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Sengar says he is being framed in car crash

LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI
 Uttar Pradesh MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, jailed in a case of rape of a minor girl, claimed on Sunday that there was a "political conspiracy" to frame him and demanded a thorough probe into the car crash that left the rape survivor injured and two dead. "I would also pray to God that both the advocate and the pithitva (Unnao rape survivor) recover fully," Mr. Sengar told reporters outside Sitapur jail.

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Now and then

Once hailed as a "tremendous talent", former cricketer Maninder Singh admits to having made a few mistakes in life. He now stays connected with the game through commentary and coaching.

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J&K leaders placed under house arrest

Tension mounts as additional forces move in, occupy civilian installations and police stations

PEERZADA ASHIQ
 SRINAGAR

An uneasy calm enveloped the Kashmir Valley on Sunday as additional security forces occupied civilian installations and police stations and were put in "stand-by mode."

Late in the night, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah and Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti were placed under house arrest. Congress leader Usman Majid and CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tariqami also said they were being detained.

Section 144 Cr.PC was imposed in Srinagar district from midnight and will remain in force till further orders. "There shall be no movement of the public. All educational institutions shall remain closed. There will be a complete bar on any kind of public meetings or rallies during the period of operation of this order. Identity cards of essential services officials will be treated as movement passes wherever required," read the order.

No curfew

However, there is no curfew in place, it added. In Jammu, the authorities said all schools, colleges and academic institutions, both private and government, were advised to remain closed as a measure of caution.

In a phased manner, mobile Internet services were snapped in all districts of the



Running on empty: People with gas cylinders waiting for refills in front of an outlet in Srinagar on Sunday. ■ NISSAR AHMAD

Kashmir Valley.

Mr. Abdullah said he was placed under house arrest in Srinagar. "The process has already started for other mainstream leaders. No way of knowing if this is true but if it is then I'll see all of you on the other side of whatever is in store. Allah save us," he tweeted.

Ms. Mufti said, "In such difficult times, I'd like to assure our people that come what may, we are in this together and will fight it out. Nothing should break our resolve to strive for what's rightfully ours."

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RAILWAYS TO GO EASY ON TICKETLESS TRAVEL PAGE 13

PM Modi will chair Cabinet meeting today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
 NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the Union Cabinet on Monday morning, where an important announcement is expected. It was not known whether the decision was related to Jammu and Kashmir.

Amid the build-up of Central armed police forces in the State, Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a review meeting with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Sunday.

The meeting, held at Mr. Shah's office in Parliament, was also attended by Union Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Intelligence Bureau chief Arvind Kumar and Research and Analysis Wing chief Samant Goel. Mr. Doval and other officials refused to comment as they left the meeting.

Mr. Shah also held discussions with Gyanesh Kumar, Additional Secretary, who is in charge of the Kashmir desk.

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Tourism takes a hit in Valley

Tourism took a major hit in Kashmir on Sunday. Against an average footfall of 3,000 tourists a day the previous week, just 350 arrived in the Valley on Sunday, despite the adverse advisory. An official said most hotels in tourist hotspots were emptied. "Around 700 tourists are still in the Valley after helping 90% tourists to leave Kashmir in the past two days. We expect 350 more to leave by Monday. Thereafter 35 will be left. All arrangements have been made for those who want to leave the Valley safely," another official said. ■ PAGE 13

Take back bodies: India

The Army has asked Pakistan to take back the bodies of its Border Action Team soldiers lying in Indian territory, Army sources said on Sunday. The Army said it had foiled an infiltration attempt on Saturday and inflicted heavy casualties on the team. Pakistan has denied any "cross-LoC action" by its soldiers and called the possession of bodies by India "mere propaganda". ■ PAGE 13

CWC to set course for new leadership

Rahul's resignation to be accepted

SOBHANA K. NAIR
 NEW DELHI

The Congress Working Committee meeting will be held on August 10 to do the groundwork to elect a new president of the party. The meeting comes more than two months after Rahul Gandhi quit the post.

"It has been decided to hold the next Congress Working Committee meeting on Saturday, 10th of August, 11:00 am at AICC (All India Congress Committee)," party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said in a tweet. According to sources, a draft resolution has been prepared, thanking the outgoing president and formally accepting his resignation. This provides a finality to Mr. Gandhi's exit and ends the impasse over leadership.

The resolution also outlines the way forward for the party.

A large section of the party has been demanding that the process of "electing" a new party president should not be limited to the 53-member working committee alone. Together with 24 members, 19 permanent invitees and 10 special invitees, the CWC has 53 members.

Provisional president

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said the



Shashi Tharoor and J. Geetha Reddy at a press meet on Sunday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

CWC should appoint an interim president immediately and then hold an election to the party president's post as a leader elected by workers would be empowered and have more credibility.

"When we spoke with Rahul Gandhi, he said, 'I believe in a culture of accountability'. If Rahul Gandhi has done this, then it is relevant for everyone. This principle is not just for one person," he said at a press conference after the national executive State leaders' meet of the All India Professionals' Congress (which he heads).

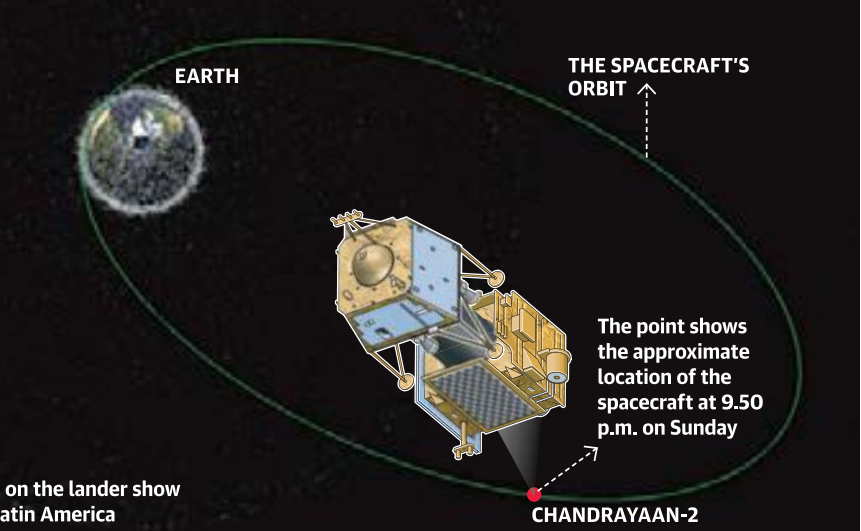
Mr. Tharoor had earlier openly spoken out saying that a "selected" body should not get to choose the next president of the party. He has prescribed that the CWC be dissolved and the elections be open to over 10,000 Pradesh Congress Committee delegates.

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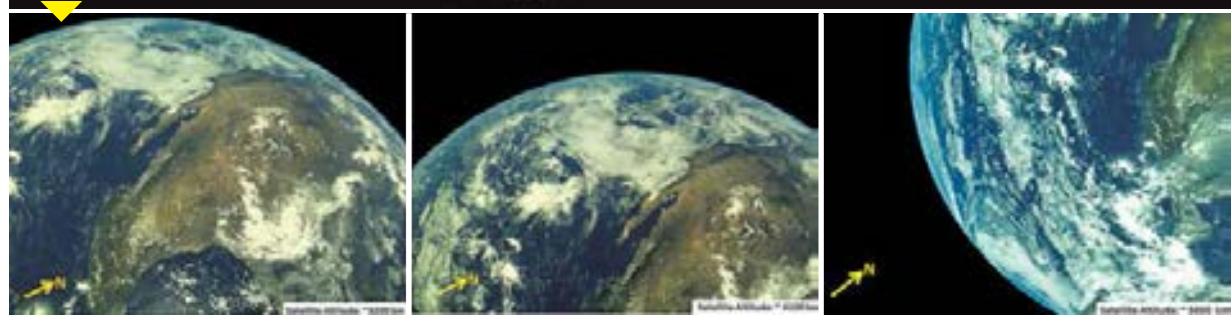
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Hello world

The first set of images taken by a camera aboard the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft was released by ISRO on Sunday. The images were captured on August 3 at approximately 11 p.m. IST. The spacecraft, which was launched on July 22, was given its fourth orbit raise on August 2. It will continue orbiting earth until August 14 and is expected to land on the moon on September 7, 2019



The images taken by the L14 camera on the lander show parts of southern U.S. and parts of Latin America



SOURCE: ISRO; STUFFIN.SPACE

30 die in U.S. in two mass shootings

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Two separate mass shootings within 24 hours left 29 people dead and several others injured in Texas and Ohio, the latest in a string of such incidents in the U.S. that have shocked the nation.

The first shooting took place in the southern border town of El Paso in Texas, where a 21-year-old gunman opened fire at a crowded Walmart store, killing 20 people and wounding 26 others on Saturday.

Hours later, a man killed nine people before being shot dead by the police in Oregon district in Dayton, Ohio, early on Sunday, the police said.

DOMESTIC TERROR PAGE 14

Assam minorities bombarded with re-verification notices

RAHUL KARMAKAR
 GUWAHATI

Anwar Hussain was surprised to receive a notice from the Local Registrar of Citizen Registration (LRCR) of the Goroimari Revenue Block on Saturday.

The notice gave him less than 48 hours to appear, with all members of his family, for re-verification of their citizenship documents at the Golaghat North Development Block office in Golaghat district's Dergaon, about 330 km west of his village Kanahara in Kamrup district. They were

asked to report at 9 a.m. sharp on Monday.

"I somehow managed to hire a 22-seater bus for my family and a few others. The vehicle alone will cost me ₹18,000," said the 33-year-old Mr. Hussain, vice-principal of the Al-Amin Islamic Model School, before leaving for Dergaon in eastern Assam late on Sunday.

He was not the only one in Kanahara; 148 others had received a similar notice. By Saturday afternoon, about 50% of the people in most Muslim-dominated villages, such as

Goroimari, Sontoli, Kalatoli, Topamari and Maligari, in Kamrup district had received the notice - almost simultaneously.

"All those who were asked to get their documents re-verified are included in the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on July 30, 2018. They are not among the 40.07 lakh and 1.02 lakh put on the two lists of people excluded from the NRC," Kanahara village leader Mukdes Ali Choudhury told *The Hindu*.

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Satwik and Chirag breach the wall of China

They won India's first-ever men's doubles final at the Thailand Open badminton championship



A day to remember: Chirag Shetty, left, and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy inked their names in bold in Indian badminton history. ■ AFP

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
 HYDERABAD

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty scripted a piece of history on Sunday by breaching the 'Chinese Wall' of reigning World champions Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen, with a 21-19, 18-21, 21-18 victory in the men's doubles final of the Thailand Open badminton championship in Bangkok.

This is the first-ever Indian men's combination to win a BWF Super 500 title.

It was a revenge win for the Indians, who had lost to the World champions at the Australian Open early this year.

The Indian pair, ranked World No. 16, capped a week of consistent performances that saw them beat

No. 7 Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto, No. 19 Ko Sung Hyun and Shin Baek Cheol and No. 27 Choi Solgyu and Seo Seung Jae.

Satwik in the front-court and Chirag controlling the back-court turned out to be a deadly combination. Satwik's brilliance included a splendid flick which fetched game-point in the first game.

See-saw battle

The second game saw a see-saw battle, but the Chinese won a test of nerves after the scores were tied at 18.

The intensity of the contest in the decider was palpable and the Indian duo kept their cool under pressure and raised their performance after trailing 1-4.

There was double delight for the Indians as they are poised to break into the World top 10. This is a shot in the arm as they eye a slot in next year's Tokyo Olympics.

'We stuck to plan'

"We were steady and did not rush things. We stuck to our plan of keeping the shuttle low and not hurrying through the points. I think that really worked," Satwik said later.

Chirag's father, Chandrashekar Shetty, told PTI on the phone that his son's feat had opened the doors for aspiring shuttlers. "What can I say! Spectacular win," he added.

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I congratulate the Delhi Archives for taking on this programme with great enthusiasm and hope that their efforts may pay off.

-Manish Sisodia
Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi

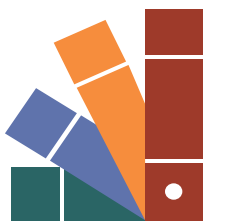
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IN BRIEF

Resident doctors call off strike in the city

NEW DELHI
Resident doctors in Delhi decided to call off the strike on Sunday night. The announcement came a few hours after doctors of AIIMS called off their protest earlier in the day after Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan assured them that their concerns over the NMC Bill would be addressed.

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Assembly to go paperless in three months: Speaker

NEW DELHI
In the next three months, the Assembly will go paperless as part of a project under which every MLA will be given tabs to keep abreast with House proceedings, said Speaker Ram Niwas Goel.

Tis Hazari courts under heavy security

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The police said they have deployed officers for security in and around the Tis Hazari courts where rape accused BJP MLA Kuldeep Sengar will be produced on Monday afternoon.

The case pertains to the rape of a minor allegedly by Sengar in Unnao on June 4, 2017.

Shashi Singh had allegedly lured the victim to go to Sengar's residence.

On August 3, Tis Hazari court had issued production warrant against Sengar and Singh asking them to be present before it on August 5 at 12.30 p.m.

Visitors fill pages to save Daryaganj's weekly bazaar

The Sunday market has been under threat since HC order in July

SIDHARTH RAVI NEW DELHI

Street vendors of the weekly book market in Daryaganj on Sunday took notebooks to fight a recent High Court order to vacate the stretch at Netaji Subhash Marg.

They distributed diaries to visitors to fill out testimonials urging authorities to reverse the action. Reams of pages were filled up by people from all over Delhi, Aligarh, Lucknow, Faridabad and even other countries.

For Rohan Srivastav, the Sunday book market has been a place where one can find cheap and often rare books. "As a student, it used to be a goldmine for me. It will be sad if this place shuts down," he told *The Hindu* while heading towards one of the bookstores, which was still open. Several testimonials along the same lines were recorded both in Hindi and English.

On July 3, the Delhi High Court had said, "No weekly bazaar shall be permitted on Netaji Subhash Marg for hawking/squatting."

The North body had submitted a list of squatting and non-squatting areas to the court. In the list, Netaji Subhash Marg was shown as a non-squatting area. The police also highlighted the congestion in the area and said permitting weekly bazaar will hinder the smooth flow of traffic.

Oppose relocation

Authorities had proposed that the vendors may shift to Ramlika Maidan instead. However, the vendors had opposed the idea. "It is an unsafe area...people urinate on the walls. There are all kinds



Before and after: Daryaganj wears a deserted look on Sunday after the High Court passed an order to ensure no weekly bazaars on the stretch; (inset) the Sunday market in May this year before the order. ■ V.V. KRISHNAN; REETI AGARWAL

of rallies taking place there. It is a terrible place for a book market," said vice-president of the Ganj Patri Sunday Book Bazaar Welfare Association, Ashrafi Lal.

"Khushwant Singh once called this market *sona ki chidiya* [golden bird] for its rare collection," said Lal. "Sheila Dikshit, Sonia Gandhi and even the Municipal Commissioner of the area [who is carrying out the action] said they come here to buy books," he said, adding that all sorts of books from textbooks to encyclopaedias, second-hand and even rare books are sold here. "Even the World Book Fair can't compete with us," he said.

This market is a "natural bazaar" that developed in the area over the years, said Suresh Verma, who holds a PG diploma in book publishing.

"No one had set it up. It became famous on its own. There is no other place like this." To move to a different area would mean a major loss of business, claimed ven-

dors. "We used to sell books on a one-and-a-half km stretch before this. It was curtailed to 500 metres but we adjusted. Now, our books are laid out in such a way that there is enough space for pedestrians," said Mr. Verma.

Mr. Verma said despite being identified as a non-squatting zone, the bazaar licences are regularly issued by the North body. "Isn't this a contradiction? We have now been told that once a town vending committee for the City SP zone is formed, it will look into the issue," he added.

Kanupriya Dinghra, a doctoral candidate at SOAS University in London, who is studying the market as part of her Ph.D thesis said she is helping the vendors with their campaign. "In the past, whenever the market has been shut down - like in 1995 and 2015 - it was because of public movements and efforts of the press, including writings of Khushwant Singh and Ramchandra Guha, that helped this market survive."

'You don't give bail to convicted criminals'

U.S. woman says in a video after HC suspends 7-year jail term of man

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court suspended the seven years' sentence awarded to a man for digitally raping a foreign national and granted him bail.

Following the court's July 5 order, the victim from the U.S. recently shot a video outside the Indian Consulate in San Francisco alleging that she was denied assistance there. "...You don't give bail to convicted criminals

that are sentenced," she remarked. In February, a fast track court here had held Rajiv Panwar guilty of digitally raping his tenant six years ago.

"It can be safely concluded that the accused had entered the room where the prosecutrix was sleeping with her husband and digitally raped her...Accused Rajiv Panwar is held guilty of offence of rape/digital rape under Section 376 IPC," the

fast track court had said. Panwar had challenged the trial court's verdict in the High Court. Justice Chander Shekhar said, "...the disposal of the appeal may take some time, the substantive sentence of the appellant [Panwar] is suspended during the pendency of the appeal..."

Reacting to the order, the victim, in the video, said she had to fight to secure conviction of Panwar. The woman

also said she was not allowed to get her form notarised so that the court know who her attorney was and that she was on board by the San Francisco consulate and being told to go to Sacramento to get it done. She called for help from her friends in India in bringing the case to the top court of India. "You do not let convicted criminals go when their victim was brave enough to testify," she added.

Delhi district courts secure second position in security

Chandigarh tops in the nationwide survey

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi district courts are ranked second only after Chandigarh in terms of security features in a nationwide survey of infrastructure by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

Security is an essential requirement in court complexes, particularly to deal with hartals or strikes, escaping prisoners, or witnesses being threatened. Providing for the safety and security of judges, administrative staff, lawyers, litigants, witnesses, prisoners and undertrials are a fundamental guiding factor while designing court complexes. The Vidhi survey found that only 11% of the court complexes surveyed had a working baggage scanning facility, while 71% had fire extinguishers and 48% had emergency exit signs.

Top three States
Chandigarh, Delhi and Meghalaya were the top States based on three aspects of security - baggage scanning facility, emergency exit signages, and fire extinguishers.

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa and Tripura did not have a baggage scanning facility in any of the court complexes, both at the

The deployment of security personnel at the entrance could be a reason for the poor performance of most states as far as availability of baggage scanning is concerned

REPORT BY VIDHI CENTRE FOR LEGAL POLICY

main entrance and inside the court building, the report said.

States that did not have the facility in most court complexes were West Bengal (22 out of 23), Chhattisgarh (24 out of 25), Gujarat (32 out of 33), Jharkhand (23 out of 24), Madhya Pradesh (49 out of 50), Rajasthan (34 out of 35).

'Poor performance'

"The deployment of security personnel at the entrance could be a reason for the poor performance of most States as far as availability of baggage scanning is concerned," the Vidhi report said.

"However, considering the large footfalls in court complexes on a daily basis, it is not practical for security personnel to thoroughly check baggage in the same manner that equipment does," it added.

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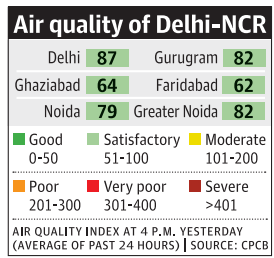
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CM inaugurates work on laying of water lines in 13 illegal colonies

Project costing ₹14.40 crore will be completed in 12 months

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday inaugurated the work of laying of water pipelines in 13 unauthorised colonies in Deoli Assembly constituency.



Arvind Kejriwal

On completion of the work, it will benefit two lakh residents, the government said. The project, which will cost ₹14.40 crore will be completed in 12 months.

Reminding the people residing in unauthorised colonies in Deoli of a promise he had made two months back, Mr. Kejriwal said that he kept his promise and water

what his government could do in four years.

“Other parties come making promises every year and fool the people of unauthorised colonies by making false promises as they considered residents of unauthorised colonies as outsiders. Only AAP has managed to make these colonies authorised within four years,” Mr. Kejriwal said. He also assured them that the registration would start soon.

The CM added that work of building streets, drains, sewers and bringing piped water had already started.

The Delhi government

said that once the project is completed, filtered drinking water to these colonies will be supplied through the 7.1-MG UGR near ESI Hospital, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I.

To benefit 2 lakh people

“Once completed, this internal water supply scheme will benefit two lakh people residing in A-Block, B-Block, B-1 Block, B-Block Y area, A-Block, L-Block, L-1: A-Block, C Block: Part-I, L-1st Block, C-Block, L-Block, F-3 Block, C-Block: Part-II of Sangam Vihar Colony,” the government said.

Kejriwal slams BJP, Cong. for calling electricity subsidy an ‘election stunt’

‘They are confused on whether to support or oppose govt.’

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday said that the BJP and Congress were not able to understand whether to support it or to oppose his government’s new electricity subsidy.

“Some of them are calling it an election stunt. They are contesting elections in Maharashtra and Haryana, I challenge them to do a similar ‘election stunt’. Why don’t they take up such stunts?” Mr. Kejriwal said.

Addressing supporters, Mr. Kejriwal said, “Usually after five years of a government’s tenure, there is an anti-incumbency against the

government. But for the first time, people have trusted this government and their love has only increased in the last five years. We are trying to live up to their expectations by working 24 hours a day.”

‘Basic right’

He said that his government believed that water and electricity are facilities without which no person can survive. “If someone does not have money then will they not use electricity? Everyone needs a bare minimum amount of electricity to use a fan, light, TV, fridge. This must be a basic right for all. Therefore 200 units have

been made free and up to 400 units, there is more than 50% discount on the bill,” the Chief Minister said.

He said that the subsidy was possible as the government had been saving a lot of money due to its “integrity and honesty”. “Earlier the other parties would loot this money. We do not loot and do not even allow others to indulge in corruption. With the money we are saving, we are investing in schools, hospitals, making electricity and water free and making transport free for women. These are the five things that must be free to lead a dignified life,” Mr. Kejriwal said.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Notice Inviting E-Tender, E-Tender Notice No. : RE-DNR-Engg-Gr-176-WT-17B, Dated : 31.07.2019, On behalf of the President of India, Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, invites open & sealed tender for the following works from experienced, financially and technically sound contractors, to be opened on 27.08.2019. 1. Name of the works & its Location : Left over work in construction of 01 Unit Type-II Qtr. in Garwa Road and (05 Units Type-II, 02 Units Type - III and 01 Units Type-IV) Qtrs. in Nagar Untari along with all ancillary works viz. Earthwork, Boundary wall, Water supply, Sanitary Installation, Drain, Road, pathway etc. in connection with Electrification of GHD-CPU-SGRL section in Gr. 176 in Dhanbad Division of EC Railway., 2. Approximate Cost of the work : Rs. 1,46,07,800.40/- 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 2,23,000.00/- 4. Date for submission of the tender and opening of Tender : For submission : From 13.08.2019 up to 11.00 Hours on 27.08.2019. Tender will be opened at 11.30 Hrs on 27.08.2019. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of e-tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : website <https://ireps.gov.in> Notice board location & Add. of the office :- Office of the Chief Project Director (Engg.), Railway Electrification, Danapur, (Near Jagjeevan Stadium), P.O.-Khagaul, Patna - 801105, (Bihar)
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IIT-Delhi showcases its research work at TechEx

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Indian Institute of Technology on Sunday showcased projects by its researchers developed under the IMPacting Research, INnovation and Technology (IMPRINT) and Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) schemes of the Ministry of Human Resource Development at an exhibition titled TechEx.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Minister for

Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal. “Behind the development of developed countries, there is a special contribution of the research done in the universities there. Our educational institutions have to play a similar role in building a new India,” he said.

Over 50 models/prototypes under IMPRINT and 26 under UAY were showcased at the exhibition on various themes.

Man involved in four murders arrested

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A sharpshooter of the Abdul Naseer gang, who was involved in four murder cases, has been arrested, the police said on Sunday.

Kumar Gyanesh, Additional DCP (South-East) said that the accused Ible Hassan alias Dilshad was an active member of the gang. “A team from Shaheen Bagh police station was keeping an eye on the movements of criminals released on bail

recently. We got an information about Ible and a trap was laid at Abul Fazal Enclave where he was spotted,” he said.

A countrymade pistol and a live cartridge were recovered from his possession, Mr. Gyanesh said.

During interrogation, Ible told the police that he was a vegetable seller before he started keeping bad company. He said he started committing crimes from 1999 to earn quick money.

Alka to quit AAP, contest poll independently

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

AAP MLA Alka Lamba, who has been at odds with her party, on Sunday said that she has decided to resign from the primary membership of the party.

She said that she would not be joining any other party, but would contest the upcoming Delhi Assembly election as an independent candidate. She however, did not give a date as to when she would resign.

AAP spokesperson Saumil Bhardwaj, reacting to her announcement in a tweet, said: “She has announced this a dozen of times in the past. It takes 1 min to send a written resignation letter to party leadership. We will accept it on Twitter too.”

“Alka Lamba has not worked in her constituency. She has been busy with foreign tours and vacations. Chandni Chowk will never forgive her, he said.

DELHI TODAY

- Talk:** A discussion on “How do we Rejuvenate Our Libraries?” by Mridula Koshy, Sanjoy K. Roy at IHC, 7 p.m.
- Music:** Guru Pranam Sangeet Samaroh, a musical evening featuring Rudra Veena, recital by Pt. Bishoke Sil; Tala Vadya Kachehari, a rhythmic percussion performance by Kumbakonam N. Padmanaban & Group, followed by a Kathak solo recital by Dr. Chitra Sharma; Odissi dance recital by Kavita Diwedi & Group at IHC, 7 p.m.
- Exhibition:** “An Archeology of A New Identity”, a solo exhibition by Sunil Yadav at Shridharani Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Exhibition:** “Liminal spaces”, a solo art show by Kanwal Singh at IHC, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Exhibition:** A solo show of paintings, drawings and graphics by Suraj Ghai at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Mail your listings for this column at cityeditor@delhi@thehindu.co.in)



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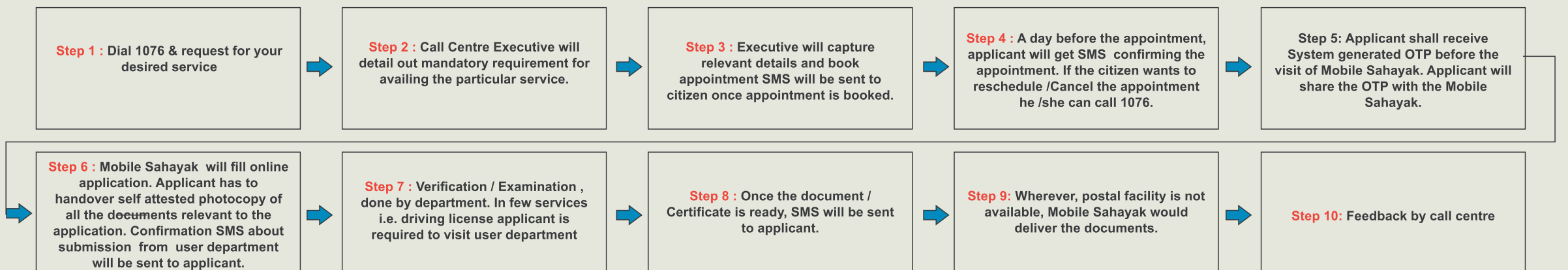
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NOW AND THEN

'I live for the day and don't look too far ahead'

Cricketer Maninder Singh on following the path of spirituality, and staying connected with the game through commentary and coaching

VIJAY LOKAPALLY

Spinners mature late but Maninder Singh quit competitive cricket at 30, less than a year after claiming seven wickets in a Test against Zimbabwe at Ferozshah Kotla, his home ground. "I had no motivation left," says Maninder. Experts did notice a change in his bowling action, but that seemed no reason for this gifted bowler to walk away from the game he fell in love with as a teenager, they believed. Many asked him to reconsider, but he stuck to his guns.

Off field, on the game

It wasn't the end of his love for the game though. One of cricket's biggest underachievers, as often reiterated by Kapil Dev, Maninder continues to earn a part of his livelihood from it. "I have been with News Nation for five years now and the channel has been kind to me. I enjoy the lively working atmosphere, and our discussions on the game are serious," says the expert commentator.

In his straight-talking way he says, "It can be boring sometimes to watch cricket, but if I have to give my opinion, then I must watch the matches. You can't be dishonest towards your viewers and fans. I do extensive homework for my cricket shows and don't hesitate to take a stand."

As a player, Maninder commanded the respect of the best of batsmen. "His talent was awesome and he would deceive you in the air. It was tough to read his spin because he had a lethal arm-er," was how Test batsman N.S. Sidhu, a fine player of spin, described him once. Then he served the game as an umpire, excelling on the first-class circuit.



He was simultaneously commenting on cricket when he was told to pick one of the two around 2001-02. "I chose to be a commentator [on Star Sports] because it was a nice way to stay in touch with the game. It gave me a chance to get into the ring and give my views. I learnt from [Ian] Chappell and [Tony] Greig to make the game interesting for the viewer by adding colour to the picture. Sushil Doshi [Hindi commentator] taught me the importance of voice modulation."

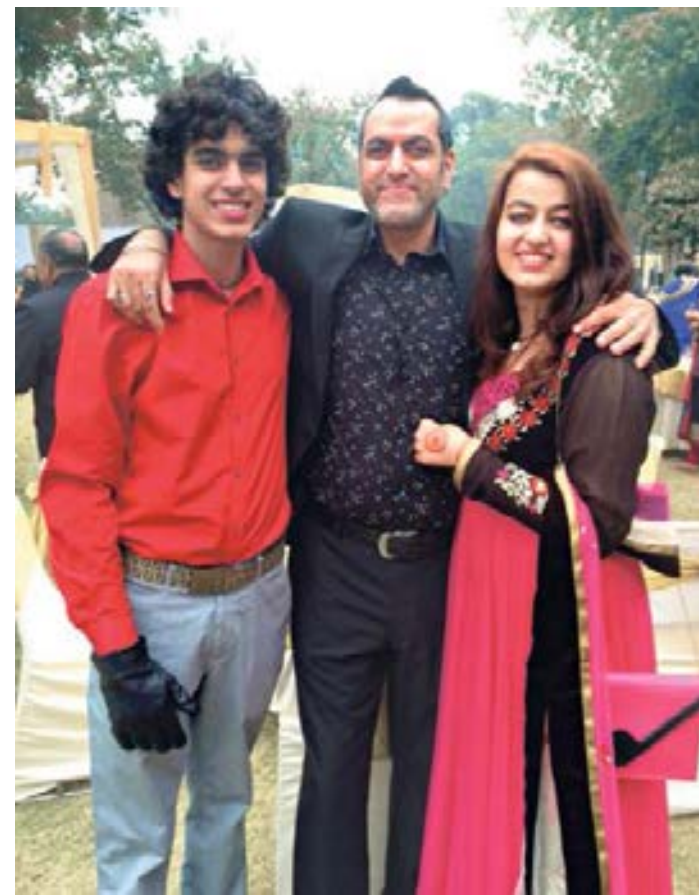
Back in the day

A debut at 17 in Pakistan heralded Maninder's entry to international cricket in 1982. He was welcomed as a "tremendous talent" by stalwarts like Sunil Gavaskar and G.R. Viswanath. His best (seven for 27) came against Pakistan at Bengaluru in 1987; unfortunately India lost the match.

When he 'retired', it was because he wasn't happy with the way he'd lived life. "I took to meditation. I was initiated into it by my homoeopath, Amrita Wadh-



(From left to right) Maninder Singh at the TV studio; in action at the nets during his playing days; with son and daughter. ■ R.V. MOORTHY; SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT; THE HINDU ARCHIVES



[in the Capital] which I followed with passion on TV. I don't visit gurdwaras for this reason, because I once got lost as a child [in a huge gurdwara congregation]. I love quiet places."

Capital city

For Maninder, the Capital is a "great city with a lively culture". His life revolved around Lutyens' Delhi. "My school [Air Force Bal Bharti] was close to Lodi Garden, and coaching [at National Stadium] was a nice walk from home [Lodhi Colony]. My favourite restaurant [Pindi] was on Pandara Road."

He says he was fortunate to have a caring principal (H. Baxi) and administrator (V.K. Duggal). "At Khalsa College, my principal G.S. Randhawa, political science teacher [D.S. Claire], English teacher [Lakhmir Singh] and sports in-charge [Pargat Singh] were a big help in guiding me in their respective fields," he says.

In his 54 years he has seen the city grow, though he feels security has deteriorated. "But it is a delight to drive on Delhi roads."

As Maninder reflects on his career, he gives all credit to cricket coach Gurcharan Singh. "I owe everything to him. He taught me cricket and shaped my life. Gurcharan Sir was the one who con-

MANINDER SINGH, 54, LEFT-ARM SPINNER

CAREER SPAN: 1982 to 1995

PLAYED: 35 Tests, 59 ODIs

KNOWN FOR: His ability to beat the batsman with flight and turn

FOR THE RECORD: Claiming 7 for 27 against Pakistan in a Test at Bengaluru

vinced my parents to allow me to play cricket." In fact, it was he who helped him get admission in school. "He treated me like his son. You don't get gurus like Gurcharan Sir any more. [Bishan] Bedi's guidance, and support from Mohinder Amarnath were priceless too," he says, expressing gratitude for all the people who shaped his life.

He now devotes time to guiding young talent, often coaching for free. He picks off-spinner Hrithik Shokeen, who made his India under-19 debut in February this year, as a promising player.

Maninder is a proud father: "My daughter [Rui Pavani] is happily married and my son [Arjun] is studying to be an interior designer. God is looking after me and my family. My philosophy is simple: I live for the day and don't look too far ahead."

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IN BRIEF

Ramjas College holds blood donation camp
NEW DELHI
Medical teams from the Army collected over 300 units of blood during a blood donation camp held at Ramjas College on Sunday, an NGO "I am still Human" which organised the camp said. The camp saw the participation of students, faculty as well as Army veterans. The event was flagged off with a bike rally comprising 470 bikers from India Gate to Ramjas College.

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Cave-ins on KMP e-way raise quality concerns

Facility still lacks amenities like street lights, fuel stations, restrooms among others

ASHOK KUMAR
GURUGRAM

Less than a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kundli-Manesar section of the 135-km-long Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway in November last year making it fully operational, several instances of cave-in have been reported on the stretch over the past few weeks raising doubts about the construction quality.

The road, with an average traffic of around 35,000 vehicles per day, still lacks basic amenities such as street light, fuel stations, restrooms, food joints and FASTag facility.

Nehru Singh, toll manager of Prakash Asphaltings & Toll Highways (India) Limited – the company that collects toll on the expressway – said he received around 15-20 complaints of cave-ins, mostly on the new Kundli-Manesar section, over the last fortnight. Mr. Singh said the traffic had remained disrupted near Panchgaon for more than two hours this past month after a cave-in. "The sand along the expressway was washed away at several points on the new section causing damage to the railings and the road," said Mr. Singh.

Soil compaction
Pradeep Goyal, chief operating officer of Essel Infra Projects Limited – the construction company – said unlike other highways, the KMP was at a height of 4-5 feet above the ground and the



Around 15-20 complaints of cave-ins, mostly on the new Kundli-Manesar section was received over the last fortnight. ■ MANOJ KUMAR

soil in the area was sandy leading to the cave-ins. He said the process of compaction of the soil was expected to be complete by next monsoon and hoped that there would be no such instances next year. Arshad, a truck driver, who usually takes the expressway on his way to Chennai from Sonapat, said there were no fuel stations and puncture shops on the road. He said it was dangerous to travel on the road at night since there were no lights and it had caved-in at several points.

'Way Side Amenities'
Though four sites have been earmarked on the expressway – fuel stations, restrooms and food joints – and six acre land is acquired for each, tender has been given only for one. "The tender was awarded to IOCL for a fuel station near Jhajjar (KM

47) a month ago for one of the sites and the construction has begun. We are in the process of allocating the remaining three sites as well. However, no decision has been taken on the bids for the food joints. The proposal is under consideration of our commercial and housing wing," said a senior Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) official, not willing to be named.

Of the total vehicles using the road daily, around 13,500 are cars and 6,700 light commercial vehicles. The rest of the traffic comprises trucks and multiple-axle vehicles. Indicating a surge in the traffic on the highway, the HSIIDC has given a fresh tender to R.K. Jain Infra Projects Private Limited for ₹56.65 lakh per day for toll collection a week ago for the next four months, which is almost double compared to ₹35 lakh tender in

December last.

Besides, an electronic toll collection system –FASTag facility – is also not available to the commuters, leading to diversion of a large chunk of traffic to Eastern Peripheral Expressway.

The HSIIDC official said the FASTag system would be installed after the tender for tolling is granted for a longer period. "Installing a FASTag facility is the responsibility of the toll collection agency. Since the tenders are now given only for a few months, it is not financially viable for the agency to install the system," said the official.

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NEHRU SINGH
Toll manager of Prakash Asphaltings & Toll Highways (India) Limited

make the mistakes I made. They must learn to handle success, be humble and respectful." Now, he looks at life with a fresh perspective. "I have gone through very difficult times, but life is good now. I begin and end my day with prayers and do my work honestly. I tell youngsters not to be like me."

Strangely, Maninder, despite playing in front of packed stadiums, has had a phobia of crowds. "That is the reason I never went to watch the Republic Day parade

Traffic to increase
The tenders are now given for a short period, ranging from 3-4 months, in view of the gradual increase in traffic. The traffic is expected to increase steeply for the next six months before the growth settles down.

Mr. Goyal said lampposts were erected on the Kundli-Manesar section and electricity connection was awaited. He hoped that electricity would be available by next fortnight. Mr. Goyal said that electricity was already provided on the loops with the help of generator sets.

NHAI repairs MG Road underpass

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

The National Highways Authority of India on Sunday carried out repair work on the newly constructed right-turn underpass on Mehrauli-Gurugram Road here, two days after heavy rain damaged the structure.

The stormwater drain on both sides of the underpass at the exit was dug up for a length of around 100 metre to be relaid to prevent recurrence of the situation. Also iron sheets were tightened with nuts and bolts to hold together the extension joints of the concrete wall that had widened due to the cave-in of the road.

It had led to spillage of rainwater inside the structure causing it to flood. The canopy of the structure, which had got disjunct at multiple points, was also repaired and welded. The cracks appearing on the concrete wall were also filled and painted.

The underpass had flooded on August 2 after a sudden rush of water from Ghata hit the structure following heavy rainfall. The traffic through the underpass was restored on Saturday after the water was pumped out.

"In the case of Gurugram's underpass cave-in, it seems the strengthening of the retaining walls and desilting of drains has not been addressed on time," said Dikshu C. Kukreja, a socio-environmentalist planner.

Man 'accidentally' shoots at friend

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

In a suspected case of accidental firing, a 21-year-old man was shot at allegedly by one of his friends in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri, the police said on Sunday.

The incident took place on Saturday evening, they said. According to the police, the victim, Vinay was having drinks with his friends, when one of them fired at him causing a gunshot injury on his left shoulder. The victim was rushed to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital where he was given first-aid and referred to Lok Nayak Hospital

for further treatment, Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-West) Vijayanta Arya said. The victim's condition is stated to be stable, the officer said.

Sumit, victim's friend, told the police that he along with Vinay and two more friends were having drinks in one of their shanties when one of them suddenly fired at Vinay, the officer added.

A case has been registered and the accused has been identified. Investigation revealed that it was a case of accidental firing. The accused is absconding, the police added.

Husband stabs woman over suspicion of illicit affair

Accused, an alcoholic, arrested

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A 58-year-old man allegedly stabbed his wife in south Delhi's Sangam Vihar following a fight over suspicion that she was in a relationship with a younger man, the police said on Sunday.

The incident happened on Saturday morning. The couple has three sons who were at home at the time of the incident. They managed to lock their father in a room and rushed the woman to a nearby hospital, a senior police officer said.

They informed the police about the incident, the officer said.

A case of attempt to murder was registered and the accused was arrested, the officer added.

During interrogation, the accused told the police that he suspected his wife of having an illicit relationship with a 23-year-old man who also lives in the same locality. However, investigation revealed that the accused is jobless and an alcoholic. He often picked up fights with his wife and children over petty issues, the officer said.

The weapon of offence has also been recovered, the police said.

DM inspects library at Darul Uloom campus

Allegation of helipad being built there

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Reacting to orders from the Chief Minister's office, the District Magistrate of Saharanpur inspected the under-construction library in the sprawling Darul Uloom campus in Deoband on Saturday.

Vikas Tyagi, zonal coordinator of the Bajrang Dal, had made a complaint to the CM's office that a helipad was being built on top of the huge structure.

District Magistrate Alok Kumar had asked the administration to submit a report. Unsatisfied, he made a detailed inspection of the site with Senior Superintendent of Police Dinesh Kumar and PWD engineers.

After the inspection, Mr Kumar told the media that there was no trace of a helipad on the rooftop but the university administration did not ask for permission

for making addition to the existing structures and building of new structures from the authorities concerned. "Action will be taken in this regard as per law," he said.

Responding to the action, Maulana Arshad Madani, national president of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, said: "This is for the first time that the local administration has undertaken an inspection after a complaint, which seemed to be motivated, was lodged. We will abide by the rules and take necessary permissions in future."

'Not part of plan'
On the helipad issue, Mr. Madani said it was never part of the plan. "Many foreign dignitaries visit the seminary and every time it is the local administration that makes arrangements for their travel and landing of aircraft."

Sonbhadra DM and SP shunted out

U.P. CM cracks down on errant officials after inquiry report into killing of tribals

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The Uttar Pradesh government on Sunday shunted out the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police of Sonbhadra, besides ordering action against 13 other officials after they were indicted in an inquiry into the killing of 10 Gond tribals last month over a land dispute.

'FIRs against guilty'
Addressing a press conference at his residence, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said FIRs will be registered against several police and administration officials for alleged irregularities and members of the Adarsh Krishi Sahkari Samiti, Umbha, on charges of land grabbing.

The disputed land in Umbha and Saphi villages will also be transferred back and registered in the name of the gram sabha, he said, while announcing that a Special



CM Yogi Adityanath

Investigation Team will look into the matter.

Mr. Adityanath said departmental proceedings have been initiated against Sonbhadra District Magistrate Ankit Kumar Agrawal and Superintendent of Police Salman Taj Patil for taking "one-sided decision" against the villagers.

Directives have been issued to attach Mr. Agrawal and Mr. Patil to the Personnel Department and the DGP

Headquarters, respectively, he said.

S. Ramalingam has been made the new District Magistrate of Sonbhadra, while Prabhakar Chaudhary is the new Superintendent of Police, officials said.

"The entire matter will be probed by an SIT. The SIT will be headed by DIG SIT J. Ravindra Gaud and will have Additional SP Amrita Mishra along with three inspectors. DG SIT R.P. Singh will be monitoring the work of the SIT," the Chief Minister said.

He said another team will be set up under Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Renuka Kumar to look into the issue of land grabbing by "fake" societies in the last 60-70 years in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra.

'No action on report'

"Fake societies in Sonbhadra and Mirzapur have grabbed more than one lakh acre of land. In 1972, the then Chief

Minister Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna had constituted a probe committee under Mangaldev Visharad. However, no action was taken as a number of Congress leaders were involved," Mr. Adityanath said.

"The government has formed a six-member team that will probe into the land grabbed by fake societies in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra and then using it for their personal use. The probe report will be submitted in three months' time," he added.

In July, 10 people were killed and 28 injured in the clash after a village headman and his supporters opened fire on a group of tribals over a land dispute.

The Personnel Department has initiated action against Ghorawal SDM Vijay Prakash Tiwari, and an FIR will be registered against him, according to an official statement.

Mother, daughter crushed to death

Came under train while chasing a thief

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

A woman and her daughter were crushed to death by an oncoming train near Mathura in the early hours of Saturday after they fell from the Trivandrum Express while chasing a thief who stole one of their bags, the police said.

Jogender Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Railways, Agra region, said that Meena Devi, 45, and Manisha, 21, who hail from Durgapur in West Bengal, jumped out of the moving train when they discovered that a thief had stolen their bag which had cash and identity cards. While the thief escaped, the mother and daughter were crushed by the Sampark Kranti Express that passed on the adjacent track.

"The incident happened in S2 coach near the Vrinda-

van city station and it seems the thief pulled the chain before jumping off the train. Meena was found dead on the spot while Manisha died during treatment."

Meena's son Akash, 23, slept through the whole incident and was woken up by fellow passengers. "Akash told us that the family had boarded the train at Hazrat Nizamuddin. They were going to Kota to get Manisha admitted for medical coaching. He also told us that the bag that has been stolen had around ₹4000, two mobile phones, and some crucial documents," said Mr Kumar.

Inspector transferred

The SP has transferred inspector Rajesh Dubey, the GRP in-charge of the Mathura station, to the Police Lines and a departmental inquiry has been ordered for dereliction of duty.

One killed, 15 injured over sharing of water in Odisha

STAFF REPORTER
BHUBANESWAR

One person was killed and 15 sustained injuries when inhabitants of two villages fought a pitched battle over sharing of water for their crop in Odisha's Cuttack district on Sunday.

The incident took place at

Sagar and Panchagochhia village under the Narasinghpur block of the district.

Mediation by tehsildar

On July 23, the local tehsildar had mediated between the two villages and directed uninterrupted water flow for Panchagochhia village.

It had not gone down well with Sagar villagers and they had staged a dharna outside his office the same day.

Subsequently, the water dispute was resolved in the presence of inhabitants of two villages on July 25.

"The long standing dispute erupted again on Sun-

day when villagers of Sagar which is situated at a higher elevation stopped water to Panchagochhia. Enraged over violation of truce, Panchagochhia villagers shot arrow at Sagar villagers. It hit one Sridhar Samal, who died," said R.B. Pranigrahi, Cuttack Superintendent of Police.

Assam flood toll reaches 90

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GUWAHATI

Floods in Assam claimed one more life on Sunday, pushing the toll to 90, even as the overall situation improved considerably. Nearly 88,000 people remain affected by the deluge.

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SPORTSTAR

Rains continue, flood alert in many areas

Two, including a 10-year-old, die in separate incidents; 2,000 people rescued; Godavari in spate

SHUOMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

Relentless showers continued to pound Pune, Satara and Sangli districts in western Maharashtra, and Nashik in north Maharashtra throughout Sunday. District authorities evacuated more than 2,000 persons from inundated areas.

Ten-year-old Kunal Ajay Dodke was killed and his younger sister injured after a wall of their house caved in on Sunday morning in Lona-vala, around 70 km from Pune. The police said heavy rain might have triggered the wall collapse.

In what is thought to be another rain-related accident, one person drowned while another was feared dead in Satara after their car plunged into a waterfall near Koyna dam late on Saturday. According to the Satara police, the two people were travelling to Kamargaon when the driver lost control of the car. The driver has been identified as Satara resident Nitin Shelar, while rescue teams are searching for the other occupant of the car.

Schools closed today

Pune city and district were battered by near-continuous rain since Saturday evening through the better part of Sunday.

Pune Collector Nawal Kishore Ram declared a holiday for all schools in the district on Monday, taking into account the grim forecast for the next 48 hours, making use of powers recently bestowed by the State Education Department on district collectors to declare school holidays in case of a disaster or emergency.

"Going by the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) forecast of heavy rain in the forthcoming days and in wake of the continuous rainfall that commenced



Down under: Omkareshwar temple in Pune is flooded due to heavy rain on Sunday; (below) various parts of Nashik are submerged after water was released from Gangapur dam.

• MANDAR TANNU • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

since Saturday in the Maval, Mulshi, Bhor, Velha and Junnar talukas of Pune among other areas, we have decided to declare a holiday for school-going students to preclude any untoward incident," Mr. Ram said.

In Pune city, with over 41,000 cusecs (cubic foot per second) of water released from the Khadakwasla into Mutha river, the Bhide bridge was submerged and there were traffic snarls at several points in the city.

The relentless downpour especially threw the commute awry in Pimpri-Chinchwad and Wakad areas, after over 35,000 cusecs discharged from Mulshi dam flooded Sanghvi and Wakad.

Discharge from the Khadakwasla dam inundated low-lying areas in Balewadi, Baner, Aundh, Yerwada, Sinhgad Road and Bopodi.

Rescue teams moved more than 300 families dwelling in low-lying of the city to safer zones owing to the discharge of massive quantities of water from the



Khadakwasla, Pavana, Mulshi and other dams.

Several people were trapped in residential areas in Pimpri and Sanghvi after their homes were flooded. More than 50 residents of old Sanghvi were successfully rescued by the fire department and local police in the morning.

Following the discharge of water from Mulshi dam, the district administration issued stern warnings to deter monsoon picnicers. Seven members of a family stranded at a house in the water-logged Kamshet area were al-

so rescued by a team of the NDRF, said authorities.

Karad, Sangli on alert

The rain has led to the four major dams in Pune district - Khadakwasla, Panshet, Varasgaon and Temghar - to fill up to more than 90% of their cumulative storage capacity of 29.15 TMC.

With the Pavana dam swelling to capacity owing to continuous rain in the past week, the Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation scrapped the water rationing it had enforced throughout the summer.

Going by the IMD's forecast of heavy rain in the forthcoming days, we have decided to declare a holiday for school-going students

NAWAL KISHORE RAM
Pune collector

Pune and Satara are expected to receive heavy showers for the next 48 hours, IMD officials said. With the steep increase in the discharge of water (more than 50,000 cusecs) from the Koyna dam, a high alert has been sounded for Karad (in Satara) and Sangli cities.

Discharge of 20,000 cusecs from the Chandoli dam in Sangli led to flooding in nearby villages, while in adjacent Kolhapur district, heavy rains disrupted communications between several villages in the district.

Nashik inundated

The Nashik District Collector, too, has declared a holiday for schools and colleges on Monday.

With the Godavari river in spate and the continuing release of water from the Gangapur dam, parts of the district, including the holy spots of Trimbakeshwar and Panchavati, were completely deluged, making them out of bounds for tourists.

River waters reached up to the neck of the Dutondya Maruti, a statue of Hanuman, in Panchavati, and even entered the Trimbakeshwar temple as showers continued to lash Nashik city and the talukas of Igatpuri, Trimbakeshwar, Peint, Sargana and Dindori.

According to authorities, the Trimbakeshwar tehsil had received more than 300 mm rain till Sunday morning while Nashik city received 84 mm rain.

Oppn. raps CM for holding rallies in time of distress

'Govt. should announce natural calamity, distribute relief fund'

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

The Opposition on Sunday criticised Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for continuing with his political campaign despite many parts of the State being flooded due to incessant rains.

State Congress campaign committee chief and former MP Nana Patole asked Mr. Fadnavis to return to Mumbai and control the situation, warning that if he fails to do so, the Congress party will storm into Mantralaya and take control of the disaster control room.

"At a time when many parts of Maharashtra are facing risk from floods, Mr. Fadnavis is busy in his five-star political campaign using public money. The State machinery is busy hosting the

CM at various places, and as a result, citizens are living in constant fear of losing everything to the floods. The Chief Minister should have handled the flood situation instead of going on a political campaign," he said.

Mr. Patole said Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Nashik, Navi Mumbai, Raigad, Sangli, Kolhapur and Pune are in grave danger owing to rising river water levels. "The State government should immediately call it a natural calamity and sufferers should be distributed relief money through State Disaster Relief Fund," he said, adding that a Congress delegation will be visiting the Chief Secretary on Monday.

Leader of Opposition in the Council and Nationalist Congress Party leader Dha-

nanjay Munde, too, censured Mr. Fadnavis, calling his political campaign insensitive. "Who will save the people of Maharashtra? The ruling party is busy organising tours and campaigns with an eye on election. The administration is being run through tours," he said.

The government, however, said the CM and Chief Secretary are monitoring the situation and relief operations. "Directions have been issued to district collector offices to ensure relief operations are conducted wherever needed. The district administration has been given the powers to take decisions. We are monitoring everything and the CM is being informed of every action," said an official from the Chief Minister's Office.

Opposition heading for historic defeat in polls, says Fadnavis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GONDIA

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, while addressing a press conference in Gondia on Sunday, said the Opposition was heading for a "historic defeat" in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Criticising the opposition parties, he said they have joined hands against the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs) in elections to make an excuse for their own losses.

Raising alarm over EVMs, key opposition parties - including the Congress, NCP and MNS - on Friday pitched for reverting to the use of ballot papers and announced a protest march on



Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at a Mahajanadesh Yatra rally in Gondia on Sunday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

August 21 over the issue.

Reacting to this, Mr. Fadnavis said those opposing the EVMs have realised they cannot win. "They have accepted their defeat and

hence, are using this as a covering fire. The *maha morcha* (long march) against EVMs later this month will result in *maha* defeat of the Opposition," he said.

Cong. objects to Yuva Sansad events in junior colleges

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The Congress has objected to the Maharashtra government's order asking junior colleges across the State to hold 'Yuva Sansad' elocution competitions, accusing it of attempting to influence young minds.

The government on July 24 asked 9,700 junior colleges to conduct elocution competi-

tions where students will speak on the Central government's various welfare schemes - like the Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ujjwala Scheme, and Ayushman Bharat Scheme - and authorised the district education officer to supervise such events.

According to the resolution, the competition is an attempt to empower the youth. It aims

to create awareness among students in the age group of 15 to 19 years about generating new ideas, seeking suggestions on the implementation of government schemes and getting to know their expectations.

However, the State Congress's campaign committee chief Nana Patole said the topic for debate have nothing to do with the educational curri-

culum of students. "The scheme has been conceptualised to influence the young minds with the Bharatiya Janata Party's agenda. The students are being roped in for its poll campaign," he alleged.

The Opposition will protest against "politicisation of education" if the decision to conduct the Yuva Sansad events is not revoked, he said.

Statue of Unity shortlisted for UK-based structural award

Winner to be announced on November 15

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AHMEDABAD

The Statue of Unity, a memorial to Sardar Patel, in Gujarat's Kevadia town has been shortlisted for 'The Structural Awards 2019' of the UK-based Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE).

The 182-m-tall statue was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31 last year.

It is among the 49 structures that will vie for the prestigious award, according to the institution's website. The awards will be announced at a function in London on November 15.

Other structures shortlisted for the award include a sports stadium with a roof made of rotating petals at Hangzhou in China, a 22-m-deep basement beneath a five-star hotel in London and buildings showcasing the world's best seismic performance in San Francisco, according to the website.

'Extraordinary innovation'

"Our profession has once again demonstrated extraordinary innovation over the past year. The 2019 shortlist offers many great examples of the ingenuity, creativity and skill of structural engineers worldwide," professor Tim Ibell, head of the judging panel, said.

"One of the aims of this awards programme is to increase awareness of the important work that structural engineers do," Martin Powell, chief executive of the institution, said.

Commenting on the Statue of Unity, the judging panel said,



Moment of pride: The Statue of Unity will join the likes of Sydney Opera House, Severn Bridge if it wins the awards. • FILE PHOTO

"This is an impressive sculpture by virtue of its scale and location. It put great demands on the engineers to conquer the challenges - defining the design loads, selecting the right materials for the right purposes, and handling the uncertainties of geology."

The statue, designed by architect Ram Sutar and built by Larsen and Toubro, has a viewing gallery at a height of 150 m which provides visitors a spectacular view of the Sardar Sarovar dam and its vicinity.

Past winners of this award include iconic structures such as Sydney Opera House in Australia, the Pompidou Centre in Paris and Severn Bridge in England.

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IN BRIEF



Jagan visits desalination facility in Israel

VIJAYAWADA
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy visited the H2ID desalination facility at Hadera in Israel on Sunday. He was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Indian Mission in Tel Aviv, Tshering W. Sherpa. The visit was organised by the Israeli company's senior executive Rafi Shamir. Plant engineers gave a presentation on the desalination mechanism. Mr. Reddy enquired about the processes, and its capital and operational costs.

Panic in A.P. village after leopard attack

CHITTOOR
The killing of a bull reportedly by a leopard in a forest fringe village in Chowdepalle mandal here in Andhra Pradesh on Saturday has created panic among the villagers. The leopard also attacked a couple of cattle, according to a villager. Forest field staff said that in spite of repeated advice, some villagers were taking their cattle deep inside the reserve forests for grazing, making them vulnerable to attacks by wild animals.

Ex-Minister seeks ₹204 cr. in damages

BENGALURU
Former Karnataka Minister and Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar has filed a defamation suit in a local court against BJP leader and Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, seeking ₹204 crore as compensation for "tarnishing his image through baseless statements". Mr. Yatnal had alleged that Mr. Shivakumar had been pressurising top BJP leaders to ensure that he is freed from cases probed by the Income Tax Department and the Enforcement Directorate.

Action likely against IAS officer

Kerala police shift Sriram Venkitaraman to prisoner's cell in govt. hospital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government appeared ready to take action against IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman, indicted for alcohol-impaired reckless driving that resulted in the death of journalist K.M. Basheer early Saturday.

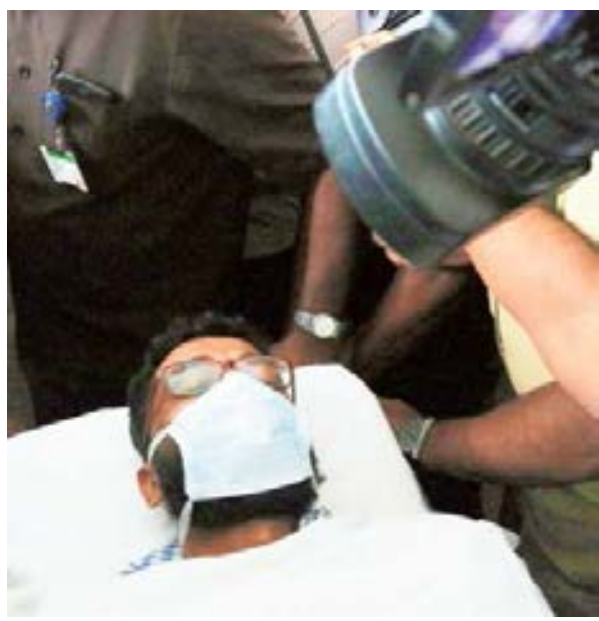
Meanwhile, the police shifted Mr. Venkitaraman from the private hospital where they had admitted him following the accident to the prisoner's ward at Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) here.

A magistrate had earlier pronounced him fit to be incarcerated.

The prison doctor referred him to the MCH after Mr. Venkitaraman's discharge summary indicated that he had sustained spinal trauma in the accident and required medical attention.

The government had come under sharp criticism for allowing Mr. Venkitaraman to stay in a top hospital despite the "gravity of his crime".

Officials said Chief Secretary Tom Jose had received a preliminary report from the



High-profile case: Sriram Venkitaraman being moved out of a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday. ■PTI

State police detailing the charges against the young bureaucrat.

The police informed the government that they had booked Mr. Venkitaraman for culpable homicide not amounting to murder for having caused the fatal accident in an inebriated state. The crime entails a punish-

ment of imprisonment up to 10 years.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan issued a stern warning that nobody was above the law, indicating that action against him may follow.

Revenue Minister E. Chandrasekharan also signalled that the government viewed the incident as a grave mat-

ter. Leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala had sought Mr. Venkitaraman's removal from service.

'Watertight case'

The police claimed to have a watertight case against the bureaucrat. The Chief Chemical Examiner's laboratory is scheduled to submit a report on Monday on whether Mr. Venkitaraman was alcohol-impaired at the time of the crash.

The GH doctor who examined him issued a certificate that Mr. Venkitaraman had tested 'positive plus' for alcohol impairment.

Mr. Venkitaraman's co-passenger, a woman, testified before a magistrate that the bureaucrat appeared "drunk" and had insisted on driving the vehicle at high speed despite her protests. The police booked the woman for allowing an "inebriated person" to drive the car registered in her name.

The Management of Malayalam daily *Siraj* demanded that a special investigation team be formed to probe the death of the journalist, K.M. Basheer.

Bengaluru Mayor fined for plastic use

She paid ₹500 for violating ban

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU

Facing flak for presenting a basket of fruits wrapped in banned plastic to Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa recently, Bengaluru Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun said she "voluntarily" paid a fine of ₹500 for the violation.

After the photo of her presenting the basket went viral, Ms. Gangambike was criticised because there is already a ban on plastic and several traders in the city had been penalised in the past for storing and using plastic products.

"My photograph of gifting a basket of dry fruits wrapped with a plastic cover to the Chief Minister went viral in the social media. Being the first citizen of the city, I did not wish to send across a wrong message to the people of the city. Hence, I decided to pay the penalty of ₹500," the Mayor said in a statement Saturday.



Gangambike Mallikarjun

The Mayor, however, pointed out that there was no clause in the rules for penalising those using plastic though there was such a provision against traders.

She also said there was a proposal to impose a fine on the end users of plastic products and it would be incorporated in the law.

"In order to spread awareness among masses about the problems posed by polythene bags, I decided to pay the penalty even before this clause is incorporated in the plastic ban bylaw," the Mayor said.

Wrong to back defections, says A.P. Speaker

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Endorsement of defections, as in the case of the four TDP Rajya Sabha members joining the BJP, should be condemned as it is unethical, Andhra Pradesh Speaker Tammineni Sitaram said on Sunday at a 'Meet the Press' programme here.

Asked for his comments on the "endorsement of defections" by Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu, the Speaker said, "You should ask Mr. Venkaiah Naidu if it is not immoral to encourage such things. Since you have asked me, I shall tell my opinion. In politics, we need to uphold ethics and values. Encouraging unethical practices shouldn't be done. I don't want to invite controversy by speaking more on it."

Asked what he would do in a similar situation, Mr. Sitaram said he would rather disqualify the members who cross the floor. He said there was a need to amend the Anti-Defection Law to recall the members who shift their loyalties.

BJP promised to end 'tax terrorism', says Mohandas Pai

'Centre has failed to put an end to harassment'

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

The Union government is aware of the 'tax terrorism' that has been taking place in this country, but it has not done enough to stop taxmen from harassing entrepreneurs and businessmen, says T.V. Mohandas Pai, former CFO at Infosys.

Mr. Pai told *The Hindu*:

"Tax terrorism is a very disturbing issue. The Union government is aware of the harassment but it is yet to do something effective to stop it. The government's delay in taking adequate measures in this regard has given additional powers to the tax authority, and taxmen have gone amok."

"Taxmen have been terrorising people while making collections. They will even ask people upfront to go for appeal. Is our judicial system any easy...when cases run for 15 to 20 years? It seems tax-



T.V. Mohandas Pai

men are also under pressure to meet their collection targets," he said.

Expressing his disappoint-

ment at the system, Mr. Pai said. "Parliament and political leaders have failed us miserably in this regard [tax] and citizen liberties are put under heavy risk. The tax assessment system has broken down. The justice system is also not functioning effectively. As both these key systems have failed miserably, law-abiding citizens and entrepreneurs are left in the lurch."

According to Mr. Pai, bringing an end to 'tax terrorism' was part of the BJP's manifesto before the party

came to power in 2014, but it has failed to implement it so far.

'Insensitive move'

Expressing shock over the way the Income-Tax Department handled the issue of Cafe Coffee Day founder V.G. Siddhartha's case, Mr. Pai said, "Mr. Siddhartha had clearly written in his letter that he suffered harassment by taxmen. Who gave tax department permission to conduct press conferences, to float information about him in social media and also to di-

vulge personal details about him in the public? The tax department is not the court to call a person bad and punish him. It has no right to tarnish the reputation of a person, especially when he is no more in a position to defend himself. This is atrocious and insensitive."

After Mr. Siddhartha's tragic death, both Mr. Pai and Biocon CMD Kiran Mazumdar Shaw spoke openly about the rampant 'tax terrorism' and how entrepreneurs were being tortured in the country.

Responding to a query, Mr. Pai said, "I did not get a call, but Kiran did. The caller also spoke about me that Mohan should not talk about all these in public."

As per media reports on Sunday, Ms. Shaw confirmed that "a government official" called her recently and told her not to speak about issues such as income tax harassment.

However, she told *The Hindu*: "It was a government official who I know and who said it with concern. It was I guess friendly advice."

Flood situation in Godavari delta still grim

18,000 people shifted to relief camps; 71 villages report massive property loss

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

The flood situation in East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh continued to be grim as the Godavari river received heavy inflows in the last 24 hours.

The inflow at Dowleswaram was about 13.44 lakh cusecs at noon and outflow was the same. A total of 280 villages in 24 mandals across the Godavari districts are affected and over 75,000 people were affected by the floods. Nearly 18,000 people were shifted to relief camps in the East Godavari district and 47 medical camps were organised in W.G.

About 36,000 food packets were distributed in E.G district which bore the brunt of floods. Rajahmundry, Seethanagaram and Devipatnam mandals were particularly affected by the floods and water entered the low-lying areas in Yanam district of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Transportation links to 19 villages have been cut off and Yedduvagu and Siddharamavagu bridges were submerged and property dam-



Tough times: Villagers returning home after flood waters started receding from the Devipatnam mandal in East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, on Sunday. ■S. RAMBABU

aged were reported from 71 villages in the Godavari districts. The State Disaster Management Authority has cautioned people living in the Godavari island villages and canal banks against more heavy inflows due to intermittent rains.

The Revenue and Police

Departments were tasked with rehabilitation of people from the flood-hit areas in East and West Godavari districts while more rains were forecast at many places in coastal A.P. in the next few days.

Teams of the National Disaster Response Force and

SDRF were sent out on rescue and relief operations as the water levels were at dangerous levels.

Meanwhile, the Srisailem dam has been receiving flood waters from Jurala in Telangana. The inflow was 2.22 lakh cusecs. By evening, the level had risen to 857.60 feet

Krishna and its tributaries are rising

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BELAGAVI/VIJAYAPURA/YADGIR

Flood situation remained grim in north Karnataka districts on Sunday as water level in the Krishna and its tributaries rose, inundating several villages and bridges while the continued heavy rain in the Krishna catchment area is now a concern as more villages face the threat of flooding.

The floods claimed its first victim on Saturday when Shivamand Shankar Nayak, a coconut seller, got washed away in a stream at Adeppa Ankalagi village in Belagavi district.

On Sunday, as the State government took stock of the situation in Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Yadgir, and Raichur districts which have been affected by the release of huge quantum of water into the Krishna and its tributaries by Maharashtra. In all, 5,847 hectares of crops have been damaged.

Bone-dry tanks filling up fast

Good news for drought-hit Karimnagar

K.M.DAYASHANKAR
KARIMNAGAR

Incassant rain over the past 10 days in various parts of integrated Karimnagar district in Telangana has boosted farming activity with improved water levels in a majority of the minor irrigation tanks.

The irrigation tanks, which had dried out, have started receiving good inflows from its catchment areas following the rain, rekindling hope among farmers. As against the average rainfall of 410.3 mm between May 1 and August 4 earlier, the district received 450.6 mm rain this time.

129 overflowing

Irrigation sources said that of the total 4,344 minor irrigation tanks in the integrated district, 129 are overflowing.

Besides, another 148 tanks received water between 75% and 100%, 367 tanks received 50% to 75% water while 887 tanks got inflows of 25-50%. For the remaining 2,813 minor irriga-

tion tanks, the rain water inflow ranged from zero to 25%.

Irrigation officials are, however, confident that all minor irrigation tanks would be filled to the brim soon enough with the monsoon remaining active for another two months or so.

Before this, the district was reeling under acute drought conditions due to delayed monsoon.

On the other hand, lifting of waters from the Medigadda barrage of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project to the Sripada Yellampalli project by filling the Annaram and Sundilla barrages has also recharged the groundwater table, filling agricultural wells and borewells along the river Godavari.

Besides, copious inflows into the Sripada Yellampalli project following the heavy rain in its catchment areas and release of flood waters from Kadem project in neighbouring Nirmal district has also improved the groundwater and recharged wells in the region.

Cong. support for UAPA in RS discomfits Kerala leaders

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Congress's support in the Rajya Sabha for the Bill seeking to amend certain provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) has proved to be a big embarrassment for the party's Kerala leadership and the United Democratic Front (UDF).

The amendments to the UAPA relate to the powers of the Centre and the States to designate individuals as terrorists and seize their property.

The Indian Union Muslim League had voted against the amendment Bill in the Rajya Sabha. The State Congress leaders were stunned by the party's decision to vote for the amendment Bill, which was passed by the Lok Sabha on July 24. The Congress had boycotted the vote in the Lok Sabha.

Strong protest

The Leader of the Opposition, Ramesh Chennithala, has conveyed the UDF's strong resentment and protest against the developments in the Rajya Sabha. He said it was disappointing to note that the Congress was unable to take a strong stand in Parliament that highlighted the concerns of minority communities. He said the party should have stuck to the stand it had adopted in the Lok Sabha.

In the Lok Sabha, Indian Union Muslim League national general secretary P.K. Kunhalikutty had expressed his party's opposition to tagging of individuals with suspected terror links as terrorists, as this violated the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. In the Rajya Sabha too, IUML member P.V. Abdul Wahab opposed the Bill.

Row over appointment of Kerala representative

N.J. NAIR
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

With the appointment of A. Sampath as Kerala's special government representative in Delhi assuming the colours of a political controversy, his efficacy in delivering the goods would be quite crucial for the State government to justify its decision.

The government had clarified that Mr. Sampath would primarily pursue Central schemes, clear bureaucratic wrangles that impede the flow of funds, and address the delay in accord-

ing clearances for projects.

Congress MPs K. Muralidharan and Benny Behanan have taken umbrage at the appointment and have announced their decision to boycott him. They have questioned the need for a special representative with Cabinet rank over and above the elected members.

Kerala as well as most of the southern States had been complaining that a majority of the Centrally-sponsored schemes are too rigid and had been tailored to suit the ground situation in north India.

Elephant herd leaves sanctuary, causes havoc

Several Chittoor farmers complain of crop loss

STAFF REPORTER
CHITTOOR

A herd of 10 wild elephants, which left the Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary (KWS) located at Palamaner-Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh three weeks ago, has been raiding crops in about a dozen villages in Somala mandal under the Punganur range.

These elephants have destroyed standing crops of tomato and other vegetables and also pulled down trees in mango orchards.

We have deployed watchers and trackers to drive the animals back into their habitat

GOVINDA RAJULU
Forest Range Officer

In June, a three-member herd that left the KWS had wreaked havoc on the fields and retreated into the sanctuary after a month.

In May, two elephants left the sanctuary and travelled as far as Pakala mandal, 70 km away, but retreated without creating any difficulty for the Forest Department.

A farmer from the Avulapalle panchayat said the ele-

phants had destroyed his tomato crop on over 15 acres, causing losses of several lakh rupees.

Over 20 farmers of the adjoining villages also complained of crop losses. The elephants were a threat to the free movement of farmers in the fields, and of schoolchildren, villagers said.

Forest Range Officer-Punganur, Govinda Rajulu, told *The Hindu*, "We are taking all precautionary steps to prevent the herd from entering human habitations. We have deployed watchers and trackers to drive the animals back into their habitat."



A recent photograph of a herd of wild elephants near a village in the Punganur range of Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Navy, IAF rush to Mumbai's aid

Bhatsa, Uihars rivers breach banks, leaving people stranded in their homes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

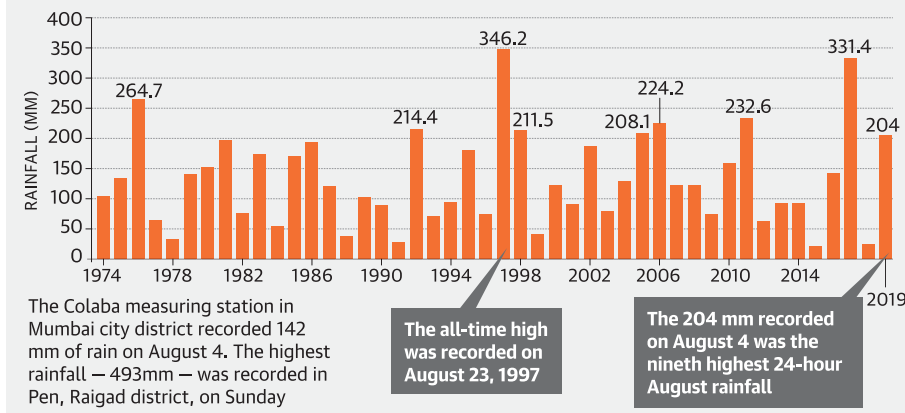
The Indian Navy, Army and Air Force on Sunday participated in rescue operations to assist Thane, Palghar and Kalyan district administration as Bhatsa and Barvi dams overflowed leading to Bhatsa and Ulhas rivers breaching their banks and stranding people in their homes. Waters rose up to a height of 8 to 10 feet requiring specialist assistance in evacuation.

Within 40 minutes of receiving a request from the Disaster Management Unit of the State government, the Indian Navy deployed three fully equipped flood rescue teams to assist the district administration. The Indian Air Force too deployed its Mi17 helicopter to airlift stranded villagers.

"Two teams operated in the vicinity of Khadawali village and have successfully

When it poured

The graph shows the highest one-day rainfall recorded since 1974 in August over Santacruz in the Mumbai suburban district



The Colaba measuring station in Mumbai city district recorded 142 mm of rain on August 4. The highest rainfall — 493mm — was recorded in Pen, Raigad district, on Sunday

The all-time high was recorded on August 23, 1997

The 204 mm recorded on August 4 was the ninth highest 24-hour August rainfall

evacuated 27 people to safety. One flood rescue team was active in Shahad region under Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation (KDMC) till late on Sunday evening. All three teams are being positioned with district authorities overnight to

be able to respond quickly to any new emergencies that might arise overnight," Commander Mehul Karnik, chief public relations officer (CPRO), Indian Navy said.

Naval teams from INS Tanaji, Mankhurd, INS Vajrabahu, Colaba and Material Or-

ganisation assisted 27 to safety in Kadawali and Shahad in KDMC limits as Ulhas and Bhatsa rivers overflowed. Officials said the Indian Air Force team made two sorties between 12.40 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. and airlifted a total of 58 people.

170 rescued from flooded hospital

Discharge of water from nearby Mulshi dam flooded Pune hospital basement

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Around 170 people, including 50 patients and 120 staff members, were evacuated from Surya Hospital in Pune's Wakad on Sunday after continuous discharge from the nearby Mulshi dam flooded its basement.

"After the water reached the hospital basement, a call was taken to move the patients and the staff to safer areas. All 170 people were safely evacuated to other hospitals and medical establishments in a two-hour joint operation carried out by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the dis-



Underwater colony: A residential locality in Pune flooded by Mula river following heavy rain on Sunday. ■PTI

aster management cell of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and the Fire Department," NDRF spokesperson Sachidanand Gawade said.

The patients were moved to nearby hospitals like the Aditya Birla Memorial Hospital in Pimpri-Chinchwad. Mr. Gawade said NDRF

teams, during reconnaissance, noted that the hospital was next to Mula river and that water levels were rising owing to discharge from the dam. "In the morning, not much water had entered the hospital premises. But around 1.30 p.m. we got a call requesting immediate evacuation."

"A few patients, who required immediate care, were shifted out to other hospitals before the rescue teams reached the spot. We assisted in the evacuation of the staff and the remaining patients through ambulances and other vehicles," Mr. Gawade said.

20,000 genomes to be scanned for cancer study

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) plans to scan nearly 20,000 Indian genomes over five years, in a two-phase exercise, and develop diagnostic tests that can be used for cancer.

The first phase involves sequencing the genomes of nearly 10,000 Indians to capture the biological diversity of the country, Renu Swarup, Secretary-DBT, told *The Hindu*.

In the next phase, about 10,000 "diseased individuals" would have their genomes sequenced. These data would be compared using machine learning to identify genes that can predict cancer risk, as well as other diseases that could be significantly influenced by genetic anomalies.

While 22 institutions, including those from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the DBT would be involved in the exercise, the data generated would be accessible

to researchers anywhere. This would be through a proposed National Biological Data Centre, envisaged in the 'Biological Data Storage, Access and Sharing Policy' that is still in the early stages of discussion.

"Genomics research is a major thrust area for us. What is unique about this programme, called the Genome India Initiative, is its scale. The deliverables are genomic-based diagnostics that can be affordably made available through a lab," Dr. Swarup added. The programme is expected to launch in October, with an estimated budget of ₹250-350 crore for phase 1.

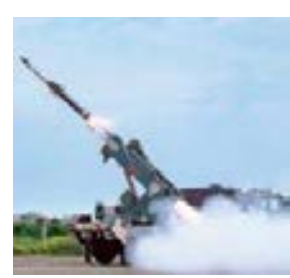
The Pune-based National Centre for Cell Sciences — also involved in the project — will collect samples of microbiome from the human gut. The diversity of the bacterial samples is at the frontier of global research, and scientists have said there is an intimate connection between the genome, the gut microbiome and disease.

Indigenous missile successfully tested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Defence Research Development Organisation on Sunday successfully tested the indigenous developed Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur.

"Two missiles have been tested against two live targets, meeting complete mission objectives of engaging the targets. The systems have been tested in final configuration with radar mounted on a vehicle and missiles on the launcher,"

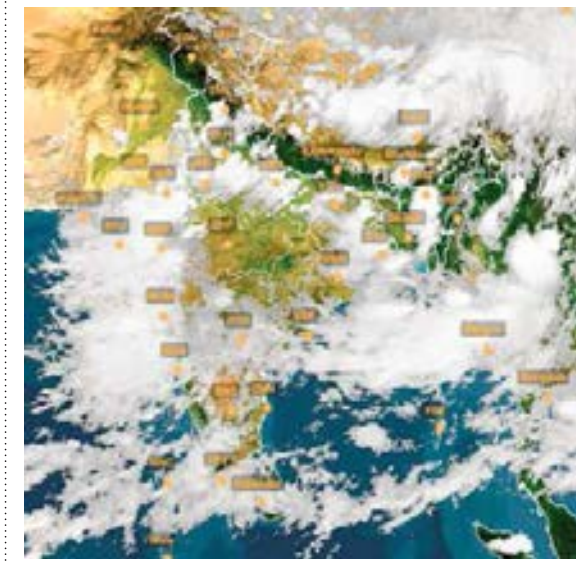


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the Defence Ministry said. The missiles with many state-of-the-art technologies engaged the targets at different ranges and altitudes, the Ministry stated.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over central Maharashtra, Konkan, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, west Uttar Pradesh, east Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Saurashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | |
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| Agartala | 1.2 | 34.6 | 27.0 | Kozhikode | — | 32.2 | 26.9 | |
| Ahmedabad | 54.1 | 31.4 | 25.0 | Kurnool | 6.0 | 28.8 | 22.9 | |
| Aizawl | 25.0 | 28.9 | 23.2 | Lucknow | — | 36.5 | 28.3 | |
| Allahabad | — | 36.9 | 28.5 | Madurai | — | 37.6 | 26.7 | |
| Bengaluru | — | 27.9 | 21.0 | Mangaluru | 8.6 | 30.2 | 23.0 | |
| Bhopal | 4.8 | 30.0 | 24.2 | Mumbai | 204.0 | 27.5 | 24.1 | |
| Bhubaneswar | 0.2 | 31.4 | 24.8 | Mysuru | 1.0 | 27.8 | 19.8 | |
| Chandigarh | — | 35.5 | 26.6 | New Delhi | — | 0.4 | 35.8 | 27.2 |
| Chennai | — | 37.0 | 29.2 | Patna | — | 37.0 | 28.0 | |
| Coimbatore | — | 32.0 | 24.2 | Port Blair | — | 29.8 | 25.7 | |
| Dehradun | — | 33.0 | 24.2 | Puducherry | — | 36.4 | 25.2 | |
| Gangtok | 13.4 | 22.2 | 18.3 | Pune | — | 45.9 | 24.8 | 21.3 |
| Goa | 66.2 | 26.2 | 23.5 | Raipur | — | 1.2 | 29.5 | 24.2 |
| Guwahati | — | 35.4 | 26.9 | Ranchi | — | 8.6 | 30.7 | 23.4 |
| Hubballi | — | 23.0 | 21.0 | Shillong | — | 26.3 | 16.6 | |
| Hyderabad | 6.6 | 28.7 | 22.8 | Shimla | — | 0.4 | 22.4 | 17.0 |
| Imphal | — | 30.6 | 23.3 | Srinagar | — | 31.9 | 18.2 | |
| Jaipur | 16.8 | 34.2 | 26.0 | Thiruvananthapuram | 14.4 | 30.5 | 25.0 | |
| Kochi | 0.8 | 30.6 | 26.8 | Tiruchi | — | 38.2 | 26.8 | |
| Kohima | 38.6 | 27.8 | 15.0 | Vijayawada | — | 34.1 | 25.4 | |
| Kolkata | — | 32.8 | 28.0 | Visakhapatnam | 20.4 | 29.4 | 25.2 | |

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

| Pollutants in the air you are breathing | | | | | | | Yesterday |
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| Ahmedabad | 48 | 49 | 53 | 61 | 102 | — | In observation made at 6:00 p.m., Sirsa, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 179 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gulbarga, Karnataka a healthy AQI score of 12 |
| Bengaluru | 6 | 20 | 56 | 70 | — | — | |
| Chennai | 12 | 15 | 39 | 34 | 33 | — | |
| Delhi | 18 | 51 | 28 | 83 | 140 | — | |
| Hyderabad | 6 | 33 | 30 | 7 | 14 | — | |
| Kolkata | 2 | 58 | 15 | 81 | 87 | — | |
| Lucknow | 5 | 13 | 51 | 86 | — | — | |
| Mumbai | 16 | 15 | 102 | — | 40 | — | |
| Pune | 75 | 8 | 67 | 13 | 13 | — | |
| Visakhapatnam | 15 | 51 | 72 | 54 | 78 | — | |

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)
SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.
NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

CJI Ranjan Gogoi laments 'belligerence' by groups

He expressed concern over delay in serving summons

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Sunday hoped that the country's institutions would help overcome the belligerence being shown by some individuals and groups.

"The present times are witnessing belligerent and reckless behaviour. I am hopeful that such incidents would turn out to be exceptions and the strong traditions and ethos of our institutions shall always assist the sta-

keholders to display resilience to overcome the belligerence of such wayward constituents," the CJI said at a function to lay the foundation stone of an auditorium of the Gauhati High Court.

CJI Gogoi's statement has assumed significance following the disclosure of data related to the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the Assam Assembly on August 1. Only the Supreme Court, which is monitoring the NRC updating exercise, was to have been privy to

information regarding the citizenship list.

The CJI also expressed concern over the vacancies in the High Courts and the delay in serving summons in more than 1 crore cases across the country.

"Out of a total 1,079 seats in all the High Courts, 403 are vacant. And out of 2.1 crore criminal cases, 1 crore are pending at the summoning stage. How do my judges start the track if summons have not been served?" he said.

Railways approves officials' request to fly for trips

'Airfares are cheaper than AC-1, AC-2 train fares'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Contending that airfares to Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata from their centres are "cheaper" than AC-1 and AC-2 train fares, the Hubballi-headquartered South Western Railway (SWR) has approved its officials' request to fly to these destinations instead.

The General Manager, South Western Railway,

has approved the proposal, which states that it would "increase productivity" as the travel time between any location in the railway zone to these tier 1 cities is "more than 12 hours".

"It can be seen that flight fares of private airlines on mostly travelled routes are cheaper than that of IAC/2AC train fares," the Deputy General Manager of the zone

proposed in a letter to the General Manager, seeking his approval for air-travel for senior officials on July 31.

It also said that meetings at the Railway Board are arranged at short notice and permitting air travel will enable officers for "quick movement" from headquarters or division to Delhi. The General Manager approved the same on August 1.

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NOTICE
Pursuant to Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013, rules notified thereunder and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, it is hereby notified to the members of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited that the Company has received notices in writing from two members proposing the name of Mr. Amitabh Mathur (DIN 07275427) and Mr. Myneri Narayana Rao (DIN 00577494) as candidates for the office of Independent Directors of the Company and a Notice from a member proposing the name of Mr. S.M. Vaidya (DIN 06995642), Nominee Director of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, the holding company, as candidate for the office of Director of the Company for consideration of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company, scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at 3:00 PM at Kamaraj Arangam, 498, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 006.

The aforesaid appointments would be included in the remote e-voting facility commencing on Saturday, the 17th August 2019 at 9:30 AM and ending on Tuesday, the 20th August 2019 at 5:00 PM to enable the members to vote electronically.

For Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited Sd/-
(P.Shankar)
Place: Chennai Company Secretary
Date: 05. 08. 2019

AAI CARGO LOGISTICS AND ALLIED SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Group Company of Air India)

E-TENDER NOTICE
(Tender ID: 2019_AAI_29742_1)

AAI Cargo Logistic and Allied Services Ltd invites rate tenders through the E-Tendering portal by **Regional Manager AAICLAS Chennai** on behalf of Chairman, AAI from Interested Agencies for the work of "Provision of modified type of enclosure for ASRS BINS AAICLAS, Integrated Cargo Complex, Meenambakkam, Chennai." at an estimated cost ₹ 1,81,97,955/- with period of completion 06 (Six) Months. Last date and time of submission of e-bid document is 27.08.2019 upto 1500 hrs. For detailed information log onto CPP e-Procurement portal reference <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/eapp> or www.aai.aero. Further clarification / corrigendum if any will be notified through e-procurement portal at <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/eapp>.

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Freeing Kulbhushan

Pakistan's delay in giving full consular access reveals a non-serious attitude to ICJ order

Two weeks after the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled in favour of India in the case of Kulbhushan Jadhav, Pakistan has yet to take the first step towards implementing the order: providing him "consular access". In its verdict on July 17, the ICJ had decided near-unanimously that by not informing India immediately of Mr. Jadhav's arrest in 2017, by not informing him of his rights, and not allowing the Indian High Commission to meet with him and arrange for his legal representation, Pakistan was in violation of the Vienna convention on consular relations. Although Pakistan's Foreign Ministry had offered a meeting between Mr. Jadhav and the Indian High Commission in Islamabad on Friday afternoon, the offer came with conditions, including CCTV cameras on proceedings, and a Pakistani official being in the room during the meeting. This was a violation of the unimpeded consular access that the ICJ had ordered, and India decided to reject the offer until Pakistan reconsiders its conditions. India's concerns are three-fold. First, Pakistan's delay in granting full consular access displays a non-serious attitude to implementing a clear-cut order from the UN's highest judicial body. This augurs badly for Pakistan's application of the rest of the ICJ order that calls for a full review of Mr. Jadhav's trial conviction and death sentence for terrorism and espionage charges. Most importantly, the nature of the conditions indicates Pakistan wants to monitor what Mr. Jadhav tells Indian officials closely, as much of their original case, as presented to the public, rested on his purported confession. If he shares adverse details of coercion, the court may well go beyond its current order in the case, and India may have a stronger chance of trying to have the trial overturned.

Islamabad must stop dragging its feet and creating unnecessary hurdles in providing what is a basic human right for Mr. Jadhav, and New Delhi needs to keep its rhetoric low, while pressing its case for access to the former naval officer, consistently and firmly. This will not be easy, as after some relative calm, shelling at the Line of Control has opened up with a new fury in the last few days. The allegations by Pakistan that the Indian Army is deploying cluster-munitions on civilian areas (firmly denied by the government), and the Army's claim that several Pakistani regulars and terrorists were killed in an infiltration attempt by a "Border Action Team" (BAT) have ratcheted up tensions further. The government's ham-handed reaction to the threats, of cancelling the Amarnath Yatra, pulling out tourists and pilgrims and raising security levels in the valley further, have only added to the narrative. It would indeed be a tragedy if the situation overshadows the fate of Mr. Jadhav, just when hopes had been raised by the international court verdict to help secure his freedom.

Bigger and better

More judges are welcome, but SC must focus on its role as interpreter of the Constitution

Any move to increase the strength of the judiciary ought to be welcomed, given the perennial complaint that availability of judges is not increasing in proportion to the institution of cases. In this perspective, the Union Cabinet's decision to raise the strength of the Supreme Court from 31 to 34, including the Chief Justice of India, will help in dealing with the large pendency – 59,331 cases on July 11. The law that fixes the number of judges in the highest court was last amended in 2009 to raise the figure from 26 to 31. Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had written to the Prime Minister recently, highlighting the problem of paucity of judges, due to which he was unable to constitute enough Constitution Benches to decide important questions of law. However, a moot question is whether the highest court should go into the correctness of every decision of every high court. Are the judicial resources available being used optimally? Is valuable time being taken up by mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions that involve interpretation of laws and constitutional provisions? For instance, routine bail matters land up in the Supreme Court within days of persons being arrested. Every major crime or disaster seems to invite a litigant, ostensibly in public interest, who mentions the matter before the Chief Justice for urgent hearing. The court is being invited to even oversee flood relief work.

A mere increase in the court's strength may not be enough to liquidate the burgeoning docket. Another set of measures that would save the court's time, including a reasonable restraint on the duration of oral arguments and a disciplined adherence to a schedule of hearings may be needed. In this case, one of the principal objectives should be to preserve the apex court's primary role as the ultimate arbiter of constitutional questions and statutory interpretation. All other questions involving a final decision on routine matters, especially civil cases that involve nothing more than the interests of the parties before it, ought to be considered by a mechanism that will not detract from the court's primary role. Some countries have brought in a clear division at the level of the apex judiciary by having separate constitutional courts, which limit themselves to deciding questions of constitutional importance. It may be worthwhile considering the 229th Report of the Law Commission, suggesting a new system under which there will be one Constitution Bench in Delhi, and four 'Cassation Benches' for different regions of the country. These will be final appellate courts for routine litigation. This arrangement may also increase access to justice to those living in far-flung areas of the country and who may otherwise have to come to Delhi and spend more time and money in pursuing appeals. It may also cut down on the time taken for disposal of cases.

A political reinvention in a moment of crisis

India needs a national party to provide substantive opposition to the government — all is not lost for the Congress



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Today, we, the people of India, are trapped between a rock and a hard place. On one side is the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which continues to bulldoze legislation, controversial at best and ill-intentioned at worst, through Parliament. On the other is the Opposition, unable to mount a concerted and effective critique of government policies. The sluggishness of the non-NDA parties is cause for some puzzlement. After all, 55% of the electorate has voted for them. Unfortunately, this vote is hardly reflected in Parliament.

Political scientists have been, for long, concerned with the often astounding gap between vote shares and the number of seats a party obtains in Parliament. This leaves a majority of the voters unrepresented. Democrats have strongly argued that the "winner takes all" principle needs to be relegated to the wayside and replaced with the system of proportional representation. This is, however, another story. The BJP is hardly likely to initiate an electoral project that might derail its relentless search for power by any means.

Bearish on the economy

What the ruling party is doing with the power it has acquired is equally puzzling. India is heading toward an economic crisis. Economic growth has slowed down, domestic and global capital is reluctant to invest in the economy, and unemployment reaches a new high every day. Seldom have prominent industrialists expressed such public concern about im-

pending economic disaster as they have now. But the BJP hardly shows interest in tackling the situation. It is more interested in demolishing democratic rights and bringing the minorities to heel.

The determined refusal to confront the crisis is symptomatic of a wider problem. The ruling party is not known for either innovative politics or imagination. Its concept of well-being is limited to a free gas connection and an indifferently built flat. Its ideology is stuck in colonial stereotypes of 'Hindu' and 'Muslim'. There is nothing new in its political discourse; merely a rehash of what V.D. Savarkar wrote in 1923. The problem is that the chauvinistic ideology of religious nationalism precludes reflection and self-critique. The great debates of contemporary politics have simply bypassed the party-multiculturalism, minority rights, redistributive justice, citizenship or cosmopolitanism.

Forgotten legacy

The Indian National Congress has, in the past, been more inventive because its ideology was forged in the heat of the freedom struggle. Pluralism, secularism, tolerance, citizenship, fundamental and minority rights, cosmopolitanism, non-violence and anti-imperialism were thrown up in the course of the movement. On these planks the Congress was able to mobilise vast masses of people against colonialism. Sadly, the party has forgotten its legacy. We need a national party to provide substantive opposition to the government. The Congress flounders, it is rudeness.

All is not lost. Moments of crisis can lead to reinvention. The party must reinvent itself, simply because it is synonymous with the history of our freedom struggle, and with enlightened leaders such as Jawaharlal Nehru. Remember



that Nehru's vision inspired great literature, poetry, films, art, theatre, and architecture. What do we have today except mediocre hagiography? A ruling class which cannot inspire cultural creativity can only rule by coercion. In modern politics, this is counted as a failure.

Leading from the front

To reinvent itself the Congress must draw upon five lessons of its own past, some good, some bad, some indifferent. One, its leaders were moral exemplars. They were visionaries and they were courageous. In the middle of Partition violence Nehru was there, in the killing fields of Punjab and Delhi. He persuaded people to desist from violence and he assured Muslims of their safety. Today when Indians are lynched and left to die on the streets, politicians stay safely indoors. Our own people die avoidable deaths and leaders are silent. We need leaders who motivate us by example.

Two, the Congress could lead the mainstream freedom struggle because it had a robust organisation, both decentralised and democratic. The party formed a coalition of what has been called 'big men': heads of caste groups, peasantry, industry, religious formations, and workers organisations. When the party initiated or called off a movement, it relied upon se-

cond rung leaders. The central leadership left State politics, for example the conflict over linguistic States, to regional bosses.

Three, diversity of opinions and interests in the party encouraged members to engage in dialogue and persuasion. They negotiated and accommodated class, caste, and group interests within the organisation. The Congress found place for most demands, from interest groups, from individuals desirous of social reform, and from individuals stirred by the desire for power and prestige. The Congress was accommodative and a dialogical party. It practised democracy.

Long shadow of centralism

Four, the decline of the party in the late 1960s and the early 1970s was caused by organisational atrophy. At one point of time, the Congress possessed the ability to address, negotiate, and resolve competing demands. As the party became the captive of the leader, it lost this skill. Even as Ms Indira Gandhi began to forge a national constituency over the heads of State leaders, the party slid into centralism and the politics of the durbar. The power of individual members depended on their proximity to the leader. The BJP should learn from this history. Recollect that even ministers of the party are faceless and anonymous, their fates are held hostage by the leader.

Five, the decline of the Congress took place at a time when politics demanded new forms of legitimacy. In the two decades following Independence, the Congress was legitimate because the party and its leadership were identified with the freedom struggle. Twenty years later, a new generation had no direct memory of the liberation movement. The Congress was however in thrall to its

leader; it failed to read the message of the time. By the late 1960s, simmering discontent came to pervade large parts of the country, and groups under the leadership of J.P. Narayan mobilised to target an unresponsive state and an equally unresponsive party system. The Congress had, however, mislaid the ability to contain discontent; it opted for coercion. Mrs Gandhi declared an Emergency.

Today, India faces imminent economic catastrophe. We confront serious threats to our democracy and to the Constitution. The ruling party is not particularly wedded to democracy. Right-wing authoritarianism has no love for any fundamental right that constrains the exercise of absolute power. Civil society will continue to struggle against violations of democracy. Scholars will write of the threat posed by wielders of absolute power to our constitutional democracy. But civil society has to function along with a democratic political party. Regional parties have degenerated into one-person dictatorships, or become family concerns. We have to call upon a party that had fought the first freedom struggle. The Congress has to step in after it reinvents itself. For only a democratic party can understand what the people of India want, desire and aspire for.

It is our duty to remind the Congress that it owes the people of India. What else can we say? We can only repeat Mark Anthony's words in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*: 'For I have neither wit, nor words, nor worth/Action, nor utterance, nor the power of speech/To stir men's blood/ I only speak right on/ I tell you that which you yourselves do know.' If the party does not respond, our future is an uncertain one.

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Pulling a Vietnam in Afghanistan

Mired in Afghanistan, America's retreat strategy mirrors its Vietnam war campaign



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By the late 1960s, it became evident to American leaders that they could not win the Vietnam war. Richard Nixon, who was elected President in 1968, assigned Henry Kissinger, the National Security Adviser, to hold talks with the communist North Vietnam, seeking "peace with honour". The Americans were actually prolonging a war they had already lost. The goal was not to defeat North Vietnam but to stop them from taking over the South, the American ally. Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers, called this approach the "stalemate machine".

Cut to today's Afghanistan. It's hard to miss the similarities in the U.S.'s strategy. After 18 years of fighting – longer than America's direct military involvement in Vietnam – the U.S. has realised that it cannot win the Afghan war. The American goal is no longer defeating the Taliban but to stop them, at least for now, from taking over Kabul. Veteran diplomat Zalmay Khalilzad is the new Kissinger. Just as Nixon wanted to get out of Vietnam, President Donald Trump too wants to get out of Afghanistan.

The U.S.'s involvement in Vietnam goes back to the last years of

French colonial rule. The U.S. first backed France against the Viet Minh guerrillas. After France exited Vietnam in 1954, the U.S. backed South Vietnam against the communist-led North. Initially, the U.S. involvement was limited to advisory roles. But after the U.S. destroyer, USS Maddox, was attacked by North Vietnamese torpedo boats off the Vietnamese coast, in August 1964, the Lyndon Johnson administration steadily escalated the U.S.'s role. At its peak, in 1968, American troop deployment in Vietnam reached 549,500 personnel. The U.S. went into Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, launching its war on terror. At the peak of the war here, there were over 1,00,000 troops. Despite the massive deployment of troops and superior air power, the U.S. got stuck and failed to stabilise the country.

From a position of weakness

In Vietnam, the U.S. was negotiating from a position of weakness. By the late 1960s, American public opinion had largely turned against the war. Despite massive troop deployment, both the U.S. and its South Vietnamese allies had failed to make substantial gains. America's search and destroy operations in communist-dominated villages in the south and its disastrous air campaign in the north only fuelled Vietnamese hostility. The U.S. had dropped more than three times as many bombs on Vietnam as the Allied forces had during the Second World War. Besides, the South



Vietnamese regime was unpopular, oppressive and weak. In a visit to Saigon, the South's capital, a few months after he assumed the presidency, Nixon promised peace and asked the communists to reciprocate. He badly wanted a deal, and Mr. Kissinger was his bet.

Nixon first started "Vietnamising" the war – reducing U.S. troop presence in Vietnam and shifting the focus from direct participation in land war to training and advisory roles, while continuing with air strikes. At the same time, Mr. Kissinger started talks with Le Duc Tho, a North Vietnamese revolutionary and diplomat. When talks were deadlocked, the U.S. offered to pull out of the South as a compromise. In 1973, the U.S., North Vietnam and representatives of South Vietnam and Viet Cong, the communist guerrillas from the South, signed the Paris Peace Accords. The North and the South agreed to a ceasefire and continue holding peace talks, while the U.S. agreed to pull troops out of Vietnam.

In the case of Afghanistan as well, the U.S. is negotiating from a position of weakness. The war entered a stalemate long ago. America's allies stand divided. The go-

vernment in Kabul, which the U.S. backs, is known for infighting and chronic corruption. The security forces are struggling to ensure basic security to the public, even in the capital city. Like Nixon's "Vietnamisation", U.S. President Barack Obama had started "Afghanising" the war – pulling out most troops and moving the remainder to training and advisory roles. The Afghan war is also unpopular in America. Mr. Trump, who campaigned to wind down America's foreign interventions, wants to end it. But the U.S. cannot unilaterally pull out, especially when the Taliban is on the offensive. That would cause a lasting stain on America's already battered reputation as the world's pre-eminent military power. Hence, it needs a deal; finding one is Ambassador Khalilzad's mission.

Advantage Taliban

Mr. Khalilzad has already held multiple rounds of talks with the Taliban's representatives in Doha, Qatar. As in Vietnam, the main demand of the Afghan insurgents is a complete U.S. troop withdrawal. The U.S. and the Taliban have agreed to a road map for peace: the U.S.'s withdrawal in return for the Taliban's assurance that Afghanistan would not be used by terrorists.

The U.S. has already made two big compromises in its rush for an exit deal. It has given in to the Taliban demand that the Afghan government should be kept away from the peace process. The Taliban does not recognise the Kabul

government and has made it clear that it would hold talks with the government only after a pullout of foreign troops. Second, the U.S. continued to hold talks even in the absence of a ceasefire. As a result, the Taliban continued its terror campaign even when the peace process was under way.

U.S. officials have hoped that a deal could be reached by September 1. It is anybody's guess what will happen to the Afghan government once America is out. When the U.S. was forced to pull out of Vietnam, the Southern and Northern governments hadn't reached any settlement but for the ceasefire. The plan was for talks to continue, seeking a final agreement. The ceasefire did not last long. In the two years after the U.S. pulled out, the communists captured Saigon and the government crumbled like a house of cards.

In the case of Afghanistan, there is not even a ceasefire between the government and the Taliban even as the U.S. is preparing to make an exit. The winning side is the Taliban, which, unlike the Viet Cong, is a anti-modern, anti-woman, anti-minority fundamentalist machine, whose earlier regime was notorious for excessive sectarian violence. The Taliban is part of the problem, not a solution. The Communists unified Vietnam, and after early years of struggle, modernised the economy and rebuilt the country into an Asian powerhouse. For Afghanistan, the tunnel gets longer and darker.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sengar's stronghold

That the residents of Unnao, Uttar Pradesh, are defending Kuldeep Singh Sengar, the expelled Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA, despite the fact that he is in jail and charged with raping a young woman, speaks volumes about the money and muscle power of politicians belonging to the ruling party (Front page, "Despite the outrage, Unnao bats for rape-accused Kuldeep Sengar," August 4). Earlier, some BJP MLAs in the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir government had expressed their solidarity with those involved in the Kathua rape episode. Acts that show tolerance towards the alleged

perpetrators of heinous crimes have been on the rise under the previous and current Central governments. The BJP high command, by not reining in such criminals, has only emboldened them and this has had a detrimental impact on the peaceful coexistence between communities. Those in authority should do their best to bring justice to the victims of these crimes.

A. JAINULABDEEN,
Chennai

■ The way in which the Unnao episode is unfolding makes me wonder whether our society has lost all sense of morality and ethics. Even after two years of the incident, the case remains

unsolved and amidst so many twists and tragic turns, it has required the Supreme Court's intervention to fast forward the investigations. Indian society needs to recalibrate its moral compass if we are to progress as a civilisation. With its brute majority, the government should deal with rape cases with a firm hand without showing favour to anybody. Bringing justice to those affected by such crimes is as important as maintaining national security, the government's pet theme.

A.S. SRINIVASAN,
Chennai

Build-up in Kashmir

The surge in troop deployment and the eviction of tourists and pilgrims from

Kashmir have left the people flummoxed and fearful. (Front page, "Uncertainty grips Kashmir Valley," August 4). At the same time, one cannot question the government's right to adopt pre-emptive measures based on actionable intelligence about possible attacks. Though the government cannot be expected to reveal the exact details of the intelligence reports, a reassuring clarification that the security blanket is not to further any political agenda will help to assuage the people's concerns.

V.N. MUKUNDARAJAN,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ The situation in Kashmir, in the wake of the Centre's decision to ask Amarnath

pilgrims to cancel their trips and its move to increase the number of troops in the Valley, is a cause for concern. The government's actions give an impression that its top echelons are planning something 'big' and its unilateral handling of all issues is bound to have serious repercussions. The BJP would do well to remember that notwithstanding its brute majority in Parliament, democratic governance is premised on consensus.

J. ANANTHA PADMANABHAN,
Tiruchi

UAPA amendments

India undoubtedly needs tough laws to combat terrorism, but the proposed amendments to the Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act may be misused by leaders to settle political scores. A wrongful designation of an individual as a terrorist will cause irreparable damage to his/her reputation and career. The amendments also give more power to the Centre, encroaching on the authority of States. The law can become one more weapon in the hands of a regime hell-bent on delegitimising dissent. The government needs to be mindful of fundamental rights of citizens while legislating against terror ("UAPA Bill gets Rajya Sabha nod," August 3).

T.S.N. RAO,
Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh

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The roots of sexual brutality

In India, it is the quintessential form of political privilege and social authority



V. GEETHA

As the young woman from Unnao, victim of multiple outrages, battles for her life, we, who are often reduced to being hapless chroniclers, have once again to wonder at the everyday workings of India's criminal justice system. Though several rounds of police and judicial reforms have sought to improve its workings, and humanise its approach, the fact remains that at the level of the police thana, other factors direct police action. Local political power; economic, social and sexual tensions between individuals; caste and community equations; habitual misogyny; and the measure of impunity that a perpetrator of crime might claim and exercise all shape not only police responses but those of the civilian government as well, including of doctors, revenue officers and those in the local Collectorate.

As those of us who have worked on issues of sexual assault since the late 1970s know, a complainant is most likely to be disbelieved, blamed for what happened to her, and denigrated and rubbished if she is a Dalit or Adivasi, or from a community perceived as marginal. If she persists in keeping with the justice system, its menacing indifference is calculated to demoralise her. If her family supports her, there might be some relief and care, but if they don't or cannot because they are themselves under pressure to keep quiet, she is left feeling abandoned and friendless and, worse, tainted. Many a time, a protest or a campaign, or the continued presence of women's groups, Dalit groups and progressive political and civil rights interventions alone have made it possible for even an FIR to be registered.

Civic indifference

With respect to the Unnao incident, notwithstanding the fact that the families of the alleged perpetrators and victim are known to each other, and from the same caste, the sequence of events has not been essentially different. For fear of the alleged



"Multiple and entangled wrongs as unfolded in Unnao do not appear as such to those who commit them." A solidarity rally for the Unnao rape victim in front of India Gate in New Delhi on July 29, 2019. *AFP

perpetrator, an MLA belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party, the police did the bare minimum that was required of them. It was only after the victim, who had been persistent in her quest for justice, threatened self-immolation in front of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's office did the wheels of justice begin to move somewhat decisively.

What stands out even in this familiar landscape of crime is civic indifference to sexual violence. It is as if such violence is expected in situations where a supplicant approaches a man in power, and is made to wait upon or transact his ostensible largesse. We were witness to a similar and equally outrageous act in Banda, in Uttar Pradesh, in 2010, when a minor girl accused sitting Bahujan Samaj Party MLA Purushottam Dwivedi of rape. Her family had approached him for assistance and protection, since there had been an attempt to kidnap and sell the girl, with the collusion of the local police. Unlike in the Unnao instance, though, Mayawati, who was Chief Minister, called for the prosecution of her MLA. It is noteworthy that the victim had the

support of the country's only rural women's news network, *Khabar Lahariya*, which has been long active in the region.

An ornamental document

The violently transactional nature of sexual assault in these circumstances bears looking at in some detail. A woman approaches an elected representative of the people for assistance, exercising her right to state redressal and assistance. She realises very soon that her claims are not transactable in a civic sense, but only in a violently sexual sense. In the event, not only is her bodily integrity violated, but also a series of constitutionally guaranteed rights, including the right to life and livelihood. And by those who have taken an oath in the name of the Constitution!

However, these crimes are not viewed in these terms. The Constitution is seldom viewed as enunciating shared civic values and morality. Rather, it exists as a formal and ornamental document that affirms not so much our sovereign democratic selves, but the privileges we have gained as elected representatives. Se-

cond, multiple and entangled wrongs as unfolded in Unnao and Banda and indeed elsewhere do not appear as such to those who commit them.

For one, they are validated in any number of ways, first by the family, and next by kin and caste networks. Kuldeep Singh Sengar's brother and henchmen were fully behind his various reportedly criminal acts. More important, whatever their personal feelings, Sengar and Dwivedi's spouses felt honour-bound to insist that their husbands could never have done what they ostensibly did. For to admit that their spouses are capable of such acts of crime would be tantamount to conjugal infidelity, and a denunciation of the caste family. Female complicity in these instances helps secure male authority as given and 'natural', thus placing it beyond the pale of questioning.

In any case, even if spouses do not actively endorse their husbands' crimes, the perpetrators suffer no pang of conscience. After all, both within the family and without, a powerful man's right to a woman's body appears a natural extension of his maleness: marital rape is not an issue, for one, and male sexual entitlement is something that women are expected to reckon with. If they don't, that is entirely their problem, as has been made clear with respect to a slew of #MeToo allegations.

Survival of caste society

Further, such entitlement and power are affirmed by their constitutive context, which is caste society. Birth-based superiority, illegitimate as it is, cannot be sustained, unless it is renewed day in and day out through a combination of patent lies and brute force. Verbal and physical acts of sexualised humiliation and violence directed at the lower castes and Dalits are necessary for the survival of caste society and increasingly so, in the face of challenges and resistance. In the Unnao instance, and in other such instances, sexual brutality is thus not an afterthought: it is the quintessential form of political privilege and social authority in our social context. Our criminal justice system is yet to reckon with such routinised and habitual criminality, for it is never quite registered as such.

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FROM THE READERS' EDITOR

Fair and participative journalism needs resources

High-quality journalism does not come free of cost



A.S. PANNEERSELVAN

Following *The Hindu's* Open House in Kochi, many wrote to us seeking more details about the increased space for contributions from readers. Some raised a few questions about the idea of an interactive readers' mail, which will deal with local and civic issues.

R. Sivakumar from Chennai suggested that the 'Letters to the Editor' section on the editorial page should allow more space for letters. Jayaprakash Reddy from Nalgonda wrote: "It is most gratifying that the Editor has given his approval to start edition-centric letters to deal with local and civic issues. But whether this is confined only to the Kochi edition is not clear. I request the Editor to clarify this. There was a local letters column in the Hyderabad edition long ago, but it was stopped after a few months due to reasons better known to the Resident Editor." S. Malathi from Bengaluru asked to extend the scope of the readers' mail section to include social and political issues too.

Clarifications

To clarify, readers' responses to local and civic issues will not be confined to the Kochi edition alone. The Editor is keen to have a dedicated weekly section of readers' letters in all editions. Two, the 'Letters to the Editor' section is common for all the editions across the country and some additional letters that cannot be accommodated in print are published online. Given the fact that space is premium in a newspaper, there is little scope for allotting more space on the editorial page for letters. Three, the scope of the readers' mail section cannot be extended to social and political issues in a blanket manner due to a range of reasons. While the newspaper may welcome comments on social and political issues, it is also acutely aware of the need for a rigorous verification process. We need to remember what distinguishes journalism from different individual initiatives such as blogs. The authors of *The Elements of Journalism*, Bill Kovach and Tom Rosenstiel, have come with a fine distinction: "In the end, the discipline of verification is what separates journalism from entertainment, propaganda, fiction, or art."

It is heartening to note the growing interest among readers about the economics of news production and the cost of journalism. Chidambaram Kudiarasu from Thoothukudi wrote: "At a time when the previous revenue model of advertising money is getting fragmented across platforms, readers should not grudge a few bucks more for high-quality journalism and balk at pay walls." Rajiv Lochan felt that my claim that the revenue model for news publications was led by advertising for a century was not correct. He argued that till the market leader started the undesirable price war in 1990-91, the revenue model of the newspaper industry was reader-led, which covered operating expenses. He wrote: "Ad revenue was the surplus that would be reinvested in the business, paid out to employees and divided out to shareholders. To claim that for a century the revenue model was led by ads is both misleading and incorrect."

The role of advertising

Mr. Lochan's argument is partially true. In the pre-liberalisation era, there was better balance between reader-led revenue and earnings from advertisers. It is also true that the circulation figures before 1990 were substantially low, which meant a limited operational cost. The transformation of the Indian media led to growth and proliferation. Every new platform - from privately owned TV channels to FM radio stations - expanded the market during this phase and advertising became the bedrock of financial sustainability of the news media industry. In his working paper, "A magic square? Print Publics, Consumption and Advertising in Modern Tamil Nadu", historian A.R. Venkatachalapathy observed how advertisements were critical inputs in the widening world of journalism. He cited the doyen of Tamil journalism, T.S. Chockalingam, to establish this point. Chockalingam wrote: "Without advertising revenue journalism simply cannot function".

Chockalingam's essay also explained the role of advertising in keeping the cover price considerably lower than the actual production cost. Mr. Venkatachalapathy's footnotes clearly indicate that Chockalingam made this observation as early as in 1943. Robin Jeffrey's path-breaking book, *India's Newspaper Revolution*, also confirms the role of advertising in the spread of the newspaper beyond the metropolitan centres.

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Rajasthan's effort to criminalise mob lynching is a good start

The Bill goes beyond just codifying SC directives

ANMOLAM & FARHEEN AHMAD

In furtherance of the recommendations made by the apex court in *Tehseen S. Poonawalla v. Union of India*, the Rajasthan government has introduced the Rajasthan Protection From Lynching Bill, 2019. If it gets passed, Rajasthan will be the second State after Manipur to have a dedicated law criminalising mob lynching as a special offence, in addition to other offences under the Indian Penal Code.

The Bill follows the Supreme Court's recommendations in authorising the setting up of special courts, appointment of a dedicated nodal officer, and stipulating enhanced punishments. However, its scope is more comprehensive as it not only criminalises acts of lynching, dissemination of 'offensive material' and fostering of a 'hostile environment', but also provides for relief, legal aid, compensation and rehabilitation.

Broad definition

The Bill defines lynching as an act or series of acts of violence or aiding, abetting or attempting an act of violence, whether spontaneous or planned, by a mob (two or more persons) on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, language, dietary practices, sexual orientation, political affiliation and ethnicity. Though wide-ranging in content, the document does not cover cases of solitary offences. Noticeably, the Bill says that police officers and district magistrates have to take measures to prevent lynching and related offences. However, unlike the law on mob lynching in Manipur, it does not prescribe any punishment for dereliction of duty.

Further, some of the Bill's provisions might attract legal scrutiny. Section 8(c) of the Bill says that whoever commits an act of lynching, where the act leads to the death of the victim, shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for life and a fine not be less than ₹1,00,000 and

which may extend to ₹5,00,000. As regards sentencing, this provision completely deprives the judiciary of any amount of discretion.

Taking away judicial discretion

It needs to be stated that a court needs to consider all the facts and circumstances, different for each crime, while making a decision on punishment. The Supreme Court, while declaring Section 303 of the IPC unconstitutional in *Mithu Singh v. State of Punjab*, held that "the exercise of judicial discretion on well-recognised principles is, in the final analysis, the safest possible safeguard for the accused. The legislature cannot make relevant circumstances irrelevant, deprive the courts of their legitimate jurisdiction to exercise their discretion".

Section 9 of the Rajasthan Bill stipulates, *inter alia*, the same punishment for lynching and "attempting" an act of lynching. In the context of criminal law and sentencing, the principle of proportionality mandates an adequate balance of the gravity of the crime, the interests of the victim and of society, and the purposes of criminal law. The constitutional courts have time and again applied the principle of proportionality and have struck down laws that are excessively harsh or disproportionate.

Lynching is an egregious manifestation of prejudice, intolerance, and contempt towards the rule of law. With all its limitations, the Rajasthan Bill is evidence of political will by the State government. It is expected that deliberations help in the enactment of a more constitutionally robust Bill. However, legislation cannot act as a panacea; what is required is political commitment. It is high time that the other States and the Centre show some urgency so that creeping threats are prevented from metastasising into an out-of-control monster.

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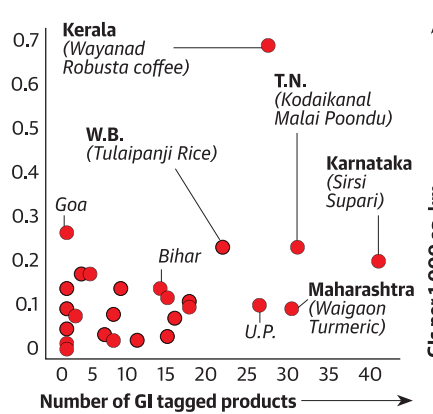
DATA POINT

Making a mark

Odisha recently got a Geographical Indications (GI) tag for its variant of the rasagola. A GI tag is given to products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. There are 347 GI-tagged products across the country. By Varun B. Krishnan

Geographical spread

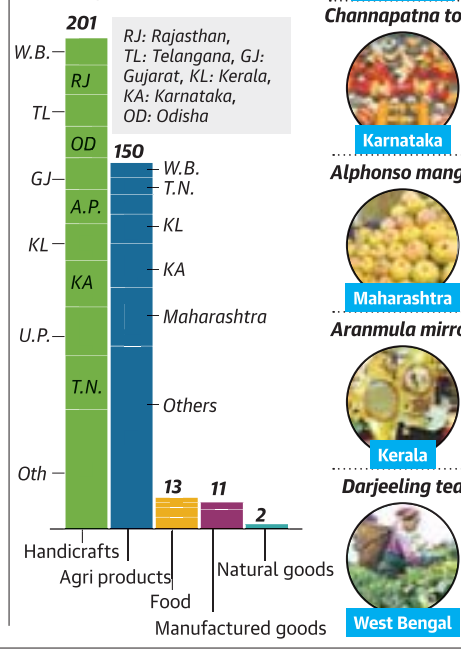
Karnataka has the highest number of GI-tagged products. However, when geographical area is factored in, Kerala has the highest. Products GI-tagged to multiple locations were omitted. The graph shows the recent GI-tagged items of some States



What's special?
A text analysis of the names of GI-tagged products shows that over 30 types of sarees and fabrics have been given the tag (the highest), with specialised craft items figuring second. Odisha's rasagola comes under the food category which includes other famous items such as the Tirupathi laddu, Hyderabad haleem, Dharwad pedha and Bikaneri bhujia

Category split

While Tamil Nadu has the highest no. of handicraft GIs, Maharashtra leads in the no. of GI-tagged agricultural products. The graph shows the number of GI tags across categories & States



A few tags

- Kancheepuram silk (Tamil Nadu)
- Channapatna toys (Karnataka)
- Alphonso mango (Maharashtra)
- Aranmula mirror (Kerala)
- Darjeeling tea (West Bengal)

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 5, 1919.

India in the British Parliament.

Replying to Lord Wolmer in the Commons [in London], Mr. Montagu stated that he had received to-day [July 31] only newspaper reports regarding the inadequacy of medical arrangements in the Indian Army and he had telegraphed to India for full information. He had no knowledge that any representations had been made to the General Staff at Simla in 1917 with regard to the necessity for laying a pipe line to the supply camp of Ali Masjid with pure water, but he would enquire, as he also promised to enquire to the number of men of the 6th Indian Brigade, who had been inoculated against cholera before proceeding to the frontier. Replying to Mr. Burn, Mr. Montagu said Government was most anxious to do what it could for Indian army officers taken prisoners at Kut, who had been invited to submit claims for compensation in respect to expenditure during captivity. Most of the claims had been submitted and he hoped that all would be settled shortly. Replying to Sir J. Rees, Mr. Montagu stated that he hoped to send to the Government of India shortly the advice of the Empire Cotton Growing Committee on the recommendations of the Indian Cotton Committee.

FROM PAGE ONE

PM Modi will chair Cabinet meeting today

A senior government official in Srinagar said the officials were asked to prepare for any kind of law and order situation. "We are always on alert, but we have not been given any reason for the deployment of additional forces. This is only for maintenance of law and order," the official told *The Hindu*.

Asked whether it was related to the abrogation of Article 35A that lets the administration decide the "permanent residents" of the State, the official said, "We have not been told anything."

Another official added that security threat to the Amarnath Yatra was always there. "The way the Kash-

mir Valley is being emptied of tourists and Amarnath pilgrims is unprecedented. But the security of the locals is also our responsibility, and we are deploying forces to address this concern," he said. As of now, there are 1.3 lakh Central forces deployed in the State, besides the Army and the police.

Last week, the Army said Pakistan-based terror groups had made attempts to launch *fidayeen* attacks in the Valley. The State government issued a circular asking Amarnath pilgrims to "curtail" the yatra in the wake of credible intelligence inputs about a terror attack. The State is now under President's rule.

Assam minorities get re-verification notices

"The notices have been a bolt from the blue. Most people like Jamir Ali, Jahanara Khatun, Aamir Ali are daily-wagers and unable to get vehicles to centres 300-500 km away at such short notice. They fear they will be excluded from the NRC if they cannot turn up at the specified place in time," Mr. Choudhury said.

There were reports of similar notices served in minority areas of districts such as Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Morigaon and Karimganj.

'SC snubbed'

The Brahmaputra Valley Civil Society (BVCS), a group of academicians, retired bureaucrats, lawyers and professionals, said the notices cited The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue National Identity Cards) Rules 2003.

"But the rules, as amended in 2009, and the Standard Operating Procedure that the Centre came up with for the NRC exercise say that a person has to be given at least 15 days to appear for a hearing. In a sudden bombardment of notic-

es on August 3, people have been asked to go to faraway places for hearings on August 5, 6 and 7," senior advocate H.R.A. Choudhury said.

"The LRCRs and NRC authorities have also snubbed the Supreme Court, which on April 10 ordered that a person should be called for hearing to a centre within a convenient distance in the same district. The notices have also violated the SC ruling on July 23 against the government's plea for re-verification after NRC State Coordinator Prateek Hajela said 27% re-verification has already been done," Mr. Choudhury said.

Under fire

BVCS president Atowar Rahman said the notices have been served in mostly Muslim areas two days after the State government disclosed district-wise data on NRC inclusions and exclusions in the State Assembly. "We wonder if Mr. Hajela is under pressure from the government to have these notices served, or his office has done it voluntarily," he said.

J&K leaders put under house arrest

Mr. Omar Abdullah and Ms. Mufti earlier in the day had warned the Centre against abrogation of Article 35A and Article 370, which gives special status to J&K.

There is no official word on the arrests by the Governor's administration.

Earlier in the day National Conference (NC) president Dr. Farooq Abdullah chaired an all-party meeting in Srinagar and appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi "not to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status."

Dr. Abdullah said all parties resolved to be united in "protecting the identity, autonomy and special rights of J&K."

"Modification or abrogation of Article 35A or Article 370 would be aggression against the people of J&K," read the joint statement called the 'Gupkar Declaration'.

Meanwhile the security build-up took a final shape on Sunday, a top police official said on the condition of anonymity.

Several colleges, factories and hostels were vacated and occupied by additional troops in the Valley.

Hospitals were put in emergency mode, said a senior official on the condition of anonymity. Dozens of mobile bullet-proof bunkers were installed across the Valley.

CWC to set the course for new leadership

Only such an election, he said, will provide legitimacy for Mr. Gandhi's successor. Earlier, former general secretary (organisation) Janardhan Diwedi too had questioned the rather "informal" process of consultations to pick Mr. Gandhi's successor.

For now, sources say, only a provisional president will be selected by the CWC. "The election is an eventual reality. But for now, we can't focus on it because there are crucial Assembly polls coming up in the next few months in Maharashtra, Haryana, Bihar and Delhi," a top Congress leader said.

Mr. Gandhi expressed the desire to leave the position during a CWC meeting held on May 25. At the time,

CWC members categorically said that there was no question of accepting Mr. Gandhi's resignation. For over a month, the party remained in denial.

On July 3, Mr. Gandhi, in an open letter to the party, said once again that he had no intention of continuing.

Following his letter, many, including Mr. Tharoor and Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, pushed for Mr. Gandhi's younger sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to take over. On Thursday, during a meeting of general secretaries to plan the 75th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Ms. Vadra categorically told the functionaries to rule her out of the race.

(With PTI inputs)

Heavy rain hits life in Mumbai again

Over 800 evacuated to safety, train services thrown off track, air traffic disrupted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Heavy rain in Mumbai and adjoining regions disrupted life for the second consecutive day on Sunday, throwing train services off the track, disrupting air traffic and causing power outages in neighbouring Thane and Palghar districts.

Mumbai received 204 mm until Sunday morning, less than its neighbouring towns of Thane and Virar, but the third highest 24-hour August rainfall in a decade. This also marked the completion of total 'normal' rainfall for the season, with 2374.2 mm above the average seasonal rainfall of 2317.1 mm received between June and September.

Two electrocuted

Two persons died of electrocution in Santacruz and one was reported missing, feared drowned in Dharavi. A man in his mid-thirties was also feared to have drowned in the Phoolpada dam in Palghar district.

Over 400 people residing along Mithi river were moved



Closed line: The tracks at the Chunabhatti station in Mumbai went under water on Sunday. ■PTI

to safety, while another 400 people were evacuated in Palghar district. Power supply was cut off in many areas of Thane and Palghar districts, besides many areas in Mumbai, as substations went under water.

Earlier in the day, teams of the Navy, the Air Force and the Army were requisitioned

by the State government to rescue those stranded in Thane and Palghar. An IAF Mi-7 helicopter evacuated 58 people, including 16 children, and brought them to the Air Force Station at Thane. Two columns of the Army, consisting of 120 personnel, were sent to Thane district.

The Central Railway (CR) bore the brunt for the second day running as services across the Central Line and major sections of the Harbour Line were hit due to waterlogging. For over 12 hours, no train ran between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Thane, while suburban services bet-

ween CSMT and Mankhurd on the Harbour Line were suspended due to acute flooding.

Nearly 7,000 passengers across 12 long distance trains that had been regulated at various stations were provided with bus transportation to reach Mumbai.

A Rajdhani Express bound for Madgaon in Goa stopped well in time before the mudslide near Panvel due to the quick thinking of the loco pilot and assistant loco pilot AV Rathore and Pawan Kumar Patel.

However, it took the railway authorities nearly 11 hours to clear the sections. As a consequence of the mudslide, Konkan Railway had to cancel 15 trains and divert/short terminate an equal number which would have passed through that section.

With heavy rains forecast for the next 48 hours, the Maharashtra government declared a holiday on Monday in all schools and colleges in Mumbai city, Mumbai suburbs, Thane, Navi Mumbai, Raigad, Palghar, and Pune.

Sengar says he is being framed in car crash



A CBI team during a visit to the house of the rape survivor at Maki village in Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

Uttar Pradesh MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, jailed in a case of rape of a minor girl, claimed on Sunday that there was a "political conspiracy" to frame him and demanded a thorough probe into the car crash that left the rape survivor injured and two dead.

"I would also pray to God that both the advocate and the pidhitaa (Unnao rape survivor) recover fully," Mr. Sengar told reporters outside Sitapur jail.

He was being taken to Delhi by a CBI team, the Sitapur jail superintendent said.

Meanwhile, the CBI on

Sunday conducted searches on the premises of Sengar and others in Uttar Pradesh in connection with the truck-car collision.

According to the agency, the searches were carried out at 17 locations in Unnao, Lucknow, Banda and Fatehpur. The CBI named Sengar and nine others in the FIR and took over the probe from the Uttar Pradesh police.

The CBI has constituted a special team, comprising 25 officials and six forensic experts. The Supreme Court had earlier directed it to sum up the probe within a week. If necessary, it can take one more week.

(With PTI inputs)

Tenders cancelled to boost 'Make in India'

DPIIT changes norms to promote indigenous goods

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Government tenders worth over ₹25,000 crore were either cancelled or modified and re-issued after the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) stepped in to change their conditions to promote 'Make in India' goods, a top official said.

"The Department is taking every step for effective implementation of public procurement order, 2017, to promote 'Make in India' products," the official said.

The government issued the order on June 15, 2017, to promote the manufacturing and production of goods and services in India and enhance income and employment in the country.

Urea plant

A tender worth ₹8,000 crore was withdrawn and re-issued with modified conditions after the intervention of the DIPP. The project was related to setting up of a urea and ammonia plant for gasification.

Similarly, a tender for the



procurement of train set coaches was cancelled as the tender had certain restrictive conditions that were discriminatory against domestic manufacturers and favoured foreign players. The project cost was ₹5,000 crore.

A tender for ₹8,135 crore was modified with revised eligibility criteria for setting up of a 3x800 MW project. A tender worth ₹3,000 crore for Mumbai Metro was also modified.

The move assumes significance as concerns have been raised by certain quarters about the restrictive and discriminatory clauses being imposed against domestic manufacturers and suppliers in tender documents for public procurement.

The department had ear-

lier held a series of meetings with concerned departments and Ministries including Steel, Railways, Defence, Oil and Gas, Pharmaceutical, Electronics, Telecommunications, Heavy Industries, Textiles, Shipping and Power in this regard.

"Directions were given to ensure strict compliance of the order in letter and in spirit. All nodal ministries were directed to ensure notification of local content," the official added.

Under the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, it was envisaged that all Central government departments, their attached or subordinate offices and autonomous bodies controlled by the Government of India should ensure purchase preference be given to domestic suppliers in government procurement.

Several departments and Ministries including pharmaceuticals and defence production have already identified several items that would have a minimum level of domestic content.

M.P. returns over 25% of target under PMAY

Rural Development Minister calls State's decision an unprecedented situation

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NEW DELHI

Madhya Pradesh has surrendered more than a quarter of its allotted Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen) houses for this financial year, giving up 2.32 lakh out of a total 8.32 lakh houses.

This is the first time any State has done so, according to officials from the Union Rural Development Ministry, which administers the scheme.

The housing scheme aims to ensure that every rural Indian family has a pucca house with basic amenities by 2022, and expects to build a total of 2.95 crore houses by then. The nationwide target for this financial year 2019-20 is 60 lakh houses.

"The State targets were determined in February 2019 and Madhya Pradesh was allotted a total of 8.32 lakh houses under the Annual Action Plan approved by the Empowered Committee. However, on July 31, we got a letter from the MP government that they wished to surrender 2.32 lakh houses this year," a senior Rural Development Ministry official, who did not wish to be



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named, told *The Hindu*. "The State indicated that it was not in a position to construct [the original target] this year."

"This is an unprecedented situation and it is not good for the State to reduce its target. At the end of the day, it delays housing for lakhs of its people," said another senior Ministry official, who also did not wish to be identified. "It seems that the Congress government's farm loan waiver scheme may be reducing the State's ability to meet its share for other schemes."

Under PMAY(G), each beneficiary is given a total of ₹1.2 lakh to construct a pucca home, with a hygienic

kitchen space. (The amount is ₹1.3 lakh for hilly States, difficult areas and tribal and backward districts which come under the Integrated Action Plan.) The cost is split in a 60:40 ratio between the State and Central governments in plain areas, and a 90:10 ratio in northeastern and Himalayan States. Thus, the State governments must bear a share of the cost of the flagship Central scheme.

In the last three financial years, Madhya Pradesh has been second only to West Bengal in the number of houses constructed under PMAY(G), completing more than 13 lakh houses since 2016, according to government data.

Soon after the Union Budget was presented in July, M.P. Finance Minister Tarun Bhanot had complained that the State's share of tax revenue had been slashed by ₹2,700 crore, calling it a "huge loss" and a "betrayal" of the people of the State by the NDA government.

When the State's Congress government presented its own maiden budget, it increased its budgetary allocation for farmers by 145% over the previous year to ₹22,736 crore. In keeping with poll promises to implement a farm loan waiver scheme, the State's Finance Minister said the loans of 20 lakh farmers had been waived, to the tune of ₹7,000 crore, over two months. An additional ₹8,000 crore was set aside for the remaining farmers, he said.

The Congress government has been slow to come on board with some other flagship schemes of the Central BJP-led government. Only 9,304 of MP's approximately 80 lakh farmers had received the first instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme's annual income support of ₹6000, the Rajya Sabha was informed in June.

Milind Deora bets on Pilot or Scindia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Congress leader Milind Deora on Sunday proposed the names of Sachin Pilot and Jyotiraditya Scindia for the post of party's national president.

Mr. Deora said he agreed with Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh that the new Congress president should be young, capable and possess electoral, administrative and organisational experience, and a pan-India appeal.

"In my view, Sachin Pilot and Jyotiraditya Scindia have all these qualities and can provide strength to the organisation and vigour to the opposition space," he said.

He added that he was "unequivocally ruling myself out," adding that "I know my strengths and capabilities and I am willing to work with anyone in the best interest of our party." Mr. Deora said Mr. Pilot or Mr. Scindia should be made interim president at least, and be publicly backed by the Gandhi family.

IN BRIEF



Modi asks MPs to nurse constituencies

NEW DELHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon BJP MPs on Sunday to work with a positive mindset. At the concluding session of a training programme for party lawmakers, he also referred to the next Lok Sabha election, scheduled for 2024, and told them to nurse their constituencies in a way that they can retain them on the strength of their work and conduct, sources said.

Nitish seeks Central status for university

PATNA
On the occasion of the centenary celebration of the central library of Patna University, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday reiterated his demand that it be granted the status of a Central university. Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, who was present at the event, assured all help for this. Earlier, in 2017, Mr. Kumar raised this demand before Prime Minister Narendra Modi but was turned down. Patna University is the 11th oldest University in India.

Call to reserve 21 seats in Assam for indigenous groups

'Many were affected by Assam Accord'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

A coordination committee of the indigenous groups in Assam has demanded the reservation of 21 "immigrants-controlled" Assembly seats for indigenous communities.

It also sought the formation of a Legislative Council to let numerically weaker communities be represented in the 126-member Assembly.

"Many indigenous groups have been affected by the Assam Accord that settled for March 24, 1971, as the cut-off date for detecting illegal migrants instead of

1951. But we can somewhat undo the damage by insisting on 1951 as the basis for ensuring the constitutional rights of the Assamese and other indigenous groups via the implementation of Clause 6 of the accord," said Syed Mumtazul Awaal, leader of the Janagosthiya Samannway Parishad, Assam.

The Parishad is an umbrella body of 21 organisations representing indigenous communities.

Hifazul Haque, Parishad's coordinator, said the Assam Accord had legitimised 50 lakh migrants from East Pakistan and Bangladesh between 1951 and 1971.



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Several bodies lie unclaimed on LoC

Army asks Pakistan to take back the corpses, but it denies any hand in the infiltration attempts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Army has asked Pakistan to take back the bodies of its Border Action Team (BAT) personnel lying in Indian territory, Army sources said on Sunday.

"The Pakistan Army was contacted by us on Saturday evening to get the bodies of its personnel retrieved in the Keran sector for last rites. It is yet to respond," an Army source said. The bodies are lying in the open, he added.

Except for sporadic small arms fire, the Line of Control (LoC) remained largely calm during the day.

The Army said it had foiled a BAT attempt to infiltrate on Saturday and in the ensuing exchange of fire, inflicted heavy casualties on the team.

"The bodies of five to se-

ven possibly Pakistan regulars or Special Service Group commandos, along with maybe some terrorists, have been seen on our side of the LoC close to our posts," Army officials said. Many BAT members fled taking advantage of the bad weather, they said.

Army sources said there had been a spurt in infiltration attempts and BAT actions in the past few days. These had been foiled.

"There had been four or five infiltration attempts and three or four of them were by the BAT," one officer said.

Humanitarian offer
On the offer on the bodies, a senior Army source said, "It is unlikely that Pakistan will accept the humanitarian offer. It is not surprising because they had done the



A photograph provided by the Army of the body of a Pakistani soldier in the Keran sector. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

same with many of their fallen soldiers of the Northern Light Infantry in Kargil and hidden dozens of bodies and tents in Balakot. The list of denials is endless," the source said.

There was also heavy fir-

ing, including use of artillery, by the Pakistan Army during the infiltration and the BAT's attempts to provide cover, sources added.

This prompted the Army to use the heavy 155mm Bofors artillery guns briefly a few days ago.

"Bofors were used once a few days ago, but after that we didn't feel the need to use them again," another source said. They were used on the LoC after close to a decade-and-a-half.

Calibre escalation, or usage of heavier calibre weapons, does take place during such ceasefire violations, officials said. "Each side aims at ensuring its moral ascendancy and domination over the LoC," an official said but reiterated that the Army ensured that the targets were only military and the ter-

rists supported by the Pakistan Army.

Pakistan's denial

The Director-General of Pakistan's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) quickly denied any "cross LoC action by Pakistan", and called the possession of bodies by India as "mere propaganda".

"Such blatant lies/staged dramas are Indian disinformation manoeuvre to divert world attention from increased atrocities by Indian occupation forces inside Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir," he tweeted.

On Saturday, as heavy exchange of fire was under way, he alleged that the Indian Army had used cluster bombs along the LoC which was quickly denied by India as yet another of "Pakistan's lie, deceit and deception".

Regional conflict possible over Kashmir: Imran Khan

India used cluster bombs on civilians across LoC, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A regional conflict could erupt over Kashmir, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said on Sunday and urged for international intervention to stabilise the situation. Mr. Khan's warning came as India continued to boost military might in the State and ordered tourists and pilgrims from the rest of the country to leave.

"[U.S.] President Trump offered to mediate on Kashmir. This is the time to do so as situation deteriorates there and along the LoC [Line of Control] with new aggressive actions being taken by Indian occupation forces. This has the potential to blow up into a regional



It is time to resolve the Kashmir issue through a peaceful and just settlement

IMRAN KHAN
Pakistan Prime Minister

crisis," he said on social media.

Mr. Khan alleged that the Indian forces had used cluster bombs on civilian population across the LoC.

He called upon the inter-

national community and the UN to take note of the Kashmir situation. A day earlier, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had accused India of using cluster munitions.

On Sunday, in his social media messages on Kashmir, Mr. Khan said it was time to resolve the Kashmir issue through a "peaceful and just settlement".

His comments came even as reports came that the administration of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir had asked the civilian population to get armed.

Mr. Khan visited the U.S. last week when Mr. Trump said he was willing to mediate on the Kashmir dispute.

'Operation Bedlam' for tourism sector

Hotels are empty following the advisory

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Tourism has suffered a major jolt in Kashmir on Sunday. Against an average footfall of 3,000 tourists per day just the previous week, a trickle of 350 arrived in the Valley, despite the adverse advisory.

A Tourism Department official told *The Hindu* that most hotels in tourist hotspots including Gulmarg and Pahalgam had been emptied following the advisory.

"Around 700 tourists are still in the Valley after helping around 90% tourists to leave Kashmir in the past two days. We expect 350 more to leave by Monday given their flight schedules. Thereafter 350 will be left. All arrangements have been made for those who want to leave the Valley safely," said a senior tourism official.

According to data, Kashmir witnessed a major drop in tourist arrivals after the Pulwama attack in February, which witnessed India and



Troubled times: Tourists wait for transport after checking out of houseboats at the Dal Lake in Srinagar following the advisory to pilgrims and tourists to leave Kashmir. •NISSAR AHMAD

Pakistan entering into a border duel.

Steady growth
However, April, May, June and July saw steady growing numbers, from 17,172 to 60,844 and 1,16,572 and around 2 lakh, respectively, official figures suggest.

Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry general secretary Farooq Amin said the sudden advisory had proved "Operation Bedlam" for people and the State economy.

The change in policy has been evident from February 2019, he said.

"Since then tourism, horticulture and other sectors of our economy suffered tremendous losses due to the decision of the government to restrict movement of civilians on the only road link of Srinagar-Jammu. It has hit the final nail in the coffin now," Mr. Amin said.

ACB issues notice to Mufti; NIA detains Rashid

It is a concerted effort to browbeat leaders, says former CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Sunday served a notice on former Chief Minister and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti asking her "to explain her position before it regarding the illegal recruitments in the Jammu and Kashmir Bank". Meanwhile, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) detained Engineer Rashid, MLA.

During the course of investigation of case FIR No. 10/2019, it has surfaced that some appointments were made by the Chairman J&K Bank on references and recommendations of a few Ministers, the ACB notice said. "It may please be clarified whether such references had your endorsement, verbal or otherwise for appointments in J&K Bank," it added.

A PDP leader, confirming



Muzaffar Beigh, Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti at an all-party meeting in Srinagar on Sunday. •NISSAR AHMAD

the letter, told *The Hindu* that the party "was expecting it since the PDP was at the forefront of unifying political parties in J&K".

Ms. Mehbooba in her tweet said: "Not surprised to receive a letter from the Anti-Corruption Bureau. Concerted efforts are being made to browbeat mainstream leaders & thwart potential efforts for a collective response. I am too small an entity vis-a-vis the cause that

unites us today. Such tactics won't work."

In a separate development, Peoples United Front leader Shah Faesal said the NIA summoned Awami Ittehad party chief Engineer Rashid to Delhi. Er. Rashid's outspoken nature and unique stance on Kashmir seems to have rattled some interests in Delhi, Mr. Faesal said. He demanded that the NIA immediately conclude the investigations.

JKLF chief Yasin Malik is fine: Tihar jail

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Countering fake news aired by a Pakistan-based news channel about death of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chief Yasin Malik in Tihar Jail, the Director-General of Prison (Tihar) on Sunday denied any such incident.

Sandeep Goel, Director-General (Tihar), said the rumour about Malik, presently lodged in the Tihar prison, was totally incorrect. His health condition was normal and he was doing fine. He added that Malik had undergone a regular medical check-up and his reports were fine.

After the rumours of his death were circulated on social media, Mr. Goel found out about Malik's health from the jail superintendent and said every thing was fine.

On April 10, Malik was arrested in connection with a case related to the funding of terror and separatist groups in Jammu and Kashmir.



Big seizure: Punjab police personnel unloading bags of suspected heroin from a truck in Amritsar in June. •AFP

Lens on Pak. cartels as drug seizures mount

'Money being used for terror activities'

DEVESH K. PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The recent seizures of over 1,100 kg of heroin in the Indian subcontinent have left the investigating agencies worried about a spurt in the activities of Pakistan-based drug-trafficking syndicates in the region.

The seized heroin is suspected to be of Afghanistan origin. "Three routes are traditionally used for global distribution of Afghan heroin: the Balkans, Central Asian countries and the Indian subcontinent. Since 2015, there has been a decline in seizures on the Balkans and Central Asian routes. However, they have of late increased in the subcontinent," an enforcement agency official said.

The Coast Guard detected 200 kg of heroin on a Pakistan fishing vessel off Gujarat on May 21. Four Pakistan nationals were arrested.

On May 6, an Iranian boat, allegedly transporting narcotics, was seized by the Maldivian authorities west of the Baa atoll. In another

case, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad, together with the Coast Guard, seized 100 kg of heroin from an Iranian boat off Porbandar and arrested nine Iranian nationals in March. A probe revealed the consignment had been sent by Pakistan national Hamid Malek and loaded on the boat close to the Gwadar port. A follow-up by the ATS led to the arrest of an Afghan national at Lajpat Nagar in Delhi and another suspect in Kerala.

Inland seizures have also pointed to the role of Pakistan-based syndicates, the official said. A case in point is the seizure by the Customs at Attari in June of 532 kg of heroin. They had been declared as rock salt. The alleged kingpin, Tariq Ahmed Lone of Kupwara, was arrested, along with importer Gurpinder Singh. "The consignment was booked in the name of Global Vision Impex, a front for Pakistan's ISI in Lahore," the official said.

In several cases, agencies have come across evidence of drug money being used to fund terror activities.

Railways to go easy on ticketless travel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Railways have decided that ticket-checking will be lenient on trains leaving Jammu, Udhampur and Katra for the next 48 hours, sources said.

This will enable scores of passengers, especially Amarnath pilgrims, to leave Jammu and Kashmir even without holding reserved tickets, after the State administration's orders cancelling the pilgrimage.

This comes a day after the national transporter waived cancellation charges for all trains in the State.

India, Israel bond over Yeh dosti

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NEW DELHI

Israel greeted India on Friendship Day with a Twitter message that featured popular Bollywood song *Yeh dosti* from the 1975 hit movie *Sholay*, drawing an equally warm response from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said the bond between the two countries was "strong and eternal".

"Happy #FriendshipDay2019 India! May our ever strengthening friendship & growing partnership touch greater heights," the Israeli Embassy here tweeted on Sunday. Mr. Modi tweeted in Hebrew saying, the countries have proved their friendship over time.

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Gun epidemic intensifies

Definition
A mass shooting incident is one in which four or more persons are killed or injured, excluding the perpetrator, at a public place

Counting the incidents in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio, there have been a total of 251 mass shooting incidents in the U.S. this year

People at a vigil on Saturday for the victims of the mass shooting incident in El Paso, Texas. ■ AFP

| Year | Number of incidents |
|------|---------------------|
| 2016 | 382 |
| 2017 | 346 |
| 2018 | 340 |
| 2019 | 251 |

Deadliest incidents (2019)
Two of the three deadliest incidents this year have happened in the last two days

| Date | Location | Number of killed | Number of injured |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 15 | Aurora, Illinois | 6 | 6 |
| May 31 | Virginia Beach, Virginia | 13 | 5 |
| July 28 | Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin | 6 | 2 |
| August 3 | El Paso, Texas | 20 | 26 |
| August 4 | Dayton, Ohio | 10 | 16 |

There are only 12 U.S. States which have not had a mass shooting incident this year

Deadliest incidents since 2013

| Date | Location | Killed | Injured |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Dec. 2, 2015 | San Bernardino, California | 16 | 19 |
| June 12, 2016 | Orlando, Florida | 50 | 53 |
| Oct. 1, 2017 | Las Vegas, Nevada | 59 | 441 |
| Nov. 5, 2017 | Sutherland Springs, Texas | 27 | 20 |
| Aug. 3, 2019 | El Paso, Texas | 20 | 26 |

Total no. of gun incidents (2019) *Children (0-11 years) killed or Injured

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|-----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-------|------|
| Incidents | 32,687 | Deaths | 8,614 | Injuries | 17,076 | Total | 381* |
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Number of mass shooting incidents in 2019

Since 2013, there have been a total of 60 incidents when at least 10 people were killed

Studying shooter behaviour
The FBI in 2018 released a report on the behaviour of "active shooters". Its study was based on incidents that occurred in the 2000-2013 period and covered 63 shooters

- A majority of them obtained firearms legally
- Only 25% of them had been diagnosed with a mental illness
- About 38% of the shooters were unemployed
- Active shooters experienced multiple stresses in the year prior to their carrying out the attack
- In a majority of the cases (64%), at least one victim was actually targeted by the shooter
- 35% of them had adult criminal convictions prior to the incident

Key findings

- Shooters took time to plan the attack. At least 77% of them spent a week or longer in planning and 46% spent a week or longer actually preparing for the attack

FBI study (%) | Age of shooter

| | |
|-------------|----|
| 12-17 years | 13 |
| 18-29 years | 25 |
| 30-39 years | 9 |
| 40-49 years | 29 |
| 50-59 years | 13 |
| 60-69 years | 9 |

63% of the shooters were between 18 and 49 years old

Race of shooter (%)
61% of the shooters studied by the FBI were white

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|-----------------|----|
| White | 63 |
| Asian | 10 |
| Black | 16 |
| Hispanic | 6 |
| West Asian | 3 |
| Native American | 2 |

SOURCE: GUN VIOLENCE ARCHIVE, FBI | GRAPHIC: B. SRINIVASAN

Carnage unleashed in border city over fear of 'Hispanic invasion'

Gunman kills 20 people at a Walmart store in Texas while another murders nine, including his sister, in Ohio

REUTERS
EL PASO

Thirty people died and dozens were wounded in two mass shootings within just 13 hours of each other in the U.S., shocking the country and prompting calls from some politicians for tighter gun control.

The first massacre occurred on Saturday morning in the Hispanic border city of El Paso, where a gunman killed 20 people at a Walmart store before surrendering to police. Authorities investigating the motive behind the attack said they are treating it as a case of domestic terrorism.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott said the rampage appeared to be a hate crime, and police cited a "manifesto" they attributed to the suspect, a 21-year-old white man, as evidence that the at-



Cycle of violence: Bodies being removed from the scene of the mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday. ■ AP

tack was racially motivated. Across the country, a gunman opened fire in a downtown district of Dayton, Ohio, early on Sunday, killing nine people, including his sister, and wounding at least 26 others. The assailant was shot dead by police.

The El Paso shooting reverberated on the campaign trail for next year's U.S. pre-

sidential election, with several Democratic candidates calling for gun control. At least two candidates, Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, and El Paso native Beto O'Rourke, a former Congressman, drew connections to a resurgence in white nationalism and xenophobic politics in the U.S. "America is under attack

from homegrown white nationalist terrorism," Mr. Buttigieg said in Las Vegas. President Donald Trump branded the shooting "an act of cowardice," saying in a Twitter post, "I know that I stand with everyone to condemn today's hateful act. There are no reasons or excuses that will ever justify killing innocent people." Pope Francis condemned the spate of attacks on "defenceless people" in the U.S.

'Hate crime'
In Texas, police and FBI investigators searched for clues as to what motivated the suspect, who is from Allen, a Dallas suburb some 1,046 km east of El Paso, which lies on Rio Grande across the U.S.-Mexico border from Ciudad Juarez. A State prosecutor said they will seek death penalty

for the suspect, Patrick Crusius, 21. Police said the suspect opened fire with a rifle on shoppers, many of them bargain-hunting for school supplies, then surrendered to officers who confronted him outside the store. In Dayton, Ohio, a gunman dressed in body armour opened fire in a downtown district, unleashing carnage that could have been much worse if not for the rapid intervention of police. Officers on routine patrol nearby were on the scene in less than a minute and shot the attacker dead, likely preventing a much higher toll. Assistant police chief Matt Carper named the gunman as Connor Betts, a 24-year-old white male from Bellbrook, Ohio, and said his sister Megan Betts, 22, was among those killed.

Manifesto appears online

Hate-filled screed draws inspiration from Christchurch attack

TIM ARANGO
NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS
KATIE BENNER

Nineteen minutes before the first 911 call alerted authorities to a mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, a hate-filled, anti-immigrant manifesto appeared online. It spoke of a "Hispanic invasion of Texas." It detailed a plan to separate America into territories by race. It warned that white people were being replaced by foreigners. The authorities were scrutinising the 2,300-word screed and attempting to determine whether it was written by the same man who killed 20 people and injured more than two dozen others near the Mexican border.

Police are questioning the suspect, Patrick Crusius, a 21-year-old white man from Allen, Texas, a 10-hour drive to the Walmart.

'Threat to white race'
The manifesto that may be linked to Crusius described an imminent attack and railed against immigrants, saying, "if we can get rid of enough people, then our way of life can be more sustainable." The unsigned manifesto, titled "The Inconvenient Truth," draws direct inspiration from the mass murder of Muslims at two mosques in New Zealand in March that left 51 people dead. In that attack, the alleged killer published a manifesto

online promoting a white supremacist theory called "the great replacement." The theory argues that elites in Europe have been working to replace white Europeans with immigrants from the West Asia and North Africa. The manifesto linked to the El Paso killings begins, "In general, I support the Christchurch shooter and his manifesto. This attack is a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas." The gunman who opened fire at a synagogue in Poway, near San Diego, in April, posted an anti-Semitic diatribe on 8chan, the same online message board where the El Paso document surfaced. NY TIMES

ELSEWHERE



China destabilising Indo-Pacific, says U.S.
SYDNEY

China is destabilising the Indo-Pacific, U.S. Defence Secretary Mark Esper said on Sunday, charging Beijing with predatory economics, intellectual property theft and "weaponising the global commons". REUTERS

U.S., Taliban push for peace on day 2 of talks
DOHA

The U.S. and the Taliban were thrashing out elements of a deal to bring a close to Afghanistan's 18-year conflict at the second day of renewed talks in Doha on Sunday. The talks, now in their eighth round, began on Saturday with no end date issued publicly. AFP

Sudan military, protesters sign deal for civilian rule

Elections to be held after joint council's rule for three years

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CAIRO

Sudan's pro-democracy movement signed a power-sharing agreement with the ruling military council on Sunday aimed at paving the way for a transition to civilian rule following the overthrow of President Omar al-Bashir in April. Representatives initialled a Constitutional document that would establish a joint military and civilian council to rule for a little over three years until elections can be held. The agreement would establish a Cabinet appointed by the activists, as well as a legislative body. The military overthrew al-Bashir in April following



Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, the deputy head of the military council, right, and protest leader Ahmad Rabie. ■ AP

months of mass protests against his three-decade-long autocratic rule. The protesters remained on the streets, demanding a rapid transition to a civilian authority. They have been locked in tense negotiations with the military for weeks. Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, the deputy head of the military council, told a joint news conference that the deal has ended an era in Sudan's history "characterized by rivalry and fighting."

Iran seizes third foreign tanker in Gulf

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TEHRAN

Iran has seized a foreign tanker in the Gulf, State media said on Sunday, in what would be the third such seizure in a month amid heightened tensions with its foe the United States. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps "seized this ship around Farsi Island which was carrying around 700,000 litres of smuggled fuel", said a Guards statement quoted by the official news agency IRNA. Seven foreign crew were arrested in the operation, said Fars news agency. The Guards had earlier captured Panama-flagged MT Riah and British-flagged Stena Impero.

Riot police fire tear gas at Hong Kong protesters

China warns it 'will not sit by idly'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HONG KONG

Riot police fired tear gas at pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong on Sunday during a second consecutive night of clashes, as China delivered fresh warnings over the unrest. The semi-autonomous southern Chinese city is reeling from two months of protests and violence triggered by opposition to a planned extradition law. In the latest unrest, police fired tear gas shells at protesters who were approaching their lines in Sheung Wan district. The clashes were short-lived as protesters rushed into the subway and moved to a new location - the bustling shopping district of Causeway Bay. The latest unrest came as China's official Xinhua news agency published a commentary saying "ugly forces" were threatening the country's "bottom line". "The Central government will not sit by idly and let this situation continue," the agency wrote.



Protesters focus laser beam on riot police during the protest in Hong Kong. ■ AP

31 dead after 3 ferries capsize in Philippines

REUTERS
MANILA

The death toll after three Philippines ferries capsized in bad weather rose to 31 on Sunday as rescuers found more bodies, a Coast Guard official said. The motorised, wooden-hulled boats were carrying a total of 96 passengers and crew when harsh weather conditions caused the vessels to overturn off the central island of Guimaras and Iloilo provinces on Saturday. The search continues for three more people still missing, Philippines Coast Guard spokesman Commander Armand Balilo said. The rest of the crew members and passengers were rescued.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12696

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- 16 Research panel that must come to a point (5,5)
- 19 A man's felt a need to squelch criminal (10)
- 21 Powder in metal container (4)
- 24 Author Carl backing Assamese natives (5)
- 25 Flexible, hollies met freely (9)
- 26 Work's big problem for marsupial (7)
- 27 Correct about clamp (6)
- 28 It's Gridman conforming (4)
- 29 One whose relation will be revealing (8)
- 1 Parts of circuits get rupees cast around crazy stories (9)
- 5 Roof features women mentioned (5)
- 7 US coin and a very old coin from Cuba (7)
- 8 Where a gentleman keeps something close to his heart (6,6)
- 11 Correspondent's payment - nothing coming up for a long period! (6)
- 12 Mean Indian sect member one day gets debt notices (12)
- 17 Contrived U-turn Lana pulled off (9)
- 18 Reportedly anticipates head count (6)
- 20 The French tend to get extra space (7)
- 22 Awakening from a never-ending spin around the States (7)
- 23 Smooth winnings to a gambler (6)
- 25 Keep down maid oddly in Paris bed (5)

- ACROSS**
- 1 As danger develops, half of them go back to the French officer (8)
 - 6 Blackleg in second taxi (4)
 - 9 Upset, I'm leaving the other woman in tension (6)
 - 10 French city's capacity to bond (7)
 - 13 Smart Ali's driving away scaremongers (9)
- DOWN**
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Solution to puzzle 12695

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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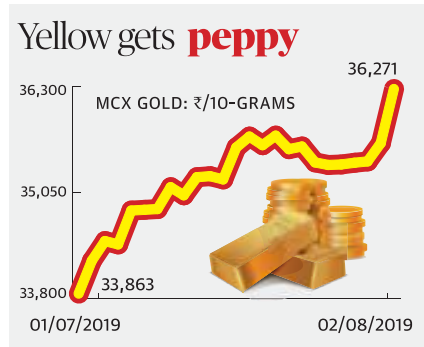
Greed leads to troubles

In his Deivamani Malai, Vallalar says his mind is in a state of intoxication. It is like the potter's wheel. The wheel keeps spinning till pots are made. The mind keeps wavering and is in a state of confusion, because of desires, said M.A. Manickavelu, in a discourse.

We chase after something or the other, and this leaves the mind restless. Ramakrishna Paramahansa used to narrate a story about a how a man's greed led to misery. A man was walking along, when a yaksa on a tree asked him if he wanted seven jars full of gold coins. The man told the yaksa that he would be glad to be the recipient of such an unexpected boon. The yaksa told him to go home, where seven pots of gold would be waiting for him. The man hurried home. There, as the yaksa had said, were seven pots of gold. But there was just one small problem. Six of the jars were full. The seventh jar was only half full. The man could have been content with the six full jars and the half full jar. But such is the nature of greed, that the man wanted to fill up the half empty jar. So, he sold whatever he owned in order to fill the jar. He almost lost his mental balance, as he lost all his possessions and could still not fill the seventh jar. The King heard about his predicament, and said to him, "The yaksa made the same offer to me. I asked the yaksa, 'When you talk about seven jars of gold, are you talking about what I will gain or what I will lose. What seem like benefits come hidden with dangers. So, we should not be greedy.' So we should keep the mind under control, so that it does not constantly dwell on material possessions. If we do not, we will lose our peace of mind. That is why Vallalar likens the mind to a bouncing ball. When we are controlled by our desires, our mind loses focus.

TECH TRAIL: PRECIOUS METALS

Gold and silver largely range-bound in July



B. KRISHNAKUMAR

After a strong uptrend in June, the prices of gold and silver in the international market remained largely range-bound in July. Though the precious metals managed to eke out marginal gains on a month-on-month basis, the strength in the U.S. dollar arrested the scope for significant gains.

Comex gold futures edged up 1.7% in July to settle at \$1,437.8 an ounce. Silver, on the other hand, recorded a more robust gain of 7.5% in July, to close at \$16.4 an ounce. While the expectations of an interest rate cut in the U.S. was the primary driving force of the rally in precious metals in June, the announcement of the rate cut triggered a cool-off in gold and silver prices.

Gold slipped to a two-week low on August 1, a day after the U.S. Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the first time in a decade. Precious metals staged a modest recovery on August 1 after the U.S. President said he would impose an additional 10% tariff on \$300 billion worth of Chinese imports on September 1.

In the domestic market, the price of gold futures at MCX gained about 3% in July to close at ₹35,419 per 10 grams. MCX silver futures settled at ₹41,227 per kilogramme by the end of July. The short-term outlook for international prices of gold and silver hinges on what the price does over the next few days. Comex gold has a support zone at \$1,400-1,410 and resistance at \$1,460-1,470 an ounce. A breakout through either of these levels is likely to trigger a move in the direction of the breakout.

A move past the resistance at \$1,470 would impart a positive trend and could push gold price to the immediate target of \$1,495-1,505 an ounce. A breach of the support at \$1,410 could impart short-term weakness and trigger a slide to \$1,370-1,380 range. The short-term outlook for silver is slightly negative. A fall to the immediate target of \$15.5-\$15.75 appears likely.

The negative view for silver would be invalidated if the price moves past the resistance at \$16.9. A breakout past \$17 would help the price move towards the major target of \$17.8-18. Until \$16.9 is not taken out, there would be a case for a slide to \$15.75.

Domestically, the outlook for gold is positive while silver is likely to remain range-bound. The gold price at MCX is likely to rise to the immediate target of ₹36,800-37,000 per 10-grams. A fall below ₹33,500-33,800 zone would invalidate the short-term positive outlook for gold.

Silver price at the MCX achieved the target of ₹40,500 mentioned in the previous column. After touching a high of ₹41,825, silver price has eased a bit recently. MCX silver is likely to cool off to ₹39,600-39,800 range in the short-term. A breakout past the immediate resistance at ₹41,900 would be a sign of strength and push the price to ₹42,800-43,000. Until ₹41,900 is taken out, MCX silver is likely to remain subdued in the short-term.

To summarise, the short-term outlook for precious metals is not too bullish. Range-bound action can persist until there is fresh breakout above resistance levels. The medium-term however remains positive.

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Study the plan before going abroad for studies

Covering medical expenses is a good enough reason to buy student travel cover in India

TARUN MATHUR

There was a time when only a few students could make their way to international universities for higher studies. However, this has changed drastically in the last few years with a significant increase in the number of Indian students enrolled in foreign universities.

As per a recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report, the total expenditure on tuition and hostel fees by Indian students studying abroad has gone up by 44% from \$1.9 billion in 2013-14 to about \$2.8 billion in 2017-18. Moreover, it is estimated that by the year 2024, approximately 4 lakh Indian students will enrol themselves in foreign universities. The U.S., Canada and the U.K. remain preferred destinations for Indians studying abroad, followed by Singapore, China, Australia and other European countries like Germany and France.

While planning to go abroad for higher studies, there is a plethora of arrangements that you need to make prior to your departure. From making financial arrangements to booking flights and packing the right stuff, there are numerous things that you need to take care of. And while preparing for all other important things, it is quite possible that you may miss out on one of the most important details while travelling to study

Make your choice

A price comparison of top insurers offering travel insurance to a 20-year-old student travelling to the U.S. for a 1-year university programme

| Insurer | Plan Name | Premium(₹) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Religare Insurance Company | Student Explore Super | ₹32,048 |
| Reliance General Insurance | Student Platinum | ₹33,765 |
| HDFC General Insurance | Platinum | ₹39,901 |
| Apollo Munich Health Insurance | Educare Platinum | ₹58,715 |

*SOURCE: WWW.POLICYBAZAAR.COM

abroad – overseas health insurance / comprehensive travel insurance policy. Other than for Australia, New Zealand and some European colleges, students can buy travel insurance from India by signing/opting for the student health insurance waiver. However, it is always advised to buy student overseas insurance while going abroad for study as it functions as a safety net for you if you get into any trouble or inadvertently cause damage during your stint overseas.

One of the most important reasons why students travelling abroad for higher studies must buy travel insurance is to cover medical expenses, given that the cost of healthcare overseas is quite expensive in comparison to that in India. For instance, a doctor's consultation fees in the U.S. are about \$300-\$400 i.e. about ₹20,500-₹27,000 in Indian currency.

Now, without travel insurance in place, one can end up spending over a week's budget on just consultation/emergency room visit charges, which do not include medicines. Keeping

such a scenario in mind, it is very important to invest in the right insurance cover to enjoy overall protection.

Other risks

Apart from providing comprehensive coverage against medical emergencies, student travel insurance also covers you against other possible incidents like study interruption, sponsor protection, university insolvency, loss of laptop/table, loss of baggage, passport and important documents. While buying student travel insurance, it is important to consider some crucial aspects. One, ensure that your student travel insurance adheres to your university-issued guidelines.

If a student's travel insurance plan's coverage is not in line with the university issued guidelines, they have every right to decline the student's insurance waiver benefit or even cancel the admission. Most universities in the U.S. and Canada demand that international students insure themselves in a plan that covers all expenses related to pre-existing diseases,

drug addiction, pregnancy and mental illness, without any sub-limits. Additionally, some of the universities even insist on international students taking travel insurance from insurers in their home countries. It is better for Indian students travelling abroad to buy insurance from India as policies offered by Indian insurers are way cheaper and offer better benefits.

As per industry experts, for students travelling to a foreign land for higher studies, the minimum sum insured must be between \$250,000 and \$500,000. However, it is always advised to check university guidelines before buying a policy. The premiums for different policies vary across insurers. For a 20-year-old student travelling to the U.S. for a 1-year programme, the average premium for a \$500,000 sum-insured policy is about ₹35,000.

While buying student travel insurance policy, do compare different plans offered by various insurers, on the website of insurance aggregators. This will help you choose a plan that caters to specific needs and requirements and make the policy much more comprehensive by attaching required add-ons.

Also, ensure your insurer not only covers you for on-campus incidents, but also provides adequate coverage for incidents taking place outside the campus.

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ASK US

VIDYA BALA
K. NITYA KALYANI

Q. I had been investing via SIP since November 2018. The duration of my investment is one year. What should I do with my capital when the duration gets completed so that I can earn or save more?

VAIBHAV

A. We suppose you are viewing your systematic investment plans (SIPs) in mutual funds (MFs) like FDs (fixed deposits). In FDs there is a capital component and there is interest. The capital will remain fixed and your interest will accrue based on the fixed rate promised. However, with MFs, even the capital may fall when the market falls. This is because MF performance is linked to the stock or debt market. However, in the long term, you can expect return on capital, which is called capital gains.

Unlike FDs that have a fixed tenure, SIPs do not mandate a fixed tenure. You may choose SIPs for any time frame. The important thing is for you to

choose the goal for which you are investing through a SIP and keep your SIP running until you are closer to your goal. For example, if you are running this SIP for retirement, then continue running it until six months to one year ahead of your goal and then shift the money to safer avenues.

Do an annual review of the performance of the funds and make sure you are invested with steady performers. Do not worry much about short-term falls in your fund. SIPs, especially in equity funds, need at least a 3-5 year time frame to average your costs (that is buying through ups and downs in the market) and deliver returns. Do not enter SIPs in equity funds with a time frame of less than five years of holding.

Now, to answer your question, unless you need the money for a specific purpose, continue with your SIPs, make sure you have invested in the right funds. Increase your savings over time. Else, stop the SIP and start investing in another fund. If you are savvy, choose your funds; else take the help of a financial advisor, outside of your bank relationship manager.

Q. I'm 24 years old. I am working in a company. I get ₹60,000 a month in my home town. Naturally, this obviates my rental expense. I want to invest in real estate to increase my passive income. Please advise.

YASH TIWARI

A. Our suggestion would be that you save to build wealth for long term and not lock yourself at this juncture into paying EMIs.

About a third of your income will go away even if you have to repay a ₹20-lakh loan in 10 years. Also, when you are talking



of passive income, a plot will not generate income. It can only generate profit when you sell, depending on the location of such plot, other legal issues being clean. Hence, in our opinion, for passive income generation, property will not be an option.

However, unless you are going to buy a house in top cities, the rental yield in most tier II and tier III cities and the peripherals of large cities will be around 1.5-3%. That is, this will be the return on the investment you will make. As you know, this is much lower than even an FD return.

Hence, our suggestion would be that you use your early years to save and invest well in good fixed income products like deposits, PPF and combine them with market-linked products such as MFs, NPS and equities. This will give you a very good head start when you get into other commitments and responsibilities later in your life. As your income increases and you are settled and know which city to settle in, you can consider buying a property.

Complete your coverage

Q. I am a Central government employee aged 56 years. I am

policies would work better. In the basic policy, you can opt for a floater cover where the premium would be less than individual covers, as the same SI is shared by all the insured.

Q. My son is currently two years old. I would like to know whether there are any specific investment plans in LIC where I could make monthly investments and earn a lump sum amount by the time he reaches 16/20 years of age, so that I could use the same for his educational needs.

ANUPA TOM

A. You should look at a range of children's plans offered by life insurance companies for your requirement. They would typically bear a name similar to 'Child Plan' and would be endowment, money-back or unit-linked insurance policies in nature.

These plans offer a lump sum or income stream at defined intervals and/or a defined maturity date of your choosing.



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LOOSE CHANGE

RAVIKANTH



"...and go easy on the chillies; you will be adding GST to the bill anyway..."

Life insurance term plan premium

Male: 30 Years, Sum Insured- Rs.1 crore, Cover upto- 70 Years

| Insurance company | Plan name | Maximum cover | Annual premium (Rs.) (Male) | (Female) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| ICICI Prudential Life | iProtect Smart | 99 Years | 12,502 | 11,028 |
| HDFC Life | Click2Protect 3D Plus | 99 Years | 12,478 | 11,004 |
| Max Life | Online Term Plus | 85 Years | 10,148 | 7,670 |
| Aegon Life | iTerm | 100 Years | 8,331 | 6,861 |
| TATA AIA Life | Sampoorna Raksha | 100 Years | 9,912 | 9,086 |
| PNB MetLife | Mera Term Plan | 99 Years | 10,146 | 8,675 |
| Kotak Life | Kotak e-Term Plan | 75 Years | 9,558 | 8,260 |
| Aditya Birla Capital | Ultima Term | 85 Years | 10,270 | 8,733 |
| Edelweiss Tokio | Zindagi+ | 80 Years | 9,206 | 7,522 |
| Exide Life | Smart Term Plan | 75 Years | 8572* | 7346* |
| India First Life | e-Term Plan | 80 Years | 8,260 | 7,080 |
| Aviva Life | iTerm Smart | 80 Years | 9,007 | 7,741 |
| DHFL Pramerica Life | Flexi e-Term | 75 Years | 9,403 | 8,026 |
| Future Generali Total | | | | |
| Insurance Solutions | Flexi Online Term | 75 Years | 9,427 | 8,184 |
| Bharti Axa Life | Flexi Term | 85 Years | 9,440 | 8,260 |
| Canara HSBC OBC Life | iSelect | 80 Years | 9,491 | 8,022 |
| Reliance Nippon Life | Digi-Term | 80 Years | 11,012 | 8,719 |
| IDBI Federal Life | eSurance Flexi Term | 80 Years | 12,402 | 10,136 |
| Bajaj Allianz Life | iTouch Online Term | 75 Years | 14,067 | 10,896 |
| SBI Life Insurance | eShield | 80 Years | 15,070 | 12,898 |

*Exide coverage upto 60 yrs for age 30 years

Health insurance premium

| Insurer name | Key features | Plan names | Premium(Rs.) | Insurer name | Key features | Plan names | Premium(Rs.) |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| Religare Health | Day Care Treatments | NCB Super Premium | 8,675 | Bajaj Allianz Health | Hospital Room Eligibility | Individual Health Guard | 11,569 |
| | Family Floater option | Care | 7,887 | | Wellness Factors | Health Ensure | 7,642 |
| | Health Checkups | Care with unlimited recharge | 8,478 | | Family Floater Option | | |
| | After Hospitalization | NCB Super Premium with UAR | 9,267 | | Day Care Treatments | Lifeline supreme | 7,936 |
| Max Health | Day Care Treatments | Health Companion + | 8,764 | Hospitalization at Home | Group Health Policy | 6,130 | |
| | Hospitalization at Home | Health Recharge (Money Saver) | 9,862 | Hospital Room Eligibility | | | |
| | Alternate Medicine | Go Active | 11,747 | Alternate Medicine | | | |
| | | Heartbeat Gold | 15,319 | Universal Sompo | Hospitalization at Home | Individual Health Guard | 12,241 |
| Star Health | Family Floater option | Medi Classic | 9,204 | | Hospital Room Eligibility | | |
| | Restoration of cover | Star Comprehensive | 11,476 | | Alternate Medicine | | |
| | Wellness Factors | | | | Day Care Treatments | Active assure Diamond | 7,938 |
| | Network Hospitals Covered | | | Active Health Enhance | 9,801 | | |
| Apollo Munich Health | | Optima Restore | 11,024 | Restoration of cover | Active Health Enhance (Diabetes) | 38,148 | |
| | | Easy Health Individual Standard | 9,613 | Family Floater Option | Active Health Enhance (Asthma) | 16,818 | |
| | After Hospitalization | Easy Health Individual Exclusive | 12,067 | | Active Health Enhance (Hypertension) | 32,616 | |
| | Day Care Treatments | Easy Health Individual Premium | 14,945 | Aditya Birla Capital | Active assure Diamond with Super NCB | 8,732 | |
| Hospitalization at Home | Energy Gold | 20,036 | Super NCB and Unlimited Reload | | 8,494 | | |
| Hospital Room Eligibility | Energy Silver | 14,136 | Active assure Diamond with Super NCB and Unlimited Reload | | 9,287 | | |
| | Energy Gold with Co pay | 17,216 | Edelweiss Health | | Day Care Treatments | Edelweiss Health Insurance- Gold (Health 241 Add-on) | 10,398 |
| | Energy Silver with Co pay | 11,316 | | Hospitalization at Home | Edelweiss Health Insurance Gold | 8,318 | |
| | Health wallet | 22,908 | | Hospital Room Eligibility | | | |
| | Hospitalization at Home | Health Suraksha Silver | | 9,380 | Alternate Medicine | | |
| HDFC Ergo Health | Hospital Room Eligibility | Health Suraksha Gold | 11,162 | Hospital Room Eligibility | Kotak Health Care - Premium (Including Optional Pack 1) | 8,738 | |
| | Alternate Medicine | Health Suraksha Silver with Region & ECB | 10,083 | Alternate Medicine | | | |
| | | Health Suraksha Gold with Region & ECB | 11,998 | Kotak General | Hospital Room Eligibility | Health Total Vital | 10,031 |
| | | Health Suraksha Silver with Region & ECB | 8,979 | | Health Checkups | | |
| Day Care Treatments | ProHealth - Protect | 8,979 | Family Floater Option | | | | |
| Hospitalization at Home | ProHealth - Plus | 10,119 | Day Care Treatments | | | | |
| Cigna TTK Health | Alternate Medicine | | | Future Generali Total | Hospitalization at Home | Health Total Vital | 10,031 |
| | Family Floater Option | | | | Hospital Room Eligibility | | |
| Digit Health | Day Care Treatments | Health Suraksha Silver | 9,380 | Alternate Medicine | | | |
| | Hospitalization at Home | Health Suraksha Gold | 11,162 | Hospital Room Eligibility | Platinum | 13,531 | |
| | Hospital Room Eligibility | Health Suraksha Silver with Region & ECB | 10,083 | Alternate Medicine | | | |
| | Alternate Medicine | Health Suraksha Gold with Region & ECB | 11,998 | Family Floater Option | | | |

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Food for thought Marwai Ajadina (clam sukka) from the Bengaluru Oota Company, wedding spreads by Sanjay Vazirani, and (below) Khambata's sa khoo



Feasts of fancy

Flying buffets to authentic Peruvian and Konkani fare, a look at what's trending on modern wedding menus

KRUTIKA BEHWALA

In February, chef Nishant Choubey showcased his signature menu at a Marwari wedding in Kochi. Instead of a buffet, it was a sit-down dinner featuring modernist vegetarian small plates, like Camel Milk Tofu with Plum Sauce and Wasabi Mushrooms with Mango and Gongura Leaves. And instead of service staff, the food was served on a conveyor belt. "It didn't feel like a wedding. The set-up resembled a pop-up restaurant," says Choubey, corporate chef for Seinan Group, who has curated meals for the Ambanis, Adanis and other bigwigs.

The quintessential wedding feast has undergone a sea change in the last decade. Buffets crammed with generic multi-cuisine stalls and live pasta stations are being replaced by refined sit-

down dinners featuring three- or five-course menus. The concepts of grazing tables and flying buffets are also finding takers. In the former, guests mingle over arrangements of appetisers and cheeses, while in the latter, pre-plated food is offered at their seats. "It reduces wastage, offers a chance to present the food beautifully, and helps guests avoid long queues," says Sahiba Puri, co-owner of XO Catering by Design, a popular outdoor catering outfit based in Delhi with high-profile clients such as Shahid Kapoor.

Korea to Konkani

For many, less is more. "Instead of multiple cuisines, we stick to a couple but offer more variety," says Sanjay Vazirani, Chairman and MD, Foodlink Services Pvt Ltd, which prepared the wedding feast of Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone.

Today, an Asian menu is more likely



to feature modern Malay and Thai flavours (rather than just Chinese and Thai curries). For instance, Mumbai restaurateur Farrokh Khambata's edamame and water chestnut *sa khoo* is a contemporary vegetarian take on the royal art of making rice flour dumplings with pork. Also, with Indian globe-

travellers discerning palates, lesser-known international cuisines, like Korean and Peruvian, are gaining attention. On Khambata's banquet menus, you'll find *chaufa* (a Peruvian take of the fried rice) and Peruvian-style skewers.

Of 'flying' menus

Hyper-regional cuisine is another trend. The Singh-Padukone wedding menu included Konkani, Sindhi and Gujarati dishes. "To maintain the authenticity of the food items, 4,000 kilos of ingredients were carried from India to Italy," shares Vazirani.

While staples like *dal makhani* and *biryani* are still part of wedding menus, there's a lot more attention being paid to preparation. "Today, clients can tell if a North Indian chef has cooked a dish from South India. A few months ago, we did a wedding menu for a Punjabi couple who wanted to add a few Konkani dishes. So we roped in home cooks from Konkani to make dishes like Malvani Mutton Curry and Kaju Chi Aamti," says Harmeet Singh, partner at Mumbai-based The Mini Punjab Group.

White truffles, anyone?

Exotic ingredients from across the world – Gruyère from Switzerland, white asparagus from Germany – are also making their way into Indian weddings. "Clients care about the quality and

provenance of what's on their plate," says Khambata, whose team has procured the rare white truffle. During his research trips across Europe, the restaurateur had gone on a foraging trip in Piedmont with a local truffle hunter and his dog, so "when a client requested white truffles recently, our local suppliers in Italy sourced it from the him".

Closer home, just as organic, farm-to-table meals with seasonal produce are becoming popular in restaurants, they're also finding their way on to wedding menus. These include foxtail millets, *kulith* (horse gram), camel milk from Rajasthan, and leafy greens from farming initiatives. Goodie bags with items such as organic honey and artisanal teas are also replacing *mithais*.

Hello, detox bars

"There's a lot of innovation in bar tending, too – from Gin & Tonic and DIY mimosa bars to a detox bar to take care of the next day's hangovers," says Kunal Rai, VP of Tamarind Global Weddings. And, of course, the wedding cake is changing, too. "Instead of elaborate cakes with gold detailing, couples are choosing options in pastel colours. They are also more open to experimenting with flavours like passion fruit, lavender and Earl Grey," says Rachel Goenka, CEO of The Chocolate Spoon Company. "Naked cakes with butter cream instead of fondant, and real flowers, are likely to become more popular by next year."

Lesser-known international cuisines, like Korean and Peruvian, are gaining attention now

FARROKH KHAMBATA, FOUNDER-CEO OF CATERING & ALLIED



DOWN MEMORY LANE

What's in a NAME?

Some history, some folklore, but lots of heart, is how our city came to be called Delhi



R. V. SMITH

The controversy over the name of the Capital has erupted again with BJP leader Vijay Goel making the demand that it should be renamed Dilli. He has a point, because in local parlance it has always been Dilli.

When Lord Hardings as Viceroy presided over the building of New Delhi on Raisina Hill he went through several names and eventually decided on Delhi. For Mirza Ghalib it was Dilli, that which allures the heart. But he lived at a time when there was no name-changing spree.

According to the book *Delhi and Its Neighbourhood*, brought out by the Archaeological Survey of India, historian Y.D. Sharma says, "The first medieval city of Delhi founded by the Tomars was called Dhilli or Dhillika, although among the known records the name Dhillika occurs for the first time in the inscription of 1170 from Bijolia, District Udaipur, which mentions the capture of Delhi by the Chahamanas. The Palam Baolli inscription of 1276 written in the time of Balban calls it Dhilli and the country in which it lies as Hariyanaka. But an inscription of the reign of Mohd Thuglak (1328) refers to the city

as Dhillika... It is also called Dhilli, Dihli and Dhilli in old records, some of which refer to it as Dehali, meaning threshold of the country, though other prefer Dilli, the heart of Hindustan."

The *Gazetteer of the Delhi District of 1883-84* says that "tradition" attributes the foundation of the city to Raja Dillipa, the ancestor of the Pandava brothers. During the 3rd or 4th century A.D. the famous iron pillar of Raja Dhava was erected. The *Gazetteer* says, "Other traditions, concur in connecting the erection of the pillar with Bilan Deo, or Anang Pal, founder of the Tomara (Tunwar) dynasty, who flourished in the eighth century."

He is said to have been assured by a learned Brahman that as the foot of the pillar had been driven so deep into the ground that it rested on the head of Vasuki, King of the Serpents, who supports the earth, it was now immovable, and that dominion would remain in his family as long as the pillar stood. The Raja, doubting the truth of the Brahman's statement, ordered the pillar to be dug up. The foot of it was found wet with blood, said to be that of the Serpent King. The iron pillar was again raised; but owing to the King's former incredulity, every plan now failed in fixing it firmly, and in spite of all his efforts it still remained loose (dhila) in the ground, and this, according to these traditions, is said to have been the origin of the name of Dhilli.

During the course of its long

history the city has undoubtedly been known by various names. In one place Gen Cunningham, the renowned archaeologist, found it written as Dillipur. Delhi has been compared to the eternal city of Athens of Pericles but nobody has ever suggested that it be renamed after that famous icon of Greece's golden age. So the old name stays.

Delhi's twin city, Agra, was founded by Akbar so demands were made to rename it as Akbarabad, the old name for it. But other records say that the city was founded by Nizam Khan Sikandar Lodhi.

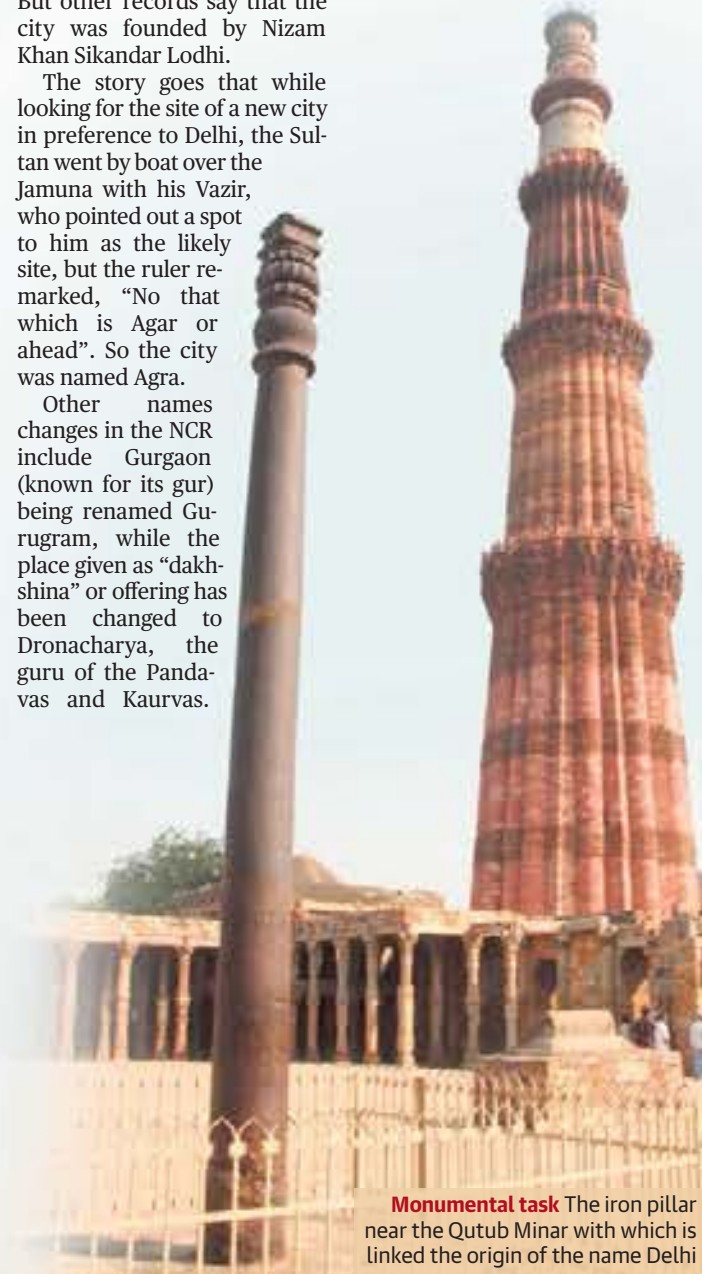
The story goes that while looking for the site of a new city in preference to Delhi, the Sultan went by boat over the Jamuna with his Vazir, who pointed out a spot to him as the likely site, but the ruler remarked, "No that which is Agar or ahead". So the city was named Agra.

Other names changes in the NCR include Gurgaon (known for its gur) being renamed Gurugram, while the place given as "dakhshina" or offering has been changed to Dronacharya, the guru of the Pandavas and Kaurvas.

Mughal Sarai's name too has been changed and old Bumbai has become Mumbai - the dubious gifts of a new dispensation.

Delhi College was renamed Zakir Husain College but on second thoughts it was considered prudent to amend the name to Zakir Husain Delhi College. So let Delhi be known as such and Dilli colloquially.

The writer is a veteran chronicler of Delhi



Monumental task The iron pillar near the Qutub Minar with which is linked the origin of the name Delhi

Room with a view

Artisan Lab is a store that marries retail and food, with each complementing the other

SUNALINI MATHEW

You'll need to go around the building, into a lane behind the Forest Essentials in GK 1 N block market, to reach the entrance to Artisan Lab. Its dusty pink staircase, green palms, and timber balustrade hold promise. The first floor is home accessories, while the second has an extension of that (with some clothing), along with a cafe.

Noor and Neimat Sethi studied design (in New York) and hospitality (in Switzerland), respectively, working abroad and then returning home to start their own business. It's taken the sisters a year and a half to plan things, and their project is now 'live'.

The aesthetic is hand-crafted products in varied materials, from glass and brass to leather and jute. If you spot little bits of acrylic, they're nuances in design. There are a few statement pieces, like a brass side-board with malachite accents in the door knobs, a coffee table in resin with bone inlay, a leather desk with a hair-on-hide chair. It's a good place to pick up a gift (prices start ₹380, though it's reasonable to expect a ₹1,500-2,000 purchase for one). You can mix and match a set of bowls with a cheese platter, or a large lazy-Susan server with linen napkins. Most things are sourced from India, with a few from South-East Asia (check out the jute throws). They have their own label too that does floor coverings in leather, cushions, table linens and more.

The idea is for a visitor to "slow down", browse through cushions, hurricane lanterns, platters, terrariums, and more,



Striking a balance Artisan Lab has ambience as well as ambrosia *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

order a coffee, maybe get some cake. "The other day a lady came in and said she wanted the wall painting (a part of the décor in the store) to be replicated in her house, and she also wanted the jhoola," says Noor, who takes on home styling and interior-design projects as well. Other times, especially over a weekend, people may just come in just for the food. The women are there, helping you with ordering or picking up an accessory.

A late breakfast with the truffle scrambled eggs on toast with coffee is a good start to a weekend. Breads are baked in-house, and the thick wedge of sourdough, with just the right hydration and sourness, is a Saturday-morning wake-up. I did the wild mushroom risotto, for an umami hit. It's not overbearingly cheesy, and Neimat says she goes by the

'Friends of the Earth' philosophy that uses balance in cooking, so nothing in nature (like meat or dairy) is over-used.

If you're stopping by for an evening snack, do the Gamba Pil Pil (prawns cooked in rosemary and chilli olive oil on a baguette). You're good for dinner, because portions are generous, especially the desserts. Absolutely do the Pastel Del Tres Leches (a butter sponge soaked in three types of milk). While the menu has cues about gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, the team is happy to tweak orders, and they're one of the few places that does gluten-free bread. They'll soon have keto bread and will be retailing their flavoured olive oils and breads.

N18, Greater Kailash 1 Market; 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; ₹1,500 for a meal for two

Mat matters (Clockwise from below) Sakshi Malik at the National Camp for Women Wrestling in Lucknow in 2018; receiving the Khel Ratna from then President Pranab Mukherjee in 2016

• RAJEEV BHATT, RV MOORTHY



'I visualise what I really want'

Sakshi Malik, who recently qualified for the World Wrestling Championships 2019, and has signed a partnership with ASICS, talks about how mental and physical fitness go hand-in-hand

VANGMAYI PARAKALA

Sakshi Malik walks into the ASICS store at the Mall of India in Noida, carrying herself with her trademark quiet-but-smiling no-nonsense sensibility. The brand has just signed on the 26-year-old, India's first woman wrestler to win an Olympic medal (and only the fourth Indian female Olympic medalist) as one of their eight athletes.

Fresh off her qualification for the World Wrestling Championships 2019, which will be held in Kazakhstan in September, Malik talks about how she keeps her mental fitness on track with the physical, and what life is like living in a family of wrestlers.

Being a wrestler isn't considered a usual professional choice. When did you know you wanted to be one?

• I was always interested in sport;

even in my school days, I'd participate in whatever sports activity was being arranged. I used to get excited when we'd hear the names of sports persons winning something. Olympic medal winners, especially.

But once, when I was about 12, I went over to a stadium near my house which had an athletics meet, with gymnastics and wrestling events, going on. I didn't even know it was called wrestling then, but I was so drawn to it! I told my parents immediately that this is what I wanted to do. And I've never looked back.

You're one of India's few women sport icons right now. What is the sort of message you want to give girls about fitness?

• First of all, regardless of whether or not you're a sportsperson, you need to be fit. When I started out in sport, we didn't have too many girls who'd take it on as a career. After my win in the Olympics, and other me-

dals too, so many girls have started getting into sport, and are also thinking more about staying fit. It makes them ready to face any problem. Fitness is necessary for everyone.

It's not new that we deal with body image issues. Women are too thin, too fat, too tall, too muscular - anything can be a problem. Women are also commonly asked to avoid weight training because they might bulk up and look 'masculine'. Have you ever encountered such issues when you started out?

• No, this has never happened with me. But it's so wrong to assume that lean women with perfect figures, who don't do any physical activity or aren't into some sport, have no health issues in their lives. There are so many of us wrestler girls, many heavyweight wrestler girls too - they don't have any such [misplaced societal body image issues]. Some of them are married and happy too. We are doing such great work, bringing back medals for the country - everything else is irrelevant.

What's your daily normal fitness schedule like?

• We train twice a day - a little late on the days we get on the mat, around 7 am. Ground sessions, it's like 5 am or 6 am. Some days we start with yoga first. Then there's training for two-three hours. Same in the evening. During the day, it's complete rest.



There's a lot of learning now about how mental and physical fitness feed into one another.

• Yes, that's quite important. In a lot of sports, it's important to be mentally fit. You can be super fit, but if your mind isn't working at its ideal, then you can't perform. Like, in our game, we need to be able to make decisions by the second - should I play on the defence, or attack. So it's definitely important.

How do you train to be mentally tough?

• Well, often times I watch a lot of motivational videos and speeches, and then I visualise what I really want and pump myself to be positive. And then I think also of how far I've come, and that gives me a lot of energy to work harder and perform better.

Are there days when you're low and demotivated?

• So many times. In every sportsperson's life there are lots of ups and downs. Like how during the Asian Games, I almost reached the finals, but lost out because of just three seconds. I was so low then. But I just told myself I need to work harder,

SEE IT, CONQUER IT

Visualising is also a bit of a misnomer. For athletes with good kinaesthetic awareness, it's not only about seeing things [like winning] in mind, but it's also about remembering the feel of the muscles and grip in a certain technique. Otherwise, it becomes close to daydreaming. In that sense, visualisation is a focussing tool, which improves concentration.

- Vaibhav Agashe, Delhi-based sports psychologist

and that God has given me so much already, that if I just kept at it, better things will come to me. Basically, I just remind myself of the strong moments during weak times, and that keeps me going.

What's your diet plan like?

• Our diet schedule changes through the year. As we draw closer to a competition, we need to lose a lot of weight. Meaning, we switch over to salads and boiled vegetables. But if a competition is still a way off, we eat ghee, *doodh*, *dahi*, and proper *maa ke haath ka khaana* (home food).

Recently, top sportspersons like Novak Djokovic have said that their performance has gotten better since they went gluten-free and vegan. And what's your take on eliminating certain foods to be healthier?

• I used to think about this a lot - I won't win because I'm a vegetarian, or if I eat eggs, I'll do better. And then I heard that Sushil *pehelwan* and Yogeshwar *pehelwan* [2012 London Olympics silver medalist Sushil Kumar, and bronze medalist Yogeshwar Dutt] won medals despite being vegetarians - and I didn't win despite having started on eggs, etc. And then of course, there are four-time Olympic medal winners from other countries who don't eat a meal without some meat or the other. All of this is just personal preference. You can be strong regardless.

Your father-in-law is your coach, your husband Satyawart Kadian is also a wrestler. What's a dinner-table conversation like at home?

• Well, first of all, no one really talks so much or so casually with my father-in-law at home. He looks strict. I mostly only talk to him when I'm on the mat. He teaches me what I need to learn.

At home, it's like a little shy and a little respect. I don't really sit in front of him and do *bakwas*. I mean we are normal, but we talk only on the mat.

But with my husband, it's really nice. And it's even nicer that he's also a wrestler, an Arjuna Awardee, so there's a lot of understanding between us. *Haar jeet pe samajh paa-tein hain*. (We understand each other's wins and losses.)

Is there a healthy sense of competitiveness between you two?

• I mean, that's natural. He lost in the World Championship trials, and I felt pretty bad about it. But he said to me, "Everyone from the same home can't have it all; it's okay, if not me, you go. You'll do well."

Q&A

My son has chosen maths in Class XI, but is not faring well, despite tuition. How can I get him to change subjects?

■ Mathematics is one subject that usually has students either loving it or being terrified of it. Having said that, tuition which may involve repetition of current topics or concepts, may not necessarily fix any gaps in learning that could



have occurred in his earlier years. Mathematics depends greatly on the concepts mastered earlier, and therefore an effective strategy to help him will be to understand the mastery level of his skills for all previously-learned concepts and then systematically addressing them. Unless your son wishes to choose another subject, it would be wise as a parent to play a supportive role, by helping him and supporting him through his choices.

I caught my kid brother watching porn. What should I do?

■ If he is a teenager, have a friendly chat with him and also let him know healthy limits in the use of the Internet and about internet safety. Don't limit it to your interaction involving porn. If your brother is younger, it will be wise to speak to your parents. Suggest that a desktop be placed in the living room, for common use, rather than in a bedroom.

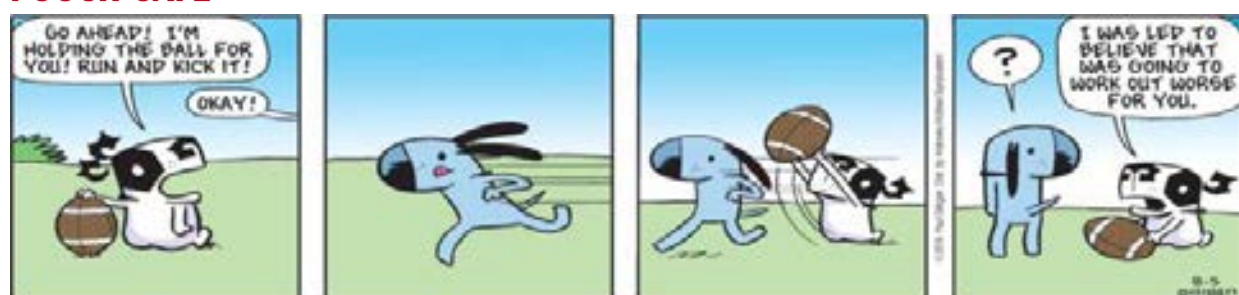
How should I talk to my daughter about losing weight?

■ A fit lifestyle is often just modelled behaviour. Unless your daughter has the opportunity to observe all the adults at home making healthier choices, including diet and exercise, just talking about it will not help. Join her for small walks initially, and let her enjoy the bonding and the conversation that goes along with it. Slowly, you can include sport as part of the process. Help her become a part of small cooking projects, where she can make interesting and healthy recipes along with you. Your approach needs to be supportive, to help her develop health and fitness, and not just losing weight.

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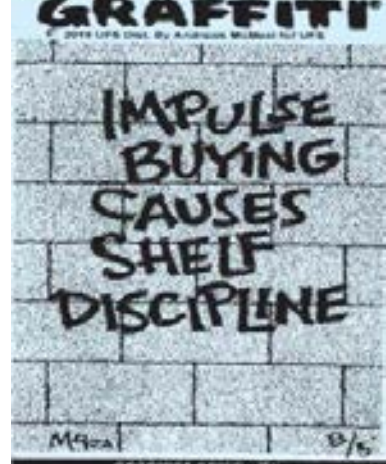
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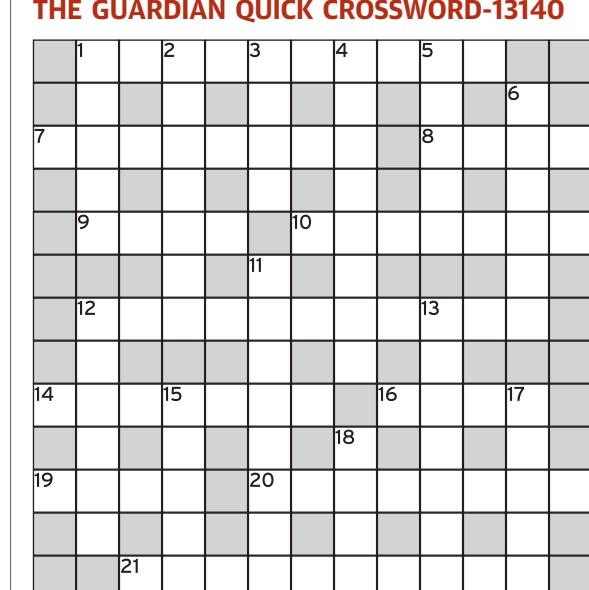
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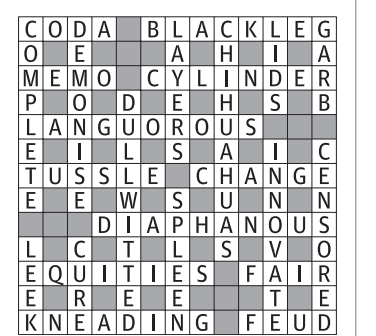
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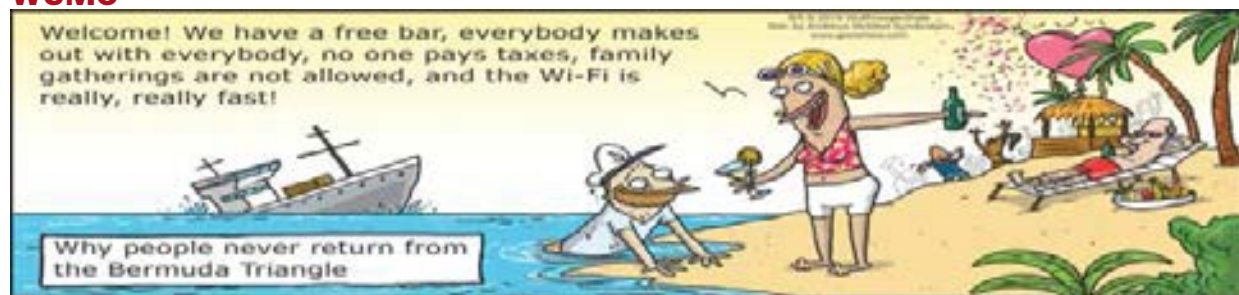
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HEALTH CAPSULES

By Bron Smith
HOW NUTRITIOUS IS V8 JUICE?
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



Rohit and Krunal's exploits fashion India's series victory



The propeller: Rohit Sharma's innings took the Men in Blue to a match-winning total. ■AFP

The opener provides the fireworks while the all-rounder chips in with vital runs and wickets

INDIA IN WI

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Rohit Sharma's sublime innings and Krunal Pandya's all-round show powered India to a series-clinching 22-run win over West Indies in the rain-affected second T20I here on Sunday.

Batting first, India scored 167 for five and then had West Indies reeling at 98 for four in the 16th over when lightning and thundershowers struck. The Duckworth-Lewis par score at that point was 120, leaving India winner by 22 runs.

Final flourish

Rohit top-scored with 67 off 51 balls before Krunal (20 off 13 balls) and Ravindra Jadeja propped up the innings, smashing 20 runs in the final over bowled by Keemo Paul.

Krunal hit the first two balls of the 20th over for sixes before Jadeja smashed another.

During the course of his innings, Rohit became T20I's most prolific six-hitter, going past Chris Gayle's record of 105. He struck six fours and three sixes in this match.

India was off to a quick start, crossing 50 in the seventh over with Rohit doing the bulk of the scoring. The

Next match

■ August 6, third T20I, Providence, 8 p.m. IST

India vice-captain found the gaps with ease, clipping Paul off his pads for a six over deep midwicket. The highest scorer in the World Cup then swept him for a four as the Indians upped the tempo.

Paul gave West Indies the breakthrough when he bowled Shikhar Dhawan. India was 67 for one in the eighth over at that stage.

Breaking free

Two quiet overs followed as India skipper Virat Kohli joined Rohit. The latter broke the shackles with a six over deep midwicket off Sunil Narine and brought up his 17th T20 half-century with a single to long-off.

Kohli, at the other end, hit a six off left-arm spinner Kharvy Pierre to get going. Rohit then smashed Carlos Brathwaite for a six and four as India's 100 came up in the 13th over.

It took a fine catch from Shimron Hetmyer to bring an end to Rohit's stay. The Indian opener departed in the 14th over.

Rishabh Pant (5) perished quickly, top-edging Thomas into the hands of Kieron Pol-

lard at third man.

Sheldon Cottrell then took the prize scalp of Kohli, sending the middle-stump cartwheeling with a perfectly-executed yorker and performing his trademark salute.

In reply, West Indies was off to a disastrous start with both openers Evin Lewis and Sunil Narine back in the hut with just eight on the board in the third over.

Rovman Powell and Nicholas Poonan lifted the team with a 76-run stand for the third wicket before Krunal again got into the act, removing both batsmen in the space of three balls in the 14th over. Just as things were getting tougher for the hosts came the showers followed by lightning.

STAT SPHERE

1 Rohit has the most runs in T20Is (2422 from 96 games) followed by Kohli (2310/69). He also has the highest number of centuries (4)

1 Rohit (107) has overtaken Gayle (105) to top the list of six-hitters in T20Is. Guptill is third with 103

1 Kohli (8416) leads the list of Indian batsmen with the most runs in T20 cricket, surpassing Raina (8392). Rohit (8291) is third

100 Match referee Jeff Crowe becomes the first to officiate in a century of T20Is, edging past Ranjan Madugalle (99). Chris Broad, with 92, is third

■ India ends its winless streak of three T20I series dating back to November 2018



SCOREBOARD INDIA VS WEST INDIES, SECOND T20 INTERNATIONAL

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Hetmyer b Thomas 67 (51b, 6x4, 3x6), Shikhar Dhawan b Paul 23 (16b, 3x4), Virat Kohli b Cottrell 28 (23b, 1x4, 1x6), Rishabh Pant c Pollard b Thomas 4 (5b), Manish Pandey c Poonan b Cottrell 6 (8b), Krunal Pandya (not out) 20 (13b, 2x6), Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 9 (4b, 1x6); Extras (lb-3, w-7): 10; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 167.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-67 (Dhawan, 7.5 overs), 2-115 (Rohit, 13.5), 3-126 (Pant, 15.1),

4-132 (Kohli, 16.2), 5-143 (Pandey, 18.3).

WEST INDIES BOWLING
Thomas 4-0-27-2, Cottrell 4-0-25-2, Narine 4-0-28-0, Paul 4-0-46-1, Brathwaite 2-0-22-0, Pierre 2-0-16-0.

WEST INDIES
(target 121 in 15.3 overs)

Sunil Narine b Washington 4 (12b), Evin Lewis c & b Bhuvneshwar 0 (2b), Nicholas Poonan c Pandey b Krunal 19 (34b, 1x4), Rovman Powell lbw b Krunal 54 (34b, 6x4, 3x6), Kieron Pollard (not out) 8 (8b,

1x4), Shimron Hetmyer (not out) 6 (4b, 1x4); Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-5): 7; Total (for four wkts. in 15.3 overs): 98.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-2 (Lewis, 1.2), 2-8 (Narine, 2.6), 3-84 (Poonan, 13.2), 4-85 (Powell, 13.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Washington 3-1-12-1, Bhuvneshwar 2-0-7-1, Khaleel 3-0-22-0, Saini 3-0-27-0, Krunal 3.3-0-23-2, Jadeja 1-0-6-0.

Toss: India. **MoM:** Krunal. India won by 22 runs (DL method).

Smith proves unstoppable again

THE ASHES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BIRMINGHAM

Steve Smith hit his second century of his comeback Test on Sunday as Australia set England a daunting 398 to win the Ashes opener at Edgbaston.

Ashes-holder Australia, bidding to win its first Test series away to England in 18 years, made 487 for seven declared in its second innings as it capitalised on the absence from the home side's attack of the injured James Anderson.

That left England needing 398 for victory – the most it has made in the fourth innings to win a Test was 332 for seven against Australia at Melbourne back in 1928/29.

Australia captain Tim Paine's declaration late on the fourth day left England with an awkward seven overs to bat before stumps.

Rory Burns, fresh from his maiden Test century in the first innings, and Surrey teammate Jason Roy saw England to 13 for no loss at the close.

Smith made 142 following his 144 in the first innings of the match – the former Australia captain's first Test



Extra special! Steve Smith marked his return to Tests with another memorable knock. ■AFP

since the end of a 12-month ban for his role in last year's ball-tampering scandal in South Africa.

He is just the fifth Australian to score hundreds in both innings of an Ashes Test.

Matthew Wade marked his first Test for nearly two years with a fine 110.

Smith, having reached lunch on 98 not out, went to three figures in style when he cover-drove England paceman Stuart Broad for his 10th four in 147 balls faced.

On the double

List of Australian players who have scored centuries in both innings of an Ashes Test

| Player | Centuries | Year |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Warren Bardsley | 136 and 130 | The Oval, 1909 |
| Arthur Morris | 122 and 124 not out | Adelaide, 1946/47 |
| Steve Waugh | 108 and 116 | Manchester, 1997 |
| Matthew Hayden | 197 and 103 | Brisbane, 2002/03 |
| Steve Smith | 144 and 142 | Birmingham, 2019 |

SCOREBOARD

Australia – 1st innings: 284.

England – 1st innings: 374.

Australia – 2nd innings: Cameron Bancroft c Buttler b Moeen 7, David Warner c Bairstow b Broad 8, Usman Khawaja c Bairstow b Stokes 40, Steve Smith c Bairstow b Woakes 142, Travis Head c Bairstow b Stokes 51, Mathew Wade c Denly b Stokes 110, Tim Paine b Moeen 34, James Pattinson (not out) 47, Pat Cummins (not out) 26; Extras (b-11, lb-2, nb-6, w-3): 22; Total (for seven wkts. decl. in 112 overs): 487.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-27, 3-75, 4-205, 5-331, 6-407, 7-409.

England bowling: Broad 22-2-91-1, Woakes 13-1-46-1, Moeen 29-1-130-2, Root 12-1-50-0, Stokes 22-5-85-3, Denly 14-1-72-0.

England – 2nd innings: Rory Burns (batting) 7, Jason Roy (batting) 6; Total (for no loss in seven overs): 13.

Australia bowling: Siddle 2-0-4-0, Lyon 3-0-7-0, Pattinson 2-1-2-0.

The move to have Satwik play at the front paid off

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

India's leading men's combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty served a reminder that they were not far behind when it comes to winning a Super Series title.

It was the Malaysian doubles coach Tan Kim Her, who left this March even though his contract was to end only after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, who made Satwik and Chirag join forces five years ago.

New coach Dwi Kristiawan's move to have the 18-year-old Satwik on the frontcourt, given his ability to come up with stunning smashes, proved a game-changer.

It wasn't easy for the duo to play back-to-back marathon matches and sustain peak

form. Satwik even braved a niggle in shoulder to play on.

"It's the biggest title we have won so far in our career. Right now, I am out of words after playing in a final and beating the current World champions. I am extremely happy," Chirag said. "I think it is refreshing to see the doubles pair win a major title.

"The few questions often

raised about the general standard of doubles game in India may have been answered with this performance," chief national coach P. Gopi Chand told *The Hindu*.

"The best part is they are young and have many weapons in their armoury. We always believed that they had the potential and this win could not have come at a better time."

The Satwik-Chirag file

Satwik | Age: 18

Born: Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh

Chirag | Age: 22

Born: Mumbai

NOTABLE RESULTS (MEN'S DOUBLES):

2018 French Open (Super 750): **Semifinal**

2018 Fuzhou China Open (Super 750): **Quarterfinal**

2018 Commonwealth Games: **Silver**

2019 Indonesia Open (Super 1000): **Round-of-16**

2019 Japan Open (Super 750): **Quarterfinal**



Pioneers: Chirag, left, and Satwik have gone where no other Indian combo has. ■AFP

Hamilton's tactical acumen to the fore



Whoop of joy: Hamilton's record seventh win in Hungary is applauded by Verstappen, left, and Vettel. ■AFP

HUNGARIAN GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HUNGARORING

Lewis Hamilton regained his momentum in the drivers' World championship with a memorable strategic victory on Sunday when he overcame young rival Max Verstappen to triumph in a tense and thrilling Hungarian Grand Prix.

Hamilton started third on the grid in his Mercedes and, after stalling the 21-year-old Dutch tyro for most of a fascinating tactical contest, finally swept into the lead on lap 67 of a stirring 70 laps.

Hamilton's record seventh win in Hungary and 81st of his career wrecked Red Bull's hopes of turning Verstappen's maiden pole position into victory and increased his lead in the title race to 62 points before the sport's European summer break.

Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel was third for Ferrari ahead of teammate

Charles Leclerc, Carlos Sainz of McLaren and Pierre Gasly in the second Red Bull. Kimi Raikkonen was seventh for Alfa Romeo ahead of Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, who had been forced into an early pit-stop after a first lap incident.

THE RESULTS

1. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) 1h 35min 03.796sec, 2. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) at 17.796sec, 3. Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) 1:01.433, 4. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) 1:05.250, 5. Carlos Sainz Jr (McLaren) 1 lap, 6. Pierre Gasly (Red Bull) 1 lap, 7. Kimi Raikkonen (Alfa Romeo) 1 lap, 8. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) 1 lap, 9. Lando Norris (McLaren) 1 lap, 10. Alexander Albon (Toro Rosso) 1 lap, 11. Sergio Perez (Racing Point) 1 lap, 12. Nico Hulkenberg (Renault) 1 lap, 13. Kevin Magnussen (Haas) 1 lap, 14. Daniel Ricciardo (Renault) 1 lap, 15. Daniil Kvyat (Toro Rosso) 2 laps, 16. George Russell (Williams) 2 laps, 17. Lance Stroll (Racing Point-Mercedes) 2 laps, 18. Antonio Giovinazzi (Alfa Romeo) 2 laps, 19. Robert Kubica (Williams) 3 laps.

Sathiyam powers Dabang into the last four

Mavericks staring at elimination after the big loss to the Delhi side

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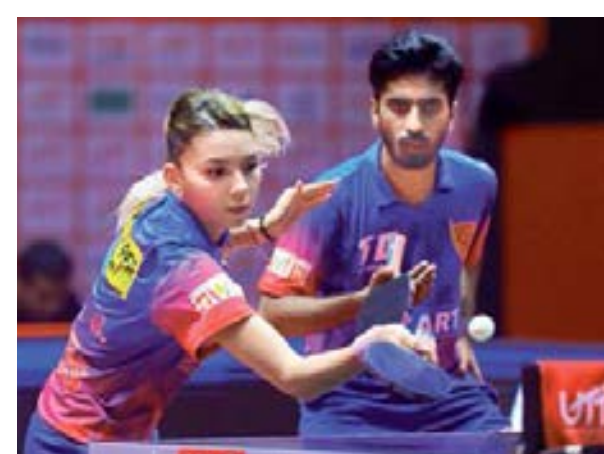
In its battle for survival, Kolkata's RP-SG Mavericks was expected to give it its all. But contrary to expectations, it was defending champion Dabang Delhi that played its heart out for a convincing 10-5 win and ensured a place in the last-four of Ultimate Table Tennis League here on Sunday.

The result catapulted Delhi to the top of the table where it joined U Mumba with 33 points from four outings and left Mavericks (26) staring at elimination in the six-team league.

With just a match on hand, Mavericks is likely to join Purneri Palton on the sidelines after the 15-match round-robin league phase.

Dabang skipper G. Sathiyam produced the kind of performance expected of him. The 30th-ranked Indian was at his belligerent best in blanking Benedikt Duda, ranked 46th. Continuing his winning display in the company of Bernadette Szocs, Sathiyam played his part in stopping Duda and Manika 2-1.

Late in the decider, Bernadette made amends with some sterling returns and took the pressure off Sathiyam as the duo bounced back to win.



Touch and go! Szocs and Sathiyam won a tight contest against Duda and Manika. ■COURTESY UTT

Like Sathiyam, his teammate, the 63rd ranked Jon Persson, added three points

at the expense of an inconsistent Sanil Shetty and gave Dabang a winning lead.

With Dabang leading 9-3 before the final singles, Mavericks' left-hander Matilda Ekholm, ranked 23, staved off an upbeat Bernadette 2-1 and reduced the margin of defeat. But that was hardly a consolation for a team staring at elimination.

The results:

Dabang Delhi bt RP-SG Mavericks (Kolkata) 10-5 (Krittivika Singh Roy lost to Manika Batra 11-9, 8-11, 9-11; G. Sathiyam bt Benedikt Duda 11-9, 11-7, 11-6; Sathiyam & Bernadette Szocs bt Duda & Manika 11-10, 5-11, 11-8; Jon Persson bt Sanil Shetty 11-6, 11-10, 11-8; Szocs lost to Matilda Ekholm 8-11, 8-11, 11-5).

Monday's fixture: Goa Challengers v U Mumba (7 p.m.).

Desperate measures



Gotcha: Tamil Thalaivas trap Haryana Steelers raider Vikas Khandola on way to a 35-28 victory in the ProKabaddi League in Patna on Sunday. In the other match, Purneri Palton beat Patna Pirates 41-20. ■RANJEET KUMAR

TV PICKS

UTT: Star Sports 1 & SS Select-1 (SD& HD), 7.10 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD& HD), 7.15 p.m. & 8.30 p.m.
TNPL: Star Sports 3, 7.10 p.m.
The Ashes: Sony Six (SD& HD), 3.30 p.m.
Rogers Cup tennis: Sony ESPN (SD& HD), 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Mick Schumacher opens Formula 2 account

BUDAPEST
Mick Schumacher, the 20-year-old son of seven-time World champion Michael Schumacher, on Sunday claimed his first Formula Two victory ahead of the Hungarian Grand Prix. The German driver won the 28-lap 'sprint' race for Prema Racing after starting from pole. Schumacher finished 1.5 seconds ahead of Honda-backed Nobuharu Matsushita of Carlin. **AFP**



No stopping Alex at Czech Moto2 GP

BRNO
Alex Marquez made the most of pole position to dominate Sunday's Czech Moto2 Grand Prix to register his fifth win of the season. The Kalex rider, brother to MotoGP champion Marc Marquez, heads the championship standings on 161 points, 33 clear of Swiss teammate Thomas Luthi. Luthi had to retire after a fall 16 laps from the end. Marquez crossed the line over three seconds up on Italy's Fabio Di Giannantonio with Enea Bastianini in third. In Moto3, Aron Canet won his second race of the season to retake the championship lead. **AFP**



Marquez completes half-century of career wins

BRNO
Honda's Marc Marquez claimed his 50th career race win at the Czech MotoGP on Sunday after the race had been delayed by 45 minutes due to rain. Spain's defending champion beat Ducati's Italian Andrea Dovizioso by 2.4sec to extend his advantage at the top of the riders' standings with his sixth triumph of the season. Australian Jack Miller was third in the race cut by one lap due to the weather. Earlier, Marquez's 58th pole position took him equal with Mick Doohan of Australia. **AFP**



Thiem realises a childhood dream

KITZBUHEL (AUSTRIA)
Top seed and World No. 4 Dominic Thiem captured his 14th career title and first on home ground on Saturday with a 7-6(0), 6-1 win over Spain's Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the final of the Kitzbuhel clay court tournament. It was Thiem's third title of 2019 after a maiden Masters win at Indian Wells and in Barcelona on the eve of Roland Garros where he eventually went on to finish runner-up to Rafael Nadal for a second successive year. **AFP**

Bharat women win, men lose

CHENNAI: Though Bharat lost to Korea 7-0 in the men's category, it beat Malaysia 4-0 in the women's section on day one of the Special Olympics International football championship here on Sunday.
The results: Men: Austria bt Myanmar 1-0; Malaysia bt Bangladesh 2-0; Korea bt Bharat 7-0.
Women: Bharat bt Malaysia 4-0; Russia bt Maldives 6-0; Indonesia bt Bangladesh 2-1; Philippines bt UAE 4-0.

No stopping Rajiv Sethu

Anish Shetty and Venkatesan achieve a double

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS REPORTER CHENNAI

Rajiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) scrambled to his fourth win in-a-row in the Pro-Stock 165cc class on the final day of the third round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National motorcycle racing championship at the MMRT on Sunday.

Bengaluru-based Anish Shetty (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) and Chennai's I. Venkatesan (Moto Maniac Racing) achieved a double each in the Pro-Stock 201-300cc and Novice (Stock 165cc).

Ryhana Bee (Sparks Racing), also from Chennai, took the honours in the girls'



Ryhana Bee, winner of girls' race. **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

race. Sethu tops the leaderboard with 100 points, followed by Jagann Kumar of TVS Racing (94) and Sarath Kumar (93).

The results (Provisional, all 8 laps unless mentioned):

National c'ship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc (Race-2): 1. K.Y. Ahamed (TVS Racing) 15:32.793s; 2. Rahul Shetty (Sparks Racing) 15:35.179; 3. Deepak Ravikumar (TVS Racing) 15:44.637.

Pro-Stock 201-300cc (Race-2): 1. Anish Shetty (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 16:13.776; 2. Abhishek Vasudev (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 16:26.707; 3. Aravind Balakrishnan (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 16:31.680.

Pro-Stock 165cc (Race-2): 1. Rajiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 16:07.022; 2. K.Y. Ahamed 16:07.032; 3. Sarath Kumar (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 16:15.267.

Novice (Stock 165cc): Race-2 (6 laps): 1. I. Venkatesan (Motomaniac Racing) 13:13.563; 2. V. Lokesh (Speedup Racing) 13:14.839; 3. Anish Samsan (Speedup Racing) 13:21.887.

Girls (Stock 165cc, 5 laps): 1. Ryhana Bee (Sparks Racing) 11:09.174; 2. Alisha Abdullah (Alisha Racing) 11:12.948; Nivetha Jessica (Pvt.) 11:32.874.



Victorious: Bengaluru-based Anish Shetty was in complete control in the Pro-Stock 201-300cc. **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

PTF chief allays Indian fears

Says tie will be held in a safe and secure environment

DAVIS CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Seeking to allay fears on the Indian team's security during the Davis Cup tie, Pakistan Tennis Federation president Salim Saifullah Khan assured that the contest will be held in safe and secure environment, promising "impressive hospitality" to the visitors.

The PTF chief also said it plans to invite India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to watch the contest, scheduled for September 14-15, and promised memorable

hospitality to the visiting team and fans.

"We are eagerly waiting for the Indian team. There will be good arrangements for Indian fans and players. We will host the tie in a very safe and secure atmosphere," Salim Saifullah told PTI in an exclusive interview.

Lot of excitement

"There is a lot of excitement in Pakistan for this tie. Everyone is happy. It's better if we spray tennis balls at each other and not bombs. I am confident that the Indian team will be impressed with Pakistan's hospitality."

An Indian tennis team is set to travel to Pakistan for the first time in 55 years. The last time Pakistan hosted India was way back in 1964 when the visitors won 4-0 in Lahore.

When reminded that there are apprehensions regarding players' safety in Pakistan, Salim assured that nothing untoward will happen.

"The ITF consultants were here for three days and they inspected everything.

"All the set up will be declared a red zone. I am sure nothing untoward will happen," he said.

Sowjanya, Sravya lose final

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU TABARKA (TUNISIA)

The fine run of Sowjanya Bavisetti and Sravya Shivani came to an end as they were beaten 6-2, 6-2 by the Dutch pair of Eva Vedder and Stephanie Judith Visscher in the doubles final of the \$15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament.

The results: \$15,000 ITF women, Tabarka, Tunisia: Final: Eva Vedder & Stephanie Judith Visscher (Ned) bt Sowjanya Bavisetti & Sravya Shivani Chilakalapudi 6-2, 6-2.

In principal approval for 22nd race from the next year

Mercedes boss says teams have agreed to expand the calendar

FORMULA ONE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BUDAPEST

Formula One teams have given their approval in principle to an expanded 22-race calendar next year without any allowance for an additional power-unit, Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff has said.

Speaking after a teams' meeting with F1 chief executive Chase Carey at the Hungarian Grand Prix, Wolff was quoted on Sunday saying the 22-race plan with no extra engines — and therefore costs for the smaller customer teams — was supported.

"In a nutshell, we basically agreed to have a 22nd race," said Wolff, as quoted by *Autosport* (www.autosport.com).

"We've got to let Liberty do their business and their business is to grow F1.

"If they are able to attract promoters, we've got to support them so, we shouldn't change the technical regulations because we have an extra race. That was the debate we had."

No extra components

Wolff added that an increase to the duration of the season and number of races should not be interpreted as a chance for more components to be used on the cars.

"It shouldn't be seen as an opportunity to increase the number of components, but equally we've got to protect our people and all of us because it could get to a point where it's not manageable any more with one single crew.

"That becomes a factor that needs a solution."

Support from the Catalan government for the continuation of the Spanish Grand

Three cheers for Vinesh

The wrestler bags her third consecutive gold

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Star India grappler Vinesh Phogat bagged her third consecutive gold in the women's 53kg category after winning the Poland Open wrestling tournament in Warsaw.

The 24-year-old prevailed 3-2 over local wrestler Rokasana in the final of the competition.

Vinesh had earlier beaten Sofia Mattsson of Sweden, the Rio Olympics bronze medalist, in the quarterfinals.

The top Indian woman



Vinesh Phogat. **FILE PHOTO**

wrestler had stood atop the podium at Grand Prix of Spain and at the Yasar Dogu International at Istanbul last month.

Former national hockey captain Viren Rasquinha,

who is also involved with Olympic Gold Quest, congratulated Vinesh on her success.

"Congrats @Phogat_Vinesh as she wins the gold medal beating the local girl 3-2 in the final of the Poland Open.

This is Vinesh's 3rd consecutive gold in 53kgs after Spain and Turkey. Well done @Media_SAI, #TOPS and #WFI. We are proud to support this champion Vinesh @OGQ_India," Rasquinha, who heads the Olympic Gold Quest as its CEO, wrote on his twitter page.

Anant Setalvad passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

Anant Setalvad, whose pleasant baritone voice distinguished him from other cricket commentators from the mid 1960s through to the 1980s, passed away in the early hours of Sunday. Anant was 84 and he is survived by two sons, Kevic and Tarshish.

Anant's funeral rites will take place at 4 p.m. at Worli crematorium on Monday "He was ailing for some time. He died at 12.40 a.m. Sunday," said his son Kevic.

Regarded as a giant in cricket commentary on All India Radio (AIR), Anant shared the microphone with Vijay Merchant, Pearson Surita, Raju Bharatan, Balu Alaganan and Suresh Saraiya.

"Anant was an aristocrat. Fluency and fluidity went hand in hand with him. He was easy in delivery, accurate in description, on the ball and all in all he was a pleasant commentator," said Bharatan.

Anant was commentator for AIR in Ranji Trophy and other BCCI tournaments and also for Test matches.



Anant Setalvad.

He was on the AIR panel for the 1969 India-Australia Test match in Mumbai and also in the panel for the 1973 Test against the Tony Lewis led England at the CCI.

Dr. Narottam Puri, who worked on many assignments with Setalvad, said, "he was a gentleman. He was very knowledgeable about the game with a tremendous broadcasting sense.

"His mellifluous voice would stay with you for long. It was a matter of pride to have worked with him because he had shared the mike with my father (Devraj Puri) too. To me he was a perfect commentator. May his soul rest in peace."

India beats Bolivia in COTIF Cup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The Indian women's senior national team defeated Bolivia 3-1 in its second match of the COTIF Cup football tournament in Spain.

A Ratanbala Devi brace and a Bala Devi goal led the Indian women to a comfortable win over the South American side.

After the 2-0 defeat to Spanish club side Villareal CF, the Indian women conceded an early goal in the second minute when Sweetie Devi put the ball in to her own net to give Bolivia the advantage.

The lead for Bolivia was, however, short-lived.

In the fifth minute, Bala Devi collected the ball around the opponent's penalty area and fired in a volley into the back of the net to restore parity.

Ratanbala Devi gave India the lead in the 36th minute when she headed home by connecting a cross from the left flank.

Shortly after, Ratanbala Devi got her second goal to extend India's lead to 3-1.



Toto Wolff. **LARS BARON/GETTY IMAGES**

Prix this week suggested an expansion of the existing 21-race calendar was inevitable.

The enlargement requires approval from the teams, a factor that precipitated the meeting on Saturday.

Double headers

The expansion may lead to an increase in the number of 'double-headers' formed of two successive race week-

kends in a calendar due to a return of the Dutch Grand Prix and a Vietnam Grand Prix for the first time.

Wolff also said Mercedes was not considering promoting impressive young British rookie George Russell from Williams to the main factory team alongside Lewis Hamilton next season.

He has made clear that current driver Valtteri Bottas is under consideration to retain his seat, but that a final choice between him and highly-rated reserve driver Esteban Ocon is due to be made during the sport's European summer break this August.

Russell on Saturday out-qualified his Williams teammate Robert Kubica by 1.3 seconds to take 15th place on the grid, the team's best effort this year.

"I think you've got to consider that these guys come

into F1 at a very young age," said Wolff. "And, yes, there are exceptions to the norm, such as Max Verstappen."

Learn from mistakes

He said the 21-year-old Dutch tyro, who will start Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix from his maiden pole position, had benefited from being allowed to learn and make mistakes at both Toro Rosso and Red Bull.

"You're not given the possibility to do that in a Mercedes because you're being put in a car that is able to win races and championships, in a high-pressure environment."

He said that putting Russell alongside "the best driver of his generation who has been with us for seven years", referring to Hamilton, could go terribly wrong for him. "And I wouldn't want to burn George."

Moondancer wins Air Command Cup

HYDERABAD: Satyanarayana-

trained Moondancer (Rohit Kumar up) won the Air Command Cup, the main event of the races held here on Sunday. The winner is owned by Mr. Thimmaraja Yelamarthi & Mr. C. Krishna Kannaiah. It was a good day for Rohit Kumar as he rode two more winners, while trainer Laxman Singh saddled three horses to victory.

1. VIKARABAD PLATE (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): BRAVE WARRIOR (Rohit Kumar) 1, Turf Emperor (Umesh) 2, N R I Flame (Kuldeep Singh) 3 and Mossad (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 1-1/2, nk and shd. Im. 26.73s. ₹35 (w), 8, 9 and 7 (p), SHP: 26, FP: 484, Q: 147, Tla: 2.351. Favourite: Durango. Owners: Ms. Meka Ahalya & Mr. Meka Yugandhar. Trainer: L.D'Silva.

5. SILVERADO PLATE (Div. I), 1,200m, maiden 3-y-o only (Cat. II): (Terms) SHIVALIK VALLEY (Rohit Kumar) 1, Lineweller (Umesh) 2, Moskova (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Born Greek (R.N. Darshan) 4. nose, 4-1/4 and 1. Im. 13.86s. ₹18 (w), 7, 6 and 8 (p), SHP: 15, FP: 51, Q: 22, Tla: 171. Favourite: Lineweller. Owners: M/s. J.S. Prasad & Nirmal Singh. Trainer: Satyanarayana.

3. TANASHA PLATE (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): CINCIA AZURRA (Ashay Kumar) 1, Gusty Look (Suraj Narredu) 2, Soul

Empress (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Buttonwood (Abhay Singh) 4. 1-3/4, 1-1/2 and 3/4. Im. 41.76s. ₹13 (w), 8 and 7 (p), SHP: 13, FP: 28, Q: 11, Tla: 54. Favourite: Gusty Look. Owners: M/s. Five Stars Shipping Co.Pvt.Ltd. rep. by Mr & Mrs. K.N. Dhunjibhoj & Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoj. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

4. WANAPARTHY CUP (Div. II), 1,400m, 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): MEKA'S (Afroz Khan) 1, Solar Heights (Rafique Sk.) 2, Lockhart (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Durango (Suraj Narredu) 4. 1-1/2, nk and shd. Im. 26.73s. ₹35 (w), 8, 9 and 7 (p), SHP: 26, FP: 484, Q: 147, Tla: 2.351. Favourite: Durango. Owners: Ms. Meka Ahalya & Mr. Meka Yugandhar. Trainer: L.D'Silva.

6. AIR COMMAND CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, rated 75 & above (Cat. I): MOONDANCER (Rohit Kumar) 1, That's My Class (Ashay Kumar) 2, Exclusive Wind (Santosh Raj) 3 and Exclusivenorthwind

(Koushik) 4. Not run: Highly Acclaimed. 5-1/4, 2-1/2 and 3/4. Im. 25.98s. ₹32 (w), 11 and 5 (p), SHP: 9, FP: 94, Q: 36, Tla: 544. Favourite: Exclusivenorthwind. Owners: Mr. Thimmaraja Yelamarthi & Mr. C. Krishna Kannaiah. Trainer: Satyanarayana.

7. WANAPARTHY CUP (Div. I), 1,400m, 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): SUPER DART (Suraj Narredu) 1, The Special One (Ashay Kumar) 2, Dinkirk (Afroz Khan) 3 and Shaquille (Kiran Naidu) 4. 4-3/4, 1 and 1. Im. 26.15s. ₹11 (w), 6 and 8 (p), SHP: 17, FP: 36, Q: 25, Tla: 82. Favourite: Super Dart. Owner: Mr. S. Pathy. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

8. NIZAM SAGAR PLATE (2,000m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): CALL OF THE BLUE (Ashay Kumar) 1, Wings of Eagles (B.R. Kumar) 2, Royal Steel (R.N. Darshan) 3 and Ashwa Yelamarthi (Gaurav Singh) 4. Not run: Mr. Shanghai. Nk, 1/4 and hd, 2m. 8.47s. ₹15 (w), 8, 5 and 8 (p), SHP: 15, FP: 38, Q: 19, Tla: 185. Favourite: Wings of Eagles. Owners: Dr. Peddi Reddy Prabhakar Reddy & Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

IN BRIEF



Green extends Warriors stay till 2024

SAN FRANCISCO
Three-time NBA champion Draymond Green has agreed to a four-year maximum contract extension with Golden State Warriors, linking him to the club until mid-2024. The 29-year-old power forward, an emotional leader as well as a versatile playmaker, was set to become a free agent next July but will stay with Warriors. Green's remaining contract now goes for five years and pays \$118 million. He has won the NBA crown in 2015, 2017 and 2018. NBA Defensive Player-of-the-Year 2017, Green has been on the All-Defensive first or second team for five consecutive seasons. AFP



AC Milan snaps up Africa Cup star Bennacer

ROME
AC Milan on Sunday announced the signing of French-born Algerian midfielder Ismael Bennacer, named Player-of-the-Tournament at the recently concluded Africa Cup of Nations. Bennacer, who played for the French under-18 and -19 teams before switching to Algeria in 2016, joins the Milan club from fellow Serie A side Empoli on a five-year contract. He has won 16 caps for Algeria, including seven at the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt, where his team beat Senegal in the final. AFP

Annu, Shweta ready to make it count in Rio



Target Tokyo: Annu Raj Singh and Shweta Singh who have returned to the National air pistol team for the Rio World Cup. *KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Second Olympic quota place to be won

SHOOTING

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Two of the best women pistol shooters in the country, Annu Raj Singh and Shweta Singh, will compete in the last World Cup of the season in Rio de Janeiro aspiring to win the second Olympic quota for Tokyo 2020, in air pistol.

The 32-year-old Shweta, who works with ONGC, has competed in five World Championships, and three Asian Games. She did win the Asian Games individual bronze in Incheon, 2014.

Returning was tough

"I am happy to make the main team for the last World Cup of the season. Returning to the team was tough because of various reasons. "It was hard to spare time

for training (following marriage and the birth of a child). But, my husband supports me and takes care of our child.

"I worked full force, covering all training needs and made the World Championship team last year," recalled Shweta.

Huge payments

"I used my savings for participating in open tournaments abroad for more exposure and paid hefty fees to mental and physical trainers. I trusted my abilities and worked hard.

"I was missing selection to the national team by 0.1 point or one point. I am happy that the hard work is paying off," said Shweta.

Unlike Shweta, Annu Raj, who is with Air India, has been in the 25m sports pistol team, having represented the country in the London Olympics by virtue of silver

in the World Cup in Fort Benning when she had shot an impressive qualification score of 389.

The last time Annu made the National team in air pistol in a World Cup was in 2015. The 35-year-old Annu will be competing in the 60-shot air pistol for the first time in a global competition.

"I don't think making the team in itself is noteworthy. It is just the first step.

"I don't think much about quota, etc. It would be nice to get it. It is more about being able to follow the process," said Annu.

"The knowledge available for young shooters, along with funding for the junior programme, is helping them get there faster (among the elite).

"For them, transition is the key. Earlier, we would learn from our seniors. Now, the juniors motivate me to give my best," said Annu.

United's pre-season run continues

James fetches shoot-out win over AC Milan

FOOTBALL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CARDIFF

Daniel James converted the winning penalty in a shoot-out to give Manchester United victory over AC Milan on Saturday and six wins in as many pre-season matches.

The 21-year-old Wales international, who signed from second tier Swansea in the close season, sealed victory after David de Gea had saved a spot-kick from Daniel Maldini, son of Milan and Italy legend Paolo.

United's 5-4 victory – its other five victories included beating Tottenham Hotspur and Inter Milan – in the shoot-out came after the match ended 2-2 but was not enough for it to win the International Champions Cup with the honours going to Portuguese side Benfica instead.

"It's amazing. Today was a difficult test but it showed the spirit to come from behind," James told MUTV. "To score that last penalty, especially here in Cardiff, is very special."

The English side's triumph came despite the absence of Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, who is

expected to leave the club on a potential swap deal with Argentinian Paulo Dybala from Juventus, and France's World Cup-winning midfielder Paul Pogba.

Pogba purportedly missed the trip to Wales with a back injury although the *Daily Mirror* claimed he had sought to seal a move away to Real Madrid by not travelling with the squad.

United took the lead when Marcus Rashford opened the scoring with a delightful individual effort, dancing through two rather feeble efforts at tackles before his shot took a deflection off Milan skipper Alessio Romagnoli.

The visitors levelled in the 25th minute, Suso curling one into the net from outside the penalty area. de Gea denied Suso a second seven minutes before the break.

Suso was at the heart of the goal that gave Milan the lead on the hour mark, his cross being flicked on by Samu Castillejo which hit United central defender Victor Lindelof's head and went in.

United struck back as substitute Jesse Lingard's shot beat former Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina with 18 minutes remaining.



Decisive moment: Daniel James scores the winning penalty. *AFP

Dortmund wins German Supercup

Alcacer, Sancho deny Bayern a third triumph

IANS
DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund stunned Bayern Munich 2-0 in the German Supercup final on the strength of goals by Paco Alcacer and Jadon Sancho.

The win on Saturday ended a streak of three straight victories for Bayern in this annual match, which pits the winners of the previous season's Bundesliga and German Cup titles.

The duel was electric from the start, more than might be expected in the first days of August, reports Efe news.

Dortmund had more opportunities in an evenly contested first half, with Bayern superstar Robert Lewandowski unable to assert his presence in the centre of the



Best of the best: Borussia Dortmund celebrates the German Supercup victory. *AFP

field. Thomas Muller finally got off a shot for the Bavarian giants in the 19th minute, but it sailed over the crossbar. Dortmund, meanwhile, test-

ed Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, who managed to keep the game scoreless with a foot save of a shot by Raphael Guerreiro.

The evenness of the match unravelled as soon as the second half began. Just three minutes had passed when Thiago lost control of

the ball and Bayern paid the price.

Sancho made a speedy counterattack down the side, booted the ball across to where Alcacer took control straight in front of the net and drilled it in past Neuer in the 48th minute.

Bayern tried to battle back, but Marwin Hitz made an outstanding save to deny a shot by Kingsley Coman; Joshua Kimmich then made a strong run but sent his shot off target.

Those missed chances proved costly when Sancho intercepted a pass by Jerome Boateng, raced down the field and beat Neuer with a crossing shot to give Dortmund an insurance goal in the 69th minute.

Man U faces uncertain future

Can Solskjaer make the Red Devils contenders again?

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Manchester United has missed out on the top four in four of the six seasons since Alex Ferguson stepped down and fans are coming to terms with its current status as Premier League also-rans.

Here, AFP Sport looks at whether Ole Gunnar Solskjaer can make United a contender again for the first time since its last Premier League title in 2012-13 or whether it is facing another season of turmoil and pain.

What to expect

It is difficult to know what to expect from Solskjaer's United, which enjoyed a purple patch after the Norwegian replaced Jose Mourinho but slumped alarmingly towards the end of last season.

At one stage it looked likely to finish in the top four but there was the suspicion it was getting the rub of the green and so it proved.

Its campaign ended with a whimper as it drew 1-1 at relegated Huddersfield and it was beaten 2-0 at home on the final day by Cardiff, which was also heading out of the Premier League.

A gap of 32 points to champion Manchester City was embarrassing and many questioned whether the club had been too hasty in appointing the relatively inexperienced Solskjaer to the full-time manager's post.

United will not have Champions League football to paper over the cracks during the coming season, with Thursday nights in the Europa League ringed in the calendar instead.

The club has had a positive pre-season but there are still lingering issues that need to be addressed – Paul Pogba's future is still in doubt and Solskjaer has to wrestle with the conundrum of an underperforming Alexis Sanchez.

United had problems at both ends of the pitch last season – scoring 30 goals fewer than City in the Pre-



Troubled times: With a question mark still hanging over Paul Pogba continuing at Manchester United, Solskjaer has a tough task at hand to rebuild the team. *REUTERS

mier League and conceding 54 goals, the most it has conceded in a league season since 1978-79.

The 20-time champion desperately needs a positive start to rebuild confidence that it can challenge at the sharp end of the Premier League. Anything less and the knives could be out for Solskjaer.

New faces

After a leaky defence played a key role in United's struggles last season, Solskjaer made it clear he wanted Leicester's Harry Maguire to plug the holes.

The England centre-back is reportedly on the verge of becoming the world's most expensive defender, with United said to have agreed an €80 million fee to land Maguire.

But has it signed enough faces to boost a squad that looked short of class compared with Manchester City and Liverpool last season? Highly rated right-back Aaron Wan-Bissaka has joined from Crystal Palace, with Solskjaer describing the 21-year-old as "one of the best upcoming defenders in the Premier League".

Winger Daniel James was bought from Championship club Swansea to add thrust

on the flanks.

United has also been linked with a swoop for Juventus forward Paulo Dybala, but the Argentine is said to be unsure about joining a team outside the Champions League.

Romelu Lukaku could be on the way out of Old Trafford, with Juventus and Inter Milan both keen on the Belgian striker according to reports.

Key man

This is the season when Marcus Rashford will have to step up and show emphatically that he deserves to wear the number 10 shirt at Manchester United.

Still only 21, Rashford scored 17 goals in 54 appearances last season for club and country but will have to boost those numbers if he is to be the undisputed leader of United's attack.

Rashford signed a new four-year deal to remain at Old Trafford last month, saying it was "a privilege" every time he wore the shirt.

He has scored some sublime goals for the club but with a shortage of goal threat from elsewhere, Solskjaer will want to see him take his tally to 20-plus goals this season and become more of a poacher.

Guardiola places a premium on Premier League

Is averse to gambling all on the Champions League

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Pep Guardiola has dominated English football in his time at Manchester City, winning five of the six domestic trophies in the last two seasons, and once again is putting Premier League glory at the top of his list of ambitions for the new season.

Liverpool won its sixth European Cup with victory over Tottenham in May, and while Guardiola does want to conquer Europe with City, he prefers the sustained excellence that a successful league campaign brings over the vagaries of the post-Christmas knockout rounds.

The 48-year-old Spaniard has won eight titles in 10 seasons as a manager and he is now aiming to repeat the three straight league title wins he had at German giant Bayern Munich with City.

"The Champions League is an important tournament and difficult to win," he said.

"But it's seven games (the knockout stages). I am not going to go to the casino and gamble everything I have in my pocket on seven games. I don't want that.

"I want to be happy for 11 months and the Premier League makes me happy. Every game when we win, I am happy and I go to a restaurant feeling better.

"Why am I going to wait until February for seven games and put everything on black? From my point of view, that is too risky."

Guardiola, whose side was knocked out of the Champions League by Liverpool and Spurs in the past two seasons, said the title meant everything to him.

"To maintain the health and focus of the team, the



Pep Guardiola. *REUTERS

most important thing is the Premier League," he said.

"It is the standout competition because it is every weekend. In the Champions League, many things can happen in one or two games.

"We will be closer to achieving in Europe when we have more Premier League titles. That is a nice process and the right process to do at Manchester City.

"If I could have one thing this season, right now, it

Nadal heads the field at Montreal Masters

Djokovic, Federer have opted out of the key US Open tune-up

ROGERS CUP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MONTREAL

Defending champion Rafael Nadal heads the field for the ATP Montreal Masters that starts on Monday with Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer opting out of the key US Open tune-up.

With Djokovic and Federer putting a return to action on hold after their dramatic Wimbledon final, 33-year-old Nadal will be seeking to retain the title he earned last year in Toronto, when he beat rising star Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final.

Thiem seeded two

The Greek is back, taking the fourth seeding behind a pair of fellow young guns in number two Dominic Thiem of Austria and Germany's Alex-



Testing time: Nadal wants to assess himself at Montreal before taking on call on taking part in Cincinnati. *REUTERS

ander Zverev, seeded third.

Federer and Djokovic aren't scheduled to resurface until the Cincinnati Masters starts on August 12, giving them one tournament prior to the August 26 start of the US Open at Flushing Meadows, the final Grand slam of the year.

Federer has been training

on hardcourt at home in Switzerland after falling to Djokovic in a dramatic five-set final at the All England Club three weeks ago, in which the Swiss great held two match points.

Enjoying a break

Djokovic has been pictured relaxing at various European

would definitely be the title."

The discussion has been had all summer about whose achievements were greater last season, Liverpool's Champions League glory or City winning the three domestic trophies – Liverpool pushing City all the way in the Premier League title race – in England plus the Community Shield.

But it was 3-0 in the Reds' favour in nominations for the best male player for the Best FIFA Football Awards, which were announced last Wednesday.

Virgil van Dijk, Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane are on the 10-man shortlist.

Wider acclaim

It has left Guardiola wondering what City's players must do to receive wider acclaim for their performances.

"I cannot imagine Real Ma-

drid or Barcelona winning four titles in one season and not having a single player there," he said.

"That is impossible. I am not going to say that the ten guys nominated don't deserve it, but I am a bit surprised we had no one because our players were incredible.

"For example I don't think any player made a better season than Bernardo Silva, who also won the Nations League with Portugal."

Guardiola had to acknowledge that success in Europe is the only remedy to resolving the conundrum.

"These awards are normally when you win the Champions League or are in the latter stages," he said.

"The other competitions do not count. So if we win the Champions League, our players will be there."

beach resorts with his family prior to picking up the racket once again.

Nadal, meanwhile, is pacing himself after another season marred by injury, insisting despite the pleas and inducements of Cincinnati officials that he won't decide whether to play there until he sees how he feels after Montreal.

"Depending on what happens in Montreal, I'll take a decision on Cincinnati," he said. "Cincinnati is still an option. But I want to arrive well prepared and ready for the US Open, the last Major of the season."

Nadal could face a challenge in the second round after a bye, with a possible match against Australian Alex de Minaur – winner of the Atlanta title last weekend.

Second seed Thiem has purposefully left it late for the hardcourts, preferring to stay as long as possible on European clay by entering both Hamburg and Kitzbuehel.

Thiem, beaten by Nadal in the last two Roland Garros finals, has a special goal driving him when he lands in Francophile Canada. Thiem will open his campaign against either Canadian Denis Shapovalov or Frenchman Pierre-Hugues Herbert.

Third seed Zverev, who won the title here two years ago with a win over Federer in the final, will open against either Briton Cameron Norrie or Hungarian Martin Fucsovics. Tsitsipas will bid to better his 2018 finals showing but must first get past either Milos Raonic or American Taylor Fritz.



B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

■ GEETA PADMANABHAN

"60 years young" read the banners at IIT-Madras, celebrating its diamond jubilee – "old" doesn't figure in the institution's culture of innovation, experimentation and entrepreneurship. This landmark in south Chennai has routinely spawned successful start-ups and business ventures, and sent out alumni who impact thinking across the globe. "The industry-academia interaction took a firm footing at IITM," said Professor Ashok Jhunjhunwalla. "The success of IITM Research Park, incubation cell, and our incubated entrepreneurs has resolved the Saraswathi-Lakshmi dilemma."

In true IITM style, events marking the occasion were held simultaneously in 80-plus cities, across the globe, on July 13. Organised by IIT Madras Alumni Association (IITMAA) in partnership with IITM, alumni from all batches, 1964-2019 – "from Seattle-to-Sydney, Toronto-to-Tokyo, Berlin-to-Bengaluru, Helsinki-to-Hong Kong and from Delhi/Mumbai/Pune in India" – gathered to share memories of their time at IITM. "The overwhelming response resulting in 3,500 alumni participating, is a testament to the emotional connect we have to our alma mater," said Shubha Kumar, President, IITMAA. A video message from Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, (Director, IITM), tech discussions, quizzes, competitions, cultural events and a screening of IITM's 60-year history marked the celebrations.

Some 400-odd alumni got together in Chennai, to swap stories about their alma mater. IITM is a recognised identity, said CP Madhusudan (1989 batch), Secretary, Alumni Association. "Expectations are high, the toughest task comes to you." Going back in time he said, "We talk of water shortage today,



M. KARUNAKARAN

Crowning glory: (Top) Research park. (Bottom): Students' activity centre.

"While doing my M.Sc. at IIT Madras, I was introduced to computers. I took a course in Fortran (Programming language) and, as they say, the rest is history. I want to thank all the teachers, staff and all the people who have built this great institution. Its role in transforming and building institutions across the world, across the industry, academic and Government stands testimony to the impact of this Institution."

— Kris Gopalakrishnan, Distinguished Alumnus Awardee, Co-founder of Infosys

but we had the same problem in 1986-1987, we pumped water and carried it to the washrooms. The story goes that in the early 80s, wearing only towels, students marched to Director PV Indiresan's office demanding water. "We can do a lot at IITM," he reportedly said, "but can't produce water."

IITM started with German collaboration. So, all learning was hands-on, said J.Rathnakumar, 1980 batch. Students spent time in the workshop, 9-5, to learn welding, carpentry, making/fixing engineered goods and machines. "I spent two years with Crompton & Greaves on the shop floor, became a B-to-B consultant with hardcore industrial units – IITM gave me product knowledge, which helped with marketing strategy."

Down memory lane

The fun thing was the on-going enmity between Saraswathi and Godavari hostels, said Sooraj Gopakumar (2017-batch). Unprintable language came in handy for constant one-upmanship,

but it was all healthy rivalry. "We were the 'power girls', 12/130 students in electricity," said a 2017 batch alumnus. "We were the last to share quarters with seniors. We stuck together; freshers took gyan from seniors when it felt like being pushed into the water without a lifeguard."

Coming from the protected environs of Ethiraj college, IITM was a huge change for Mridula Nair (1975) – with co-ed classes, wooded campus, and the need to live up to the institution's name. "I was one of the six women together called the benzene ring," she laughed. They had a wonderful professor in "Cheenu mama", but female students were yet to be taken seriously. "I applied for a PhD. A classmate cornered me to say, 'Why don't you step aside so K gets this spot. You'll marry and go away.' 'You don't know that,' I retorted. I went abroad for a PhD."

One of seven women in 1994, Shuba Kumar finds IITM a different place now, with women in three digits in B.Tech. With mandatory shop-floor work – "no gender discrimination!" – you find yourself at sea (or the woods) in the first semester, but you get on with it; it is about character building. If you spoke no *Tamizh*, you picked it up fast. You had to deal with the *dhobi* and the *supies* in the mess. "*Tamizh* was operationalised"

Ah, the Saturday morning *rava dosa*, recalled Professor Mahesh Panchagnula, 1992 batch. The "power" *dosas* were squares – the greatest thing! "IITM boasts of very high IQ concentration in a half-a-kilometre radius," he pointed out. You met the super-brilliant by the dozens, the level of debates – whether cricket, bridge, books or travel – the standard was high. Students were multi-faceted (guitarist Prasanna is IITM-



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IIT-M hits the diamond

As the country's iconic institute celebrates 60 years, its alumni look back at how it has transformed lives

QUICK INFO

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) was established in 1959 by the Government of India as an institute of national importance.
- It has grown into a hub of technology and science with 16 academic departments and several advanced interdisciplinary research academic centres.
- The Institute offers UG/PG programmes leading to degrees in B.Tech., M.Sc., M.B.A., M.Tech., M.S., and Ph.D., in a variety of specialisations.
- IITM is a residential institute with more than 580 faculty and 9,500 students. Students from 18 countries are enrolled here.
- Its Incubation Cell is famous for fostering entrepreneurial culture. IITM has been ranked #1 in the Overall Institutions category in India Rankings 2019 released by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India.
- The Institute has also been ranked #1 in the Engineering Institutions category in the same rankings for four consecutive years – 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- It was also adjudged as the 'top innovative institution' in the country in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 launched by Innovation Cell of MHRD.

different spheres, IITM stands out for the high impact its research has made in several aspects of life for the citizens of India – be it in the provision of clean water, electricity in grid-less habitations, affordable housing technology, access to healthcare through new technology, advanced home-grown tyre technology, and more recently in electric vehicles and artificial intelligence."

Nostalgia flowed at the official function "Jog down the memory lane" to mark the year. Musician Sowmya recalled how the "research and analysis discipline at IITM helped her approach her musical career. Had she not chosen music, she would have been an excellent chemical scientist, said the MC.

"Sixty is a small number in an institution's life, but IITM has packed huge achievements in them," said former dean VGK Murthy. The German consul-general talked warmly of how its successful flagship programme boosted Indo-German relationship. The partnership has continued from the basic workshop to the Internet/AI age, she noted.

Go for inter-disciplinary classes for ecology and environment to solve today's problems, advised Swaminathan Sivaram (1989 batch), best alumnus of the year. "I came as an 18-year-old, learnt everything I needed to know. The UG course here is the brightest shining star."

A video library of all the firsts put together by Kumar Sadasivam was screened, students showcased the "anything-goes" IITM couture in a fashion walk, Kris Gopalakrishnan (1979 M.Tech) narrated how he came back to IITM because there is no interview for joining M.Tech. The Heritage Centre put up copies of *Campastimes*, the in-house magazine that recorded events with blobs of humour, and a short film documented the extraordinary biodiversity of the campus.

VOICES

Achieving gender equality

The Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur, has enrolled over 50% girls in the MBA degree, this session. What does this say about gender inclusivity?

■ NEHA RUPEJA



VAISHNAVI AGARWAL, III, B.TECH, BME, AMITY UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM

The admission of more than 50% girls in IIM-S is a good instance of gender equality, which will inspire our country's women to follow their dreams. Women's participation in the corporate and banking sectors of the multinational organisations is on the rise. Young women are now breaking stereotypes and the four walls of domestic space, without being hampered by former impediments such as location, nature of job and gender imbalances. This new trend will improve the country's human resources.



DISHA JASWAL, II, B.A. HONOURS PSYCHOLOGY, KESHAV MAHAVIDYALAY, DELHI UNIVERSITY

The increase in the number of female students in IIM-S clearly reflects a change in society's outlook towards girls' education. Odisha was lagging behind in this sphere, but is now improving. Policy decisions such as percentage relaxation for girls, and a safe learning environment is a good start for women candidates. Moreover, the involvement of women in other male-dominated fields, like politics, has also improved over the years, as the 17th Lok Sabha Elections recorded the highest number of women candidates in the assembly.



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Considering that IIM-S had almost negligible gender diversity last year, Odisha has done a good job towards achieving gender equality, this year. In India, where the gender ratio in most families, institutions and organisations is unequal – the admittance of more than 50% women in such a reputed institution shows that we are heading towards progress. However, there are innumerable changes which are yet to be made in education institutions, which should be addressed gradually to achieve gender equality.



SHAILJA DWIVEDI, II, MBA, IIM INDORE

According to a survey conducted by Peterson Institute for International Economics, women who work at the C Suite level improve the net margins of the company, indicating that companies which have a higher percentage of women leaders tend to perform better. Therefore, the inclusion of women in top management institutes is a step towards a flourishing economy. There were only five per cent girls in a batch of 100 students at IIM Calcutta in 1976. Today, the ratio is levelling up, as women work hard to find the best opportunities every year.

GLOBAL ED

Reducing carbon footprints

According to the 2019 People and Planet University League, universities are lagging behind when it comes to reducing carbon emissions, the reason being academic conferences.

Air travel is estimated to be responsible for more than 2% of global human-induced emissions, and lecturers' flights could be adding significantly to the carbon footprint of many universities, according to transport data provided voluntarily by 67 institutions.



Cyber attack

Recently, a man was arrested on suspicion of computer crimes and fraud offences, by police investigating the theft of student data from Lancaster University in the U.K. According to sources from Lancaster University, a hacker or hackers accessed the records for undergraduate student applications to enter the university this year and in 2020. Another breach was identified affecting the university's student records system.





LIVE LIGHTLY
NIVEDITA DAS NARAYAN

Last weekend, I watched *Spider-Man: Far from Home*, Marvels Cinema's latest offering to take the story ahead, post *Avengers: Endgame*; a 2.0 version, after the dissolution of the superhero Avengers in their last outing. The movie delivers a stronger footing to Spider-Man, the boy-hero, who must step up to fill the void and grow up to face the challenges of new, more devious threats that this world potentially faces – includes getting rid of his youthful dalliances to fulfil the expectations from a superhero.

I came back agog with many themes mirroring the contemporary choices and challenges that young adults are facing today, and I am outlining the bolder ones here.

Peter Parker, our friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man, is a teenage superhero caught in a conflict between what a superhero must do and what he wants to be doing as a young adult. His early exposure to success with the seasoned superheroes – aiding the senior Avengers in their campaign to thwart the formidable battery of super villains – makes it harder; a hotchpotch of young love, youthful self-doubt and adolescent enthusiasm, compounded by inexperience. There is an expectation that is foisted on him and there is also his own notion of what a superhero must give up for the sake of others.

Should versus Must

The conundrum is much like the pressured milieu that young adults find themselves in, as they step off adolescence into higher education and/or formative careers. There is an impression of the world that



Be your own SUPERHERO

Simplicity, earnestness, and natural instincts are innate assets that will see you through tough times

they bring in – an idea of what they should do to assuage expectations, including their own. A confusing mix of “should” and “must”, in a reality that is dynamic and competitive, is a virtual high-pressure chamber for making choices and decisions. No wonder there are many stumbles, and some buckle under pressure.

What may be good to remember, like in Peter Parker's case, is that dilemmas and tight corners are inevitable. However crushing a failure does not define one's life. The movie makes a natural case for reflection, self-assessment and re-organising to correct a wrong and create momentum for the next action. No brooding over mistakes beyond the clues and learning it leaves behind.

Another asset that youth has is simplicity and earnestness, and it

serves immensely well to retreat to these soft impulses, despite what growing up seems to demand. Equating adulthood with bravado, stability, and devoid of mistakes is self-defeating. Spider-Man's inherent earnestness makes his learning moments and mistakes softer in impact and hence, immediately fuel his redemptive decisions.

Another topical and resonant message in the movie is delivered by Mysterio, the villain. The malevolent Mysterio hatches his devious plan solely taking advantage of what he considers the general gullibility of the public. He is a manipulative trickster who declares, “It's

Dilemmas and tight corners are inevitable. However, crushing a failure does not define one's life.

easy to fool people when they're already fooling themselves”; he asserts that “people believe, and nowadays they'll believe anything”; he boasts, “They'll see what I want them to see,” and he explains that he creates illusions “to give the world something to believe in,” adding that his trickery is the truth. To save the world, Spider-Man has to get on the inside of the illusion, to find and defeat the villain who is creating it.

Far from Home, in this sense, boldly illustrates the differences between reality and fabricated media images – that we exist in an information heavy and news hungry world that is churning out lies and half-truths is cunning, sensational packaging. The overload is so severe that we have to learn to often retreat inward, to harness our inherent instincts, to separate from

the onslaught of malevolent illusions. Like Peter Parker's trusted ‘Peter Tingle’, we will need to access our inner knowing to judge, assess, and exercise opinion.

The movie sends a human message in its portrayal of Peter Parker and his big mistakes, and how he goes through sharp learning curves in both his masked adventures, as well as, his ordinary teenage life. The fallibility of a superhero, the earnestness to his learning moments, and his simple, brave admissions to his mistakes yet moving forward to correct them, is a refreshing reminder to remain human in growing up.

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Going places



KNOW YOUR ENGLISH
S. UPENDRAN

“You are late again. Didn't you say you would be here around two o'clock?”

“I am really sorry about that. But I had to go to the airport to see my friend off. He and his family are emigrating...migrating to Australia. Which is correct? Emigrating or...”

“Well, in this context, both emigrating and migrating are acceptable.”

“So, are you saying there is no difference between the two words?”

“I didn't say that! The word ‘emigrate’ comes from the Latin ‘*emigrare*’ meaning ‘to depart from a place’. So, when you ‘emigrate’, you leave one place and go to another. Nowadays, the word is mostly used when a person moves from one country to another.”

“This move to another country is usually permanent, isn't it? In the case of my friend, he is going to be settling down in Australia.”

“His family is moving from India to Australia. Which is why careful users of the language argue that one always emigrates ‘from’ one country ‘to’ another. Sadhana emigrated from India to France.”

“So, is it wrong to say, Sadhana emigrated to France?”

“Not anymore. A lot of native speakers say ‘emigrate to’ and ‘migrate to’”

“I know that when one emigrates, one moves from one country to another. What about...”

“When you move from one country to another, you can use either migrate or emigrate. For example, many of my cousins are just dying to migrate to America.”

“Quite a few people in my family want to migrate to Russia.”

“I didn't know that. Unlike ‘emigrate’, the word ‘migrate’ can be used to refer to one's moving from one part of the country to another.”

“You mean like moving from Chennai to Kolkata

or Mumbai?”
“That's right. In the case of ‘migrate’, the move need not necessarily be to a foreign country. It can be within one's own. Also, the move need not necessarily be permanent.”

“I guess that explains why people who move from one part of the country to another looking for work are often called ‘migrant’ workers. Why are you smiling? You look really happy about something.”

Eat your heart out

“This afternoon I managed to figure out who was stealing our office supplies. Sherlock Holmes, eat your heart out.”

“Why should poor Sherlock Holmes eat his heart out? What are you talking about?”

“The expression, ‘eat your heart out’ is usually followed by the name of a famous individual. In my example, what I am jokingly suggesting is that I am a better detective than Sherlock Holmes – that he would be extremely jealous of my ability to solve cases.”

“So the famous person you are comparing yourself to could be alive or dead?”

“That's right. He only needs to be famous, that's all.”

“This comparison between you and Holmes is not meant to be taken seriously, right?”

“Exactly! I know that I am not as good as Holmes. It's my attempt to be funny. Here is another example. During his wonderful innings, Suresh hit a couple of beautiful cover drives. Eat your heart out, Kohli.”

“How about this example? My brother's singing had the audience dancing in the aisles. Eat your heart out, Kishore Kumar.”

“Sounds good!”

“It's amazing how nice people are when they know you're going away.”
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Go with the flow

When confronted by challenges, develop coping strategies that are positive



THINK
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Previously, I had outlined four strategies recommended by psychologist Sonja Lyubomirsky for promoting happiness. Expressing gratitude, being optimistic, avoiding overthinking and social comparison, and engaging in acts of kindness are likely to enhance your well-being. Today, I will lay out another tetrad of strategies that may elevate your mood.

Lyubomirsky highlights the pan-human need for social connection. Whether we are party-hoppers or poopers, almost everyone draws succour from human contact. The size of our social circles doesn't matter as much as the strength of our bonds. In India, as family is central to our lives, most people have regular contact with others. While familial ties can indeed be nourishing, at times, they can also be stifling. Thus, it is wise to cultivate relationships both within and outside the family fold. Having a close friend or confidante, whom you can trust, can be cathartic to your well-being.

Positivity pays
Being happy, alas, does not



mean that you are immune to the vicissitudes of life. However, when confronted by challenges, you can develop coping strategies that can hold you in good stead. If a problem has a solution, try and implement it. However, many of our troubles don't have ready-made remedies. When we are faced with intractable situations over which we have scant control, we can at least ensure that we are not engulfed by a cascade of negative emotions. Lyubomirsky posits that writing about a traumatic event can help you process tumultuous feelings better and can sometimes even lead you to find meaning in pain.

The next strategy is about forgiving others for transgressions, both minor or major. When we hold on to grudges, we not only mar our relationships with others but also end up hurting ourselves. I had written an earlier column on how forgiveness results in greater

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physical and psychological well-being. If you find it hard to extend mercy to your transgressor, Lyubomirsky recommends that you try and cultivate empathy for the person who damaged you. Perhaps, you could imagine the person as a helpless newborn. What quirks of fate drove this little being to commit unpardonable offences against you? Viewing the person in this light may help you extend positive thoughts to the person who aggrieved you. Of course, forgiveness doesn't mean you condone the crime but that you view the perpetrator as a fellow human being.

Another strategy that has a robust relationship with well-being is engaging in ‘flow’ activities. This term, first coined by psychologist

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, refers to a state of being so fully absorbed or immersed in an activity that you lose any sense of self-consciousness. Flow can be achieved by any activity that taps your signature strengths and offers you an optimal level of difficulty. From cooking to crocheting to car fixing to calligraphy to canoeing to creative writing, pick an activity that interests and challenges you and as you practice, you will hone your skills and abilities. Ideally, if you experience flow in your profession, at least some of the time, you are blessed. Even if your job doesn't absorb your attention, you can cultivate flow experiences by engaging in a hobby in your downtime. Lyubomirsky avers that since flow activities are “inherently pleasurable and fulfilling,” they are relatively easy to sustain.

So, when the going is tough, do not despair. Even if you don't confide in others, being around loved ones can elevate your mood. Writing about your problems can also dislodge cobwebs from your mind. Though it sounds trite, learning to let go by forgiving people can be just the tonic your weary soul requires. Finally, engaging in a hobby or two adds positivity to your life. Till next time.

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KNOWLEDGE

Q1 Shown here is actor and voice artist James Earl Jones. He is popular for being the voice of the iconic villain, Darth Vader. His deep baritone is also associated with another character in a 1994 movie. Because of his legacy, he was the only original cast member to be a part of the 2019 remake as well. Name the character that Jones takes ‘pride’ in lending his voice?



Q2 Shown here is Margaret Hamilton, a computer scientist posing with the software developed by her team at MIT. She played a crucial role in the U.S. achieving a scientific feat in the year 1969. Its 50th anniversary was celebrated this year on July 20 across the world. To commemorate her contributions, Lego released an action figure modelled after her to encourage women to pursue science. What event, that is considered a ‘giant leap for mankind’, are we talking about?



Q3 This Indian freedom fighter was also the president of the workers' union at the Tata Steel plant in Jamshedpur for nine years between 1928 and 1937. Notably, he wrote a letter to the then Chairman of Tata Steel to have a Senior Indian Manager as part of Tata Steel. This appeal led to Tata Steel getting its first Indian general manager. He also forced the management to implement maternity benefits for employees. On his call, the company also witnessed its first and last strike in 1928.

TATA STEEL

Name the ‘leader’ being discussed here.

Q4 Sama is a ritualistic dance, accompanied by recitation of devotional prayers. The performers wear a traditional dress: a sleeveless white frock, a long-sleeved jacket, a belt, a black overcoat and high hats called Sikke. Yet when performed by amateurs or inexperienced artists, this move usually causes severe problems such as vertigo and dizziness. This dance is an integral part of which form of devotional music?



Q5 Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj encouraged the production of a product in his kingdom by opening tanning centres. This product, involving the use of vegetable dyes, soon evolved into a cottage industry. In 2019, this fashion accessory was granted GI tag in four districts in Karnataka and Maharashtra. Name this product that gets its name from a district in Maharashtra.



Q6 Gordon Murray was the chief designer at Motor Racing Developments, a British racing car manufacturer, better known as Brabham. He spent all his days agonising about how to design a car that would outpace the others and win the championship at Formula One, a problem which plagued many other mechanical engineers in the industry as well. He ultimately realised that a lighter car, like one carrying lesser fuel, travels faster. What common feature in the world of racing, did he create, for which Red Bull recently earned a world record at 1.91 seconds?



- A1. Nufaras
- A2. Apollo 11 Moon Landing
- A3. Subhash Chandra Bose
- A4. Sufi
- A5. Kothapuri chappals
- A6. Pit Stops

Answers

ON THE SHELF

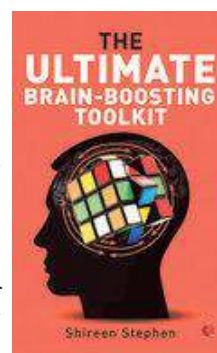
■ KRITIKA RATHORE

The Ultimate Brain-Boosting Tool Kit

AUTHOR: Shireen Stephen

Human beings have always been fascinated by puzzles and brain-teasers. From jigsaw puzzles to Rubik's cube, these challenging games are helpful in our cognitive development. Apart from keeping us entertained they also build up our logical thinking abilities. *The Ultimate Brain-Boosting Tool Kit* works towards that end by putting together different types of games. The book is a collection of 450 brain-boosting and brain-busting puzzles for anyone wanting to improve in school, work or life in general. There are different difficulty levels – easy, intermediate, advanced, and expert, and are indicated on each exercise. These provide a perfect premise for brain training.

The book has an assortment of puzzles – secret codes, brain-teasers, riddles, word and number challenges, and other interesting formats – that would help in boosting brainpower.



EAR SHOT

ASHOK RAJAGOPALAN



SCHOLARSHIPS

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POINT OF VIEW

P.V. NAVANEETHAKRISHNAN

Here are my thoughts on some aspects of the Draft National Education Policy 2019:

Languages

In its simplest interpretation, language serves humans as an important tool that helps to live life fully. As such, the tool should not usurp the purpose it is supposed to serve. As with every living species, man in his optimality search must also expend only the least possible time and effort in conquering and harnessing this tool, for effectively living his life.

Why then should we be burdened with three languages, while two are just sufficient?

The primary one is the mother tongue which the child learns and imbibes. But to understand more things and to converse with more people, the child needs another popular language, namely, English. Many conservative countries around the world, such as Russia, Japan and China have come out of their language shackles and started using English because of its global utility and appeal. We Indians are good in it, too. Thus, from a utilitarian point of view, we must have the global language English, in addition to the local language, the mother tongue.

Our leaders on the one hand are trying to lessen the burden on the child by reducing the number of subjects taught in schools, of exams, of books to be carried in backpacks and so on. Let them also keep the number of languages to be learnt to two and not more.

Teachers

India's roots lie in its villages and therefore, every reformation must start from there. However, most of us are very liberal in offering oral solatium to our rural counterparts, but comfortably forget to support them with basic facilities such as education and employment. Village schools are powerhouses of the na-



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Think about this

The Draft National Education Policy has certain sore points that need to be relooked at for the benefit of teachers and students alike

tion and cannot be viewed as trading places providing immediate monetary gain. Schools lacking in student strength cannot be closed down, but must be strengthened with better facilities, in terms of infrastructure, teaching faculty and the like, unmindful of expenses involved. Education is one of the best investments we can make, perhaps next only to defence, for as global leader Nelson Mandela put it, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

A teacher deserves double the respect of a subject specialist, since the former must be good both in the subject and in the art of teaching. Indeed many countries including South Korea, China, Greece and Turkey hold their teachers in high esteem; and countries like England, Australia, Canada, South Korea, Spain and Denmark pay the teachers very well, according to a Global

Teacher Status Index study. India, of course, is not in either, but should resolve not to downgrade teachers, since they shape the future citizens of the country. Their workload should be limited to academic and research pursuits only.

Teachers' quality must be developed, particularly in rural areas which are prone to be neglected. In the healthcare sector, we have the commendable system of deputing doctors to serve in rural areas with incentives. Similarly, in the education sector, some senior and competent teachers can be deputed to serve in nascent village schools on tenure basis. Their contribution will go a long way in making the schools self-sustaining and beneficial to society.

Exams

They have become an everyday affair. Everybody is subjected to examinations of some kind on the oth-

er. The practice of promoting students up to class IX without exams has done more harm than good to a large section of the student community, particularly in rural areas. There are many drop-outs after class IX because these students were kept unaware of their low level of attainment for a dreadfully long period and suddenly penalised. Is this not an injustice on the poorer segment of society?

Again, why should a board exam be dreaded and treated differently to a regular exam? Does this not imply that a regular exam is not to be taken as seriously? Then it does not serve its purpose. Let all exams be taken seriously, but we must also train candidates who are not scared of facing these exams and have a positive attitude towards them.

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POSTCARD FROM... BOSTON

Dreams to reality

A design competition lead to a fully-funded design programme for Tanay.



As a teenager, I promised myself to achieve two life goals before I turned 23; the first was to make it to the Harvard University and the second was to make a noteworthy contribution



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COLLEGE: Harvard University, Boston
COURSE: Design Discovery programme

that would positively impact lives around the world. I could not have possibly foreseen then, that either of these would come true through a design contest.

I won the Nippon Paint Asia's Young Designer Award earlier this year, beating 9000 students across 15 countries. The cherry on the cake, for me, was the lifetime opportunity it bought along – a fully-funded six-weeks long Design Discovery programme at the Harvard University, Boston.

Before we reached the university, our faculty had briefed us about the course and explained the respective modules. I could not believe that this prestigious institution, which has the reputation for being the hardest college to gain acceptance in the U.S., had opened its doors for me. I welcomed this opportunity as a chance to immerse myself with candidates of equal and greater talent.

What impresses me about Harvard University is its infrastructure, the course modules, and the hospitality of its residents. The buildings in and around the campus were designed by legendary architects such as Walter Gropius, Renzo Piano, Le Corbusier and Moshie Safdie – the same luminaries whose works I have only learnt in classes.

Holistic training

My fellow course-mates are from across the world and are between 18-50 years. Being a part of this diverse demography, gives a rare opportunity to explore and learn different perspectives in designing. As part of my course, we study modules such as architectural drawings, principles of spatial design, architectural language, programmatic approaches and abstraction. We are also graded on several group and individual design projects.

I had the chance to design a unique civic centre project, which gave me rare insights from design experts from the western world. It was a great learning experience. Such challenging industry assignments give us a chance to explore and research, apart from preparing us for what the global market expects.

This programme allows me to go back to basics and learn with a fresh perspective. Our faculty constantly introduces us to the styles and approaches of various artists and architects. Precedents from our sessions and over-the-desk reviews inspire us to push ourselves beyond our designing capabilities. We are always encouraged to connect with various architects and students from different disciplines, which ensures a holistic training approach.

I am enjoying my time at Harvard and most importantly, I get to live a complete design experience. When I do have the time off during weekends, I cycle my way around the city, exploring and photographing new neighbourhoods. Massachusetts with its extraordinary array of choices, can appeal to any visitor.

I am glad my journey landed me here and in retrospect, my only message to fellow students would be to seize every opportunity that comes their way – even if it is something as simple as applying for a design contest. Sometimes you never know, all it takes to open doors is the belief in your talent and your willingness to nurture it.

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VALUE ADD

Tune in to change

Community radio stations are game changers that give students the platform for professional and personal growth



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In Tamil Nadu, 17 out of the 25 registered community radio stations are run by colleges and universities. Chennai alone is home to five such community radio stations. Anna University pioneered the introduction of community radio stations in Indian educational institutions by introducing Anna Community Radio in 2004.

Students, of course, are the backbone of these radio stations. They actively indulge in editorial policy-making decisions and play a crucial role in reviewing the programming policies as well. They are provided with due guidance. when required, but in most cases the teachers or professionals do not overstep and take away the autonomy that students enjoy. In most of these radio stations, students work under a number of departments such as radio jockeying, research, scriptwriting, sound editing, video editing, public relations, documentation, promotion and social media. Through these activities students equip themselves with a plethora of soft skills.

Making a difference

"Chances for the students to be a part of the community radio station are prevalent throughout the year. Students who make use of

the opportunity are trained to match the requirements of the radio station," says Ahila Ezhil Kowsalya, Programme Executive and a student at Loyala Community Radio Station. Loyala CRS has specifically focused on individual communities like transgenders, gypsies, visually challenged and widows.

The MOP Community Radio Station conducts a 'RJ Hunt' every year, to pick students who are interested in jockeying. Shortly after this, a workshop is conducted for these students under the guidance of popular RJs and leading professionals in the industry. Brinda Iyer, Radio Programmer at MOP CRS says, "We host a summer camp free of cost for underprivileged children from the nearby communities on a yearly basis. Students pay a pivotal role in organising the camp and other activities that are undertaken for public welfare."

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development introduced 'Ilanthalir Community Radio Station' to specifically function as a vital resource centre for coordinating activities

It could especially be a blessing in disguise for students of media studies.

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in the field of youth development. According to Surendra Babu, station manager and faculty at the institution, the radio station has successfully managed to disseminate information and spread awareness in a positive and precise manner. SRM Muthucharam CRS is the most recent addition to the lot.

Community radio stations give students a platform to showcase unique talents and promise both professional and personal growth. They gain in-depth understanding and knowledge about the community they focus on and get opportunities to bridge the gap between them and the communities through public welfare programmes that are hosted both inside as well as outside the radio station.

IN BRIEF



Award ceremony

Reliance Foundation recently awarded 1,000 teaching professionals with the Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards recognising educators who have excelled in Centre for Teacher Accreditations (CENTA's) Teaching Professionals Olympiad (TPO) 2018. Ramya Venkatraman, Founder, CENTA; Rustom Kerawalla, Founder and Chairperson, VIBGYOR Group of Schools; among others were present at the event.



Athletic championships

The U-14 boys' athletics team of Velammal Main School, Mogappair campus recently participated in the Third Open State level and Junior Athletic Championship and won medals in the 4 x 100m relay event.



Vegan Fashion Workshop

JD Institute of Fashion Technology recently organised a vegan fashion workshop in association with PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). The session included various case studies of fashion brands, initiatives by PETA, and issues pertaining to animal rights. During the recent Fashion Awards by JD Institute of Fashion Technology, students had designed two collections and an interior installation in association with PETA. The initiative was aimed to sensitise people about vegan fashion.

Special education

Vidya Sagar, a Chennai based centre for special education, is offering a two year full-time B.Ed in special education- multiple disabilities. The course will equip students to work with people with disabilities, in all settings. This course is affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University and recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India. For further details contact 9840035203/ 7550140387 or mail hrd@vidyasagar.co.in

UPSKILL

Get book smart

Interact with great minds, develop your language, and widen your horizon – all within the pages of a book

V. KIRPAL



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In the June episode of *Mann ki Baat*, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted listeners, especially students, to read books, talk about them, share and discuss them. I hope many were inspired by his message.

According to Francis Bacon, a famous 17th century essayist, "Reading maketh a full man". He meant that reading gives us a complete personality. As we gather ideas from various books, debate them, form independent judgements, we acquire a unique intellectuality and mental rigour.

Reading has many benefits. It introduces us to new words, shows us how language can be bent and moulded to put our thoughts across with power and imagination. Reading gives us knowledge; it makes us specialists. Those who read vastly express themselves in unique ways. Their essays are crafted beau-

tifully and their speeches are memorable. Jawaharlal Nehru's speech, "Trust with destiny", and Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" make a deep impression whether read or heard.

Reading poetry gives us pleasure because words have rhythm, cadence, musicality that sways us. Everyone who has read Wordsworth's *Daffodils* knows what I am talking about.

I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

There is a shift in the mood as the imagery in the poem activates our inner mind with a joy-filled discovery in the next two lines:

When all at once, I saw a crowd,

A host of, golden daffodils;

And adds to it with these lines:

Ten thousand saw I at a glance,

Tossing their heads in a sprightly dance.

Each word is no longer a word but a painting.

Inspiring

Books inspire us. Autobiographies of great people – Michelle Obama's *Becoming*, Nehru's *Discovery of India*, Gandhi's *The Story of My Experiments with Truth* motivate us to make a mark in life. History books like JR Brownoski's *Ascent of Man* cap-

ture the entire history of science and technology from the beginning to the end of the 20th century, while Arthur Toynbee's argument in *A History of the World* about winning civilisations being those which rise to challenge, provokes introspection.

Essays of Nobel Prize winner, philosopher and mathematician Bertrand Russell, and fictional masterpieces from different countries expand our horizons. Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, George Orwell's *1984*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* cause wonderment.

Great writers have a way of opening up our minds to winds from all corners of the world. We are not left bickering over meaningless divisions such as religion, caste, race, colour, or nation.

It is unfortunate that students today are over-dependent on the Internet for their studies and research. Very few students/teachers today read books such as Karl Marx and Frederick Engel's *The Communist Manifesto* or Nobel Laureate Paul Samuelson's *Economics*. Management guru Sharu Rangnekar, compares dependence on the Internet for knowledge to drinking water out of a hose pipe.

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OFFBEAT... DIGITAL MEDIA

Strategise your career

Digital strategists now have a new avenue to explore the amalgamation of politics and social media

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The era of the Internet has given rise to many careers such as social media manager, web content developer, app designer and so on, that give youngsters creative ways of finding their passion and building it into a career. One such upcoming career option is that of a digital strategist, specifically for political parties.

"This career is a great amalgamation of political representation and digital platforms. It is positioned to bring fresh ideas and astuteness in political campaigns. As a new approach of conveying messages, it will not only benefit the concerned political party but will also add meaning to their objectives," says Naresh Arora, Director of DesignBoxed, a political social media strategist behind Indian National Congress's digital marketing and social media campaigns.

A digital strategist's job is to plan and design strategies to run various online campaigns. "The responsibilities involve keeping track of the trends on social media, creating and curating content for the client, maintaining an active digital presence for the client and ideating different ways to attract and engage with the audience," says Nikhil Kamath, Brand Architect, Human Circle, New Delhi.

For a political social media strategist in particular, the role would mean managing the digital facets of a political party's campaign during an election and otherwise. A digital strategist takes care of the social presence of the political leaders, ideates the plan of actions for social media, brainstorms on on-ground activities and conducts surveys. He/she is responsible for assisting the politicians and political parties in developing campaigns for different social media platforms.

"The third stage – after planning and designing – is the 'execution and distribution' where advertisements and posts are created as a part of execution and then ends with promotion," adds Arora.

Experience trumps
Nikki Hesford, Managing Director of Hesford Media, Blackpool, the U.K., believes that no specific qualifications are required for the role of a digital strategist, but gaining experience is essential. "Sit-

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ting a short online course will not teach you to be commercially minded or opportunistic; these are skills you need to possess already. There is also a mathematical element to digital marketing such as calculating Cost per Thousand (CPMs), Click through Rate (CTRs) and Cost per Acquisition (CPAs) against the product margin to ascertain the likely Return On Ad Spend (ROAS) you can achieve for your client."

"I gained my experience using my own money in my own business marketing a fashion product, but those who don't have a business may struggle to get that necessary experience. These people would be advised to obtain employment as a junior in an agency, watch more experienced people do their job and learn how they do it. Take on small campaigns and learn before moving on to bigger projects," she adds.

However, for those who still want to get a certification can look online. "There are various online courses on digital marketing on platforms such as Coursera and edX. You can get a certification for

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digital marketing from Google which is free of cost, and needs to be renewed every year. There are various offline institutes as well who teach it as a part of their curriculum," shares Kamath.

Having a graduate degree in political science, journalism, communication or public relations is useful as it will help in understanding the political realm.

One also needs to learn how the different social media tools can be used in a political setting. For example, "On Facebook if you are advertising for political purposes there are extra layers of checks

and information that you need to provide (all ads must show you are funding the campaign, for example), and you have to seek approval from Facebook and agree to additional terms," explains Hesford.

Campaigning for political parties is not as easy as it sounds. "In politics, it is also important to understand the legalities and procedures that may impact a campaign as there are now stringent rules on what you can and cannot say. Making misleading claims could have serious legal consequences," she warns.

Before an election, the Election Commission circulates rules and regulations that need to be followed by the strategists and political parties. Post elections, the strategists have to work according to the guidelines and norms of social media and political parties.

"This career will give you exposure to different sectors because of the nature of the job. But it still needs acknowledgement and recognition to be able to draw more youngsters towards it," Arora adds.

COURSES

Redefining fitness

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The Indian Institute of Sports Medicine (IISM) in Chennai, offers courses that have reinvented the meaning of sports medicine and fitness

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In today's fast-paced era of fast-food, fizzy drinks, and sedentary lifestyles, awareness on fitness has once again, slowly yet surely, resurfaced. While obesity is on the rise, there has been an increase in the number of people who have become equally health conscious and fitness-oriented. Naturally, different avenues in the field have opened up, as lucrative career opportunities, for those interested and armed with adequate knowledge and qualifications.

Some of these courses, introduced in colleges across the country, have busted myths that fitness translates to merely working out in the gym, and losing weight, in order to keep lifestyle diseases at bay. Rather, many of them reiterate to students, right from the start, that fitness is a holistic approach to a healthy lifestyle, one that is sustainable.

One such institute, offering such courses, is the Indian Institute of Sports Medicine (IISM), founded in Chennai by Dr. Kannan Pugazhendi, a sports physician. Affiliated to the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Janaki University, the institute has introduced several need-of-the-hour courses in the last few years. "Disturbing figures of lifestyle disease population in urban and rural was the single foremost reason for IISM to establish these courses," elaborates Dr. Kannan. "Inappropriate medical and surgical interventions are avoided by the IISM professionals, and continue to produce desirable results in the same field through optimal exercise intervention."

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"The idea of sports medicine has changed in the last 30 years," believes Sujatha Pugazhendi, managing trustee, IISM. "A few years ago, people assumed that only sports-related injuries would warrant a visit to a doctor specialising in sports medicine. Today, due to awareness, people understand that sports medical practitioners cater to everyone – anyone who is engaged in any physical activity can visit such practitioners and find a solution to problems."

Multiple options

In 2015, Dr. MGR Janaki University, perhaps, realised the importance of the field, and approached Dr. Kannan and team to introduce a sports medicine programme. Consequently, in 2016, the first course – B.Sc fitness and lifestyle modification – was launched. "While designing the syllabus, we kept in mind that when a person graduates from this programme, he/she must be knowledgeable about various aspects of fitness, worldwide, while knowing what would typically suit the Asian population. We wanted our graduates to customise solutions based on the individual needs of patients who approach them. They must also have a sound understanding of indigenous fitness activities such as *kalaripayattu*, yoga, dance fitness, and so on," explains Sujatha.

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physiology, Exercise physiology and fitness assessment, Psychology and lifestyle modification, Strength and conditioning for fitness, Kalar and martial arts for fitness and lifestyle modification, among others.

There are also interesting choices for postgraduate courses that IISM offers. These include M.Sc Sports and fitness psychology and M.Sc Sports and fitness nutrition.

The two-year M.Sc sports and fitness psychology course is challenging, as Sujatha believes that adherence to fitness is so poor that there is a need to understand fitness psychology. "In fact, such psychologists have more work than regular psychologists, as it is a herculean task to make people realise that they need to be fit. It is the same case with sports psychology – it involves counsellors convincing patients to get back into sports, back into action, rather than taking it easy. This is starkly different from regular psychology where, in most cases, rest will be prescribed to patients in the course of their treatment. The former involves motivating patients to get back into the action proactively," she explains.

This course too involves some theory, while emphasis is given to practical knowledge. Theory includes Exercise physiology for sports and fitness, Psychobiology for fitness and lifestyle modification and Medical ethics, so on. "When it comes to the practicals, we put our students on to our patients, and they are asked to design a counselling plan, which will be evaluated by the psychologist in charge. Students also have to create case studies and come up with relevant solutions. They indulge in role plays to understand patients' perspectives. They also have what is called dance movement therapy where one can express emotions and feelings through physical activity. These emotions are picked up by our students who then counsel clients," she adds.

The two-year M.Sc sports and fitness course is equally vibrant. Students get to study a wide range of subjects such as exercise physiology for sports and fitness, sports nutrition for performance excellence, fitness nutrition for lifestyle modification, and so on. As for the practical part, they will have design diet charts for clients that will show their understanding of how nutrition works. They will work under doctors and therapists to further nuance their learning.

Employment

On graduating, students can work in gyms, at sports medicine centres, hospitals, sports teams, with dancers, martial artists, in counselling, research, and so on. Starting salary is around ₹6 to 7 lakhs per annum, with a higher margin if they work as freelancers.

OUTDOORS



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Vacations provide a break from the routine – classes, tests, homework, and so on. While some children spend their vacation travelling with their parents, some engage in activities that not only nurtures their all-round development during some of the most crucial years of growth, but one that is both enjoyable and enriching.

A sports camp is one such option, which aims to give children a holistic fillip from every conceivable perspective. There is now a large volume of research emerging on the enormous benefits of sports camps. At the University of Missouri Health Care, the medical team advocates such camps for their excellent effects on the mind, body and spirit and their ability to teach children accountability, dedication, leadership and other such vital life-skills.

These camps are an excellent way to boost health and fitness goals in a comprehensive way, and this is the only time in the year when students can afford to give this aspect of their lives undivided attention. The health benefits of exercise and physical activity need no recounting. Developing bone and muscle strength, cardiovascular fitness, reducing the risk of illness and disease, learning the importance of eating right and a healthy weight and lifestyle, the list goes on. A recent study claims that even a short vacation from exercise and sports can cause unhealthy changes to the body and that hard-earned gains like increase in stamina can start to melt away in as little as two weeks.

Benefits

Better health apart, such camps have been found, indisputably, to foster a slew of benefits:

Happier, fitter children: At a purely scientific level, exercise releases endorphins – naturally-

Out and about

Sports camps, during vacation breaks, give children a much needed edge for growth.

occurring chemicals that improve mood, reduce stress, relieve feelings of anxiety and depression, boost self-esteem and help us sleep better. Sports camps, with their adventure-themed games, exercise regimen and a variety of sporting activities, can promise parents that their children will get back home bounding with energy and confidence. It may be worth mentioning that, starting 2019, the CBSE Board has mandated that schools include a sports period every day from classes I to VIII.

Hones techniques and skills: Sports camps improve athletic skills. With many of these camps bringing in some of the finest coaches to train participants at a very high level, talented young athletes inspire each other to be the best they can be.

Lowers addiction to electronic devices: Since most camps do not allow smartphones or electronic devices, the addiction to gizmos is contained, boosting creativity in the long run.

Fosters independence: According to professor Margaret Talbot, the former President of the International Council for Sports Science and Physical Education, "sports and other challenging physical activities are distinctively powerful ways of helping young people learn to be themselves, to question limiting presumptions, and come to view

themselves and their potential in a new way." Being away from the more familiar environments at home or school, children are often forced to move out of their comfort zones and learn to take basic decisions on their own.

Helps develop a well-rounded personality: Sports camps inculcate the ability to play as a team, which has numerous add-on effects. Improved communication skills, better time management, important values such as respect, discipline, patience, greater self-belief, the ability to forge new friends and connections. Many sports camps attract participants from all over the world, who are passionate about their sport and excited to practice it in a new environment, making this a great networking and team-building opportunity.

Brings out latent talent: Camps often bring out a child's intrinsic affinity for a sporting activity, helping frame important decisions such as the one to pursue sport as a career choice.

Improves academic performance: Children who play team sports appear to do better in the classroom as well. The Aspen Institute's "Project Play" found that team-sport players scored 40% higher on average in school tests than those who played no sports at all. Sports calls for memorisation, repetition, learning, in addition to determination and goal-setting – skillsets that are directly relevant to class work.

"Sports", said tennis legend Billie Jean King, "teaches you about character. It teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose – it teaches you about life". More than anything else, like Michael Jordan famously said, "Just play, have fun, enjoy the game". And, that by itself, is a wonderful lesson to learn.

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RESEARCH

Bridging the gap

A college in Salem is trying to get more students interested in research and innovation

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It is no secret that there is a research crisis in India. Very few students opt for higher studies or a career in research. In 2015, there were only 216 researchers per million population in India. Contrast this to China which had 1200 researchers per million population. In higher education, India's research expenditure is only four per cent of GDP.

A Salem-based college is trying to change this. Students in this institute are encouraged to pour their energy in research and innovation. Take the case of 22 year old J. Nishanth, an alumnus of the B.E Electronics and Communication department, who passed out of the institute in 2017, and is pursuing a Masters in Research.

It was at this college that Nishanth developed a passion for research and innovation. "The college supported me with full free education, a special research lab in

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Innovative

In his first year, Nishanth's project – "Automatic Electric Shock Tripper" – was awarded National First in Accenture's "Innovation Jockeys" – a challenge to find India's most innovative minds across campuses. Out of 4,400 plus entries from 300 campuses, Nishanth's project emerged on top and he won a pass to Accenture Tech Labs, Silicon Valley, California, the U.S.

Nishanth had been reading re-

ports about people dying of electrical shocks due to leakages in electrical systems – more so during cyclones and heavy rains. Inevitably, transformers trip, involving huge repair costs and presenting danger. This spurred him to think about a solution. He came up with an idea of a rain alert to electricity boards through voice mail, as well as a mechanism for power to be switched off whenever output of transformers fails.

While the automatic shock tripper won Nishanth several accolades, as well as a chance to demonstrate it to the Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board, bringing his innovation to life out of the labs, his research continued with strong support from the college. His visit to Accenture Technology Labs also filled him with ideas and technical know-how.

Nishanth says, "I have kept myself updated with new technologies and continue to innovate with Sonar's support." The young researcher has produced innovations like a solar DC power system, security alert system and more. Nishanth has filed nine patent applications and has developed 36 products, many of them in critical areas. For instance, he has developed an automatic accident announcement system which alerts hospitals in the vicinity of an accident.

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