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Sushma Swaraj bids adieu

Former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Sushma Swaraj passed away on Tuesday night following cardiac arrest

- Ms. Swaraj was born on February 14, 1952, at Ambala Cantonment in Haryana. She studied law at Panjab University
- In 1973, she began practice as an advocate in the Supreme Court

Political career: She joined the ABVP in the early 1970s and took part in Jayaprakash Narayan's movement. She joined the BJP after the Emergency

National politics: She was elected to the 11th Lok Sabha in 1996 from South Delhi and was I&B Minister. She was again I&B Minister from Sept. 2000 to Jan. 2003

Modi government: She served as Minister of External Affairs from May 2014 to May 2019

Accolades: In 1998, she became the first woman Chief Minister of Delhi. In 2009, she was the first woman politician to be the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. She was the only woman MP to receive the 'Outstanding Parliamentarian Award'

Final moments: She was taken to AIIMS following cardiac arrest and was declared dead at 10.50 p.m.

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Pink bollworm pest appears in cotton

ADILABAD

The dreaded cotton crop pest, pink bollworm, has made it appearance in some fields, galvanising agriculture scientists to initiate measures to control its spread.

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Metro Rail is city's crown jewel, says Governor

HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Metro Rail Project is the 'crown jewel' of the twin cities and citizens should make use of the modern public transport facility regularly, said Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan here on Tuesday

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Government seeks to strengthen coop bodies

HYDERABAD

The State government has constituted a special committee headed by TSCOB Chairperson, K. Ravinder Rao, to suggest measures to strengthen the cooperative bodies in the State.

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Lok Sabha endorses Centre's decisions on Kashmir

President's declaration ending special status under Art. 370 notified in gazette

SANDEEP PHUKAN
VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Centre's decisions setting new terms of engagement with Jammu and Kashmir – by reorganising it as Union Territories, ending its special status under Article 370 and 35 (A) and extending to it all the provisions of the Constitution – were endorsed by the Lok Sabha on Tuesday after a debate that lasted close to seven hours.

The Lok Sabha approved a resolution abrogating special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution and a Bill for splitting the State into two Union Territories. The resolution was adopted by the House with 351 members voting in its support and 72 against it, while one member abstained. The Bill to create the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh was passed by 370 votes in favour and 70 against. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was present in the House.

The President's declaration as passed by both Houses of Parliament that "all clauses of Article 370 shall cease to be operative in the State of Jammu and Kashmir" was notified in the Gazette of India later in the evening.

The declaration will come into effect from August 6, the notification issued within hours of the Lok Sabha passing the resolution said.

The resolution and the Bill were approved by the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

Replying to the debate, Home Minister Amit Shah assured the House that the government could restore full Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir if the situation improved and expressed its willingness to engage with the local population. "We don't want to talk to the Hurriyat, but we are ready to speak to the people of Kashmir," he said, adding that the security forces would not be moved out of the Valley until the situation became fully normal.

Mr. Shah also asserted that the Centre's decision did not impact in any way India's claim over Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and the government would continue to press it. Mr. Modi termed the passage of the resolution and the Bill "a momentous occasion in our Parliamentary democracy".

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House *sine die* after the resolution and the Bill were passed.

(*With PTI inputs*)

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Sounds of silence: A milkman goes about his work in Jammu on Tuesday. ▪ PTI

Revocation of Art. 370 brazen, says CWC

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

Deploring the "unilateral", "brazen" and "undemocratic" way in which Article 370 was revoked, the Congress Working Committee (CWC), in a statement on Tuesday, said this provision that accorded special powers to Jammu and Kashmir should have been "honoured" till it was amended constitutionally after due consultation.

The statement came after a four-hour stormy meeting which brought to the fore deep divisions in the party on the issue.

CWC members Jyotiraditya Scindia and Deepender Hooda had earlier made public comments supporting the Centre's move.

There have been equally strong voices against it, including from former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and Deputy Leader in the Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma.

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Kashmir Valley remains cut off for second day

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

The Kashmir Valley remained cut off for the second consecutive day on Tuesday as the government anticipated violence after Parliament passed a resolution ending Jammu and Kashmir's special status in the Indian Union under Article 370.

The Hindu's Srinagar correspondent could not send any despatch for lack of connectivity.

A senior official in Delhi said the "curfew-like" situation would continue for at least a week, and it would have to be monitored for three-four months.

As per details accessed by *The Hindu*, at least 15 incidents of stone-throwing were reported in the past 48 hours in Srinagar and Awantipora districts. Some incidents continued for six hours.

"One or two boys come out, throw stones and go back. They don't stay out for long as they might be detained," the official said.

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Imran warns of more violence

MEHMAL SARFRAZ
LAHORE

Pakistan PM Imran Khan criticised India's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's special status, and said this would lead to more violence.

"They have gone against their Constitution, against the verdict of the Supreme Court, against the verdict of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, against 17 UN resolutions, against UN General Assembly resolutions, and against the Simla Agreement," he said.

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India tells China to avoid commenting on Ladakh

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

The formation of the Union Territory of Ladakh under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019, is an internal affair of India, and India expects other countries to avoid commenting on its internal developments, an official of the Ministry of External Affairs said on Tuesday.

The Indian response came after Beijing said that ending the special status of Jammu and Kashmir undermined its sovereignty. "The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019, is an internal matter concerning the territory of India. India does not comment on the internal affairs of other countries and similarly expects other countries to do likewise," said the spokesperson of the Ministry.

The Bill describes Kargil and Leh districts as constituents of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

(*With inputs from Atul Aneja in Beijing*)

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Kaleshwaram to lift 3 tmc ft water a day from next year, says Chief Minister

Project to create new ayacut of about 45 lakh acres, meetdrinking water needs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has stated that Kaleshwaram project would be in a position to lift 3 tmc ft of Godavari water every day from June next year. A total of 400 tmc ft water would be lifted from Medigadda round the year.

He sought to clarify on the irrigation potential of the project stating that it would create new ayacut of about 45 lakh acres besides meeting the drinking water and industrial needs. "Except for combined Mahabubnagar district and parts of erstwhile Nalgonda and Khammam districts, Godavari will meet the irrigation, drinking and industrial water needs of the rest of Telangana", he said addressing a press conference at Dharmapuri in Jagtial district on Tuesday.

By completing Kanthanapally project (Thupakulagudem barrage) to supplement 75 tmc ft water to Devadula lift scheme round the year and lifting another 100 tmc ft water at Dummugudem for Sitarama LI scheme, a total of 575 tmc ft water could be availed out of the huge quantity of Godavari water next year, which otherwise would flow waste into the sea, the Chief Minister said.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao during a visit to the Kaleshwaram project in Bhupalpalli district on Tuesday. ▪ ARRANGEMENT

Explaining the lifting plans of Kaleshwaram, Mr. Rao said 60 tmc ft water could be lifted every month from Medigadda from June to November (360 tmc ft) and another 40 tmc ft could be lifted during the November-June period every year. Lifting of water from Medigadda would also reduce stress on Yellampally from where 75 tmc ft utilisation a year was already lined up.

Of the 3 tmc ft water lifting every day planned from Medigadda from June next, one tmc ft a day could be taken till Mid Manair this year and the remaining two tmc ft per day would be taken till Mallannasagar from next year, the Chief Minister said. Stating that storage of water in Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrage had made Godavari river course live for about 150 km, he noted that water would be available there round the year.

Laxmipur pump house

On taking the Godvari water to Mid Manair, the Chief Minister said wet run of the motors at Laxmipur pump house would commence either on Friday or Monday next. On the energy charges for lifting water, the Chief Minister said nearly ₹5,000 crore a year would be required for it but the benefits accrued would be many times greater. The charges would be lesser in the years where Yellampally would get more water.

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Akhara lays claim to Ram Janmabhoomi

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday began hearing the cross-appeals filed by the Hindu and Muslim sides challenging the three-way partition of the disputed 2.77 acres of Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land among Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara and the Sunni Waqf Board.

The Akhara said it was a religious establishment of a public character to which the Ramjanmabhoomi had "always belonged."

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Two GHMC workers killed at Imlibun garbage yard

Lorry gets on to a ramp, loses control and turns turtle

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

In a freak mishap, two men working for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) were killed at a garbage transfer station in Imlibun, near Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station, after a lorry in which they were travelling, turned turtle.

According to Afzalgunj police, the victims have been identified as Mohammed Arifuddin (56), a resident of Jahanuma, and Haji Khan (35), a resident of Doodhbowli. While Arifuddin was a full-time GHMC employee working in Malakpet division, Khan was an outsourced driver.

Massive weight

After entering the garbage transfer station, the lorry in which the victims were travelling drove on to a ramp after which the driver allegedly lost control and the vehicle turned turtle. The two reportedly got crushed under the massive weight of the vehicle. They were rushed to the Osmania General Hospital in an ambulance, but were declared brought dead.

Soon after the accident, BJP workers and supporters reached the spot and staged a dharna.

They demanded that the State government sanction ₹ 20 lakh to the families of each victim.

Mayor Bonthu Rammohan announced an immediate ex gratia of ₹ 2 lakh each to the victims' kin. He said that Haji's family would be given a total of ₹ 7 lakh, and Arifuddin's family would receive ₹ 11.5 lakh. He also assured that the victims' families would be given jobs and pension.

INTERVIEW | SANGITA REDDY

'New paradigm is to prevent people from falling sick'

Joint MD of Apollo Hospitals discusses how advanced technology, especially AI, has revolutionised the healthcare sector

K. SHIVA SHANKER
HYDERABAD

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology have become the latest buzzwords in healthcare. In this interview, Apollo Hospitals joint managing director Sangita Reddy explains how AI is deployed in the health sector, improvement in healthcare access and paring costs through early-stage detection of diseases using advanced diagnostic systems, apart from the paradigm shifts in healthcare from doctor-centric medical services to doctor and healthcare workers-centric to empower patients.

She also discusses the option for patients to tele-consult and send diagnostic reports to doctors or their family physician, from the comfort of their homes.

Every patient wishes to get cured quickly and walk out of the hospital at the earliest. How will AI help such patients suffering from critical diseases?

● Many of these diseases have early warning symptoms. In case of cardiac problems, cholesterol and blood pressure could be high. In the new paradigm, it is not about waiting till someone falls sick and then making them better quickly; it is to prevent them from falling sick in the first place. In India, 70% of cardiac patients who come to us have three or four vessels blocked. Where was the patient when one vessel was blocked? We can pick up the early warning symptoms since we conduct wide-scale screening. Screening, advanced check-up and early intervention can bring down the number of patients with acute incidences. A health check has to be scientifically designed and followed up with appropriate doctor intervention.

Are AI and deep learning being used at Apollo Hospitals currently?

● We have a few engines up. Our first and most exciting project is the cardiac risk score prediction. The Apollo Microsoft Cardiac Risk Score uses over 21 parameters and machine learning for the analytics, throws up the risk score and has an accuracy rate of over 87%. It is already in use.

How do you ensure privacy of patients' data, especially from hacking risks?

● Somebody may hack and find out that Apollo has 57,000 patients with cardiac problems. But they won't get the names of patients. We have firewalls and store information in a de-identified manner. There's an encryption and a key to link the record with the patient when the doctor calls for it. So, all the necessary international protocols are in place. I would hope we are not subjected to unethical hacking.

I am most amazed by genetic testing, and the ability to use genome sequencing to figure out which part of the cell in the body that has cancer will respond to which medication.

Which technological intervention in healthcare has amazed you?

● In isolated pieces, there are a lot of amazing things. I am most amazed by genetic testing, and the ability to use genome sequencing to figure out which part of the cell in the body that has cancer will respond to which medication. That will be very transformational in treatment.

Unable to contact family, Kashmiri students tense

Security tightened at UoH, MANUU

Entry into MANUU, which has quite a few Kashmiri students, has been restricted since Monday. ▪ SERISH NANISETTI

SERISH NANISETTI
HYDERABAD

A day after Jammu and Kashmir's special status was scrapped, security was beefed up on the campuses of the University of Hyderabad (UoH) and Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), the two Central universities in city where many students from Kashmir pursue education.

"We are not allowing anyone inside. Please don't ask questions," said a security officer outside the closed gates of MANUU on Tuesday afternoon. About five policemen from Gachibowli police station kept a wary eye from a patrol vehicle. "There is a communication blackout in Kashmir. I have not been able to reach my family since Sunday afternoon," said a Ph.D student of UoH who did not wish to identified.

Protesters dispersed

On Monday, a spontaneous protest by different students' organisations was dispersed at UoH. "The problem will only get worse. People are very angry. The dream of Indira Gandhi has been fulfilled. There should have been consultations and discussion, and people should have been taken into confidence if they (the government) wanted to solve the problem," he said.

Hyderabad has a sprinkling of students who hail from Kashmir and pursue their undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral studies in different universities here. "There have been protests at Poonch and Rajouri which were always pro-India places. This broken promise will have a long term impact. Turning a state into a union territory is shocking," says Ataullah Niazi, a Ph.D student at MANUU, adding, "I have had no contact with my family in Kashmir since 2 p.m. on Sunday. We are confused as to what's happening."

'Tourism to suffer'

"There is a curfew in the Valley. All bookings have been cancelled. This has come during the peak season, which is from March to October. Naturally, business will be impacted. I cannot assess the value, but residents of Kashmir will be economically affected by this period of uncertainty," said a J&K tourism official requesting anonymity.

National real estate meet on August 24-25

Around 1,500 delegates from across the country, world to take part

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

A two-day real estate event – 11th National Association of Realtors (NAR) India Convention and Expo – will be held on August 24-25 at the HICC, Madhapur, here with the objective of "streamlining the profession of real estate to achieve transparency, accountability and ethical practices".

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, A. Sumanth Reddy, president of Hyderabad Realtors Association (HRA) and president elect of NAR; Shailendra Singh, chairman of the convention; and J. Sarith, honorary secretary, said the theme of the convention is "Game Changers".

About 1,500 delegates from across the country and the world are expected to participate in the convention which will be bringing together realtors, developers, investors, and other stakeholders in the real estate industry to interact, learn and create "meaningful business connections" with each other.

The organisers said introduction of the RERA (Real Estate Regulation and Development) Act has changed the dynamics of the sector and everyone from property agents onwards need to upgrade their skills.

Commercial space

About the scenario in the capital, they observed that there is a scarcity of 'grade A' commercial space in the city but it is on the rise at 8 million sq.ft. and inching towards Bengaluru's 13 million sq.ft.

The government's thrust on urban development and infrastructure development comes as a big boost to the realtor community, they added.

Celebrity guests

HRA vice president A. Jagadish informed that prominent personalities like celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor, author Devdutt Patnaik, ISB dean Rajendra Srivastava and Cyient chairman B.V.R. Mohan Reddy will address the convention, which is being supported by Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India and National Real Estate Development Council.

A platform for entrepreneurs to pitch ideas to investors

Graduation of 3rd batch of Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship tomorrow

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

IIT-Hyderabad at Kandi on the city outskirts. ▪ FILE PHOTO

Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad's Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) will mark the graduation of its third batch on August 8 by hosting a 'pitching session' for its fellows with investors in venture capital and private equity firms.

This pitching session is to help CfHE fellows convert their ideas and innovations into health technology products that will cater to some of the unmet needs of Indian healthcare sector, said IIT-H director U.B. Desai .

CfHE has incubated seven startups founded by its fellows and they have gained significant traction with investors and government agencies. It has also successfully graduated three cohorts of entrepreneurs with the fourth batch having just enrolled (classes began on August 1).

The CfHE also houses a healthcare incubator, which is connected to the community of venture capitalists and angel investors who keep interacting with the startups on a regular basis. CfHE-incubated companies such as BeAble Pvt. Ltd. and Nemocare Wellness Pvt. Ltd. from the first batch have attracted grants to the tune of ₹2 crore.

They are set to become independent and enter the markets at an early stage. Two CfHE companies have been awarded the prestigious 'Melinda Gates Foundation grant Award for Global Health.' A one-year fellowship programme in healthcare entrepreneurship focussed on biodesign innovation is being offered at the centre which also has a start-of art facility for rapid prototyping of biomedical devices for testing to speed up the innovation cycle.

Rajesh Mashruwala, a bay area entrepreneur and IIT-Bombay alumni who helped establish the CfHE, said: "Unlike many incubators and accelerators, CfHE has been established as a non-profit organisation with a strategy to kickstart medical device innovation. India is going to need a domestic supply of medical devices designed specifically for local requirements."

CfHE offers fellowship in healthcare entrepreneurship focussed on biodesign innovation through a structured, immersion-based curriculum that spans a year. Fellows enrolled undergo thorough immersion in the clinical environment to identify unmet needs.

Air India SATS opts for solar roofing system

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Visaka Industries has provided its integrated solar roofing system 'ATUM' to Air India SATS (AISATS).

The system would help the gateway services and food solutions provider create sustainable off-grid air-conditioned walkways. ATUM walkway will provide a superior level of comfort to all the customers with smooth access for people with reduced mobility while they board the aircraft, a release from Visaka Industries said.

Temperature regulation

The solar roofing system serves all the functions of a traditional roof while giving 20% more output than conventional solar panels. It has integrated solar panels with a fibre cement base made of Vnext boards that regulates temperature with higher efficiency.

AISATS ATUM walkways consist of eight ATUM panels of 2.5 kW that charges four batteries of 150 Ah each. This off-grid solution can work up to six hours withholding a weight of over 300 kg on the roof and powers two air conditioners of 0.75 tons each, the release said.

Lensman strikes gold with Bandhavgarh tiger cubs' photo

Adjudged winner in Nature Digital category of the India International Photography Council Awards

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Photographer Kola Venkateshwarlu has literally hit gold with his frame capturing the playful mood of famed tigress Dotty's cubs at a waterhole in Bandhavgarh National Park.

The Kodad-based lensman, widely acknowledged as one of the best in shooting habitat pictures of tigers across reserve forests in India, will be presented the gold medal in the Nature Digital category of the India International Photography Council Awards 2019 on August 19.

The event marks World Photography Day.

Kola Venkanna, as he is popularly known, was on a routine visit to Bandhavgarh this May when he saw the mother and the three sub-adult male cubs enjoying a splash in the water.

"For someone who was in the jury for the last few years, it is a welcome change to receive the gold medal for the tiger picture and in the photo travel section, the best image award for the picture I shot of Kambala buffalo race in Udupi (Karnataka)," says Venkanna whose photography career spans 35 years.

The award-winning photo of tigress Dotty's cubs at Bandhavgarh. ▪ BY ARRANGEMENT

Frankly, there is no greater joy than capturing the national animal on camera.

KOLA VENKATESHWARLU,
Acclaimed photographer

'Special feeling'

"This is not the first time that I got this award but it is always a special feeling to get one for the tiger picture. Frankly, there is no greater joy than capturing the national animal on camera," Mr. Venkateshwarlu says.

The Best Image Award in the Nature Digital category has been bagged by Narendra Venkata Ramana of Guntur for the Sarus cranes picture.

In the photo journalism digital section, the gold medal will be awarded to D.T. Harikrishna of Nellore while K.V.S. Giri of *The Hindu* (Hyderabad) will get the second prize in the 'best image' category for his picture of BJP supporters sporting masks of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the general election campaign in Hyderabad. Ch.V.S. Vijaya Bhaskara Rao of *The Hindu* (Vijayawada) will receive the third prize for his picture 'Walk in Pipes' in this category.

In the Monochrome Open digital category, R. Kumaraswamy of Karimnagar has earned the gold medal for his picture 'Desi Daru' and P. Vinod Kumar of Hyderabad the 'best image' award in this category for his 'Uphills' photo.

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SHORT TERM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION

Sub: Reg. Inviting Short Term Request For Proposal for empanellment of Manufactures/OEM/Importers/ MoU Holders for supply of Laser Guided Land Leveler, Rice Transplanter, Reaper/Reaper Binder and Baler under Departmental subsidy Programmes and CHSC centers for the year 2019-20 reg.

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With respect to above and reference, the Department of Agriculture invites 30 days Short Term Request for Proposals (RFP) from Manufacturers/OEM/Importers/ MoU Holders for supply of Laser Guided Land Leveler, Rice Transplanter, Reaper/Reaper Binder and Baler to farmers under Departmental subsidy Programmes and CHSC centers for the year 2019-20. The interested Manufacturers/OEM/ Importers/ MoU Holders who are interested to participate in this RFP can submit their proposals through e-Procurement platform **(https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in)**

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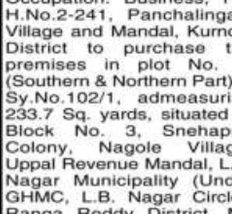

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IN BRIEF

Ex-servicemen's rally in city today

HYDERABAD

An ex-servicemen's rally will be organised at 1 EME Centre, Secunderabad, on August 7 to reach out to veterans of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and make them aware about the latest schemes and initiatives introduced by the Central and State governments. It is also meant to address their grievances related to pension, pay and allowances and ECHS. A large number of stalls will be arranged by officials from the military hospital, record offices, nationalised banks, Zilla Sainik Board and ECHS. War widows and meritorious students will be felicitated.

Talk on 'China, 5G and India's National Security'

HYDERABAD

Manthan, Hyderabad's premier forum for public discourse, is organising a talk on 'China, 5G and India's National Security' by noted US economist Harold Furchtgott-Rothon at Vidyaranya School, opposite the Secretariat, at 6 p.m on August 7. It will be followed by an interactive session.

Applications invited

HYDERABAD

The Registrar of Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) has released the notification for Masters in Public Health (MPH) course. Applications will be available online from 10 a.m. on August 7 to 5 p.m. on August 21. For details, call 040 49006000 / 040 49006045 / 9505066266; or log in www.knruhs.in.

Junior doctors to hold 'Vaidya Garjana'

HYDERABAD

The TJUDA members continued to boycott elective and emergency medical services. The health of two of them deteriorated. They will hold 'Vaidya Garjana' at Dharna Chowk on Wednesday.

Man arrested for cheating

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A man was apprehended on Tuesday after he allegedly promised to get applications of 2BHK scheme processed in exchange for money.

Jubilee Hills police identified the accused as Pradeep, a resident of Road Number 10, Banjara Hills. Police said that the complaint was filed by two persons, whose identities they declined to reveal.

"The victims lodged a complaint in May 2018. The accused took names of politicians and took ₹2.7 lakh from both. He promised to get 2BHK houses for the complainants but disappeared after taking the money," inspector K Balakrishna Reddy said. A cheating case was filed.

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Metro city's crown jewel: Governor

E.S.L. Narasimhan goes on Metro rail ride and inspects the Nagole depot

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Metro Rail Project is the 'crown jewel' of the twin cities and citizens should make use of the modern public transport facility regularly, said Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan here on Tuesday.

The Governor also patted the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) and L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad (L&TMRH) authorities for the services being provided and for the good maintenance.

He shared his experiences with the media after taking an impromptu ride along with his wife Vimala and grand-daughter Aditi from Ameerpet junction to Nagole metro station.

Mr. Narasimhan got into the Metro train at Ameerpet interchange station around 2 p.m. and he was joined by HMR Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy at the Rasoolpura station.

Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan with wife Vimala Narasimhan and grand-daughter Aditi, in the city on Tuesday. ▪ ARRANGED

For a while they also joined the Metro rail pilot in the cabin before reaching Nagole station where they were received by L&TMRH Chief Executive and Managing Director K.V.B. Reddy, Chief Operating Officer A.K. Saini and others.

The Governor was taken around the Metro depot and told about the state-of-the-art Operation, Command and Control Centre (OCC), the maintenance lines and other facilities available there. Later on Tuesday, he planted a sapling on the premises of the depot.

The return journey was also on Metro rail till Begumpet station where he told the assembled media that the "maintenance of metro stations and operational systems are excellent." He had a special word of appreciation for Mr. N.V.S. Reddy and his team for their commitment to the project.

Mr. Narasimhan pointed out that he had inaugurated the Metro rail operations between Ameerpet and L.B. Nagar Metro station in September last year and also the Ameerpet to Hi-Tec City a few months ago. And, this trip was to get a first-hand experience of how the service was working.

Biker knocked down by GHMC truck

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A motorcyclist was knocked down allegedly by a GHMC garbage truck at Saidabad Colony on Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Ravinder Yadav (39), a resident of Singareni Colony. He was a senior technician of a prominent broadband service provider.

According to Saidabad inspector K.V.L. Narasimha Rao, Yadav was going on official duty near Quadri Masjid in Saidabad Colony around 12.30 p.m. when he was hit by the truck.

Mr. Rao said that the GHMC truck driver was identified as Suresh Kumar (40). He works as an outsourced employee. He was taken into police custody. A case has been registered and an investigation has been launched.

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Fleming's Twitter handle 'missing'

SYED MOHAMMED
HYDERABAD

The city's twitterati were in for a rude shock on Tuesday when they realised that British Deputy High Commissioner Andrew Fleming's Twitter handle went 'missing'.

With his tweets expressing admiration and concern for Hyderabad's history and preservation of its heritage, the diplomat's Twitter handle @Andrew007Uk is a hit with netizens. Reacting to it, Sayeed MA, a techie, tweeted, "One of the most vibrant Twitter accounts promoting Indian culture and harmony! Hope they restore the account soon." Sugandh Rakha, a software developer, tweeted, "Come on @Twitter, you should be verifying @Andrew007Uk not suspending it!"

While the British Deputy High Commission could not be reached, its handle @UKinHyderabad tweeted, "The account of our Deputy High Commissioner @Andrew007Uk was suspended earlier today for reasons unexplained. He is actively seeking clarification from @Twitter for restoration."

21-yr-old zoo white tiger dies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

A white tiger housed at the Nehru Zoological Park, named Vinay, has breathed its last on Monday night, of problems related to senility.

The male Royal Bengal Tiger was born in the zoo, and was aged 21 years and six months. He suffered from lameness caused by age for over a year, and was kept off display for the past five years, a statement from the zoo said.

Under intensive care at the Summer House for the last three days, he was being treated by a veterinary team of the zoo. Post-mortem conducted by experts from College of Veterinary Science, Rajendranagar, LaCONES, CCMB, and zoo's own, concluded that the death was due to "senility-induced asphyxia". Samples have been collected and sent to the Veterinary Biological and Research Institute and College of Veterinary Science for further investigations.

The male tiger, Vinay, at zoo park. ▪ FILE PHOTO

Newspaper boy dies in road accident

'He was riding his bike with one hand'

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A 14-year-old part-time newspaper delivery boy died on the spot on Tuesday after he lost control over his two-wheeler while riding his way to work.

Nallakunta police identified the victim as S. Abhinav, a Class IX student and a resident of DD Colony. Like everyday, the victim started from his house around 6 a.m. on Tuesday to deliver newspapers.

According to the police, the mishap occurred between 6.30 a.m. and 7 a.m. when the victim lost control of his bike, hit a road divider and received severe head injuries.

"Abhinav was riding the motorcycle with one hand when he was on Shivam Road. He held the newspapers with the other hand. It seems that the bunch of newspapers got in the way of the handlebar of the two-wheeler and he lost control. He was not wearing a helmet. Had he worn one, he could have survived," Nallakunta inspector K. Muralidhar said. Police have registered a case and an investigation is in progress.

Biker skids into nala

A 35-year-old man was killed in a road accident late on Monday night after his two-wheeler skidded off the road and fell into a nala in Kukatpally.

According to Chandanagar police, Srikanth Reddy was a resident of PJR Enclave in Kukatpally. He was a lab assistant. "The incident took place around 11 p.m. on Monday when he was going back home. The bylane was in a miserable condition due to which he lost control, slipped and fell into the nala," Chandanagar inspector B. Ravinder said.

Man held for harassing classmates

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

A 25-year-old man, who created fake accounts and uploaded photos of two women soliciting sex and threatened them to marry him, was arrested by Rachakonda Cyber Crime police on Tuesday. Mandapuram Nagaraju was the victims' classmate. He used to call them frequently and expressed his love. When they rejected his proposal, he started harassing them.

The accused was traced at Shivarmpally.

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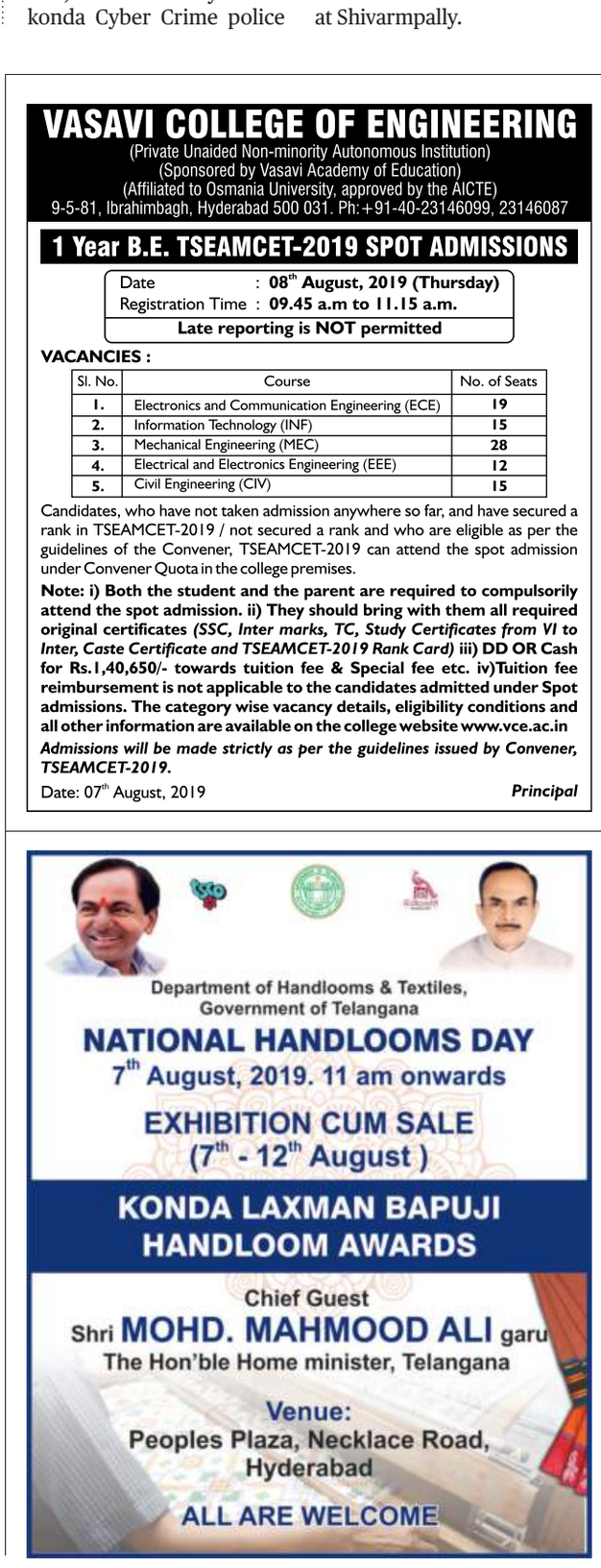

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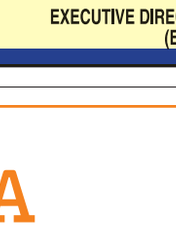

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IN BRIEF

GoAir to operate more flights

HYDERABAD

GoAir is launching two new flights from Hyderabad to Kochi and one new flight each, from here, to Chennai, Jaipur, Patna and Chandigarh. The service from Hyderabad to these five cities will commence on August 7. A release from the airline said along with daily flights to these cities, GoAir will also add two frequencies on its existing Hyderabad to Bengaluru sector.

Congress MLA welcomes scrapping of Art 370

HYDERABAD

One of the few MLAs from Congress who have responded on the abrogation of Article 370 so far, Sangareddy MLA T. Jagga Reddy has welcomed the move but said it was unfair to target first Prime Minister of the country Jawaharlal Nehru in the process. Speaking to reporters here on Tuesday, Mr. Reddy said the decision taken by Mr. Nehru then was as correct as the decision taken by the Modi government now. But for that decision of Mr. Nehru, Kashmir issue would have been much more complicated now. India held its present position on Kashmir that it was its integral part was due to the stand taken by Mr. Nehru and Sardar Patel.

Prospects of Srisailam, Sagar getting filled brighten

Flood to Srisailam expected to cross 5 lakh cusecs in a couple of days

B. CHANDRASHEKHAR
HYDERABAD

The prospects of Srisailam and Nagarjunsagar, the joint reservoirs of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, getting filled and overflowing this season are becoming increasingly high with further increase in the discharge of flood from Almatti to 4 lakh cusecs on Tuesday evening in addition to release of over one-lakh cusecs water from Ujjani dam in Maharashtra.

As very heavy to extremely heavy rains are continuing in the catchment areas of Krishna and its tributaries in Maharashtra the Central Water Commission (CWC) has forecast that Almatti would receive 29 tmc ft volume of water in the 24-hour period till 8 a.m. on Wednesday at the rate of over 3.35 lakh cusecs. It has also indicated further rise in the flood to Almatti.

As a result, the inflows into Narayanpur dam which were about 3.25 lakh cusecs during the day on Tuesday were expected to increase further to 3.71 lakh cusecs.

A total of 3.82 lakh cusecs of water being discharged from Basavasagar reservoir in Narayanapur in Yadgir district of Karnataka on Tuesday. ▪ ARRANGEMENT

CWC forecast

The CWC has forecast that the dam would get about 30 tmc ft volume of flood in 24-hour period till 8 a.m. on Wednesday. In tune with the forecast, the discharge of flood at Narayanpur increased to 3.82 lakh cusecs at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"With the flood from Almatti clocking about 4 lakh cusecs and the possibility of getting over one-lakh cusecs flood from Bhima, the total flood to Srisailam is likely to be over 5 lakh cusecs in the next couple of days from over 3.09 lakh cusecs from Jurala at 9 p.m. on Tuesday," a flood monitoring official at Jurala told *The Hindu*.

The water level in Srisailam was 137.26 tmc ft against its capacity of 215.81 tmc ft at 9 p.m. on Tuesday in spite of drawal of water through Pothireddypadu (5,000 cusecs), Kalwakurthy lift (2,400 cusecs) and Handri-Neeva lift (1,013 cusecs) and release of about 74,000 cusecs water to the river course with power generation by Telangana and AP.

Krishna rising

"Due to ongoing extremely heavy rainfall for the past 10 days, river Krishna is rising all along its course in Maharashtra from its source regions. River Krishna is rising at Karad, Arjunwad, Kurundwad and its tributary river Bhima is rising at Daund, and other tributaries Panchganga and Varna are also rising Kurundwad, Terwad and Samdoli also in Maharashtra. There is likelihood of increased inflows into Srisailam dam during the next 3-4 days," a CWC advisory said.

The discharge of flood at Ujjani into the river course was about 1.53 lakh cusecs and it further increased to 2.12 lakh cusecs at Daund in Maharashtra with the supplementation of flood from rivulets.

In the Godavari basin, both the inflows were recorded at over 33,200 cusecs at Yellampally at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and an equal volume was being discharged into the river course towards Sundilla barrage by lifting 10 gates. A total of 1,906 minor irrigation tanks, including 1,834 in Godavari basin were getting surplus flows.

Chief Minister inspects Godavari near Medigadda

Directs officials to ensure safety of the project

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHUPALPALLY DISTRICT

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao visited Kaleshwaram project and made an aerial survey of the Godavari river, which now has water over a stretch of nearly 140 km of its course between Medigadda and Dharmapuri.

Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao flew in a helicopter over the river and visited various places along its 150-km course from Medigadda to Dharmapuri.

Senior bureaucrats, ministers Eatela Rajender, Errabelli Dayakar Rao, and officials from the Irrigation Department accompanied Chief Minister in the visit. This was the Chief Minister's first visit in the monsoon season after he inaugurated the Kaleswaram project recently.

Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao interacted with the officials and took stock of the situation. The inflows into the project and the extent of land it would irrigate, among others. Nearly 80 % of water was meant for catering to drinking water needs of the state and rest 20 % to irrigate the land.

At Medigadda barrage, the Chief Minister offered flowers and special puja to the river Godavari amidst the continued drizzle. The irrigation officials apprised him that 300 TMC of water was released from the Kaleswaram project so far.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inspecting the Kaleshwaram project in Bhupalpally district on Tuesday. ▪ M. MURALI

KCR later left for Goliwada Pump House. After his visit to yagashala the locals submitted a representation to the Chief Minister and from there, he reached the temple town of Dharmapuri.

Divert water

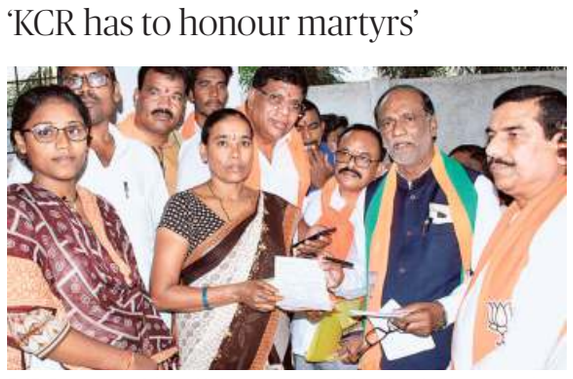
The Kaleswaram project is being built at a cost of about ₹ 80,499 crore, the project will divert 180 TMC of water to irrigate 7.38 lakh hectares.

According to a press release, Mr Chandrashekhar Rao instructed the Irrigation Department officials to take measures to ensure the safety of the project in view of the fact that Pranahita was receiving a lakh of cusecs inflow of water. He was of the opinion that this year assured irrigation could be extended to some 45 lakh acres in two seasons.

He directed the officials to close the gates of the barrage and impound the water after the inflow from upper reaches starts decreasing. He congratulated the L&T and Irrigation department for finishing the Medigadda project work on time.

BJP calls for celebrations on September 17

'KCR has to honour martyrs'



BJP State president K. Laxman participating in door-to-door membership drive in Nalgonda on Tuesday. ▪ SINGAM VENKATARAMANA

STAFF REPORTER
NALGONDA

The scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accords special status to Jammu & Kashmir by the Centre, is a befitting tribute to the numerous people who died for integration of the State, starting with Jan Sangh leader Shyam Prasad Mookerjee, BJP State president K. Laxman said on Tuesday

"One nation, one nishan, one bidhan and one pradhan, Shyam Prasad Mookerjee had said decades ago, and the Bharatiya Janata Party realised his dream," Mr. Laxman added.

But here, the martyrs of Telangana liberation remain ignored and insulted, as the government does not want to observe September 17, the Telangana Liberation Day, for political reasons, he said. "It is time Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao woke up. The State BJP will not keep silent," Mr. Laxman warned.

Speaking to reporters at the party's headquarters here, the State party chief, who was in the town for its membership drive, said the abrogation of the Article 370 and bifurcation of J&K was historic, and a move towards national integration.

Not only a common identity, the decision will also address social and gender injustices, promote law and order, generate employment through investment and industries, and give rights and reservations to the people of J&K, he said.

Mr. Laxman said there was growing support from all sections to the party.

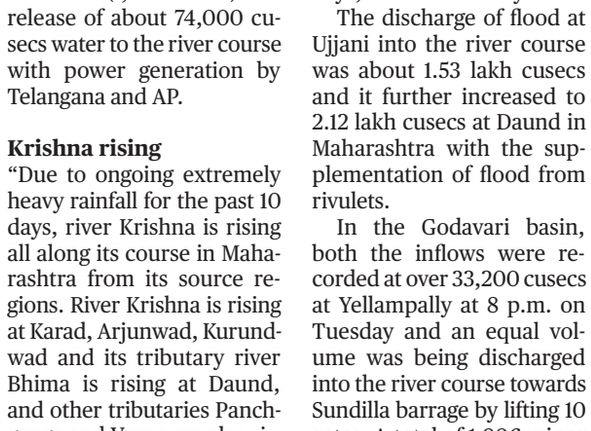
Shifting of key offices to BRKR Bhavan may take time

Basic infrastructure is still to be put in place

M. RAJEEV
HYDERABAD

The proposed shifting of key departments from the Secretariat to the Burgula Ramakrishna Rao Bhavan appears to be taking some more time.

Though the BRKR Bhavan has been chosen to house departments like General Administration, Finance, Revenue and Home along with the office of the Chief Secretary, works initiated to put in place the basic infrastructure are still to be completed. The government had sanctioned close to ₹ 2 crore for works like power connections, water supply, telephone lines and computer infrastructure but they are yet to be completed in all respects.



Burgula Rama Krishna Rao Bhavan in Hyderabad. ▪ K.V.S. GIRI

Data centre

Though there is a data centre managed by the Telangana State Technology Services Limited which is operational in the building, setting up of LAN (local area network) for providing high-speed Internet connectivity is yet to commence.

The Information Technology Department had requisitioned independent service providers to provide necessary infrastructure for high-speed Internet connectivity, but it was yet to get formal orders for setting up LAN in the BRKR Bhavan.

Once the orders are received, the department would require at least three weeks for positioning the equipment and necessary optic fibre network cables for providing seamless connectivity to the departments. "The budget for setting up the entire infrastructure is not ascertained yet and we will submit the requirements once formal orders are issued," a senior IT official told *The Hindu*.

Status report

Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi enquired about the progress on shifting the departments to BRKR Bhavan and is understood to have directed the officials concerned to submit a status report on the facilities in BRKR Bhavan at the earliest.

The officials of the Roads and Buildings, Energy and IT departments accordingly decided to submit proposals along with the requirement of funds by Wednesday afternoon.

"The requirement of funds is likely to be around ₹ 6 crore. We will prepare the report and submit it tomorrow," an R&B official said, adding that works are expected to be completed in a couple of weeks and the shifting is likely to start from the last week of this month.

Chief Minister pays tributes to Professor Jayashankar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said on Tuesday that Telangana society will never forget Prof. Jayashankar, who tirelessly worked for the propagation and idea of Telangana.

KCR recalled the yeoman services rendered by Telangana ideologue Prof. Jayashankar on his birth anniversary. He said that the government would take measures so that the future generations would remember his great contribution.

Telangana Bhavan

Rich tributes were paid to Prof. Jayashankar across the State by the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and various social and political groups associated with the Telangana agitation.

TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao paid floral tributes to Prof. Jayashankar at the Telangana Bhavan.

The officers, faculty, staff and trainees of Dr.Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resources Development Institute, Telangana paid homage to the Telangana ideologue, to mark his 85th birth anniversary.

In a function organised at the Institute here on Tuesday, Director General B.P.Acharya garlanded the portrait of Jayashankar.

Birth anniversary celebrations were held at Aranya Bhavan and State BC Commission also. At the BC Commission office its Chairman. B.S. Ramuly and members, V. Krishnamohan Rao and Juluri Gourishankar paid floral tributes to the late Telangana ideologue and recalled his contributions. Celebrations were also held at the Bus Bhavan by the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation officials.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University had TSCHE Chairman T Papi Reddy deliver Prof. K. Jayashankar Memorial Lecture at its campus as part of his 85th birthday celebrations.

Pink bollworm pest appears in cotton

Scientists inspect infested fields in Tamsi mandal of Adilabad

S. HARPAL SINGH
ADILABAD

The dreaded cotton crop pest, pink bollworm, has made it appearance in some fields near Ponnari village in Tamsi mandal of Adilabad district, galvanising agriculture scientists to initiate measures to control its spread. The pest was noticed for the first time on August 5 in flowers in the plants in an extent of a few acres of long duration type cotton where farmers had gone in for early sowing depending upon irrigation.

(Left) Agriculture scientists studying the pink bollworm phenomenon in a cotton field near Ponnari in Adilabad district on Tuesday. (Above) The pink bollworm in a cotton flower. ▪ S. HARPAL SINGH

"The pest could affect the short duration cotton variety in nearby fields in the next 10 to 15 days when that crop comes to flowering stage," warned Principal Scientist, Adilabad Agriculture Research Station, Sreedhar Chauhan. "The farmers in whose fields the pink bollworm incidence was noticed need to initiate control measures to curb the spread of pest to nearby fields," he suggested.

A team of agriculture scientists, including Mr. Chauhan, Coordinator of the District Agriculture Advisory and Technology Transfer Centre (DAATTC) Sudhanshu Kasbe and Crop Protection Scientist in DAATTC D. Veeranna, visited the infested fields on Tuesday.

'No panic yet'

Though they estimated the incidence of pest to be above the economic threshold level (ETL), they opined it was not a panic situation. "The pest can be controlled provided farmers initiate integrated pest management measures at community level. Setting up of pheromones traps, manually destroying the infested rosette flowers and judicious use of neem seed kernel extract as pesticide at this stage," Mr. Kasbe advised. Initiation of control measures at community level is essential to continue till September to prevent pest attack October onwards when the temperature decreases.

Company response

"The incidence in that duration could cause more damage to the crop," the scientists said. The cotton seed companies have introduced the refusia-in-bag (RIB) method of packaging 5 % of the pest attracting non Bt cotton seeds with Bt seeds this year onwards so that the incidence of pest is deflected to the former. "There, however, is no way of telling if the pest has attacked the 5 % non Bt plants or the regular Bt plants at this stage," the scientists observed.

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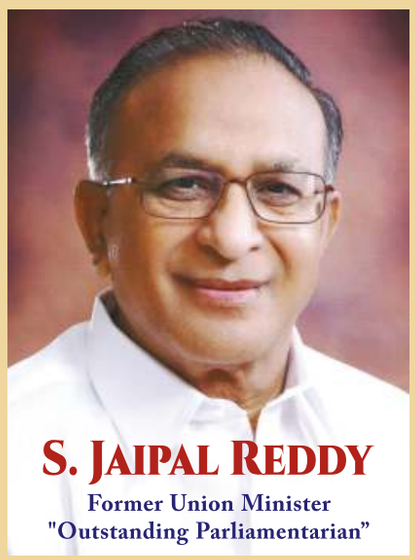

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Open e-Tender Notice No: DRM/ Works/SC/157/2019/OT Dt:05/08/2019 PUB/092119

For and on behalf of President of india, the undersigned invites tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 22/08/2019

Sl. No: 1 **e-Tender No:** 157-N-SC-19-OT **Name of the work:** SC Division-SW-1-Provision of 2 lifts at Ramagundam station. SW-II-RDM-Providing water hydrant for caught fire wagons on M 16 line. **Approx. Tender Value in:** Rs. 51,20,822/- **EMD:** Rs.1,02,500/- **CTF:** Rs.5,000/- **Completion period in Months:** 04 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

1.Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.

2 Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

3. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.

4.The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEN/Co-ordination, Secunderabad Division, South Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.

5. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

6.All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.

Visit our site at **"www.ireps.gov.in"**

Sr. DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad

TENDER NOTICE No.50 to 51-DRM-W-HYB-OT dt.06.08.2019 PUB/092219

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through **e-procurement** up to 15.00 hours of 29.08.2019

1. Tender No. & Name of the work : 50-DRM-W-HYB-OT 1.Hyderabad Division : Provision of new OHE tower car shed for 8-Wheeler tower car at Kacheguda. 2. Hyderabad Division: Repairs to SC&ST Association branch office at Kacheguda. 3. Hyderabad Division:Provision of 1.50 lakh litres capacity GLR with pumping arrangements at Railway Colony, Kacheguda. 4. Hyderabad Division: Repairs to ICCU at Central Hospital, South Lallaguda.**Approximate e Value :** ₹. 1,71,93,205/- **Earnest Money Deposit :**₹. 2,36,000/- **Cost of Tender form :** ₹. 5,000/-

2. Tender No. & Name of the work : 51-DRM-W-HYB-OT 1. Provision of Integrated Emergency Response Management system(Video surveillance system) at KCG, MBNR & KRNT (Civil work at MBNR station only). 2. Provision of Integrated Emergency Response Management system(Video surveillance system) at Malakpet, Dabirpura, Yakutpura, Huppuguda, Falaknuma (Civil work at all four stations except Falaknuma station). 3. Provision of Integrated Emergency Response Management system(Video surveillance system) at Kamareddi, Nizamabad, Basar (Civil works at Basar station only). 4. Provision of Integrated Emergency Response Management system(Video surveillance system) at Arts College, Jamai Osmania, Vidyanagar, Sitaphalmandi (Civil work at all stations). 5. Provisional of one additional lift at Gadwal and modification of Foot over bridge at Huppuguda station. (Civil work at GWD station only). **Approximate e Value :** ₹. 23,59,595/- **Earnest Money Deposit :**₹.47,200/- **Cost of Tender form :** ₹.3,000/-

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Divisional Railway Manager, Works/Hyderabad

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: S&T/13/2019 DATED.05.08.2019 PUB/092319

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (Maintenance) South Central Railway Guntakal invites e-tenders **(Open)** for the following work up to **12.00 hrs of 30.08.2019.**

Tender No: 01-SNT 13-2019 **Description of the work (Signal and Telecom work):** CRS/TPTY:- Provision of Internet connectivity with VPN and public IP/Static IP and laying of wired network connectivity at shop floor for industry 4.0 in Guntakal Division of South Central Railway **Estimated cost of the work:** ₹.28,07,555.00/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹.56,200.00/- **Completion Period:** 4 Months **Cost of tender form in person:** ₹. 3,000/-

Tender No: 02-SNT 13-2019 **Description of the work (Signal and Telecom work):** Guntakal Divsion: YA-NDL section-Residual S&T works in NOSM-NDL section in connection with the new BG line. **Estimated cost of the work:** ₹.1,15,60,953.80/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹.2,07,800.00/- **Completion Period:** 12 Months **Cost of tender form in person:** ₹. 5,000/-

Validity of the offer should be 45 days from the date of opening. Corrigendum will be issued for the above tender notice if necessary through online only.

Sr. Divisional Signal Telecom Engineer, Maintenance/Guntakal

Tender Notice No: G/E.29/Tr./ Tender Notice/08/2019-20. Dt.06.08.219 PUB/092419

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-14-2019-20 Name of Work: Guntakal Division-Out sourcing of CTR's/data, records entry in CRIS and BET duties at the combined crew booking lobby at **Nandalur** for a period of Two years (24 months) **Approximate Value:** Rs.44,72,615/- **EMD:** Rs.89,500/- **Cost of Tender Document:** 3,000/-

Tender No: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-15-2019-20 Name of Work: Guntakal Division-Out sourcing of CTR's/data, records entry in CRIS and BET duties at the combined crew booking lobby at **Tirupati** for a period of Two years (24 months) **Approximate Value:** Rs.28,91,852/- **EMD:** Rs.57,800/- **Cost of Tender Document:** 3,000/-

Tender No: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-16-2019-20 Name of Work: Guntakal Division-Out sourcing of CTR's/data, records entry in CRIS and BET duties at the combined crew booking lobby at **Renigunta** for a period of Twenty Three (23 months) **Approximate Value:** Rs.75,81,330/- **EMD:** Rs.1,51,600/-**Cost of Tender Document:** 5,000/-

Closing date and time: 03.09.2019 at 11.00 hrs.

For Bidding the tender and other details login to http://www.ireps.gov.in. if any Corrigendum of the tender will be issued online only.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal

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Flood: Minister asks officials to be on high alert

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Energy Minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy has asked officials to be on high alert and focus on relief works in the flood-affected areas. No official can leave the affected villages until the restoration of operations were completed, he has said.

During a teleconference with the officials of power utilities on Tuesday, the Minister said the officials should swiftly act and restore supply in the flood-affected villages on a war-footing. Energy Secretary N. Srikant explained the Minster that power supply was affected in 19 habitations in Polavaram mandal and 20 habitations in Veleripadu mandal in West Godavari district. Supply was restored in all but two habitations, he said. APEPDCL CMD S. Nagalakshmi said that 22 villages in Devipatnam in East Godavari were affected.

Seeking political power to usher in desired change

Kolam leaders building consensus among tribes to bag ATWAC chairperson post

S. HARPAL SINGH
ADILABAD

Leaders of the disadvantaged Kolam ethnic tribe in the erstwhile Adilabad district, who believe that political power can usher in the change that they desire, have launched an initiative to build consensus within the tiny community for bagging the post of chairperson of Aboriginal Tribes Welfare Advisory Committee (ATWAC), which functions under the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Utnoor.

The post, which was mostly occupied by the dominant Raj Gond tribe leaders, fell vacant last month and the Kolams, who are categorised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) due to their backwardness, want one of them to be nominated to it.

The post was created in 1981 following the Indervelli police firing in which many Adivasis were killed. The move was intended to focus on the needs of the Adivasis in the district. In the past, the post was occupied by five incumbents, four Raj Gonds and one Pardhan tribal.

Kolam tribe leader Madavi Bheem Rao addressing villagers at Indervelli (K) in Adilabad district. ▪ S. HARPAL SINGH

The aboriginal Kolam tribe, which has a population of over 33,000, a small fraction of the total of 4.98 lakh tribal population in the erstwhile Adilabad district, at present has just 20 sarpanches and three Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) members as its political representatives. The need for increased representation of the tribe is being felt more now, which has led to leaders gathering opinion on the issue even from the lowest rung.

Among those who strongly feel that a Kolam needs to be nominated to the ATWAC chairperson post is the MPTC member from Keslapur in Indervelli mandal, Madavi Bheem Rao. He has been addressing his community people in Kolam habitations every day to build a consensus among them on the issue.

"We will seek help from Forest Minister A. Indrakaran Reddy, Asifabad MLA Athram Sakku, Khanapur MLA A. Rekha Naik and Adilabad MLA Jogu Ramanna in this regard. With their help, we intend to meet Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao or TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao," Mr. Bheem Rao said.

"We are a shy people and have remained ignorant of development and welfare programmes. But now, we will not show any reluctance in approaching an incumbent from our tribe, which will have a positive impact on our current socio-economic conditions," said Sidam Anniga, the sarpanch of Chaupanguda in Wankidi mandal in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district, who is part of the initiative.

Town planning stalwart passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Renowned town planner and former Director of Town Planning G. Venkata Ramana Reddy, who had designed a few blocks in the present State Secretariat, breathed his last on Tuesday at his home at Jubilee hills. He was 93 years old.

G. Venkata Ramana Reddy

Born in Chennai and graduating from Bombay School of Architecture, Mr. Ramana Reddy began his career as junior town planning expert in the then Madras State.

After Andhra State was carved out in 1956, he assumed the position of Joint Director in the State capital Kurnool, and subsequently rose to the position of second Director of Directorate of Town and Country Planning, in the combined Andhra Pradesh State.

As DTCP, in which position he continued for 17 years, he was instrumental in designing not only the Secretariat, but the Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, and Telugu Lalitha Kala Thoranam structures. He was known for his honesty and uprightness, friends recall.

Close friend of former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, Mr. Ramana Reddy also served as Vice-Chairman of the urban development authorities of Vijayawada, Tenali, Guntur and Mangalagiri towns after retirement, and was the brain behind the Telugu Talli statue on Prakasham Barrage, and various stadiums and complexes.

He was also instrumental in designing Ramakrishna Mutt buildings across the world, and known for his expertise in temple architecture about which he penned quite a few works, GHMC Chief City Planner S. Devender Reddy said. He was also a member of Royal Institute of Town Planners, London.

Man held after hot chase, 80 kg ganja seized

STAFF REPORTER
VISAKHAPATNAM

Special Task Force team of Prohibition & Excise Department caught one of two smugglers after a hot chase, who were trying to shift 80 kg ganja in a car, at Martur junction, in Anakapalle mandal in Visakhapatnam district on Tuesday.

The arrested was identified as M, Rajasekhar (28), an ex-offender, a resident of P.M. Palem and native of Gabbada area of Narsipatnam mandal.

According to Anakapalle Excise Inspector Kameswara Rao, Rajasekhar along with another 21-year old, had gone to G. Madugula area for procuring ganja from their contacts and were transporting it to P.M. Palem area in a car. Acting on a tip-off, the team led by Assistant Superintendent, Excise Department, S. Srinivasa Rao, tried to intercept the vehicle near Venkannapalem area.

"The youth, in their attempt to escape from officials, first hit an auto-rickshaw and then a tree and continued to drive the vehicle with a punctured tyre. The vehicle also caught fire and despite that the smugglers drove the vehicle for almost half a km. However, the task force team nabbed one of the two accused," said Mr. Kameswara Rao.

According to excise officials, Rajasekhar is a B.Tech graduate. Earlier, he ran an IT company in Seethammadhara area, which suffered losses. He again started to direct a web series, in which he again suffered a loss of about ₹17 lakh. Officials said in order to earn easy money, Rajasekhar has started to smuggle ganja.

Govt. seeks to strengthen cooperative bodies

Constitutes a committee to recommend measures in this regard

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The State government has constituted a special committee headed by the Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd (TSCOB) Chairperson, K. Ravinder Rao, to suggest measures to strengthen the cooperative bodies in the State.

The committee comprising representatives of Reserve Bank of India, Nabard, Agriculture and Cooperation Department and TSCOB as members has been asked to submit its recommendations within two months. The committee was constituted during a meeting convened by Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi to review the performance of the TSCOB and allied bodies here on Tuesday. The meeting decided to appoint chief executive officers for district cooperative central banks in line with the RBI norms ending the stalemate over the appointments of the CEOs. The appointment of CEOs for six DCCBs would commence soon under the supervision of the TSCOB, and the officials concerned have been directed to complete the process within 45 days.

It was resolved to appoint TSCOB senior officials as officers on special duty (OSD) to the DCCBs in the light of complaints over violation of norms in some district-level banks. In addition to studying the violations, the OSDs would also be entrusted with the responsibility of putting in place effective governance and skill development practices for district-level officials. The Nabard, according to an official release, informed the participants that it has prepared a comprehensive report about the measures that should be taken to revitalise the DCCBs which were found to be lagging in performance in terms of financial and other aspects.

The meeting discussed the progress of computerisation of the Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies launched by the government in coordination with the Nabard and TSCOB. Officials concerned informed that the activities in 519 of the 798 PACS attached to nine DCCBs have already been computerised. System audit has also been completed in 758 PACS and all the PACS would migrate to the online transaction system soon.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the progress of computerisation work and directed the officials concerned to submit monthwise reports on the activities of these grassroot-level bodies to the government, the release added.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR HANDHOLDING OF URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION AT COIMBATORE - TAMIL NADU

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India fully owned by the German Government and engaged in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development, intends to hire the services of a reputed consultancy company to handhold urban design competition in Coimbatore.

The objective of the assignment as well as detailed terms of the assignments are mentioned within the tender documents

Interested firms are requested to visit the following web link and download the tender documents

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Last date of bid submission is **Thursday 29th August, 2019**, by 17.30hrs

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CORRIGENDUM

For the Tender ID 2019_ESIC_490744_1 on **Hiring of Accommodation for Branch office, Ramagundam** published in eprocure.gov.in/procure/app and in this newspaper on 31-07-2019, the date of submission of Tender is extended to **20.08.2019 upto 1.00 P.M**. The Tender will be opened on **21-08-2019 at 1.00 P.M.** Other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Addl. Commissioner & Regional Director

Government of Andhra Pradesh Dept. of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship & Innovation

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Sd/- Chief Executive Officer
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e-Tender Notice

1. The appointment of Technical consultancy to study 33/11KV Substations covered under rural areas and to study the existing and future loads on 33KV and 11KV feeders and to submit the detailed report on requirement of new network and load flow studies & cost benefit analysis in APEPDCL.
2. Erection of 1No. 33/11KV Sub-station and its associated lines at Bheemavaram Village of Paderu Division of Visakhapatnam District of APEPDCL on Partial Turnkey basis.

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No. G/C.396/CP/ISB/GTL/2019 Dt 05.08.2019. PUB/0929/19

Name of work: Tender for Display of Advertisement at earmarked areas through static media over Guntakal Division - Request for publication of Tender Notice- Reg.

S. No	Package No.	Tender Notice No.	Cost of Tender form (in Rs)	EMD (in Rs)	Minimum Reserve price (in Rs)	Tender Value for 5 years (in Rs)
1	I	G/C.396/Static/Raichur-1 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	2,800/-	77,200	7,26,352	38,56,929
2	II	G/C.396/Static/Raichur-2 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	2,800/-	5,200	48,717	2,58,688
3	III	G/C.396/Static/Guntakal-3 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	2,34,600	22,08,456	1,17,26,902
4	IV	G/C.396/Static/Tadiptri-4 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	1,39,800	13,15,996	16,87,940
5	v	G/C.396/Static/Anantapur-5 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	1,09,100	10,27,154	54,54,187
6	vi	G/C.396/Static/Kadapa-6 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	1,66,100	15,63,513	83,02,253
7	vii	G/C.396/Static/Renigunta-7 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	3,59,000	33,80,060	1,79,48,119
8	viii	G/C.396/Static/Tirupati-8 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	4,30,300	40,51,142	2,15,11,564
9	ix	G/C.396/Static/Chittor-9 Cluster/GTL/2019 dt:05.8.2019	5,600/-	1,66,500	15,66,942	83,20,462

S.No.	Description	Information
1	Tendering Process	e-tendering (www.ireps.gov.in)
2	Tender closing Date & Time	27.8.2019 at 16.00 hrs
3	Period of contract	5 years

A1307 **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Guntakal**

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

NIT No.	NAME OF THE WORK	Estimate Amount /ECV	Start Date / Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	Name Address Officer Cell No.
03/EE/PD-EZ/GHMC /2019-20	Laying of BT patchworks on the monsoon affected Roads in SRDP Package II stretches for free flow of traffic, etc.	49.00 Lakhs	07-08-2019 at 4.00 PM 08-08-2019 a t 3 .30 PM	E.E.(PD EZ/GHMC, Cell No.9704404902
21/EE/GHMC/DIV-21 / SLPZ /2019-20	Rhythmic Gymnastic Hall (19 Works),etc.	47.50 Lakhs	09.08.19 at 4.00 PM/ 15.08.19 at 4.00 PM	E.E.Div-21.GHMC/SLPZ Ph.No.040-23033163
23/EE/Div.6(4A)/CRZ / GHMC/2019-20	CC Road, SW Drain, Flooring (9Works) , etc.	33.56 Lakhs	06.08.19 at 1.00 PM/ 09.08.19 at 1.00 PM	E.E.Div.6(4A)/CRZ.GHMC Cell No.8008102048
05/EE/PD SZ-I/ GHMC/2019-20	Engaging the IRT Vehicle (tractor/DCM with trolley) along with labours(a) pot hole filling with stores BT, (b) Minor CC patches, (c) Repairs to benching in Owaisi hospital and Midhani Junctions (SRDP), for a period of (3 months), Laying of BT Roads in damaged places in the stretch of SRDP work of Construction of Flyovers/ Grade separator Owaisi hospital and Midhani Junctions (Left side & Right side),etc.	22.45 Lakhs	07-08-2019 at 11.30 AM 08-08-2019 a t 3.30 PM	E.E. (PD SZ-I),GHMC Cell No.9704990966
02/EE/PD-EZ/ GHMC/ 2019-20	Engaging of Tractor, Labour and JCB during monsoon season rainy days for attending pot holes and water stagnation points near SRDP, LB Nagar Package-II stretches for free movement of traffic(Monsoon Emergency team for Project SRDP-II) PD-EZ, GHMC, etc.	14.00 Lakhs	07-08-2019 at 4.00 PM 08-08-2019 a t 3 .30 PM	E.E.(PD EZ/GHMC, Cell No.9704404902
GHMC/KC/E/01/24/ 2019-20	Engaging Vehicle for attending pot holes(2 works),etc.	6.90 Lakhs	06.08.19 at 5.00 PM/ 07.08.19 at 5.00 PM	E.E.-Kapra.Div.No.1 Cell No.9989094468
19/EE/Div-16(9B)/ GHMC /2019-20	Maintenance of Toilets IPM and Chappal Bazar and Construction of Rain Water Harvesting pits (2 Works),etc.	3.20 Lakhs	06.08.19 at 4.30 PM 07.08.19 at 4.30 PM	EE-16(Old-9B)/GHMC Cell No.8008069944
12/DB/EE/Qup/cir-25 / GHMC/ 2019-20	Making arrangements Eid-Ghas on the eve of Bakrid Festival , etc.,	3.13 Lakhs	06.08.19 at 9.00 PM 07.08.19 at 3.00 PM	E.E. Qup/Cir-25/GHMC Cell No.8790522433

For further details can be seen at e-procurement@-https://www.tender.eprocurement.gov.in Sd/- Commissioner

R.O.NO.114/CPRO/GHMC/2019-20 CALL: 040-21111111 FOR 24X7 GHMC SERVICES

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 11th July, 2019

S.O. 2487(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening / two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,) maintenance, management and operation of NH167 in the stretch of land from Km 113.9 to Km 113.1 (Revenue Divisional Office, Devarkonda) in the District of **NALGONDA** in the State of TELANGANA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Revenue Divisional Officer, Devarkonda in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structures falling NH-167 in the stretch of land from NH167 (Revenue Divisional Office, Devarkonda) in the district of NALGONDA in the State of TELANGANA.

State: TELANGANA **District: NALGONDA**

S. No.	Survey/Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit) (Sq.Mtr.)	Area (in Hectare)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Pedda Adiserla Palle Village: Ghanpur					
1.	445	Private (Patta)	Agricultural (Dry)	2,833.0000000	0.2833000
Village: Pedda Adiserla Palle					
1.	249	Private (Patta)	Agricultural (Dry)	2,428.3000000	0.2428300
2.	250	Private (Patta)	Agricultural (Dry)	2,529.4800000	0.2529480
3.	252	Private (Patta)	Agricultural (Dry)	2,225.9400000	0.2225940
4.	253	Private (Patta)	Agricultural (Dry)	1,618.8700000	0.1618870
			Total	**11,635.5900**	**1.1636**

[F.No.NH-167-TS-2017-18-43/3A]
RAJESH GUPTA, Dy.Secy.,

IN BRIEF

Court grants bail to Sriram Venkitaraman

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A magistrate court here on Tuesday released IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman on bail. He was in judicial remand at the intensive care unit of the Government Medical College Hospital here since Sunday after the police arrested him for drunk driving that caused the death of journalist K.M. Basheer in collision here early on Saturday. The court said it would revoke his bail if he tampered with evidence, interfered with the probe or swayed witnesses.

A.P. Chief Minister Jagan presents wish list to PM

NEW DELHI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday to reiterate the demand for the Special Category Status for A.P. "He demanded that the power purchase agreements negotiated by the earlier government should be renegotiated. He asked for re-tendering of the Polavaram project and reminded the Central government of revenue deficit," a senior YSRCP leader said.

Karnataka CM calls on PM, discusses projects

BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Tuesday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and three other Union Ministers in the national capital and drew their attention to a plethora of issues and pending projects in the State, including the clearance for Detailed Project Report on Mekedatu balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project.

Heavy rain lashes North Karnataka

Floods claim two more lives; Pune highway closed temporarily

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BELAGAVI/VIJAYAPURA/RAICHUR/HUBBALLI

With rain not relenting in the districts of Western Maharashtra and North Karnataka, the flood situation in northern Karnataka has further worsened. The situation is likely to aggravate as water discharge from reservoirs in the Krishna basin of Maharashtra may increase to four lakh cusecs.

With swelling rivers inundating villages, bridges-cum-barrages cutting-off connectivity from mainland, the region witnessed closure of NH 48 (Pune-Bengaluru stretch) and also suspension of train services in the Londa-Tinaighat section of the Hubballi Division of South Western Railway.

Caught unawares: Some 30 people stuck in a temple at Kallathgiri in Karnataka were rescued on Tuesday. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Trains diverted

While several trains were partially cancelled, few were rescheduled and others diverted via alternative routes. Quick restoration work by the railway staff resulted in resumption of train services on the route by evening. There has been a steady increase in the outflow from the reservoirs built across the Krishna and its tributaries in Karnataka.

Meanwhile in Uttar Kannada district, the rivers are flowing above the danger level as 1.4 lakh cusecs of water is being released from the Kadra dam. Sounding high alert, the district administration has begun evacuating people on the banks of the rivers and has set up 50 relief centres.

In Belagavi district, as many as 8,012 members of 2,073 families have been shifted to safer locations.

The Lolsur bridge near Gokak in Belagavi district, which was last submerged in 2004, is again under water now. Meanwhile, two persons lost their lives. Gangappa Madar, 38, was electrocuted when he tried to rescue his cow after his house partially collapsed in Hosakote village in Belagavi district. In Haveri, 50-year-old Shivappa Sottappanavar was washed away in a canal of Dharma river in Sringeri of Anekal taluk. On Tuesday, the NDRF team, civic authorities, police and fire and emergency personnel rescued a total of 200 persons from the flood affected areas in Lingsagur, Devadurga and Raichur taluks of Raichur district and shifted them to safer places.

As heavy downpour continued to batter the districts of Western Maharashtra and North Karnataka, landslide and rain-induced damages created several blockades on the Pune-Bengaluru stretch of NH 48 resulting in its temporary closure. The road has been closed for traffic.

Flood-hit in for a long haul in A.P.

Krishna in spate; Almatti receives inflow of 2,79,332 cusecs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA

There was a marked reduction in the flood at the Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage near the end of the Godavari river with the discharge coming down by nearly two lakh cusecs – from 12.34 lakh cusecs to 10.44 lakh cusecs – in the last 36 hours.

The villages that have been marooned for nearly a week may be in for a long haul with the coffer dam at the Polavaram project site obstructing the flow of flood waters.

The roads to the 19 villages that have been submerged will come out of the water only after the flood in the river falls below 7 lakh cusecs.

Irrigation Department engineers said that water was flowing over the coffer dam and the incomplete spillway.

Krishna river is also in spate with the Almatti dam receiving an inflow of 2,79,332 cusecs on Tuesday. As much as 3.16 lakh cusecs was being discharged downstream to the relatively smaller Narayanpur and Jurala reservoirs, which are also forced to discharge more water than what they are receiving.

The A.P.-Telangana Srisailam project, which comes next, is only 64% full. It received an inflow of 2,47,767 cusecs on Tuesday. The outflow was only 34,447 cusecs after power generation.

'Be on high alert'

With heavy rain in the upper reaches of the Krishna, inflows have been steadily increasing since July 31.

Energy Minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy has asked officials to be on high alert and focus on relief works in the flood-affected areas. No official can leave the affected villages until the restoration of operations were completed, he said.

During a teleconference with the officials of power utilities on Tuesday, the Minister said the officials should restore supply in the flood-affected villages on a war-footing.

"Any complaint relating to power supply should be addressed in 24 hours," he said. A.P. should be a model in this regard. Focus should be on developing an 'Electrical Emergency Action Plan' to continue operations in the event of a weather emergency, and safely and efficiently restore supply within 24 to 48 hours, he said.

'Don't pack toys and food together'

FSSAI issues advisory against practice

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued an advisory asking all States and Union Territories to discourage the practice of packing of toys/gifts with food products for infants and small children as there are chances of contamination and risk of accidental ingestion.

It has become a common practice for manufacturers to attract sales by adding small toys/gifts inside food packets.

Several brands of chips and even chocolates come along with small toys/ gifts inside the packet. Some brands of chips packets even have tattoo stickers inside.

The advisory issued on July 22 by Shobhit Jain, FSSAI executive director (compliance division), said, "Considering the safety of public at large, there is a need to discourage food businesses from providing any toy or gift item inside the food packages, especially in case of food which is likely to be ingested directly by an infant or a small child. Such promotional free toys or gift items may be provided separately or packed separately."

"Also, it is desirable that the colour, texture and nature of toy or gift item should not at all resemble the food product inside food package," the advisory said.

As per Section 3(1) zz(xi) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 "unsafe food" means an article of food whose nature, substance or quality is so affected as to render it injurious to health by virtue of its being misbranded or sub-standard or food containing extraneous matter.

Quoting this provision under the Act, the advisory said: "Commissioner of Food Safety of all States/UT's are requested to make efforts for generating awareness amongst all stakeholders to discourage the practice of packing of such toys/gifts with food products for infants and small children." Karnataka Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey, who is also the Food Safety Commissioner, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that Food Safety Officers in the State have been directed to ensure that the advisory is implemented effectively.

Seven-year-old found dead in A.P. hostel

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

A student of Class III, Dasari Aditya, aged 7, was found brutally murdered in the Government BC Welfare Hostel at Challapalli, in Krishna district.

Students, who noticed the body in a pool of blood in the hostel bathroom on Tuesday, alerted the staff. "The miscreants slit the throat of Aditya and killed him," said Avanigadda DSP M. Ramesh Reddy.

A native of Challapalli, Aditya, son of D. Venu, an artisan, was staying in the hostel along with his elder brother, D. Ashok, studying in Class seven.

CPI (ML) leader Sammaiah held

He has 13 criminal cases pending against him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHADRADRI-KOTHAGUDEM

The CPI (ML-New Democracy) State Committee member and the outfit's dalam member D. Sammaiah alias Gopanna was nabbed and one .303 rifle (bolt action) was seized by a police team during a search operation at Raigudem forest area in Gundala mandal on Tuesday morning, said Superintendent of Police Sunil Dutt.

Talking to the media in Kothagudem town on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Sunil said Sammaiah was involved in the recent Rollagadda exchange of fire. He fled from the encounter site along with other armed squad members after opening fire on a police team during a combing operation at Rollagadda on July 31. In that encounter, dalam leader Linganna died and his accomplices escaped with firearms, the SP added.

Sammaiah was nabbed by a joint squad comprising Gundala and Mahabubabad police from the Raigudem forest area at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. Sammaiah has 13 criminal cases pending against him in different police stations, the SP said. He stated that armed underground squads of the outfit were resorting to extortions from local contractors and businessmen by intimidating them with firearms.

He added that the dalam members were instigating the innocent tribals to "cut and encroach" the forest land on the pretext of podu cultivation.

FB, Instagram accounts help police trace missing boy

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

Facebook and Instagram has helped Rachakonda Police trace a 16-year-old boy who ran away from home three days ago.

D. Nivas Goud did not return to his residential college after four days of holidays and continued to stay at home in Manchal mandal, Rangareddy district. When his father Ramdass Goud questioned about it, Nivas got furious and left home on his bike not to return.

After searching for his son, Mr. Ramdass lodged a missing complaint with the police. Upon learning that the boy used social media platforms, Rachakonda Cyber Crime police wrote to Facebook Inc, collected the IP numbers from where the boy logged in and out of accounts, the phone number used for Facebook and Instagram, and other technical information.

As per the tower locations received from the phone service provider, police traced the boy to Padmarao Nagar. He was working as a supplier at a tiffin centre.

"On questioning, the boy said that he requested his parents that he wanted to pursue academics as a days-cholar (staying at home). But he was forced by his parents to stay in the hostel and pursue Intermediate course. He ran away from home as he was not willing to stay at the hostel," the police stated.

ULB elections: HC asks Telangana to clarify on pre-poll process

Delimitation of wards and voter identification hastily done, say petitioners

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday sought the response of the State government on the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petitions relating to conduct of elections to Urban Local Bodies (ULB). A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan and Justice Shameem Akther directed the Additional Advocate General J Ramchander Rao to file the State government's reply by Friday.

The bench instructed the HC Registry to tag all the related petitions and post them for hearing on August 13. The main contention of the petitioners was that delimitation of wards, publication of ward-wise photo electoral rolls and the schedule for identification of voters from scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, backward classes and women, was done hastily by the State government. The entire process was carried out violating the rules of Telangana Municipalities Act, they contended.

The previous day, the standing counsel for the State Election Commission (SEC) Vidya Sagar told the bench that no objections were raised in 69 municipalities and hence conducting elections to these bodies may be permitted. The bench observed that it cannot allow the SEC to go ahead with polls in 69 municipalities since the petitioners challenged the entire pre-poll process in all the municipalities. The bench said the pre-poll process should be in compliance with the time schedule given by the single judge while adjudicating petitions relating to ULB polls. Justice G. Sri Devi of Telangana High Court on Tuesday has dismissed as withdrawn the writ petition filed by Koneru Krishna, brother of TRS Sirpur MLA Koneru Konappa, who was arrested in a case of assault on forest officials in Kumram Asifabad district. Mr Krishna, along with some others, was arrested by the police on charge of assaulting a woman forest officer and lodged in prison. He moved the bail petition in the High Court. The petitioners counsel Vijay Sen Reddy told the court that the police have revoked 7 Indian Penal Code sections along with provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities against Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Act against the petitioner. He contended that the petitioner did not know the names and castes of the forest officials who accused the petitioner of attacking them. He said Mr Krishna was implicated in a false case. The Public Prosecutor C Pratap Reddy said the investigation was yet to be completed and some more witnesses were to be examined by the police. He told the court that there was adequate evidence against Mr Krishna and his aides to prove that they obstructed the officials from discharging their duties.

END OF AN EPOCH
SRI GURUBHYO NAMAHA

A true progressive Acharya, Padma Shri recipient, Dr. (Mrs.) Y.G.Parthasarathy, Dean and Director, PSBB Group of Schools, a doyen who redefined education and fine arts, Chairperson-Bharath Kalachar, a trend-setter, visionary, Maha guru of thousands of Gurus, Godmother to generations of children, exemplary human being, embodiment of courage, iron lady who personified unconditional love, surrendering to the Will of the Supreme, **attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on 6th August 2019.**

She is survived by her two sons, Sri Y.Gee Mahendra, Sri Y.G. Rajendra, Daughters-in law, Smt. Sudha Mahendra & Smt. Sheela Rajendra, Grandchildren, their spouses and Great Grandchildren.

Homage can be paid at PSBB, Thirumalai Road, T. Nagar till 2.30 pm on Wednesday, 7th August 2019.

Grieving family, UAA, Bharath Kalachar and her beloved PSBB Fraternity

IN BRIEF

9 children killed as van falls into gorge

NEW TEHRI

Nine children died and eleven were injured when a van taking them to school fell into a 200 m-deep gorge in Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal district on Tuesday morning, an official said. The driver jumped off the vehicle to save himself and fled the spot, said an official. PTI

CPI(M) protests NRC re-verification

GUWAHATI

Members of the CPI(M) on Tuesday staged a demonstration outside the office of the State Coordinator for National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Guwahati to protest the "sudden" notices served on thousands of people belonging to the minority communities for re-verification of their documents.

Goa decides to amend century-old marriage law

PANAJI

The BJP-led Goa government would amend the Portuguese-era Uniform Civil Code (UCC), introduced in the year 1870, so that non-Goans can register their marriages. The UCC was introduced by the erstwhile Portuguese rulers. It was retained even after the territory was merged with India in 1961. PTI

Chandrayaan-2 heads away from earth

BENGALURU

Still a month away from its scheduled landing on the moon, Chandrayaan-2 on Tuesday had its orbit slung further towards the moon at 1.42 lakh km from the earth. "The next manoeuvre is the Trans Lunar Insertion (TLI), which is scheduled for August 14 between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.," the ISRO said in an update.

Consumer Protection Bill gets RS green light

It will replace the Consumer Protection Act of 1986

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed the Consumer Protection Bill, 2019 that provides for the establishment of authorities for the timely and effective administration and settlement of consumer disputes.

The Bill, which has already been passed by the Lok Sabha, seeks to strengthen the rights of consumers and provides a mechanism for redressal of complaints regarding defects in goods and deficiency in services.

Moving the Bill for consideration and passing, Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said it is a long-pending legislation, and except five, all recommendations of a Parliamentary Standing Committee have been included in the Bill.

Customer is king: The Bill seeks to address the complaints regarding deficiency in goods and services. ▪ FILE PHOTO

Healthcare dropped

The Bill will replace the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. Mr. Paswan said the government had dropped healthcare from the bill as several members had objected to it.

The Upper House also passed the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2019 for speedy eviction of unauthorised occupants of government residential accommodation. The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill on July 31.

Government offers to send 4 Bills for scrutiny

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after the Opposition accused the government of passing Bills without scrutiny, the government has proposed to send four pieces of legislation to a standing committee or a select committee.

The Opposition parties had demanded that the RTI Amendment Bill, the Triple Talaq Bill and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill be sent to a select committee. However, their motions failed because they did not have the number.

The Bills that the government is willing to send to a standing committee are the DNA Based Technology (Use and Regulation) Bill, 2017, the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2019, and the Dam Safety Bill, 2019.

"There is no urgency to clear these Bills in this session. So we have told the Opposition [parties] that if they want, we can send them to a standing committee. We have also offered to send the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill to a select committee," a Union Minister said.

Names for panels

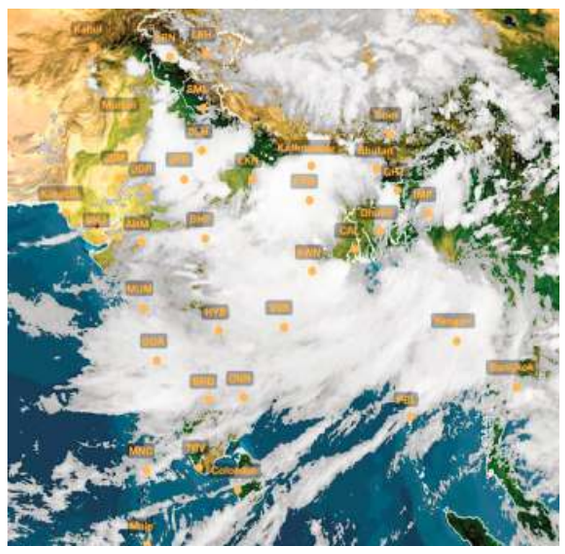
Before adjourning the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Chairman Venkaiah Naidu gave the final call to all parties to send the names of their MPs, from both Houses, for eight department-related standing committees under the Rajya Sabha by August 14.

He stressed that if he did not get the names by then, the members would not be included in the committees.

In a letter to Mr. Naidu, 17 Opposition parties had raised the issue of Bills being passed without parliamentary scrutiny.

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 Wednesday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over Goa, Karnataka, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2.6	36.4	27.1	Kozhikode	78.6	29.4	24.2
Ahmedabad	0.3	33.6	26.4	Kurnool	–	31.6	25.0
Aizawl	4.0	32.7	22.8	Lucknow	25.0	33.7	27.2
Allahabad	4.8	32.2	26.2	Madurai	–	37.0	27.4
Bengaluru	0.8	25.4	20.0	Mangaluru	74.1	27.0	22.4
Bhopal	48.8	27.3	23.7	Mumbai	9.1	29.4	24.8
Bhubaneswar	6.4	30.7	25.1	Mysuru	13.0	26.0	19.6
Chandigarh	1.6	32.0	25.7	New Delhi	12.6	30.0	26.7
Chennai	–	34.5	26.0	Patna	6.0	38.4	28.6
Coimbatore	47.0	29.0	23.0	Port Blair	9.9	29.5	24.7
Dehradun	8.3	27.8	23.6	Puducherry	4.4	33.2	24.0
Gangtok	–	25.0	18.6	Pune	22.1	25.9	22.4
Goa	147.8	27.0	23.9	Raipur	6.4	29.6	25.2
Guwahati	–	37.5	29.0	Ranchi	2.8	30.4	24.5
Hubballi	–	23.0	21.0	Shillong	–	28.5	19.6
Hyderabad	5.1	28.7	22.7	Shimla	2.7	23.4	17.9
Imphal	4.1	29.7	22.7	Srinagar	–	33.1	20.7
Jaipur	–	32.6	26.1	Thiruvananthapuram	1.9	31.2	25.9
Kochi	5.0	29.2	23.2	Tiruchi	–	35.7	27.2
Kohima	–	28.0	17.0	Vijayawada	38.2	29.5	24.4
Kolkata	0.8	35.6	27.4	Visakhapatnam	4.8	26.6	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	46	.49	.62	92	.158	....
Bengaluru	..9	.49	.82	24	...52	....
Chennai	..9	.66	.53	..131	.....–	....
Delhi	11	.58	.49	86	.111	....
Hyderabad	..2	.13	.80	4	...15	....
Kolkata	..4	.47	.10	60	...71	....
Lucknow	..1	.29	.92	40	.....–	....
Mumbai	11	.18	103	15	...37	....
Pune	74	...8	.67	19	...19	....
Visakhapatnam	19	.49	.48	39	...53	....

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ahmedabad, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 159 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gulbarga, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: 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.

NO_2: 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

Unnao rape victim still on life support

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Unnao rape survivor, who sustained serious injuries in a collision and was flown to Delhi's AIIMS Trauma Centre on Monday night, remained critically ill, hospital authorities said on Tuesday.

"The patient was shifted to AIIMS Trauma Centre from KGMC Lucknow on August 5," AIIMS said in a statement.

"She is sick, on life support systems, needing medication to support her blood pressure. The patient remains critical and is undergoing treatment under a multi-disciplinary team of doctors."

The survivor's lawyer, also shifted to AIIMS on Tuesday morning, also remained critical.

Mahendra Singh "has severe traumatic injury and has multiple fractures. Presently, he is critical, unconscious and on advanced life support," hospital authorities said.

The rape survivor and her lawyer suffered critical injuries when a speeding truck collided with a car they were travelling in, near Rae Bareilly last week. She was flown to Delhi on the Supreme Court's direction.

Wrath of nature

Sheltering life: A pregnant woman being carried to safety from inundated Kasba Bawda area in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra on Tuesday. Around 50,000 people were shifted to safer places in Kolhapur and Sangli districts. ▪ DEEPAK KUMBHARE

'Raising time limit for abortion under study'

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Centre has informed the Delhi High Court that it has initiated the process for an inter-ministerial consultation on raising the gestation period for terminating pregnancy in case of health risk to the mother or foetus.

"The administrative ministry has already initiated the process of inter-ministerial consultation for the amendment in Medical Termination Pregnancy (MTP) Act 1971 and will finalise the same as soon as possible," the health ministry said in an affidavit placed before a Bench of Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice C. Hari Shankar.

The health ministry's response came on a petition by social activist and lawyer, Amit Sahni, for raising the time limit for terminating pregnancy in case of health risk to the mother or the foetus to 24-26 weeks from the current cap of 20 weeks.

It contended that unmarried woman and widows too should be allowed to undergo legal abortion.

50-year-old 'rapist' lynched in Manipur

MANIPUR

A 50-year-old man who allegedly raped at gunpoint a girl who is his relative was lynched on Tuesday in Thoubal district. In another incident, a 47-year-old man was beheaded during a land dispute with his neighbour. The accused, who later surrendered to the police, was identified as Surjit Nongmaithem, 35, an ex-Army man.

It will cost coal plants ₹73,000 crore to comply with green norms

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

It will cost India's coal-fired power plants at least ₹73,000 crore to comply with the government's directive to implement clean technology in existing and new plants, an analysis has shown.

This could mean, at the minimum, a 10% hike in electricity bills for consumers, researchers say.

Current rules say that coal-fired power plants have to ensure that they curtail sulphur dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions from their smoke stack by implementing appropriate technology. While this was to be in place by 2017, it has now been extended to 2022 by the Union Environment Ministry.

For the analysis, coal plant units producing about 177,000 MW of power were analysed.

The plants were all commissioned on or before June 2017. "The total capex required for pollution-control technology installation is estimated to be significant. The costs range between ₹73,176 crore if plants marked for retirement are not retrofitted and ₹86,135 crore if the retrofits were to happen across all eligible plants. This will add between INR 0.32 per kWh to INR 0.72 per kWh (or around 9% to 21% to average tariffs) of electricity generated from these plants," the report prepared by the International Institute of Sustainable Development and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water said.

Exorbitant as the cost of retrofitting plants may be, not doing so would mean around 300,000 to 320,000 premature deaths and 5.1 crore hospital cases due to respiratory disorders between 2019 and 2030.

PARADIP PORT TRUST

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work **"Allotment of 01 (One) no. of Mechanical Iron Ore/Iron Ore Pellet Plots at PPT".** License Fees : **Rs.2,61,87,150/-**, Wharfage Fees : **Rs.14,92,110/-**, Last date & time of submission of bid : **21.08.2019 upto 15.00hrs.**, Date and time of opening (technical bid) : **23.08.2019 upto 16.30hrs**. Refer our website for details **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Traffic Manager

PPT/PR/253/19-20 Dt.06.08.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD: DELHI SARKAR
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Press N.I.T. NO: 36 S-IV (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of sewerage system by making outfall arrangement by providing laying 300 mm dia sewer line from Madanpur Khadar Chouhan mohalla to E-Block SPS in Okhla Constituency under EE(South)IV AC-54	27,25,886/-	2019_DJB_177596_1 02.08.2019	19.08.2019 up to 2.00 pm

Press N.I.T. NO: 37 S-IV (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Providing Laying 350 mm D.I. water line to Providing drinking water from road No. 13A Pocket-II Jasola to Jasola Village in Okhla Constituency AC-54 under EE(South)IV	47,76,847/-	2019_DJB_177597_1 02.08.2019	21.08.2019 up to 2.00 pm

Further details in this regard may be seen at (https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in)

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भारत सरकार: : अंतरिक्ष विभाग, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE,
सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र शार, SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE SHAR
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Sriharikota 524 124, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore Dist., (A.P)

शुद्धि पत्र–3/CORRIGENDUM-3

सार्वजनिक निविदा सूचना सं. शार/वरि.एचपीएस/पीटी/10/2019–20 दिनांक 06.07.2019 का शुद्धिपत्र
Corrigendum to Public Tender Notice No. SHAR/Sr.HPS/PT/10/2019-20 Date: 06.07.2019
फाइल सं./File No.: शार एलएस/SHAR LS 2019 0 11511 ई–प्रापण (एक भाग के आधार पर)/e-procurement [Single part basis]

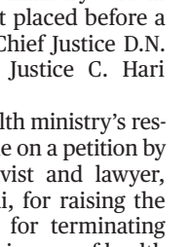
निर्माण, स्वामित्व, प्रचालन एवं आपूर्ति मॉडल पर प्रोडक्शन प्लांट की स्थापना द्वारा असममित डाई–मिथाइल हाइड्राजीन/यूएच–25 की आपूर्ति के लिए निविदादाताओं की पूर्व–अर्हता हेतु रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति (ईओआई)/ **Expression of Interest (EOI) for Pre-Qualification of Bidders to Supply Unsymmetrical Di-Methyl Hydrazine/UH-25 by establishing Production Plant on Build Own, Operate & Supply Model**

क्र. सं./Sl.No.	वर्तमान विषय–वस्तु / Existing content	निम्नानुसार पढ़ा जाए / To be read as
1	निविदा नियत तिथि /Tender due date : 06.08.2019	निविदा नियत तिथि /Tender due date : 27.08.2019

भावी निविदादाता इसरो वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in एवं www.shar.gov.in में उपलब्ध विस्तृत संशोधनों को देख सकते हैं।
"The prospective bidders may observe the Amendment in detail in our ISRO websites: www.isro.gov.in & www.shar.gov.in

दिनांक/Dt.: 06.08.2019 वरि. प्रधान, क्रय एवं भंडार/Sr. HEAD, PURCHASE & STORES

MISSING INFORMATION



The person shown in the photo Jayan 32/19, S/o Premadas, Thoniparambil House, Nochima, Aluva, Ernakulam District has been missing from their house at Nochima on 04.06.19. A case in 445/19 u/s 57 of KP Act was registered at Edathala P.S in this regard. Enquiries being continued to find out the missing person. If any information is received about the missing person, please inform in the following phone numbers.

1. DySP District Crime Branch Aluva - 9497990075
2. District Crime Branch Aluva - 0484-262312, 9446493377

IDENTIFICATION MARKS
Height 5'5 feet, Average colour, fat figure, Black Hair

(F2/289/2019/I&PRD)

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Manali, Chennai - 600 068, Tamil Nadu, India

GLOBAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER – E Tendering

NIT No.	Item description	Due Date and time for Electronic Bid Submission
M/G/C01A/HTCAT/013/19-20	High Temperature (HT) Shift converter catalyst for Plant 205 & 76 Total Quantity: 41 Cu.M (Single delivery)	upto 15:00 Hrs. on 06.09.2019
M/G/C01A/NMP/014/19-20	N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone (NMP) Total Quantity: 270 MT (for 2 years requirement)	upto 15:00 Hrs. on 09.09.2019

Refer our Website: **https://cpcletenders.nic.in** for further details about the tender.
Contact Person: Sr.Manager (Purchase),
Tel :044 2594 4128, **e-mail : kthankaraj@cpcl.co.in**
Bidders are requested to note that all further corrigenda, amendments, revisions, extensions of submission date, etc., with regard to this tender, if any, shall be published only at the website stated above and not through press advt. General Manager (M, M&C)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, ANANDAPUR BARRAGE PROJECT, SALAPADA
(E-mail Id:- cceabp-eicwr.od@nic.in/ loabp-eicwr.od@nic.in)
'e'-Procurement Notice No. CCEABP-02 of 2019-20

182-A:

E-Procurement Officer	Name of the Work	Bid Id No.	Tender Cost in Lakhs (Appx)	Bid Security in Lakhs (Online)	Cost of Bid Document (Online)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1)
Chief Construction Engineer, A.B.Project, Salapada	River Training works to U/S and D/S of Anandapur Barrage	ABP-ABD-01/1 of 2019-20	4382.11	43.83	10,000/-	Super Class	06 Calendar months	08.08.19 11.30 AM	29.08.19 17.00 PM	31.08.19 11.30 AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website : **www.tendersorissa.gov.in / www.dowrodisha.gov.in.** Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only.
32068/11/0001/1920

Chief Construction Engineer, Anandapur Barrage Project, Salapada.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e- TENDER NOTICE

Tender No : 05/SE/ PHCK/ 2019-20 NABARD RIDF XXIV- WSS TO ERUMELI-LAYING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN ZONE I(PART)& ZONE VI-Supplying, Laying, Jointing, Testing and Commissioning of Distribution system using various size of DI K9 pipes (150 mm to 350 mm dia),PVC pipes (90 mm to 160 mm dia) and GI pipes(80 mm-150 mm dia).EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs. 11,200/- Last Date for submitting Tender : 17-09-2019 04:00:pm.
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in /www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Phone : 04812562745 KWA-JB-GL-6-177-2019-20

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
PH Circle
Kottayam

भारत सरकार/ GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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(फोन नं. /Ph. No.: 0471 2565275/2565726)

सं.: वीएसएससी/सीएमजी/ई/12/2019-2020/2019, No:VSSC/CMG/E/12/2019-2020/2019, दिनांक / Dt.: 06.08.2019

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए ई–टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। / On behalf of the President of India, online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works.

(1) क्र.सं./Sl.No.	(2) कार्य का शीर्षक / Title of work	(3) कार्य पूरा होने की तिथि/ Period of completion	(4) निविदा में दी गई अनुमानित लागत/Estimate cost put to tender	(5) बयाना जमा राशि (ईएमडी) / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1.	पीएफसी, वीएसएससी के फोम्स एंड रेज़िन्स प्रयोगशाला हेतु वातानुकूलन प्रदान करना। / Providing Air conditioning for Foams and Resins Laboratory at PFC, VSSC.	10 (दस / Ten) महीने / Months	₹ 25.60 लाख/Lakhs	₹ 51,200.00

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Sl No	Tender No	Name of the Tender	Estimated Contract Value	Last date for Submission
01	ESER/M&D/RTC/270819/010 Dated 07.08.2019	Road Transport Contract - 2019-20	Rs. 15.63 Cr.	27.08.2019 @ 16.00 Hrs.

For further details, please visit our Website www.madrasfert.co.in or http:eprocure.gov.in
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Date : 07.08.2019 General Manager – M&D

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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192013 003065	Imported Limestone	21.08.2019

Terms & condition, Qty., Tender Fee, EMD are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in**
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Great expectations

Ending commercial surrogacy will not be possible without regulating ART clinics

It is a truth, universally acknowledged, that surrogacy needs to be regulated by law. There is no argument about whether an issue such as surrogacy fraught with bioethical issues aplenty requires regulation: it does. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, should have come a long time ago. Regulations in the past in the area of child adoption and transplantation of human organs have, historically, borne fruit, effectively putting an end to rampant commercial transactions, and providing a structure by which any excursions outside of the law may be shut down. Flagrant violations of human rights have been witnessed repeatedly in the 'baby-making factory' in India, the underprivileged woman often in the cross hairs, and at the bottom of the pile. The plethora of unregulated assisted reproductive techniques (ART) clinics that mushroomed, coinciding with India becoming a global health-care destination, ensured that there was a good volume of traffic toward the country, besides growing domestic demand for surrogacy services. In this context, there is expectation that the Surrogacy Bill will regulate commercial surrogacy, while allowing an altruistic form of it to continue, by putting in place strict supervisory and regulatory frameworks. The question here is whether the Bill, recently passed by the Lok Sabha, will serve the wholesome purpose of regulating the vastly complex area of surrogacy, while sensitively balancing the needs of 'intending parents' and surrogates.

The Bill mandates payment to the surrogate mother, who can only be a 'close relative', to the extent of covering medical expenses and providing insurance during the term of the pregnancy. It has specified that 'exploiting the surrogate mother' would attract punishment of imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine of up to ₹10 lakh; advertising for surrogacy and selling/importing human embryos or gametes for surrogacy also attract the same punishment. It has mandated registration of surrogacy clinics, and put in place regulatory boards to ensure compliance with the law. But its critics have panned it for the lack of specifics in definitions (the generalised 'close relative' criterion for surrogates); the exclusion of various groups of people from access to surrogacy (only married couples of a certain age group are eligible); and primarily, of trying to put the 'cart before the horse' by seeking to regulate surrogacy before setting the ART house in order. The capacity of the state to end commercial surrogacy may itself be compromised if it does not first set up a regulatory framework for ART clinics, which provide the basic technology for surrogacy. Else, the government is merely setting itself up to implement a law that may spectacularly fail. That would be a tragedy, because this is one law that is pregnant with the possibility of truly revolutionising the surrogacy sector, cleaning it up, and fulfilling the dreams of people who are themselves unable to bear children.

Open obsession

An ingrained gun culture and patchy regulations set off hate crimes in the U.S.

Two American cities, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, more than 2,500 kilometres apart, witnessed lethal shootings resulting in mass fatalities over the past weekend, with at least 31 people dead, many injured, and a nation in shock. The El Paso attack, which bore tell-tale signs of a hate crime, was the deadliest mass shooting in the United States since November 2017 and brings to 32 the tally of shootings there in 2019 that had at least three victims. In his reaction to the shootings, U.S. President Donald Trump appeared to denounce the racist intention behind the shooting when he said, "In one voice our nation must condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy," and that these "sinister ideologies must be defeated." While he was not wrong to highlight the pervasive threat of racist violence – police investigating the El Paso shooting said they found an anti-immigrant document espousing white nationalist and racist views, which they believe was written by the suspect, Patrick Crusius – his focus on violent video games, mental illness and online bigotry leaves a glaring gap in policy: common-sense gun control reforms to curb the proliferation of deadly, military grade weapons and high-capacity magazines.

The battle to pass broad, effective gun control legislation, such as tougher background checks for gun buyers and the banning of certain gun technologies and accessories such as bump stocks that exponentially raise the lethality of weapons, has punctuated the past few decades of America's unrelenting, 228-year-old love-affair with guns. Despite sustained lobbying to push forward basic gun control laws through the U.S. Congress – former President Obama saw no fewer than 17 of his attempts to bring gun control to the floor of Congress defeated by conservative lawmakers – the constitutional right to bear arms has never been more fiercely defended. Further Mr. Trump's regular dog whistles to the forces of racist xenophobia appear to have emboldened fringe elements within the gun-loving fraternities to carry out mass attacks against minorities. The National Rifle Association quietly hands around $6 million annually to lawmakers in Washington to retain its pro-gun agenda as a top priority. Pro-gun lobbies consistently mobilise voters around the Second Amendment. The result of combining this ingrained "gun culture" with patchy gun regulations is ever more incidents of mass shootings. The societal and economic challenges that minorities face in the U.S. are already immense; if they become targets of a new vector of racist hatred, buttressed by the unregulated firepower of guns, then America's "melting pot" dream will unravel fast.

Kashmir has been cut to the quick

The Centre is riding roughshod over Kashmiri public opinion already beset with disaffection

WAJAHAT HABIBULLAH

In the face of a massive security build-up in Kashmir at the close of July, a seasoned journalist conjectured, "This is just the right time when militants and their masters in Rawalpindi could do with a terror attack in Kashmir." Such were the arguments trotted out by experienced media persons in seeking to account for the extraordinary lock down that had descended on Kashmir throwing its citizens into a panic, with a run on banks, petrol pumps and stores across the Valley. I began receiving phone calls from friends and associates as far as Gopalpora, Mattan and Doabgah and Sopore asking what was happening. My former colleagues in government, some in key positions, had no inkling and made dire predictions.

A steamrolling

And then we had the statement of the Home Minister, Amit Shah, in the Rajya Sabha on the morning of Monday August 5, 2019. Under Article 370 of the Constitution of India, the State of Jammu and Kashmir had its own Constitution and its own laws, with the President of India empowered to decide which provisions of the Indian Constitution would be applicable within the State, but only with the assent of the State.

In one fell swoop, the President, Ram Nath Kovind, declared that all provisions of the Indian Constitution shall now apply to the State, thus nullifying Article 370 with the use of that same article thereby ending the special autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir that it had enjoyed since the promulgation of India's Constitution. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill 2019 further bifurcates the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, both with a Muslim majority namely: the Union Territory (UT) of J&K and the Union Territory of Ladakh. While the UT of J&K will have a legislature, the Union Territory of Ladakh will be without one. Although in the past UTs have been upgraded to States, never has a State been downgraded, thus bringing to a consummation the process initiated with the accession, although hardly in the manner dreamt.

Umbilical link

Article 370 has governed the accession and relationship of the princely State of Jammu and Kashmir with India under the Indian Constitution. As originally envisaged, Article 370 formed the basis of Kashmir's special and autonomous status. Mainstream political leaders such as Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti and others have warned that revoking Article 370 will mean a break in the relationship between the State and India.

A devout Muslim, the then unchallenged Kashmiri leader, Sheikh Abdullah (Baba-i-Qaum to his people), 'faced a clear choice in 1947; he could join a Muslim nation or he could join a secular state, where Kashmiris would be free to live a life of their own choosing. In making his choice, India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was the Sheikh's reassurance. Of Kashmiri descent, a heritage that Nehru cherished, Nehru had an inclusive vision of what India was to be'. By contrast, the leader of the newly emerging nation of Muslims, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, was a cold and distant figure, a modernist who could excite awe but little affection. At the time of accession, the portion of the State where Jinnah's Muslim

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League had its support lay not in the Kashmir Valley but across the Pir Panjal, in Mirpur and the old Poonch principality of the feudal State of Jammu and Kashmir, an area a large part of which Pakistan occupies today and calls 'Azad Kashmir'.

It is important to remember that the Kashmir freedom movement was a movement to rid Kashmir of despotism, working in tandem with the national movement but not part of it. This was primarily a Kashmiri movement drawing almost universal Kashmiri support in a Muslim majority State where the Kashmiris were the largest single ethnic group. Despite efforts by Maharajah Hari Singh's Prime Minister Ram Chandra Kak in eliciting the Sheikh's support for Independence, the latter stood steadfast in his demand for an end to the monarchy.

Visiting Srinagar on June 18- 23, India's Viceroy Lord Louis Mountbatten urged Hari Singh not to make a declaration of independence. He conveyed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's message that 'the States Department was prepared to give an assurance that, if Kashmir went to Pakistan, this would not be regarded as unfriendly by Government of India'. It was only when Jammu and Kashmir forces faced an uprising by the Poonch troops of the British Indian Army's decommissioned Sixth Punjab Regiment (in the border district of Poonch), and then a military rout by invading frontier tribesmen in the State's border town of Domel on October 22, 1947 that the Maharaja turned in desperation to India.

Pakistan's lost cause

According to the 1941 Census, 77.11% of the population of Jammu and Kashmir was Muslim, 20.12% Hindu and 1.64% Sikh. Pakistan has argued that the logic of Partition meant that the State had to be a part of Pakistan. But by recourse to an invasion by Pakistan's frontier tribesmen and the support of the invasion by Pakistan's armed forces, Pakistan virtually lost its case, certainly in the eyes of Kashmiris. India's case rested on the public will. Indeed, Sheikh Abdullah spoke for Kashmir at the United Nations in February 1948 as part of a delegation led by N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar firmly declaring, "We shall prefer death rather than join Pakistan. We shall have nothing to do with such a country." And it was this freedom within the Indian Union that Abdullah sought through the constitutional guarantee of Article 370, which read with Article 369, provided temporary powers to Parliament to make laws for J&K.

Under sub-section 3 of this Article, the President of India can revoke Article 370 only on advice from the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir. The Constituent Assembly was dissolved in 1957, and replaced by a Legislative Assembly, which was dismissed last year after the coalition between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party collapsed and the Governor Satya Pal Malik rejected a bid for an alternative coalition. Importantly, the current Presidential order modifies Article 367 of the Constitution, with "Constituent Assembly" to be read as "Legislative Assembly of the State" and the State government construed as the Governor. This has enabled the President to abrogate Article 370 with the consent of the Governor as consent of the State. The people themselves, who the Constitution is designed to serve, therefore, had no part in this process. The constitutional validity of these amendments are for the Supreme Court to ponder. But the question here is that if these are indeed designed to benefit the people, was it necessary to bring them before Parliament under stealth, with the leaders of mainstream parties, the former Chief Ministers the Abdullahs (father and son), Mehbooba Mufti and the BJP's ally Sajjad Lone all under house arrest?

Opaque moves

There is little doubt that these are bold constitutional measures described with contrasting adjective or invective, consummating a process that began with the Constitution of India. But if the view of government was simply to rectify a constitutional error or remedy an anachronism as claimed by assiduous government spokesmen, did it not follow that democratic compulsion required that it be placed before the public most affected – the people of J&K, – before being sneaked into Parliament in tight secrecy? This without the knowledge of even the local government amidst security measures unprecedented in their intensity, surpassing even those that the Jagmohan government was forced to take following the outbreak of insurgency in 1989-90? This endeavour has meant riding roughshod over Kashmiri public opinion already beset with widespread disaffection. What it has succeeded in doing is leading to a feeling of betrayal among a section of our people and foreboding among well wishers of Kashmir.

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The pitch for a second term

The Trump strategy seems to focus on internal progress and in pursuit of peace abroad in unconventional ways

T.P. SREENIVASAN

Today, there is expectation that U.S. President Donald Trump will not only complete his term but also win a second term in 2020. But not so long ago, the demand to impeach Mr. Trump on the charge of Russian interference in the U.S. presidential electoral process arose within weeks after his largely unexpected victory in 2016. Many believed he would not complete his term as accusations gathered momentum, which culminated in the Mueller report – it had enough material to indict the President. The Presidency came close to one constitutional crisis after another, but the President used the same report to claim there was no collusion or cover-up.

While the Democratic challengers to the President have multiplied with each passing day there are no serious Republican contenders even though many in the Grand Old Party believe that the President has undermined the party. While age was an issue when Mr. Trump offered his candidature first the same issue is now in the President's favour today as the two serious contenders, namely Democratic candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, are older than him.

'America First'

With his majority in the Senate enhanced, Mr. Trump has set aside his fears of impeachment and moved on with his 'America First' policy, internally and externally, marked by his characteristic unpredictability of upstaging friends and enemies alike. The President is busy dealing with weighty matters of state such as trade with China, North Korea, Iran and Afghanistan, and improving the economy. The Democrats are also coming round to the view that it is better to focus on the election than on the impeachment, a move which is bound to fail.

Mr. Biden, who started leading the polls even before he announced his candidature recently, and raised a contribution of a little more than $6 million in first day fund-raising, has been tainted by his official and personal actions as the Vice President, which include inappropriate pictures and his alleged interference in Ukraine to help a company with ties to his son. The candidature of Pete Buttigieg, who is in a same-sex relationship , and characterised by *Time* magazine as "unlikely, untested and unprecedented" will be another distraction in the months to come.

Unlike his predecessor and Peace Nobel winner, Barack Obama, Mr. Trump has withdrawn U.S. forces from abroad, even from active fronts such as Syria and Afghanistan. In contrast, the National Security Adviser, John Bolton, has been on the warpath, constantly urging the President to use force in different theatres of conflict, especially North Korea. For all his threats of rage and fury, Mr. Trump has not declared war on anyone. Though he has issued a warning that the U.S. is ready to defend itself if Iran threatens its interests in the Gulf or elsewhere (even announcing the deployment of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and others to the U.S. Central Command region), the war-monger-in-chief has become a messiah of peace.

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A thread of reform

The regime-changing policy of the U.S. is very much a part of Mr. Trump's global strategy, but he is pursuing a path of reforming world leaders rather than eliminating them. Bluster in words and peace in action has tempered the image of the President. Though his announcements of withdrawals from international treaties have been swift, he seems to be relying on his bureaucracy to soften the blows. The Paris Agreement commitments have not been reversed pending the formal exit of the U.S., while sustainable energy projects may continue in his second term.

Mr. Trump has gone beyond expectation in the case of India when he exerted pressure on Pakistan to release the Indian prisoner of war, Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, from Pakistan's custody, thus stopping an escalation in conflict during the India-Pakistan stand-off in 2019. Similarly, China was told that the international community would not tolerate inaction anymore in the case of Masood Azhar. In both these cases, Mr. Trump has demonstrated a clear pro-Indian stand *vis-à-vis* Pakistan and China. But when it came to the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan, Mr. Trump unabashedly feted Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in Washington in July, promising mediation between India and Pakistan on Kashmir. Russian missiles, Iran and trade imbalance are the irritants in India-U.S. relations.

On China too, the evolving U.S. position appears to be paradoxical. The trade war appears negotiable as there does not seem to be a strategy to strangle China. The way China has relented on the Masood Azhar issue shows that China is sensitive to the U.S. position. China does not seem to put any pressure on the U.S. when it comes to North Korea. China also does not sense much pressure from the U.S. to contain it in the Indo-Pacific, with the Quadrilateral having receded into the background.

The U.S.'s western allies are expressing concern that Mr. Trump is deviating from foreign policy priorities such as countering China and Russia and instead focussing on nations that pose no real threat to the West such as Iran, Venezuela and Cuba. The Democrats believe that such shifts will damage the credibility of the U.S. with its European allies in the long term as the Europeans are likely to cultivate other powers. Among the countries named as being agitated about the U.S. policy are Turkey, South Korea, Japan and India.

Behind Mr. Trump's perplexing 'America First' policy, there seems to be a clear game plan for the President to secure a second term by focussing on internal progress and peace abroad in unconventional ways, without paying attention to the consequences for the U.S. and the world beyond 2020.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Kashmir road map

In his book on nationalism, Rabindranath Tagore has said that a nation is not just composed of land and boundaries, but of the people who live there. The same point applies to Jammu and Kashmir. Unless and until the people of Kashmir also wholeheartedly embrace the Indian nation, integration will be incomplete. Today there is a feeling of betrayal in Kashmir as the condition which led to Kashmir's merger with India has been diluted. It is more important to develop trust and confidence so that Kashmir's unique culture, customs and rights are safe from outside influences. To adopt an intransigent attitude that there won't be alienation and resentment would be incorrect and inappropriate (Editorial page, "Piecing together Kashmir's audacious road map", August 6).

GAGAN PRATAP SINGH,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

■ When you need a million troops and a war-like siege in place to pass an order, the order has already failed. India in Kashmir has failed miserably; the fact that India cares only for the land and not for the people of Kashmir has been reaffirmed. One waits to see whether the highest court of the land will take cognisance of what has happened.

UMER BASHIR
Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir

■ Radically altering Jammu and Kashmir's special status without political consensus was undoubtedly an exercise in avoidable unilateralism. At the same time, Article 370 metamorphosed into a lodestar to stoke separatist sentiments.
Having crossed the Rubicon, the government will have to address the fears of Kashmiris of the possibility of being swamped by 'outsiders'. It needs to assure the people of Kashmir that a revocation of Article 370 is not an exercise to alter the demographic and religious profile of the state similar to the forced Jewish settlements in the West Bank or the Chinese ethnic re-engineering in its Xinjiang province, except for the return of Pandit families to their original homes.

V.N. MUKUNDARAJAN,
Thiruvananthapuram

■ Revoking Article 370 seems to have been done also because of global compulsions such as the re-emergence of the Taliban and statements by the U.S. President. The government must reach out to Kashmir by strengthening grass-roots democracy, holding immediate elections and reverting to full Statehood status after normalcy returns. Were the constitutional changes a valid process? Do the changes have the potential to strain federalism?

PUNYA JYOTI BORUAH,
New Delhi

Amazon policy

This is with reference to the Editorial, "Logged out" (August 1). The size of untouched Amazon forest inside Brazil is larger than the entire territory of India. I am certain there is understanding what the challenges to protect and ensure the sustainable development of such vast lands entails. With this aim, Brazil has established internationally recognised institutions responsible for the permanent monitoring of the rainforest and a legal system which handles infringements. In this connection, the Minister of the Environment announced last week the strengthening of the capacity to obtain higher resolution satellite images on a daily basis. Brazil, like India, has been working to balance the social, economic and environmental dimensions in its society, which includes the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Together with Brazil, South Africa, India and China (BASIC), Brazil has been proactive and constructive in negotiations under the United Nations Climate Change Convention. In 2019, the Bolsonaro Government has shown a willingness to engage in new institutional frameworks. In the process of becoming a member of the OECD, Brazil will abide by more than 35 environment-related instruments. In the recent European Union-Mercosur Association Agreement, Brazil has agreed with provisions that will enhance the integration of sustainable development in both trade and investment.

ANDRÉ CORRÊA DO LAGO,
Ambassador of Brazil in India

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The new facts on the ground for Kashmir

India cannot claim the moral high ground any more that it has kept the State's integrity intact

LUV PURI

Without going into the moral and legal arguments for or against the scrapping of the special status to Jammu and Kashmir and the decision to reorganise the State into two Union Territories (UTs), a dispassionate analysis of the possible immediate implications of these constitutional changes is needed. Some assertions in support of the changes may partially be true while others may run contrary to the facts.

The implicit claim that this would lead to greater counterterrorism preparedness is questionable. The strength of any counterinsurgency grid is largely based on human intelligence coming from the ground. Here, it will be unrealistic to expect that merely changing the administrative and political set-up of the State will lead to more intelligence to the security apparatus; in fact, there is a high possibility of the contrary happening in the short-term on account of the decision's unpopularity in the Kashmir Valley. India needs to be mindful of the fact that historically, any spike in disaffection in Jammu and Kashmir has facilitated a misadventure by Pakistan. For instance, the maximum dilution of Article 370 took place in the 1960s, including changes concerning the nomenclature of the 'head of the State'. And this was followed by the infamous 'Operation Gibraltar' by Pakistani President Ayub Khan in August 1965.

The call for Ladakh to be made a Union Territory gained momentum in the 1990s, particularly in Leh. Picture shows Ladakhis demonstrating to call for an autonomous hill council. ▪ THE HINDU ARCHIVES

A self-defeating strategy

The present cycle of violence can be traced back to the rigging of the 1987 Assembly elections and, in this connection, Home Minister Amit Shah is right in citing rigging of successive elections as the primary cause of the mistrust of Kashmiris towards India. But in bringing the State directly under the Centre as a Union Territory, the government may have overlooked the hard lessons learned by India's intelligence in its nearly 30 years of counterinsurgency operations – relying purely on militaristic tools can be self-defeating.

Further, bifurcating the State and creating a Union Territory of Ladakh mirrors what Pakistan did with Gilgit and Baltistan regions by *de facto* creating a separate province in 2009. New Delhi has often objected to the Chinese infrastructural projects in the region and also opposed Islamabad's decision to separate it from the rest of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Now, after stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its special status, India cannot claim the moral high ground any more by pointing out unlike Pakistan, it kept the integrity of the State intact.

Ladakh as Union Territory

Though the demand for Union Territory status picked up momentum in Ladakh in the 1990s, its spread was limited to the Leh district of Ladakh. The Shia population of Kargil has consistently opposed such a call as it fears Buddhist domination in the new set-up. Hence, the Centre needs to assure leaders from Kargil that their interests would be safeguarded in the new Union Territory. India would not want to create another zone of disaffection in a strategically important border region of the State where it has already faced Pakistani aggression once.

The Centre also needs to take steps to prevent further polarisation within the State. The ruling political elite, particularly from the Kashmir Valley, has remained indifferent to regional and ethnic aspirations, which are inherently political. Factoring in the complex societal landscape of the State and its divergent aspirations, saner proposals have been made before for five-tier devolution of powers – from State-level to regional-level to district-level to block-level to village-level. However, in the absence of any institutional mechanism to address regional and ethnic aspirations, polarisation has continued to increase among different regions, often taking a communal turn. Monday's decision might polarise the State even further along regional and religious lines.

Mr. Shah made a valid point when he said that political reservation, as enshrined in the Indian Constitution, has been denied to Scheduled Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir even though all political parties have suitably accommodated them in other ways. In the past, there had been several Bills in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for political reservation but they were never passed. Around 11.91% of the State's population is made of Scheduled Tribes, the bulk of them from Gujjar and Bakarwal tribes. Extending political reservation to them will make the State's political structure more inclusive.

However, Mr. Shah's claim of widespread poverty in the State, cited as one of the justifications for Monday's decision, is not backed by facts. Only 10.35% of the State's population lives below the poverty line, compared to the national average of 21.92%. It needs to be noted that though restrictions on land sale existed, successive State governments had been, on an *ad hoc* basis, liberally giving land to non-state investors on 99-year leases.

Removal of impediments

Monday's decision on paper has removed all impediments on sale of land but, in the short term, could lead to an increase in private investment only in Jammu. A prolonged period of peace is needed in other parts of the State to attract investment. Monday's move has also removed another impediment – children born to women marrying citizens from outside Jammu and Kashmir can now inherit property.

Further, descendants of Partition refugees who migrated from Sialkot, many of whom belong to Scheduled Castes, will now be able to get employment, buy and own land and vote in the new Union Territory.

What also needs to be considered is that bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir may trigger demands for further division of the State which, unless they are categorically rejected, could trigger a long period of instability and turbulence. Separation of ethnically and culturally distinct Ladakh from the rest of Jammu and Kashmir is somewhat less challenging, because of its relatively smaller population. And what about the right to return of Kashmiri Pandits? Monday's decision is unlikely to alter their present status as the security environment in the Valley is currently not conducive for them to go back.

On the whole, the country needs to be better informed of the implications of the changes on the ground. The road to resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir tangle lies in bringing the policymaking closer to facts, learning from the past and avoiding unrealistic expectations.

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The hard realities of India's fast-track courts

Many of them are understaffed and under-resourced

ARUNAV KAUL

Fast-track courts are in the limelight yet again. Smriti Irani, Minister for Women and Child Development, informed the Rajya Sabha that the government has proposed to set up 1,023 fast-track courts to clear the cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court in a suo motu petition had issued directions, stating that districts with more than 100 cases pending under the POCSO Act need to set up special courts that can deal specifically with these cases.

Increasing the number of courts as a recourse to deal with the mounting backlog has been a common practice. However, while large sums of money and attention are being devoted to creating additional posts, little is being done to identify and address the prevalent systemic issues. Without fully optimising the current mechanisms and resolving the problems, sanctioning more judges may not provide the intended results.

Fast-track courts (FTCs) have been around for a long time, with the first ones being established in the year 2000. Since then, much has been spoken and written about them. To quote the Ministry of Law and Justice, at the end of March, there were 581 FTCs operational in the country, with approximately 5.9 lakh pending cases, Uttar Pradesh having the most number of cases. However, 56% of the States and Union Territories, including Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, had no FTCs. In terms of money, ₹870 crore was released by the Centre between 2000-2001 and 2010-2011 towards these FTCs.

State-by-State variations

With all these years of experience and money spent, it is discomforting to see not only the decline of FTCs across the country but also systemic issues prevalent in the States that have the courts. In a survey of FTCs conducted by National Law University Delhi, it was observed that there is a huge variation in the kinds of cases handled by these courts across States, with certain States primarily allocating rape and sexual offence cases to them and other States allocating various other matters. Further, several FTCs lacked technological resources to conduct audio and video recordings of the victims and many of them did not have regular staff.

While the Centre is promising to set up FTCs across the country, the moot question is: will a mere increase in the number of judges lead to a direct reduction in pendency of cases? Data collated from the Supreme Court's 'Court News' between 2010 and 2017 show otherwise. For instance, in Karnataka, the number of working judges increased between 2012 and 2017 (with occasional dips in certain years) but pendency did not reduce. Similarly in other States, such as Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi and West Bengal, increase or decrease in the number of judges did not affect pendency of cases.

Addressing the systemic issues

Hence, there are several other factors that have an impact on disposal of cases. Inadequate staff and IT infrastructure, delay in getting reports from the understaffed forensic science laboratories, frivolous adjournments and over-listing of cases in the cause list are some of the variables. Identifying systemic issues and addressing the concerns is as important for timely disposal of cases as increasing the number of judges.

Furthermore, given the vacancies in subordinate courts across the country, it also needs to be seen whether States will hire additional judges or appoint FTCs from the current pool of judges. For instance, in the case of commercial courts, several States designate special judges from the current pool of judges. Such a move could prove to be problematic as it would increase substantially the workload of the remaining judges.

All said and done, the final responsibility of making sure that the entire exercise results in a positive change vests with the States. For the FTCs to become successful, States will need to take stock of the issues at the ground level.

It is often noted that policies and regulations are passed without keeping in view the ground realities. It is important that States engage with the principal and senior district judges to get a sense of issues the courts are facing in various districts. Equal attention must be paid to both the metropolitan and far-flung non-metropolitan areas. Critical issues such as inadequate court staff, improper physical and IT infrastructure and understaffed forensic labs, which affect the day-to-day functioning of the FTCs, must be comprehensively addressed. For the overall system to work productively, it is important to ensure that its various components work efficiently and without any hindrance.

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The bus to better transport

Buses need an image makeover and cities need several thousand of them, of good quality

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The great cities of the world use one guiding principle in planning services for residents and visitors: working with finite space. In big cities, new roads are not possible, and no new land is available. But they must prepare to serve more and more people who arrive each year. Successful plans build better mobility.

When cities fail at mobility, the result is congestion, lost productivity, worsening pollution and a terrible quality of life. India's big cities have all these attributes, and 14 of them were in the list of the 15 most polluted cities worldwide last year. Congestion in the four biggest metros causes annual economic losses of over $22 billion, the NITI Aayog says in its Transforming Mobility report.

Is there a viable solution? There is, and it is the good old bus.

Sadly, buses have an image problem, which came up during a public interaction Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in the U.K. He explained aspiration with the example of someone who wants to progress from a bicycle to a scooter, then to a four-wheeler; equally a lack of ambition, he said, could lead to the loss of even the bicycle, upon which the individual resigns himself to a bus ride. Ironically, Mr. Modi made his comments in London, a city with an iconic bus system that integrates famously with its equally popular 'tube' system – as the Metro is known there. The British capital also discourages the use of cars through a congestion charge within a defined area.

Not enough buses in India

So important is the bus to urban transport ecology that the executive incharge of technology and customer satisfaction at Transport for London, Shashi Verma, said during a visit to India in July that Indian cities need to add several thousand buses more, and not just spend heavily on Metro rail. There are over 1.7 million buses in India, about 10% of them operated by governments. Individual cities don't have enough of them to provide a good service, and the gap is filled mostly by unregulated intermediates, such as vans. The buses operated by governments are not properly designed, are uncomfortable and badly maintained. Government corporations do a poor job when it comes to using technology.

Lack of information

One of the key barriers to taking a bus is not getting information about the service; bus corporations deprive themselves too, of revenue, by failing to act on this. Cities such as London and Singapore have systems to tell passengers where the next bus is on a route and predict its arrival at a stop in real time. Such a system is not available for even the biggest metro cities in India, something the Smart City mission could have addressed.

Buses need an image makeover and cities need several thousand more buses, of good design and build quality. They need to use contact-less fare payments using suitable cards, since buying tickets is also a barrier.

Buses also need support to move faster through city traffic, using policy tools such as congestion pricing for cars. This is an old idea, dating back to 1975 in Singapore, where it was done manually first and automated much later. The London congestion charge immediately cut traffic in the demarcated area by 20%, helped speed up buses and improved revenues.

The biggest reform that the U.K. experience teaches is integration. Bringing traffic authorities, road engineers and transport operators under the same umbrella worked wonders in London to eliminate planning and operational problems. Indian cities have unified Metropolitan Transport Authorities to do that. They must be brought to life and given mandatory targets. The goal should be a stipulated higher share of travel by public transport, walking and cycling, and this should be evaluated through periodic surveys of customer satisfaction.

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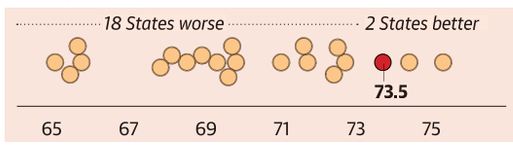
DATA POINT

J&K's vital statistics

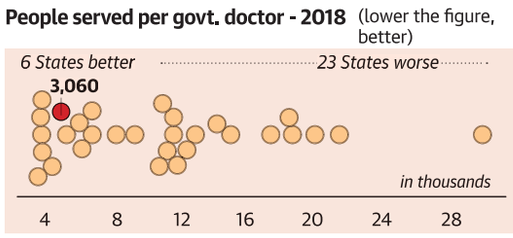
Home Minister Amit Shah cited poor health care, poverty, lack of doctors and slow economic growth as impediments in J&K that were linked to Article 370. A look at how J&K compares with other States in key indicators suggests that these concerns are exaggerated. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan** & **Sumant Sen**

How to read the graphs
Each circle corresponds to a State, with Jammu & Kashmir highlighted in red. For instance, J&K's life expectancy was 73.5 years between 2012-16, the third best in the country

Life expectancy (2012-16) (in years)



People served per govt. doctor - 2018 (lower the figure, better)



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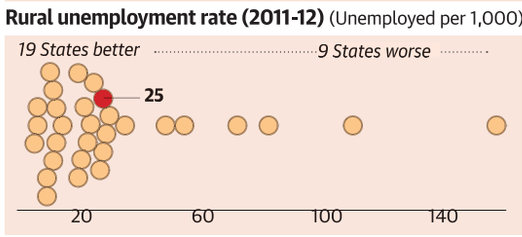

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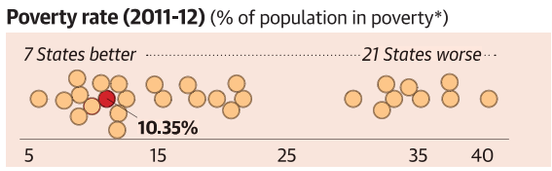

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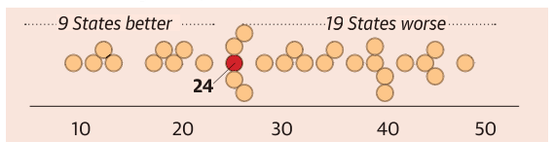
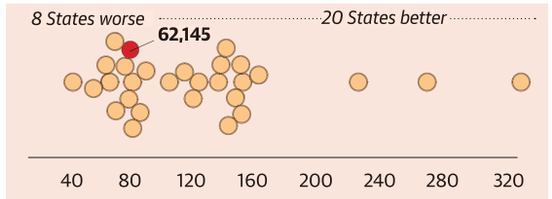


Per capita net State GDP (FY17) (in ₹ '000)



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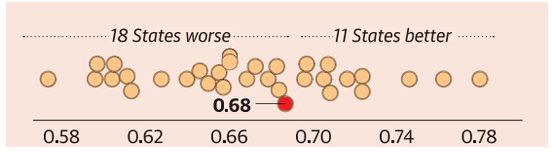

Source: RBI, Niti Aayog, National Health Profile 2018 *Tendulkar methodology

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1969

Open clash at CPP meeting

The simmering inner party differences erupted into an open clash between the supporters and opponents of Mrs. Gandhi at the Congress Parliamentary Party meeting this evening [August 6]. The meeting, called to hear appeals from the Prime Minister and the Congress President to vote for Mr. Sanjiva Reddi in the Presidential election, ended in heated arguments and shouting over the propriety of a Congress member, Mrs. Tarakeswari Sinha writing an article in a newspaper attacking the Prime Minister. The issue was raised by Chowdhry Nitiraj Singh amidst shouts of protest from a section of the Party, but Mrs. Gandhi allowed him to continue to read from the article in the face of opposition from even the Congress President, Mr. Nijalingappa. Mrs. Gandhi did not agree with Mr. Nijalingappa that such issues should be left to him to be dealt with at leisure. "These are matters which could not wait to be brought to the notice of the President," she is understood to have told Mr. Nijalingappa in an angry tone. She felt that the article in question was an instance of serious breach of discipline and said "to brand any senior member of the party as a Communist is an insult to the party."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 7, 1919

Ramakrishna Home at Bangalore.

Quite an interesting little function was celebrated on the morning of Sunday, the 3rd August 1919, when the Sri Ramakrishna Students' Home for poor students of the City [Bangalore] was opened. His Holiness Swami Nirmalandaji presided. The friends and admirers of the Mission and its work had gathered in large numbers. The function began with a procession of the photos of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and the Swamis Vivekananda and Ramakrishnananda from the premises of the Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama to the Home building. The objects and aims of the Committee responsible for the Home were explained by Messrs. V. Gopalaswamingar and M.A. Narayan Iyengar, Excise Commissioner, Liberal promises of donation were made on the spot. Mr. Pasupati Iyer, a leading cloth merchant, promised a contribution of Rs. Five hundred, while Mr. S.K. Narasimhaiah and another high officer of Government promised to maintain each a student in honour of the birth of a son to His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore. The Students' Home begins with nine students, and it is a special feature of the Home that it is opened to Brahmins and non-Brahmins, alike.

FROM PAGE ONE

Lok Sabha endorses Centre's decisions

BJP ally, Janata Dal (United), and Trinamool Congress didn't take part in the debate and walked out of the House.

However, several Opposition parties including Telugu Desam Party, Telangana Rashtra Samithi, and Biju Janata Dal among others supported the government.

During his reply, Mr. Shah asserted that the special provisions under Article 370 denied basic rights to minorities (non-Muslims) in the Kashmir valley. He said if the families of Dr. Manmohan Singh or Inder Kumar Gujral had settled in Kashmir instead of Punjab, they could not have become Prime Ministers.

"Minorities don't have voting rights," he said and added, "This is not a historical blunder but we are rectifying the historical blunder."

Mr. Shah asked Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to clarify if it was the Congress stand when Mr. Chowdhury pointed out that Kashmir was the subject matter of a bilateral pact with Pakistan and the United Nations monitored it.

The Congress leader, however, later claimed his statement was misunderstood. Several Opposition members asked the government to explain why it "cut off the channels of communication and locked up people in their own homes."

"Your MPs are saying it's like Diwali. Then let the people of Kashmir come out and celebrate," said AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi.

Revocation of Art. 370 brazen, says CWC

Former Home Minister P. Chidambaram who read out the statement said that it was a 'unanimous' one. Every principle of Constitutional law, States' rights, Parliamentary procedure and democratic governance was violated, the statement said.

Article 370 was conceived and crafted by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, assisted by N. Gopalaswamy Iyengar and V.P. Menon and is the Constitutional recognition of the terms of the Instrument of Accession between the State of Jammu & Kashmir and India, the Congress said. It added that the government's decision will have grave implications beyond J&K and calls into question the very idea of India being a Union of States.

The CWC severely criticised the bifurcation and changing of the status of the State to Union Territory.

Imran warns of more violence in Kashmir

Speaking at a joint session of Parliament in Islamabad, Mr. Khan said, "They want to change the demography of Kashmir by revoking Kashmir's special status. This is against Article 49 of the fourth Geneva Convention; this is a war crime."

He said the decision to revoke Article 370 would lead to further violence in the Valley. "The resistance of the Kashmiri people will increase. This will lead to further crackdown in Kashmir. This will have a reaction: I predict another Pulwama-type incident. They will blame it on Pakistan when everyone knows Pakistan had nothing to do with Pulwama," he said.

The Pakistan Prime Minister warned that India and Pakistan, both nuclear-armed states, could not afford to run such risks. "If they take action against us, we will respond. Then what will happen? Conventional war? Then what? War can go against us or for us. If it goes against us, then what will we do? Two options: one, give up. Two, fight till the last drop of blood. We are not afraid to die. No one will survive as a result of this. I am not using nuclear blackmail here; I am using my common sense. I appeal to the world to do something now; otherwise, the consequences will be too dire."

He added that Pakistan would raise the issue at international forums.

India tells China to avoid commenting on Ladakh

Historically the district of Leh covered the area of Aksai Chin that remains out of Indian control.

The exchanges over Ladakh are expected to set the backdrop of the August 11 to 13 visit to Beijing by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar who will participate in the High Level Mechanism between the two sides.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry had highlighted the creation of Ladakh as a union territory while criticising the Indian move to end the special status for Kashmir.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said on Tuesday that change of the status of Ladakh was 'unacceptable' to China.

"We urge India to exercise prudence in words and deeds concerning the boundary question, strictly abide by relevant agreements concluded between the two sides," said Ms. Hua in response to a question on the creation of a Union Territory in Ladakh that she described as 'Chinese territory'.

In response, the MEA spokesperson said, Delhi and Beijing are committed to maintain peace and tranquillity in the border region. "The border issue will be dealt with on the basis of the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question," said the MEA spokesperson.

Pleas against partition in Ayodhya being heard

It had been managing the Ramjanmabhumi and receiving offerings from worshippers. It submitted that the "Asthan of Janam Bhumi was of ancient antiquity".

The Akhara, represented by senior advocate Sushil Kumar Jain, submitted that Muslims had stopped offering regular prayers at the Babri mosque in 1934, when there was a riot.

The Akhara is countering a HC decision that the disputed land was in the joint possession of Hindus and Muslims since 1855. The HC had proceeded to formally divide the disputed land.

Bifurcation of Kashmir arbitrary: Opposition

'You have lost the confidence and trust of 1.5 crore people. History will not forgive you,' says Anantnag MP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Opposition MPs in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday questioned the Centre's right to alter the status quo in Jammu and Kashmir without consulting stakeholders.

They were discussing the Bill that bifurcates the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories.

"Today you have lost the confidence and trust of 1.5 crore people. The route that you have taken to bring in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 is an assault on the Constitution and neither history nor the people of Kashmir will forgive you for this," said Hasnain Masoodi of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference Party, representing Anantnag.

Earlier in the day, while the Opposition demanded to know where MP Farooq Abdullah was, DMK MP Murasoli Maran said: "An MP is missing and we would like to know from the Home Minister and the Speaker about his whereabouts?"

Members also held placards demanding to know about Mr. Abdullah.

T.R. Baalu, DMK said: "We would like to know if the government has thought this through? With your majority you will get these Bills passed but what are you going to do about the security problems of the region and the porous borders? Clearly this is a move that is good for your party and not the people of this region."

Making a point: National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. ▪ PTI

He said with the bifurcation the government has created two municipalities. "You have broken a State into Union Territories...who does that?" he asked.

Congress leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chaudhary asked how the Jammu and Kashmir issue could be considered an internal matter when so far it had been considered a bilateral issue.

Home Minister Amit Shah responded stating that Jammu and Kashmir is a part of India and this cannot be legally disputed. He also added that Mr. Abdullah isn't under house arrest or detained and is at home of his own free will. "According to Article 370(3), the President may, by public notification, alter Article 370, provided the Constituent Assembly of the State concurs. This provision has been utilised twice by the Congress," said Mr. Shah.

Manish Tewari of the Congress said that it was Jawaharlal Nehru's government which had protected Jammu and Kashmir when it was under attack from Pakistan.

"According to the Indian Constitution, before altering the boundaries of any State, concurrence of the Legislative Assembly of the State is mandatory. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana bifurcation was done with complete concurrence of the State Legislative Assembly by the UPA government. What happens to the separate Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir now?" he asked.

Speaking during the discussion, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said: "The process of consultation will be in shreds... You have changed the constitutional relationship of the people of J&K to India without consulting them. You have unleashed upon us the political equivalent of demonetisation."

Ladakh MP earns PM's praise for LS speech

Namgyal says region was neglected

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Speaking in support of the repeal of Article 370, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, BJP MP from Ladakh, noted that the State had been ignored for the past seven decades.

Participating in the debate on a motion to abrogate special status to Jammu and Kashmir and split the State into two Union Territories, Mr. Namgyal said the people of Ladakh had been fighting for the Union Territory status for the past seven decades. "If Ladakh is today underdeveloped, then Article 370 and the Congress party are responsible for it," the MP said.

"People of the region will now see real development. Ladakh has lost out on so much so far.You misused Article 370 and tried to finish off Buddhists in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. In a tweet later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Ladakh MP presented the aspirations of the people of the region in his speech.

Jamyang Tsering Namgyal

"Jamyang Tsering Namgyal delivered an outstanding speech in the Lok Sabha while discussing key Bills on J&K. He coherently presents the aspirations of our sisters and brothers from Ladakh. It is a must hear," he said.

(With PTI inputs)

Centre should have discussed Bill with all parties: Mamata

'Trinamool cannot support manner in which govt. acted'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday avoided any comments on the merits of the Bill scrapping provisions of Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir, but said her party cannot support the manner in which legislation has been brought about.

"I don't agree with the procedural method. I am not taking about the merits of the Bill. I am talking about the procedural method where my party has taken a strong position," she told journalists.

Interestingly, Ms. Banerjee – till recently the foremost critic of the policies of the BJP – did not comment on whether the government should have consulted the people of Jammu and Kashmir before introducing the Bill on Article 370 or about its demerits.

Mamata Banerjee

Earlier in the day, Trinamool Congress MPs walked out of the Lok Sabha avoiding any voting in favour of or against the Bill.

"We cannot support this Bill and we cannot vote for it. If we vote, it will be recorded," Ms. Banerjee chairperson said. She did not comment on the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir or on scrapping provisions of article 370. She instead said that the notification was not "praiseworthy" or democratic enough. "Constitutionally, legally, technically, it is not praiseworthy," she said. Referring to the arrest of former Chief Ministers Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah, she said they were prominent political personalities. "They are not terrorists... They should be released. I request the government that Kashmiris should not be left feeling isolated." The Bill should have been discussed in an all-party meeting, she said.

Mayawati welcomes notification

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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A day after the Union government ended the special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati on Tuesday said there had been a long-standing demand for action on Articles 370 and 35A to render across the country "social, economic and political justice" as envisaged in the Constitution.

"Now, the BSP hopes that the people there will get the right benefits of the decision of the Central government," she tweeted.

Ms. Mayawati also welcomed the demarcation of Ladakh as a Union Territory, saying the demands of its Buddhist populace had been fulfilled. Ambedkar's Buddhist followers across the country were pleased, she said.

Deployment in J&K was based on oral orders, says official

Maximum number of boots on the ground, he says

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Around 8,000 additional Central armed police forces were rushed to Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, when the Union government decided to end the State's special status under Article 370.

In the past 10 days, 32,000 additional personnel were deployed in the Valley. Another 32,000, deployed for the Amarnath Yatra, were diverted to secure the interior districts, an official said. "The deployment of Central forces is based on oral orders. There is no written communication any more because such orders leaked in the past, creating panic," the official said.

The Central forces posted in the northeastern region were being sent to the Kashmir Valley. "There are the maximum number of boots on the ground. As of now, there are no personnel in reserve; there is 100% deployment," the official said. The last time the Valley came under a similar clampdown was in 2013 when the 2001 Parliament attack case convict Mohammad Afzal Guru, a Kashmiri, was hanged and buried in Tihar Jail in Delhi.

Unease prevails: Security personnel deployed on a street in Jammu on Tuesday. ▪ AFP

"Curfew was imposed for around 10 days then. All major roads were blocked and people were prevented from coming out of their homes as protests were expected after the hanging of Guru. But for two incidents, there was not much impact," said the official.

The situation went out of control after Hizb-ul-Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani was killed in an encounter on July 8, 2016. "It all depends on how prepared the administration is," the official said.

Petition filed in SC against Centre's notification on J&K

Advocate says the move was unconstitutional and illegal

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A writ petition was filed in the Supreme Court on Tuesday challenging the August 5 notification of the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order of 2019, which amends Article 370 of the Indian Constitution and scraps its 65-year-old predecessor – The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order of May 14, 1954 – as unconstitutional, illegal and arbitrary.

The petition filed by advocate M.L. Sharma is likely to be mentioned before Justice N.V. Ramana on Wednesday. The Chief Justice of India and Justice S.A. Bobde, the second senior most judge, are sitting in a Constitution Bench in the Ayodhya title suit appeals. Justice Ramana is ranked third in seniority.

Mr. Sharma said his petition refers to how the political leaders of Jammu and Kashmir were detained/arrested before the issuance of the August 5 notification. There was no meaningful legislative or representative debate, he submitted.

By junking the 1954 Order, the notification takes away the special rights and privileges enjoyed by the residents of Kashmir. It has effectively allowed the entire provisions of the Constitution, with all its amendments, exceptions and modifications, to apply to the area of Jammu and Kashmir, the petitioner contended. The 2019 notification superseded the 1954 Order and declared that "all the provisions of the Constitution, as amended from time to time, shall apply in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir".

The August 5 notification has been issued under Article 370 of the Constitution. In short, the government employed Article 370, which had once protected the 1954 Order giving special rights to the people of J&K, to scrap the more than 60-year-old Order. The government justified the notification by saying that it closes the "chasm" between residents of J&K and citizens of other parts of the country.

The August 5 notification tided over the obstacle of a non-existent 'Constituent Assembly' by amending the expression in the proviso to 'Legislative Assembly'. An amendment in Article 370 should have undergone the constitutional amendment procedure envisaged under Article 368 of the Constitution, the petitioner said.

Idea of dividing Kashmir has a chequered history

It goes back to the Dixon Plan of 1950, which was not accepted by India

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CHENNAI

The idea of dividing Jammu and Kashmir into two or more parts has a chequered history, tracing its origin to the Dixon Plan of 1950.

Owen Dixon – an Australian jurist chosen by the United Nations to mediate between India and Pakistan on the J&K issue – in his report of September 1950, suggested a package that did not find acceptance from India.

According to columnist A.G. Noorani in his article in *Frontline* of October 2002, the Plan had assigned Ladakh to India and northern areas and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir to Pakistan, besides splitting Jammu between the two. It had proposed a plebiscite in the Kashmir valley.

A year later, B.R. Ambedkar, after quitting as Law Minister from the Jawaharlal Nehru Ministry, had suggested the formation of three zones: the area held by Pakistan, the Valley and Jammu-Ladakh. He had also favoured a plebiscite only in the Valley.

In September 1952, when the demand for separating Jammu and Ladakh from Kashmir was made in certain quarters, Sheikh Abdullah, who was then Premier of the State, had opposed it.

Sheikh Abdullah, Jawaharlal Nehru and others at the open session of the All Jammu and Kashmir National Conference in Srinagar on September 24, 1949. ▪ THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Karan Singh, now a senior leader of the Congress and then J&K Governor, in an interview to a foreign newspaper in August 1966, had mooted the idea of separating Jammu from Kashmir and merging it with Himachal Pradesh, which was then a Union Territory. Dr. Singh later said he "disliked" the observation.

The then Home Minister G. L. Nanda told the Rajya Sabha that the government had "no intention" of separating Jammu from Kashmir.

In 1983, former President R.Venkataraman, who was Defence Minister in the Indira Gandhi Cabinet, floated the concept of trifurcating J&K - Ladakh as a Union Territory; Jammu as a State and the Valley as a "separate entity". He had recorded this suggestion in his book, *My Presidential Years* (1994).

In August 1996, veteran leader of the Communist Party of India (CPI) Indrajit Gupta, as Home Minister in the United Front government, was reported to have told BBC that he was in favour of trifurcation of J&K – the Valley, Jammu and Ladakh.

When this sparked a row, Mr. Gupta said that he had been misunderstood.

A few years later, when a report of the State Autonomy Committee, formed by the J&K government, had triggered a nationwide debate, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh had renewed the idea of trifurcation. In October 2000, after attending an official meeting in Srinagar, L.K. Advani – the then Home Minister in the Vajpayee government at the Centre – rejected the RSS demand.

With Parliament adopting a Bill to make Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories with the carving out of Ladakh, the proposal of dividing the State has become a reality.

A BJP stalwart with Socialist roots

Hours before fatal heart attack, she had expressed happiness at removal of special status for J&K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj passed away here on Tuesday after suffering cardiac arrest. She was rushed to the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was administered but doctors were unable to revive her, hospital officials said. She was declared dead at 10.50 p.m.

Just a couple of hours earlier, she had expressed happiness at the removal of special status for Jammu & Kashmir, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it possible "in her lifetime" to see the event.

Long career

Ms. Swaraj, 67, had a long career in politics. She was known for her skilled oratory and was, at 25 years, the youngest-ever Cabinet Minister in the Haryana government led by the late Devi Lal. A lawyer by training, she was part of the legal team put together by the Opposition when socialist leader George Fernandes was arrested during the Emergency. Since she and Swaraj Kaushal, who was also involved with the Socialists, were part of the legal team and had to travel to Mumbai together, their law professor and later Chief Justice of India A.S. Anand suggested that they get married, a story later recounted by her with much relish.

While she was considered a latecomer to the BJP, having started out in the socialist ranks, she held the confidence of top leaders and was chosen by the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to take on UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi in Bellary in 1999. While she lost that election, she won hearts, narrowed the victory margin of the Congress and provided a foothold to the BJP in that area.

She was variously Information and Broadcasting, Parliamentary Affairs and Health Minister in the Vajpayee government and also served as Delhi Chief Minister in 1998, a position she lost to Sheila Dikshit who also passed away recently.

Ms. Swaraj and Ms. Gandhi tangled again in 2004, after the UPA came to power, with the former threatening to shave her head and live on berries if the latter became PM. As the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha between 2009 and 2014, however, the two did repair their relationship.

Ms. Swaraj was seen as part of the old guard of the BJP but fit in well as a responsive Minister for External Affairs, who nevertheless ceded the limelight to Prime Minister Modi in foreign policy.

A kidney transplant some years ago saw her opt out of electoral politics, and later from the Cabinet formed by Mr. Modi in his second term.

Last message to the PM

Sushma Swaraj, in her last tweet on August 6, thanked the Prime Minister for the Centre's decision on Jammu and Kashmir

Thank you Prime Minister. Thank you very much. I was waiting to see this day in my lifetime

SUSHMA SWARAJ 1952-2019

A source of inspiration: Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ministers and Opposition leaders have condoled the death of former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj on Tuesday.

"Extremely shocked to hear of the passing of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. The country has lost a much loved leader who epitomised dignity, courage & integrity in public life. Ever willing to help others, she will always be remembered for her service to the people of India," the President tweeted.

'A glorious chapter'

Mr. Modi paid rich tributes to Ms. Swaraj, saying: "A glorious chapter in Indian politics comes to an end. India grieves the demise of a remarkable leader who devoted her life to public service and bettering lives of the poor. Sushma Swaraj Ji was one of her kind, who was a source of inspiration for crores of people."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said he was deeply shocked and anguished by the sudden demise of an extremely valued colleague.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, "Deeply shocked to learn of the passing away of Smt. Sushma Swaraj. Difficult to accept this news. The whole nation grieves, the Foreign Ministry even more so."

The Congress condoled her demise. "We are saddened to hear about the untimely demise of Smt Sushma Swaraj. Our condolences to her family and loved ones," the party said.

'Extraordinary leader'

"I'm shocked to hear about the demise of Sushma Swaraj Ji, an extraordinary political leader, a gifted orator & an exceptional Parliamentarian, with friendships across party lines. My condolences to her family in this hour of grief. May her soul rest in peace. Om Shanti," Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.

"Deeply saddened, shocked at the sudden passing away of Sushma Swaraj Ji. I knew her since the 1990s. Even though our ideologies differed, we shared many cordial times in Parliament," said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a statement. "An outstanding politician, leader, good human being. Will miss her," she added.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said, "Deeply saddened that Sushma Swaraj ji has passed away. She served her party and the country with loyalty, devotion and distinction."

(With PTI inputs)

Amit Shah lied, I was detained in my house: Farooq Abdullah

He tells NDTV he will take the fight to the logical end

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, in an interview to NDTV on Tuesday, accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of lying that he had not been detained.

"I feel sad that Home Minister of India can lie like this and say that I wasn't detained. I was detained in my house," he said, adding that he had to force himself out of his house.

Home Minister Amit Shah said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has neither been detained nor arrested and he is at his home of his own free will.

Farooq Abdullah, leader of the National Conference.

"For seventy years we have fought the battle with the nation and today we are supposed to be the culprits? It was the guarantee given by the solid Government of India."

"The Article 370 and35A, guaranteeing the special status of the State, was granted by the Government of India," said the three-time Chief Minister, who had served as a Union Minister.

"Today, what do you think people feel, who stood by this nation as to how we have been betrayed...," said an emotional Dr. Abdullah.

"Are they going to divide people's hearts also? I do think...they are going to remove Hindus one side, Muslims one side, Buddhists one side, is that what they want? Is this what India is?" he observed.

Dr. Abdullah said he, along with those who stood for democracy and secularism, would fight for unity of the country and take the fight to the logical end. "We will not give in," he said.

The government's assurance that the State had a ration stock of three months was of no use when ordinary people were unable to get to it, did not have the money to get it.

State bifurcation undemocratic, says Mehbooba's daughter

Kashmir has become like an open-air prison: Iltija Javed

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

Iltija Javed, daughter of People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Mehbooba Mufti, has described the Union government's decision to remove the special status accorded to Jammu and Kashmir and to reorganise the State into two Union Territories as "completely undemocratic," reducing Kashmiris to being "second-class citizens in their own State."

Ms. Mufti, a former Chief Minister of the State, has been put under detention, along with several other political leaders, including another former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

'Like Palestine'

Speaking to *The Hindu* from Srinagar, Ms. Javed said: "This is a ruse by the State to break her spirit. We don't know how she is at the moment, as she was taken away last evening after being under house arrest.

"Kashmir itself has become like an open-air prison, we are not being allowed to speak out. Now I know what it is like to be in Palestine. The way this is being projected by the Centre is that the removal of special status is something that is good for Kashmiris.

"Do you think Kashmiris have such low IQ [intelligence quotient] that they don't know what is good for them? Or what they want for themselves? Should it have been done so undemocratically?"

She said there was fear in the Valley. "The way forward, as I see it, is for political parties in Kashmir to get together, sit calmly and go for a front that would reflect what is happening.

Afghanistan shadow over India's move

Real reason lies in global context

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

India's move to end the special status to Jammu and Kashmir indicates that the government is bracing for serious geo-strategic shifts that will unfold in South Asia over the next few months.

Though the domestic reasons for ending the status was presented through a detailed analysis of the negative effects that the Article 370 had for Kashmir, the real reason for this hurried makeover lies in the international context.

'Great progress'

Soon after Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented his case for turning Kashmir into a Union Territory, a message from U.S. Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad stated that his talks with the Taliban in Qatari capital had yielded "great progress" and that he was heading to Delhi to create greater consensus in favour of peace in Afghanistan.

The implication of this peace agreement between the Taliban and the U.S. will be felt across South Asia and in the West Asia.

Pakistan is waiting anxiously till its biggest strategic assets - the Taliban - seal the deal with the U.S. The Taliban have a historical parallel going back to the 1980s. In 1988, following the Geneva Accords of 14 April, South Asia went into a tailspin with Pakistan trying to use some of the resources secured for the Afghan Mujahideen fighters to Kashmir where insurgency peaked subsequently.

The immediate outcome of the U.S.-Taliban deal will be the visible display of American disinterest in South Asia. This is the context in which India keeping a firm grip on Kashmir has been seen.

Pakistan Army stands by Kashmiris, says Bajwa

Top commanders hold meeting

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's military "firmly stands" by Kashmiris, the powerful Army chief said on Tuesday, a day after India stripped the disputed region of its special autonomy in a move set to deepen animosity between the nuclear arch-rivals.

The Army's top commanders met in the garrison city of Rawalpindi to discuss the move by India, which is also set to exacerbate the long-running bloody rebellion in Kashmir.

"The Pakistan Army firmly stands by the Kashmiris in their just struggle to the very end. We are prepared and shall go to any extent to fulfil our obligations in this regard," General Qamar Javed Bajwa said, in a tweet sent by a military spokesman after the meeting.

Spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said commanders "fully supported" the civilian government's rejection of India's move.

"Pakistan never recognised the sham Indian efforts to legalise its occupation" of the disputed mountainous region, he added.

On Tuesday, an estimated 500 people demonstrated in Muzaffarabad, the largest city in Pakistani-held Kashmir, with more protests expected across the parts of the country.

Pakistani lawmakers also began a joint-session of Parliament to discuss a possible response to New Delhi's move.

For three decades the Indian-administered part has been in the grip of an insurgency that has left tens of thousands dead.

Armed Kashmiri rebels and many residents have fought for the Muslim majority region's independence or to join neighbour Pakistan.

Enough security for peace in J&K: Army

Sources say they expect infiltrations and ceasefire violations in the days ahead

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Necessary security arrangements have been put in place for ensuring peace and security in Jammu and Kashmir, said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh on Tuesday after chairing a meeting of the core group of intelligence and security agencies in Srinagar.

However, sources in the Army said they expected infiltrations and ceasefire violations to go up in the coming days by Pakistan following the dilution of Article 370 and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement after the meeting in Srinagar, the Army said counter-terrorism and the law and order grids had been strengthened.

On the job: Paramilitary personnel patrolling the deserted streets of Jammu on Tuesday. ▪ PTI

"The security forces are suitably deployed to guard important vulnerable points/areas, prepared for crowd control, emerging law and order situations, as also to conduct effective counter terrorist operations. Overall, the security forces are firmly in control of the security situation," it stated.

Due to the strong security measures in place, the Army sources said, chances of rioting or any other things happening were unlikely for some time.

Anticipating action

However, they noted that the Pakistan army had to do something to show solidarity with people of Kashmir. "So they will do some action on the LoC [Line of Control]. We are expecting that infiltration, CFVs or some visible action will be done by the Pakistan army," a source said.

The Kashmir Valley still remained shut which, the sources said, should be relaxed in the next couple of days.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No.SA/E/5/2019-20/W, Dated: 05-08-2019

Divisional Railway Manager, Electrical, Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of The President of India Invites E-Tender for the following works. **Online bids only will be accepted.** For detailed NIT, Qualification Criteria, Bidding Document, Tender Submission etc., can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Cost of Tender and EMD shall be made in **Online Gateway Payment only.**

Sl. No.	E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the Work
1.	**SA/E/5/19-20/1:- SA Division:** Cleaning, Operation and Manning of Escalator & Lifts available at Erode Junction for the period of Two Years.
2.	**SA/E/5/19-20/2:-** Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Passenger Lifts of 6 Person Capacity in proposed Officers' Rest House at Coimbatore Junction as per CPWD Specification including Comprehensive AMC for a period of Five Years after warranty period.
3.	**SA/E/5/19-20/3:- SA Division:** Hiring of Road Vehicle for the use of Sr.DEE/G/SA for the period of Two Years.

Sl. No.	Approx. Cost in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Tender Cost (₹)	Completion Period
1.	29,51,156/-	59,000/-	3,360/-	Two Years
2.	18,80,000/-	37,600/-	2,240/-	6 Months
3.	15,50,240/-	31,000/-	2,240/-	Two Years

The above Tenders the Closing Time & Date is 15.00 Hrs. on 28-08-2019.

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time Extension, Clarifications, etc., will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

DIVISIONAL RAILWAY MANAGER (Electrical), Salem.

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e-Tender

MFL invites On-line Bids from Global Tenderers 'for Supply of Imported White Prilled Urea,' CFR Chennai.

Sl No	Name of the Tender	Contact Person	Last date for Submission
01	Supply of Imported White Prilled Urea	DGM-MM & Commercial. Ph: +91 25945311/307	27.08.2019 at 16.00 Hrs IST.

For further details, please visit our website: www.madrasfert.co.in & http://eprocure.gov.in.
All corrections / corrigendum, if any, will be given in the above website only.

Date - 07.08.2019 DGM-MM & Commercial.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE SHAR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
SRIHARIKOTA-524124.

E-TENDER BRIEF NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/K 1987025 Date: 02.08.2019

1. On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender (s) is / are invited through e-tendering for the following work(s).

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	Title of Work	Augmentation of SMPF PYRO building (SMPB) at SDSC SHAR (Civil, PH and Road works).
	NIT No & Date	CMG/C/K 1987025, Dt:02/8/2019
2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 113 Lakhs
3	Period of Completion	06 Months
4	Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: 07/08/2019, 10:00 Hrs To : 16/08/2019, 14:00 Hrs
5	Last date and time for uploading of tenders	22/08/2019, 14:30 Hrs

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website **www.isro.gov.in** / **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. For further details and purchase of tender documents visit **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**, Ph:08623 226447, 226420.

Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
1) E-TENDER TENDER NOTICE No.03/CE/CN/ERS/2019 (OT), Dated: 01-08-2019
2) E-TENDER TENDER NOTICE No.04/CE/CN/ERS/2019 (OT), Dated: 01-08-2019

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer / Construction, Ernakulam Junction - 682 016 invites e-tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online Tenders will be accepted.** The cost of the Tender Form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available on the website by way of Multiple Bank's, Net Banking, Debit and Credit Card.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work
1.	Shoranur- Mangalore Section - **(1)** Pro. Reconstruction of Br.No. 1047 at Km.706/700-707/000 as 6x18.00 m. PSC-I Girder and Slab between Tikkoti and Badagara Stations **(2)** Br.No.1087 at Km.736/100-200 as 3x18.0 m. PSC-I Girder and Slab between Tellicherry and Etakkot Stations & **(3)** Br.No.1090 at Km.737/700-900 as 6x18.0 m. PSC-I Girder and Slab between Tellicherry and Etakkot Stations - Earth Work and blanketing for formation on approaches, collection of ballast, linking of track and other protective works.
2.	Shoranur - Mangalore Section - Proposed reconstruction of Bridge No.925 at Km.649/500-800, as 6x19.22 m. effective span PSC Box Girder and 2x9.15 m. clear span PSC Slab between Parappanangadi and Kadalundi Stations.

Sl. No.	Approximate Cash Value in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Period of Completion in Months	Closing / Opening Date @ 15.00 Hrs./ 15.30 Hrs.
1.	11,36,04,309/-	7,18,000/-	10,000/-	Twelve	26-08-2019
2.	9,45,18,870/-	6,22,600/-	10,000/-	Eighteen	26-08-2019

For further details, visit Internet site **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer / Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam - 682 016.

CHIEF ENGINEER (Construction), Ernakulam Jn.

ELSEWHERE

'Turkey will eliminate Syria's Kurdish militia'

ISTANBUL

Turkey and the U.S. were on a collision course on Tuesday as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened to "eliminate" a Kurdish militia in northern Syria — a move deemed "unacceptable" by the Pentagon. AFP

12 injured in Russia's military depot fire

MOSCOW

Powerful explosions at a military depot in Siberia have injured 12 people and left one missing, and forced over 16,500 people to leave their homes. The blasts took place at an ammunition depot near the city of Achinsk. AP

French boy thrown from gallery has broken spine

LONDON

A six-year-old French boy thrown off a 10th-floor viewing platform at London's Tate Modern gallery has suffered a broken spine, legs and arm. Police have charged a 17-year-old with attempted murder. AFP

Trump freezes all Venezuelan government assets in U.S.

President says he's considering a quarantine of the South American nation

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump imposed a freeze on all Venezuelan government assets in the U.S. on Monday, sharply escalating an economic and diplomatic pressure campaign aimed at removing socialist President Nicolas Maduro from power.

The executive order signed by Mr. Trump goes well beyond the sanctions imposed in recent months against Venezuela's State-run oil company PDVSA and the country's financial sector, as well as measures against dozens of Venezuelan officials and entities.

Mr. Trump's action, the toughest yet against Mr. Maduro, not only bans U.S. companies from dealings with the Venezuela government but also appears to open the door to possible sanctions against foreign firms or individuals that assist it.

Pressure tactics: Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro with wife Cilia Flores and other officials in Caracas. ▪ REUTERS

Russian and Chinese companies are among those still doing significant business in the South American OPEC nation.

"All property and interests in property of the Government of Venezuela that are in the United States... are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in," according to the executive order released by the White House.

The U.S. and most Western nations have called for Mr. Maduro to step down and have recognised Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido as the country's legitimate President.

Coup attempt

Mr. Guaido, accused by Mr. Maduro of mounting a U.S.-directed coup attempt, appointed a board for Citgo Petroleum, Venezuela's most important foreign asset, earlier this year.

Mr. Trump said on Thursday he was considering a quarantine or blockade of Venezuela, although he did not elaborate at the time on when or how such a blockade would be imposed.

He is taking more dramatic action after numerous rounds of sanctions failed to turn Venezuela's military against Mr. Maduro or make significant progress in dislodging him.

Venezuela's Foreign Ministry said the freeze was designed to "formalise a criminal economic, financial, and commercial blockade" of the country but said the government would continue political dialogue with the opposition.

Mr. Trump said in a letter to Congress the decision was necessary "in light of the continued usurpation of power by the illegitimate Nicolas Maduro regime, as well as the regime's human rights abuses and arbitrary detention of Venezuelan citizens."

Toni Morrison, Nobel laureate and beloved author, dies at 88

Her work explored the experiences of African Americans

MARGALIT FOX

Toni Morrison, the 1993 Nobel laureate in literature, whose work explored black identity in America and in particular the experience of black women, died on Monday in New York City, her publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, said in a statement. She was 88.

The first African American woman to win the Nobel in literature, Ms. Morrison was the author of several novels, children's books and essays. Among them were celebrated works like *Song of Solomon*, which received the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1977, and *Beloved*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988. Ms. Morrison was one of the rare American authors whose books were both critical and commercial successes.

Her novels appeared regularly on *The New York Times* best-seller list, were featured multiple times on Oprah Winfrey's book club and were the subject of myriad critical studies.

A file photo of Toni Morrison. ▪ NYT

A long-time faculty member at Princeton University, Ms. Morrison lectured widely and was seen often on television.

Unique style

In awarding the Nobel to Ms. Morrison, the Swedish Academy cited her "novels characterised by visionary force and poetic import," through which she "gives life to an essential aspect of American reality." Ms. Morrison animated that reality in a style resembling that of no other writer in English.

Her prose, often luminous and incantatory, rings with the cadences of black oral tradition.

Her plots are dreamlike and non-linear, spooling backward and forward in time as though characters bring the entire weight of history to bear on their every act. NY TIMES

N. Korea threatens more launches after fourth test

U.S., S. Korea military drill is under way

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SEOUL

North Korea threatened on Tuesday to carry out more weapons tests after it fired its fourth pair of projectiles in less than two weeks following the start of joint exercises between the U.S. and South Korea.

The move threatens to derail negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington, with the North saying the combined drills were a "flagrant violation" of the process.

Pyongyang has always been infuriated by military exercises between South Korea and U.S., seeing them as rehearsals for invasion, but in the past it has tended to avoid carrying out missile tests while the war games were taking place.

North Korea fired "two projectiles that are assumed to be short-range ballistic missiles" from South Hwanghae province on its west coast, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

Taliban asks voters to stay away

Electoral rallies and gatherings could become potential targets, warn insurgents

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KABUL

The Taliban warned Afghans on Tuesday to keep away from election rallies and ordered its fighters to "stand against" the planned September vote.

The militants and other insurgent groups conducted frequent attacks during previous elections, and this year's campaign season has already been rocked by deadly violence.

The presidential election is slated for September 28, but the race has got off to a lacklustre start and some candidates have yet to launch their campaigns.

Peace talks

Many observers think the poll will be postponed again – it has already been pushed back twice this year – to create space for a peace deal to be finalised between the U.S. and the Taliban.

The Taliban said its fighters should "stand against this theatrical and sham of a process to their full capabilities" – a clear instruction to conduct attacks.

"To prevent losses, God forbid, from being incurred by our fellow compatriots, they must stay away from gatherings and rallies that could become potential targets," a message posted on the Taliban's website stated.

The Taliban said Afghan elections do not "hold any value", referring to the 2014 presidential poll that was mired in fraud allegations and saw the U.S. broker a power-sharing deal between President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah.

Last month, on the first day of the campaign season, suicide bombers and gunmen stormed the Kabul office of Amrullah Saleh, Mr. Ghani's running-mate, killing at least 20 people.

In a statement, Mr. Ghani's office said security forces are "fully prepared" to protect Afghans against Taliban threats and would not allow anyone to disrupt polls.

"Participation in elections and choosing a leader through direct voting is the religious and legal right of the Afghan people," it read.

China vows to counter U.S. missile plans

REUTERS
BEIJING

China threatened countermeasures on Tuesday if the United States deploys intermediate-range, ground-based missiles in Asia and warned U.S. allies of repercussions if they allow such weapons on their territory.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Saturday he was in favour of placing ground-launched, intermediate-range missiles in the region soon, possibly within months.

U.S. pulled out last week from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, a 1987 pact with the former Soviet Union that banned ground-launched nuclear and conventional ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges of 500-5,000 km. The withdrawal also allows the Pentagon to develop new weapons to counter China.

Fu Cong, Director General of the Arms Control department at China's Foreign Ministry, said Beijing "will not stand by idly " and warned "China will be forced to take countermeasures".

Don't play with fire, China tells Hong Kong protesters

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

China warned Hong Kong's pro-democracy protesters on Tuesday that "those who play with fire will perish by it", a day after the most widespread unrest of the two-month crisis.

In its harshest warning yet Beijing said the immense strength of the Central government should not be underestimated as police in the semi-autonomous city announced they had arrested 148 people in connection with Monday's violence.

The city has been plunged into chaos by weeks of protests triggered by opposition to a planned law that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China. The protests have since evolved into a wider movement for democratic reform and the protection of freedoms.

Yang Guang

At a press briefing in Beijing, Yang Guang, spokesman for the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, said the "radical protests... have severely impacted Hong Kong's prosperity and stability, pushing it into a dangerous abyss".

Mr. Yang said the government still "firmly supports" both the Hong Kong police force – who have been criticised for their handling of the protests – and Carrie Lam, the city's pro-Beijing leader, whose resignation the protesters demand.

"We would like to make it clear to the very small group of unscrupulous and violent criminals and the dirty forces behind them: Those who play with fire will perish by it," Mr. Yang said.

'No satisfactory answer on Easter day lapse'

Sri Lankan PM tells inquiry panel that he was not informed about the terror threat despite prior intel

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

"I am yet to get a satisfactory response on why I was not briefed about the Easter Sunday terror threat," Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has said, suggesting that the Sri Lankan government may still not have identified the reasons for the security lapse, over three months after the bombings shook the country.

Neither he nor his security division was informed about the terror threat, despite prior intelligence being available with senior security officials, Mr. Wickremesinghe on Tuesday told a parliamentary panel probing the Easter bombings. "I went to Nuwara Eliya [Central Province] for a few days, but I was in the country. No one informed me about the [possible] attacks," he said.

The Prime Minister is so far the highest official to testify before the Parliament Select Committee (PSC) that President Sirisena has accused of endangering "national security". However, resisting the pressure, the panel has continued inquiring top security officials, politicians, bureaucrats and religious leaders.

Extremist activities

Queried about his knowledge of "extremist" activities in the country, Mr. Wickremesinghe said while he had received reports earlier of extremist groups that had "embraced IS ideology", he did not receive any specific information on "terrorist" activity in the past. "We only received reports of a person [Sri Lankan fighter] killed in Syria and intelligence agencies were instructed to investigate."

Ranil Wickremesinghe

Following the public fallout between the President and the Prime Minister last October – when Mr. Sirisena controversially sacked PM Wickremesinghe and later reinstated him – the PM had not been invited to the national security council meetings chaired by Mr. Sirisena.

"The last [NSC] meeting I attended was in October 2018," Mr. Wickremesinghe said.

To members' questions on why he didn't raise the matter, he said: "There was one meeting in February that I learnt about later. When I enquired, I was told the council meetings weren't going to be held thereafter."

On whether his being kept out of the crucial meetings was a consequence of the differences with the President, he said: "no," adding that it would be difficult to conclude so.

Asked if he was aware of reports about Zahran Hashim, the alleged mastermind of the terror attacks, Mr. Wickremesinghe said reports with authorities indicated that radical preacher Zahran had been absconding. "There was one analysis that he could have gone to India by sea via Mannar, but no specific information about terrorist activities in the country."

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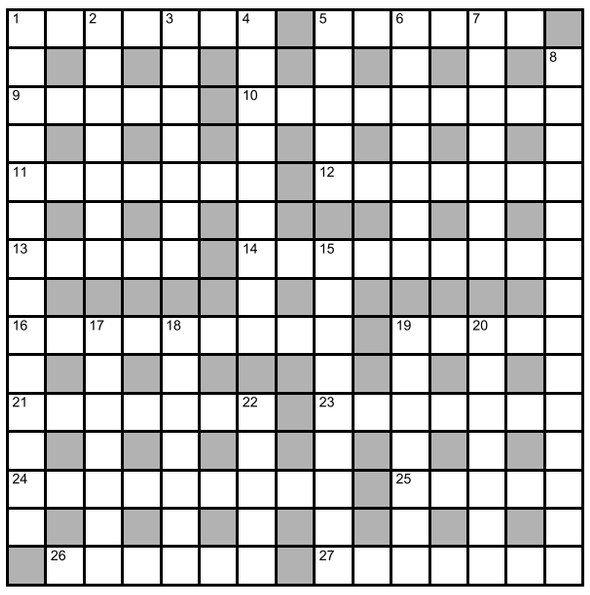

ACROSS

1 Rolling on, *hamara* Jack has become a big shot (7)

5 Overcharge, Pir? (3-3)

9 Bird to steal one nest, to begin with (5)

10 Funny cartoon about extremely light singer (9)

11 I, with regent, cooked up a number (7)

12 Dear, once out, becomes thoughtful (7)

13 My incomplete group of birds (5)

14 Won't give baksheesh. That's level! (2,7)

16 Supporter not out to flag an inspiration (9)

19 See, I missed a prospect (5)

21 Abroad, there's good line. Move on! (7)

23 Dismiss dens? (4,3)

24 Fellows, don't start table fight (9)

25 Sage mantris high, to a certain extent (5)

26 Came upon hesitancy over old one hurtling (6)

27 Abandons no southern sweets (7)

DOWN

1 One whose business is to make matches (8,6)

2 Regular colour about a piece (7)

3 Deny Green's faltering and beginning to use drug (7)

4 And Raja goes round saving up account of tree (9)

5 Quickly approach crazy pun by Russian (3,2)

6 Standard cut vegetable (7)

7 Film director's cruel with endless note (7)

8 Yet these shenanigans will reverberate back home (7,7)

15 Cherished use trader exploited (9)

17 Diplomat's briefcase (7)

18 Run back, true to form, to promote growth (7)

19 Jury panels even I respect from within (7)

20 Stand for special partners in underprivileged surroundings (7)

22 Server, I spilled what's sought after in Chennai (5)

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Solution to puzzle 12697

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

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Representational picture

"Plants of the Future" and "Grids of the Future", says the release.

The 72-hour hackathon includes masterclasses on technology, innovation and design thinking. Teams will be selected during the hackathon to make their presentations to the jury, the release adds. For registration and other details, visit Hackware.se.com

GENERAL

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SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2019

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Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges (Online)	07.08.2019 to 28.08.2019
Download of call letters for Pre - Exam Training	September 2019
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training	23.09.2019 to 28.09.2019
Download of call letters for Online Examination - Preliminary	October 2019
Online Examination - Preliminary	**12.10.2019, 13.10.2019, 19.10.2019 and 20.10.2019**
Result of Online Exam - Preliminary	October/ November 2019
Download of Call letter for Online Exam - Main	November 2019
Online Examination - Main	**30.11.2019**
Declaration of Result - Main	December 2019
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US Dollar	70.81	-0.11
Gold	36,807	-0.44
Brent oil	59.69	-1.28

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	376.95	9.10
Asian Paints	1565.85	40.45
Axis Bank	679.00	16.55
Bajaj Auto	2609.80	-9.95
Bajaj Finserv	7096.35	109.40
Bajaj Finance	3272.25	112.20
Bharti Airtel	368.45	10.75
BPCL	345.30	6.30
Britannia Ind	2550.55	-27.80
Cipla	500.15	-18.75
Coal India	205.10	4.50
Dr. Reddys Lab	2556.20	41.50
Eicher Motors	17010.75	506.75
GAIL (India)	123.35	0.40
Grasim Ind	761.50	12.05
HCL Tech	1024.20	13.10
HDFC	2189.90	37.55
HDFC Bank	2189.10	9.85
Hero MotoCorp	2468.55	69.30
Hindalco	180.70	4.95
Hind Unilever	1744.10	2.90
Indiabulls HFL	514.05	37.30
ICICI Bank	410.25	7.60
IndusInd Bank	1417.10	28.90
Bharti Infratel	246.10	0.75
Infosys	774.45	-2.25
Indian OilCorp	132.40	0.15
ITC	258.90	-0.90
JSW Steel	217.55	-0.15
Kotak Bank	1485.30	25.20
L&T	1377.50	31.70
M&M	549.45	4.00
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Reliance Ind	1128.30	-15.05
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Sun Pharma	418.20	1.05
Tata Motors	122.50	-1.25
Tata Steel	401.60	2.35
TCS	2214.90	-33.70
Tech Mahindra	670.60	22.55
Titan	1046.70	9.90
UltraTech Cement	4357.00	110.80
UPL	549.35	8.40
Vedanta	140.80	0.10
Wipro	258.90	-3.10
YES Bank	85.35	4.25
Zee Entertainment	312.45	-18.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	70.61	70.93
Euro	78.97	79.33
British Pound	85.99	86.38
Japanese Yen (100)	66.24	66.57
Chinese Yuan	10.06	10.10
Swiss Franc	72.34	72.67
Singapore Dollar	51.14	51.38
Canadian Dollar	53.42	53.66
Malaysian Ringitt	16.84	16.94

Source:Indian Bank

BULLION RATES CHENNAI

August 06 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

Retail Silver (1g)	45.7	(45.8)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3473	(3460)

'No new loans for DHFL till investor arrives'

Cash flow of ₹1,000 crore from existing customers can be used to extend new home loans: bankers

MANOJIT SAHA
MUMBAI

Cash-strapped mortgage lender Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.'s (DHFL) plans to borrow ₹1,000 crore to ₹1,200 crore from banks every month – as part of its proposed resolution plan – may fall flat with the lenders, who may extend fresh loans only after a new promoter comes in.

According to bankers involved in the resolution of DHFL, since the mortgage finance company will get a moratorium on repayment, they won't be extending any fresh loans.

DHFL wanted banks to lend so that it can start extending home loans to its customers.

"DHFL still has a cash flow of about ₹1,000 crore from existing customers which can be used for fresh lending since they do not have to pay interest to the banks due to the moratorium," said a banker in the know of the developments.

"Banks will start fresh lending only after there is a new promoter," the official said.

Soft landing: DHFL said the that there will be no principal haircuts to any of the creditors. ▪ REUTERS

Talks with investors

DHFL is in talks with a few investors, and have kept banks in the loop, to sell a significant part of the promoters' stake.

Promoters hold about 39.21% stake in DHFL. Bankers want promoters' stake to fall below 10% after the stake sale as part of the resolution plan.

On Tuesday, the board of DHFL took on record the draft resolution plan formulated by the company in consultation with the special committee on resolution plan and its financial advisers viz. Ernst & Young, and approved the submission of the plan to the lenders, the company informed the stock exchanges.

DHFL said there would be no principal haircuts to any of the creditors, and there will be a moratorium on repayments. DHFL will also seek funding from the banks/National Housing Bank (NHB) to help commence retail funding activity, according to the plan. DHFL shares rose 32% to close the day at ₹55.40.

While banks want all the creditors, including mutual funds and insurance companies, to be part of the resolution plan, mutual funds have not yet given their consent and want approval from the markets regulator.

Banks have requested the Reserve Bank of India to take up the matter with SEBI so that the resolution plan can be implemented in totality. DHFL's debt is about ₹80,000 crore.

Separately, the company also said that one of the joint statutory auditors of the company – Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP – has resigned as statutory auditors with immediate effect.

Auto firms seek stimulus to spur demand

To meet FM with two key requests — cut in GST rate, steps to boost liquidity

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Amid declining sales and job cuts in the sector, the automobile industry will meet Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday to seek a stimulus package to help spur demand ahead of the upcoming festive season.

"We largely have two demands – reduction of GST and introduction of measures to improve liquidity," an industry representative, who did not want to be named, said.

Reeling under slowdown

The industry has been reeling under slowdown in demand with sales across categories declining over 12% in the June quarter of 2019 over the same quarter last year.

"The slowdown has hit all segments of the auto industry – four-wheelers, two-wheelers, commercial vehicles and even tractors. Now, the festive season is approaching. If the government takes some proactive measures, this festive season we could see good demand," N.K. Minda, chairman and managing director, Uno Minda Group, which manufactures and supplies auto components to OEMs, told *The Hindu*.

Auto sales across categories declined over 12% in the June quarter of 2019.

Mr. Minda said the industry is seeking rationalisation of GST – currently between 18-28% – for the sector, Besides, solving the NBFCs crisis is "definitely required," he said, adding that they would seek some sort of duty to discourage import of auto components from China.

Make in India

"We must encourage Make in India. We want to request if there is some kind of minimum import duty that the government can consider... I can understand players like Volkwagen importing parts from Germany or Honda, Suzuki importing from Japan, Hyundai, Kia from Korea and so on... But there are no players from China," he reasoned.

It is estimated that 27% of total auto components imports worth over $1 billion are imported from China.

Another representative from the automobile industry pointed out that with monsoons getting better, a little push from the government can help make the second half of the year much better than the first half.

"We have another disruption coming in the form of switch to BS-VI compliant vehicles. If the industry doesn't get the much-needed push now, no one can say how long the slowdown will last. A cut in GST rates will help trigger demand in the short-term."

Tata Steel deal with HBIS falls through

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Tata Steel's deal to sell 70% stake in its southeast Asian business to HBIS Group has fallen through as the latter failed to procure the requisite approvals, a precondition for the deal.

"We have been informed by HBIS that they have not been able to procure the requisite approvals from the Hebei Government, one of the key conditions precedent for the proposed transaction," Tata Steel said in a statement.

Tata Steel will begin engagement with other investors to find a partner for the southeast Asian business, the company statement added.

NIIF to get up to $2 bn from AustralianSuper, Ontario Teachers'

AUM for India fund to exceed $1.8 bn

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

AustralianSuper, one of Australia's largest superannuation fund and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (Ontario Teachers'), one of Canada's largest single-profession pension plans, have each signed agreements with the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India for investments of up to $1 billion each in NIIF's Master Fund.

The agreements include commitments of $250 million each in the Master Fund and co-investment rights of up to $750 million each in future opportunities alongside the fund.

This marks the third close of the NIIF Master Fund. AustralianSuper and Ontario Teachers' will now join the Government of India (GOI), Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), Temasek, HDFC Group, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance and Axis Bank as investors in the fund, said NIIF in a statement.

AustralianSuper and Ontario Teachers' will also become shareholders in National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited, NIIF's investment management company.

Domestic investors HDFC Life and Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance have further committed ₹600 million in the third round.

Largest infra fund

With this, NIIF Master Fund becomes the largest infrastructure fund in India with assets under management of over $1.8 billion and a co-investment pool of $2.5 billion, which will enable the fund to invest at the scale required for large infrastructure requirements in India.

Sujoy Bose, MD and CEO, NIIF, said: "We are delighted to welcome two of the world's leading pension funds as investors in the NIIF Master Fund and as shareholders of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited, alongside other eminent investors."

The fund invests in equity capital of core infrastructure sectors in India with a focus on transportation, energy and urban infrastructure.

"AustralianSuper and Ontario Teachers' are among the most respected infrastructure investors in the world and bring considerable global perspective and value to NIIF.

"Their significant investments demonstrate the international interest in Indian infrastructure and reconfirms the many strengths of NIIF, which positions it as one of the primary Indian pooling vehicles for global capital," Mr. Bose added.

The Master Fund has a tenure of 15 years and is denominated in Indian rupees to suit the requirements of the infrastructure sector.

Titan posts 6.17% rise in Q1 net profit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Titan Company, the jewellery and watch arm of the Tata Group, reported a 6.17% year-on-year growth in its standalone net profit to ₹370.73 crore during the first quarter ended June 30.

In the quarter, the company's standalone total income increased 14.72% to ₹4,995.64 crore in Q1FY20 against ₹4,354.52 crore in Q1FY19, the company said in a statement on Tuesday.

Bhaskar Bhat, managing director, said, "The macroeconomic environment coupled with lower consumption have impacted some of our businesses. The retail growth in jewellery was driven by encouraging performance in the studded as well as wedding jewellery segments."

GIC picks up 49% in IRB road platform for ₹4,400 crore

Proceeds to help fund under-construction projects

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, through its affiliates, has agreed to pick up a 49% stake in IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited's (IRB) road platform for ₹4,400 crore.

As part of the deal, IRB will transfer nine of its road assets into a private infrastructure investment trust in which IRB will hold a controlling stake of 51%, while GIC will hold 49% in the investment manager (IM) entity formed to manage the private trust.

IRB will transfer 9 of its road assets to a private infrastructure investment trust

BOT projects

"The portfolio includes 1,200 km of built-operate-and-transfer (BOT) road projects in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Three of these projects have recently become operational and the balance six are under various stages of construction.

Five of the assets under construction are 4- to 6-laning projects, where tolling as well as construction have already begun," the company said in a statement.

It also added that these projects were strategically located along economic corridors and across tourist hubs.

The deal was approved by the board on Tuesday, following which IRB signed binding definitive agreements with GIC for a total investment of up to ₹4,400 crore, including funding of future construction costs.

The proposed investment is subject to regulatory approvals, lender consents and other applicable approvals, the statement added.

"The investment proceeds from GIC will be used for de-leveraging of the portfolio, equity funding for under construction projects of the portfolio.

"IRB will have management control over these assets with GIC having standard/customary rights of a financial investor and corresponding board representation," the statement said.

New norms for insurance marketing

N. RAVI KUMAR
HYDERABAD

Insurance regulator IRDAI has notified changes to regulations governing insurance marketing firms (IMFs).

For IMFs to launch operations in only one district, which is an aspirational district as defined by NITI Aayog or an economically backward district, a net worth of ₹5 lakh would suffice. The net worth would continue to be a minimum of ₹10 lakh for all other cases. Another amendment permits the IMFs to engage with Agriculture Insurance Company of India and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation. This would be in addition to existing norms allowing them to solicit business for two life, two general and two health insurers.

BP, RIL form JV to retail fuel, ATF

Venture to build on RIL's network, eyes 5,500 sites in 5 years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

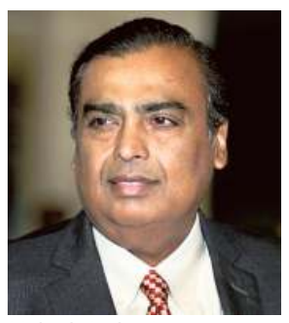
BP and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) will form a joint venture (JV) to set up petrol pumps and retail aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

The joint venture will include a retail service station network across India, said both the companies in a joint statement without disclosing the deal amount.

RIL will hold 51% in the JV while BP will have the remaining 49% stake.

Building on RIL's existing Indian fuel retailing network and an ATF business, the partners expect the JV to expand rapidly to help meet India's fast-growing demand for energy and mobility.

India is expected to be the fastest-growing fuel market in the world over the next 20 years, with the number of passenger cars in the country estimated to grow almost sixfold over the period.



Mukesh Ambani

The JV will incorporate and build on RIL's current fuel retailing network of over 1,400 sites across India, which the partners aim to grow rapidly to up to 5,500 sites over the next five years.

The JV will also include RIL's aviation fuels business, which currently operates at over 30 airports across India, providing participation in this rapidly-growing market.

Mukesh Ambani, CMD, RIL and BP's CEO Bob Dudley signed heads of the agreement for the venture on Tuesday.

Mr. Ambani said: "Our robust partnership in developing gas resources in India has now expanded to fuel retailing and aviation fuels. This transformative partnership will deepen our engagement with the consumers in further enhancing the world-class services across the country."

Mr. Dudley said: "BP is already a large investor here and we see further attractive, strategic opportunities to support this growth.

"Together we will work to provide consumers across India the high-quality fuels, convenience retail and services they need, continuing to drive modernisation and mobility solutions across the country," he added.

Benelli aims to sell 5,000 bikes by 2020 end, expand dealerships

Firm to launch its globally-renowned superbikes in India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Superbike maker Benelli has announced expansion plans in India to increase its base in the country. The company, which has sold about 1,000 units so far this year, plans to end this calendar year with a sales volume of 2,000 units.

Hyderabad-based Adishwar Auto Ride India, which is assembling and selling the Benelli range of superbikes in India through a network of dealers, is planning to achieve a sales volume of 5,000 units by the end of 2020 when it will have a total dealership network of 60. Currently, the company has 19 dealers in 19 cities and by March 2020, it plans to have 40 dealers, a top executive said.

Hot wheels: Vikas Jhabakh, MD, Benelli India, with the new Leoncino launched in India on Monday.

"We are on an expansion spree. Now that we have addressed all concerns of all stakeholders, we will be introducing more models at different price points to attract new customers. Our expanded network and product portfolio will support our growth," said Vikas Jhabakh, managing director, Benelli India. He said the company would soon introduce some of latest and globally renowned Benelli superbikes in the Indian market. On Monday, the company launched the all new Leoncino at ₹4.79 lakh (ex-showroom, India) with 5-year unlimited kilometre warranty.

No end in sight to internal feud at Indigo

Gangwal opposes resolution, picks holes in proposed board structure; chairman dismisses concerns

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The boardroom battle between the two co-founders of IndiGo is far from over, with Rakesh Gangwal opposed to the resolution proposed to address his concerns over "unusual" powers enjoyed by Rahul Bhatia.

Early on Tuesday, Mr. Gangwal made public a letter he wrote to the board on August 5, asserting that the 'package' proposed to resolve issues flagged by him, which included expanding the board to include 10 members, would only further empower Mr. Bhatia.

IGAL informed the BSE that the website where Mr. Gangwal posted his letter was not authorised by the company. ▪ REUTERS

Board of seven

He, instead, suggested a board of seven members from the existing six. In response, IndiGo's parent company, InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IGAL), shared the reply of the chairman of the board M. Damodaran, rejecting these fears.

"All of us realised that the proposed board structure created a large loophole that gives the IGE Group additional powers that they do not have today. Essentially, when there are less than 4 independent directors, it would allow the IGE Group to pass any company policy that they want just on the basis of their board numbers being larger than all the other board members combined," Mr. Gangwal said in his letter, which has also been sent to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, SEBI and BSE.

In this powerful position, the IGE could change the RPT policy, Mr. Gangwal has alleged.

He said that unless the loophole was resolved, he would not be able to vote in favour of the amendments to the Articles of Association.

"Seeking shareholder approval for the new board size without closing this large loophole is governance negligence and tramples on the rights of minority shareholders."

To break this impasse, Mr. Gangwal proposed adding a woman independent director to the existing Board of six directors.

However, Mr. Damodaran responded to Mr. Gangwal's e-mail dismissing his concerns, which was shared by IndiGo with the stock exchanges.

The reply states that the four new members would include an independent woman director, a whole-time executive director, an independent director and a nominee of the IGE Group.

This would effectively mean only one additional nominee of IGE on the Board. Mr. Damodaran wrote that the concerns raised by Mr. Gangwal "do no credit to the IDs (Independent Directors) that will be on the board, or to the fiduciary responsibilities of the directors, including those nominated by the IGE Group."

'No separate meetings'

Mr. Damodaran has also assured that following the annual general meeting of the shareholders, there will be separate meetings to finalise the RPT policy and appoint an independent woman director.

The IGAL also informed the BSE that the website where Mr. Gangwal posted his letter was not authorised by the company and therefore its contents should not be relied upon.

IN BRIEF

USFDA nod for Granules' nervous system drug

HYDERABAD

The US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has approved the Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) filed by Granules Pharmaceuticals Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Granules India, for Amphetamine Sulfate tablets USP 5 mg and 10 mg. The product is bioequivalent to the reference listed drug product (RLD), Evekeo Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, of Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC.

HDFC Bank reduces lending rates by 10 bps

MUMBAI

India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank on Tuesday cut its lending rates by 10 basis points (bps) across all tenors, effective Wednesday, sources said. The move comes a day ahead of the policy review by the Reserve Bank of India, which is reportedly peeved at lenders for not passing on its three consecutive rate cuts of 0.75% to the borrowers. With this, HDFC Bank's one-year MCLR comes to 8.6%. PTI

Sundaram Finance Q1 net up 11.94%

CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Ltd., a leading non-banking finance firm, reported an 11.94% growth in its standalone net profit to ₹157.53 crore for the first quarter ended June 2019. During the period, total income from operations rose to ₹923.07 crore from ₹851.19 crore. Disbursements for Q1 increased to ₹4,414 crore, from ₹4,096 crore. Assets Under Management grew to ₹29,977 crore from ₹25,930 crore. The deposit base crossed ₹3,000 crore.

NSEL: Aastha may pay ₹100 cr. dues

Aastha Minmet India and Juggernaut Projects plan to sell their land parcels

ASHISH RUKHAIYAR
MUMBAI

The ₹5,574-crore settlement crisis at the National Spot Exchange Ltd. (NSEL), which came to light six years ago, could finally see some money being recovered as two of the accused entities have filed a proposal to pay ₹100 crore to settle their outstanding dues.

Aastha Minmet India and Juggernaut Projects, both belonging to the Aastha Group, have filed an application at the MPID Court, which is hearing the NSEL matters.

The Aastha group has already paid ₹32 crore out of the total ₹158 crore over the last three years. ▪ GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

'No fraudulent intention'

MPID refers to the Maharashtra Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, under which cases have been filed against the accused entities. While the entities have proposed to pay ₹100 crore by selling their land parcels located at Hyderabad and Cuttack, the settlement proposal also states that if there are outstanding dues after disposing the assets, the same would be repaid within 12 months of the court's approval of the settlement plan.

"We have no fraudulent intention and would like to settle the payment of ₹100 crore as proposed on behalf of Aastha Minmet India Ltd. and Juggernaut Projects Limited," Mohit Singhal, MD, Aastha Group, told *The Hindu*. "In due course of the investigation, the real facts of the situation will emerge. It has been over five years and yet the liabilities are not ascertained. There has been no recovery in this case and hence our offer towards settlement is an earnest step in that direction. We can only offer but the authorities need to come forward and accept or suggest some solution," he added.

The money trail in the case of Aastha Group, as established by the Enforcement Directorate, is pegged at ₹180 crore, while the claim by NSEL is ₹230 crore. The Bombay High Court has passed a decree while fixing the total liability of Aastha Group at ₹158 crore. The group has already paid ₹32 crore over three years and is now proposing to settle the outstanding dues of ₹126 crore by paying ₹100 crore.

NSE, SGX get nod for joint proposal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Singapore Exchange (SGX) have received a set of approved regulatory dispensations from their statutory regulators on the joint proposal that NSE and SGX submitted earlier this year.

The proposed NSE International Financial Service Centre (IFSC)-SGX Connect aims to bring together the trading of Nifty products in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) and create a larger pool of liquidity comprising international and home market participants, stated a joint release by the exchanges.

The Connect model will enable SGX and NSE IFSC members to access Nifty products in GIFT, it added.

Lakshmi Vilas Bank Q1 net loss rises to ₹237 cr.

Private lender's interest income drops

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Private sector lender Lakshmi Vilas Bank's (LVB) standalone net loss for the first quarter ended June 2019 widened to ₹237 crore from ₹124 crore registered during the corresponding year-earlier period, on a fall in interest income and higher provisioning.

"Capital is scarce. Credit book is not growing and it continues to affect our profits," said Parthasarathi Mukherjee, MD and CEO, Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

"Efforts are on to raise capital. The process has started. Soon after the impending merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance, all the issues will be taken care of," he said.

Asked how long could they manage without funds, he said that they had been managing it for the last few quarters. "Hopefully, this might not go on for long," he said.

Net interest income stood at ₹123 crore against ₹130 crore. Net interest margin rose to 1.65% from 1.48%. Capital adequacy ratio came down to 6.46% from 9.45%.

Provisions and contingencies rose to ₹212 crore compared with ₹162 crore in the year-earlier period. Other income dipped to ₹53 crore from ₹61 crore in the year-earlier period.

Gross non-performing assets as a percentage of gross advances increased to 17.30% from 10.73%. Provision coverage ratio stood at 63.08%. Net NPAs rose to 8.30% from 5.96%.

Berger eyes Russian paint firms

Target companies are in the decorative paints segment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Berger Paints India Ltd. (BPIL) is eyeing a few Russian paint companies for probable acquisition.

These firms are in the decorative paints' segment, which is BPIL's largest business. It may help scale up BPIL's existing operations in Russia, according to sources.

Abhijit Roy

Expanding footprint

Tapping new segments and verticals and expanding footprint through mergers and acquisitions are among the areas that the company has identified for increased operational efficiency, according to its latest annual report .

BPIL chairman K. S. Dhingra and MD and CEO Abhijit Roy, however, declined to comment on the matter, while addressing a post-annual general meeting press briefing. However, in a regulatory filing, the company said its board "recognised that the company is considering investment opportunities in Russia to complement its existing operations . However, no decision has been taken in this regard."

BPIL operates a decorative paints unit - Berger Paints Overseas Ltd. (BPOL), Russia, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berger Cyprus Bolix SA Poland. BPOL faced an impairment loss of ₹28.6 crore in 2018-19. Mr. Dhingra said this was mainly on account of rouble's weakness. "It is now gaining strength and we may invest in an industrial paints facility," he said. Mr. Roy told the shareholders that the unit was doing better now.

On the impact of the auto sector's slowdown on BPIL, Mr. Roy said the business had countered this through forays into new accounts "where BPIL was not present."

Syndicate Bank set to embark on a ₹100-crore digital transformation journey

Evaluating proposals from Accenture, Capgemini, McKinsey, KPMG, BCG: MD

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Syndicate Bank is all set to embark on a mega digital transformation journey that will cost the bank at least ₹100 crore, according to Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, who took over the reins of the bank less than a year ago.

Mrutyunjay Mahapatra

Digital architecture

In an exclusive interaction, Mr. Mahapatra, the managing director and chief executive officer of the bank, said: "We are engaging a transformation management partner who can set up a solid digital architecture for us. We have already floated RFPs [request for proposals] and a bunch of consulting firms including Accenture, Capgemini, McKinsey, KPMG and Boston Consulting Group have shown interest."

Mr. Mahapatra said the bank was currently evaluating the proposals it received and a final decision would be taken by September end, adding that the exercise would cost it not less than ₹100 crore. "It is not tough to buy technology. But putting it to effective use and eventually changing the culture of the bank is what we are exploring," he added.

Listing out the prerequisites that the bank expects from a technology consultant, he said, "It's going to be a techno-commercial engagement. We will consider a firm that comes with prior experience in a similar transformation exercise in a comparable bank. Part of the payment will be variable or based on the delivery of the promised deliverables. Eventually, the firm should be able to transfer knowledge and technology to the bank in addition to giving it seamless and continued support."

Commenting on the expected RoI (return on investment) from the digital transformation exercise, Mr. Mahapatra, who earlier served as Chief Information Officer and DMD at SBI, said the bank was expecting a clear RoI starting from the first three months of the Operation Digital.

"Quick wins are expected, some results will come within three months... some in 6 months and also in 12 months," he added.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Procurement (IREPS) Tender Notice No. H-E-08-2019-20 Dated : 01-08-2019

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders (IREPS) for the following works.

Name of work	Approx. Value
1. Proposed construction of Mechanized Laundry at Vasco-Da-Gama - Electrical arrangements.	Rs. 10,72,199/-
2. Annual Maintenance contract for water Coolers in Hubballi Division for the period of 3 years.	Rs. 10,49,086/-
3. Lighting arrangements to the 2 No's of Locos displayed in Hubballi.	Rs. 6,94,058/-

Last date of submission of bids : **03-09-2019 up to 11.00 hrs.**

For details log on to website : www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer South Western Railway, Hubballi

PUB/186/AAAK/PRB/SWR/2019-20

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION BHUBANESWAR

CORRIGENDUM

Necessary modification have been made in **e-Tender Notice No.NGRE_CIVIL_OT_2019-20_4, Date : 25.07.2019, Name of work the portion: "SUPPLYING AND ERECTION OF HEIGHT GAUGES"** will be deleted. **Estimated cost** will be read as **₹5,02,68,330.52** instead of ₹6,27,28,780.52. **EMD** will be read as **₹4,01,400/-** instead of ₹4,63,700/-.

All other terms & conditions will remains unchanged.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Bhubaneswar

PR-275/K/19-20

Government of India
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX
Civil Engineering Division,
ECIL Post, Hyderabad - 500 062.
PHONE NOS. 040-27184296, FAX: 040-27122532

CORRIGENDUM

Dates for Tender Notice No. C/1205/2019 for the work "Civil and other allied works for Construction of Storage Space for Spares at 1st Floor of Maintenance Building of SSTP at NFC, Hyd." AND Tender Notice No.C/1201/2019 for the work " Civil, Structural Steel and PH works for construction of Office cum Stores Building for Central Stores at NFC, Hyd are extended : Tender request: Upto 19.08.2019, Online submission: 24.08.2019, Tendering Opening-28.08.2019. **With reference to T N No.C/1202/2019 : EMD is Rs.1.44 lakhs and Online submission is 08.08.2019 instead of Rs.1.40 lakhs and 20.05.2019 respectively. All other conditions remain unaltered. Detailed NIT available in www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.**

Sd/-
Sr. Superintending Engineer (Q, PH, CMS &EM)

Government of India
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLEX
ZIRCONIUM SPONGE PLANT
ECIL Post, Hyderabad - 500 062.

Notice inviting tenders
Tender notice No: NFC/ZSP/2019-20/PC-06

On behalf of the president of India, sealed tenders are invited for "Providing assistance in Handling, Segregation, packing of MgCl2 , solid waste & other byproducts and shifting of metallic, non metallic scrap solid waste by engaging hired lorry- reg. at ZIRCONIUM SPONGE PLANT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF Rs.32,22,410/-.EMD is Rs64,448/- Period of contract :12 months(285 working days).Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the O/o GM,ZSP on payment of Rs.500/- in the form of DD/BC drawn in favour of PAO,NFC.

Last date for issue of tender forms : 17.08.2019 till 14.00 hours.
Last date of tender forms submission : 21.08.2019 up to 14.00 hrs
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EAST COAST RAILWAY
ENGINEERING WORKS

(1) Tender Notice No. eT-WAT-South-18-2019 Dt. : 01.08.2019

Name of the Work : "MAKING FOOD COOKING (10 TO 12 PERSONS) IN CAMPING COACHES FOR TRACK MACHINE WORKING FOR A PERIOD OF 23 MONTHS, AT 16 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OVER WALTAIR DIVISION".

Approx cost of the work : ₹ 48,46,560/-, EMD: ₹ 96,940/-, Cost of Tender document : ₹ 3,540/-, Completion period of the work: 23 months

(2) Tender Notice No. eT-WAT-South-19-2019 Dt. : 01.08.2019

Name of the Work : "CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CABINS AT MARSHALLING YARD UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ MARSHALLING YARD/WALTAIR".

Approx cost of the work : ₹ 4,92,10,734.68, EMD: ₹ 3,96,000/-, Cost of Tender document : ₹ 11,800/-, Completion period of the work: 12 months

(3) Tender Notice No. eT-WAT-South-20-2019 Dt. : 01.08.2019

Name of the Work : "PROPOSED BLOCK PLANTATION FOR 6200 PLANTS (3100 NOS. FOR ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/TRACK & 3100 NOS. FOR ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ MARSHALLING YARD) ALONG THE SIDE OF THE TRACK INCLUDING MAINTENANCE FOR 2 YEARS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SENIOR DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/ SOUTH/WALTAIR. (KM.831-878 IN PATCHES)".

Approx cost of the work : ₹ 40,15,270/-, EMD: ₹ 80,300/-, Cost of Tender document : ₹ 3,540/-, Completion period of the work: 12 months

(4) Tender Notice No. eT-WAT-South-21-2019 Dt. : 01.08.2019

Name of the Work : "HANDING OVER OF NEW UP KK-LINE BETWEEN KOTTAVALASA AND MALLIVIDU STATIONS FROM KM.00 TO 3/31 FOR A LENGTH OF ABOUT 3.7 KM ON KK-LINE TO OPEN LINE ORGANIZATION BY CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT".

Approx cost of the work : ₹ 1,48,17,054.76, EMD: ₹ 2,24,000/-, Cost of Tender document : ₹ 5,900/-, Completion period of the work: 12 months

Tender closing date & time : 1330 hrs. of 29.08.2019 (for all tenders).

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : **http://www.ireps.gov.in**

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Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), Waltair

PR-271/K/19-20

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender No. 2019/WP/Engg/KRNT/WT-05 (Open)

e-tender (open) are invited on behalf of the President of India with following detials.

1. Name of the work with its location : Transportation of P.Way materials, Provision of Low Height subway (LHS) for elimination of manned level crossing gate No. 129 C, Extension of LHS 131 between Alampur Road and Kurnool Town stations and Extension of Bridge 439, 440 including panel Room a with setting up of CMLR Kurnool. **2. Approximate cost of the work :** Rs. 13,50,11,562.25 **3. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 8,25,100/- **4. Date & Time for closing of e-tender :** 12.09.2019 at 13:00 Hrs. **5. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded :** Tender can only be down loaded and Bided from IREPS **website : www.ireps.gov.in** For any other information please contact office of Chief Engineer-I/Workshop Projects, Indian Railways, Chamber Bhawan, 4th floor (Engg. Deptt.) J.C. Road, Patna-800001.

Dy.CE/KRNT/WP Chamber Bhawan, J.C. Road, Patna

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
TENDER NOTICE NO. NFC/ZSP/19-20/PC-07

On behalf of the President of India, Sealed tenders are invited from competent and well experienced contractors for **"Providing Necessary Assistance in Shredding of Zirconium Sponge using 120 HP Shredders at ZSP"** at an Estimated Cost of **Rs. 16,07,230/-, EMD of Rs. 32,150/-, Period of Contract: 18 months. Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the O/o General Manager, ZSP on payment of Rs. 500/- in the form of DD/BC payable at Hyderabad drawn in favor of PAO, NFC.**

Issue of Tender document : **From 07.08.2019 to 20.08.2019**
Last Date for receipt of tender : **25.08.2019 (up to 14:00 hrs)**
Tender Opening : **25.08.2019 (at 14:30 hrs)**
For further details kindly visit our website **www.nfc.gov.in**

General Manager, ZSP

Government of India
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY DIRECTORATE OF PURCHASE & STORES
Madras Regional Purchase Unit (MRPU)

E-TENDER NOTICE

ONLINE tenders are invited by Regional Director, MRPU for and on behalf of President of India for the following tender enquiries.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Due Date : up to 14:30 Hrs.
1	DPS/MRPU/INRPK/ CAP/9526/TPT-2662	600 TR CHILLERS & ACCESSORIES	13/09/2019

Complete tender documents are available in the e-tender portal **http://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in**. The tender should be submitted ONLINE as per the tender document.

REF : MRPU/PT/ET/389 **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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EAST COAST RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION WORK

e-Tender Notice No. ETCECONHQBBS 2019030 Dt. : 31.07.2019

Name of the Work : TALCHER-BIMALAGARH NEW B.G. RAIL LINK PROJECT : (I) EXECUTION OF EARTHWORK, MINOR BRIDGES & OTHER ALLIED WORKS BETWEEN CH. 28940M-29500M (II) CONSTRUCTION OF STATION BUILDINGS, H.L PLATFORM, PLATFORM SHELTER, SIGNAL GOOMTIES, BOUNDARY WALL, ROAD, DEEP TUBEWELL ETC. AT SAMAL, PARABIL & KHAMAR, OFFICE BUILDINGS & P.WAY STORE AT KHAMAR INCLUDING ELECTRIFICATION AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS (III) CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE SIDE DRAIN, TOE WALL AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORKS BETWEEN TALCHER-SUNAKHANI STATIONS & SAMAL-PARABIL STATIONS (IV) 3RD & 4TH LINE BETWEEN BUDHAPANK AND SALEGAON : CONSTRUCTION OF STORE OFFICE INCLUDING ELECTRIFICATION FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION UNIT NEAR INDOOR HALL AT MANCHESWAR & (V) 3RD & 4TH LINE BETWEEN JARPADA AND BUDHAPANK : UPGRADATION OF SUBSTATION & POWER SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT.

Approx cost of the work : 2436.39 Lakhs, EMD: ₹ 13,68,200/-, Cost of Tender document : ₹ 11,800/-, Completion period of the work: 18 months

Tender closing date & time : 1200 hrs. of 26.08.2019.

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Chief Administrative Officer (Con)/ Bhubaneswar

PR-34/CC/19-20

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CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION
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BRIEF e-TENDER NOTICE Date: 02.08.2019

File No.: CMD/EMS/EST/E-161/2018-19, CMD/EMS/EST/E-016/2019-20

On behalf of President of India, **on-line Item rate tenders (e-Tenders)** are invited from contractors of appropriate class for the following works by Group Director, CMG, SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota - 524124.

E-Notice Inviting Tender No.	PT - E - 19 - 017	PT - E - 19 - 018
Title of Work	Removing of old MV panel and providing end terminations at FLP substation, SDSC SHAR. (Electrical work)	Providing UPS distribution panels and augmentation of main MV panels at wind profiler, SDSC SHAR. (Electrical work)
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 09.05 Lakhs	₹ 19.61 Lakhs
Period of Completion	06 Month(s)	03 Month(s)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 18,100/-	₹ 39220/-

Period during which the tender document can be downloaded : From 10:30 Hrs 06.08.2019 To 14:30 Hrs 14.08.2019

Last date and time for uploading of tenders: 14:30 Hrs on 20.08.2019

Due date and time of opening of tenders: 15:00 Hrs on 20.08.2019

Interested tenderers may please log on to **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for eligibility, Terms & Conditions and participating in tenders. For further details please contact this office of Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota over Phone No.: 08623-226431, 226370 (or) visit our website **www.isro.gov.in**

Sd/- Group Director,CMG, SDSC-SHAR

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INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Army Public School, Golconda, celebrated their Annual Investiture Ceremony on 24th July. The ceremony was graced with the presence of Col. Ravindra Kuber, Deputy Commandant Artillery Centre Hyderabad as Chief Guest, accompanied by Mrs. Kuber. The academic excellence prizes were distributed by Mrs. Kuber. Principal, Mrs. Vidya Muralidharan, motivated the children to keep moving forward despite all obstacles and challenges in life.

ANNUAL LITERARY FEST

Kennedy High the global school, Bachupally, celebrated their Annual Literary Fest, Resonance, on 18th July. The fest had a diverse array of competitions. The event witnessed their largest attendance till date with around 350 students participating from various schools from different parts of the city. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Chairman.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Kondapur, conducted their annual Investiture Ceremony on 27th July. Principal, Mrs. Vasanthy Parasuraman, administered the oath to the new student cabinet consisting of the Head boy, Head girl, Captains and Vice Captains.

For Subscription related queries, please contact Vijaya Rama Raju: Handphone: +91 98488 34944/Email: vijayaramaraju.c@thehindu.co.in

Pant, Kohli help India sweep series

The duo hit half-centuries after Deepak Chahar rocks the West Indies top-order

INDIA IN WI

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

Rishabh Pant finally came good under the guidance of skipper Virat Kohli as India comfortably beat West Indies by seven wickets in the third T20 International, to complete a 3-0 sweep, here on Tuesday.

Chasing a target of 147 on a slowish deck, Kohli anchored the innings with his 21st half-century in T20 Internationals (59, 45b, 6x4) while Pant was brilliant during his unbeaten 65 (42b, 4x4, 4x6) as the visitor made it in 19.1 overs.

Pant and Kohli, who came together at 27 for two, put on 106 runs in 12.5 overs. However till their 50-run stand, the duo didn't go hammer and tongs at the Windies attack.

It was in the 13th over when Pant finally gave the charge, getting his first six – a flat hit over extra cover off Keemo Paul's bowling. He was to repeat the same shot off the same bowler for the same result!

Once he had reached his second T20I half-century, Pant got on one knee and hit Oshane Thomas for his third six, while his fourth and final maximum got India the winning runs.

The dazzler: Deepak Chahar is over the moon after sending back Shimron Hetmyer. ▪ AFP

Pollard attacks

Earlier, Deepak Chahar's incisive swing bowling was countered by Kieron Pollard's attacking half-century and Rovman Powell's cameo as the West Indies totalled 146 for six after being put into bat.

The Rajasthan seamer made full use of his only opportunity in this tour taking three wickets in his first two overs to leaving West Indies tottering at 14 for three. He got the ball to swing both ways while removing Sunil Narine (2), Evin Lewis (10) and Shimron Hetmyer (1). This effort was to fetch him the man-of-the-match award.

Pollard counter-attacked with with as many as half-a-dozen sixes in his 45-ball-58 – his first half-century for the West Indies in seven years. Along with Nicholas Pooran (17), who played the second fiddle, Pollard added 66 for the fourth wicket as the host looked to have recovered from the initial slump.

However, Navdeep Saini came back for his second spell to first dismiss left-hander Pooran and then pegged back Pollard's middle stump.

With the host reduced to 105 for five, Powell smashed his way to an unbeaten 32 off 20 balls to prop up the total.

▪ The ODI series begins at the same venue on Aug. 8 (7 p.m. IST)

SCOREBOARD WEST INDIES V INDIA, THIRD T20I

WEST INDIES

Evin Lewis lbw b Deepak Chahar 10 *(11b, 1x4)*, Sunil Narine c Saini b Deepak Chahar 2 *(6b)*, Shimron Hetmyer lbw b Deepak Chahar 1 *(3b)*, Kieron Pollard b Saini 58 *(45b, 1x4, 6x6)*, Nicholas Pooran c Pant b Saini 17 *(23b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Rovman Powell (not out) 32 *(20b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Carlos Brathwaite c Washington b Rahul Chahar 10 *(7b, 1x6)*, Fabian Allen (not out) 8 *(5b, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-4, w-4): 8; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 146.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-4 (Narine, 1.5 overs), 2-13 (Lewis, 3.1), 3-14 (Hetmyer, 3.5), 4-80 (Pooran, 13.1), 5-105 (Pollard, 15.4), 6-119 (Brathwaite, 17.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-0-19-0, Deepak Chahar 3-1-4-3, Saini 4-0-34-2, Rahul Chahar 3-0-27-1, Washington 3-0-23-0, Krunal 4-0-35-0.

INDIA

K.L. Rahul c Pooran b Allen 20 *(18b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Shikhar Dhawan c Cottrell b Thomas 3 *(5b)*, Virat Kohli c Lewis b Thomas 59 *(45b, 6x4)*, Rishabh Pant (not out) 65 *(42b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Manish Pandey (not out) 2 *(5b)*; Extras (w-1): 1; Total (for three wkts. in 19.1 overs): 150.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-10 (Dhawan, 1.6 overs), 2-27 (Rahul, 4.4), 3-133 (Kohli, 17.3).

WEST INDIES BOWLING

Cottrell 4-0-26-0, Thomas 4-0-29-2, Allen 3-0-18-1, Narine 4-0-29-0, Brathwaite 2.1-0-25-0, Paul 2-0-23-0.

Toss: India. **MoM:** Deepak Chahar; **MoS:** Krunal Pandya.

India won by seven wkts. with five balls to spare and swept the series 3-0.

STAT SPHERE

1 Pollard (58) registered his first half-century since the unbeaten 63 he scored against NZ at Lauderhill in June 2012. Since then, he went without a fifty in 31 innings

1 **Pant**'s 65* is the highest by an Indian wicket-keeper in T20Is. The youngster has become the first Indian to score two T20I fifties before turning 22 years

2 Deepak Chahar's spell of 3-1-4-3 is the second most economical bowling (min. 3 overs) for India in T20Is, after Bhuvneshwar's 3-0-3-0 against WI (Mirpur, 2014)

4 India has recorded its fourth 3-0 victory in a three-match bilateral T20I series

6 Number of consecutive losses suffered by West Indies, its worst streak. The team had earlier lost five games on the trot to Pakistan in 2017-18

16 Number of consecutive dot balls bowled by Deepak Chahar after conceding three runs off his first two deliveries

21 Number of 50-plus scores notched up by Kohli in T20Is, the joint most with Rohit. Guptill is third with 16

Duleep Trophy to revert to red ball

Domestic season-opener in Bengaluru from Aug. 17 to Sept. 8

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Pink-ball cricket was the only saving grace for the Duleep Trophy, a tournament that's been struggling for relevance in the recent past. Come next week and the season-opening fixture that was once virtually considered to be a selection trial for India's Test squad will revert to red-ball cricket.

The tournament, to be played in Bengaluru from August 17 to September 8, will revert to the traditional format after experimenting with pink-ball cricket under floodlights for the last three editions.

Considering the Indian team's opposition to playing a pink-ball Test – even overseas, let alone at home – it is understandable that the BCCI has halted the experiment for the Duleep Trophy.

Logistical challenges

However, Saba Karim, the BCCI general manager - cricket operations, preferred to focus on the logistical challenges, including lack of broadcast of matches except for the final as the primary reason than India's reluctance to play a floodlit Test.

Shubman Gill. ▪ FILE PHOTO

"We were finding it very difficult to get a venue. Only a couple of days back were we able to finalise it. That is why only the final will now be telecast. It does not make sense to play the tournament with the pink ball," Karim said.

The captains

Promising batsman Shubman Gill, Vidarbha's successive Ranji Trophy-winning captain Faiz Fazal and Gujarat captain Priyank Panchal will lead India Blue, India Green and India Red in the tournament. The national selection panel, headed by M.S.K. Prasad, announced the squads on Tuesday.

Interestingly, the tournament will not feature a single Tamil Nadu player despite 44 top performers in domestic cricket being divided in three teams.

The squads:

India Blue: Shubman Gill (capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rajat Patidar, Ricky Bhui, Anmolpreet Singh, Ankeet Bawane, Snell Patel (wk), Shreyas Gopal, Saurabh Kumar, Jalaj Saxena, Tushar Deshpande, Basil Thampi, Aniket Choudhary, Diwesh Pathania, Ashutosh Aman.

India Green: Faiz Fazal (capt.), Akshath Reddy, Dhruv Shorey, Siddhesh Lad, Priyam Garg, Akshdeep Nath, Rahul Chahar, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, Jayant Yadav, Ankit Rajpoot, Ishan Porel, Tanveer-Ul-Haq, Akshay Wadkar (wk), Rajesh Mohanty, Milind Kumar.

India Red: Priyank Panchal (capt.), Abhimanyu Easwaran, Axar Patel, Karun Nair, Ishan Kishan (wk), Harpreet Singh Bhatia, Mahipal Lomror, Aditya Sarwate, Akshay Wakhare, Varun Aaron, Ronit More, Jaydev Unadkat, Sandeep Warrier, Ankit Kalsi.

Saha on song

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TRINIDAD

Wriddhiman Saha's counter-attacking 62 (65b, 9x4, 1x6) took India-A to 180 for five in 58 overs on the opening day of the third 'Test' against West Indies-A here on Tuesday.

Hanuma Vihari (51) and Shivam Dube (19) were at the crease.

Asked to bat, India-A lost opener Abhimanyu Easwaran for a duck before Mayank Agarwal (33) and Shubman Gill departed off successive balls in the 20th over.

However, Vihari and Saha rescued the side.

The scores: India-A 180 for five (Mayank Agarwal 33, Hanuma Vihari 51 batting, Wriddhiman Saha 62) vs West Indies-A.

Wriddhiman Saha.
▪ FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

An artist who lent grace to a brutal craft

Steyn bowled the Proteas to famous Test wins

TRIBUTE

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

Fast bowling is explosive in nature. When a genuine quick lands in the process of delivering a ball, he withstands ground forces several times his body weight.

Yet, Dale Steyn glided to the crease in his run-up, light on his feet much like a ballet dancer, and released the sphere with an action that was astonishingly smooth.

Work of art

Every delivery of his, from run-up to load-up to release was a work of art. The South African brought grace to an otherwise brutal craft.

But then, the ease with which he sent down his thunderbolts masked the enormous effort he put in for every ball of his.

When asked who the best contemporary fast bowler was in South Africa last year, Michael Holding, who earned the moniker the 'Whispering Death' for his silky style, replied, "Dale Steyn, of course. A complete fast bowler."

And this was a period when Steyn, past his best, was being stymied by fitness concerns. It's sad that Steyn will not be figuring in Test cricket any more. But at 36, his body scarred by injuries and several failed comebacks to the longest format, he had given it his all for Tests.

Torch-bearer: Steyn inspired a new generation of pacers. ▪ AFP

He leaves behind immortal Test memories, showcasing his enormous skills, slicing through line-ups, conquering, and celebrating with his unique pumping-the-ground style. Steyn had a lot going for him as he decimated teams in different conditions. Nobody sent down those speedy outswingers of control and viciousness better than he did in this era.

And he mixed them with potent inswingers, high on accuracy. When the ball got older, Steyn could unleash deadly reverse-swing; all at a velocity between 145 to 150 kmph.

The manner he employed his wrist and used the seam position lent cutting edge to his bowling. Steyn could bowl effective cross seam as well. There was little respite for the batsmen. He could hurt them with his fast, skiddy bouncers delivered from a deceptive quick-arm action.

Steyn's bowling was not just about ability and beauty. It was much about heart and spirit. He would keep his belief and bowl with the same intensity and speed during wicketless spells, find a way, and then come up with a bunch of scalps.

Staggering numbers

His numbers are staggering. No bowler with 200 or more wickets has a better strike rate than Steyn's 42.30 in Test history.

And while picking up 439 wickets in 93 Tests, Steyn averaged under 25, both home and away. A captain's dream, Steyn bowled the Proteas to famous Test victories in Australia, New Zealand, England and the sub-continent. At home, he was a force of nature.

Steyn inspired a new generation of South African pacemen, Kagiso Rabada being the foremost among them.

Steyn, truly, was a thing of beauty in Test cricket.

The walking leg-before wicket who drives bowlers to distraction

Smith's batsmanship evoked the 'U' word — ugly — before it inspired the 'G' word – great

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

I have a friend, who, before he leaves home for work pats his hips, his shirt pocket, jacket pocket intoning as he does so: travel card, wallet, glasses, keys (it sounds lyrical in his native Bengali).

It is a ritual I am reminded of when watching Steve Smith settle into his stance. Pad, box, pad, helmet; everything in place, a short walk to the edge of the crease, a bending of the knees; are the pads in place? Check. Trousers on? Check. Have I paid the electricity bill? Did I switch off the lights before leaving home?

I exaggerate. But Smith, like fidgets everywhere, draws you into his routine. If he misses a step, you worry for him. It might be tempting fate.

How to get Smith out?

As Smith was moving towards his second century in the Birmingham Test, the commentator David Lloyd asked spectators: "How do you get Smith out? Yes, you in the blue cap..." Those with commentary earpieces looked as helpless as the English bowlers. The point is, everybody knows how to get Smith out. He is a walking leg-before wicket as he squares up in front of the stumps, having shuffled his way outside the off. At least, that's what the coaching manuals tell us.

Smith has no business being the second most successful batsman of all time with a technique that renders irrelevant these manuals. But there it is. He can pull the ball he converts into a short-pitched one and drive when the bowler overcompensates. And he has been dismissed leg-before only 18 times in 119 innings. Greatness comes in many forms.

It is not often that a player builds, furnishes, and inhabits a monument all his own with material no one else has used, and tools which in anybody else's hands would simply not work. Uniqueness is not mandatory for greatness, but in Smith's case they go together.

With a mind as strong as his – he returns from a one-year ban into an Ashes series and scores two centuries straightaway – and an obsession with the game from his schooldays when his father finished work early so he could bowl to him, how did he allow the sandpaper scandal under his watch?

Is it part of the contradiction of being Steven Smith? He has reduced batsmanship to a two-point programme.

He keeps his head in line with the ball and keeps it perfectly still while playing it. You cannot simplify further.

All in the head

Forget footwork, forget that cricket is a game played side-on and all those things coaches tell us. It's all in the head.

It might see him finish up facing the bowler with his feet pointed down the wicket; he challenges the bowler to hit his pads. He moves so far across that he knows anything outside the line of his nose misses the off-stump, and if anything comes in, he is confident enough to find gaps on the leg-side. Smith is an excellent example of an unorthodox player left alone by the authorities.

When he made his Test debut, he was a leg-spinner who batted at No. 8. It was only after his first century in his 12th Test that his batting average climbed to 34. His bowling average, meanwhile, was 49. But he was persisted with, rather like Steve Waugh was.

Doesn't play by the book

For a purist, Smith is a difficult man to embrace. He doesn't inspire love and admiration so much as ambivalence. He doesn't play by the book. It is as if someone taking a math exam shows the workings of a problem that is all wrong, yet somehow has found the right answer.

No other sport lays such stress on both the methods and the results. You can accidentally deflect a header into a goal and become a national hero, but a Test batsman who makes a 50 scoring mostly off the outside edge is mocked. It is a conceit of the game that it's better to make a perfect 30 than to score a scratchy century. Smith's batsmanship evoked the 'U' word – ugly – before it inspired the 'G' word - great.

It is tempting – and many have fallen for the temptation – to see a century in each innings as redemption for a man who was banned from cricket for cheating, or at least allowing his players to cheat.

If you stretch that argument, does making, say, 10 in each innings fall short of redemption by 180 runs? It's apples and oranges. Smith should be feted for his brilliance at the crease, but to conflate two separate issues while finding in one what should follow the other is simplistic.

Sure, everyone deserves a second chance, and Smith has grabbed it with commendable mental strength and rare skill. But his misdeed occurred a little over a year ago. Redemption will come with a clean slate between now and the end of his career.

Meanwhile, English bowlers ask, like the nuns in the movie: How do you solve a problem like Steve Smith?

Lions maul Mavericks, climb to second

The Kolkata team gets eliminated after the 11-4 drubbing

UTT

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

It proved pack-up time for Manika Batra and RP-SG Mavericks from the Ultimate Table Tennis league.

Marching ahead in style was Chennai Lions that led comfortably through the tie and completed a resounding 11-4 thrashing of the Kolkata franchise on Tuesday.

The triumph catapulted Chennai to the second spot from fifth in the six-team table. With just two league matches remaining, U Mumba tops the list with 44 points from five games, followed by Chennai Lions (35 from four), Dabang Delhi (33 from four), Goa Challengers (30 from four), Mavericks (30 from five) and Puneri Paltan (23 from four).

Tuesday's tie ended the agonising campaign of Manika in the league. Struggling for form, she suffered a humiliating 3-0 drubbing at the hands of Madhurika Patkar.

Petrissa blanks Ekholm

Once World No. 24 Petrissa Solja set the table for Chennai with a surprise 3-0 rout of Matilda Ekholm, ranked 23, Mavericks simply could not bridge the gap. Tiago Apolonia enhanced the margin by taking the first two games against Sanil Shetty before the latter managed to pull one back.

Making heads turn: Madhurika's win over Manika was the high point of Lions' performance. ▪ COURTESY UTT

Thereafter, the unbeaten duo of Sharath Kamal and Petrissa made amends for losing the first game on 'golden point' to Benedikt Duda and Manika by racing away with the next two.

Sharath could not keep pace with his good friend Duda in the singles and lost 1-2. But Sharath gave his team the winning lead in an encounter that provided most thrills. The players produced some long rallies interspersed with innovative shot-making.

Sharath's defeat was pushed to the background once Madhurika came out firing against Manika. She controlled the first game to put pressure on her more fancied opponent.

In the second, Madhurika showed character by bouncing back from 0-5 and 8-10 to claim the 'golden point'. In the final game, Madhurika progressively grew stronger, leaving an exasperated Manika with plenty to think about.

The results: Chennai Lions bt RP-SG Mavericks (Kolkata) 11-4 (Petrissa Solja bt Matilda Ekholm 11-7, 11-10, 11-9; Tiago Apolonia bt Sanil Shetty 11-9, 11-6, 3-11; Sharath Kamal & Petrissa bt Benedikt Duda & Manika Batra 10-11, 11-4, 11-7; Sharath lost to Duda 7-11, 11-5, 7-11; Madhurika Patkar bt Manika 11-5, 11-10, 11-8).

Wednesday's fixture: Goa Challengers v Puneri Paltan (7 p.m.).

TV PICKS

UTT: Star Sports 1 & Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.
TNPL: Star Sports 3, 7.15 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Anderson ruled out of second Test

LONDON

James Anderson has been ruled out of the second Ashes Test, with England uncertain when he will be fit to return from an injured right calf. AFP

Cyclist dies after crash in Tour of Poland

WARSAW

Belgian cyclist Bjorg Lambrecht died in hospital on Monday after crashing at the Tour of Poland, his team announced. He was 22. Polish news website *Onet* reported Lambrecht collided with a concrete structure around 30 kilometres (19 miles) into the race after it suddenly began to rain. He was resuscitated before being taken to hospital in a critical condition where he died on the operating table. AFP

Ladakh players can represent J&K: Vinod Rai

NEW DELHI

Cricketers from the newly-created Union Territory of Ladakh will represent Jammu and Kashmir in the domestic circuit for the time being, the BCCI's Committee of Administrators (CoA) chief Vinod Rai said on Tuesday. PTI

Sally Pearson announces retirement

SYDNEY

Australia's reigning World-champion 100m hurdler Sally Pearson announced her surprise retirement on Tuesday, as persistent injuries sank her dream of regaining the Olympic title in Tokyo next year. "Every time I want to go fast, the body doesn't want to. So, I don't think I could take any more injuries," said the 2012 Olympic gold-medallist. AFP

Sunil Joshi applies for bowling coach's job

NEW DELHI

Former India spinner Sunil Joshi has applied for the national team bowling coach's job with the belief that the Virat Kohli-led side needs a spin expert. PTI

East Bengal steamrollers JFC

Jaime Colado and Bidyashagar Singh score a brace each in a 6-0 romp

DURAND CUP

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Jaime Colado and K. Bidyashagar Singh scored a brace apiece as East Bengal routed Jamshedpur FC 6-0 to record its second consecutive win in the Durand Cup football tournament on Tuesday.

Playing in front of a partisan crowd, EB outsmarted an inexperienced JFC, made up of several reserve players, in the Group A contest to brighten its chances of making it to the semifinals.

Early lead

JFC goalkeeper Amit Gope performed a rough tackle on Colado, who converted the resultant penalty to give EB a sixth minute lead. A minute later, a rampaging Colado moved swiftly to make the most of a chance.

However, the Spaniard, who seemed to be in discomfort due to the challenge from Gope, soon left the field to make way for Boithang Haokip. EB continued to dominate amid heavy showers and Pintu Mahato beat the JFC defence to score in the 32nd minute.

JFC deserved credit for showing some spine and attacking the opposition after the change of ends.

Harsha Parui's long ranger from left along the ground was thwarted by diving EB 'keeper Mirshad K. in the 55th minute, while Aakash Dave's surprise shot from a top-of-the-box melee was again pouched by an alert Mirshad in 72nd minute.

EB looked for counter-attacks and succeeded in the 75th. Brandon Vanlalremdika received a precise aerial ball and crossed to his left to Bidyashagar to make it 4-0. The two combined again for Bidyashagar to net his second. Bidyashagar turned supplier and Haokip found the mark to pile on JFC's misery in injury time.

The result: East Bengal 6 (Colado 6, 7; Mahato 32; Bidyashagar 75, 79; Haokip 92) bt Jamshedpur FC 0.

Take that! East Bengal's Bidyashagar Singh firing home one of his two goals against Jamshedpur FC. ▪ RAJEEV BHATT

Sriram Balaji in pre-quarterfinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU
AUGSBURG (GERMANY)

Qualifier Sriram Balaji crushed German wild card Robert Strombachs 6-1, 6-1 in the first round of the €46,600 Challenger tennis tournament on Tuesday.

However, Sasi Kumar Mukund went down fighting to another German wild card holder Daniel Altmaier 6-4, 1-6, 6-7(6) in the first round.

In the $25,000 ITF women's event in Chiswick in England, second seed Ankita Raina beat Estelle Cascino of France 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 in the first round.

The results:

€46,600 Challenger, Augsburg, Germany: First round: Daniel Altmaier (Ger) bt Sasi Kumar Mukund 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6); Sriram Balaji bt Robert Strombachs (Ger) 6-1, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF men, Jakarta: First round: Niki Poonacha bt Obeda Muhamad Arazza (Ina) 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Aryan Goveas & Karunuday Singh bt Justin Barki (Ina) & Ruan Roelofse (RSA) 2-6, 6-4, [11-9]; Kunal Anand & Manish Sureshkumar bt Armando Soemarno & Giorgio Alessandro Soemarno (Ina) 7-6(8), 6-2.

$25,000 ITF women, Chiswick, England: First round: Ankita Raina bt Estelle Cascino (Fra) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Nairobi: First round: Mahak Jain bt Paulina Jastrzebska (Pol) 6-0, 6-2; Sariaka Radilofe (Fra) bt Niditra Rajmohan 6-4, 6-3; Sofia Dmitrieva (Rus) bt Sravya Shivani Chilakalapudi 6-1, 6-1; Faith Nyabera Omurunga (Ken) bt Vibhasree Gowda 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; Nevena Sokovic (Srb) bt Snehal Mane 6-4, 2-6, 6-0.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Sathwika Sama & Saumya Vig bt Mariana Galvao Borges (Bra) & Adi Gavish (Isr) 6-2, 6-0; Deeksha Manju Prasad & Niditra Rajmohan bt Julia Konishi Camargo Silva (Bra) & Alicia Owegi (Ken) 6-2, 6-2; Tamara Barad Itzhaki (Isr) & Anfisa Danilchenko (Rus) w.o. Fatiya Shariff (Ken) & Vibhasree Gowda.

$15,000 ITF women, Tabarka, Tunisia: First round: Sowjanya Bavisetti bt Alica Rusova (Svk) 6-1, 6-1.

Malaysia, Egypt and Myanmar emerge champions

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

Malaysia, Egypt and Myanmar emerged the champions of divisions 1, 2 and 3 in the male category of the Special Olympics International football championship at the Nehru stadium here on Tuesday.

Russia and Indonesia won titles in divisions 1 and 2 in the women's section.

The winners: Men: Div. 1: 1. Malaysia; 2. Korea; 3. Bharat-1. **Div. 2:** 1. Egypt; 2. Austria; 3. Maldives. **Div. 3:** 1. Myanmar; 2. Indonesia; 3. Bharat-2. **Women: Div. 1:** 1. Russia; 2. The Philippines; 3. Bangladesh; **Div. 2:** 1. Indonesia; 2. UAE; 3. Malaysia.

On top: The Malaysia men's and Russian women's teams, winners of the Division 1 title.

Satwik and Chirag pull out

HYDERABAD OPEN

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

The on-going Hyderabad Open badminton championship, which has been hit by the absence of the leading Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal, P.V. Sindhu and K. Srikanth, who skipped the event to prepare for the forthcoming World championships, suffered another huge blow with the withdrawal of the star men's doubles combination of R. Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty on Tuesday.

Discomfort

Satwiksairaj said the discomfort in the shoulder has aggravated the pain and submitted a medical certificate to the tournament director which was accepted late in the evening.

"With the World championship around, we felt it was the right decision to allow him pull out of the event and prepare accordingly for the major event," one of the support staff members of the Indian team informed *The Hindu*.

In men's singles second round (qualifying), Aryaman Tandon shocked the more fancied Shreyansh Jaiswal 21-15, 21-18 while, C. Rahul Yadav put it across Anant Shivam Jindal 21-14, 21-17 in a first round match.

In the women's singles qualifying second round, 17-year-old Aakarshi Kashyap, a member of the last Asian Games, surprised the more seasoned and 26-year-old Tanvi Lad 21-15, 21-8 late in the evening.

Other important results: Qualifying: 1st round: Men's singles: Shreyansh Jaiswal bt Bodhit Joshi 21-8, 11-8 (retd); B.M. Rahul Bharadwaj bt Harshit Agarwal 21-13, 21-5; Chong Yee Han bt Alap Mishra 22-24, 21-19, 21-11; Yeoh Seng Zoe bt Gurpratap Singh Dhaliwal 16-21, 21-16, 21-12.

Kartik Jindal bt Phakurn Chotphimit 21-15, 21-18; Abhishek Yeligar bt Chiu Vinson 21-17, 21-7; C. Rahul Yadav bt Anant Shivam Jindal 21-14, 21-17; Balraj Kalja bt Pratul Joshi 14-6 (retd); Chalha Orgut bt Hardik Makkar 21-13, 21-12; Peng Bai Yu bt Chak Chan Yin 17-21, 14-21, 25-23.

Hemanth M. Gowda bt Rishab Deshpande 22-20, 22-20; Donghun Kim bt P. Lauhit 21-13, 21-11; Imnark Kittipong bt Adrian George 21-7, 21-16.

Mixed doubles: Seung Sung Na & Jang Seo Eun bt Dhruv Kapila & J. Meghana 21-19, 21-12.

Shlok Ramchandran & Rituparna Panda bt B. Sumeeth Reddy & Mahima Agarwal 19-21, 20-22, 21-11.

Kontaveit knocks out Sharapova

The Russian, returning from injury, positive despite the reverse

ROGERS CUP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MONTREAL

Anett Kontaveit spoiled Maria Sharapova's return, rallying to beat the five-time Grand Slam champion 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round of the Rogers Cup on Monday.

Sharapova, competing for the first time since retiring from her first-round match at Wimbledon, appeared to be on course for her fourth match win since January when she went up a set and an early break against the 16th seed from Estonia.

Sharapova said Monday's physical battle showed she'd made progress since Wimbledon.

German 12th seed Angelique Kerber was unable to make it to the second round, losing 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 to Russia's Daria Kasatkina.

Important results (first round):

Women: Sofia Kenin bt Hsieh Su-Wei 6-4, 6-3; Belinda Bencic bt Anastasia Potapova 6-2, 6-1; Dayana Yastremska bt Johanna Konta 6-3, 6-2; Anett Kontaveit bt Maria Sharapova 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Daria Kasatkina bt Angelique Kerber 0-6, 6-2, 6-4; Caroline Wozniacki bt Yulia Putintseva 6-4, 6-2.

Men: Gael Monfils bt Peter Polansky 6-7(4), 6-3, 6-3; Roberto Bautista bt Bernard Tomic 6-3, 6-2; Stan Wawrinka bt Grigor Dimitrov 6-4, 6-4.

Milos Raonic bt Lucas Pouille 6-4, 6-4; Jan-Lennard Struff bt Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-2, 6-2.

Bouncing back: Anett Kontaveit, a set and break down, turned the tables on Maria Sharapova. ▪ AP

Indian junior women in last eight at Worlds

SQUASH

SPORTS BUREAU
KUALA LUMPUR

India secured a quarterfinal berth in the World junior women's team squash championship here on Tuesday, posting wins over Ireland and New Zealand in Group C league.

The results: India bt Ireland 3-0 (Sanya Vats bt Emma McGugan 8-11, 11-4, 11-2, 11-9; Yoshna Singh bt Emma Lundy 11-7, 12-10, 11-4; Ananya Dabke bt Kelly Byrne 11-6, 11-3, 11-1).

India bt New Zealand 3-0 (Sanya Vats bt Anika Jackson 11-6, 11-9, 11-4; Ananya Dabke bt Georgia Robcke 11-5, 11-7, 11-6; Aishwarya Khubchandani bt Natalie Sayes 11-4, 11-4, 11-4).

Andhra CA reigns supreme

Victorious: The Andhra CA squad that emerged as the KSCA Dr. (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah memorial tournament champion, on the basis gaining the first-innings lead over Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

Three crowns for Smrithi

HYDERABAD: Smrithi Mane of Bhavan's, Sainikpuri bagged three crowns in the Osmania University inter-collegiate swimming meet for women at Gurumurthy Swimming Pool. Smrithi won the 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke and the 50m breaststroke events.

Bhavan's College, Sainikpuri, won the overall championship with 12 points while Government Degree College for Women, Begumpet, was second with seven points and S.N. Vanitha Maha Vidyalaya finished third with three points.

The results:

100m backstroke: 1. K. Swetha (Govt. DC, Begumpet) 2:04.02, 2. Likhita (Bhavan's), 3. Yeshaswini (OU Science). **100m breaststroke:** 1. Yepyashri (Vanitha) 2:00.64, 2. Trisha (St. Mary's), 3. Sharanya (Bhavan's, Sainikpuri); **100m freestyle:** 1. Smrithi Mane (Bhavan's, Sainikpuri) 1:20.40, 2. Criselda Francis (St. Francis), 3. K. Sai Manase (CBIT); **200m freestyle:** 1. Yepyashri (Vanitha) 3:38.15, 2. Likhita (Bhavan's Sainikpuri), 3. Criselda Francis (St. Francis). **50m backstroke:** 1. Smrithi Mane (Bhavan's Sainikpuri) 41:58, 2. K. Swetha (Govt. DC, Begumpet), 3. K. Sai Manase (SBIT); **50m butterfly:** 1. P. Sirisha (Synergy) 59.33, 2. Yepyashri (Vanitha), 3. Likhita (Bhavan's, Sainikpuri); **50m breaststroke:** 1. Noorunisa Samrine (St. Francis) 53.29, 2. T. Trisha (St. Mary's), 3. Srinidhi (St. Francis); **50m freestyle:** 1.Smrithi Mane (Bhavan's, Sainikpuri) 35.72, 2. K. Swetha (Govt. DC, Begumpet), 3. Divya Kalpana Rao (St. Francis); **200m IM:** 1. Trisha (St. Mary's) 5:36.12, 2. P. Sirisha (Synergy).

Triple treat: Smrithi Mane of Bhavan's, Sainikpuri won three gold medals in the OU inter-collegiate swimming meet for women. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Johnson Grammar posts win

Johnson Grammar School defeated FKS (Rajahmundry) 7-5 in an under-17 league match of the CISE regional sports meet inter-school basketball tournament at St. Joseph's, Habsiguda.

The results:

U-19: St. Joseph's, King Koti bt Gitanjali, Begumpet 15-2; Gitanjali, Begumpet bt St. George's Grammar 11-4; Abhyasa bt Rama Devi PS 14-6; Johnson Grammar bt St. Joseph's, Malakpet 16-2; Nasr bt Rama Devi PS 14-2.

U-17: St. Joseph's, Habsiguda bt Sri Aurobhindo International 16-6; FKS, Hyderabad bt Sujatha PS 38-4; St. Joseph's PS, Malakpet bt Abhyasa 15-14; Johnson Grammar bt St. Joseph's, King Koti 22-2; Johnson Grammar bt FKS, Rajahmundry 7-5.

U-14: St. Joseph's, Habsiguda bt bt HPS, Begumpet 8-5; Future Kids, Hyderabad bt St. George's Grammar 26-4; Gitanjali Devshala bt St. Joseph's, Malakpet14-13.

Shuttler Srikanth's coach passes away

Sudhakar Reddy, the first coach of badminton player K. Srikanth, passed away on Monday due to a massive cardiac arrest in Poland, where he was taking part in the BWF World Masters championship.

A former State champion from Andhra, Sudhakar won two medals in the Masters Nationals.

He is widely recognised for honing the skills of the raw talent and played a key role in the evolution of Srikanth and his brother and doubles player Nandagopal Kidambi during a talent scouting programme in 2001. Sudhakar also had a hand in shaping the career of R. Satwiksairaj.

Badminton Association of India, AP Badminton Association and Telangana Badminton Association expressed condolence.

Sudhakar Reddy. ▪

A goalless draw

Royal United Football Club and Sreenidhi Football Club were locked in a goalless draw in the TFA C-Division Super League football match at Osmania University ground on Tuesday. Both were awarded one point each.

Match drawn

VIJAYAWADA: The four-day match between Andhra Cricket Association Green and Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association XI ended in a draw with rain forcing abandonment of play on Tuesday.

The scores: ACA Green 278 in 88.4 overs drew with HPCA 285 for five in 77 overs.

Central beats South

GUNTUR: Central Zone recorded a 37-run win over South Zone in the ACA inter-zonal (under-19) women's cricket (one-day) tournament at the J.K.C. College ground.

The scores: Central 183 for six in 41 overs (K. Emerald Dayana 62, P. Dhana Laxmi 37, K. Mamatha three for 37) bt South 146 in 36.5 overs (K. Hamsa 58 n.o., S. Leela Prasanna three for 40).

Cagers from Johnson Grammar and FKS (Rajahmundry) vie for the ball. ▪ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ICC's roadmap to resolve BCCI, NADA's concerns

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The International Cricket Council (ICC), which is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code, has prepared a roadmap to resolve the concerns between the BCCI and NADA, the national anti-doping organisation in India. The ICC has shown the BCCI specific roadmap to the World Anti-Doing Agency (WADA). In turn, the BCCI has proposed to the NADA its plan of action.

A WADA spokesman told *The Hindu* "as a result (the roadmap prepared by the ICC), the Independent Compliance Review Committee has agreed to defer further review of this issue until the success of that roadmap can be fully assessed."

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