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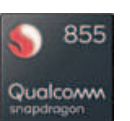
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Assam BJP

cratic Alliance doesn't command a majority.

But this time may be different, indicated BJP state spokesperson Roopam Goswami. "We couldn't bring the legislation last time as we didn't have the numbers in the Rajya Sabha. But by November, we should have enough members in the Rajya Sabha to bring the bill again and get it passed," he added.

A third senior leader, Silchar MP Rajdeep Roy, said, "We will bring the bill. It is a matter of time."

Sarma has said Hindu migrants should not be left out of the list. "A small portion of Hindu migrants have been left out of the list. They had their own refugee certificates, but that was not taken into account. Anyway, the BJP is committed to passing the Citizenship Amendment Bill in the next Parliament session," he told NDTV in an interview.

The NRC published on Saturday was driven by a four-decade-long agitation in Assam against illegal immigrants by local communities, which claimed that foreigners were threatening their language and culture.

To prove one's citizenship, a person had to prove she or her ancestors were in Assam before March 25, 1971 – the day a bloody war of liberation began in neighbouring Bangladesh, driving tens of thousands of refugees into India.

But many local groups and political parties rejected the final figure of 1.9 million, saying it was too low. Earlier provisional lists of the NRC, published in July 2018 and June 2019, had left out 4.1 million people.

Since the final NRC list was published at 10am on Saturday, the situation in the state has been peaceful, said additional director general of police (law and order) Mukesh Agarwal. "But the next 48 hours are crucial for it to settle down," he said. Many people, especially in the under-developed hinterlands, checked their NRC status only on Sunday.

Many activists pointed out that considerable sections of the Bengali-speaking Hindu population, which is considered a core vote base of the BJP, have found themselves out of the NRC. Many of these communities fled violence and riots in the then East Pakistan.

"Our families barely escaped the violence and fled to India. So many years later, how can we be told we are not Indian?" asked 32-year-old Hari Arja after finding him and his family excluded from the NRC.

Senior cabinet minister and government spokesperson Chandra Mohan Patowary said the state government would increase the number of foreigner

tribunals, quasi-judicial bodies that adjudicate whether someone is an illegal immigrant. Those left out of the NRC can appeal their case to a tribunal within 120 days, and then, higher courts.

"People out of the NRC have a fair option of approaching the foreigners tribunals. But if we see FTs are not able to solve the problem, we will see what more we can do," he said adding it seemed that many genuine Indian citizens may have been left out. "We will make sure no genuine Indian is out of the NRC."

He also complained that the NRC authorities were not sharing data with the government.

"We got details that over 1.9 million people have been excluded only after the final list was published even though we had filed an affidavit requesting for this information," Patowary said adding how the NRC state coordination is yet to provide information officially on details of the inclusion and exclusion. "We will have more clarity once the details of the final NRC list are scrutinised," he said – hinting that the government was in the process of compiling data from the districts.

Patowary also said the CAB would definitely help a section of those out of the NRC but clarified that the central government was in charge of that legislation. Days before the NRC was published, chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal had hinted at "legislative measures" to address problems in the NRC.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha in January 2019 and made eligible for citizenship Hindu, Christian, Sikh, Jain, Parsi and Buddhist migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. But it triggered widespread protests in northeastern states, especially Assam, and lapsed with the general elections this summer.

Abhijit Sarma, president of the Assam Public Works (APW), a Guwahati-based NGO whose petition to the Supreme Court in 2009 was the basis for the apex court ordering an update of the NRC in Assam, said: "Any speculation on the Citizenship Amendment Bill is premature. We first demand a 100% re-verification of the NRC."

On Sunday, NRC authorities admitted that the number of applicants published at the final stage was 36,277 more than what was published at the draft stage in July 2018.

On condition of anonymity, a senior NRC official attributed the error to digitization problems but said that the error was spotted before the final list was out on Saturday. Redressal for any further such errors would be dependent on the Supreme Court, he added.

Ujjwala

the scheme has over 7 lakh beneficiaries in Haryana, over 4.3 million in Maharashtra and over 3.2 million in Jharkhand. Uttar Pradesh has over 10 million and Bihar over 8.5 million Ujjwala beneficiaries, the official added.

The Union cabinet in February last year enhanced the target under the scheme from 50 million to 80 million connections with a March 2020 deadline. It allocated an additional ₹4,800 crore to fund the enhanced target.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May 2016 launched the PMUY nine months before the last assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh in the state's Ballia district. The scheme played an important role in BJP's return to power in Uttar Pradesh after over a decade.

₹8,000 crore were initially allocated for the scheme and the target was to ensure 50 million connections in three years starting from the 2016-17 financial year, officials said.

A petroleum and natural gas ministry spokesman confirmed the 80 million target would be achieved in advance. "GoI [Government of India] has reimbursed ₹10,675 crore to oil marketing companies [OMCs]... [under the scheme]. The process of providing connections is underway and the target of 8 crore [80 million] is likely to be reached soon by the OMCs," he said.

Another official requesting anonymity said the government plans to set a new target after achieving the 80 million connections. "The idea is to provide free gas connections to every [family under the] BPL [below poverty line]. An announcement to this effect would be based on the assessment of PMUY after the 8 crore [80 million] target is met."

Officials said state-run OMCs have received over 100 million applications from prospective consumers under the scheme and hence there is a scope to extend the scheme after it achieves the current target. Eligible beneficiaries will be chosen after a proper verification process to ensure that they do not already have connections in the names of their other family members.

Officials said the scheme has offered the poor clean cooking fuel option as about 86% of the beneficiaries, who have got the connections at least a year back, have bought second refills. Their average gas consumption is about 4.8 cylinders per annum, they said.

Under PMUY, a subsidy of ₹1,600 for a deposit-free LPG connection is provided to an eligible poor household, besides an interest-free loan to purchase a stove and refills, officials quoted above said. A connection is pro-

vided in the name of an adult woman member of a poor family and the beneficiary has an option to avail a connection with a 14.2kg or a 5kg cylinder.

India has over 240 million households. An estimated 100 million of them do not have cooking gas connections. They rely on firewood, coal, dung cakes as primary source of cooking, officials said. Most of them are under BPL. These beneficiaries are identified as per Socio Economic Caste Census data of 2011, officials said.

Economy

economist, advised the government to involve experts irrespective of political affiliation to avert the crisis. "Our youth, farmers and farm workers, entrepreneurs and the marginalised sections deserve better. India cannot afford to continue down this path. Therefore, I urge the government to put aside vendetta politics, and reach out to all sane voices and thinking minds, to steer our economy out of this man-made crisis," he said.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman hit back at Singh's remarks later in the day. "Instead of indulging in political vendetta, they should consult sane voices?" Has he said that? All right, thank you, I will take his statement on it. That is my answer," she said while talking to reporters after addressing tax officials in Chennai.

Referring to a slew of announcements made by Sitharaman on August 23 to achieve a "higher economic growth", Singh said: "Budget announcements and roll-backs have shaken the confidence of international investors." The announcements to boost consumption and uplift investor and consumer sentiment included rolling back of the surcharge on tax on foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) that was announced in the budget.

"Domestic demand is depressed and consumption growth is at an 18-month low. Nominal GDP growth is at a 15-year-low. There is a gaping hole in tax revenues. Tax buoyancy remains elusive as businessmen, small and big, are hounded and tax terrorism continues unabated. Investor sentiments are in doldrums. These are not the foundations for economic recovery," Singh said.

Chief economic adviser KV Subramanian has ascribed the slowdown in GDP growth to a mix of domestic and global factors and said the economy will be on a high-growth path "very soon".

Singh said that the government's claim of keeping the inflation level under check is at the cost of dwindling income of farmers. "Rural India is in terrible shape. Farmers are not receiving adequate prices and rural incomes have declined. The low inflation rate that the Modi government likes to showcase comes at the cost of our farmers and their incomes, by inflicting misery on over 50 per cent of India's population," he said. The consumer price index-based inflation fell to 3.15% in July this year compared to 3.18% in the previous month and 4.17% in July 2018 because of moderation in food prices and fall in fuel prices.

Former union minister and spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain blamed the Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government for "many problems" that the economy was currently facing. "The economy has still not recovered from the impact of the wrong economic policies of the Manmohan Singh government. India's growth rate is much better than other countries despite a global slowdown. The Narendra Modi

government is working tirelessly to give it a further impetus," he said.

In his statement, Singh said the credibility of India's official data has been questioned, and expressed concerns over attack on institutions such as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), whose "autonomy is being eroded". "The resilience of the RBI will be tested after its record transfer of ₹1.76 lakh crore to the government, which claims that it does not have a plan on what it will do with this windfall," he said.

"India has not been able to increase its exports to take advantage of opportunities that have arisen in global trade due to geopolitical realignments. Such is the state of economic management under the Modi government," he said.

The former prime minister blamed the Narendra Modi-led government for the slowing economic growth. "India has the potential to grow at a much faster rate but all-round mismanagement by the Modi government has resulted in this slow down," he said.

"The Modi government's policies are resulting in massive jobless growth. More than 3.5 lakh jobs have been lost in the automobile sector alone. There will similarly be large scale job losses in the informal sector, hurting our most vulnerable workers," he said.

Asked if the Centre acknowledges that there is an economic slowdown, Sitharaman said, "I am meeting industries and taking their inputs, suggestions on what they would want and expect from government, I am responding to them. I have already done this twice. I will do it more number of times."

In response to the above statement by the minister, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said in a tweet, "Does the government accept that there is a slowdown or not? The FM needs to get over picknicking about the state of our economy and come clean with the people of India. How do they plan to resolve the massive problem they have created if they aren't even ready to acknowledge it?"

Congress leader and Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot said that the former PM has been cautioning the government about "repercussions" of demonetisation and GST disasters. "He is reaching out to Govt again to listen to sane voices and make amends for sake of country's economy & people, who are losing jobs.... will Govt pay heed?," Gehlot tweeted.

The official Twitter handle of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) also posted about the state of the economy. "Chickens are coming home to roost! Modi Govt's disastrous policies such as #Demonetisation & #GST broke the back of the #Economy and then cover up & denial of the crisis we are in is driving the Economy to the brink of abyss."

Hat-trick hero

home (318 runs). That effort had meant that Bumrah took a five-for in each away series he has figured in so far — South Africa, England, Australia and now West Indies. He is yet to play a Test at home.

Bumrah finished with a career-best innings haul of 6/27 as the West Indies innings was wrapped up on Sunday. Each of his three-in-a-row the previous day were off pitched-up deliveries, removing Darren Bravo, Shamrah Brooks and Roston Chase. Still, he almost didn't have the hat-trick but for skipper Virat Kohli insisting on a review after Chase was ruled out without the bowler barely appealing for leg before.

"Actually I didn't know, I was not very sure of the appeal, I

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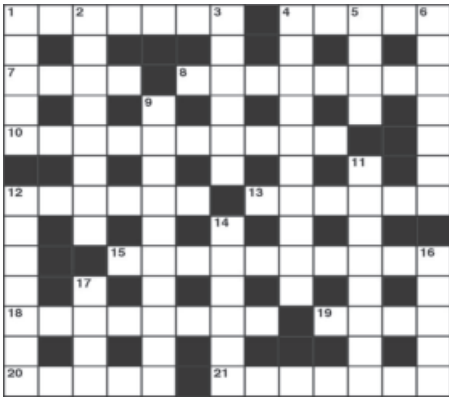
- 1 Drowsily giving assent? (7)
- 4 Penal reform board (5)
- 7 Saucy vessel (4)
- 8 He's denied freedom to express his political views (8)
- 10 Kind of milk no longer to be seen? (10)
- 12 Start an uproarious din inside, resulting in a brawl (6)
- 13 Seaside yarn (6)
- 15 That's the last time - I always lose (5,5)
- 18 It's tied up with romance (4,4)
- 19 Restricted sort of diet (4)
- 20 Spaniard, or anyone else with a present (5)
- 21 Yet he still plays Shylock, for example (7)

DOWN

- 1 Illustrious old money (5)
- 2 Sort of work in which people want to take part? (8)
- 3 Chap after a gnu, perhaps, is armed (6)
- 4 Now it's gift time (7,3)
- 5 Females devoted to order (4)
- 6 Turned away from a blow? (7)
- 9 He hopes to find insects on tap (10)
- 11 He will take things as they come, not lean on an inclination (8)
- 12 Was displaced the flat-bottomed boat came in first (7)
- 14 Pleaded with an individual to make himself scarce (6)
- 16 Drain out the bottom (5)
- 17 New star rises at Stratford (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Metropolis (7)
- 4 To present for sale (5)
- 7 Absent (4)
- 8 Making severe demands (8)
- 10 Impudent presumption (10)
- 12 Heavy load (6)
- 13 Optical illusion (6)
- 15 English detective story writer (5,5)
- 18 To doubt (8)
- 19 Suspend from above (4)
- 20 Insincere (5)
- 21 Thin (7)

DOWN

- 1 Short-lived fashion (5)
- 2 Party political programme (8)
- 3 Slackness (6)
- 4 Irish wit and playwright (5,5)
- 5 Move lightly and quickly (4)
- 6 Type of early jazz (7)
- 9 Remarkable (10)
- 11 Eastern US state (8)
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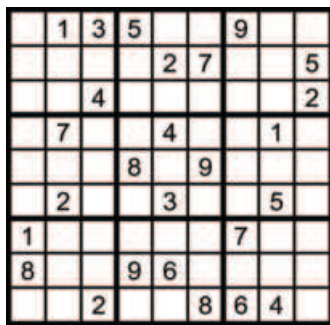
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thought it was bat so I didn't appeal so much, but it was a good review in the end. So, I think, I owe that hat-trick to the captain," Bumrah told Kohli in an interview for bcci.tv.

The Gujarat bowler is steam- ing ahead, having taken 61 wickets halfway into his 12th Test. He became the fastest Indian pacer to 50 Test wickets in the Antigua Test. His pace, accuracy and a cool head saw former Windies pace great Andy Roberts hail Bumrah as the best Indian fast bowler he has seen.

Kohli has repeatedly picked Bumrah as the most valuable player in the side, and the team management has carefully managed his workload. After Saturday's play, Bumrah said the key was not getting carried away by a helpful pitch, but show discipline. In Antigua, he advised Ishant Sharma to bowl cross-seam as the ball was not moving, and the senior pro finished with a five-wicket haul.

India can be assured Bumrah's potent mix of skill and awareness will power them on in bigger battles ahead.

Governors

Kalraj Mishra was transferred from Himachal Pradesh to be appointed the governor of Rajasthan, where he replaced Kalyan Singh. Former Union minister Bandaru Dattatreya replaced Mishra in Himachal Pradesh.

Soundararajan, daughter of former Tamil Nadu Congress unit president Kumari Anan-

than, replaced ESI.Narasimhan. The 58-year-old is a physician-turned-politician who took the political plunge in 1999. She started with the BJP's south Chennai wing and occupied various positions over the years. She was appointed the Tamil Nadu BJP chief in 2014.

"I chose the BJP despite growing up as daughter of a Congress leader...The biggest challenge in my life was to stay determined about my decision to join BJP and make a mark for myself without any hurdles," she told reporters.

Mishra (78) had resigned from the central government in 2017 as minister for micro, small and medium enterprises after crossing the age of 75, which is the BJP's unofficial age limit to hold elected posts. A senior leader of Uttar Pradesh BJP, he was the party's state unit chief earlier.

Koshyari replaced Vidyasagar Rao in Maharashtra while Khan took over in Kerala from P Sathasivam, the former Chief Justice of India.

Announcing the names of the new governors, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said: "The above appointments will take effect from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices."

Khan said his appointment was another opportunity to serve the country. "I will try to serve the people of the state. I have not received the letter yet and have been told by my friends. The role is to ensure that government functions in accordance with the provisions of the

Constitution. The Governor on behalf of President is to oversee that everything is in letter and spirit with the provisions laid down in the Constitution," he told ANI.

Dattatreya thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah after being appointed the governor of Himachal Pradesh. "They have given this responsibility to me as the governor of Himachal Pradesh and I will work as per the Constitution," Dattatreya was quoted as saying by news agency ANI.

(With inputs from agencies)

Man acquitted by HC of kidnapping, raping of minor

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has upheld a trial court order that acquitted a man accused of raping a minor girl after the prosecution failed to prove that he kidnapped her forcefully.

In 2017, a POCSO court in the national capital had acquitted Kaishar Ali, who was held on the charges of kidnapping and raping a minor under Sections 363, 366, 376 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The girl's father had filed a complaint against Ali claiming that he had kidnapped his daughter. However, the girl in her statements recorded before the Magistrate said she had gone with him voluntarily after her last board exam as she liked him and they planned to get married.

A high court division bench, presided by Justices Manmohan and Sangita Dhirga Sehgal, upheld Ali's acquittal saying that the element of intention, which is an "essential ingredient in such cases", was missing, and the girl in her statement said she went with him of her own will.

"Though this court is in agreement with the contention of the prosecution that the prosecutrix was a minor on the date of the incident, yet the element of mens rea (intention), which is an essential ingredient of Sections 363/366/376 IPC is missing," the court said.

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Uncertainty over citizenship status grips Bengali colonies

FINAL LIST Exclusions from the NRC list foment resentment and suffering among Bengali-speaking Hindu communities

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BARPETA/GUWAHATI: Durga Puja is barely a month away, but the festive mood has been punctured by the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the Bengali-dominated village of Khairabari in lower Assam's Barpeta district. This year, Bikash Saha and Dilip Kumar Basak were planning to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their neighbourhood puja with a ₹10 lakh replica of Gujarat's imposing Somnath temple as the pandal. But neither families made it to the final citizen's register.

"It seems like they are determined to not accept many of us Bengalis," said Basak, who runs an iron welding shop. He had submitted his father Narayan Chandra Basak's citizenship certificate given at a refugee camp in Coochbehar in 1956.

Saha, who lives in a small two-bedroom house inside a slum, has bigger problems. He was dubbed a D or doubtful voter five years ago. Saha has since been fighting a case against his designation as a D voter in the Barpeta foreigners tribunal. His dubious citizenship status has meant that his two children have also been struck off the citizenship rolls.

"We are not sure what to do now," said Saha's wife, Padma. "What do we have to fear? We have papers. We will appeal," she said, waving a sheaf of photocopied documents.

Not everyone is as upbeat. Across Khairabari, where many Hindu Bengali-speaking families settled down after fleeing riots and religious persecution in erstwhile East Pakistan, the exclusion from the NRC has fomented resentment and suffering.

Hari Arja, for example, had to pawn his wife's gold earrings for ₹7,000 to attend a hearing on his NRC status in August. He had submitted documents that showed his grandfather Mahadev Das, who fled to India from then East Pakistan, was on the 1970 voter list, but failed to finally prove that he was indeed the grandson – a consequence of the family taking to the Arya Samaj faith and changing their sur-



name. "We gave our refugee card, our voter ID and our PAN card. We do not know if they want to throw out all Bengalis. Maybe they do not want us here," he said. HT found similar expressions of exclusion and worry throughout Bengali Hindu settlements in Barpeta, Guwahati, Hojai, and Silchar.

Guwahati's Panbazar area is a world away from the slushy mud roads of Khairabari, but surgeon Paromita Chakraborty is as worried as Saha. Chakraborty hails from a respected Hindu family. But on the draft list released in June last year, she found that she and her sisters' names were missing. In addition, her husband, Pinaki Bhattacharjee, and their son were also out of the NRC. "We thought it was a clerical error. My husband's grandfather sold land to the then chief minister Gopinath Bordoloi in 1951, and their family draws lineage from the chief priests of the Kamakhya temple. I utterly fail to understand what happened," she said.

On Saturday, she was relieved to see that she, her husband and son had made it. But her elderly mother, 75-year-old Sulekha Chakraborty, had not. Sulekha, who hails from Tezpur, had submitted her matriculation certificate from 1962 and her a document showing her father's name on the 1971 voter roll. "She went for a hearing three times. We are not worried about the appeal because we have the documents but this is humiliating, and nothing but harassment," she added. Three hundred kilometres away in Hailakandi, pan shop owner Raghunath Das would have nodded in agreement. The 55-year-old was born to parents, who fled violence in East Pakistan and was the fourth of five brothers and a sister. His parents spent most of their life travelling across the state with the eldest brother, Chunilal, who was in the border force. As a result, they never got any documents made or stayed at a place for long enough to be included on the voter rolls. "I do not think they ever thought we will need documents this badly. When the NRC process began in 2015, I had no papers of my own," said Das. He ultimately submitted his school-admission certificate from 1969 and his brother's service record certificate, but still found himself out of the NRC. "I do not know how to appeal or what more I can get," he said.

Bengali-speaking Hindu communities comprise over 5 million people across Assam. They dominated the Barak Valley and many of them carry the scars of violence from East Pakistan towns and villages where clashes erupted even before Partition.

The University of Delhi sociologist Nabanipa Bhattacharjee said the migration into Assam was spurred on by the inclusion of Sylhet in East Pakistan following a referendum and partition of Assam in 1947 and further ballooned in the aftermath of communal riots in 1950.

The Barak Valley – comprising the Muslim-majority districts of Hailakandi and Karimganj and the Hindu-majority district of Cachar – was an early hunting ground for the BJP. An overwhelming majority of the seats it won in the state in the early 90s came from the region.

Political commentator Sushanta Talukdar said the refusal of mainstream parties to deal with the citizenship anxieties of the local population in Barak left an opening for the BJP. Over time, the party expanded its base to other pockets in the state. Though Talukdar is careful to mention other parties such as the Congress continue to have some traction among Bengali speakers. "These communities were suffering on the question of voting rights or citizenship. In this context, the BJP brought up the citizenship amendment bill and found takers especially among those who migrated because of religious persecution," he added. The bill promises citizenship to non-Muslim refugees, who have come to India from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.



■ **From left: Several members of the Arja family have been excluded from NRC. Padma Saha looks through her documents, in Barpeta on Sunday.** HT PHOTO

But after Saturday's final NRC list, a perception has taken hold that large numbers of Bengali-speaking Hindu people have been excluded. This perception has been fuelled by comments made by senior BJP leaders themselves, such as state unit chief Ranjeet Kumar Dass. Dass said many refugees, who came to India before 1971, were not included and people with surnames such as "names like Saha, Ganguly, Biswas etc. were intentionally excluded". There appeared to be three big reasons for the exclusion. One, that many such families only had their so-called citizenship cards, issued at refugee camps, to show as proof of their presence in Assam before March 25, 1971 – the cutoff date for citizenship. In a report to the Supreme Court in 2016, state NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela cited many reasons for not accepting citizenship certificates and refugee registration certificates, key among them being that the issuing authority's offices had closed down, making verification impossible. These documents were also found prone to forgery. The top court allowed the certificate to be used, but after greater scrutiny.

The BJP appears to be aware of this. Dilip Paul, a BJP legislator from Silchar, said the NRC final list was a "flop show" and admitted that the party was under some pressure after many Bengali Hindus found themselves excluded from the NRC. "We will bring the CAB. Just wait and watch. It is a matter of time," added Rajdeep Ray, the Silchar MP.

"Since the beginning, the BJP has been promising to protect the interests of Bengali-speaking Hindus and bring the citizenship amendment bill but it has betrayed these people. They used the bill only for polarisation and votes," said Ripun Bora, state Congress chief.

CLAUSE 6 OF ASSAM ACCORD

Panel member seeks firm steps to safeguard natives

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GUWAHATI: A high-level committee formed by the Modi government to protect the ethnicity of native Assamese will have to recommend measures that will "adequately offset the public's dissatisfaction" with the outcome of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), a member of the panel has told Hindustan Times.

The committee's mandate is to suggest steps to accomplish the objectives set out in Clause 6 of the landmark Assam Accord. This is the first time a member of the panel, Pallab Bhattacharya, has spoken on the mandate before the panel in the context of an updated citizens' register released on Saturday. "We have seen that the NRC exercise hasn't been to the satisfaction of a large number of organisations and the people. This has made our task both complicated and onerous," Bhattacharya said.

The Assam Accord, an agreement, was signed in 1985 between the then Rajiv Gandhi government and the All Assam Students' Union (AASU), ending a six-year mass movement against migrants alleged to have settled illegally from neighbouring Bangladesh.

Clause 6 of the agreement states that "Assamese people" would have "constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate to protect, preserve and promote" their "cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage."

The Modi government had to reconstitute the committee on July 16 after members of an earlier panel had resigned, protesting the Modi government's decision to amend the Citizenship Act to grant non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh citizenship rights.

The committee has invited suggestions from the public for the proposed recommendations, which will have to be submitted by September 20.

"Our feedback tells us that the entire people of the state is looking up to us and the clause 6 committee now," he said.



■ **Activists of Sachetan Nagarik Mancha Axom during a silent demonstration against NRC in New Delhi on August 17.** SONU MEHTA/HT

Bhattacharya said a definition of who is an indigenous or Assamese person was suggested in 2012 by the Pranab Gogoi committee, which many parties had accepted. Bhattacharya said indigenous people will also need "protection of their right to land", meaning possibly that it would recommend measures to put restrictions on who could purchase land in the state. The question of land isn't part of the clause 6.

Although these reference points were outlined in a public advertisement on August 22, Bhattacharya said it is possible that, additionally, it could look into regions within the state where the largest numbers of alleged "foreigners" had settled between 1951 and 1971.

"We have to look at these places and ascertain how have illegal migrations impacted people in these regions in the state. We do not know what has been the impact on their culture or language," Bhattacharya said. Assam's "anti-foreigner agitation" in the 1980s, which led to the signing of the Assam Accord, was prompted by historical waves of migration from Bangladesh. Locals say they feel swamped by illegal migrants.

Bangladesh, from where people have supposedly migrated unabatedly, does not accept that these are its citizens and, in most cases, there is no evidence to suggest that they belong to that country. It is this complexity that the updated citizens' register, which weeded out 1.9 million residents, sought out to address through a labyrinthine bureaucratic process.

A tricky question before the panel is a standard definition of who is a native in a state that is a virtual museum of many ethnicities and races. Bhattacharya said a definition of Assamese/indigenous was suggested in 2012 by the Pranab Gogoi committee, which many parties had accepted. "We will work on it and look into suggestions, consult all tribes and academics," Pranab Gogoi is a former speaker of the state's legislative assembly.

Professor Sandhya Goswami, a political scientist who retired from Gauhati University, said the citizens' register could be improved upon but it ought not to be rejected outright. "We cannot go on fighting about the number and, in my view, anybody who has fully assimilated within Assam's culture is an Assamese. Of course, this is not the same as an indigenous person."

NRC exclusion will not deprive citizens of their rights or entitlements: MEA

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NEW DELHI: The central government said on Sunday said the 1.9 million people left out of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam wouldn't become "stateless" or "foreigners" until they have exhausted their right to seek legal remedies.

The statement issued by the external affairs ministry was an apparent response to strong criticism by global rights groups and international media, which had reported on the uncertain future of those excluded from the NRC. Some 1.9 million people found themselves out of the final version of the NRC published on Saturday after an effort aimed at ending a four-decade movement against illegal immigrants, but whose outcome left even many of its original backers dissatisfied.

"Exclusion from the NRC has no implication on the rights of an individual resident in Assam. For those who are not in the final list will not be detained and will continue to enjoy all the rights as before till they have exhausted all the remedies available under the law," external affairs ministry spokesman Raveesh Kumar said in the statement. "It does not make the excluded person 'Stateless'. It also does not make him or her a 'Foreigner', within the legal meaning of the term. They will not be deprived of any rights or entitlements which they have enjoyed before."

The statement further said: "Any decision that is taken during the process of implementation of the NRC, will be within the four corners of the Indian law and consistent with India's democratic traditions."

Anyone excluded from the NRC has the right to file an appeal within 120 days of receiving a notification of exclusion to the designated tribunal. All appeals and excluded cases will be examined by the tribunal through a judicial process that will begin after the appellate period is over.

Four reasons people didn't make it to list

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GUWAHATI: The final list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) was released on Saturday and excluded a little over 1.9 million people. HT takes a look at the reasons why some people could not make it to the register:

BABULHAJONG

A Congress worker, Babul Hajong, said his wife, Monica, and daughter, Rashika, did not make it to the final NRC list as his father's relief eligibility certificate, a yellowing frayed document he has laminated and kept safely, was not accepted. "My uncles and aunts are there in the NRC. So, I do not understand why they have rejected us," he said. "I do not know what to do next," he said. Hajong thinks there will certainly be adverse consequences for him and his family because of the exclusion.

Hajong lives in Derapathar, a village in the Lanka Circle of Hojai district, where people say mainly refugees settled there in 1967. The residents belong to communities like Hajongs, Garos, Dalus and Bengali-speaking Hindus, who fled post-partition violence in then East Pakistan and came to India before 1966.

ABU SAYEED AHMED

Abu Sayeed Ahmed lives in Barpeta Road town of lower Assam and is used to authorities refus-



■ **People stand in a queue to check their names on the final list of the National Register of Citizens in Morigaon on August 31.** APP FILE

ing to give him documents because his father has been marked a Doubtful (D) voter or a suspected foreigner. He is yet to get a chance to prove he is a citizen before a foreigners tribunal. "I have applied for a passport, but they refused it. I applied for a driving license thrice but they would not give me because my father is a D Voter," he said. That his father has been marked as a D Voter means Ahmed and his two sisters are also out of the NRC list because D voters, declared foreigners and those with cases pending in foreigners tribunals and their descendants are automatically excluded from the NRC.

He said 31 members of his extended family failed to make it to the final list. Ahmed, who dropped out of college to work at a pharmacy, is worried that foreigners' tribunals may not be fair. "They are known to declare foreigners even while people have documents," he said. Sayeed said his name not being in the NRC means that problems will only grow from here.

CHAMPA GHOSH KARMAKAR

Champa Karmakar, a housewife in Hojai town of central Assam, could not make it to the final NRC list. Her husband Krishna Karmakar heads the Bharatiya Janata Party's IT cell in Hojai district. Krishna Karmakar said he did not know which one of her documents got rejected.

Champa is from Hoogly district of West Bengal. She submitted documents from West Ben-

gal – a birth certificate, another certificate issued by the village headman, and a school leaving certificate.

Krishna Karmakar said her name not being in the final NRC means multiple trips to foreigners' tribunals to appeal her case. "They should bring in the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill to help people who are finding it difficult to prove their citizenship through documents," he said, referring to legislation that promises citizenship to non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.

TAMEJ ALI

In June, Tamej Ali, a resident of Goraimari of Assam, was a happy man. In his large family of 36 people, 32 had made it to the draft NRC list and just four – most of them children – were out. But someone named John Kalita filed an objection against their inclusion. The family had no idea who Kalita is. The family had submitted as proof a document that showed his grandfather, Mecher Ali, as being included in the 1966 voter list, but to no avail. When the final NRC list came out on Saturday, the entire family found themselves excluded from the citizens' register. "They said there was a legacy data problem. We can go to court but have never heard of a foreigners' tribunal," he said, referring to the quasi-judicial bodies that decide whether someone is an illegal immigrant.

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HOW CAN PEOPLE NOT IN NRC MOVE TRIBUNAL: EX-CM

GUWAHATI: Senior Congress leader of Assam Tarun Gogoi on Sunday asked how the government asked the 1.9 million people left out of the final NRC list to move the Foreigners Tribunals for inclusion of their names as they have not been declared foreigners. The Assam government has asked those excluded from NRC to appeal to the Foreigners' Tribunals, promising them legal support. Instead of the Tribunals, Gogoi has called for an appellate body headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to hear the cases of those excluded.

ENSURE NO ONE IS LEFT STATELESS, UN REFUGEE CHIEF IN LETTER TO GOVT

BERLIN: The top UN refugee official has urged India to ensure that no one is left stateless by the exclusion of nearly 2 million people from a citizenship list in Assam state. Filippo Grandi, the UN high commissioner for refugees, voiced his concern in a statement issued Sunday in Geneva. He said that "any process that could leave large numbers of people without a nationality would be an enormous blow to global efforts to eradicate statelessness". He urged India to ensure no one ends up stateless, "including by ensuring adequate access to information, legal aid, and legal recourse in accordance with the highest standards of due process." About 32.9 million people were included on the list, according to a statement Saturday from Assam's government, leaving out 1.9 million. The Assam government on Saturday claimed many genuine Indian citizens had been left out of the final National Register of Citizens (NRC), but said they do not need to panic as they have option to appeal in the Foreigners Tribunal.

MUSLIM BODY HITS OUT AT IMRAN AND OWASI OVER NRC

GUWAHATI: An apex body of 21 indigenous Muslim organisations in Assam on Sunday slammed Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan for his comments on NRC saying he has no locus standi on the issue and they have been living in the state peacefully for generations. Sayed Mumtaz Aowal, president of the apex body of indigenous Muslim organisations, also asked Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi not to try to incite the people of Assam with wrong information on the issue of National Register of Citizens.



■ **Mamata Banerjee**

Mamata intensifies attack on Centre, highlights Gorkhas' exclusion from list

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KOLKATA: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday targeted the Narendra Modi government for the second time since the publication of the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam, expressing concern over exclusion of 1.9 million names from the final list.

After raising the issue of exclusion of Bengali-speaking people on Saturday, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief on Sunday expressed shock over exclusion of members of the Gorkha community. "Earlier I was not aware of the full NRC fiasco. As more and more information is coming in, we are shocked to see that names of more than 1 lakh Gorkha people have been excluded from the list," she wrote in a series of tweets on Sunday.

"In fact, names of thousands and thousands of genuine Indians, including those of CRPF and other jawans, family members of former President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, have been excluded." "Government must take care that genuine Indians are not left out and justice is meted out to all of our genuine Indian brothers and sisters."

Political strategist Prashant Kishor, whose Indian Political Action Committee was roped in by the TMC in June this year for an image makeover drive, also used the microblogging site to express his concern. "A botched up NRC leaves lakhs of people as foreigners in their own country! Such is the price people pay when political posturing & rhetoric is misunderstood as solution for complex issues related to national security without paying attention to strategic & systemic challenges," Kishore tweeted.

Asked Pak for immediate remedial action: Centre

CONVERSION OF SIKH GIRLS Protests held outside Pakistan High Commission in Delhi

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NEW DELHI: In the wake of forced conversion of two Sikh girls in Pakistan, India on Sunday expressed strong concern over the incidents and asked the neighbouring country to take remedial action to stop such cases.

External affairs ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar on Sunday said that civil society and people of India have strongly condemned the forced abduction, conversion and marriage of the two Sikh girls.

In Pakistan's Punjab province, a teenage Sikh girl, the daughter of a priest, was allegedly abducted and converted to Islam at gunpoint before she was married to a Muslim man, her family alleged in a video.

They say she is 18-years old. The Sikh community in Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev, has held protests over the incident.

"The civil society & the people of India have strongly condemned the recent deplorable incidents of forced abduction, conversion & marriage of two Sikh girls in Pakistan. We have reflected these strong concerns with Pakistan and have asked for immediate remedial action," Kumar said on Twitter

The abduction of a teenage girl Jagjit Kaur came to light on Thursday after Shiromani Akali Dal spokesperson Majinder Singh Sirsa shared a video of the girl's family narrating the ordeal on social media.

The incident led to a furore in India with several political leaders across parties demanding action against the perpetrators.

According to the FIR filed by the girl's family, eight men had barged into their house in Nankana Sahib on August 28 and took away Jagjit Kaur at gunpoint.

On Saturday, it was reported that another girl identified as Renuka Kumari was abducted from her college in Sukkur in Sindh province of Pakistan.



Members of a Sikh group raise anti-Pakistan slogan against reports of a Sikh girl's forceful conversion to Islam at Teen Murti near Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi on Sunday. VIPIN KUMAR /HT PHOTO

The MEA had earlier said that it has received a number of representations from various quarters of civil society and members of Sikh religious bodies about the incident in Pakistan.

PROTESTS OUTSIDE PAK HIGH COMMISSION

The MEA response on Sunday came even as protests were held outside the Pakistan High Commission here by a large gathering of Sikhs and others, demanding that Islamabad take action in the matter.

People took out a march here on Sunday to protest abduction, forceful conversion and marriage of a Sikh girl to a Muslim man in Pakistan.

They walked from Teen Murti Bhavan to Pakistan High Commission in solidarity with the girl.

Protestors raised slogans against Pakistan and demanded justice for the teenager who was allegedly abducted and converted to Islam before being married to a Muslim man in Pakistan's Punjab province.

(With Agency Inputs)

India-Pak face off in Male over J&K issue

NEW DELHI: The deputy chairman of India's Rajya Sabha and the deputy speaker of Pakistan's National Assembly were involved in a heated exchange on the situation in Kashmir while participating in the South Asian Speakers' Summit in the Maldives on Sunday.

The exchange was triggered when Qasim Suri, the deputy speaker of Pakistan's lower house of Parliament, commented during his speech that the "oppression" of the Kashmiri people cannot be ignored.

Suri said the world community cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the problems of the Kashmiris and that Pakistan's Parliament stands with "all oppressed people". He said the Kashmir issue should be settled in line with the UNSC resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiris.

This prompted Harivansh Narayan Singh, the deputy chair-

man of India's RS, to raise a point of order that was allowed by the Maldives Speaker Mohamed Nasheed. He said: "We strongly object to the raising of internal matter of India in this forum... There is a need for Pakistan to end cross-border terrorism and all kinds of state support to it in the interest of regional peace and stability." He also pointed out Nasheed and Inter-Parliamentary Union secretary general Martin Chungong said the forum was meant only to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals.

Quratulain Marri, a member of the Pakistani Senate, too raised a point of order and said the SGDs were also about human rights and again referred to "atrocities being meted out in Kashmir".

Singh accused Pakistan of "genocide" that led to creation of a separate country and questioned Islamabad's moral right to raise the Kashmir issue. **HTC**

JAWAN KILLED IN SHELLING ALONG LoC IN POONCH

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JAMMU: An Army jawan was killed on Sunday as Pakistan violated ceasefire by resorting to mortar shelling and small arms firing on forward posts and villages along the Line of Control in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The soldier, manning a forward post, was killed in the firing from across the border in Shapur-Kerni area of Poonch sector, an Army official said.

Further details of the incident were awaited, he said.

The ceasefire violation by Pakistan comes a day after Army Chief General Bipin Rawat visited the troops on the LoC in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri, and reviewed the prevailing situation and operational readiness of the units of White Knight Corps.

Jammu-based based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said, "At about 1300 hours, Pakistan initiated ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars in Poonch sector. The Indian Army retaliated befittingly." According to the officials, the firing from across the border was intense.

Seven people, including five soldiers and a 10-day-old baby, were killed and several others injured in frequent ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the LoC in the two districts since July.

The chief of Army staff (COAS), who was on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, on Saturday visited forward areas along the LoC in Poonch and Rajouri districts, and reviewed the mission readiness of units, response mechanism to ceasefire violations, measures adopted to deal with Pakistan proxies, counter infiltration posture and preparation to deal with violent actions on the Line of Control.

THE CEASEFIRE VIOLATION BY PAKISTAN COMES A DAY AFTER ARMY CHIEF GEN BIPIN RAWAT VISITED THE TROOPS ON THE LOC IN POONCH AND RAJOURI

Pakistan to grant consular access to Jadhav today

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday said it has granted Indian consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav and Indian officials will be allowed to meet him on Monday.

In a tweet, the Pakistani Foreign Office said this was being done in line with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) verdict. The ICJ on July 17 said Pakistan has violated Jadhav's rights under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and sought a review of his death sentence.

Pakistan announced a military court has sentenced Jadhav to death in April 2017 a year after it said he was arrested from Balochistan in March 2016 and charged with involvement in spying and subversive activities.

India has rejected the allegations against Jadhav saying he was kidnapped from the Iranian port of Chabahar, where he was running a business. In May 2017, New Delhi petitioned the ICJ.

Pakistan has downgraded diplomatic ties with India and suspended bilateral trade in response to the curfew in Jammu and Kashmir.

India last month effectively turned down Pakistan's offer for consular access to Jadhav in its current form. Officials told HT that New Delhi has asked Islamabad to provide "unimpeded" contact with the Indian national on



Kulbhushan Jadhav

death row. In response to Islamabad's conditional offer of consular access, the Indian government asked the Pakistani side to "provide unimpeded consular access" to Kulbhushan Jadhav "in an environment free from the fear of intimidation and reprisal". The access was asked in light of the orders of the ICJ.

HT last month reported that Pakistan attached several conditions to its offer, including the presence of its officials during a meeting between Jadhav and Indian officials and the use of audio and video devices to record the conversation. This was the reason why the Indian side had insisted on the meeting being held in an environment free from intimidation and reprisal.

The concept of consular access entails officials of one country being able to meet a prisoner in a foreign country without being overheard.

Imran, Sanders attack India over Kashmir issue

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday asked the international community to recognise the grave threat to regional and world peace posed by a nuclear-armed India "taken over by the Hindu supremacist group, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)".

"We are talking about a country of over a billion people with nuclear weapons taken over by an extreme ideology. All minorities are now being systematically targeted in India. Kashmiris have been under siege for the past 28 days. This is the same RSS philosophy which led to the massacre of Muslims in the Indian state of Gujarat," Pakistan PM said addressing the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) in Houston on Sunday via video link.

PM Imran said the whole of India is in the grip of an extremist ideology that is threatening the very fabric of Indian society.

Democrat presidential candidate Bernie Sanders also expressed concern over the current conditions in Kashmir, terming it "unacceptable", a media report said on Sunday.

Addressing the ISNA, the Vermont Senator said the US must ensure the implementation of international laws and should press for a peaceful resolution through the UN, leading Pakistan daily, The Express Tribune reported.

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First integrated battle group to be deployed along border

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NEW DELHI: As tensions simmer on the 3,323-km-long India-Pakistan border, the Indian army is set to deploy its first Integrated Battle Group (IBG) along the frontier by the end of this year, Chief of Army Staff General Bipin Rawat said. In all, the Indian Army plans to form and deploy 11-13 IBGs to protect its western and eastern borders.

The ministry of defence (MoD) has cleared the reorganisation of IX Corps, based in Yoi in Himachal Pradesh, to form the IBGs to be deployed along the western border. Raised in 2009, IX Corps is one of the army's youngest corps and is part of the Chandimandir, Haryana-based Western Army Command.

This is one of the biggest reorganisations of the Army and General Rawat is its prime mover.

Restructuring of the combat potential of the Indian army will happen "selectively from sector to sector," Rawat said. "The inter-

national border portion of J&K Kashmir will see reorganisation first followed by others, making the Indian army a leaner and meaner fighting unit," general Rawat said, explaining the rationale behind the exercise.

In contrast with the traditional and somewhat antiquated fighting units of the army Corps, each of which comprises at least three brigades, the IBGs are smaller, meaner, self-contained fighting units, including elements of air power, artillery, armour. The IBG will encompass 6-8 battalions depending on the terrain where it is deployed and the purpose it is meant for... The composition of the IBGs will vary depending on the "task" and the "order of battle," said a senior Army officer who did not want to be named.

"The IBGs, on an average, would comprise 20,000-25,000 men," said the officer. While each IBG will be a self-contained fighting unit, it can draw logistical support from other formations. The IBGs will be smaller and

more flexible, allowing faster mobilisation. The formation of the IBGs, among other things, will drastically cut the time required to mobilise the strike arms of the Army. Each IBG will be commanded by an officer of the rank of major general.

The Siliguri-based XXXIII Corps, tasked with protecting the Indo-Tibetan border including Sikkim, is next in line for being transformed into an IBG. The XXXIII Corps, which moved to its present location in 1962, comprises the Black Cat, Kirpan and Striking Lion divisions and an artillery division - an estimated 30,000 thousand soldiers.

The XXXIII Corps is likely to be reorganised into five IBGs, each tasked differently, a second senior officer requesting anonymity said. The recently raised, Panagarh, West Bengal-based Mountain Strike Corps, or Brahmaputra Corps, the only strike corps designated to fight along the India-China border, will also be restructured to form three IBGs.

AHEAD OF DARBAR MOVE

‘More officials in Kashmir due to ground situation’

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JAMMU/NEW DELHI: More officials will be deployed in the Kashmir Valley to oversee and execute administrative functions as the biannual Darbar move takes place at the end of October, shifting the government of Jammu and Kashmir from Srinagar to the winter capital Jammu, officials aware of the matter said.

At least 5,000 employees of the civil secretariat and 33 government departments form part of the Darbar move but this time fewer will people will be sent to Jammu, an official familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

J&K will formally become a Union Territory on October 31, which is also around the time when the exercise of shifting the secretariat and other government offices from Srinagar to Jammu takes place.

According to an official in Srinagar, this year, once the seat of administration moves to



Workers carry official documents as part of the biannual darbar move from Jammu to Srinagar on April 27. NITIN KANOTRA /HT FILE

Jammu; more officials will be deployed in the Valley to ensure smooth functioning of services in the wake of communication restrictions that have been imposed since August 5, when the reorganisation of the state was announced in Parliament, together with the stripping of its special status.

"We usually have a special secretary in Srinagar when the Darbar moves to Jammu; but this year owing to the ground situation we will ensure there are

more officials in the Valley compared to the previous years," said the official.

According to the official quoted above, the modalities of how the work is allocated will be finalised in the coming week.

Given the restrictions on communication, there is a sense that the administrative functions in the Valley should not be hampered in the long winter months ahead. Landlines work intermittently in some areas and the government has announced that it

will open mobile communication lines in some areas such as north Kashmir's Kupwara.

Speculation that the Darbar move-- introduced in 1872 by the then Dogra king Maharaja Ranbir Singh-- in the erstwhile princely state will be suspended after J&K and Ladakh get designated as UTs has been put to rest.

A government circular issued by the estates department confirmed that the shift to Jammu for the next six months will take place in November. The department has sought to know the requirement for residential accommodation in Jammu for officials who will move there from November to April.

In the circular, the director, estates, requested all the financial commissioners, principal secretaries, commissioner secretaries and heads of various government departments to furnish information on officials likely to go to Jammu. The estates department has set September 10 as the last date for receiving the information in the prescribed format. "The circular is self-explanatory -- that the practice of biannual Darbar Move will continue but this time around it may be a limited exercise and that is why the department has sought information of officials who are likely to move to Jammu in November 2019," said another official, requesting anonymity.

Though successive governments in J&K downplayed the expenditure incurred on the practice, the cash-strapped state spent close to ₹150 crore every year on facilitating it, officials aware of the details said. "Every six months the state road transport corporation has to provide around 150 trucks and 50 buses for the purpose," said the second official quoted above.

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee chief and former MLC, Ravinder Sharma said, "We are getting reports from officials that this time around it would be a limited Darbar move." "... Financial and administrative support for availability of supplies in winter for works will be made," the first official cited above said.

NCERT to get institute of importance status

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NEW DELHI: In a move that's expected to boost research in the method and practice of teaching, especially at the school level, the Union human resource development ministry plans to enact a legislation that would bestow "Institute of National Importance" status on the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

According to HRD officials, consultations have been held with the law and other ministries and once the Prime Minister's Office gives it the nod, the legislation can be brought before the cabinet for approval.

The NCERT, set up in 1961, is a unique institution, which, apart from publishing widely used school textbooks, has been at the forefront of educational reforms ranging from creating the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in 1975, 1988, 2000 and 2005 to developing inputs for the National Policy of Education in 1968 and again to the education policy currently being framed by the Centre.

It is a highly ironical situation. While the NCERT has been advis-

ing the Centre and the states in policymaking and its research and suggestions are often the drivers behind key changes, the NCERT's own institutions do not have the power even to grant degrees," a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

"The research, development and training activities of the NCERT would be boosted with the INI status," the official said. However, it is a demand for which the prestigious organisation has waited for nearly a decade. A committee formed by the HRD ministry under Prof. Govardhan Mehta in 2010 had recommended that the NCERT be given the INI status.

Former University Grants Commission member, Professor Inder Mohan Kapahy said, "I agree with the proposal to award NCERT the INI status... However, care must be taken this doesn't reduce to become a routine university trouting out degrees."

INI status has been conferred so far on institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Technology and the National Institutes of Design.

THE POLITICAL JOURNEYS OF THE NEW GOVERNORS



KALRAJ MISHRA, Rajasthan

Kalraj Mishra, who will replace Kalyan Singh as Rajasthan governor, has been a three-time Rajya Sabha member and a former Union minister. He was born on July 1, 1941, at Malikpur in Uttar Pradesh's Gazipur district. Mishra won the 2014 Lok Sabha polls from Deori constituency and served as Union minister for micro, small and medium enterprises from May 2014 to September 2017. Mishra joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in 1963. He has been the BJP's Uttar Pradesh unit chief and the party's in charge of Rajasthan (2004-06). Mishra was a cabinet minister in UP and held portfolios of public works, medical education, and tourism from March 1997 to August 2000. In July 2019, he was made Himachal governor.



BS KOSHIYARI, Maharashtra

Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, who has been named as Maharashtra's 19th governor, is a former Uttarakhand chief minister. He was the first BJP chief in Uttarakhand after the state was formed in 2000. Koshiyari, who will replace C Vidyasagar Rao, comes from the Kumaon region, where he started out as an RSS functionary. He has been instrumental in setting up branches of RSS's Saraswati Shishu Mandir schools in his state. A Rajput, Koshiyari became an MLC in undivided Uttar Pradesh in 1997, until Uttarakhand was carved out in November 2000. He served as the opposition leader in the Uttarakhand assembly between 2002 and 2007. Koshiyari was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 2007, and elected as a Lok Sabha member in 2014. He was jailed during Emergency.



T SOUNDARARAJAN, Telangana

Tamilisai Soundararajan, 58, who has been named as Telangana governor, is a gynecologist by profession. Her father, Kumari Ananthan, was an influential chief of Tamil Nadu's Congress unit. Her uncle, H Vasanthakumar, is the Congress's Parliament member from Kanyakumari. She joined the BJP in the late 1990s when the party had little presence in the state. Soundararajan served as the BJP's South Chennai Medical Wing secretary in 1999. Two years later, she was named as the party's state general secretary of the medical wing in 2001. In 2005, she became the BJP's state secretary. Soundararajan was elevated to the post of BJP vice-president in 2007 and later national secretary in 2013. She was made the president of BJP's Tamil Nadu unit a year later.



B DATTATREYA, Himachal Pradesh

BJP leader Bandaru Dattatreya, who was appointed as Himachal Pradesh governor, has been a four-time Lok Sabha member from Telangana's Secunderabad. He has served as minister in both Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Narendra Modi governments. A science graduate, Dattatreya was born on June 12, 1947. He joined the RSS in 1965, and was jailed during the Emergency. He joined the BJP in the 1980s and held various positions, including that of state general secretary. He was appointed as BJP's Andhra Pradesh chief in 1997. He was elected to LS for the first time in 1991. He got re-elected in 1998 and 1999 and served as Union minister of state. Dattatreya lost the 2004 and 2009 polls. He again won in 2014 and was made minister of state (independent charge) at the Centre.



ARIF M KHAN, Kerala

Arif Mohammad Khan, the new governor of Kerala, has been associated with several parties including Bharatiya Kranti Dal, Congress, Janata Dal, BSP and the BJP. Born in UP, the 68-year-old Khan has been an active advocate for internal reformation in Islam. He has criticized parties for playing the "Muslim card". He had quit the cabinet after the Rajiv Gandhi government caved in to the pressure of Muslim clergy and reversed a Supreme Court verdict granting alimony to a divorced woman from the community. He was one of the youngest MLAs in UP, at the age of 26. At the Centre, he has held portfolios such as civil aviation and energy. He will be taking over from former Chief Justice of India (retired) Justice P Sathashivam.

Babri case: Kalyan Singh may face trial as immunity ends

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NEW DELHI: Outgoing Rajasthan governor Kalyan Singh may have to face trial for criminal conspiracy in the Babri Masjid demolition case as the immunity he has been enjoying for holding the constitutional post will go away at the end of his tenure, people familiar with the matter said.

On April 19, 2017, the Supreme Court had ordered revival of criminal conspiracy charges against Bharatiya Janata Party leaders L K Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi and Uma Bharati. It had also clarified that Singh, who was the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh when the Babri Masjid was demolished in 1992, could not be brought in as an accused to face trial in view of the constitutional immunity granted to Governors under Article 361 of the Constitution.

However, the apex court told the CBI to call Singh as an accused as soon as he ceases to be the Governor.

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e) Opposite Party may also be directed to pay the cost to the tune of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) in favour of each member of the Class.;
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Dated, this 30th day of August 2019

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Doctor beaten to death in Assam after worker dies

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GUWAHATI: A mob on Saturday thrashed a 73-year-old doctor to death for allegedly delaying the treatment of a worker, who succumbed to his head injuries after a fall, at a tea estate hospital in Assam's Jorhat, the state police said on Sunday

Jorhat police superintendent Nimbalkar Vaibhav Chandrakant said two attendants administered Somra Majhi, 32, the worker, an injection at Teok Tea Estate's hospital on Dr Deben Dutta's advice while he was away for lunch. He added Majhi died soon after Dutta arrived and started treating him.

"An angry mob soon gathered and started to abuse him [Dutta] first and then thrashed the doctor over allegations that he arrived late. They attacked him with broken glass pieces," said Chandrakant.

He added that they have so far detained 21 people in connection with the murder. "They are likely to be arrested," Chandrakant said.

TO PROTEST THE ATTACK, THE INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HAS ANNOUNCED A 24-HOUR WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES, EXCEPT EMERGENCY. ON SEPT 3

Dutta died on his way to a Jorhat hospital after police rescued him.

"He had head and leg injuries," said Chandrakant.

Assam police chief Kuladhar Saikia said he has sent an inspector general rank officer to Jorhat and directed that strict action should be taken.

In a statement, Teok Tea Estate said a welfare officer at the tea estate, too, was assaulted when he tried to rescue the doctor. It added the crowd became rowdier when the officer tried to intervene.

The statement said the mob comprised workers, non-workers and outsiders.

Teok Tea Estate was closed

after the murder.

The Indian Medical Association's Assam branch condemned the murder and said it is the third major assault on doctors serving in tea gardens in recent times. It announced a 24-hour withdrawal of medical services excluding emergency on September 3.

Jorhat district administration has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the murder. Additional Deputy Commissioner Subhan Gowalla has been asked to submit a report in seven days.

CCPA DEMANDS ACTION AGAINST ACCUSED Meanwhile, Assam Valley Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations (CCPA) has condemned the incident.

"Mindless and murderous assault perpetrated on the Medical Officer of Teok Tea Estate while he was on duty in the Estate Hospital," it said.

The Assam Valley CCPA has urged authorities concerned to apprehend those responsible for the assault and demanded strict action against them.

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NEWDELHI: Two men, suspected to be mentally unstable, were beaten up on suspicion of being child lifters in separate incidents over a period of 24 hours in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, police said on Sunday. Two persons have been arrested in connection with the case in Madhya Pradesh's Satna.

In the first incident, a resident of Bihar's Samastipur district was beaten up in Pratapgarh district of Uttar Pradesh. People familiar with the matter said the victim was spotted by villagers at Tlouri crossing of Kunda and thrashed him.

DP Singh, the station house officer of Kunda Kotwali police station, said the victim had been rescued and is undergoing treatment. In the second incident, a 45-year-old man, who is yet to be identified, was beaten up in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh on Friday. A video of the incident that went viral, purportedly showed a group of people, including Badal Chaturvedi

(19) and Chotu Yadav (19) thrashing the victim. Satna superintendent of police Riyaz Iqbal said, "Badal Chaturvedi and Chotu Yadav have been arrested under sections 147 (punishment for rioting), 294 (punishment for obscene acts and words) and 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) of the IPC."

In a similar incident, a woman was beaten up by a group of locals on suspicions of being a child lifter, police said. The incident took place near a bus stand in Sikandarpur area of the district on Saturday. Police said Karishma Yadav was talking to people about computer education in Sikandarpur area of the district when some locals started beating her on the suspicion that she was a child lifter. While the police were able to rescue the woman, police outpost in-charge Amarjeet Yadav said action will be initiated, once a complaint is received.

On Sunday, a mob thrashed a truck cleaner in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district on the suspicion that he was trying to abduct a child, police said.

MP, Bengal not to implement MV Act; Raj to review penalties

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BHOPAL/KOLKATA/JAIPUR: Two Opposition-ruled states, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, said on Sunday they had decided not to implement revised penalties under the amended Motor Vehicles Act (MVA) for now as they were very high, even as the Rajasthan government said it would review the fines on Monday.

Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are ruled by the Congress and West Bengal by the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress. The amended MV Act has penalties up to 10 times the previous amounts.

The amended act came into effect from Sunday.

"There is a steep hike in fines as per the amended Motor Vehicles Act which has been implemented today. I have asked the transport commissioner to visit other states to see the impact of the amended act," said Govind Rajput, Madhya Pradesh's transport minister.

The minister said several public representatives have met him and expressed their concern

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over the huge increase in the fines for traffic violations. "I have no problem with steep hike for drink-driving, etc., but it should not adversely affect people who face fines for minor offences."

The minister said that the decision on implementing the new fines will be taken only after the transport commissioner submits his report on the impact of fines in other states in a week's time. "Till then, the older fines will continue," he said.

MP's law and legal affairs minister PC Sharma said the law would be implemented once people were made aware of the enhanced fines.

"The amended law says a person not wearing a helmet while riding a two-wheeler can be fined ₹5,000 and if he fails to pay it, he can be jailed. How many people

will go to jail?" Sharma asked.

The state's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson, Rajneesh Agrawal, said: "The state government should immediately implement the amended Motor Vehicles Act which was brought after a lot of considerations and in view of increasing number of accidents and accidental deaths in the country. But the Congress government is more concerned about those party workers who might be penalised for violations of the Act."

The West Bengal government, meanwhile, has written to the Centre about its objections to the amended law and has said that it will not implement the new penalty provisions till the central government addresses the state's concerns, according to an official aware of the developments. West Bengal transport minister Suvenud Adhikary did not respond to phone calls on Sunday.

The senior transport department official familiar with the matter said the West Bengal government has written to the Centre objecting to the "steep hike" in penalties that could burden the common man.

To reclaim political legacy, Cong to mark YSR death anniversary

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NEW DELHI: The Congress will observe the 10th death anniversary of former united Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, popularly known as YSR, across the state on Monday as it seeks to reclaim his political legacy.

YSR's son and Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Y S Jagan-mohan Reddy, insists to be the only heir to the late leader's legacy. He broke away from the Congress to form his YSR Congress Party, which was voted to power in May.

"He [YSR] was our leader. Jagan can claim his family legacy but his political legacy belongs to the Congress and nobody else," said Congress's Andhra Pradesh in-charge C D Meyyappan. "YSR's dream was to see Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister but Jagan is not fulfilling his father's wish."

Meyyappan said the Congress will hold functions across the state on YSR's death anniversary.

Congress has maintained that YSR was one of its tallest leaders, who worked for social justice and inclusive development.

YSR died in an air crash on September 2, 2009. YSR's leadership was credited for the Congress's victory in the state elections in 2004 and 2009.

Bring law to check population growth, says Jitin Prasada

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NEWDELHI: Former union minister and Congress leader Jitin Prasada on Sunday said the unabated growth of India's population was concerning and asked the Centre to bring in a law to check the rising population in the country.

"There should be a nationwide discussion on population control. A law should be made in this regard. If the country has to move forward, the population needs to be checked," Prasada told news agency ANI in an interview.

Prasada's comments come on the back of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech, in which he had underlined the need to tackle the challenge of population explosion in the country and cautioned that if left unaddressed, it could pose problems for future generations.

"There is one issue I want to highlight today — population explosion. This can create many new crises for us, for our future generation...", he said.

The Prime Minister had also said those who have adopted measures to limit the size of their families have served the nation in their own way. With 1.3 billion people, India is the world's second most populous country. The country's population has increased from 361 million in 1951 to 1.2 billion in 2011. According to the latest United Nations' population projection, India is expected to surpass China by 2024 and will have more than 1.6 billion people by 2050. "It is high time to take concrete steps. I urge the government to bring in the required laws to check the rising population," Prasada said. He also blamed the population growth for slowing down the economy.



■ **YS Rajasekhara Reddy** HT FILE

Andhra Pradesh contributed significantly to the Congress's return to power at the Centre in 2004 and 2009.

The party won 29 seats in the state in 2004 Lok Sabha elections. The tally increased to 33 in the 2009 polls.

In the 2014 assembly and Lok Sabha elections held after the creation of Telangana, the Congress was decimated in Andhra Pradesh and failed to win any seat. The Congress has been relegated to the political margins in Andhra Pradesh following its bifurcation in 2014.

It failed to win any seat in the Lok Sabha as well as the assembly elections in 2014 and 2019.

"A true congressman all his life, he continues to inspire us to toil for social justice and inclusive development," Congress leader Oommen Chandy said while paying tributes to the late leader on his ninth death anniversary.



■ **Arjun Singh**

BJP leader, 9 cops injured in clash with TMC workers

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KOLKATA: Bharatiya Janata Party MP Arjun Singh and nine police officials were injured in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district in a clash between supporters of the BJP and the Trinamool Congress on Sunday.

Singh, the Barrackpore MP, who was admitted to a private hospital in Salt Lake, has alleged that he was hit by police commissioner Manoj Verma.

The police, however, has refuted Singh's claim, saying that he was hit by a brick thrown by his supporters.

According to locals in the region, BJP and TMC workers clashed over a party office in the Shyamnagar area. Singh's car was damaged by TMC workers which escalated the clash and spread to Kankinara, Bhatpara and Jagaddal areas.

The West Bengal police, in a series of tweets, accused the MP and his son, Pawan Singh, of inciting violence and attacking the police.

"Today some hooligans led by Arjun Singh, MP and his MLA son forcibly blocked a road in Jagaddal area of Barrackpore. He provoked his supporters to attack the police. Several policemen including the Commissioner got injured," the state police said on Twitter.

माननीय श्री न्यायमूर्ति प्रशांत कुमार मिश्रा की अध्यक्षता में जीएस घाटी घटना की जाँच हेतु गठित एकल सदस्यीय विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग, मुख्यालय जगदलपुर (जीएस घाटी में घटित घटना के जाँच हेतु गठित विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग)

अधिसूचना [अंतर्गत नियम 5(2) (ख) कमीशन ऑफ इन्क्वायरी (केन्द्रीय) नियम, 1972] सर्वसाधारण को सूचना

छ.ग. शासन द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना क्रमांक एफ 3-5/2013/1 7 (पार्ट 1), रायपुर दिनांक 28/05/2013 द्वारा थाना-दरभा अन्तर्गत जीएस घाटी क्षेत्र में दिनांक- 25/05/2013 को नक्सलियों द्वारा कारित हिंसात्मक घटना की विशेष जाँच हेतु माननीय श्री न्यायमूर्ति प्रशांत कुमार मिश्रा, न्यायाधीश छत्तीसगढ़ उच्च न्यायालय, बिलासपुर की अध्यक्षता में विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग का गठन किया गया है, जिसके न्यायिक जाँच के बिंदुओं में छ.ग. शासन द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना क्रमांक-19, दिनांक 21/01/2019 के द्वारा अतिरिक्त बिंदु समाहित किये गये हैं, जो निम्नानुसार है :-

- नवंबर 2012 में स्व. महेन्द्र कर्मा पर हुये हमले के पश्चात् क्या उनकी सुरक्षा की समीक्षा प्रोटेक्शन रिव्यू ग्रुप के द्वारा की गई थी?
- स्व. महेन्द्र कर्मा को नवंबर 2012 में उन पर हुये हमले के पश्चात्, उनके द्वारा मांगी गई अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा की माँग पर किस स्तर पर विचार/निर्णय किया गया था और उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई थी?
- गरियाबंद जिले में जुलाई 2011 में स्व. नंद कुमार पटेल के काफिले पर हुये हमले के पश्चात्, क्या स्वर्गीय पटेल एवं उनके काफिले की सुरक्षा हेतु अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा उपलब्ध कराई गई थी और क्या उन अतिरिक्त सुरक्षा मानकों का पालन जीएस घाटी घटना के दौरान किया गया?
- क्या राज्य में नक्सलियों के द्वारा पूर्व में किये गये बड़े हमलों को ध्यान में रखते हुए नक्सली इलाकों में यात्रा आदि हेतु किसी निष्कारित संख्या में या उससे भी अधिक बल प्रदाय करने के कोई दिशा-निर्देश थे? यदि हाँ तो उनका पालन किया गया? यदि नहीं, तो क्या पूर्व के बड़े हमलों की सुरक्षा को कोई कदम उठाये गये?
- नक्सल विरोधी ऑपरेशन में और विशेषकर टी.सी.ओ.सी. की अवधि के दौरान यूनिफाईड कमाण्ड किस तरह अपनी भूमिका निभाती थी? यूनिफाईड कमाण्ड के अध्यक्ष के कर्तव्य क्या थे और क्या यूनिफाईड कमाण्ड के तत्कालीन अध्यक्ष ने अपने उन कर्तव्यों का उपयुक्त निर्वहन किया?
- 25 मई, 2013 को बस्तर जिले में कुल कितना पुलिस बल मौजूद था? क्या परिवर्तन यात्रा कार्यक्रम की अवधि में बस्तर जिले से पुलिस बल दूसरे जिलों में भेजा गया? यदि हाँ तो किस कारण से और किसके आदेश से? क्या इसके लिये सक्षम स्वीकृति प्राप्त की गई थी?
- क्या नक्सली किसी बड़े आदमी को बंधक बनाने के पश्चात् उन्हें रिहा करने के बदले अपनी माँग मनवाने का प्रयास करते रहे हैं? स्व. नंद कुमार पटेल एवं उनके पुत्र के बंधक होने के समय ऐसा नहीं करने के कारण क्या था?
- सुकुमा के तत्कालीन कलेक्टर, श्री अलेक्जेंडर पॉल मेनन के अपहरण एवं रिहाई में किस तरह के समझौते नक्सलियों के साथ किये गये थे? क्या उनका कोई संबंध स्व. महेन्द्र कर्मा की सुरक्षा से था?

सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, छ.ग. शासन, रायपुर के पत्र क्रमांक एफ 3-5/2013/1-7, रायपुर दिनांक 07/06/2013 द्वारा आयोग का मुख्यालय, संभागीय आवुक्त कार्यालय, बस्तर (जगदलपुर) घोषित किया गया है। आयोग का कैम्प कार्यालय बिलासपुर में है।

अतः एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जो भी व्यक्ति, समूह या संस्था उपरोक्त घटना के संबंध में जानकारी रखते हैं, वे कार्यालयीन अवधि में आयोग कार्यालय, जगदलपुर या कैम्प कार्यालय, सचिव-सह-एडिशनल रजिस्ट्रार (न्यायिक), उच्च न्यायालय, बिलासपुर में जानकारी लिखित में, शपथ-पत्र में अपने पहचान से संबंधित समग्र दस्तावेज जैसे मतदाता-सूची, निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा प्रदत्त मतदाता परिचय-पत्र, राशन-कार्ड, गाँव के सरपंच अथवा किसी शासकीय संस्था द्वारा प्रदत्त पहचान प्रमाण-पत्र, कृषक होने की स्थिति में खाने की स्व-अभिप्रायणित छाया प्रतियाँ सहित इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशन तिथि के 15 दिनों के भीतर हिन्दी अथवा अंग्रेजी भाषा में प्रस्तुत करें।

यदि कोई व्यक्ति, समूह या संस्था घटना से संबंधित प्रत्यक्ष जानकारी का साक्ष्य, आयोग के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करने के इच्छुक हैं तो वे विषय-वस्तु एवं पूर्ण पत्रे सहित आवेदन-पत्र प्रस्तुत कर अपना पंजीयन, कार्यालयीन अवधि में आयोग के कार्यालय में करा सकते हैं। जाँच-आयोग द्वारा प्रयोग में लायी जाने वाली प्रक्रिया विनियम अलग से अधिसूचित की जा रही है।

सुविधा हेतु अपेक्षित शपथ-पत्र का प्रारूप संलग्न है।

आज दिनांक - 02/08/2019 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर से जारी।

(संतोष कुमार तिवारी)
सचिव

शपथ-पत्र का प्रारूप

जीएस घाटी घटना की जाँच हेतु गठित विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करने हेतु

समक्ष पब्लिक नोटरी/न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट/कार्यपालिक मजिस्ट्रेट स्थान
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नाम
पिता/पति का नाम
उम्र
व्यवसाय
निवास स्थान (पूर्ण पता)
थाना क्षेत्र
तहसील क्षेत्र
जिला
राज्य

शपथ-पत्र

मैंपिता/पति.....उम्र..... वर्ष,
व्यवसायनिवासी..... शपथपूर्वक
निर्माकित कथन करता/करती हूँ :-

1. यह कि मैं उपरोक्त शपथकर्ता दिनांकको घटना के समय..... स्थान पर स्वयं उपस्थित था/थी एवं मेरे समक्ष जाँच बिंदु क्रमांकसे संबंधित निम्न बातें हुई :-

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जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 2
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 3
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 4
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 5
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 6
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 7
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 8
जाँच बिंदु क्रमांक 9
घटना हुई, जिसका/जिसकी मैं स्वयं चक्षुदर्शी हूँ।

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मुझे इस घटना के संबंध में जिन बिंदुओं पर जाँच होती है, उन बिंदुओं के संबंध में निम्न जानकारी :-

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..... स्त्रोत प्राप्त हुई है, जिस पर मैं विश्वास करता हूँ/करती हूँ, जिसे मैं सत्य मानता हूँ/मानती हूँ।

2. मैं अपने द्वारा प्रदत्त जानकारी के संबंध में दस्तावेजों की मूल प्रति/अभिप्रायणित प्रति प्रस्तुत कर रहा हूँ/रही हूँ एवं आयोग द्वारा आहूत किये जाने पर अथवा साक्ष्य के समय दस्तावेजों की मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत करूँगा/करूँगी।

शपथकर्ता

सत्यापन
मैंशपथपूर्वक निम्न सत्यापन करता हूँ/करती हूँ कि कण्डिका 1 से की जानकारी मेरे व्यक्तिगत ज्ञान से एवं कण्डिकासेको जानकारी स्त्रोत से प्राप्त ज्ञान, जिसे मैं सत्य मानता हूँ/मानती हूँ और विश्वास करता हूँ/करती हूँ, से सत्य है।
अतः आज दिनांकको स्थान.....में सत्यापित कर अपना हस्ताक्षर किया/की/अंगूठा निशानी लगाया/लगायी।

स्थान :-

दिनांक :-

3. नोट :-

- शपथकर्ता से अपेक्षा है कि वे समस्त जानकारी शपथ-पत्र द्वारा ही प्रदान करें।
- शपथ-पत्र में जो जानकारी शपथकर्ता के स्वयं के व्यक्तिगत ज्ञान में है और जो अन्य स्त्रोत से प्राप्त ज्ञान में है, उन्हें पूर्णतः स्पष्ट लिखते हुए जानकारी दें।
- अपने पहचान के लिए शपथकर्ता शपथ-पत्र पर अद्यतन स्वयं के फोटो चिपकाकर सक्षम अधिकारी/ प्राधिकारी/ पब्लिक नोटरी/ न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट/कार्यपालिक मजिस्ट्रेट से प्रमाणित करावें।
- अपने पहचान स्थापित करने के लिए शपथकर्ता निम्न दस्तावेज :-
(i) भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा प्रदत्त मतदाता परिचय-पत्र,
(ii) राशन-कार्ड,
(iii) स्थानीय मतदाता सूची, जिसमें उसका नाम उल्लेखित हो,
(iv) स्थानीय कृषक होने से संबंधित खाता की स्व-अभिप्रायणित/पब्लिक नोटरी से अभिप्रायणित छायाप्रति एवं
(v) सरपंच द्वारा प्रदत्त पहचान प्रमाण-पत्र
(vi) किसी शासकीय संस्था द्वारा प्रदत्त पहचान पत्र, संलग्न करें।
- शपथ दिलाने वाले अधिकारी अपने सील, शपथ की तिथि, अभिप्रायणित करने वाले साक्षी का पूर्ण पता, शपथ-पत्र निषादन का स्थान और तिथि स्पष्ट लिखें, जिससे यह स्पष्ट हो सके कि किस विशेष प्राधिकारी के समक्ष, किस शपथकर्ता द्वारा किसी की उपस्थिति में, किस दिन, किस स्थान पर शपथ लिया गया है।

जीएस घाटी घटना की जाँच हेतु गठित विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग, मुख्यालय जगदलपुर, (जीएस घाटी में घटित घटना के जाँच हेतु गठित विशेष न्यायिक जाँच आयोग)

प्रक्रिया विनियम

आयोग के अध्यक्ष माननीय श्री न्यायमूर्ति प्रशांत कुमार मिश्रा, न्यायाधीश, छत्तीसगढ़ उच्च न्यायालय, बिलासपुर द्वारा अनुमोदित, छ.ग. राज्य शासन द्वारा अधिसूचना क्रमांक एफ 3-5/2013/1-7 (पार्ट-1), रायपुर दिनांक- 28/05/2013 द्वारा थाना-दरभा अंतर्गत जीएस घाटी क्षेत्र में दिनांक- 25/05/2013 को नक्सलियों द्वारा कारित हिंसात्मक घटना की विशेष जाँच हेतु आयोग द्वारा प्रयोग में लाये जाने वाले प्रक्रिया विनियम निम्नानुसार होंगे :-

- आयोग की कार्यवाही साभूत रूप से हिन्दी में होगी, पर कार्यवाही का कोई अंश आयोग के अध्यक्ष के आदेश/निर्देश से अंग्रेजी में भी किये जा सकेंगे।
- आयोग का मुख्यालय संभागीय आवुक्त कार्यालय, बस्तर (जगदलपुर) एवं कैम्प कार्यालय, बिलासपुर है।
- आयोग का कार्यालय प्रतिदिन राज्य शासन द्वारा घोषित अवकाश के सिवाय सभी कार्य दिवसों में प्रातः 10:30 बजे से 1:30 बजे एवं 2:00 बजे से 5:00 बजे तक खुला रहेगा। आवश्यकता पड़ने पर अवकाश दिवसों में भी आयोग का कार्यालय खुला रह सकेगा।
- सामान्यतः आयोग अपनी बैठकें राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण, पुराना उच्च न्यायालय परिसर, बिलासपुर स्थित कैम्प कार्यालय में करेगा, परंतु आवश्यकतानुसार बैठकें राज्य के अन्य किसी स्थान पर भी समय, तिथि और स्थान की पूर्व अधिसूचना जारी कर, की जा सकेंगी।
- चौकि जाँच का विषय लोक महत्व का है, अतः आयोग की कार्यवाही जन सामान्य के लिये खुली रहेगी, जब तक सुरक्षा और गोपनीयता की दृष्टि से प्रक्रिया में कार्यवाही के किसी अंश को आयोग के अध्यक्ष "कैम्प प्रोसेसिंग" में करना उचित न समझे।
- आयोग के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किये जाने वाले शपथ-पत्र अथवा आयोग के निर्देश/माँग पर प्रस्तुत किये जाने वाले शपथ-पत्र, विधि द्वारा शपथ दिलाने हेतु प्राधिकृत अधिकारी के समक्ष किये गये शपथ पर तैयार, शपथ-पत्र ही आयोग में मान्य होंगे। शपथ-पत्र, समस्त जानकारी एवं दस्तावेजों की अपेक्षित प्रतियाँ सहित जानकारी, आयोग के कार्यालय बस्तर (जगदलपुर) या कैम्प कार्यालय, सचिव-सह-एडिशनल रजिस्ट्रार (न्यायिक), उच्च न्यायालय, बिलासपुर में कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत किये जा सकेंगे। प्रस्तुतकर्ता ऐसे शपथपत्रों एवं प्रश्नों की पावती प्राप्त कर सकेंगे।
- अपेक्षित जानकारी शपथ-पत्र सहित पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा भी प्रेषित किये जा सकेंगे, पर पंजीकृत डाक से प्रस्तुत करने की दशा में प्रेषक का पूर्ण डाक पता लिफाफे में लिखा जाना आवश्यक होगा, जिससे यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि शपथ-पत्र एवं पत्र किस व्यक्ति द्वारा प्रेषित किये गये हैं। अपूर्ण पत्रे वाले डाक आयोग द्वारा अस्वीकार किये जा सकेंगे।
- शपथ-पत्र हिन्दी अथवा अंग्रेजी में हो सकते हैं। यदि शपथ-पत्र किसी समूह या संस्था की ओर से दिया जा रहा है, तो संबंधित समूह या संस्था के सक्षम पदाधिकारी या कार्यकारिणी द्वारा जारी अधिकार पत्र संलग्न करना होगा।
- प्रत्येक शपथ-पत्र प्रथम व्यक्ति के नाम पर ही कण्डिकाओं में क्रमवार विभक्त होंगे। प्रत्येक विषय से संबंधित प्रत्यक्ष जानकारी के तथ्य को अलग-अलग कण्डिकाओं में लिखा जावेगा। शपथ-पत्र में शपथकर्ता के द्वारा अपना पूर्ण वास्तविक और विस्तृत पता एवं व्यवसाय लिखा जाना आवश्यक होगा।
- शपथ-पत्र का कोई अंश, प्राप्त जानकारी पर आधारित होने की दशा में, जानकारी का पूर्ण स्त्रोत शपथ-पत्र में ही लिखना आवश्यक होगा। शपथ-पत्र में यह स्पष्ट किया जाना आवश्यक होगा कि किन कण्डिकाओं की जानकारी शपथकर्ता के स्वयं की है और किन कण्डिकाओं की जानकारी उसे किन स्त्रोतों से कब प्राप्त हुई है, जिन पर वह विश्वास करता है या सत्य समझता है।
- शपथ-पत्र मूल प्रति एवं दो अतिरिक्त प्रति सहित प्रस्तुत किये जायेंगे, जिससे आवश्यकतानुसार शपथ-पत्र की प्रति विपक्ष अथवा किसी पक्ष को प्रदाय की जा सके।
- शपथ-पत्र के साथ विश्वास किये जाने वाले मूल दस्तावेज अथवा उसकी प्रमाणित प्रतिलिपि प्रस्तुत की जावेगी एवं मौखिक कथन के समय ऐसे शपथकर्ता को दस्तावेजों की मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत करना आवश्यक होगा। मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत न होने की दशा में आयोग ऐसे सत्यापित प्रति को साक्ष्य में अस्वीकार कर सकेगी। यदि दस्तावेज की मूल प्रति शपथकर्ता के अधिकार में न हो और किसी अन्य व्यक्ति अथवा कार्यालय के अधिपत्य में हो तो शपथकर्ता अपने शपथ-पत्र में उस व्यक्ति का नाम और उसका पता/कार्यालय एवं अधिकार का नाम/पते का उल्लेख करेगा, जिससे यह स्पष्ट हो कि वह दस्तावेज किस व्यक्ति या अधिकारी के निर्वहण में है और किस हेतियत से है।
- कमीशन ऑफ इन्क्वायरी (केन्द्रीय) नियम, 1972 के नियम 5 में जारी सूचना के प्रति उत्तर में दिये गये कथनों की जाँच पर आवश्यक पाये जाने पर आयोग ऐसे शपथ-पत्र प्रस्तुत करने वाले व्यक्ति को साक्ष्य (परीक्षण, प्रतिपरीक्षण) हेतु प्रस्तुत होने का निर्देश दे सकेगा एवं उसके द्वारा दिये गये शपथ-पत्र के प्रकाश में उसका परीक्षण, प्रतिपरीक्षण किया जा सकेगा।
- साक्ष्य के क्रम में सर्वप्रथम नियम 5(2) (ए एवं बी) के अंतर्गत प्राप्त कथनों के संबंध में साक्ष्यों का परीक्षण, प्रतिपरीक्षण किया जावेगा, ऐसे व्यक्तियों के परीक्षण, प्रतिपरीक्षण पश्चात् केन्द्र शासन अथवा राज्य शासन के द्वारा प्रस्तुत व्यक्तियों के कथन अभिलिखित किये जा सकेंगे।
- आयोग उन सभी व्यक्तियों, जिनके द्वारा शपथ-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया गया है और मौखिक कथन करने हेतु प्रस्तावित किया गया है, के कथन/परीक्षण के लिए बाध्य नहीं है एवं ऐसे व्यक्तियों को भी अपना परीक्षण कराने का कोई अधिकार नहीं होगा।
- जिन साक्ष्यों का मौखिक साक्ष्य अभिलिखित किया जावेगा, उनके साक्ष्य अन्य पक्षकारों के प्रतिपरीक्षण के दायित्व के अधीन होंगे। अन्य पक्षकारों एवं व्यक्तियों को उनके प्रतिपरीक्षण की अनुमति आयोग द्वारा दी जा सकेगी।
- आयोग स्वविवेकानुसार किसी व्यक्ति को परीक्षण एवं प्रतिपरीक्षण हेतु आहूत करने से इन्कार कर सकेगा या उन्हें आहूत करने के स्थान पर प्रश्नावली के माध्यम से शपथ-पत्र पर परीक्षण हेतु अनुमति दे सकेगा।
- आयोग किसी साक्षी को जिसका कथन अनावश्यक, असंगत, विलंब अथवा तंग करने के प्रयोजन से हो, अभिलिखित कराने से इन्कार कर सकेगा।
- आयोग स्वयं या किसी व्यक्ति अथवा पक्षकार के आवेदन पर पिटीशन, शपथ-पत्र अथवा किसी दस्तावेज के अंश को काट या मिटा देगा या आयोग को प्रस्तुत कोई दस्तावेज लौटा देगा, जो कि आयोग के अनुसार असंगत, असंबद्ध, अनावश्यक, निरर्थक या बेवजह आक्रामक, फुहड़ या लोक निर्दयी हो।
- पंजीयन विभाग से प्राप्त मूल पंजीकृत दस्तावेज मूल रूप में अथवा सत्य प्रतिलिपि नियमानुसार उनके निषादन के विषय में बिना किसी औपचारिक प्रमाण के ग्राह्य किये जा सकेंगे। इसी तरह शासकीय विभाग विधिक, निकाय, राज्य शासन के अधीन तथा सहकारी संस्था से संबंधित शासकीय पंजी, जिसमें कार्यालयीन टीप, आदेश आदि शामिल हैं, बिना किसी औपचारिक प्रमाण के, यदि अन्यथा कोई रियायत हेतु वैध दावा न हो, ग्राह्य होगा, जब तक कि आयोग किसी विशिष्ट प्रकरण में उसे साक्ष्य अधिनियम के अनुसार किसी भी तरह प्रमाणित कराना न चाहे।
- नियम 4(2) तथा (6) जाँच आयोग नियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत आयोग के सचिव/अपर सचिव को समसं, सूचना-पत्र आदि के हस्ताक्षर करने तथा कमीशन द्वारा जारी अन्य आदेशिकाओं पर हस्ताक्षर करने हेतु अधिकृत किया गया है।
- आयोग प्रक्रिया विनियम में आवश्यकतानुसार परिवर्तन/संशोधन कर सकेगा और किसी अंश को हटा सकेगा।

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An experiment gone awry

The NRC process had political, human costs with little benefit

Thirty years after an anti-immigrant movement rocked the state of Assam, the process of identifying Indian citizens and detecting outsiders finally reached a (partial) conclusion on Saturday. The National Register of Citizens (NRC) was updated, excluding over 1.9 million people — 6% of Assam’s population. The NRC process took four years, involved the massive deployment of the bureaucratic machinery, became one of the most contentious political issues in contemporary India, deepened existing cleavages in Assamese society, and delivered an outcome with which no one is happy.

The roots of the NRC can be traced back to the Assam movement, when “indigenous” Assamese mobilised sentiment against the perceived influx of immigrants, particularly from Bangladesh. After a series of agreements, and laws made and unmade, the Supreme Court directed and closely monitored the process of updating the NRC. The political push came from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which saw in the exercise an opportunity to fulfil an old promise of deporting immigrants. Its assumption was that a majority of those identified as such would be Muslims. It was this combination of an old local identity-based movement, an overzealous judiciary, and political activism by a party keen to make electoral inroads in a new region and pursue its ideological agenda, that led to the NRC.

But the process has had tremendous costs, with little tangible benefit. At the human level, stories abound of Indians — including the old and ill; those with long periods of service to the nation; and across religious communities and ethnicities — struggling to prove their citizenship. Even though the final list has seen the number of those excluded dip from 4 million to 1.9 million, political parties across the board believe that genuine citizens have still been left out. Politically, the issue has deepened the communal divide not only in Assam, but also other parts of the country where the BJP has promised to kick-start the NRC process. (It is a different matter that the party itself is not happy with the outcome of the NRC in Assam, for it had expected a higher exclusion of Muslims and lower of Hindus.) These divisions will not be easy to heal. The episode has also brought out the perils of an interventionist judiciary which prioritised identifying immigrants without carefully considering the difficulties in the process. The fate of those excluded is uncertain, for deportation is not feasible and detention centres would be ethically wrong and a blot on Indian democracy. There have been diplomatic costs too. While India has assured Bangladesh that it is an internal matter, Dhaka has been concerned about the rhetoric emanating from Indian leaders. On the other side, the benefits are unclear for no section of Assamese society is happy with the outcome. India must avoid such experiments in the future.

Heed PM Modi’s call for dialogue

Public discourse has become intolerant. Respect dissent and be civil

Addressing a Malayalam Manorama media conclave on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said there must be “civility” in public life, for differing streams to hear each other’s point of view. He underlined the importance of dialogue between individuals and organisations, and said he was open to constructive criticism.

A democracy functions best when there is debate; when all perspectives are understood and appreciated. And that is why the PM’s point about dissent and civility is laudable. But it is also a critical intervention because the nature of discourse in India is moving in a somewhat opposite direction. It is natural for divisions to exist in society on ideological and political grounds. It is also a feature of electoral politics that these divisions get deepened. But with sharp polarisation, the space for dialogue has shrunk. Each disagreement is viewed with suspicion; the credentials of the person expressing a distinct view is questioned; there is abuse and slander; and a tendency to ghettoise oneself in one’s own echo-chamber. All shades of political landscape are responsible for this, but given the strength and visibility of the supporters of the ruling party, they are often seen as going on the offensive as soon as a critical view is expressed. It is time for everyone, including the supporters of the PM, to heed his call and contribute to a political culture which is open, tolerant and civil.

Create a social contract between the State and its most alienated citizens

Modi must preserve the dignity of the ordinary Kashmiri. This is what he will be judged by



Close to a month has passed since the Union government bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir and removed Article 370. What do the tea leaves say? Diplomatically, India has much to show for itself. While China and Pakistan responded with anger, most nations have been cautious. A fatigue with Kashmir as a global issue is apparent. The mixing of popular disaffection with Islamist currents and terror networks has contributed to this. As such, structured international opinion seems ready to give India room.

Such patience is not absolute. It is contingent on minimal violence, particularly if worsened by Indian security forces. Further, while it is accepted that a limiting of civil liberties and telecom services was inevitable in the immediate aftermath — to prevent instigation of violence — an early return to normality is essential. Admittedly “normality” is a contested expression in Kashmir; whatever it may mean, the release of detained politicians is a touchstone.

Given the relative absence of significant protests and violence — the biggest crowds, in Soura, are estimated at a manageable 4,000 strong — the government has survived a critical phase. Gradual easing of restrictions has begun. Yet there is much to do, and India cannot do it fast enough. For any democracy, civil liberties are not merely an external credibility test; they represent a commitment to cherished national principles.

What does the medium-term hold? Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has predicated its recent actions on a better deal for the Kashmir valley. Countering radicalism and terrorism are necessary here, but by

themselves, not sufficient. What Modi will ultimately be judged by is his willingness to preserve and indeed enhance the ordinary Kashmiri’s dignity. This calls for a new social contract between the Indian State and its most alienated citizens.

The historically testy relationship between the Kashmir valley and the Indian State has been mediated by a political elite defined by clientelism. Over 70 years, New Delhi and its various arms (including intelligence agencies) have cultivated state governments and ruling cliques in Srinagar, as well as key opposition figures. For a certain sort of entrepreneurial Kashmiri, this has made politics not just an attractive option but pretty much the only game in town.

A February 2006 cable from the American embassy in New Delhi, republished by WikiLeaks, told a sad story:

“Corruption cuts across party lines and most Kashmiris take it as an article of faith that politically-connected Kashmiris take money from both India and Pakistan ... Money from Pakistani and Indian intelligence agencies and from Saudi and other foreign extremists has further distorted Kashmiri politics, incentivised leaders to perpetuate the conflict, and perverted state and Central government institutions. While this river of dirty money has led to a boom in Kashmiri household income and real estate prices, it also calls into question whether the Kashmiri elite truly want a settlement to their problems. The minute a deal is struck, some must surely worry that the funds will dry up.”

For common people — the proverbial silent majority or at least plurality, in the Modi government’s reckoning — this has meant little. Their aspirations have been overshadowed by excessive attention given to the 87 members of the legislative assembly. Could a deepening of democracy, and a widening of the stake in the Indian system, address this? In 2018, panchayat elections were held in the state for only the third time in 40 years. Subsequently, the Modi government promised devolution of welfare and developmental finances as well as delivery of economic projects and social pro-



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grammes through 43,000 elected panchayat and municipal representatives.

The hope (or gamble) is there is latent demand for public goods and services in local communities, and for panchayat-level ownership of their delivery. Such demand perhaps coexists with, but is dwarfed by, larger questions of Kashmiri identity. This contention is supported by voting statistics. Forty-one per cent of all voters in the Kashmir valley participated in the 2018 panchayat election; voting in the 2019 national election was much lower.

Strengthened village and municipal democracy could raise administrative efficiency and empathy, and reduce corruption. It is nobody’s argument that these will repair the entirety of Kashmiri grievance. However, a new beginning may be worth the effort.

In 2004, in a thoughtful paper published by the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC, the respected civil servant Wajahat Habibullah outlined the political economy of Kashmir. “The Indian government,” he wrote, “generally funds 20% of the cost of state development, requiring the states to raise the

remaining 80% themselves. From the 1950s until 1990, however, the state of Jammu and Kashmir enjoyed the reverse, receiving 80% of its funds in the form of a loan from the Central government. Since 1990, when the onset of the insurgency exacerbated the state’s financial problems, 100% of the state’s budget has been financed by the Central government, of which only 20% is repayable.”

Much of the money was embezzled, as Kashmir’s crisis became an industry. Habibullah movingly described how this troubled history had earned “for Kashmiris the contempt of both Indians and Pakistanis as a people who could be traded. For the Kashmiris, this practice only increased their sense of self-loathing and their resentment toward those in power”. The true measure of Modi’s new politics in Kashmir will be to what extent such “resentment” and “self-loathing” are replaced by a sense of dignity.

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WORKING TOGETHER

The art of dealing with conflict in family businesses

Prepare for conflict when relationships are smooth. Dispute suppression is the surest way to serious rift



Every family has fights. Sometimes they are big, sometimes small. Small fights are to be expected, and at most times, are easily resolved. They usually take place between a couple but could also be among other members of the family.

But fights between families that own and run businesses become more material in terms of their disruption to the business. Their conflicts assume different shapes and forms, each with its own unique dynamic. They are generally predictable, over issues such as succession, sharing of wealth and decisions related to the business. Conflicts may be intra-generational (such as between siblings or cousins) or inter-generational (such as between uncles and nephews) or even a combination of both. As an interesting aside, divorce and separation between the owner and the spouse, for some reason, tend to be the least disruptive to the business, possibly because there are few cases of couples jointly running businesses. But the other fights within the family, if allowed to drag on, can tear apart the businesses. In fact, the Indian family business landscape has seen very public feuds between members of prominent business families. In this piece, we explore both the causes for conflict and robust mechanisms to manage them.

It is rare that such disputes within a family escalate suddenly. It typically starts when interests begin to diverge. Initially, they are not large divergences, and members seldom want to highlight the differences as they are not that material, and to do so causes discom-

fort and friction. But a clear progression is usually visible after that, with tensions gradually building. As this happens, communication between members deteriorate. This is the worst possible development because then there is no vent, and tensions start to build and simmer. Of course, conversations at this stage are uncomfortable, but to suppress them in the hope of postponing conflict is the worst strategy. Families then set themselves up for far sharper disagreements in the future. Families must recognise that such disagreements are not to be feared or avoided but, in fact, to be planned for.

All great companies, whether family or non-family, require open discussion in different management forums on business. There will be a management committee and a board of directors that provide diverse perspectives. These are critical for the success of the company in the long-term. But typically, these bodies only need to worry about the business and its performance. While conflicts do happen in such forums, they are easier to tackle because discussions are generally based on facts, not emotion, and revolve around the business.

In comparison, conflicts in family businesses are much more complicated. Here, there are two strands that we need to recognise and they create complex disagreements. A family is based on unconditional acceptance. What underpins a family is love, affection, fairness and equality of treatment. A family is not a meritocracy. A mother will not love her smartest child more than her other children. And yet the business of the family is different. It is judged on hard metrics and financial performance. If it is listed, its shareholders expect a certain return. They expect top-class talent to be hired by the management to ensure the company succeeds and thrives. So while the business of the family is well served by its board of directors, they essentially deal with the performance of the company and conformity with the rules of the



Family businesses are complicated because two strands intersect. What underpins a family is love, affection and equality of treatment. What underpins the business is hard metrics and financial performance. One is a meritocracy, the other is not

land. A family which owns and manages a business finds performance issues sometimes in conflict with other filial requirements. Every member of the family desires to be equivalently and fairly treated. They seek roles and want returns from the business for themselves. For most families, a majority of their wealth is in the business. They want to have a say in how it is run. They can also have issues on who runs what parts of the business and what investments they make. The complexity is higher and the basis of decision evaluation is more complicated — love and fairness versus simple performance. So it is even more important for the families to have the structures by which they can agree on the principles and precedents on how decisions are made. They also need to uncover conflicts at an early stage and tackle them before they escalate.

This requires family businesses to create special forums where these principles can be agreed upon and disagreements aired. They also need to define the mechanisms to resolve them. It needs agreement from separate family members on what rules they should create for themselves in respect to family member involvement in business. They also need to agree what dividends are due to them and how they may exit their share and do something different with their lives. We recommend families in business consider creating:

- 1. A conflict resolution mechanism: This

should be set up before conflicts have surfaced. Doing so once a conflict is underway skews the entire process.

2. Establish agreed principles in respect to succession, entry into and exit from the family business, wealth sharing and other predictable issues on which there may be conflict.

3. The family forum must be seen as fair by family members in its constitution, representation and decision rights for it to be effective in airing and resolving disputes (nothing should be out of the realm of discussion).

4. The family forum must always involve a few independent, neutral advisers from outside the family to ensure they can get a truly unbiased opinion.

5. Finally, the family charter must be bespoke and created by the family but be open for discussion and refashioning in every succeeding generation.

The nature of conflict in family businesses changes with the size and age of the family — where shareholdings fragment and relationships get more distant. We will examine this in greater detail later. But for all families, the biggest lesson is preparing for conflict and having sensitive discussions when relationships are functioning smoothly. Dispute suppression is the surest way to serious conflicts.

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FOR US TO FIND TRUE HAPPINESS, WE MUST LOOK WITHIN OURSELVES

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There once lived a man who kept his money in a special jar so that no one could steal it. One day, a thief broke in and found this heavy stone jar. He shoved his hand into the jar and grabbed as much money as he could. But when he tried to pull his hand out, he could not. With a closed fist, he could not get it through the neck of the jar. He tried again and again, and failed every time. When he finally let go of the money and his hand was free, only then was he able to wriggle his

hand out.

We are like the thief in the story. Our desires cause us to be caught with our hand in the jars of the unnecessary. Our belief that materialistic things will help us find happiness and fulfilment do just the opposite. Instead, they keep us bound to this world, searching for things beyond our reach, while forgetting about what truly matters. We no longer have time for our family, our children, or any pursuit that will fulfil us. How can we end this bondage? The only way to do this is to stop holding on and begin letting go.

It is only through this that we can truly be free.

True happiness lies in connecting with the source of joy within us — our soul and God. To do so, we must turn our attention from worldly enticements and listen to our soul.

By letting go, we gain eternal freedom. By sitting in meditation, free from all worldly desires and attachments, we can let go and find ourselves free to soar back to God.

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7 killed after man stopped by Texas troopers opens fire

ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING Lone gunman goes on rampage four weeks after 22 killed in El Paso, also in Texas

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MIDLAND, TEXAS: At least seven people were killed in West Texas after a man stopped by state troopers for failing to signal a left turn opened fire and fled, shooting more than 20 people as he drove before being shot dead by officers outside a movie theatre, authorities said.

The dead ranged in age from 15 to 57, and there was no definitive answer yet about the motive, Odessa police spokesman Steve LeSueur said that at least one person who was shot remained in life-threatening condition. Authorities said the gunman was a white male in his 30s, but police have not released a name. The shooting began on Saturday afternoon with an interstate traffic stop where gunfire was exchanged with police, setting off a chaotic rampage during which the suspect hijacked a mail carrier truck and fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities in the heart of Texas oil country more than 483 km west of Dallas. Police initially reported possible multiple shooters, but Odessa police Chief Michael Gerke later said there was only one male suspect.

The suspect shot "at innocent civilians all over Odessa," according to a statement from Odessa police.

The terrifying chain of events

began when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car mid-Saturday afternoon on Interstate 20 for failing to signal a left turn, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said. Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver "pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots" toward the patrol car stopping him. The gunshots struck one of two troopers inside the patrol car, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled and continued shooting. Two other police officers were shot before the suspect was killed. Authorities say the trooper was in serious but stable condition on Saturday, and the other officers were stable.

Reacting to the shooting, US President Donald Trump said on Sunday that he was speaking with Republicans and Democrats on possible legislative efforts regarding guns. He said the shooting had not changed ongoing efforts to prepare a legislative package on guns. He also said he did not believe background checks for those buying guns would have prevented the recent shootings, adding, "They would not have stopped any of it."

Mass shootings "absolutely are a homeland security threat" that are getting increasing attention within the federal government, acting secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan said.

America's gun violence in numbers

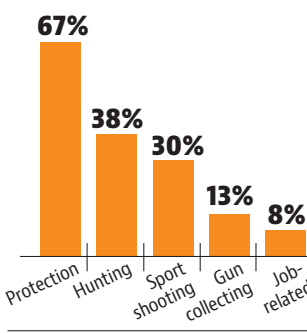
Here are some of the key facts about gun violence in the US



■ A police officer escorts bystanders away from an area investigated for the shooting in Odessa, Texas. AP

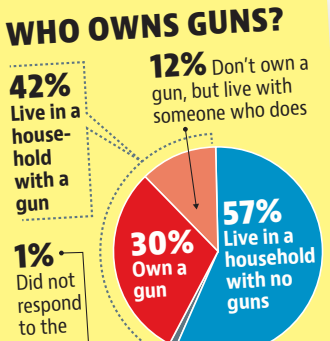
WHY DO AMERICANS WANT TO OWN GUNS?

Below are the major reasons, as per a Pew Research Center survey



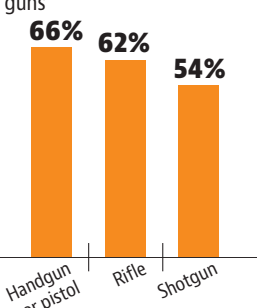
44% people said they personally know someone who has been "accidentally or intentionally" been shot, according to a 2017 Pew survey

According to a Pew Research Center survey conducted between September and October 2018, nearly 57% respondents want gun laws to be stricter, while only 11% said they should be more lax. Support for gun control has increased among 18 to 29-year-olds after the shooting in Orlando in 2016 when 49 people were shot dead at a gay nightclub



TYPES OF GUNS

66% people own more than one gun with nearly 25% of those owning more than five guns



There have been 2,000 mass shooting since the Sandy Hook school shooting of December 14, 2012, when 26 people, including 20 children, were killed.

Sources: Pew Research Center, BBC, Small Arms Survey, Everytown Research, Vox, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



■ A satellite image shows Dorian as it is approaching the Bahamas and Florida. AFP

At Category 5, Dorian is the strongest storm this year

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MIAMI: Monster hurricane Dorian made landfall in the northern Bahamas on Sunday, lashing the low-lying island chain with devastating 290 kph winds, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

The landfall occurred on Elbow Cay, a small island four miles east of Great Abaco Island, at 12:40 pm local time, the NHC reported. It said Dorian's maximum sustained winds - already a record for this area - had further strengthened.

With Dorian transforming into a catastrophic Category 5 storm, authorities made last-minute pleas for those in low-lying areas to evacuate before it's too late.

Hundreds hunkered down in schools, churches and other shelters as officials recognised there were not many structures on

higher ground on the largely flat archipelago southeast of Florida. Power and water outages were reported, with crews working in some communities as authorities warned that all government employees will stay indoors.

Millions from Florida to the Carolinas kept a wary eye on the slow-moving Dorian amid indications it would veer sharply north-eastward after passing the Bahamas and track up the US South-east seaboard. Authorities

"Catastrophic conditions" are occurring in The Abaco Islands and expected across Grand Bahama later in the day," the hurricane center said.

Hurricane Dorian is now tied for the 4th strongest winds in the Atlantic since 1950, when record keeping began improving.

"It's going to be really, really bad for the Bahamas," Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach said. In the northern stretches of the

Bahamas archipelago, hotels closed, residents boarded up homes and officials hired boats to move people from low-lying areas to bigger islands as Dorian approached. Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis warned that any "who do not evacuate are placing themselves in extreme danger and can expect a catastrophic consequence."

Kwasi Thompson, minister of state for Grand Bahama Island, urged residents to "please, please heed the warning. We have no more time available."

Still, dozens of people were ignoring evacuation orders, officials said, and they were warned that they were placing their lives in danger.

Over two or three days, the slow-moving hurricane could dump as much as a metre of rain, unleash devastating winds and whip up a dangerous storm surge, said private meteorologist Ryan Maue.

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'100 KILLED IN AIR STRIKE ON YEMEN JAIL'

SANAA: More than 100 people are believed to have been killed in an air strike by the Saudi-led military coalition on prison in Yemen, the International Committee of the Red Cross said on Sunday. The coalition said it targeted a facility run by the Huthi rebels that "stores drones and missiles", but the rebels said the attack had levelled a building they used as a prison. The ICRC rushed to the scene in the city of Dhamar with medical teams and hundreds of body bags. "The location that was hit has been visited by ICRC before," Franz Rauchenstein, its head of delegation for Yemen, told AFP from Dhamar. "It's a college building that has been... used as a detention facility for a while." He said over 100 people were estimated to be dead. **AFP**



POPE SAYS GOT STUCK IN VATICAN LIFT

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis said on Sunday he was late to his weekly Angelus prayer because he had been stuck in a Vatican elevator and had to be freed by firemen. Italian television networks that live-stream the Angelus had been concerned that the unprecedented seven-minute delay might have been due to health reasons. It was believed to be the first time the Vatican's head of state, who leads the world's 1.2 billion Catholics, has got stuck in a lift. **AFP**

W2: GERMANY ASKS POLAND FOR FORGIVENESS

WARSAW: German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Sunday asked Poland's forgiveness 80 years after Germany's attack triggered World War 2 while his Polish counterpart denounced Russia's recent "imperialist" aggression against its neighbours. Poland suffered some of the worst horrors of World War 2: six million Poles died in the conflict that killed more than 50 million people, including 6 million Jews in the Holocaust, half of them Polish. **AFP**

Israel, Hezbollah exchange fire on Lebanese border



■ Israeli soldiers unload a tank near the Lebanese border outside the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona. AFP

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TEL AVIV: Lebanese Shia militant group Hezbollah exchanged fire with the Israeli army along the volatile border on Sunday, fulfilling a vow to avenge Israeli strikes but stopping short of a major escalation.

The shelling had subsided within hours with no casualties and the threat of immediate escalation into full-blown war appeared to have subsided by nightfall. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah said it destroyed a military vehicle, according to Al Manar, the group's official television channel. Israel's army confirmed "a number of hits" on a base straddling its northern border and said it responded by firing more than 100 shells into south-

ern Lebanon, but "the tactical events on the ground" were over. In a televised address to the Israeli public, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his next steps would depend on further developments.

"We are consulting about the next steps. I have ordered that we be prepared for any scenario," Netanyahu said. "At this time I have an important announcement: We have no casualties - not even a scratch."

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah had said that his group would hit back after an apparent Israeli attack killed three of the group's operatives in nearby Syria. Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri asked the U.S. and France to help defuse tension on the border, the country's state-run news agency reported.

UK PM TO MPs: ME OR CORBYN?

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LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson challenged lawmakers to deliver on the Brexit vote and not thwart his plans to take Britain out of the European Union on October 31.

Johnson has pledged to deliver Brexit with or without a deal, but opposition lawmakers - and several lawmakers from Johnson's Conservatives - want to act to rule out a no deal Brexit when parliament returns from recess on Tuesday. Previous votes have indicated a majority in parliament opposing a no-deal Brexit, but in a newspaper interview, Johnson said that backing opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn risked there being no Brexit at all. "The fundamental choice is this: are you going to side with Jeremy Corbyn and those who want to cancel the referendum? Are you going to side with those who want to scrub the democratic verdict of the people - and plunge this country into chaos?" Johnson told the Sunday Times.

"Or are you going to side with those of us who want to get on, deliver on the mandate of the people and focus with absolute, laser-like precision on the domestic agenda? That's the choice."

Johnson is seeking to renegotiate May's Brexit withdrawal agreement so that Britain can leave the bloc with a deal. But the EU has ruled out Johnson's demand to remove the "backstop" to preserve an open Irish border.

HK protesters block airport roads

HONGKONG: Thousands of protesters blocked roads and public transport links to Hong Kong airport on Sunday in a bid to draw world attention to their fight for democracy for the Chinese-ruled city which is facing its biggest political crisis in decades.

Planes were taking off and landing with delays, but trains were suspended and approach roads to the airport impassable as protesters erected barricades and overturned trolleys at the airport and in the nearby new town of Tung Chung. Some passengers were forced to walk the last bit of their journey to the airport, dragging luggage behind them.

The MTR subway station in Tung Chung was closed and demonstrators smashed CCTV cameras and lamps with metal poles and dismantled station turn-

stiles. Police moved in and made several arrests.

Chek Lap Kok, built around a tiny outlying island in the dying days of British colonial rule, is one of the world's busiest and most efficient airports, reached by a series of bridges which were packed with traffic.

"If we disrupt the airport, more foreigners will read the news about Hong Kong," said one 20-year-old protester, asking not to be named.

Black-clad demonstrators targeted the airport three weeks ago, jamming the terminal in sometimes violent clashes with police and prompting some flights to be cancelled or delayed.

Police said on Sunday protesters hurled iron poles, bricks and rocks on to the railway track near the airport station. **REUTERS**

EYE ON PAKISTAN

Govt launches bottled water

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ISLAMABAD: As part of austerity measures, Pakistan's ministry of science and technology has launched its own bottled water for government offices.

Priced at Rs 1 per litre, it will be a cheaper alternative to the mineral water currently available at government offices, said the minister Fawad Chaudhry.

The Pakistan Council of Research and Water Reserves

has so far prepared 500 ml bottles for the water, which will be served to officials at the PM's Office, General Headquarters and Parliament House and later at offices of different ministries.

PASHTO SINGER DIES IN 'HONOUR KILLING'

In another case of suspected honour killing, a Pashto singer was allegedly murdered by her brother in the troubled Swat valley of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, media

reports said.

Sana was fatally stabbed near a famous Pashto music centre in Swat district on Saturday. Her brother escaped after committing the murder, local police said.

Police suspect it to be an honour killing, but are yet to ascertain the real motive.

On May 7, a local singer, Meena, was killed in Swat. According to the police, Meena was killed by her husband in the Banr area of Swat.

Philippine plane crash kills nine

MANILA: Nine people were killed when an air-ambulance plane crashed at a resort area near the Philippine capital on Sunday, sparking a fierce blaze and sending terrified locals fleeing, authorities said. Dramatic video on social media showed emergency vehicles rushing toward a building engulfed in roaring flames in Calamba City as authorities urged crowds to move away for their own safety.

After dousing the blaze, rescuers found nine bodies in the smoking ruins - believed to be those aboard the King Air 350 light aircraft. "No one will survive this crash. We assume that all confirmed passengers of this plane are dead," local emergency official Jeffrey Rodriguez said.

Police said two people on the ground were injured in the crash and rushed to hospital, but have not reported any fatalities from those who were in the resort area when the plane went down. The plane was carrying a patient and medical team. **AFP**

Trump nominates Indian-American to federal judgeship



■ Shireen Mathews

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WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump has nominated Indian American lawyer Shireen Mathews as a federal judge for the Southern District of California.

If confirmed, Mathews will be the first Indian American woman and Asian American woman judge in the Southern District of California, said the National Asian Pacific Bar Association.

Mathews is currently a partner at the San Diego offices of Jones Day, a top legal firm in the US. According to a White House announcement, Mathews had previously served as an assistant US attorney in the criminal division of the US attorney's office for the district. She earned her BA from Georgetown University and her JD from Duke University School of Law.

Mathews joins a growing band of Indian-Americans in higher echelons of the US judiciary, many of them now featuring on short-lists for the Supreme Court. Amul Thapar, a judge on the US court of appeals for the 6th circuit, was on Trump's shortlists for the two appointments he had made to the top court, losing out to Neil Gorsuch and then to Brett Kavanaugh. Sri Srinivasan was on President Barack Obama's short-list for a vacancy on the Supreme Court. **HTC**

South Indian films to get spotlight at Toronto fest

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TORONTO: While mainstream and independent movies from the Mumbai film industry have usually dominated global events, this year's edition of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) will be offering equal screen space to south India.

There will be two significant premieres of southern films at the 10-day festival starting September 5. "I'm glad to see films from the south of India being so strongly represented this year," TIFF's co-head Cameron Bailey said.

Director Geetu Mohandas' Moothon (The Elder One) is probably the most anticipated Indian feature, as it will have its first public screening at TIFF, before opening the MAMI festival in Mumbai. The sprawling film also brings the island territory of



■ A still from the film, The Elder One, which will have its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival. IMAGE COURTESY: TIFF

Lakshadweep into its ambit, giving it perhaps its first platform ever before a global audience. "It has a really vast scope. It starts in a very small coastal village and then goes to a big city and takes on subjects you don't see as often in Indian cinema," Bailey said.

Bailey noted it is an "urgent drama pondering gender, sexuality, violence, and tolerance" and commended it for its "realism."

Director Lijo Jose Pellissery will showcase Jallikattu, described by Bailey as a "bold new voice" in cinema coming

from Kerala. A bull on the loose in a village forms the crux of the film that brims with "kinetic energy", Bailey said. "It's a non-stop ride, like a roller-coaster, once the movie gets going. It represents some of the excitement that's coming out of cinema in Kerala," he said. The principal Hindi film premiering at TIFF this year is Los Angeles-based director Shonali Bose's The Sky Is Pink, which stars Priyanka Chopra, Farhan Akhtar and Zaira Wasim. Bose had won an award at TIFF with her previous film, Margarita With A Straw.

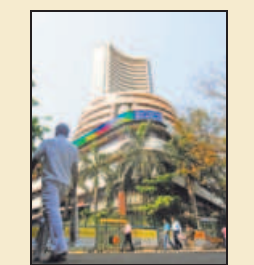
Completing the quartet is Geetanjali Rao's animated feature Bombay Rose.

There are other films with Indian connection, too. Actor Dev Patel plays the title role in director Armando Iannucci's The Personal History of David Copperfield, a colour-blind retelling of Charles Dickens' classic novel.

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SBI CARD TO
ISSUE RUPAY
CREDIT CARDS

NEW DELHI: SBI Card will soon launch RuPay credit cards, a development which will give a boost to the homegrown payment network in the fast growing segment. Presently, the credit card segment is dominated by the US-based payment gateways like Visa and Mastercard. RuPay is the first-of-its-kind domestic debit and credit card payment network of India developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems. "We will be (launching RuPay-based credit card) soon. There is a last agreement that is left out at the end of NPCI level. I think NPCI is going to send it any day and we will be launching some products," SBI Card managing director and chief executive Hardayal Prasad said in an interview to Press Trust of India. Expressing confidence that RuPay credit card will be launched in this fiscal only, Prasad said, "It's just a matter of time. The RuPay will become very popular and will be used in India aggressively. I have no doubts on it." He said there is a big "nationalistic segment" which is insistent on RuPay cards. About one-third of the cards being issued by India's largest lender State Bank of India are RuPay cards, he said.



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₹5,920 CRORE
IN AUGUST

NEW DELHI: Foreign investors pulled out a net amount of ₹5,920 crore from the Indian capital markets in August even as the government rolled back enhanced surcharge on FPIs last week. The withdrawal from the capital markets (both equity and debt) in August is "contrary to the expectation" since the Centre last week announced revocation of enhanced super-rich tax on foreign and domestic equity investors imposed in the Budget, said Himanshu Srivastava, senior analyst manager research at Morningstar.

V-MART PLANS TO
RECRUIT 2,000
PEOPLE IN FY20

NEW DELHI: Value fashion and lifestyle products retailer V-Mart Retail would hire 2,000 people and invest ₹115 crore this fiscal to expand its footprint, a top company official said. The retailer, which mainly operates in tier-II and -III cities, plans to add around 60 stores this fiscal, taking its total count to 275. The company also expects the contribution of its private labels to increase to around 75% of total sales, from 70% currently. "We have plans to add 60 stores this year (fiscal) in our network, taking the total count to 275," V-Mart Retail chairman and managing director Lalit Agarwal told Press Trust of India. "We would hire around 2,000 people this fiscal to enhance our back-end support and manpower," he said, adding that the company presently has 7,000 employees. In 2018-19, V-Mart Retail Ltd had posted a revenue of ₹1,433.75 crore. V-Mart has already opened 20 new stores this fiscal and now operates 233 outlets. The company plans to open new stores in Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and north-eastern states, besides markets like Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. **COMPILED FROM AGENCIES**

Realty stocks soar buoyed by govt steps

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MUMBAI: Shares of real estate companies continue to rise despite weak sales of residential property, delays and bankruptcies, as investors take hope from consolidation and government initiatives. So far this year, the BSE Realty Index has surged 13.95%, while the benchmark 30-share SENSEX is up over 4%.

The top performers in the property pack include leading developers such as Godrej Properties Ltd, Prestige Estates Projects Ltd and Oberoi Realty Ltd. The previous six sessions saw the Realty Index gain 9.44%, led by Sobha Ltd (19%).

So far this year, Godrej Properties is up 38.6%, Sunteck Realty

Centre looks to cut GST rates as car sales slump

DEMAND SLUMP Passenger car sales drop 34% in August, lowest in 18 years

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NEW DELHI: The Union government has finally decided to bite the bullet on a tax cut for the automobile sector, on a day the industry reported the worst August for passenger vehicles in 18 years. Dispatches to dealerships during the month plunged 34% from a year ago, sales data showed, in the sharpest decline since September 2001.

The government will take a proposal to reduce the goods and services tax (GST) rate on automobiles to the GST Council, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters in Chennai, while briefing them on efforts to arrest the economic downturn. Automobiles currently attract the highest tax rate of 28%, apart from a cess.

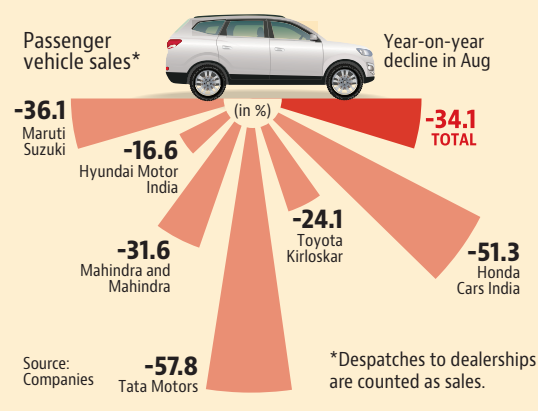
Six top automakers together dispatched 171,193 vehicles and 36% year-on-year (y-o-y) decline in August 2018. Indian manufacturers count factory dispatches to dealerships as sales. These numbers follow a 31% drop in July.

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, which makes one in every two cars sold in the country, posted domestic sales of 93,173 units, down 36% year-on-year (y-o-y). Sales of Maruti's small cars fell 40% y-o-y to 64,397 units. Analysts have pinned hopes on Maruti's Bharat Stage VI compliant S-Presso hatchback to be launched this month to revive sales during the festive season. Sales of midsize sedan Ciaz fell 77% to 1,596 units. Although at 8,658 units van sales fell 37%, utility vehicle sales rose 3%.

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Road to nowhere

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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN,
Finance minister

Graphic: Sarvesh Kumar Sharma/Mint

where all state finance ministers assemble," Sitharaman said. "It is for them to take a call."

The federal indirect tax body meets next on September 20.

Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) Ltd reported total passenger vehicle sales of 13,507 units, down 32% y-o-y, and a 28% y-o-y drop in commercial vehicle (CV) sales to 14,684 units. Among CVs, medium and heavy commercial vehicles were hit the most, falling 69% to 354 units.

Tata Motors Ltd posted domestic passenger vehicle sales of 7,316 units, a 58% decline y-o-y. "Our retail sales were 42% more than offtake and as a result, the network stock came down by over 3,000 vehicles. This prepares dealers well for the festive season," said Mayank Pareek, president (passenger vehicles business unit) at Tata Motors. Sales of CVs fell 45% y-o-y to 21,824 units on poor freight availability and

lower truck rentals. Girish Wagh, president of the CV unit, however, said retail sales could have exceeded wholesales by over 25% in August.

Mint reported on August 11 that the GST Council is preparing for a meeting to be convened after the finance ministry decides on the extent of benefits to be given to the auto industry.

ICICI Securities said in a recent report that prospective buyers are deferring purchases as automobiles are not currently a consumer priority.

"The auto industry continues to be subdued in the month of August due to several external factors. We are optimistic and hopeful of a good festive season going ahead," said Veejay Ram Nakra, chief of sales and marketing (automotive division) at M&M.

Meanwhile, Sitharaman also said the government's efforts to

promote electric mobility should not be misconstrued as promoting electric vehicles at the expense of internal combustion engine vehicles.

"All vehicles will have their due market share. It is not that we are promoting one segment of the industry at the expense of another," said the minister.

A report by credit rating agency Ica Ltd, which estimates a 4-7% decline for the overall passenger vehicle segment in FY20, pointed out that entry-level and midsize hatchbacks have witnessed a price increase of over 10% and 6-8%, respectively, due to new regulations and commodity prices. Calls for strong measures to support the industry have been growing as economic indicators give worrying signs of a sharp deceleration in growth. India's economy grew 5% in the June quarter, its slowest pace in six years.

M&M to acquire 55% stake in Meru

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MUMBAI: Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd (M&M) has agreed to buy a 55% stake in ride-hailing firm Meru Cabs, expanding the automaker's presence in the growing market for shared mobility.

M&M will pay up to ₹103 crore for acquiring the stake which will be done through an issue of new shares. In a stock exchange filing on Saturday, M&M also said it has an option to buy the remaining 45% stake in Meru from existing investors for up to ₹98 crore.

M&M said it will make the first tranche of investment in Meru Travel Solutions Pvt. Ltd by the end of October. "After investment of the first tranche in Meru, the company will have the right to appoint a majority of the direct-

GST MOP-UP DIPS
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NEW DELHI: The goods and services tax (GST) collection in August dropped by 3.8% to ₹98,202 crore compared to the previous month, the lowest monthly collection in five months of current fiscal year, according to figures released on Sunday.

The collection in August was, however, higher compared to the same month last year. "The revenue in August, 2018 was ₹93,960 crore and the revenue during August, 2019 is a growth of 4.51% over the revenue in the same month last year," the finance ministry said on Sunday.

GST collection in April and May this year was more than ₹1 lakh crore, but it dropped marginally to ₹99,939 crore in June to bounce back again to ₹1.02 lakh crore in July.

Gross GST collections in April-August 2019 was ₹5.14 lakh crore, 6.38% up from ₹4.83 lakh crore in the year-ago period, it said.

The Central GST (CGST) collection in August was ₹17,733 crore while State GST (SGST) was ₹24,239 crore and Integrated GST was ₹48,958 crore, which included ₹24,818 crore collected on imports. The cess collection in the month was ₹7,273 crore that included ₹841 crore collected on imports.

The total number of the summary of self-assessed return number or the GSTR-3B returns filed for the month of July 2019 up to August-end totalled 75,801 lakh.

Pratik Jain, partner and leader (Indirect Tax), PwC India said: "Slowdown in GST collections perhaps reflects the economic realities on the ground. While its 4.5% higher than corresponding period of last year, it's much below the target which has been set, despite the reduction in estimates in the Union budget."



■ A total of 56.5 mn returns have been filed so far this year.

I-T return filings surge to a record

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NEW DELHI: Filing of income tax returns hit a new record, with a peak filing rate of 196 returns per second on Saturday—the final due date for filing, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said.

There has been a sharp increase in filing returns closer to and on the due date because of pre-filled forms and other steps taken by the tax department, leading to 56.5 million returns filed so far for assessment year 2019-20, CBDT said in a statement on Sunday.

Filing of tax returns surged 41% on the last date to 4.9 million filings in assessment year 2019-20 from the previous year as the department offered pre-filled forms as well as guidance to taxpayers through social media, CBDT said. Since August 27, e-filing of returns has risen 32-63% compared to the corresponding days a year ago, CBDT said. In the last five days, the tax department saw 14.7 million e-filings, a 42% rise from the year earlier.

The total returns filed so far this fiscal, however, is only 4% higher than the 54 million filed a year ago. Returns could be filed even after the due date till the end

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of the fiscal in which the return is to be filed, with a fine, and the final figure could go up further. The tax department's online filing portal did not witness any disruption this year as it has been trying to make voluntary compliance easier and reduce the interface between taxpayers and officials.

The department was criticized by industry leaders after a letter attributed to Café Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha, who was recently found dead, claimed that he was under pressure from one of the private equity investors and had faced harassment from a tax official. The department has refuted the charges. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman who met tax officials in Chennai on Sunday, told reporters that tax collection targets for this fiscal were realistic and that there was no need for any overreach by officials to mobilize revenue receipts.



■ M&M signed an agreement for subscribing up to 55% of equity share capital of Meru in tranches.

ors on the board of Meru and as such will control the composition of the board of directors of Meru," it said.

Once the deal is closed, Meru and its subsidiaries including Meru Mobility Tech Pvt. Ltd, V

Link Automotive Services Pvt. Ltd and V Link Fleet Solutions Pvt. Ltd will become units of M&M. The Mumbai-based automaker is already an investor in self-drive car rental platform ZoomCar India Pvt. Ltd.

Trump imposes more tariffs on China, no deal in sight yet

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WASHINGTON/COLUMBUS: The Trump administration slapped tariffs on roughly \$110 billion in Chinese imports on Sunday, marking the latest escalation in a trade war that's inflicting damage across the world economy. China retaliated.

The 15% US duty hit consumer goods ranging from footwear and apparel to home textiles and certain technology products like the Apple Watch. A separate batch of about \$160 billion in Chinese goods—including laptops and cellphones—will be hit with 15% tariffs on December 15. US President Donald Trump delayed part of the levies to blunt the impact on holiday shopping.

While the Trump administration has dismissed concern about a protracted trade war, business groups are calling for a tariff truce and the resumption of negotiations between the world's two largest economies.

Face-to-face talks between Chinese and American trade negotiators scheduled for Washington in September are still pending "as of now", Trump told reporters on Friday before going to Camp David, the US presidential retreat. "We're going to win the fight," he said.

China has repeatedly decried US pressure tactics, with signs that its officials are girding for a prolonged confrontation.

"China's determination to fight against the US economic



■ US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping. AP FILE

warmongering has only grown stronger, and its countermeasures more resolute, measured and targeted," according to a commentary by the official Xinhua News Agency after the tariffs kicked in. One thing that "White House tariff men should learn is that the Chinese economy is strong and resilient enough to resist the pressure brought about in the ongoing trade war."

While Trump has repeatedly said China is paying for his tariffs, many companies and economists say that US importers bear the cost—and some of it is passed on to consumers.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office in August projected that by 2020, Trump's tariffs and trade war will reduce the level of real US GDP by about 0.3% and reduce average real household income by \$580.

That followed a JPMorgan

Chase & Co. note to clients estimating that the latest round of tariffs will increase the average cost per US household to \$1,000 a year—up from \$600 for duties enacted last year. That estimate is in the low range because it was based on a duty rate of 10%, before Trump increased it to 15%.

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Oil firms raise LPG price by ₹15.5, cut jet fuel rate by 1%

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NEW DELHI: Jet fuel price on Sunday was cut by about 1% to a four-month low on softening international oil prices, according to state-owned fuel retailers.

Market-priced or non-subsidized cooking gas (LPG) price was however raised by ₹15.5 per cylinder, oil firms said in a price notification.

Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price in Delhi was cut by ₹596.62 per kilolitre or 0.9%, to ₹62,698.86 per kl. This is the third straight monthly price reduction.

Jet fuel prices were last cut by 5.8% or ₹3,806.44 per kl on August 1. State-owned fuel marketing firms revise ATF prices on the 1st of every month based on average of benchmark international oil price in the previous month.

In Mumbai, home to the country's busiest airport, ATF price was cut to ₹61,199.79 per kl from ₹62,712.17. Reduction in ATF rates will bring relief to cash strapped airlines.

Simultaneously, oil firms also revised the price of cooking gas or LPG. Price of non-subsidized LPG, which consumers buy after exhausting their annual quota of 12 cylinders of 14.2-kg at subsidized rates, was hiked to ₹590 per litre increase in kerosene price continued for the 26th month in a row.

The subsidized fuel in Mumbai now costs ₹33.27 per litre as compared to ₹32.97 a litre last month.



(WE) SHOULD HAVE WON TODAY AS WELL. IT'S NOT A DIP IN FORM, (BUT) IT'S A DIP IN RESULTS DEFINITELY.

► OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER, Man Utd boss after the 1-1 draw against Southampton.

Wang proves a Barty pooper

US OPEN Chinese ousts French Open winner; reigning champ Osaka reaches out to Gauff after third-round victory

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NEW YORK: China's 18th-seeded Wang Qiang advanced to the US Open quarter-finals on Sunday with a 6-2, 6-4 upset of Australian second seed Ashleigh Barty, the reigning French Open champion.

Wang will face the winner of a later fourth-round match between Croatian 22nd seed Petra Martic and US eighth seed Serena Williams, who is seeking a 24th career Grand Slam title to match Margaret Court's all-time record.

Wang was unsure if she would watch the Williams-Martic match, leaving that duty to her coach, Thomas Drouet.

"I think that's my coach's homework," Wang said. "I just want to enjoy now and my coach will tell me how to play next."

Wang's previous coach had been Peter McNamara, who died in July of prostate cancer.

Barty, who beat Wang twice last year in their only prior meetings, was undone by 39 unforced errors while Wang made only 14.

Wang, who had squandered four match points in a semi-final loss last week at the WTA Bronx tournament, enjoyed solid support at Louis Armstrong Stadium. "I love New York," Wang said.

OSAKA OUSTS GAUFF

Naomi Osaka looked across the net after ending Coco Gauff's US Open in the third round Saturday night and saw the tears welling in the 15-year-old American's eyes.

Osaka also saw a bit of herself in the kid she'd just beaten 6-3, 6-0. So the tournament's defending champion and No. 1 seed, who is only 21 herself, comforted Gauff with a hug and words of consolation, then encouraged her to address the 23,000 or so folks pulling for the young American in the Arthur Ashe Stadium stands. Knowing how tough it is to lose, Osaka



Wang Qiang celebrates after winning her round of 16 match against Ashleigh Barty on Sunday.

AFP

told her: "You need to let those people know how you feel."

So Gauff obliged—a rare instance of a match's loser addressing the crowd from the court. And was appreciative of Osaka's gesture. "She just proved that she's a true athlete. For me, the definition of an athlete is someone who on the court treats you like your worst enemy, but off the court can be your best friend," Gauff said later at her news conference.

It's that sort of maturity off the court, and a wise-beyond-her-years game on it, that has helped Gauff generate all sorts of attention already. She was the youngest woman since 1996 to win two matches at Flushing Meadows, her follow-up to a captivating run to the second week at Wimbledon in July.

In this much-hyped showdown under the lights, Gauff often looked exactly like what she is: an immensely talented

player who is still learning her way at tennis' top level.

Gauff pounded serves at up to 119 mph but also double-faulted seven times. She overcame a slow start to get within 4-3 in the opening set but also dropped the last eight games. Don't forget: The U.S. Open was only the second Slam for Gauff, who was ranked No. 313 at the start of Wimbledon and is now No. 140.

Osaka's advantages in age and accomplishments—she is a

two-time major champion, including at the Australian Open in January—played a role. So, too, did her on-target power, which resulted in a 24-8 edge in winners. When it ended, after merely 65 minutes, Gauff began to bawl on the sideline.

Gauff acknowledged feeling some jitters at the outset, and Osaka produced the match's initial seven winners.

It took all of 10 minutes for Osaka to lead 3-0. When Gauff

Now is the moment to push, says Nadal

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NEW YORK: A rested and healthy Rafael Nadal rolled into the US Open's fourth round on Saturday, wishing he had been pushed harder as he charges after a 19th Grand Slam title.

The 33-year-old Spaniard, who won his 12th French Open title in June, advanced to the last 16 by defeating 170th-ranked South Korean qualifier Chung Hyeon 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

"I didn't face a break point. That's a positive thing," Nadal said.

"And the best thing is without playing great, playing a normal match, I was able to have a very comfortable score. That means a lot of things, positive ones," he added.

"Now is the moment to push, to make a step forward if I want to give me a chance to fight for the important things. That's what I'm going to try."

Against Chung, a 2018 Australian Open semi-finalist who has battled injuries, Nadal played an aggressive game off the ground and on the serve, winning nearly 90 percent of his first-serve points.

Nadal, a three-time US Open champion, said he wished he had been able to play a second-round match against injured Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis instead of advance by walkover and rest for three days.



Rafael Nadal celebrates his third-round victory over qualifier Hyeon Chung on Saturday.

AFP

The injury-nagged star who was forced out of a US Open semi-final last year with knee pain and struggled with a hip injury earlier this season wanted more than six sets under his belt by now on the New York

hardcourts. "You never know what's better or worse, no? From here, the main thing, I am happy to be where I am. I'm in the fourth round, and that's the main thing," Nadal said.

"For me, personally, in some way, I will prefer to play the match. In some way is true that you save energy. So you never know what's the best thing."

Second seed Nadal is concerned about form as much as

rest, although he did withdraw from a tuneup event in Cincinnati after winning at Montreal.

"I had the first three or four months of the season very hard, too many issues again, and then it's true that since Barcelona, things have been improving," Nadal said.

"I was able to fix a little bit the body and play more or less with freedom of movements. That's given me the chance to compete at the highest level again."

"So here I am to try my best and I'm going to put my 100 percent to try to be ready for the next round."

CILIC NEXT

Next up for Nadal is a Monday matchup against Croatia's 23rd-seeded Marin Cilic, the 2014 US Open champion.

"The key is play well. That simple," Nadal said. "If I'm playing well, I'm going to have hopefully my chances to return a couple of points and give me chances."

"Against big servers... chances are not a lot, so you need to be ready to expect a very tough one."

"But I need to be focused with my serve, as always. I need to be ready to accept the challenge that brings the competition in days like these."

"And I hope to be ready to play my highest level, because that's what I'm going to need," he added.

Johnson breaks record, qualifies for Worlds



Jinson Johnson (C) improved his 1500m national record.

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BERLIN: Asian Games gold medalist Jinson Johnson bettered his own 1500m national record to clinch silver at the ISTAF Berlin event here on Sunday. Johnson clocked 3 minutes 35.24 seconds to finish behind Joshua Thompson of United States at the Olympic Stadium here.

The previous national record in the name of the 28-year-old Kerala runner was 3:37.62, which he had clocked at the Next Generation Meet in Nijmegen in the Netherlands in June. He also holds the 800m national record (1:45.65).

With his national record shattering effort, Johnson also qualified for the World Championships to be held in Doha from September 28 to October 6. The

World Championships qualifying time is 3:36.00.

"I was expecting to better my national record but did not expect to win the silver. I will now go to Colorado Springs, USA, for further training and then to Doha for the World Championships," Johnson, who has split with his coach of two years, Jasvinder Singh Bhatia, said after the event.

"I am very happy. But my ultimate aim is to do well in 2020 Tokyo Olympics," the Army athlete said.

Johnson plans to do high-altitude training (6000 feet) at the American Distance Project in Colorado Springs under Scott Simmons.

Johnson had won the 2018 Asian Games gold in Jakarta in 1500m with a time of 3:44.72. ISTAF Berlin is a part of the

IAAF World Challenge meetings, the second tier of global one day athletics events. It is the penultimate leg of the IAAF World Challenge meetings this year.

On Saturday, Asian Games gold medalist shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver with a best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt during an athletic meet at Decin, Czech Republic.

Tajrinda, who was awarded the Arjuna Award this year, has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships in April this year. The 24-year-old Indian has a personal best of 20.75m. The event was won by Czech Republic's Tomas Stanek with a throw of 20.86m.



Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco (C) lifts the trophy and points to the sky as he dedicates his Belgian GP win to Anthoine Hubert, a F2 driver who died in a racing accident on Saturday.

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Leclerc wins maiden GP, dedicates it to Hubert

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SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM: Charles Leclerc just held off Lewis Hamilton to win the Belgian Grand Prix from pole position on Sunday, securing the first victory of his Formula One career and ending Ferrari's long wait for a win. Hamilton was within one second of Leclerc on the final lap, but the 21-year-old from Monaco held his nerve.

"He was catching very quickly so I had quite a bit of pressure," Leclerc said after his win.

He dedicated it to French driver Anthoine Hubert, who died Saturday following a heavy crash during an F2 race held on the same track. Drivers paid their respects on Sunday.

Moments after winning, Leclerc pointed to the sky and then to Hubert's name written on the side of his car. Hamilton extended his championship lead because his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas was third, finishing ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel. Ferrari had not won since former driver Kimi Raikkonen's victory at the US GP last October.

Vettel is 21 races without a win since last season's Belgian GP.

Leclerc got away cleanly but Vettel was overtaken by Hamilton at the first turn before getting past Hamilton again. Max Verstappen, winner of two of the past four races and a narrow second behind Hamilton at the Hunga-

CORREA STABLE

Formula 2 racer Juan Manuel Correa, injured in the high speed crash that claimed the life of Frenchman Anthoine Hubert in the opening race of the series' Belgian round, has underwent surgery and is stable, according to a statement on his website. The 20-year-old American-Ecuadorian suffered fractures to both his legs and a minor spinal injury and is recovering in intensive care. "At the current moment, Juan Manuel Correa's condition is stable," the statement read. "He was taken by helicopter to a hospital where he underwent surgery. Juan Manuel remained conscious the entire time until his admission to the operating room."

rian GP, went out on Lap 1.

Tens of thousands of orange-clad Dutch fans watched in disappointment as Verstappen slid into the barriers, climbed out of his car and walked back to the garage.

The front left wheel of his Red Bull was damaged after contact with Raikkonen's Alfa Romeo, who started one place behind him on the grid in sixth. Verstappen finished in the top five of every other race this season and it was his first retirement since the Hungarian GP in July last year. Raikkonen was fortunate to

continue, seeing as the left side of his car lifted clean off the ground. But Renault driver Carlos Sainz Jr. had to abandon following an early collision. The incidents caused the safety car to come out for four laps, and when the race re-started Vettel maintained his lead but with Hamilton starting to close on Vettel's Ferrari.

"Vettel is struggling," Hamilton said on team radio on Lap 10.

Six laps later, Ferrari brought Vettel in for a tire change, pushing Hamilton up to second place. Leclerc came in for his tire change exactly midway through the 44-lap race, putting Hamilton in front. But Mercedes called Hamilton in on the very next lap and made a slow stop of 3.6 seconds—which may ultimately have cost him the win.

Bottas came in one lap later as Ferrari regained the race lead with Vettel ahead of Leclerc.

Vettel obeyed team orders to let Leclerc go past him on Lap 27, and then twice held off Hamilton before Hamilton passed him on Lap 32 to take second place.

Hamilton was still seven seconds behind Leclerc, but ate into that lead so much that Leclerc had only a 2-second lead with two laps remaining and back markers ahead of him.

On the last lap, Alfa Romeo's Antonio Giovinazzi crashed out but Leclerc kept his focus. "It was a difficult race. I got as close as I could but maybe I needed another couple of laps," Hamilton said.



Roger Federer stays on course for semi-final against Djokovic.

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Federer eases past struggling Goffin, enters last eight

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NEW YORK: Roger Federer advanced to the US Open quarter-finals for the 13th time in his past 15 attempts Sunday by defeating Belgian 15th seed David Goffin 6-2, 6-2, 6-0.

The 38-year-old Swiss third seed, trying to stretch his men's Grand Slam record title total to 21, took only 79 minutes to book a quarter-final berth against the winner of a later match between Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov and Australia's Alex de Minaur.

"It was great. I thought I had a good feeling out here," Federer said. "David didn't have his best day either, he was struggling."

ON COLLISION COURSE

Federer's victory kept him on a semi-final collision course with top-seeded defending champion Novak Djokovic, who plays the night feature match at Arthur Ashe Stadium against three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka, the Swiss 23rd seed.

Serbia's Djokovic, a 16-time Grand Slam champion who has captured four of the past five Slam crowns, is 19-5 against Wawrinka but they have not played since the Swiss defeated Djokovic in the 2016 US Open

final. Also playing later is Russian fifth seed Daniil Medvedev, who won at Cincinnati in the last major US Open tuneup event. Medvedev was fined \$9,000 for an obscene gesture and unsportsmanlike conduct in a third-round victory, his third fine in three matches at Flushing Meadows.

Federer, who improved to 9-1 in his career rivalry with Goffin, is 7-0 lifetime against 78th-ranked Dimitrov but has never faced 38th-ranked De Minaur. Five-time US Open champion Federer's Open Era Slam quarter-finals record grew to 56 and he matched Andre Agassi's second-best US Open total of 13 quarter-finals—second only to 17 by Jimmy Connors—in a dominant performance at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Goffin broke in the third game of the match and Federer responded by winning the next five games to seize the opening set in 26 minutes, 11 of the next 13 to grab command of the affair inside of an hour, and 17 of the final 19 in stunningly rapid fashion. "I was down in the score earlier," Federer said. "Obviously you have to come back. I was too down on myself."

"In a way I feel bad about beating up on a friend like David. I hope he has a better end of the year."

Vihari's grit a middle-order necessity

MAN FOR CRISIS The batsman has shown the composure to stick to the crease when the need arises

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NEW DELHI: To understand the most significant facet of Hanuma Vihari's five-Test old career, one must start from the beginning. The 25-year-old's debut in the fifth and last Test of India's tour of England in 2018 was overshadowed by the bigger news of Karun Nair getting overlooked. He scored a half-century too in that Oval Test, but it was No. 8 Ravindra Jadeja's unbeaten 86 that was hailed as a more gallant effort. Cut to the Boxing Day Test at MCG, when Vihari was pushed to the top after regular openers KL Rahul and Murali Vijay failed. He was tested by Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc and even took a dent on his helmet from a Pat Cummins bouncer. But his resilient 8 off 66 balls at the start was lost in the applause over No. 3 Cheteshwar Pujara's 109.

"The management liked the way I was composed wherever I played, in Australia or England. Honestly, I think I can deliver in a big way. I am looking forward to the Tests that are coming up after the World Cup. Now that I have tasted international cricket, I don't just want to contribute to the team's success, I want to dominate like all big players do," Vihari had told Hindustan Times in an interview post the Australia tour.

IN THE SHADOWS And when Vihari did get the chance to play the central character over two sessions against West Indies on Saturday, Jasprit Bumrah's six-wicket blitz — including a hat-trick — seemed to efface the batsman's toil. It is in the shadows of flashier performances by his teammates that Vihari seems to slowly grow, a feature that has been the most persistent theme in his career since his U-19 days.

In the current scheme of things, the India team management can very well do with the low-key approach of Vihari in the middle-order.

With Pujara, Rahane and Vihari, the Test team seems to have players who cannot only score big, but also buckle down and grind it out. Vihari is still a long way from being India's go-to man under pressure but he certainly has shown the composure to stick to the crease when the need arises. His 111 off 225 balls on Saturday is a prime example.

He came on to the crease after the departure of Rahane on Day

1 and contributed 12 in 38-run stand with Kohli. That was followed by three stands with Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Ishant Sharma in which he never looked to get ahead of his partner.

When others perished, he just continued to take fresh stance. It is in this quality of staying back and delivering that Vihari seems to be most comfortable in. "When you are batting at No 6 the intent has to be positive. At that position you will be batting with a batsman and then a wicket falls and you will be with the wicketkeeper or the lower order," Vihari said at the end of the day.

His intent was indeed positive with the way he stood and delivered a straight drive off West Indies' senior-most pacer Kumar Roach for his first boundary. Vihari also oozed confidence when he danced down the track against off-spinner Rahkeem Cornwall to smoke him through mid-off ropes.

His nonchalance often showed through the 16 boundaries hit by him but they were stretched far between. In the lull periods, he defended with a straight bat. It isn't as if he wasn't challenged but Vihari's effect was in being able to survive and make it count.

THE ESCAPE He was even dropped once at first slip when a Cornwall delivery touched his edge but John Campbell could not hold. DRS too came to his rescue too when he was given out leg-before to a Holder delivery that nipped back late. He was on 79 off 148 deliveries then, with 13 boundaries. Vihari made all the reprieves count as well. Not with flamboyance but with grit. The next time Vihari got four runs off bowler was more than an hour later, in the post-lunch session off Shannon Gabriel.

That marked Vihari's entry into the nineties, in 187 balls. From 79 to 90, Vihari took 39 balls. Vihari had been in this zone before in the first Test in Antigua where he fell for 93 but not on Saturday.

The nervous nineties were crossed in just 13 balls as Vihari reached three figures for the first time in Test cricket. His patience over two days had finally paid off.

"When I was batting overnight on 42, I didn't sleep very well. My thoughts were on how to get a big score and I am happy that I crossed that three-figure



■ Hanuma Vihari has made a mark as a gritty batsman in his six-Test career, a gritty half-century on debut in England last year followed by fighting knocks in Australia.

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mark. I'm really happy to get a hundred in those conditions," he said.

"I knew they would come hard in the first session. That is the best way to get us out early. They did get an early wicket but I just wanted to bat patiently, wait for the balls which were in my area.

"I was batting at 82 during lunch. I was patient, they were bowling really well. We scored 400 plus but that doesn't show the way they bowled. It was challenging conditions and I really relished it."

U-19 DAYS If there is one thing has stood out in Vihari's career since his U-19 days when he was part of India's 2012 World Cup winning team, it's his perseverance. Captain Unmukt Chand (246 runs in six matches), Smit Patel (178), Prashant Chopra (172), Baba Aparajith (171), Vijay Zol (151) were the stars of that campaign while Vihari stayed at the back-ground with a tally of just 71 in six matches.

That was just the start. In the next few years, Vihari emerged as the one meant for the long run. He shifted to Andhra Pradesh from Hyderabad in the 2016-17 season and started amassing runs in domestic cricket.

"If you play in the U-19 Indian team it will somewhat help you have that recognition. But as a player it will not help much because there is a huge gap between U-19, Ranji Trophy or international level. You have to grow as a player very quickly to

get into the state side and then further.

"After U-19, I worked hard for close to 4-5 years. Virat (Kohli) was exceptional to get India call up very early after U-19 but I had to really work hard to get selected for the senior team because of many reasons," Vihari told in the earlier interview.

The hard work Vihari mentioned resulted in 752 runs in six matches with an average of 94 in the 2017-18 season. His first-class career average had touched 59.79—the highest in the world at that time, even better than Virat Kohli, Steve Smith and Rohit Sharma.

Vihari had finally arrived. He was already turning out for India A by when he was asked to join the squad in England for the last two Tests of the 2018 tour. It was again time for Vihari to start from the shadows. The century at Kingston may be the first sign of Vihari emerging out of it.

INDIA TAKE A STRANGLEHOLD

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NEW DELHI: India decided to not impose follow-on after they skittled out West Indies for 117, taking a first-innings lead of 299 in the second Test at Kingston. West Indies, who resumed at 87 for seven, added 30 more before being bowled out. The hosts' collapse was triggered by Jasprit Bumrah's six-wicket haul, the paceman becoming the third Indian bowler to take a Test hat-trick. Before him, Harbhajan Singh and Irfan Pathan had taken Test hat-tricks.

Bumrah's early burst had reduced West Indies to 22 for five as he picked Darren Bravo, Shamir Brooks and Roston Chase off successive deliveries to claim his hat-

trick on Saturday, the second day.

The spineless West Indies need to thank the 45-run partnership between Shimron Hetmyer and Jason Holder as also Rahkeem Cornwall and Kumar Roach at the back-end for taking them past 100 and save them further embarrassment.

Mohammed Shami picked two while Ishant Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja picked one each. Ishant, in fact, became the top wickettaker for India outside Asia surpassing Kapil Dev. India went to lunch at 16 for one at lunch with Mayank Agarwal falling to Kumar Roach for four. Their overall lead stood at 315.

Brief scores (at lunch, Day 3): India 416 & 16/1 vs WI 117 (S Hetmyer 34, J Holder 18, J Bumrah 6/27)

Gunners hang on to hold Tottenham

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LONDON: Arsenal fought back from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 draw against Tottenham in a pulsating north London derby on Sunday which both sides will feel they should have won.

Spurs preyed on the Gunners' vacant midfield early on as Christian Eriksen tapped home at the end of a flowing counter-attack before Harry Kane's penalty doubled the Champions League finalists' lead.

However, Arsenal were always a threat going forward and, after Alexandre Lacazette reduced the arrears in first-half stoppage time, were well worthy of a point after the break.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang got the equaliser 19 minutes from time and Arsenal even had the ball in the net again through Sokratis Papastathopoulos, only to see their celebrations cut short by the offside flag.

A share of the spoils sees Arsenal maintain a two-point lead over their local rivals with seven points from the opening four games to Tottenham's five.

Tottenham's long wait for an away win in the Premier League dating back to January also continues, but they did show some resolve after a desperately disappointing 1-0 home defeat to Newcastle last weekend with manager Mauricio Pochettino complaining afterwards of having an unsettled squad.

The Argentine had sidelined Eriksen and Jan Vertonghen in the opening month of the season but both returned and the Danish midfielder had a huge impact on an open and frantic encounter.

Arsenal boss Unai Emery named the front three of club record signing Nicolas Pepe, Aubameyang and Lacazette together in his starting line-up for the first time, but the Gunners lacked any balance to their attacking intent as Tottenham counter-attacked with ease early on. The visitors went in front with



■ Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang scores his team's second goal in London on Sunday.

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their first serious attack 10 minutes in as Son Heung-min latched onto Kane's knockdown and freed Erik Lamela through on goal.

Bernd Leno got a weak hand to Lamela's effort and palmed the ball into the grateful path of the onrushing Eriksen to tap home.

Leno redeemed himself with a stunning save to prevent Son making it 2-0 and also turned a dipping Eriksen free-kick to safety. However, Leno was helpless to stop Kane continuing his excellent record in the north London derby from the penalty spot after a ludicrous challenge by Granit Xhaka to clearly chop down Son inside the area. To their credit, Arsenal raised themselves off the canvas to reduce the deficit before the break.

Hugo Lloris made a fine save low to his right to deny Pepe his

first Arsenal goal, but moments later Lacazette burst through before blasting past his French international teammate from a narrow angle to give the Gunners hope. A wild second period raged from end-to-end as Son saw a shot deflected inches wide and Kane struck the inside of the post at one end, while Lloris made a brilliant save to deny Matteo Guendouzi and Sead Kolasinac somehow skewed wide from point-blank range at the other.

Arsenal, though, were the side in the ascendancy and got their reward with an equaliser.

Lacazette had been sacrificed for Dani Ceballos to bolster the midfield and that allowed Aubameyang to move into his favoured role through the middle. Guendouzi was the creator as his cross was expertly turned home by Aubameyang for his

third goal of the season.

LIVERPOOL'S RECORD BURNLEY: Premier League leaders Liverpool set a new club record of 13 straight top flight wins with a 3-0 victory at Burnley, maintaining their two-point advantage over champions Manchester City. With four wins out of four to start the season, Jurgen Klopp's side head into the international break in buoyant mood after another convincing display from the European champions.

"The players pretty much played the perfect game. I really liked the game and it was really deserved. It's our most deserved win of the season — the boys played a sensational game," said Klopp. Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino found the target after an own goal from Chris Wood had ended Burnley's early resistance.

Koulibaly own goal hands Juventus victory over Napoli

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MILAN: Kalidou Koulibaly handed Juventus a dramatic win with a last-gasp own goal that consigned Napoli to a painful 4-3 Serie A defeat after his side had battled back from three goals down to level the scores.

The Senegal international shanked in Paulo Dybala's free-kick under no pressure in the second minute of stoppage time to hand Juve the three points in Turin and put Maurizio Sarri's side top with six points, leaving Napoli with nothing to show for their Herculean efforts.

"It was a roller-coaster. We lost control of the game and got distracted, so they managed to equalise, but fortunately in the end we still won," said Gonzalo Higuain, who spun Koulibaly before slamming home Juve's superb second.

Koulibaly's blunder undid all of Napoli's good work in fighting back from the dead with less than half-an-hour left, with goals from Danilo just 20 seconds after he came on as a substitute, Higuain — back at Juventus after loan spells at AC Milan and Chelsea — and Cristiano Ronaldo giving the reigning champions what looked like an unassailable lead.

Two goals in as many minutes from Kostas Manolas and Hirving Lozano shortly after Ronaldo had made it three brought Napoli back into the game, and Giovanni Di Lorenzo sent the away fans wild with a close-range finish to set up a tense final nine minutes.

But with at least point seemingly in the bag, Koulibaly made it a nightmare end for Carlo Ancelotti's men, who finished on the wrong end of a 4-3 scoreline.

Gymnastics trials put off due to simmering feud

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New Delhi: In a major setback to aspiring Indian gymnasts preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the open two-day selection trials scheduled to be held here from Monday to select a six-member team, including three women, for the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships scheduled at Stuttgart from October 4-13 has been postponed.

The world championships is the first major event of the season offering Olympic quota places, but top gymnasts who reached Delhi on Saturday were dismayed to find that the trials have been cancelled. The reason is the Sports Authority of India (SAI) separately requesting the Indian Olympic Association to constitute a selection panel and conduct trials to pick a core group of 24 gymnasts, including 12 women, to prepare the national squad for the world championships and other major events in the build up to the Tokyo Games. (The faction that scheduled the trials has the world body's backing, but is not recognized by the government.)

SAI's team division in its administrative sanction on August 26 also mentioned that IOA should inform state Olympic units so that all Tokyo hopefuls can take part in the trials. Despite the trials being cancelled, SAI is yet to send an official communication to the gymnasts. A top gymnast said they were told orally on Saturday, but with no official announcement, they have to wait till Monday.

IOA however said it doesn't have the jurisdiction to conduct trials as the gymnastics world body, FIG, hasn't allowed it. "We have no right. We have informed SAI," said Rajeev Mehta, IOA secretary general. Keeping the interest of gymnasts in mind, IOA has sought permission from FIG to



■ Dipa Karmakar's fourth-place finish in Rio Olympics brought focus on Indian gymnastics.

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hold the trials so that the national team can take part in the worlds. "We haven't got any response. But we will check again with the international body on Monday," Mehta said.

FIG generally doesn't approve IOA holding the trials. It had raised objections during trials for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and eventually IOA had to step back and the federation affiliated to FIG was allowed to send the team.

There are two GFI factions. The one headed by Sudhakar Shetty is affiliated to the world body. The other, with Shanti Kumar Singh as president, is recognised by IOA. The GFI has remained derecognised by the sports ministry since 2011.

As the last GFI elections were held in August 2015 and the four-year term has expired, both factions had announced elections.

ROUNDUP EX-NZ RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINER TOPS TEAM INDIA SHORTLIST

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NEW DELHI: Nick Webb, who has worked with New Zealand women's cricket team and Auckland-based rugby league outfit Warriors, has topped the three-man shortlist for the Indian cricket team's strength and conditioning coach's job.

The second and third names in the shortlist are Luke Woodhouse and India's S Rajnikanth, the last one being the supposed choice of some of the top Indian players. However, sources in the know of things said that unless there is a "miracle", Rajnikanth will not get the job as he came third in the practical assessment at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru.

"Since the formalities of the appointment will be completed by CEO, we can't say Webb has got the job. But obviously he is the top choice and once the terms of appointment is finalised, he will be on board," said a senior BCCI official, privy to development.

The 32-year-old has also worked with New Zealand's first-class side Central Districts, also known as Stags.

His last assignment was with the New Zealand women's national team 'White Ferns'.

It is learnt that the selectors and former Bengal and East Bengal football team trainer Ranadeep Moitra assessed the candidates during practical examination. "One of the things that weighed in favour of Nick was the fact that he has been associated with a National Rugby League (NRL) team Warriors in New Zealand. He was found to be most suitable to take the benchmark that Shankar Basu had set to a different level," said the official.

The tests at the NCA were conducted with U-19 campers being divided into batches of six players each under every aspirant.

"Webb's communication and trouble shooting skills was considered as the best among the top three. As far as practical knowledge went, all three were on par," the official informed. That Webb is only 32-year-old was also factored in as he will be able to match the players during training.

MALINGA BECOMES TOP WICKETTAKER INT 20IS

KANDY: Sri Lanka paceman Lasith Malinga became the highest wicket-taker in T20 International with his 99th scalp in the first match against New Zealand, surpassing Pakistan's Shahid Afridi. Malinga, who quit Test cricket in 2011 and played his farewell ODI in July, bowled Colin Munro in the first over to equal Afridi's record of 98 wickets.

The Singh faction had planned its meeting in Chandigarh on August 24 and the Shetty group in Mumbai the next day. FIG intervened and asked them to end the dispute and work for the sport and gymnasts. FIG has also asked both factions to adhere to the IOA Arbitration Tribunal order to hold elections. In a letter on August 23, FIG has asked them to hold elections within three months, warning that the Indian body could otherwise face suspension. "Cease to fight in the court and hold elections within three months. Failure to do so will force FIG to suspend Indian federation," the letter said.

Indian gymnastics had earned goodwill thanks to Dipa Karmakar finishing a creditable fourth in the vault event at the 2016 Rio Olympics. However, the prolonged dispute threatens to drag down the sport.

Sharma slips but still in contention for PGA card

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"When a player competes at international level, there are a lot of imagined fears that come in one's mind. And adventure sports is a great activity that helps in dealing with such fear. Rashawini is regularly into mountaineering and skiing. These activities helped a lot in overcoming all sorts of fear and pressure," said her father SS Deswal, a Haryana cadre IPS officer who is Director General, Indo Tibetan Border Police.

A close-up portrait of a man with a light beard and mustache, wearing a blue Nike baseball cap. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue and white.

■ **Shubhankar Sharma** GETTY IMAGES

Among other Indians, Rashid Khan (70) was T-16 at eight-under, while first round leader Viraj Madappa (69), Chiragh Kumar (69) and Ajeetesh Sandhu (68) were T-22 at seven-under and Om Prakash Chouhan (72) was T-29th. Khalin Joshi (72), S Chikkarangappa (73) and Kshitij Naved Kaul (70) were T-41st.



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