and used websites to implant malicious software to access photos, user locations and other data.

In a post Thursday on the blog of Google's Project Zero security taskforce, cyber experts did not name the hacked websites hosting the attacks, but estimated they

received thousands of visitors a week. "Simply visiting the hacked site was enough for the exploit server to attack your device, and if it was successful, install a monitoring implant," said Project Zero's Ian Beer.

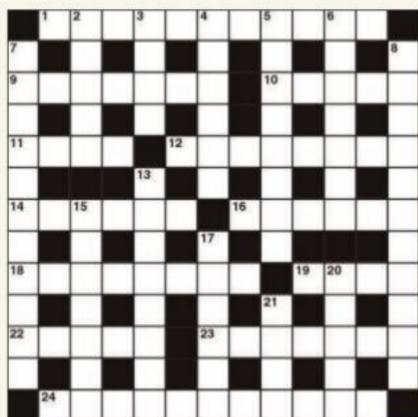
Once installed, the malicious software "primarily focused on stealing files and uploading live location data," Beer said, adding it had been able to access encrypted messenger apps like Telegram, WhatsApp and iMessage.

Google hangouts and Gmail had also been affected, he added in the post.

'Google to pay up to \$200 mn to FTC'

New Delhi: Alphabet Inc's Google will pay in the range of \$150 million to \$200 million to settle the Federal Trade Commission's investigation into YouTube's alleged violation of a certain children's privacy law, *Politico* reported on Friday. The FTC voted 3-2 to approve the settlement. REUTERS

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- ACROSS**
- Assemble for meeting (3-8)
 - After the wine I join the company in the porch (7)
 - Colour uniformly used (5)
 - Story with a twist? (4)
 - It's not fair for one to use this (8)
 - Nothing further on Rome, strangely enough (2,4)
 - Await the photographer's request? (4,2)
 - A good one can always grow better (8)
 - His purse provides incentive (4)
 - Cross country? (5)
 - New part ordered in Belgium (7)
 - How things may be bought for cash (2,1,8)
- Down**
- One may fall into it by mistake (5)
 - End of the story as it's told (4)
 - Not the best men to take care of horses (6)
 - Become established down under? (4,4)
 - Allowed to be clever in the end (7)
 - No sport for the amateur (1,6,4)
 - Martin hopes to mix the very thing he hates (11)
 - Let the workman go without guidance (8)
 - Swift to provide a market permit (7)
 - Concerning bets on races (6)
 - Get down in correct order (5)
 - A man to turn to (4)

Solutions Crossword 3897: Across: 1.Shelve, 4 Smart set, 9 Inroad, 10 Agencies, 12 Edam, 13 Often, 14 Menu, 17 Take the field, 20 Empty protest, 23 Even, 24 Holly, 25 Tour, 28 No charge, 29 Blonde, 30 Tall gate, 31 Modern. Down: 1 Stiletto, 2 Earmarks, 3 Veal, 5 Magnetic pole, 6 Rung, 7 Shiver, 8 Toss-up, 11 Afterthought, 15 Stamp, 16 Blood, 18 Denounce, 19 Sturgeon, 21 Peanut, 22 Pencil, 26 Fang, 27 Alto.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

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

I think ___ is a very high price to pay for ___ - Tom Stoppard (3..8)

AMEBA **EKSMTU**

EHIRT **ILNIGY**

SOLUTION: ABEAM, THEM, MUSKET, TINGLY
Answer: I think **age** is a very high price to pay for **maturity** - Tom Stoppard

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

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

SUDOKU 3955

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 3954

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

NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY EVENTS, HONOURS



AWARD - CEL
Central Electronics Limited's Pankaj Malhotra, ED (Finance), received the 'Best CFO of the year' Award from Institute Economic Studies (IES) in INDO-THAI ECONOMIC Seminar, at Bangkok, Thailand.



AWARD - NFL
NFL has received Best Fertilizer PSU Award during Dun & Bradstreet PSU Awards 2019. Manoj Mishra, C&MD, NFL received the award from Arvind Ganpat Sawant, Union Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprise.



AGM - POWERGRID
POWERGRID organised its 30th Annual General Meeting at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. K. Sreekant, Chairman and Managing Director addressed the stakeholders and apprised them of the latest developments and future plans of the company.



MOU - MoSJE
A MoU was signed between D/o of Social Justice & Empowerment & MADC in presence of Dr Harsh Vardhan Union M/o Health & Family Welfare, Science & Technology & Earth Sciences, R L Kataria MoS for Jal Shakti & Social Justice & Empowerment,



ADDRESS - CORPORATION BANK
Corporation Bank Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer P V Bharathi addressing the Regional Meet on Multi-Level Consultation and Ideation at Circle Office, Delhi.



INAUGURATION - EPCH
EPCH with the support of Embassy of India in Sweden and M/o Commerce & Industry, GoI organized the 2nd Indian Handicrafts Buyer Seller Meet which was inaugurated Monika Kapil Mohta, Ambassador of India to Sweden and Latvia.



CYCLE RALLY - NCC
As part of the plan, for celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of the father of the Nation, National Cadet Corps has planned a Pan India Cycle Rally, based on 'Swachhhta Theme'. The Cycle Rally would be covering a distance of 7800 kms.



CEREMONY - CISF
N R Singh, DIG, CISF, Western Zone HQs, was the chief guest in a colourful induction ceremony wherein CISF took over the regular security of Nayara Energy Ltd Jamnagar, Gujarat. C. Manoharan, Director (Refinery), Nayara Energy was also present.

SCOPE welcomes the measures that the Finance Minister has announced to boost the Indian economy. SCOPE, the apex body of public sector enterprises, is appreciative of the receptive outlook of the government as the announcement has addressed issues of most strained sectors including financial and manufacturing while keeping in its offering slew of benefits for individual and investors.

Northern Railway Intensive ticket checking drive has been launched over Northern Railway since 21.08.2019 for ten days to curb touting activities, ticketless travelling, unauthorized travelling, transfer of ticket cases, misuse of emergency quota, unauthorized vending / catering, smoking and littering in railway premises and trains etc.



MEETING - IOB
Karmam Sekar the Chairman, State Level Bankers' Committee and the MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank presided over the second stage of the bottom-up consultative process designed to generate ideas and review performance of Public Sector Banks.



AGREEMENT - INDIAN BANK
Indian Bank, joined hands with Tata AIG General Insurance to offer variety of general insurance products to its customers. The Agreement was signed in the presence of Padmaja Chunduru MD&CEO of Indian Bank & Saurabh Maini, Sr. VP Tata AIG.

Central Cottage Industries Emporium has organized exhibition-cum-sale of masterpieces collection by Shilpgurus and National Award winning artisans & weavers in its Janpath showroom. Cottage premium collection is an ode to India's Hoary crafts and weaving traditions. Each product is a marvel in term of craft value, designs and colours. The exhibition is on at Central Cottage Industries Emporium, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

IRCTC Owing to the successful runs of four packages of special tourist trains last year in 2018, on Ramayana Circuit, covering places associated with Lord Rama as mentioned in the famous Indian epic Ramayana, Indian Railways is again re-launching two tour packages on this circuit this year in Nov., 2019. The two tourist trains will be run by Indian Railways PSU namely Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC).

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Venus, planet of love, is now in a lively situation, a fact of some considerable significance. Although this is inclined to make you a little self-centred, you will gradually find it easier to accept affection and express your feelings to the people you count.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
You are not alone in experiencing wonderfully auspicious stars. All I can say is that it is up to you to create the conditions in which you permit such pleasurable influences into your life by leaving yourself open to whatever happens and steering clear of conflict.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Evening stars look best if entertaining or passionate encounters are on your mind. Don't allow the pressures of the day to force you into cancelling engagements. Relationships with children will improve if you make it clear that there are lines which should never be crossed, but offer plenty of security as well.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Although in general it's a day to deal with practical chores, I think that you won't get very far if you try to tackle outstanding domestic issues. These may be best left until tomorrow when your lunar patterns begin to look more businesslike.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
The Sun's relationship with Neptune is romantic in the broadest sense, arousing dreams of future success. However, the fact that work and routine chores are set to loom large over the weekend will bring you back down to earth. There are ways to ease problems by throwing money at them.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Although you may still feel out on a limb or out of touch, it may help to know that your stars are still broadly helpful. Issues of principle are dear to your heart. Travel plans may be delayed or deferred but relations with children should be better than before.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Adverse alignments to planets in strategic zones of your solar chart are overwhelmed by easy ones. There's a natural evolution to the day's developments and after a while you will become aware of a change in mood and very soon partners will be encouraging you to recover your rightful place.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
If somebody you know is being terribly annoying or just plain uncooperative, you know what you have to do about it. Be strongly Scorpionic and let them learn from their own mistakes, secure in the knowledge that they will come round and agree with you in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Once in a while, you are given the chance to back up your dreams with some hard cash. I am not saying that every penny spent now will produce results, but the stars are advising you to investigate new investments. By the way, a secret will be revealed within the next couple of days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A confrontation or clash of wills is unlikely to materialise, perhaps because you instinctively see the way out of any difficulty. It is far more likely that family relationships will improve, even though the emotional temperature will be heightened over the next week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and everything is better than it seems. The present gloom is largely a mirage created by the backwards movement of that tricky planet, Mercury. In point of fact, your personal prospects are pretty bright.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You are going to have to balance your own energetic desire to get your own way against the fact that others may have the organisational edge. You can take the path of least resistance and let partners assume control. Or you can say enough-is-enough and set the pace at home.

SHAHEED HASAN KHAN MEWATI GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE NALHAR, NUH, (HARYANA)
Notice Inviting e-Tender

SHKM/NIT-213/2019 Dated: 29.08.2019
(Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Housekeeping and other Services at SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh)

The Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, Govt. Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh, invites Online Bids under Two Bid System (Technical & Financial) from Eligible and Reputed Firms, Agencies, Company, Co-operative Society, Contractor for Providing the Manpower on Outsourcing Basis. Required for Housekeeping and Other Services at Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Govt. Medical College Nalhar, Nuh, through e-Tendering on web Portal: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgp/app>. The Bidder must be having its Office in Delhi & NCR, along with its Branch Office in Haryana or anywhere in the State of Haryana. The Detail is as under:

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Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Housekeeping and Other Services at SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh as Described in Scope of Work	30,00,000/-	3000+1000	06.09.2019 upto 05.00 P.M.	18.09.2019 upto 05.00 P.M.	18.09.2019 upto 05.00 P.M.

Notes: The Bids will be Opened in the presence of the Prospective Parties on 19.09.2019 at 02.30 P.M. in the Office of Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati Govt. Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh.

- For participating in above e-Tenders, the Agencies/Tenderer shall have to get themselves Registered with <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgp/app> and get user ID and Password. Class 2/3 Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) is mandatory to participate in e-Tendering Process. Amendment if any shall be hoisted only on website and not through advertisement. Conditional and Incomplete Tenders will not be accepted.
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- Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid will be decided later on.
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- If the Tender Opening date happens to be a holiday then next working day will be considered as Tender Opening Date.

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E-TENDER NOTICE No. 19 - YEAR 2019-2020

ONLINE itemwise rate e-tenders in 'B-1' Form are invited by Harbour Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division (North) Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai. (Ph.No. 022-27571534) for the following work from Contractors registered in appropriate class of Public Works Department of the Maharashtra State.

Note -

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- Other terms and condition are included with e-tender form. The right to cancel or reject above e-tender without assigning any reason with competent authority.
- e-Tender will be valid up to 90 days from the date of opening tender.
- Detailed e-tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the Harbour Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division (North) 5th floor, Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai. Tender notice can also seen on web site www.mahapwd.co

Note - This e-tender notice includes Nine works. Detailed of notice and e-tender can be seen on following web site. if any change this e-tender can be viewed on following web site only. the changes will not be published in any newspaper.
<http://mahatenders.gov.in> & <https://mahapwd.com>

e-tender Downloading period -Dt. 31.08.2019 to 09.09.2019
Prel bid meeting - Dt. 04.09.2019
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22 GOVERNANCE AWARDS



(From left) Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law and Justice, Communications, and Electronics and Information Technology; Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director, The Indian Express Group; Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State in the PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Departments of Atomic Energy and Space; Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group

Celebrating Change

The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards testified to the innovation and perseverance of people on the ground



AT THE Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards, held recently at Delhi's The Oberoi, 16 district magistrates – chosen from 249 entries received from 84 districts in 24 states – were honoured for their pioneering work across categories that range from agriculture to education, technology and women development.

The biennial awards saw four Union Ministers present awards to the winners. These included Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law and Justice, Communications, and Electronics and Information Technology; and Dr Jitendra Singh, Ministry of State (Independent Charge), Development of North Eastern Region, Minister of State in the PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Departments of Atomic Energy and Space. The awards are given to innovative solutions to governance challenges at the district level across

the country.

Former Chief Justice of India RM Lodha, who headed the jury was present at the event along with Wajahat Habibullah, former chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and the first Chief Information Commissioner of India. The others on the jury included Nirupama Rao, former Foreign Secretary and India's Ambassador to the United States and China, and KM Chandrasekhar, former Cabinet Secretary.

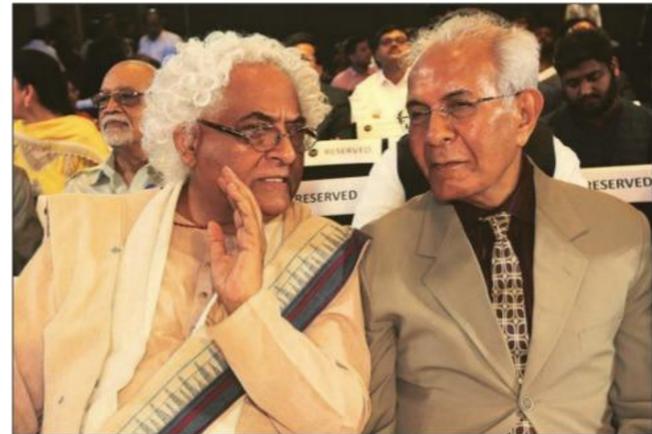
The illustrious evening saw an audience of bureaucrats, politicians, and entrepreneurs. Among them were former Attorney-General of India Soli Sorabjee; National Vice President and spokesperson BJP Bajajant Jay Panda; Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Railways, and Commerce and Industry; Anil Baluni, Member of Parliament and National Head of BJP's media cell; Rajeev Sethi, founder of Asia Heritage Foundation; Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga; Anand E Stanley, President and Managing Director, Airbus India; Sitanshu Kar, Principal Spokesperson, Government of India and Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau; and Daniel Chuburu, Ambassador of Argentina.



AS Rajgopal, Managing Director and CEO, NxtGen, greets Viveck Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director, The Indian Express Group



The winners of The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards



(Left) Rajeev Sethi, Founder, Asia Heritage Foundation, with Wajahat Habibullah, former chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and the first Chief Information Commissioner of India



Daniel Chuburu, Ambassador of Argentina



(Left) Vaidehi Thakar, Whole time Director, The Indian Express Group, with Madhavi Divan, Additional Solicitor General



Soli Sorabjee, former Attorney-General of India



(From left) Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Railways, and Commerce and Industry; Girish Kuber, Editor, *Loksatta*; Anant Goenka; Viveck Goenka; Sunil Jain, Managing Editor, *Financial Express*

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Sitanshu Kar, Principal Spokesperson, Government of India, and Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau, and Esther Kar



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari receives his portrait as a memento, from Viveck and Anant Goenka, created by *The Indian Express* illustrator Suvajit Dey



Former Home Secretary GK Pillai and Sudha Pillai, former Member Secretary, Planning Commission



The audience included a vibrant mix of bureaucrats, politicians, entrepreneurs, and leaders from corporate India



Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Railways, and Commerce and Industry with Viveck Goenka



(Left) PN Arora, Managing Director, Yashoda Hospital, with Upasana Arora, Director, Yashoda Hospital



RM Lodha, former Chief Justice of India, with Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad



Union Ministers Ram Vilas Paswan and Nitin Gadkari



Sudhakar Rao, Director, Branding & Communications, ICFAI Group



Pradyumna Pradhan, General Manager, (Corporate Affairs) & Regional Manager, Delhi, NALCO



Anand E Stanley, President and Managing Director, Airbus India



Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga



(Left) Manoj Pawa, Vice President, Petronet, and Sanjeev Gupta, President and GGM, Shipping and Marketing, Petronet



(From left) Sanjay Mayukh, BJP MLC from Bihar; Anil Baluni, Head, BJP media cell, and Rajya Sabha MP; Baijayant Jay Panda, National Vice President and Spokesperson, BJP



Sanjam Cheema, Senior Consultant, Namami Gange Programme, National Mission for Clean Ganga



Nori Prabhakar, Chief General Manager, Bharat Petroleum



Nilaya Varma, Partner and Leader, Markets Enablement, KPMG, India



Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry



Bhubaneshwar Kalita, former Congress Chief Whip in Rajya Sabha



Union Minister Jitendra Singh conversing with Anant Goenka



(Left) Ravi Nambiar, CEO, and Yatin Gupte, Founder and Managing Director, Ward Wizard Solutions Pvt Ltd



AS Rajgopal, Managing Director and CEO, NxtGen, gives the vote of thanks



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Fae, Foe and Witches of Yore

CARNIVAL ROW

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Creators: Rene Echevarria and Travis Beacham
Cast: Orlando Bloom, Cara Delevingne

EKTA MALIK

THE OPENING sequence of *Carnival Row* has a number of dishevelled young creatures — mostly women and children — running for cover as they duck bullets and arrows from a group of assailants. All of them are aiming to jump onto a ship for a passage to safer places. Not all of them make it even though they have wings to fly. If you are still struggling to make the connect, the moment a pixie-cut sporting Cara Delevingne, who plays Vignette Stonemoss, utters the word 'refugees', the picture becomes clear. *Carnival Row*, the latest offering from Amazon Prime, takes everything you have read in newspapers in the past couple of years to the screen, with the help of fairies, beasts, witches and humans.

The eight-episode long first season has already been commissioned for a second one, so rest assured we know that these magical creatures are here for a while. This fantasy-adventure show stars actor Orlando Bloom and Delevingne in lead roles. One's a fae — Delevingne's look with the pixie haircut and slender frame is totally on point — and the other is Rycroft Philostrate, a good-hearted inspector battling his demons, swooping and gliding to places in his superhero-esque silhouette. Bloom has come a long way from his *Lord of the Rings* (LOTR) days — he has matured, is bulkier and brooding. *Carnival Row* also proves that no one is big enough for an OTT platform anymore. The casting of Bloom proves it: he comes from a filmography that includes the *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *LOTR* franchise.

The faes have been forced to flee their native lands and seek refuge in the kingdom of Burgue because of the war, but sadly, they are only deemed fit for menial jobs by the humans. It doesn't matter that they fought shoulder-to-shoulder against Pact, the enemy. We immediately think of Donald Trump, Brexit, the refugee crisis of the Middle East, the ever-expanding bigotry and rise of right-wing fascism world over, and we had hoped that this epic-scale show does justice to all that. It doesn't.

Years after the war has ended, Delevingne and Bloom cross paths again. There's deep, passionate history there, and a romance is waiting to be rekindled. 'Will



they, won't they,' we hover, as the two play the game. Their romance is one of the steadfast arcs of the show. So while Delevingne figures out a life in the *Row*, trying to be a lady's maid and then joining a smuggling gang; Bloom tries to figure out who's behind a series of brutal murders, all committed by an unknown, unseen beast from another realm.

Creating a new world from scratch is not easy. And if you were getting major Harry Potter feels while watching this, you are on the right track. Nick Dudman is the name behind the make-up and the special effects of the show, and he is credited for the same in the *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars* franchises. Dudman has mostly done a good job, our hearts do soar as Delevingne flies into the sky with her beautiful wings whirring. The horns of the Pucks though, could have done with some fine tuning.

Set in the seventh century, the show is overcrowded with themes and references. We see an overarching grey tone, reminiscent of Dickensian times, the filth, the mud and the mulch add to that vibe. The 'us' vs 'them' narrative is heavy and there are subtle nods to racism. But the narrative doesn't stick, the arguments are weak and often banal. There's too much happening: a scheming brother-sister duo, who have fallen on hard times, the chancellor and his scheming wife, etc etc. Taking the politics of today and blending it with fantasy of yore, if done well, could have filled the *Game of Thrones* size hole in the life of the fans of the genre. It doesn't. You are better off watching reruns of the George Martin creation.

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MUSIC THIS WEEK

LOVER (REPUBLIC), TAYLOR SWIFT, ₹850

★★

From Darkness to Light

JON CARAMANICA

TWO YEARS ago, Taylor Swift was painted into a corner, and lashed out. *Reputation*, her sixth album, was her darkest, her most aggrieved and her most stylistically experimental. She was already a pop star, but *Reputation* was when she arrived into the understanding that klieg lights can scald.

Lover (Republic), her seventh album, is a palate cleanse, a recalibration and a reaffirmation of old strengths. It's a transitional album designed to close one particularly bruised chapter and suggest ways to move forward — or in some cases, to return to how things once were. Once again, Swift's concerns are largely interior: who to love, how to love, how to move on when love is gone.

Paper Rings is jumpy punk-pop, vibrating with almost a nervous energy. Swift talks about the flush of a new obsession that becomes something deeper: "Went home and tried to stalk you on the internet/Now I've read all of the books beside your bed." Bubbly and wise, it's peak Swift. *Soon you'll get better* is an intimate acoustic song about Swift's mother, Andrea, who is battling cancer. Here, agonised harmonies by the Dixie Chicks serve as an empathetic swaddle as Swift is lyrically immediate: "Holy orange bottles, each night I pray to you/desperate people find faith, so now I pray to Jesus too."



Take death by a thousand cuts, a song about how relationships that are ending never seem to end: "I get drunk but it's not enough/'cause the morning comes and you're not my baby." Or the title track, which has echoes of *Knockin' on heaven's door*, but also sounds like a steroidal take on the alt-country of the 1990s. **NYT**

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SAAHO

★★

Director: Sujeeth **Cast:** Prabhas, Shraddha Kapoor, Murali Sharma, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Chunky Panday, Mahesh Manjrekar, Mandira Bedi, Prakash Belawadi, Arun Vijay, Jackie Shroff, Evelyn Sharma



Speed Doesn't Thrill

SHUBHRA GUPTA

SAAHO STARTS out with the promise of a slick, high-octane actioner. Impossibly high sky-scrapers, all gilt-edged. A bunch of extremely international baddies, all togged out in designer black. Villains-in-swanky dens, swish molls, cops-in-plain-clothes-and-uniforms, bad guys who may be good, good guys who may, gasp, be very bad indeed, all in search of a huge stash of cash. And helmed by Prabhas, who strode across the gigantic *Bahubali* canvas, cleaving a mighty path to mythic victory.

Everything a thriller needs is in here, and

you settle down, fully prepared for a non-stop, breathless, firing-from-all-cylinders ride. But *Saaho* turns out to be a damp squib.

Characters come and go, whizzing past us so fast that we never feel invested. Cars are blown up like there's no tomorrow. Growling men show up with bazookas. A Roman-style arena, complete with a duel, is conjured up (don't ask). Clearly, those responsible for the plot (what's that) believe that if they throw everything at us, some of it will stick.

Sadly, very little does. Prabhas, who with his gentle smile and a hewn-from-rock-built that made us gasp in *Bahubali*, gets a bare-bodied moment here too. He also gets

to fly off cliffs, jump off skyscrapers, drive fancy cars, and scatter some light-hearted lines as he romances female cop Anitha (Kapoor), while singing and dancing in picturesque locales.

Prabhas is perfectly suited to throwing sharp things at tattooed guys built like trucks, and mowing down a phalanx of heavies without expending too much effort. And he does have an ability to underplay and be droll. What's also nice is that his distinctly south Indian accent is not hidden in the dubbed version: our heroes are finally pan-Indian. When he is being easy and light are the only watchable moments in this mammoth enterprise. And also when Chunky

Panday gets off a few good lines, and delivers them with the ease of a veteran.

The rest, including the miscast Kapoor as a canny sleuthing cop, go by in a blur. Jackie Shroff is wasted in a brief cameo, and that's a pity because he brings a loucheness to the table that no one else has. Bedi, costumed in gorgeous earth-coloured saris, doesn't have a single evil bone in her body, and Neil Nitin Mukesh becomes just one more hapless character who is left to flounder in this never-ending rat-rat-a-tat-tat, biff-bang-thud, oh-there-goes-another-body-but-who-cares enterprise.

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Survival of the Quickest

47 METERS DOWN: UNCAGED

★★

Director: Johannes Roberts
Cast: Sophie Nelisse, Corinne Foxx, Sistine Stallone, Brienne Tju, John Corbett

SHALINI LANGER

TWO SISTERS, locked in a cage, stranded at the bottom of the sea, with white sharks circling around them, and their oxygen running out, won director Johannes Roberts's *47 Meters Down* some box-office success two years back. Enough to have him return with two sisters, stranded in an underwater maze that once used to be a Mayan burial ground, with sharks circling around them, and oxygen running out, this time.

If terror is what you are after, you can do worse than sharks, which remain a favourite even 40 years after *Jaws*. Here Roberts leaves no trick untried, so that his sharks are blind given the spaces in which they have bred but hence with heightened sensibilities, carry ominous scars running down the side of their bodies, have blood dripping from their teeth, and are featured holding bodies hanging every which way from their razor-sharp incisors.

Their prospective lunch in *Uncaged* are



two step-sisters (Mia and Sasha, played by Nelisse and Foxx respectively), and Sasha's friends Alexa (Tju) and Nicole (Stallone). Mia's father who is white (Corbett) and Sasha's mother who is black form a perfect, politically correct family, who have come to settle in scenic Yucatan, Mexico. The only trouble in this paradise is the animosity between Mia and Sasha, not helped by the bullying Mia faces at high school.

So, when Alexa and Nicole offer Sasha an adventure of a different kind, instead of the outing where she and Mia are supposed to bond, she tells Mia to tag along.

The adventure turns out to be impromptu diving through some newly discovered un-

derground caves containing a Mayan city. With Mia's father an archaeologist, she is aware of both the risks and his anger, but is quickly overruled by the others.

So far, so good. While all the four girls are attractive, shapely and stripped down to the basics — undoubtedly a factor — it's encouraging to see them plan out the dive that most films would have had boys enacting. Unlike their adrenaline-driven counterparts, the girls actually do a bit of forward thinking, including on how to avoid risks.

But, once they go under, so does the film. Roberts stages almost the entirety of what follows in dark, narrow alleys, and it's a succession of similar scenes, with torches pro-

viding dim light though with hardly any visual clarity and radio contact facilitating disjointed dialogue. The persistent sharks don't let go, a series of bloody deaths follow, and the girls' oxygen tanks, we are constantly informed, are depleting. However, the film goes on and on, throwing everything at the girls, from sharp currents to air pockets, without respite and without variation, barely coming up for air.

Nelisse impresses the most, though, as those famous surnames Foxx and Stallone indicate, she is in illustrious company. Is that what is keeping this sequel afloat?

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Unquiet Front

A war on plastic lurks around the corner while talk of conflict dominates airwaves



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

ON THE airwaves, there's talk of war. Over here, the Prime Minister wants to declare war on plastic. Over there, Pakistan's min-

ister for railways has warned of war with India, and the Indian channels have run with the story. "Jang!" warned Aaj Tak at prime time, in letters half as tall as the TV screen. And if you searched for videos of Pakistani minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed's dire warning on the internet, you would find that most of the coverage has been on Indian channels. In Pakistan, ARY News has the full video of the impassioned speech, which Ahmed delivered in Muzaffarabad, in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. He claimed to have warned about moves against Muslims when Iran

and Yemen were pressed, and is issuing a warning again against Indians wishing to conduct a religious war. Though, of course, the Muslims of Pakistan know what to do about that. Now we know why Ahmed was replaced by Shaukat Aziz as the minister who would receive prime minister AB Vajpayee in Pakistan. The man would have given the game away without breaking a sweat.

Ahmed has had a colourful past. When he was minister for information and broadcasting, he was denied a permit to travel to Srinagar to meet relatives. He was detained and questioned in Houston over suspected links with Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hafiz Saeed. One must wonder why Indian TV channels have given so much attention to his war-dance. They should have treated him exactly like he was treated by Vajpayee's foreign ministry officials, and dismissed him out of mind.

But then, war dances are in fashion. They improve the ratings.

While news coming out of Kashmir remains limited, the protests in Hong Kong are visible everywhere. Meanwhile, China has engaged in electronic warfare. That used to mean attacking the computer resources of an adversary, as the US has done this week, destroying a database and networks that Iran used to track shipping. But now, it also includes disinformation campaigns that Russia is alleged to have used to tinker with the US presidential election. The Chinese have observed and learned, and have responded to the crisis

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in Hong Kong with a disinformation campaign that amounts to digital saturation bombing. So many fake stories and twisted versions of real news are being reported that the locals clearly have no idea if they're coming, going, or just drifting sideways. The government of Hong Kong has its hands full denying wild reports of PLA tanks and troops massing for an attack, and of atrocities committed by both sides in the protests.

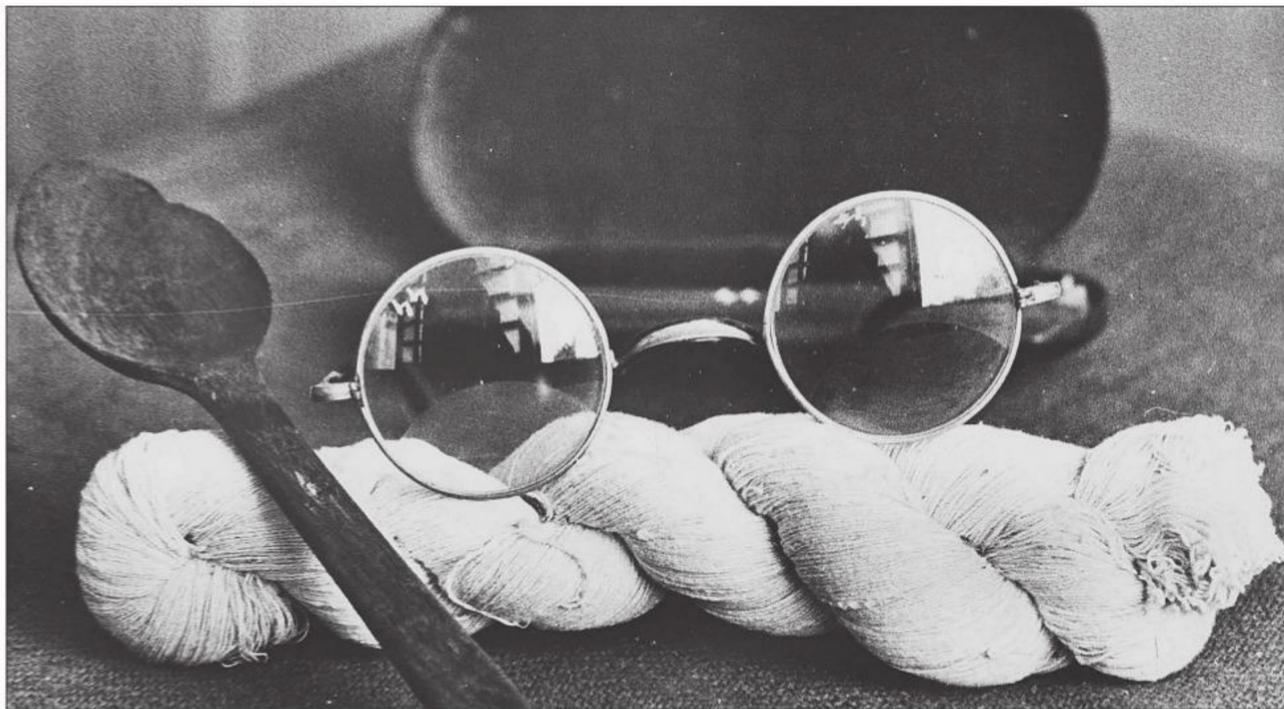
But some people have the luck of the devil. Half of America is licking its chops at the prospect of Deutsche Bank having details of the stuff that Donald Trump's re-

fused to make public — his tax returns, which would indicate details of his personal or family fortune. And there is news of loan applications co-signed by Russian oligarchs, which would be the closest the authorities have come to establishing a link of benefit between Russia and Trump. But precisely at the same time, the two-year-old news service Axios, co-founded by old hands from Politico, revealed that Trump had proposed to nuke hurricanes before they could make landfall on the US coast. And the president immediately went ballistic, changing the course of the conversation. Which may not come back on track as the world turns its attention to the forthcoming crisis in the UK, and in the world order. An Al Jazeera headline put it very well: "When pyromaniacs lead, the world burns."

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Bending the binary

An informed account of the Mahatma's philosophy that avoids both hagiography and Gandhi-bashing



A display of Mahatma Gandhi's spoon, spectacle and thread Express Archives

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INDIAN DISCOURSES about Gandhi are often squeezed into a tight little binary — hagiography or Gandhi-bashing. Fortunately, *Gandhi and Philosophy* by Divya Dwivedi and Shaj Mohan neatly sidesteps this binary. The book is an interesting and innovative attempt at grappling with Gandhi's complex and contested intersections with philosophy.

In *Gandhi and Philosophy*, there is a Gandhian "spectro-poetics", in Derrida's sense. Just when Gandhi is reassuringly banished to the status of a dusty icon, to be brushed off with ritual charkha-spinning on October 2, or co-opted as the icon of Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, he pops up again like a twinkling genie out of the bottle.

In India, we seem to be beckoned by Gandhi's spectre whenever there is another Gandhi-basher around. Speaking of Gandhi-bashing, Gandhi the spectre is back in the news again with the Godse-praising, Gandhi-bashing of Pragya Thakur and others. Seemingly, Gandhi never fades out completely into historical irrelevance.

Mohan and Dwivedi have done a masterful job of avoiding the binary fork — hagiography or vituperation — as much of Gandhi and hagiography comes from a need to spiritualise Gandhi. We need to ask ourselves whether this is a part of the larger tendency to frame Indian thought as "spiritual".

Further, reading *Gandhi and Philosophy* would make the reader wonder if there is a concerted conspiracy afoot, on the part of Western Orientalists and Indian tradition-huggers, to spiritualise India at all costs, dissing or marginalising materialistic, atheistic and agnostic frames of reference.

One of the brilliant takeaways from the book is the account of "scalology" in Gandhi's thought. Several passages in the

book suggest that for Gandhi, leading a virtuous ahimsic life equals radical slowing down. This involves leading a slow, well-regulated life away from the speeded-up excesses of Western industrialist society.

Reflecting on scalology, many authors are caught in the meshes of "monochronic time" ever since the tyranny of the bourgeois clock. Surely, the Red Queen in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* is a brilliant caricature of speed obsession in a monochronic culture:

The Queen kept crying "Faster! Faster!", and dragged her along. "are we nearly there? Alice managed to pant out at last. [...]" Now!

"Now!" cried the Queen. "Faster! Faster!" [...] Alice looked round her in great surprise. "Why, I do believe we've been under this tree the whole time! Everything's just as it was!" [...] "A slow sort of country!" said the Queen. "Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!"

In fact, many aspects of Gandhian thinking fall into place when one applies the speed scalology, including his love-hate relationship with the Indian Railways, the idealised Gandhian village, and the regulation of body functions. This could well mean that speed can be considered as Gandhi's demon.

Mohan and Dwivedi seem to have unearthed a paradox that is deeply embedded in Gandhian thinking. On the one hand, Gandhi is considered anti-mechanistic; on the other hand, the body appears to be a highly complex machine, and leading a well-regulated life implies knowing how to run this machine. Few other commentators seem to have grappled with this paradox and the reader is left to ponder the deconstruction of this seeming binary of Gandhi's "anti-machine" stand and his advocacy of the well-regulated machine.

Gandhian Philosophy delves into Gandhian "hypophysics" which involves a conflation of "is" and "ought", "fact" and "value". Earlier critics like David Hume and GE Moore would view such conflation as a cardinal sin. Yet, many disparate philosophers like Hegel, Nietzsche and Whitehead would argue that the concept of a bare datum or fact is absurd. Facts are deeply embedded in contexts of value. Unfortunately, *Gandhi and Philosophy* does not clarify the writers' stand on this issue.

However, they do talk about Gandhi's racism at some length — against black South

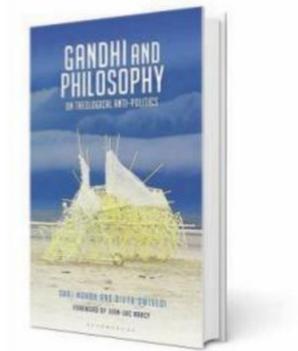
Africans (kaffirs), Dalits and others. Such a position is a real challenge to those who see Gandhi as the founding father of liberation movements in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the USA. Not to mention Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, Jr., who saw Gandhi as a major spiritual influence and perhaps chose to ignore or airbrush his racism.

The issue of casteism is closely allied to racism. In the book, Mohan and Dwivedi argue that Gandhi not only upheld caste, but also viewed it as India's unique contribution to the world! This does not reconcile with his attempt of trying to subvert caste through the act of renaming the "Untouchables" as Harijans. Moreover, Dr Ambedkar and others have expressed concern that even with all of Gandhi's attempted challenge to the caste system, he remains a patronising upper caste critic.

One of the most amusing passages in the book refers to the "Gandhian striptease": Gandhi dressing down from his suited and booted role as a Westernised lawyer to the loin-cloth-clad Mahatma. The book would have been wholesome if the differences among criticism, critique, and criticalisation were elaborated on. This aspect appears as a fleeting remark.

Gandhi and Philosophy also suggests that Gandhi was in his own way a protagonist of *Ramrajya*, which in a way would reflect a form of soft Hindutva. As readers, we might need to explore the important differences between Gandhi's *Ramrajya*, coloured by his religious universalism and *Ramrajya* as espoused by the Hindutva. *Gandhi and Philosophy* deserves debate, dialogue and critical reading from professional philosophers and lay readers alike.

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GANDHI AND PHILOSOPHY: ON THEOLOGICAL ANTI-POLITICS
SHAJ MOHAN AND DIVYA DWIVEDI
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A Watchful Eye

The ethnic origins and socio-political arc of Balochistan are contextualised in this detailed account

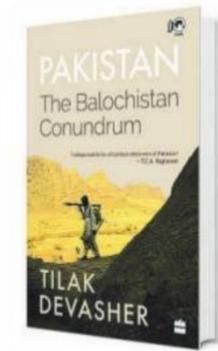
RANA BANERJI

THE BALOCHISTAN Conundrum is a cogently analysed treatise on the largest, most sparsely populated, yet most troublesome province of Pakistan. Divided into six sections, the book begins with a bird's eye view of the geography, demography and ethnic mosaic of the land. The author looks in depth at the etymological origins of the Baloch, and the "unique demographic-cum-territorial configuration" which evolved in the province. The Brahui, of ethnic Dravidian origin from the south and central areas mingled with the Pashtuns from the north. Punjabi settlers came in to contiguous western districts. Hazaras came in from the northern parts of the North West Frontier Province and even Afghanistan, as nomads, like the Baloch themselves. But they had to unfortunately face endemic sectarian persecution at the hands of Sunni radicals, often under ill-concealed State instigation. This analysis corroborates former Pakistani diplomat Ashraf Jehangir Qazi who described it as far back as in June, 2010, as a "disastrous policy of relying on Pashtuns and non-locals to counter Baloch grievance-based aspirations".

In Section II, the author delves into "the indelible historical memories" of the Baloch narrative, which fostered their alienation. The betrayal of the Khan of Kalat (Mir Ahmed Khan) in 1947-48 by Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah is starkly painted in black, as are the post-accession insurgencies of 1958 (led by Nawab

Nauroz Khan, who became a symbol of the Baloch independence movement) and 1962 (led by the Marxist Sher Mohammad Marri). The 1973 uprising was crushed most ruthlessly, with the Pakistan Army strafing even civilian-inhabited areas during the Chamalang battle of 1974.

Section III brings out the systematic economic, political and administrative



PAKISTAN: THE BALOCHISTAN CONUNDRUM
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marginalisation of its people. The author tellingly cites an official White Paper of the Finance Department of the Balochistan provincial government to depict "the grip of poverty and deprivation" the common people found themselves in, even 70 years after independence.

Attractively titled 'Chinese Gambit', Section IV deals with the development of Gwadar port and the strategically important China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which have been billed as game changers for Pakistan. The endemic water shortages facing the region, inadequate planning by the state to manage infrastructural shortfalls and other administrative bungling, acting in haste to consolidate geo-strategic gains, if only to oblige a domineering China, reveal how grandiose dreams may yet slip between cup and lip, while taking the "golden chalice" of Chinese aid. Section V looks at the phenomenon of "missing persons". The herculean work of Mama Qadeer Baloch's Voice of Baloch Missing Persons (VBMP) and his Long March from Quetta to Islamabad of October, 2013 are described here. Specific cases of disappearances and killings are detailed, including that of prominent women's rights activist Sabeen Mehmud in Karachi, in April, 2015, after she ignored warnings to cancel a discussion on the subject.

Two small chapters add great value to the book, dealing with the dilemma faced by the judiciary and the media in coping with the Baloch problem. The judiciary looked askance, alas only intermittently, at the involvement and culpability of the state's security agencies in the "enforced disappearances" of Baloch activists. The media sporadically raised their voice over the mysterious elimination of even "moderate Baloch nationalists", by militias

which appeared suddenly, like the Baloch Musallah Defai Tanzeem (BMDT), who were possibly behind the killings of popular activist, Maula Baksh Dasti, and famous poet, Habib Jalib Baloch, in July 2010.

The separatist challenge in the province, in both the aspects of politics and insurgency, is looked at in Section VI. Moderate Baloch nationalists like Akhtar Mengal voiced their grievances often enough but found little succour, despite pious promises. With great perspicacity, the author explains the causes and changing nature of the insurgency, wherein separatists ultimately broke away from the tutelage of Baloch Sardars, with educated middle-class leaders like Dr Allah Nazar of the Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) leading the way. In January, 2006, the alleged rape of a Shazia Khalid, a doctor working with the Sui Gas company, by an army captain, Hamad, strongly offended Baloch tribal moral codes. The military establishment hushed up the case. Matters came to a head in August, 2006, with the killing of Sardar Akbar Bugti in a chilling military action.

After his seminal work, *Courting the Abyss*, Devasher sums up this hard-hitting tome by pointedly stressing that the Balochistan conundrum has resulted from the "State trying to resolve a serious political issue militarily; instead of using a surgeon's delicate touch, Pakistan may be using a butcher's cleaver."

This work is easily the most comprehensive and timely study of Balochistan by an Indian scholar. He has approached this subject in a manner which should benefit all serious students wishing to understand the complexities and travails which plague this hapless province of Pakistan.

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Identity Crises

An important book that situates Assamese identity within the politics of its times, then and now

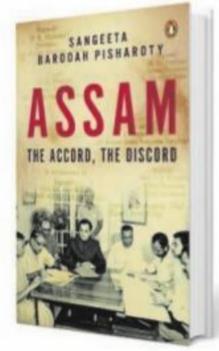
KABIR FIRAQUE

TODAY, THE final version of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) is due for publication in Assam. The exercise has kept Assam in the national, even international, news for a year and more, as have ideas such as the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill and electoral politics — with the BJP putting up its best performance ever in Assam despite opposition to the Bill ahead of the Lok Sabha elections this year. But there is a lot more to the Assam story, with some of its complexities not yet brought to national attention as frequently as the NRC or the Citizenship Bill. The events of decades leading up to the NRC, the question of the fate of those excluded, and how the "immigration problem" can be solved, if ever, are so involved that they could fill a book. Which is what journalist Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty has done.

Assam: The Accord, The Discord builds its narrative around the Assam Accord of 1985, under which the All Assam Students Union (AASU), and the state and Rajiv Gandhi governments agreed on a cut-off date for Indian citizenship in Assam (which is more accommodating than elsewhere in the country). The NRC is being prepared on the basis of the cut-off agreed in the Accord — March 24, 1971. The book examines how the Accord came to be, and how it continues to cast its shadow on so much that has happened in Assam since. Pisharoty, who grew up in Assam during those days, reflects on her own memories of the 1979-85 Assam Movement and draws from interviews with Movement leaders-turned-politicians, journalists, scholars and members of various communities in multicultural Assam.

What defines this effort is the sweep of the information it covers and the insight it provides. There is the bargaining over the Accord until the movement leaders settled for 1971 — after having turned down an offer of 1967 from the Indira Gandhi government, it

emerged. Of the various proposals made, some suggested that one group of migrants, based on an arrival date, could be resettled in other Indian states — an idea that could be of significance today, given the lack of clarity on what happens to those left out of the NRC. Then, there are the seemingly contradictory characters of the AASU, its movement and the Asom Gana Parishad party, which was born out of it. What began as a non-violent movement eventually took place in a violent atmosphere, which saw the massacre of thousands of Bengali Muslims in Nellie, as well as the killing of 855 youth participating in the Movement. The roots of the AASU had leftist connections, and the movement was non-communal. Yet it had the support of right-wing leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, an RSS influence was imputed — denied by RSS leaders then and by movement leaders quoted in the book — and the AGP is, today, an ally of the



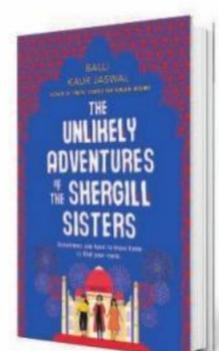
ASSAM: THE ACCORD, THE DISCORD
SANGEETA BAROOAH PISHAROTY
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BJP. The book dwells also on the puzzling question of identities and their relations: the difference between a *miya* (a Muslim of East Bengal origin) and a Bengali-speaking Muslim migrant who entered Assam illegally after 1971; the friction between Assamese and Bengali Hindus; and, how Assamese Muslims took part in the movement, got disillusioned when the AGP tied up with the BJP, but have now largely gone back to asserting their linguistic rather than religious identity. In this complex mix enters the Hindu right, represented by the BJP and a growing RSS, fed in part by the growth of the Muslim right represented by the AIUDF. "The way [various] conditions have meshed and conflicted, grows in nuance and bluntness, page after page, layer by layer, party by party, community by community," Sanjoy Hazarika, journalist, author and international director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, writes in his foreword.

Where will all this lead to? Pisharoty acknowledges Bengali Muslims' efforts at assimilation, and stresses the need for them to resist efforts by the Muslim right to infiltrate their community. She identifies the biggest challenge facing the indigenous communities — "whether to remain an Assamese, or a *khalonjiya* first, or bow to the rising wave prominently emanating since 2016 to be a Hindu first. The BJP's push for the Citizenship Bill... led several among the Assamese Muslim community too to ponder where they would figure..." She ends with verses by Bhupen Hazarika: "And those who arrived from faraway lands/ To settle down by the Brahmaputra/ And called this land their mother/ Each of those is also a new kind of Assamese/ We just need to stay that way."

ON THE SHELF

A Family Affair



THE UNLIKELY ADVENTURES OF THE SHERGILL SISTERS
BALLI KAUR JASWAL
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the Shergills don't seem to be an exception. Sita writes her own letter to her three daughters — Rajni, Jezmeen and Shirina. As her dying wish, she wants them to go on a pilgrimage to India to perform her last rites. The sisters, who share a tense relationship, are hesitant to put their lives on hold and travel back to India, a country that the London-bred girls seem to have lost touch with.

On the surface of things, each sister seems to be confined to a role. Rajni, the oldest, is uptight. Jezmeen, the middle child, is the rebel. And Shirina, the youngest, is the baby. But, these women are complex, and as the book progresses, the reader understands exactly how and why they are the way they are with their idiosyncrasies.

Weaving so many divergent themes into one story can cause confusion, but Jaswal ensures that the story doesn't lose site of its original message. Feminist undertones and the lived struggles of women are woven seamlessly into themes of religion, immigration, marriage, family — particularly Indian families, and, the longing to return home. As all these themes converge, Jaswal manages to retain one single message: family remains even when nothing else does.

With each chapter, Jaswal peels away layers off her characters, and the story remains smooth despite being packed with unsuspecting jolts at short intervals. There is equal parts humour, drama and suspense. As the narrative comes to an end, the story transforms from a simple tale of three Punjabi women to a story that resonates with us all.

DIVYA SETHU

Antigua ton made me emotional, says Rahane

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INDIA VICE-CAPTAIN Ajinkya Rahane says scoring his 10th Test century after a drought of two years was special and he became "a bit emotional" after reaching the feat in Antigua. Rahane played match-winning knocks of 81 and 102 in the first Test against the West Indies which India won by a huge margin of 381 runs in Antigua.

"I thought 10th hundred was really special. I wasn't thinking about any particular celebration, it came out automatically. I was a little bit emotional," Rahane said told reporters here.

Coming into the Test series, Rahane's form was a subject of widespread debate but the India Test vice-captain silenced his critics in style.

"It took me two years to get that 10th hundred. As I said the process always matters to me a lot. Preparations before each and every series is very important. I was actually doing that throughout the two years, and so 10th hundred was really special," he said.

India were reeling at 25 for 3 in the first innings when Rahane came out to bat and the right-hander said he saw it as an opportunity to do something special for the team.

"We were under pressure. I thought West Indies bowled really well throughout that day. It was an opportunity for me to do something special for my team. I think because of the situation I wasn't thinking about myself because it was important to get that partnership going — one player had to bat and we knew that," he said.

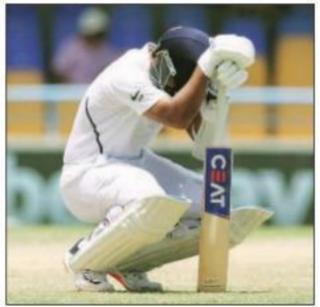
"I thought it was something special for me personally as well because we knew we were in a difficult position at that point of time and happily we did really well and came back strongly from that point."

Rahane, whose previous ton had come way back in 2017 against Sri Lanka, said he wasn't thinking about personal milestones but was focussed on stitching a partnership to consolidate the team's lead.

"It definitely felt really special for me I got to know what it takes to get a century after two years. I've been working really hard on my batting," he said. "But I wasn't thinking much about by hundred or milestone for me. What was important was to get my team into a good position, we were 140 runs ahead with three wickets down. That partnership with Virat (Kohli) was really crucial."

Rahane was also lavish in his praise for all-rounder Hanuman Vihari.

"Vihari did very well in India A tours and he did really well in the domestic circuit. So it's good that players who actually did consistently well over a period of time in domestic cricket are doing well at the international level," he said. "At the same time Rohit is also a quality player, a special player - it's hard to see him miss out on a Test match," he added.



The hundred in Antigua was Rahane's first in Tests in two years.



Debutant off-spinner Rahkeem Cornwall claimed the wicket of Cheteshwar Pujara on Day One of the second Test in Kingston Friday. AP

India run into a high hurdle

Holder, Cornwall use their tall frames to extract bounce and trouble the visitors on Day 1 morning



EXPRESS IN WEST INDIES

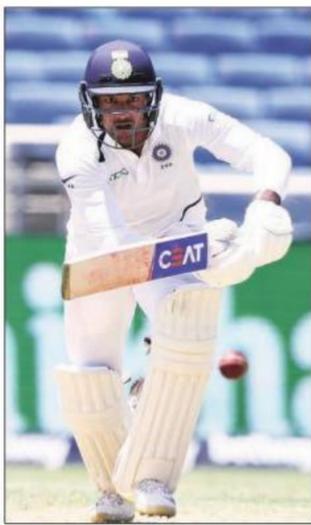
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BOWLING FROM the Michael Holding End, up the slope, new-ball bowler Kumar Roach was not getting much assistance. The Indian openers — KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal — were settling well. A shake-up was needed, and so the West Indian skipper Jason Holder decided to switch the ends of his pacers. That, in a way, proved a master-stroke. But there was a twist, it wasn't Roach who got the breakthrough, but it was Holder himself who had Rahul caught in the slips.

The delivery kicked up more than what Rahul had expected. It was not the steep, at-your-throat bounce but the 6'7" tall Holder had managed a sharp and spongy lifter. Considering he has an high-arm action, the balls descend on the batsmen from about 10 feet.

India's batsmen haven't come across really tall bowlers in the recent past. Even in Tests in Australia, they didn't have to deal with really tall bowlers, the tallest being Pat Cummins, at 6'4". But a couple of inches can make a massive difference, as Holder showed.

It's something the Indian batsmen hadn't factored in for the Test — the height of the West Indies bowlers. They were more wor-



Mayank Agarwal completed his half-century after lunch.

ried about sideways movement on a supposedly seaming surface. Even if it weren't green, Roach could conjure movement from most decks.

His accomplice, the strapping Shannon Gabriel too can make the ball bounce at an awkward height, but he's not quite tall as Holder. Soon after Holder threw the ball at the debutant spinner Rahkeem Cornwall, who is 6'6" himself. Early on in the innings,

as they stood in the cordon, they formed the tallest second-slip and third-slip pair in contemporary cricket. Then, while bowling in tandem, they became perhaps the tallest pair of West Indies bowlers in a long time. Suddenly, India had to adjust to different heights and trajectories, spin and seam, both being unfurled from quite a height. It unsettled Indians more than it frustrated them.

A telling blow

If Holder furnished the desperate breakthrough, Cornwall delivered the most telling blow, by dismissing Cheteshwar Pujara, a master of handling spin-bowling. Cornwall's introduction raised eyebrows, coming as it did in the 13th over. But, as it turned out, it proved another inspired decision.

Cornwall produced spin and bounce, which tested Indian batsmen's adeptness. Another disconcerting factor for the visitors while facing Cornwall was the lack of flight, which he didn't need with his height. When a spinner releases the ball, a batsman's eyes are trained to look over his arm, as most spinners flight the ball. The release point is from where the ascent begins. But Cornwall hardly flights, nonetheless the ball floats. The lack of flight deceives the batsman into thinking that the ball would arrive briskly. But Cornwall is quite slow, and he often catches the batsmen early into the shot.

Pujara was his usual self against him, repeatedly stepping out to smother the spin and forcing the spinner to shorten his length. He could then unfurl his favourite cut short. Cornwall seemed to fall for the ruse, as the lengths began to get shorter. But Cornwall has one gift that few other spinners have. His height, which enabled him to purchase more

bounce. Hence, though cuttable, Pujara had to factor in the bounce. He didn't, and ended up slicing to point.

Buoyed, Cornwall also had Virat Kohli in trouble at times, once when he induced a miscued pull that fell short of mid-on. Later he survived a review, with the ball slipping down the leg-side. It's not for the first time, Indian batsmen were hassled by Cornwall. In a warm-up game in St Kitts in 2016, the big Antiguan had similarly bounced out the triumvirate of Indian batsmen — Kohli, Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane.

This wasn't the first-day Wimbledon surface, that the curator had predicted, the Sabina Park strip resembled a weary second-week one, grassy on the edges and dotted with stray green patches on it.

Natural lateral movement was negligible, and whatever deviation off the surface the Indian openers had to negotiate owed to the newness of the Duke ball and the craft of the bowlers. The movement, if any, wasn't late and didn't really test Rahul and Agarwal, two regimented openers in the first 30 minutes of the game. It was a strip wherein the bowlers had to use their guile to cajole something out of it, and not where they simply needed to hit the ball on specific areas. At the same time, it wasn't one where the batsmen could just trust the bounce and play through the line.

SCOREBOARD (LUNCH, DAY 1): India first innings: Lokesh Rahul c Cornwall b Holder 13, Mayank Agarwal batting 41, Cheteshwar Pujara c Brooks b Cornwall 6, Virat Kohli batting 5; Extras: (LB-7) 7; Total: 72/2 in 30 overs; FoW: 1/32, 2/46; Bowling: Kumar Roach 8-3-12-0, Shannon Gabriel 3-0-20-0, Jason Holder 8-5-7-1, Rahkeem Cornwall 9-3-20-1, Roston Chase 2-0-6-0.

JAMAICA DIARY

Reggae: It's in their genes, it's there in the banks, too

REGGAE ARE riffs are everywhere in Kingston. In cars, pubs, public transport, airport, funerals, and strangely even in sanitised bank-halls. It greets you in ATMs, not in full blast but in a mellow tone (as mellow as reggae could be). It's artiste Tarrus Riley's shrill sound rippling out of the tiny speakers fitted on the corner of the room. The lyrics take off something like this: "Gimme little one drop, let the bass-line roll and kotch, reggae music run the country." Riley hums inside the bank as well, where his rhythmic intonations are interrupted by the gruff voice of the lady handing out tokens. Or the guard urging the customers to maintain the queue.

They say, it's in their genes, but it it hadn't pervaded the bank halls until this year. It was introduced as the stroke of this year to create awareness of inflation, one of the most crippling issues of the Jamaican economy. This was the idea of the finance minister Nigel Clarke.

"The idea is to communicate in the best way possible, and in Jamaica, nothing aids communication as much as music. Music aids in advocacy, and the same is true for complex monetary policy," he told *Jamaican Observer* when the programme was launched.

In fact, the country has been making rapid economic strides. Just over seven years ago, the Government's debt was close to 150 percent of the country's GDP, unemployment was over 15 percent and economic growth was just under 1 percent annually. Now, the debt-to-GDP ratio is set to fall below 100 percent in this year's budget, according to *Jamaica Gleaner*. Importantly, more people are employed than at any time in the country's history, with unemployment at 8 percent, and there have been 18 consecutive quarters of growth. The dollar has fallen from 1500 in 2016 to 1100 in 2019, reasons enough for the government to celebrate.

However, many Jamaicans, particularly in poor communities, are sceptical about the recovery, so the Bank of Jamaica began the reggae campaign to spread the message. Several other banks too have taken a cue, and the government has instructed buses to keep playing reggae on a loop. Riley's song is about predictable inflation. And it's not just Riley alone—the banks have roped in a raft of young artistes to compose video songs for them, including the up and coming local all-female band 'Adahzel' so much so that reggae-music-for-banks has become a self-sustainable industry. Last heard that somebody is working on tweaking Bob Marley's famous, "No women, no cry" to "No inflation, no cry."

—SANDIP G



Jamaican economy is looking up, the government is spreading this message through reggae.

CURATOR ON THE 1998 ABANDONED TEST

'Sabina Park got a bad name because of me, I wept like my daughter had died'

SANDIP G
KINGSTON, AUGUST 30

KNEELING OVER the fence, Charles Joseph is barking out instructions at the groundsman: "Sprinkle more water here. It's clay. It drinks more water than both of us." Then thudding his right arm on another part of the sun-parched ground, he yells: "You're gonna make the fielder go underground? Look, it's so loose." He then brings a hammer himself and starts pounding the surface. Charlie, as he's popularly known, has no business overseeing the pitch or ground preparation. It's been three years since he retired as the chief groundsman after tending Sabina Park for 49 years. But he unfailingly turns up the day before — sometimes even a week before — a Test match. And leaves only after the last ball has been bowled.

It's not merely out of his attachment to the ground he had nurtured — he says it's like his daughter, and incidentally he became a father the very day he joined the ground-staff, at the age of 16, and all through those years, he roomed in a small quarter at the

edge of the ground, which is now stacked with mowers and trimmers.

But he fears the recurrence of the most nightmarish morning of his life. "11.20 am, January 29, 1998," he rattles out the exact time the West Indies-England match was abandoned after 10 overs and one ball, as the English batsmen, the umpires and match referee reckoned it was unsafe to play on the surface. Already, a couple of deliveries from Curtly Ambrose had leapt off, while a couple of had scudded along the ground. And, understandably, Charlie was identified as the fall guy and suspended before evening.

Early that morning, after the toss, he had gone home for breakfast, though by the time he returned, the stadium was chaotic.

"I looked around to see empty seats and angry English fans and throwing empty cans of beer bottles. The board executive called me into his room and blasted me, told me that I was suspended and could even be fired. One of them even accused me of having done this deliberately, as I had sought pay hike. I would never do that. Sabina is my daughter. The only thing that made me ashamed was that because of me she got a bad name."



Charlie Joseph curated the Sabina Park pitch for 49 years. Express

What he saw on the pitch shocked him even more. He could see his own reflection on the surface when he left, but now it resembled a strip of "corrugated iron" as

Wisden had described in its match report. "I knelt down and wept like my daughter had died. If the stumps were there I would have plucked one of those and killed my-

self," he says.

Suicidal thoughts kept haunting him. He tried and failed twice. Once, he grabbed a gun from a policeman and tried to shoot.

"But it wasn't all loaded. And I was saved and slapped by the policeman. Sometimes I wish it was loaded. I wouldn't have lived forever with this shame. I almost became mad," he says, smiling wryly. "Everyone I saw on the street either made fun of me or abused me. A group of men even beat me, demanding a refund for their tickets. I was hounded by the media and the cricket board. Not me alone, but Sabina too. That hurt me even more."

To escape suicidal tendencies, he took to marijuana and crack, though timely intervention from his friends saved him from getting addicted. "My colleagues told the board secretary that they wouldn't work unless I'm back. It went on for several months before they finally had to reinstate me."

So Charlie, now in his 70s, got his 'daughter' back, the lost pride of Sabina Park was reinstated, but a pain kept tugging at his heart. "I realised I was not the same man again. I still am not the same man again. I think Charlie died that day. 11.20 am, January 29, 1998. I

think I'm his ghost," he says.

The nightmare recurs, though he says the farce wasn't entirely his fault: "The pitch was relaid just three-four months before the Test. Usually, it takes at least a year to settle down, to start showing its true nature. Before that, you can't predict how the surface would behave. But they didn't listen to me, and the best I could do from there was to prepare the pitch as good as I could. Those two months, we hardly slept," he remembers.

Sleepless were his days that prelude most Test matches thereafter. "I haven't slept this week either. I was nervous about the wicket. I'm like this before every Test match. So I come here and oversee the preparations. The guys here are better than me, but you know the father's angst," he says.

All these concerns, despite the board dispensing pension to him. "I am living out of the pension from the Kingston Cricket Club, 16,000 Jamaican Dollars (roughly 160 USD) a fortnight. You know, the roof of my house is leaking. I don't even have a TV," he says.

But nothing wouldn't prevent him from turning up at the Sabina on eve of a Test match. "She's my daughter, man," he says.

Inter-state of affairs: Injury, 4 DNFs and a bizarre baton exchange

Nihal Koshie
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 30

THIS IS how India's elite 400 meter runners fared in the final of the men's relay on Friday. The first two legs were completed smoothly by Amod Jacob and Noah Nirmal Tom. Then, tragedy struck. The third-leg runner, Alex Antony, pulled up with a sore hamstring. The race should have ended at that point for the Athletics Federation of India's 'A' squad – one of the three fielded by the athletics body – comprising the country's best. But it wasn't to be.

Perhaps at the back of his mind, as he stood waiting endlessly for Antony, anchor leg runner Muhammed Anas felt the pressure of qualifying for the World Championships.

The Indian men 4x400 metre relay team's chances hang by a thread – they are 16th, the cut-off spot in the rankings. Anas shouted out to a coach to check if he could complete a baton exchange with the athlete from the 'C' team of the AFI. It seems he got the nod and one of the country's most experienced athletes, took the baton from Mohan Kumar Raja, who was not his teammate, and made a dash for the finish line. The nerves were understandable since he and the rest of the men's 400 metre squad,

integral to the success of the relay team, had travelled nearly 6,000 kilometers from Jablonec in the Czech Republic to Lucknow to try and better the Asian Games timing of 3:01.85, which has given India its current rank. Instead, Friday's race turned out to be an ill-timed debacle as the team sheet showed 'DNF' (Did Not Finish) against the AFI's best squad.

The men's 4x400 metre relay event on the final day of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships was as comical as it was tragic with injury, DNFs and a bizarre baton exchange. Of the eight teams which started, there were four DNFs and one disqualification. Sri Lanka, one of the two foreign teams running here, the other being Maldives, won gold (3:11.40) while Kerala and Delhi took silver and bronze respectively. India's rank remained stuck at 16. AFI officials will have one eye on the results of the relay to be held later on Friday evening at the African Games in Rabat in Morocco. If one of the teams run faster than India did at the Asiad, it will make qualification tougher.

Additional lifeline

There is an additional lifeline with the relay event added to the sixth edition of the Indian Grand Prix to be held on September 5 in Patiala. The capital was the venue for the GP, but be-

TODAY'S RESULTS	
■ Men:100m:	1. Vidya Sagar (Karnataka) 10.59 seconds; 2. Nuzrat Ali (Haryana) 10.66; 3. Safikul Mondal (West Bengal) 10.69.
■ 1500m:	1. Ajay Kumar Saroj (Uttar Pradesh) 3:44.66; 2. Ajeet Kumar (Gujarat) 3:45.07; 3. Rahul (Delhi) 3:45.47.
■ 3,000m Steeplechase:	1. Avinash Sable (Maharashtra) 8:33.19; 2. Durga Budha (Uttar Pradesh) 8:57.27; 3. Rakesh Swami (Rajasthan) 9:07.37.

cause conditions could be as sultry in Delhi as it is in Lucknow, the venue has been shifted.

The AFI, worried about a country leap-frogging India at the last minute with a September 6 deadline looming, is at its wit's end hoping the team is not left in the lurch. The men quarter-milers were to continue training at Jablonec, from where they would travel to Doha for the World Championships. Colombia sprung a sur-

prise with 3:01.14 earlier this month.

Spooked by the possibility of the men's relay squad missing out despite investing lakhs of rupees on training at multiple venues abroad, including in Poland and the Czech Republic, the AFI called the team home to participate in Lucknow and Patiala.

"Actually, the race didn't end well but till Alex Antony had the injury, we were in the range to post a very good time," Anas said adding that he took the baton from the 'C' team runner just to finish the last leg of the race. "I knew we would not get a timing but I decided to just run." The form of the runners who form the core of the men's relay team has been a cause of concern and top AFI officials, the athletes and coaches had held a review meeting in Lucknow on Tuesday.

"We called back the men 400 metre runners from the Czech Republic to make the relay team's position safe in the rankings. It didn't work out today. Actually, we could have made it but the third runner could not finish and that was unfortunate. Alex Antony was in the camp abroad but he was sent back because he was not showing much improvement. However, after coming to India he was improving (timing)," AFI's deputy chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair said.



Muhammed Anas makes a dash to the finish line after taking the baton from Mohan Kumar Raja, who was not his teammate. AFI

Tokyo dreams for Rajput

After missing out on 2016 Rio qualification, marksman clinches silver in shooting World Cup to secure an Olympic quota

Nitin Sharma
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 30

SANJEEV RAJPUT was shooting in the 50m 3 position kneeling series at the Rio World Cup. The 39th shot showed a zero and the shock of that score could've wobbled any shooter's knees in the middle of the qualification round in Brazil on Thursday night. The 37-year-old along with Indian foreign coach Oleg Mikhailov though, protested.

This protest was found valid after manual verification of the target. It also meant that the Haryana shooter had to wait for more than 25 nervous minutes to resume shooting and he was given another shot, where he shot a 10.

It also meant that Rajput finished at a qualification score of 1180, which saw him clinch his 11th final in World Cups. Rajput would go on to win his third medal claiming a silver and also secure India's eighth Olympic quota. "The missed shot and 20-25 minute delay before I started shooting again, meant outdoor light conditions had changed at the range and my focus was to stabilise my shots in terms to counter the changed conditions. So securing quota in such conditions feels good," shared Rajput, while speaking with *The Indian Express*.

Before Rio, Rajput had won gold at Korea in 2011 apart from a silver at Azerbaijan in 2016. The 2018 Asian Games silver medalist began the final with a poor kneeling score of 49.0. It placed him on the seventh spot in the eight-man final.

His co-finalists included 2018 World Championships silver medalist Petar Gorsa of Croatia, two-time world cup finalist this year Simon Clauseen of Norway, 47-year-old Barcelona Olympics bronze medalist Stevan Plekovic of Serbia and 2016 World Cup silver medalist Milenco Sebic of Serbia.

Rajput's scores of 52.1 and 51.3 in the next two kneeling series saw him climbing to fourth spot, which he maintained till the end of prone series. Rajput's aggregate of 102.6 with scores of 51.1 and 51.5 in the two standing series was the highest among the finalists and it meant that Rajput was tied for the top spot with Gorsa.

A 10.9 on the third single shot in elimination meant that Rajput led Gorsa by 1.1 before Gorsa reduced the gap to 1.0. With his quota place certain, Rajput's last shot saw him shooting a 8.8 as compared to Gorsa's 10.0 which meant that the Croatian won the gold with 462.2 while Rajput ended on 462.0.

"As compared to the qualification, the final is about making tactical decisions and also about the jerk movement. Like when to squeeze the trigger and sometimes making a forceful shot in pressure situations," he explained.

It was the same here at Rio and after the first kneeling series, Rajput had to make some adjustments in his position and it helped him keep the rhythm. He knew he could reduce the gap in the prone series and to be in top four after that series made him believe that he could go for gold too.

"Maintaining the stability of body has been my focus in the standing series and it helped me here. Petar had won the gold medal in Baku where I won the silver and I knew that he will fight till the end. I delayed the last shot to take more time, which meant that I shot a 8.8 and I finished second," added Rajput.

After winning the silver medal in last year's Asian Games, Rajput had missed the final in two world cups this year. In Delhi World Cup, he shot a score of 1169 to finish 25th. In Beijing world Cup in April, Rajput finished at the 58th spot with a total score of 1145 which included a dismal 359 in standing.

On Friday, Rajput shot scores of 392, 398 and 399 in kneeling, prone and standing series to equal the national record. Post Asian Games, he spent time with Oleg and analysed he was taking more time in the kneeling series in the qualification.

"I was spending close to 50-55 minutes for 40 shots and we worked to reduce it to 35 minutes. I worked on adjusting my right shoulder again and again and it helped me. For the standing series, I knew I had to increase my stamina and I had to work on my calf and thigh muscles, which meant that I did some repetitive training in the gym and also with the rifle too," explained Rajput.



Sanjeev Rajput secured India's eighth Olympic quota in shooting with a silver medal in men's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the Shooting World Cup.

Smoke, ash halt 50m 3-P event

Chandigarh: The 50m rifle 3 position event in the ISSF World Cup had to be halted on Friday after the shooting hall was enveloped in smoke emanating from the forest fire close to the range. The fire, which broke out in the day near the mountainous area close to the Olympic Shooting Range in Deodoro, a suburb in Rio de Janeiro, spread to the boundary walls of the range. When the event was halted, Indian shooters Tejaswini Sawant and Kajal Saini had finished their first elimination round while Anjum Moudgill had not finished her round in the MQS category.

The second round of elimination started after more than 90 minutes after the smoke disappeared and the ash was cleared by the range officials. "We had seen the fire in the nearby mountains before the competition started and locals told us such fires are common," India's rifle coach Deepali Deshpande said. "When the fire spread closer to the shooting range, we were concerned. Thankfully, it was doused soon and there was no damage." **NITIN SHARMA**

The last three years have been tumultuous for Rajput. While he had been accused of rape by a fellow shooter, who filed an FIR against him in 2015, the shooter was sacked as Sports Authority of India coach. He was later out on bail in the rape case.

In 2016, Rajput missed the bus for Rio Olympics after he had secured the quota as he finished behind Gagan Narang by just 0.66 points in the trials.

He's keen to leave behind the past and compete in his third Olympics. With India having one men's 10m Air Rifle quota, there have been talks to swap the 50m 3P quota for a second air rifle spot with an eye on fielding two mixed rifle teams. "My focus will be to shoot consistently over the next year. I know I am 37 but I also see this as advantage for me in terms of experience. In the end, 3P is also an Olympic medal event and it's a gruelling event, where I have the experience and this medal will only add to my confidence," he said.

Verma clinches gold in 10m pistol

Nitin Sharma
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 30

BEFORE THE final shot, which decided the gold medal between 30-year-old Indian shooter Abhishek Verma and Ismail Keles of Turkey in the 10m Air Pistol final, Verma was leading with a thin margin of 0.1. With Indian team foreign coach Pavel Smirnov watching, Verma took a deep breath and took his time before the last shot.

Keles had shot a 9.7. That meant Verma needed a score of 9.8 or more. He shot 10.7 to pocket the title. With Saurabh Chaudhary too winning the bronze medal, it drew a smile from Smirnov, who was seen rubbing his hands in anticipation before the medal round and the duo was hugged by the coach.

Post his maiden World Cup gold medal in Beijing in April this year, Verma had been spending time with his coach Omendra Singh at the Eklavya Shooting Academy in Gurgaon. He had been shooting with the score monitor being shut and Verma guessing to the coach later what he might have shot. It was the same in case of the final shot in Rio and Verma was quick to share about this quirk.

"I knew I had to concentrate and focus more on the last shot as the lead was only 0.1 point. I took my time to be stable and knew the shot would be close to 10.5. It came out to be a 10.7 and it feels special to win my second gold medal in World Cup. I have been practicing with the score monitor off with my coach at the Gurgaon range and the target was to concentrate more on my shots and also to be mentally able to have confidence in my shots. Beijing had additional pressure of bagging the quota place but this gold medal too came in a tough field and it will act as a huge motivation for me," Verma told *The Indian Express*.

The previous three World Cups this year had seen an Indian champion in the event with Chaudhary winning the title in Delhi and Munich while won the gold in Beijing. The Indian pair looked to emulate their heroics of last year's Asian Games final, where Chaudhary had won the gold and Verma a bronze, by shooting 584 and 582 respectively to qualify for the finals at the fourth and fifth spot.

In the medal round, Verma was the only shooter to shoot four scores in excess of 10 in the first series before a last shot of 9.4



Abhishek Verma (middle) shot 244.2 in the eight-man final on Friday.

which meant that he was tied with 2018 Munich World Cup gold medalist Omelchuk Oleh of Ukraine and 2016 World Cup final champion Damir Mekic of Serbia. At the end of second series, Verma shot into lead with 101.6 with only 0.1 point separating Verma and Mekic, and Mekic and Oleh.

Verma started the elimination stage as the only shooter recording two scores of 10 or more to leap into the lead, which he maintained till the last two shots. Before the last two shots, Verma led by 1.0 point but a penultimate shot of 9.4 would see a worried Smirnov before Verma sealed the deal with the last shot.

At Rio, Verma was shooting with a Morini Titanium pistol, the same pistol which he used in Asian Games and Beijing but with a new trigger mechanism. He got the trigger mechanism changed after struggling to deal with the loose grip. The grip on this pistol is a bit small as he has long fingers.

"We planned for the change post the Munich World Cup but I could not extend my visa. It means there is a small vibration when

I shoot and there is a slight non-alignment. But I have practised to shoot with this pistol. I have also been spending time on meditation, where I listen to sounds, think about myself and to imagine my shots, which has helped me," adds Verma, whose father Ashok Kumar is a district and sessions judge in Palwal. Verma trains with Chaudhary and the younger compatriot acts as motivation.

"In the final, I could hear people shouting loudly when Saurabh too shot a good score. In competition, such things often motivate both of us and seeing him shoot good scores also motivates me to shoot good. I also learn from his shooting and he does the same too," adds Verma.

At the Gurgaon coaching range, coach Omendra knows his task for the one year ahead. "We have worked on his sighting technique and also increased his practice to 160-200 shots as compared to 140-160 shots daily. We made the trigger length short and added some extra weight to trigger as it suits his style of shooting. We will change the grip once he comes back."

Anderson ruled out of Ashes; Overton called up as cover

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
DERBY, AUGUST 30

ENGLAND STAR James Anderson has been ruled out of the remainder of the Ashes series with a calf injury, in a blow to home hopes of winning the series against Australia. Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, has not bowled in the series since breaking down with the injury after delivering just four overs in Australia's 251-run win in the first Test at Edgbaston.

The 37-year-old Lancashire paceman had tried to get fit for the fourth Test at his Old Trafford home ground starting on Wednesday. But after bowling during a second XI match against Durham this week he has been declared unfit for the final two Tests of the series.

On the same day Australia had better news, with star batsman Steve Smith proving his fitness by batting in his first competitive game since suffering concussion after being felled by fast bowler Jofra Archer in the second Ashes Test. Smith, in the middle for 47 minutes in Australia's three-day match against Derbyshire, faced 38 balls and struck two fours on his way to a total of 23 before he was caught out. Not a great innings but a morale booster for the tourists.

England will travel to Manchester all square at 1-1 in the five-match contest after Ben Stokes's stunning 135 not saw them to a dramatic one-wicket win in the third Test at Headingley last week.

"England and Lancashire seamer James Anderson has been ruled out for the rest of the Specsavers Ashes series," said an England and Wales Cricket Board statement issued Friday. "Whilst bowling in the ninth over on Thursday in Lancashire's second XI four-day friendly against Durham at Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club, Anderson became aware of right calf pain following on from 20 overs he had bowled on Tuesday.

"He immediately sought a medical assessment from Lancashire and was withdrawn from the remainder of the game," the statement added. "Further review with the ECB medical team has confirmed that he will be unavailable for the remaining two Specsavers Ashes Tests."

Top of the quicks

Anderson has taken 575 wickets in 149 Tests at 26.94. His tally is the most by any quick bowler, with Anderson fourth in the all-time list of leading Test wicket-takers.

And his new-ball partnership with Stuart Broad is the most-successful in Tests between two fast bowlers – they have taken more than 850 wickets in games together.

Anderson may now have made his final Ashes appearance given he will be 39 by the time England tour Australia in 2021/22. And it's possible his Test career could be over, although the prospect of becoming the first fast bowler to 600 wickets in the format may spur him on to make a comeback on England's upcoming tours of New Zealand and South Africa. England have now added Somerset quick Craig Overton into a 13-man squad for the fourth Test. Overton, who has appeared in three Tests, is back in the squad for the first time since March 2018 when he played in England's loss to New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland. In eight County Championship matches this season, the 25-year-old has taken 32 wickets at an average of 21.34.

Smith scores 23 on return

Australia star Steve Smith was out for just 23 in his first innings since being felled by England fast bowler Jofra Archer and suffering concussion in the second Ashes Test.

Smith took to the crease in the three-day tour game at Derby on Friday, coming in with Australia 179-2 in reply to Derbyshire's first innings 172. He played his opening ball from Hamidullah Qadri defensively and later slogged the off-spinner for four.

But his 38-ball knock came to an end when he sliced a drive off Matt Critchley, a leg-spinner whose previous 59 first-class wickets had come at an expensive average of 51.86. Qadri, running in from the cover boundary, held a well-judged catch. Australia were then 237-3 in the 70th over. Smith, who was in the middle for 47 minutes, faced 38 balls and struck two fours.

Crowd-favourite Coco faces tough test

Gauff, the 15-year-old prodigy, will face world No. 1 Naomi Osaka in a much-awaited third-round clash at the US Open

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
NEW YORK, AUGUST 30

Fifteen-year-old American sensation Coco Gauff set up an eye-catching US Open showdown with defending champion Naomi Osaka while Rafael Nadal's path to the title eased further Thursday as he received a walkover into the third round.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Simona Halep, meanwhile, crashed out early in New York for a third year running, blowing a match point in a tense three-set loss to 116th-ranked Taylor Townsend.

Gauff, who made a remarkable run to the fourth round at Wimbledon before falling to Halep, defeated Hungarian qualifier Timea Babos 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 to become the youngest player in the last 32 at a US Open since Anna Kournikova in 1996.

"It has been amazing. I'm just so happy to get through," Gauff said as chants of her name rang out around Louis Armstrong Stadium. "I had to dig really deep today. I'm just proud of the way I fought and I'm glad it was all worth it in the end." Asked about her impending clash with world number one Osaka, Gauff said her primary focus was on Friday's doubles match with 17-year-old partner Caty McNally.

"Saturday, I'm going to think about the match, but tomorrow (Friday) I'm worried about my doubles match," she said.

Three-time US Open champion Nadal advanced without striking a ball when injury-plagued Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis pulled out of their scheduled evening tie on Arthur Ashe with a right shoulder problem.

The Spanish 18-time Grand Slam winner will meet South Korean qualifier Chung Hyeon for a spot in the last 16. His path to a fourth title, already helped with "Big Three" rivals Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer on the opposite side of the draw, cleared further having already seen four top-10 rivals dumped out in the first round. Alexander Zverev, the sixth seed, is the highest-ranked player remaining on his side of the draw, as the German survived a second successive five-set marathon by outlasting American Frances Tiafoe 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 to equal his best US Open run.

'Long journey'

Townsend upended women's fourth



Coco Gauff beat qualifier Timea Babos to become the youngest player since Anna Kournikova in 1996 to reach the third round of the US Open .AP

seed Halep 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), the Romanian consigned to another premature exit at Flushing Meadows, having been knocked out in the opening round in 2017 and 2018.

"I was not inspired at all today, but I fought. I thought when I came back that I will take it and I will win it. But sometimes it goes the other way," Halep said.

Townsend recovered from wasting two match points to then save one and force a tie-break she dominated to claim her first win over a top-10 player. "This means a lot. It has been a long journey," said a tearful Townsend, who matched her run to the French Open third round on her Grand Slam debut in 2014.

Top seed Osaka proved too strong for 53rd-ranked Magda Linette of Poland, sweeping to a 6-2, 6-4 victory.

"I feel like I had my moments where I played really well," Osaka said.

"I think the main thing for me was that I was able to adjust whenever I figured out something was going wrong, so I think I'm heading in the right direction." Among the

celebrities watching her match at Louis Armstrong Stadium were basketball legend Kobe Bryant and former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, whose kneeling protest became a national symbol for champions of social justice and racial equality.

Sharan's short stay

India's Divij Sharan made a first-round exit from the US Open with partner Hugo Nys after losing in straight sets to Robert Carballes Baena and Federico Delbonis.

The Indian and his partner from Monaco lost 4-6 4-6 to the players, who are both ranked outside top-100 bracket.

Sharan and Nys did not get any break-point in the 72-minute clash while their rivals broke them once each in both the sets to move to the next round.

"We probably needed to put more pressure on their service games. Delbonis made some really good returns in the games we got broken. It's obviously a tough loss as I would have liked to do better in the last slam of the year," Divij said. PTI ADDS

Kyrgios loses his cool in pre-match row

AUSTRALIAN NICK Kyrgios had not even started his second round match at the US Open on Thursday before he found himself in the crosshairs of another umpire, this time over a phrase emblazoned on his popped up collar. Kyrgios, already in hot water for calling the ATP "corrupt" this week, was going through his warm-up on the Grandstand court when he suddenly flipped up the collar on his shirt to reveal the words "Just Do You", a play on Nike's "Just Do It" slogan.

The umpire noticed and told Kyrgios the lettering had to be concealed. Kyrgios repeatedly asked why and then called for a supervisor, threatening not to start the match until he had been shown the rule book. But Kyrgios quickly relented, took the court and came out firing as he put on a serving masterclass to blitz Frenchman Antoine Hoang and set up a third-round

showdown with Russian Andrey Rublev. "They thought it was a slogan, but it wasn't. It wasn't anything to do with a marketing thing. It was just a design issue," Kyrgios said. "They must have read it wrong. I think they thought it said Just Do It, like the slogan. It was actually Just Do You. I think it was a mix-up. It's all cleared up now. I can wear that. I can wear the collar up." Given the events of his opening match, during which Kyrgios demanded to know why more was not being done to control the crowd after a woman got in his line of sight during a serve, many fans would have anticipated another wild night. But Kyrgios, apart from his usual outbursts, aimed at himself for his box, steered clear off any major meltdown, although he did get into a conversation with the umpire in the third set when an ace appeared to give him a 5-3 lead.

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'LIKE BENJAMIN BUTTON, I AM HOPING I (AGE) IN REVERSE'

Long blighted by injury, Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis hoped to finally be on track to fulfil the promise of a stop-start career when he made the second round of the US Open. On Thursday, those hopes were crushed again when the wildcard was forced to pull out of his marquee match against world number two Rafa Nadal for fear of aggravating a pectoral muscle injury. It was another bitter pill to swallow for the 23-year-old South Australian, once seen as a talent to rival his tempestuous compatriot Nick Kyrgios back when the pair were nicknamed 'the special K's' in their teenage years.

"I'm filthy about it," he said, using the Australian slang for "angry". "Very disappointing. Obviously (it was) such a high from the other night. "Guess my body just isn't ready for five-set tennis." Kokkinakis has suffered injuries all over his body, with elbows, knees and muscle problems repeatedly cutting short promising comebacks and forcing him to battle his way back on the secondary tours. The latest blow was especially bitter but he said he would continue to grind, hoping the best might come later in life, like the titular character in the Hollywood movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button". "I'm hoping I can still play a decent amount of tournaments at the back end of the year. "Like Benjamin Button, I am hoping I (age) in reverse."

23 At 15, Coco Gauff became the youngest player in 23 years to reach the third round of the women's singles at Flushing Meadows. The record was previously held by Anna Kournikova, who had accomplished this feat in the 1996 edition.

NAVARRO FINED AFTER RETIRING IN FIRST ROUND

The US Open fined Carla Suarez Navarro \$40,000 on Thursday for violating the First Round Performance Rule. The 30-year-old Spaniard retired after losing the first set of her first-round match against qualifier Timea Babos 6-2, citing back issues. "After reviewing reports from Medical Staff and Grand Slam Supervisors, the determination was made that Carla Suarez Navarro did not perform to the required professional standards," tournament referee Soeren Friemel said in a statement. Suarez Navarro, the 28th seed, said on Twitter on Thursday that she had had "not the easiest weeks" this year due to back pain but did not directly refer to the fine. "We made our best effort to be ready and play our heart out, but it got really worse during my opening match in New York," she wrote. "Sad to leave this way from events I deeply appreciate."

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Sanchez joins Inter on a season-long loan from United

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ALEXIS SANCHEZ joined Italian giants Inter Milan on a season-long loan deal from Manchester United, both clubs announced on Thursday. Sanchez, 30, has endured a miserable time in Manchester since joining the Red Devils in January 2018 as reportedly the highest paid player in the Premier League.

The Chilean scored just five goals in 45 appearances for United and has not featured so far this season.

"Alexis Sanchez is officially an Inter player. The Chilean has joined the Nerazzurri from Manchester United on a loan deal that will last until 30 June 2020," Inter said in a statement. Sanchez will join forces with a former United teammate Romelu Lukaku, who moved to Italy in a 65-million-euro (\$73 million) move earlier this month, as Inter hope to end Juventus' eight-year dom-

ination of Italian football in Antonio Conte's first season in charge. Lukaku scored as Conte's reign as Inter coach got off to a perfect start with a 4-0 win over promoted Lecce on Monday.

However, reviving Sanchez's fortunes will be a bigger ask of Conte's management after 18 months in the doldrums at Old Trafford. United have cut their losses on the former Barcelona and Arsenal star, but are still reportedly set to pay a large chunk of Sanchez's 7400,000 a week wages after his form and fitness deserted him over the past two seasons. United announced his arrival in a swap deal that sent Henrikh Mkhitaryan to Arsenal to much fanfare, having beaten local rivals Manchester City to his signature.

However, his four-and-a-half year contract has since become a noose around United's neck, with possible suitors put off by his huge salary. Sanchez scored just one goal and completed 90 minutes in the Premier League just once last season.

Kahn to replace Rummenigge as Bayern CEO

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GERMAN CHAMPIONS Bayern Munich announced a changing of the guard on Friday with former captain Oliver Kahn returning as a board member next year and as CEO in 2022 while longtime president Uli Hoenes confirmed his departure.

Hoenes announced his retirement after almost half a century at the club as a player, general director and president on the same day the Bavarians appointed another successful former player to succeed current CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Kahn, nicknamed 'the Titan' who won eight league titles between 1994 and 2008 with the Bavarians, signed a five-year contract after the board voted unanimously in favour of the move in Thursday's meeting.

"It is a great honour to initially become a member of the board and then take over the chairman role at Bayern Munich," the 50-year-old Kahn, a former Germany goalkeeper



Oliver Kahn won 8 league titles with the Bavarians. AP

and captain, said in a statement. "I am deeply linked with the club that has marked my life considerably."

Contract over in 2021

When Rummenigge's contract expires on

Dec. 31, 2021, Kahn will take over from him as chairman and CEO.

Hoenes, a 1974 World Cup winner who became the club's general manager in 1979 and then its president in 2009, said it was a difficult decision not to run for another term. "It was not a decision that was taken quickly," Hoenes told a news conference. "My family and my wife reminded me that she would like to have more time with me."

"I always wanted to leave with the club in a superb state. The figures last season (with a turnover of over 650 million euros (\$724 million) in 2017/18) were the best in the history of Bayern."

"I also wanted that it is also well positioned on a personnel level."

Hoenes, whose reputation was severely tarnished when he was convicted and imprisoned for tax evasion in 2014, has proposed former Adidas chief Herbert Hainer as his successor at the helm Germany's biggest and most successful club. He also said that Kahn was "the perfect solution looking into the future for the position of chairman."



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