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GST rates on hotel tariff cut, pay more now for caffeinated beverages

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THE GOODS and Services Tax (GST) Council Friday slashed tax rates for hotels with tariff of over Rs 1,000 by clubbing categories and moving them down the slabs, and reduced the rate for outdoor catering to 5% from 18% (without input tax credit).

These measures, estimated to result in a revenue loss of around Rs 1,500 crore a year, are expected to give a boost to the tourism and hospitality sectors ahead of the festive season. The decisions were taken at the Council's 37th meeting.

In the rate cut for hotels, the Council decided to lower the GST rate for rooms with tariff of Rs 7,500 and above to 18% from 28% earlier, while those with tariff between Rs 1,000 and Rs 7,500 will attract GST at 12%.

Earlier, GST for hotels was divided among three categories: nil for tariff up to Rs 1,000, 18% for tariff between Rs 2,500 and Rs 7,500, and 28% for tariff above Rs 7,500. The nil category has been retained as it is by the Council.

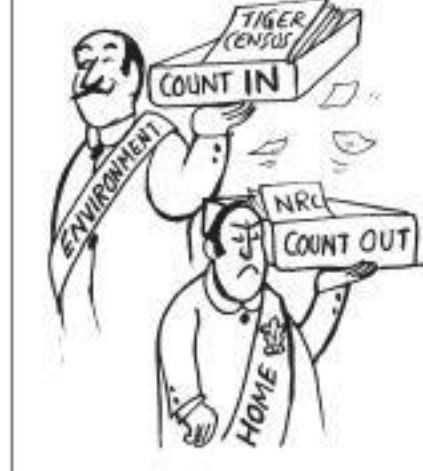
The Council also brought caffeinated drinks at par with sin goods classification of aerated drinks, which are taxed at the peak rate of 28% along with 12% cess under GST. It is expected that drinks such as Red Bull and Monster will be impacted by this decision.

In total, the GST Council tweaked rates for 32 items including 20 goods and 12 services, which will come into effect from October 1. To ease the

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Once touted to become India's largest planned city, NAINA shrinks in size

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SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

WHEN IT was originally conceptualised in 2014, the Navi Mumbai Influence Notified Area (NAINA) was promoted as India's largest planned city, even bigger than Mumbai and its suburbs together. But now that the new city's development plan has finally been sanctioned, it appears to have been considerably shrunk — it is only slightly more than half its planned size.

Planned to come up around a radial distance of about 25 km



The ticker at BSE Friday after the corporate tax cut fuelled a market rally and Sensex ended 1921 points higher. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

CORPORATE TAX CUT TO 22%, MARKETS SURGE 5.3%, HIGHEST GAIN IN DECADE

Big-bang India Inc.entive

Historic step, great stimulus to #MakeInIndia, will attract global pvt investment, improve competitiveness: PM

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PANAJI, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

IN ITS biggest booster dose to a slowing down economy, the Government Friday announced a cut in corporate taxes hoping this will kickstart stalled private investment and fuel growth. Less than three months after the Union Budget, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday announced cuts in tax rates for domestic companies to 22% and for new domestic manufacturing companies to 15%. At present, the tax rate for compa-



Sitharaman announced the cut in Panaji, Friday. *PTI*

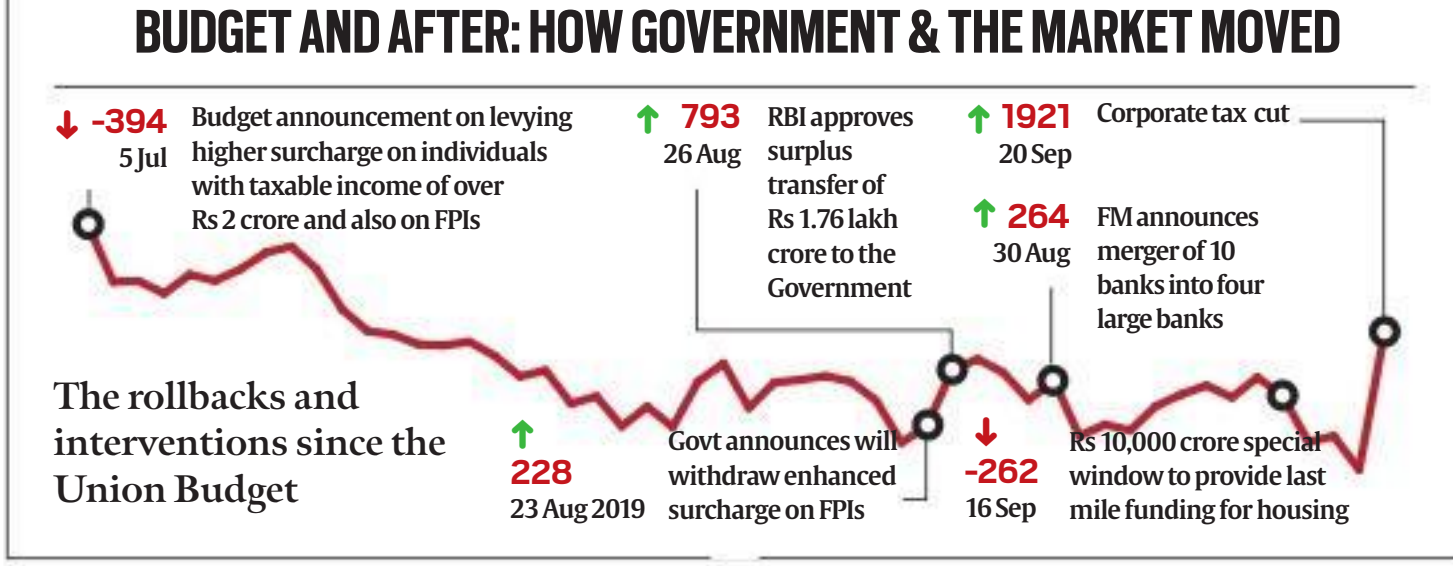
nies with annual sales over Rs 400 crore is 30% (exclusive of surcharge and cess) and 25% for those with a turnover below Rs 400 crore.

This move, alongside other

measures such as relief on the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) payout, the surcharge on capital gains on sale of equity shares and on the tax incidence on share buy-backs, will cost the exchequer Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually and comes as part of a series of measures the government has announced after consultations with the industry to deal with the deepening slowdown.

"The step to cut corporate tax is historic. It will give a great stimulus to #MakeInIndia, attract private investment from across the globe, improve competitiveness of our private sector, create more jobs and result

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Caught on tape: retd HC judge assaulting daughter-in-law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 20

ALMOST FIVE months after Justice (retired) Nooty Rama Mohan Rao, along with his wife and son, was booked by Hyderabad police for allegedly harassing and assaulting his daughter-in-law, CCTV footage of the assault surfaced Friday.

The purported video footage, with a time stamp dated April 20, 2019, was released by the family of Rao's daughter-in-law, M Sindhu Sarma. Rao served at the Andhra Pradesh and Madras High Courts, and retired in April



Footage of the assault by Justice Nooty Rama Mohan Rao, his wife and son

2017.

The purported video, 2:20 minutes long, shows Rao's son N Vashishta assaulting his wife Sindhu while in the middle of an

argument at their home. Rao and his wife Durga Jayalakshmi walk in, with the latter attempting to intervene and stop the fight. While Vashishta is seen punching and slapping his wife Sindhu, Rao can be seen pulling her arms and pushing her on to a sofa.

Towards the end of the purported video, a child, Sarma's daughter, is seen entering the room and runs to her mother's leg. She is later pulled away and sent out of the room.

On April 27, Sindhu lodged a complaint at the Hyderabad Police Central Crime Station alleging physical and mental abuse and harassment by her

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Gives firms extra cash to invest — and raises a few questions too

P VAIIDYANATHAN IYER
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

AFTER FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman slashed the corporate tax rate on Friday to 22% from 30%, the key question is: will it kickstart the economy just as it did the equity markets?

Even before one attempts to find an answer to this question, the magnitude of the cut cannot be underscored. This big (more than a fourth) cut in corporate tax rate comes after a gap of almost 15 years.

In 2004-05, the tax rate was reduced to 30% from 35% (one-seventh), seven years after P Chidambaram's Dream Budget which cut it to 35% from 40% (one-eighth).

Drawing a cricketing analogy, Sitharaman Friday hit the ball out of the stadium. But the economy needs many more sixes, given the required run rate to reach the GDP target of \$5 trillion by 2024. This requires a run rate of 14-15% every year.

The tax rate cut does three things: One, it increases the profitability of companies in India,

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leaving them with extra cash to invest. It also restrains India Inc from demanding more sops, putting pressure on them to invest. Two, it creates a feel-good sentiment, and sends a strong message about the government's faith in India Inc - corporate is not a dirty word any more. Three, it does put pressure on the fiscal position for the Centre.

The annual cost of this cut, which no government will be able to restore, is Rs 1,45,000 crore, almost one per cent of the GDP.

States don't have a choice, but part-foot the bill - 42% of Union taxes is devolved to them, so they will receive almost Rs

EXPLAINED 61,000 crore less from the Central government. They will have little fiscal headroom to expand spending programmes.

Looking back, within three months of Budget, and in a span of just four weeks, Sitharaman has announced a string of measures: doing away with the surcharge on Foreign Portfolio Investors, big-ticket bank mergers, a new scheme to promote exports, upfront capital infusion for banks, and sops for auto and real estate sectors.

None of these measures, however, addresses the structural issues that cry for attention.

Nor do they seriously address the immediate problems of demand revival and lacklustre private investment. But if the question is, was the Indian economy better without these, the answer isn't yes. This will not perk up private investment in the short run, which has remained moribund for almost seven years now.

What could have been the other options on the table? **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Chinmayanand held for sexual assault of law student, he has owned up: Cops



Chinmayanand being taken into custody, Friday. *PTI*

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 20

FORMER UNION minister and BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand, accused of sexually assaulting a 23-year-old law student at his ashram, was arrested Friday, four days after the woman recorded her statement before a magistrate in Shahjahanpur.

Chinmayanand was produced before a local court, which sent him to 14 days judicial custody. The arrest comes days before an Uttar Pradesh Police special investigation team (SIT) was to submit a progress report to the Allahabad High Court, which is monitoring the case, on September 23.

According to SIT chief Naveen Arora, Chinmayanand, during questioning, said: "I am ashamed of my act and do not want to give further testimony."

The SIT also arrested three others, Sanjay Singh, Vikram alias Durgesh and Sachin alias Sonu Sengar, for allegedly trying to extort Rs 5 crore from Chinmayanand by sending him threatening messages.

"They were also produced before the same court, which sent them to judicial custody, said Shahjahanpur government counsel Lal Sahab Singh.

Based on an FIR by Chinmayanand's lawyer, the SIT is also probing the role of the law student in the extortion case.

"Chinmayanand (72) was today produced before a court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Omvir Singh, and sent to 14-days judicial custody. The agency did not seek Chinmayanand's police custody," said Singh. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Collegium changes decision: Justice Kureshi goes to Tripura, not MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUPREME Court Collegium has decided to recommend appointment of Justice Akil Kureshi as Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court instead of Madhya Pradesh as decided earlier.

This was decided by the Collegium comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and N V Ramana on September 5.

The Collegium had on May 10 recommended that Justice Kureshi, who is the "senior-most judge from Gujarat High Court" be appointed as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

However, the government referred the proposal back to the CJI through two communications dated August 23 and 27 along with "accompanying material".

The Collegium went through them and decided to reiterate its recommendation to recommend his elevation as Chief Justice but with the change that it will be to the Tripura High Court instead of MP as decided earlier.

"On reconsideration and after taking into account the aforesaid two communications...and the accompanying material, the Collegium decides to reiterate its earlier recommendation dated 10th May 2019 with the modification that Mr Justice AA Kureshi be appointed as Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court," said the Collegium resolution.

With the Centre delaying elevation of Justice Kureshi despite the Collegium's recommendation, the Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association had moved the Supreme Court.

Hearing it, a bench headed by the CJI asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist with the matter and take it up with the Centre.

On August 28, the CJI said he had received a "communication" from the Department of Justice on the matter and that it will be placed before the Collegium.

On September 16, the CJI informed that a decision had been taken and it will be made public soon.

The advocates' outfit had termed the Centre "withholding the appointment" despite the May 10 recommendation as "arbitrary inaction".

Justice Kureshi is currently serving as a judge of the Bombay High Court.

Justice Akil Kureshi

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Extra cash

Higher infrastructure spending, which has a better multiplier effect. Or a sharp cut in indirect taxes, which gives even the last person on the queue the benefit of lower prices.

The structural issues that need to be addressed are land and labour reforms, and what Rathin Roy, member of Prime Minister's Economic Advisor Council explained lucidly - products and services affordable to middle and lower income people. If issues related to availability of land and price of land aren't sorted out, then giving more money to corporates hardly achieves what is desired.

Friday's move will certainly help companies deleverage their books. But their normative preference would not be to fresh investments, especially when capacity utilization across many sectors hasn't crossed 75%.

The government, so far, has been overusing cyclical tools of fiscal and monetary policy to reverse the slowdown. It has refused to acknowledge the big structural element that has exacerbated the situation. The two pillars of sustainable growth are consumption and private investment. India has been predominantly a consumption-driven economy. But, for sustainable growth, private sector must start investing.

GST rates

compliance burden for GST taxpayers, the Council exempted filing of annual returns for taxpayers up to Rs 2 crore turnover.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said: "There is rate reduction being offered...rate reduction on hotel accommodation service is aimed at boosting hospitality sector."

The other big-ticket items of automobiles, biscuits were left untouched as the recommendations of the fitment committee against any rate cut for these items were accepted by the Council. It, however, reduced the cess levied on passenger vehicles with engine capacity 1500 cc (diesel) and 1200 cc (petrol) and length up to 4,000 mm designed for carrying more than 10 persons but up to 13 persons to 1% from 15%.

Other items for which GST rates were reduced included slide fasteners (18% to 12%), mineral fuel (18% to 5%), wet grinders (12% to 5%), dried tamarind (5% to nil), cut and polished semi-precious stones (3% to 0.25%). Also, a rate of 5% has been introduced for specified goods for petroleum operations undertaken under the Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP).

Further, the GST rate for railway wagons, coaches, rolling stocks has been raised to 12% from 5% in a move to address the concern of ITC accumulation with suppliers of these goods.

Revenue concerns weighed strong during the meeting. The 15th Finance Commission made a presentation to the Council, in which it suggested lowering of the legally guaranteed 14% annual growth rate for states in the remaining compensation period of three years till 2022, a state Finance Minister said.

The Commission cited that the rates were fixed keeping in mind the pre-GST rates, which have been lowered significantly. States opposed this strongly by saying that stability in GST rate and structure should be the prime objective of the Council instead of frequent tinkering, another state Finance Minister said.

The Council also announced that the new returns system under GST, which was earlier supposed to be mandatorily rolled out from January 2020, will now be introduced only from April 2020. Discussion on uniform rate for lottery has been referred

Big India Inc.entive

in a win-win for 130 crore Indians," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet as he left for the United States where he is scheduled to address a rally Sunday with US President Donald Trump and the UN General Assembly next week.

"The announcements in the last few weeks clearly demonstrate that our government is leaving no stone unturned to make India a better place to do business, improve opportunities for all sections of society and increase prosperity to make India a \$5 trillion economy," Modi said.

The reduction in corporate tax, effectively, brings India's 'headline' corporate tax rate broadly at par with the average of 23 per cent rate in Asian countries, a move cheered by the stock markets that, at 5.32%, clocked their highest single-day gain in a decade closing at 38014. But analysts differ over the impact. Some raises questions over whether corporates choose to utilise the surplus earnings for reinvestment in business, debt reduction or high shareholder returns. Also, apart from the boost to business sentiment in the immediate term, the knock on impact on consumption demand is expected to be modest and the impact on fresh investment activity is, from most accounts, likely to be seen with a lag.

The new effective tax rate, inclusive of surcharge and cess, for domestic companies would be 25.17% and for new domestic manufacturing companies would be 17.01%. These rates would be applicable to companies that forego the current exemptions and incentives.

Also, MAT will not apply to such companies. For the firms that choose to continue with pre-amended tax rates, companies will see their MAT incidence come down to 15% from 18.5% currently. When asked about the impact of these tax rate cuts on the government's fiscal targets, Sitharaman said, "Economic buoyancy will generate revenue."

Bond prices, however, fell sharply in trading on concerns that the revenue foregone could make it difficult for the government to meet its fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent by March-end 2020, the windfall from the Reserve Bank of India notwithstanding.

Even as banks and auto companies gained the most on stock exchanges as they will see substantial reduction in their tax outgo each year, for a large number of entities, including some of the country's biggest companies such as Reliance Industries, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Mahindra & Mahindra, the cut in headline rates may only be an academic exercise as their tax outgo in FY'19 was already around 25 per cent on account of a clutch of exemptions and other set-offs currently available.

The government further announced a rollback back of the higher surcharge on capital gains on sale of equity shares announced in this Budget for individuals, HUFs, Association of Persons (trusts).

"We are now almost at par with many of the Asian and South East Asian countries in terms of corporate tax rates. Today, we are probably one of the lowest and at par with the lowest in South East Asian countries. The rate at which we are now going to tax is 22% for the existing companies. For the newer investments which are coming in and start manufacturing before 2023, 15% tax rate will be applied. In addition, surcharge and cess are added. The new tax rates are going to draw new investments and make companies who want to expand existing businesses, invest more," Sitharaman said at a press briefing in Goa just before she headed into the meeting of the GST Council.

The reduction in corporate tax rate for domestic companies would be effective from April 1 this year, while the change for new domestic

companies would apply for those which get incorporated on or after October 1, 2019 and start producing on or before March 31, 2023. These changes have been brought in through the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019 amending the Income-tax Act 1961 and the Finance (No 2) Act 2019.

Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced a plan in 2015-16 to cut corporate tax rate from 30 per cent to 25 per cent in phases over a four-year time frame. The current year's budget had reduced the tax rate for companies with turnover up to Rs 400 crore to 25 per cent.

At 22 per cent, India's corporate tax rate will be lower than that in China, Indonesia, South Korea (25 per cent each), Malaysia (24 per cent), but higher than the rate in Vietnam (20 per cent), Thailand (20 per cent), Singapore (17 per cent).

"The slew of measures announced by the Finance Minister have come as a much needed gust of fresh air to resurrect and pump prime the economy. The bold and positive move to rationalize the corporate tax structure will help kick-start the next big economic upcycle. The measures clearly underline the resolute intent of the Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister to maintain India's position as the hottest investment destination in the middle of adverse global developments and a slowing world economy," said Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman, Bharti Enterprises.

The government also announced other changes to attract fund flows to the equity markets, while providing companies the flexibility in making their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) payments. In order to stabilise the flow of funds into the capital market, the government removed the enhanced surcharge on capital gains arising on sale of equity share in a company or a unit of an equity

oriented fund or a unit of a business trust liable for securities transaction tax, in the hands of an individual, Hindu Undivided Family, Association of Persons and others.

The enhanced surcharge shall also not apply to capital gains arising on sale of any security including derivatives, in the hands of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Since FPIs are the largest players in the derivatives market, this move will benefit them the most. Responding to these announcements, the benchmark Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange rose 1921 points or 5.32% to close at 38014.

This was the highest single-day gain for Sensex in a decade since its 18% jump on May 18, 2009. Banks and auto companies gained the most on stock exchanges as they will see substantial reduction in their tax outgo each year.

The finance minister said economic buoyancy created by these measures will improve government revenues. "We want more investments and Make in India, which itself means a lot more investment, employment generation and a lot more economic activity. As a result of which economy will give us more revenues," Sitharaman said.

The government also provided flexibility to companies in spending their CSR payments on innovation and incubation proposals in key universities. "Now CSR 2% fund can be spent on incubators funded by Central or State Government or any agency or Public Sector Undertaking of Central or State Government, and, making contributions to public funded Universities, IITs, National Laboratories and Autonomous Bodies (established under the auspices of ICAR, ICMR, CSIR, DAE, DRDO, DST, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting SDGs," the finance ministry said.

chief planner (NAINA) V Venugopal said that the agency has already "planned for a much larger carrying capacity". Sources said that infrastructure development in the new city will include construction of Metro Rail lines, roads and other amenities.

NAINA is the result of the conditions that the Union Environment and Forest Ministry had set in November, 2010, when it gave clearance for the Navi Mumbai International Airport. The ministry had stipulated that master plan and development plan of Navi Mumbai shall be revised and recast in view of the airport development, to avoid unplanned haphazard growth around the proposed airport.

Meanwhile, Giving the new city development plan a leg up, the Fadnavis government, on September 16, also approved the region's first town planning scheme, which will be undertaken in 23 villages of Khalapur where an interim development plan was sanctioned in 2017. The CIDCO has already initiated infrastructure development in these villages.

Landowners will now be able to apply for development of their plots in the scheme area," said Chandra. CIDCO has so far drawn up seven of the 11 town planning schemes in these villages. The rest will also be readied before the year-end, said Venugopal.

Infrastructure development in these villages is estimated to cost Rs 7400 crore, but the town planner informed that a revised cost estimate was being worked out.

Caught on tape

husband and mother-in-law. Sindhu stated that, on April 20 night, she was assaulted and required hospitalisation. Sindhu's father MV Sarna said they lodged the complaint against Justice (retired) Rao, Vashisht and Durga Lakshmi at the CCS under sections 498A, 323 of IPC, sections 4 and 6 of the DP Act. "After assaulting my daughter on April 20 night which resulted in injuries, they themselves admitted my daughter at Apollo Hospital. She has cuts and abrasions on her back, chest and hands. They tried to portray that my daughter is mentally unsound and inflicted the wounds on her own," he said.

DCP Avinash Mohanty of CCS told The Indian Express that the complainant had promised to give the CCTV footage but never submitted it. "When we registered the complaint on behalf of Sindhu Sarna, she and her family stated they would help the investigation by providing videos of the alleged assaults on her. We have already taken the statement of Vashishta, the house helps, Sindhu, and her father," he said.

"In spite of sending several notices since April, Sindhu never submitted the video of the alleged assault on her. After she filed the complaint, the couple was called for counselling to see if they could reconcile for the sake of their young children. The talks and negotiations are still on but we did not see any solution and meanwhile, Sindhu's family has released this video. We will examine it and initiate action."

An uncle of Sindhu's, requesting anonymity, said: "The video clearly shows that the retired judge and his wife did nothing to prevent the assault on Sindhu."

"The judge himself participated in the attack on my daughter along with his wife Durga Lakshmi. They were harassing her for many years to get additional dowry but she refused so she was targeted. They wanted more money to launch their son Vashishta, Sindhu's husband into some construction business," said Sindhu's father.

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

VARIOUS PROJECTS granted by the ministries of urban development and power in Karnataka when D K Shivakumar was a state minister have come under the scanner of the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Shivakumar is currently in jail in connection with a case of alleged money laundering.

Sources said the ED's investigations have found that a major part of Shivakumar's over Rs 800 crore wealth was made during his tenures as Urban Development Minister and Power Minister in Karnataka.

The agency, ED sources claimed, has found that multiple companies - some of them owned directly by Shivakumar - entered into agreements with firms that were granted projects by the state urban development ministry between 1999 and 2004. Shivakumar was then the minister of the department in the S M Krishna government.

Similarly, the sources said, during his tenure as power minister between 2014 and 2018, Shivakumar's wealth grew exponentially. Several projects undertaken by the government in this period and firms engaged in implementing them have been put under the scanner.

"We have found that several companies, some of them directly owned by Shivakumar, entered into land development agreements with firms that were granted urban development-related projects. It is almost like the Vancip projects case against Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy where companies floated by Jagan got investments from firms that got projects from his father Y S Rajashekhar Reddy when he was CM," a senior

DK Shivakumar

ior ED official said.

He said several suspected shell firms and contracts granted during the tenure of Shivakumar as power minister are also being investigated for alleged money laundering.

Shivakumar, in his 2004 election affidavit, declared a wealth of Rs 7 crore. This grew to more than Rs 800 crore in 2018. In fact, between 2013 and 2018, Shivakumar's wealth grew by over Rs 600 crore.

Shivakumar's lawyer Parmatma Singh denied the allegations. "Except one or two properties, none of the properties mentioned in his election affidavit were bought during the periods when he was a state minister. This is only political propaganda. For a money laundering offence, you need to have a scheduled offence. This case has started with an Income Tax raid. Sections invoked are all of Income Tax. Section 120 B of IPC was invoked and this has attracted PMLA. So there is no substantive offence under PMLA. They are basically trying to create a disproportionate assets case. There is no charge of abuse of official position," he said.

Shivakumar has argued that all his wealth is declared and he has paid taxes due on them and has no ill-gotten wealth to hide. ED sources, however, argued that merely declaring wealth did not make it clean.

again to the Group of Ministers, which will meet at the earliest.

Chinmayanand

Chinmayanand was sent to the Shahjahanpur district jail.

He has been booked under IPC Section 376-C (sexual intercourse by a person in authority), 354-D (stalking), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation), said Singh.

After the arrests, the woman's younger brother said, "We are not satisfied with the SIT investigation because agency invoked 376-C instead of 376 (rape) against Chinmayanand...the SIT is probing the role of my sister in a false case of extortion. The extortion case was lodged to weaken our case."

The SIT, formed by the UP government on the direction of the Supreme Court, earlier sent video clips related to the case to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for examination. The clips were provided to the SIT on pen drives. The purported clips show Chinmayanand getting a massage from the woman and allegedly making objectionable remarks about her.

"The SIT arrested Chinmayanand on the basis of circumstantial evidence and his presence in the video clips. When he was shown the video clips of him getting a body massage, Chinmayanand confessed it was a video of him. He also admitted to using objectionable words

while talking to the woman," said an SIT officer, adding that no other victim of sexual assault had come forward to file a complaint.

Asked whether Chinmayanand admitted to the allegation of rape, Arora said, "He directly did not admit it but there is evidence which leads to it."

Incidentally, Chinmayanand was admitted to hospital Wednesday after complaining of uneasiness and chest pain. The SIT claimed that before arresting him, they consulted doctors, who told police that Chinmayanand's condition is stable.

Chinmayanand's lawyer Om Singh said, "Chinmayanand returned to ashram yesterday evening after doctors advised him for angiography in a hospital in Lucknow. We will move court against his arrest."

Meanwhile, SIT sources said Sanjay Singh, Vikram and Sachin Sengar, too, confessed to their being involved in the extortion case. Om Singh had lodged an FIR against unidentified persons for allegedly sending threatening messages to Chinmayanand's cellphone and demanding Rs 5 crore. The caller had threatened to malign Chinmayanand's image in society if the demands were not met and claimed to have a video which he would circulate on social media.

A case was lodged under IPC Section 387 (extortion), 507 (criminal intimidation) and under the IT Act.

In one video clip provided to the SIT, the law student and three young men are seen speaking about the Rs 5 crore extortion call made to Chinmayanand. The video was shot from inside a car.

"During investigation, we found all the accused (in the extortion case) were together since September 17 and made several calls to each other. During analysis of cellphones, we found the woman spoke to Sanjay over phone 4,200 times since January this year. She also spoke to Chinmayanand over 200 times during the same period," said an SIT officer.

"During questioning, the arrested persons confessed their involvement in the crime and admitted to sending the extortion message. They also admitted that they are in the video. The role of the woman is still being probed," said Arora, adding that they have no evidence against any other person including woman's father.

NAINA

to develop towns for raising resources to fund the project.

Even among the newly-excluded villages, the road agency will develop 30, while 14 others have been integrated with the area notified under the township - Ambernath, Kulgaon-Badlapur and Surrounding Notified Area (AKBSNA) - being planned by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority where

a higher buildable area is permissible. The remaining five villages have been merged with Khalapur Nagar Panchayat.

NAINA's plan was also impacted by the formation of the Panvel Municipal Corporation in October, 2016. "Considering the contiguity of the area, the state government is of the opinion that 35 villages from Khalapur tehsil and 14 villages from the Thane tehsil are required to be deleted from NAINA's revised area and the said area is now revised to 175 villages," stated the order issued by the government, notifying the sanctioned development plan, implementation of which will begin from October 16.

But CIDCO's Vice-chairperson and Managing Director, Lokesh Chandra, supported the government's decision to exclude the villages. "The decision was taken from the planning point of view. Areas that weren't contiguous or were located along the road corridors being developed by the MSRDC were deleted so that these can be independently developed. It won't impact the overall character and the plan of NAINA."

At 334 sq km, Chandra said the revised area for NAINA was "still a big development exercise".

Modelled as a "smart" city, NAINA was originally planned to house a population of 15 lakh in the next 20 years. But CIDCO's

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STATE-OF-THE-ART DRY DOCK CONSTRUCTED OVER NINE YEARS

Come September 28, Navy’s 1st aircraft carrier dry dock to start operation

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THE NAVAL dockyard in Mumbai is bustling with workers readying the place for the September 28 grand opening of the Navy’s first aircraft carrier dry dock, designed to accommodate *INS Vikramaditya*.

The state-of-the-art dry dock, constructed over nine years at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore to cater to the repair, refueling and maintenance of Navy ships, will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh next week.

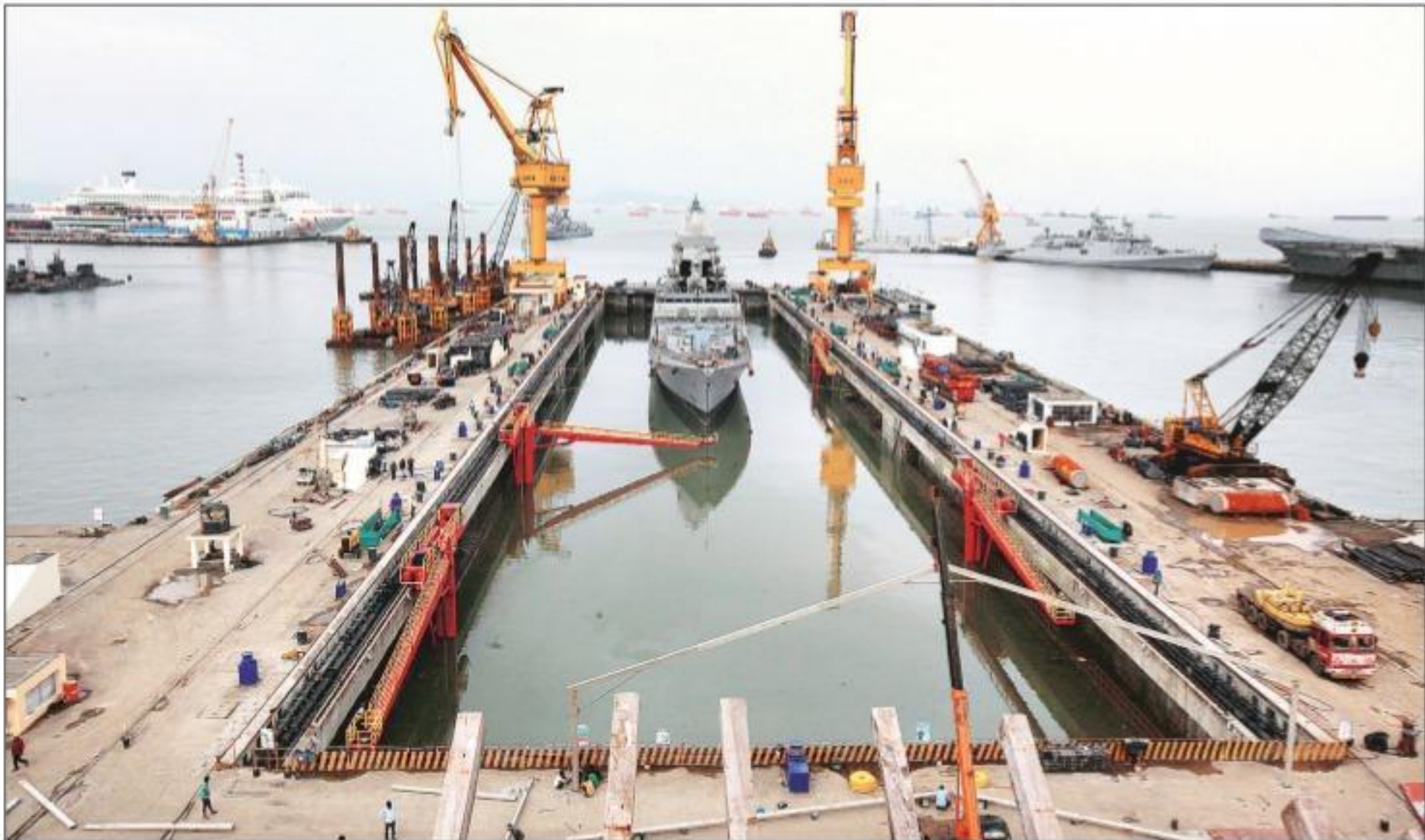
A dry dock is a berth where maintenance and repair works, which are not possible when the ship is in water, take place. It is flooded to allow the ship to enter the berth, after which the water is removed so that the works on it can be carried out.

The dimensions of the Navy’s largest dry dock are 281-m long, 45-m wide and almost 17-m deep, designed chiefly for *INS Vikramaditya*. When *INS Vikramaditya* is not docked here, it can accommodate two smaller vessels.

The naval dockyard in Mumbai has three other dry docks — Bombay Dock, Duncan dock and Cruiser Graving Dock — all dating back at least 150 years. Vikramaditya could not dock at any of these facilities.

Naval officers said the construction of the dry dock stretched over 40 lakh man days. “Around 8,000 metric tonne of steel forms the core of the project. If laid down as one inch rebars, this would stretch all the way from Mumbai to Srinagar,” an officer said. The project also consumed 5 lakh metric tonne of concrete, which is one-and-a-half times of what was used in building the Bandra-Worli Sea Link.

The project also includes two



The dry dock will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on September 28. *Pradip Das*

wharves, adding about a kilometer of berthing space to the dockyard. The design, inspired by a Singapore dock, saves space on land because it is built into the sea. It has the sea on three sides, and only its head on land.

The project commissioned by the Director General Naval Project, Mumbai, was awarded to Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) on April 12, 2010. HCC’s contract was to build the dry dock and strengthen the north and south wharves. The design of the dry dock went through several rounds with engineering firm Royal Haskoning India. Officials said the design took about five years to be finalised.

The dry dock can hold up to 200 million litres of water —

more than 80 Olympic-sized swimming pools — and the 1.5-m thick massive reinforced concrete dock floor can hold ships weighing up to 90,000 tonne. The dry dock has two equilibrium valves that can fill it up in 90 minutes each. It also has eight massive dewatering pumps that can empty a water tanker of about 10,000 litres in three seconds, removing water from the dock in about two-and-a-half hours.

“Constructing the dock floor 300 m into the sea was an engineering challenge met by building a coffer dam to keep the sea water out,” said an official. The coffer dam was built with 114 steel piles filled with reinforced concrete, each weighing 60 tonne and 170-m long concrete beam.

The officer added, “A team of workers worked night and day to remove a 2.23 lakh tonne of silt, enough to lay 90 football fields and 45,000 tonne of concrete debris, paving the way for the construction of the dock floor.”

The first trial at the dock was conducted in June with INS Delhi docking in. On Thursday, INS Kolkata was docked in. “Before this, we had to take Vikramaditya to the Cochin Shipyard for maintenance,” said an officer.

Officers said that using private dry docking facilities meant that the Navy, too, queued up to avail dry docking facilities. It meant a huge burden — estimated to be about Rs 10 lakh a day depending on the ship and the maintenance it needed — on the exchequer.

“Now the Navy will have control over how much time its ship will take to get repaired or serviced. This will have a huge impact on the turnaround time of ships coming out of the docks. Private facilities providing dry docks for a profit would not always give precedence to naval ships. Now that it has this new dry dock, this will make a great difference to its fleet of over 150 vessels,” an officer said.

Unlike its predecessors, the dry dock will have mechanical arms running on rails along its length, from where every part of the ship will be easily accessible. The dry dock project also entailed a dock master complex, with a parking facility for 400 vehicles.

PILLARS FOR BANDRA-VERSOVA SEA LINK

HC to MSRDC: Don’t fell mangroves in area excess of 200 sq m

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THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday directed the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) to confine itself to felling mangroves in an area of only 200 sq m to build 10 pillars for the Bandra-Versova Sea Link. “Only fell the trees required to make pillars, nothing more than that,” Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog said.

A bench of Chief Justice Nandrajog and Justice Bharati Dangre was hearing a petition filed by activist Zoru Bhatena seeking direction to cease destruction of mangroves in excess of two stretches — 150 sq m and 50 sq m — permitted by the Ministry of Environment and Forest in 2013 and revaliated on February 2019.

The bench added that till the next hearing, no mangroves other than those on this 200-sq m land — permitted under the Coastal Regulation Zone notification of 2011 — shall be felled.

Chief Justice Nandrajog further said that usually while granting clearance to projects, the “babus” (government officials) do not apply their mind.

In February, another HC bench had allowed the MSRDC to fell 1,585 mangroves to construct connectors to the sea link. A division bench of Justice B R Gavai and Justice N J Jamadar had allowed MSRDC’s petition, subject to the corporation filing an affidavit stating that it would abide by all terms and conditions imposed by the forest depart-



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ment, the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF).

Bhatena had challenged the HC order before the Supreme Court on the ground that 2,9907 hectare of mangrove forests are proposed to be felled by the MSRDC. The SC had recorded the issue and permitted Bhatena to approach HC again.

The petitioners on Friday told the court that the forest department had permitted the destruction of 2,9907 hectare of man-

groves, which is a violation of the conditions imposed by the MoEF and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority.

Arguing that it is inconceivable that 2,9907 hectare would be required for constructing stilts/pillars for the project, the petitioners argued that there is always some flexibility of distance between two stilts/pillars and the authorities can always design their stilts/pillars to minimise loss to the natural environment by overstepping the mangroves.

6 masked men rob Nalasopara finance firm

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

SIX MASKED men armed with weapons allegedly robbed a finance company in Nalasopara on Friday.

According to police, the incident took place on Friday morning when the six armed men arrived at the company — which offers gold loans — in a vehicle, held employees hostage and walked away with cash and valuables.

“They had guns, swords and knives. They threatened and forced the company employees to hand over the cash and valuables kept in the branch,” said an officer. The police said their entry and exit have been recorded in the CCTV cameras installed near the gates.

“The robbers left the vehicle in which they had come and fled using public transport. We are trying to get leads through the registration number of the vehicle,” said an investigator.

The police said they will be inquiring with the employees to ascertain the exact amount of cash and valuables robbed.

Mysterious smell: BMC calls gas agencies, chemical units for meeting



The BMC had dispatched nine fire vehicles to RCF to find out the source of the odour on Thursday night.

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

A DAY after a “mysterious” smell of gas caused panic across western and eastern suburbs of the city, the BMC on Friday called the representatives of gas agencies and chemical factories for a meeting on Saturday.

Late Thursday, several complaints had poured in at BMC’s disaster control room, alleging that there was gas leak in the suburbs. Even after 24 hours of the incident, the cause and source of the smell is yet to be ascertained.

On Friday, Mahanagar Gas

Limited (MGL), Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers (RCF) and oil companies like HPCL and BPCL held internal meetings over the issue.

Additional Municipal Commissioner (Disaster Management) Ashwini Joshi said: “As we yet to determine the cause of the suspected gas leakage, we have called a meeting with gas and chemical companies.”

“The BMC had received 29 calls from residents complaining of gas leakage. We have called most of them to check on their health. All are fine. No new complaint was received on Friday,” she added.

Several residents had complained about suspected gas leakage on social media on Thursday. Residents from areas like Powai, Chembur, Bandra, Tilak Nagar, Kurla, Ghatkopar, Kandivali, Borivali and Dahisar had tweeted about it, triggering panic.

Initially, it was reported that there was a gas leak at the RCF plant in Chembur but it was immediately denied by the agency. The BMC had dispatched nine fire vehicles to RCF to find out the source of the odour. MGL helplines, too, were flooded with complaints of suspected leakage in their pipelines. However, it had also denied the same.

DOMESTIC SLOTS ALREADY ALLOTTED

Mumbai airport awaits takers for international slots of Jet Airways

PARTH KHATAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

FIVE MONTHS after Indian carrier Jet Airways stopped operations, Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (MIAL) has finished allotting all domestic slots of the cash-strapped airline to various Indian carriers, but is still awaiting takers for the airline’s international slots.

A slot implies a specific date and time when a flight can depart or arrive at a specified airport.

An airport official told *The Indian Express*, “With most of Jet’s previous Boeing 737 aircraft

being inducted by airlines like SpiceJet and Vistara and airlines being quick to capitalise on the opportunity, all domestic slots available are now full.”

“A number of international slots are still vacant and the process of plugging those gaps will take close to six months,” the official said, adding that 60 per cent of Jet’s international slots have been filled up at MIAL. Across India, 175 of Jet’s 346 international slots at AAI airports are still to be allotted to other carriers.

A number of foreign airlines are interested for the international slots at MIAL, officials said.

British carrier Virgin Atlantic has announced flights from

London to Mumbai starting next month, US-based carrier Delta Airlines will connect New York and Mumbai starting December 24 and Russia’s Aeroflot and Ural Air are planning to begin services connecting Moscow to Mumbai from the second quarter of the next financial year.

Sources said the domestic slots were easily filled as many carriers had inducted Jet’s aircraft and had flying rights to those destinations.

With many international destinations, domestic airlines might not have the aircraft to operate long distances and/or flying rights to certain destinations making them difficult to fly to. Airlines

such as Vistara are looking to capitalise on the London slots left vacant by Jet once they welcome first of its six Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft next February.

Out of the Jet Airways’ fleet, 13 aircraft remain on the ground in Mumbai and New Delhi airports.

An official from the airline said, “There are 10 Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, fully owned by Jet, which are on ground. Except one that is currently grounded in Amsterdam, which used to be a Jet Airways hub, the rest are in Mumbai and Delhi. The other three aircraft are Airbus A330 wide-body that the airline owned.”

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Central Railway will operate **Mega Block** on Main line and Harbour line for carrying out maintenance work on **22.9.2019**

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• All Up fast line services leaving Kalyan from 10.37 am to 3.06 pm will be diverted on Up slow line between Diva and Parel stations halting at all stations up to Parel and further re-diverted on Up fast line and will arrive destination 20 minutes behind schedule.
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BID TO MEET SHORTFALL

BMC to install bio toilets in all 24 wards

LAXMAN SINGH
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

IN A bid to meet the shortfall of public toilets, the BMC has decided to install one bio toilet in each of the 24 wards of Mumbai. The BMC's Standing Committee on Thursday cleared a proposal to purchase bio toilets worth Rs 2.39 crore.

The civil body runs pay and

The proposal to buy bio toilets worth Rs 2.39 cr has been approved

use toilets across the city for residents. However, at many places, there is a shortage of public toilets and local residents have to go a certain distance to access a washroom. The proposal stated

that in many areas, it is also difficult to build public toilets due to space constraint. To deal with such challenges, BMC will install 24 bio toilets.

"At tourism spots, beaches or congested areas, where there is no space for construction of new toilets and lay sewer lines, bio toilets will come as a relief. The company that will provide the toilets would be responsible for their upkeep for one year,"

said Ashok Khaire, Joint Municipal Commissioner (Solid Waste Management).

"Also, it will be free of cost for residents. We will place at least one bio-toilet in each ward," he added.

The bio toilets, set to be delivered in the next couple of months, would cater to around 300 people daily. Estimated to cost Rs 9.95 lakh each, the toilets are set to be purchased from Government e-

Marketplace, an online platform for public procurement started by the Commerce Ministry. This is first time that BMC would buy such toilets.

"These toilets will be environment friendly as micro bacteria will disintegrate the human waste or raw sewage and only water will be left. This will eliminate the requirement of sewer pipelines and the water can be discharged into sea," said an official.



UMBRELLAS OUT

South Mumbai receives light rainfall on Friday. Nirmal Harindran

Teen detained for rape of 10-yr-old girl

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A 15-YEAR-OLD boy has been detained for allegedly raping a minor girl in his home in Mumbai.

The incident took place on the afternoon of September 15. The police said that the boy, a student of Class X, asked the 10-year-old girl, who stays in his building, to

come to his home on the pretext of giving her a film DVD.

"The boy locked the front door and allegedly raped the girl. He is also alleged to have threatened her with dire consequences if she told her parents about the incident. However, the girl informed her parents as soon as she got home, following which they confronted the boy and filed a complaint with us," said a police officer. The boy was

detained the same day.

While medical examination of the girl has confirmed rape, the boy has been booked on charges of rape and criminal intimidation under Indian Penal Code and with sexual assault under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

He was produced before the Juvenile Justice Board on Monday and sent to a children's home, the officer said.

Woman duped of Rs 4.57 lakh by FB friend, accomplice

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THE NAVI MUMBAI Police is on the look out for unidentified cyber frauds, who allegedly duped a 50-year-old woman to the tune of Rs 4.57 lakh.

The woman, employed with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), has alleged that her Facebook friend, who claimed to be from Spain, duped her under the pretext of getting gifts for her.

The police said that the woman, a resident of Kopar Khairane, allegedly received a friend request on June 16 from a person named Azman Gomes. He claimed to be from Spain and indicated that he held a senior post in the country's airport authority.

"The woman has said that on Facebook, after Gomes uploaded images indicating that he was employed at the airport, she accepted his friend request. The two then started chatting and eventually, shared each other's contact numbers," said a police officer.

While Gomes never answered video calls, the two would chat day in and day out on FB and WhatsApp. The police said the two declared their love for each other during the course of these conversations. On July 5, Gomes told the woman that he was coming to India and would be bringing expensive gifts for her, the officer said.

The next morning, the woman received a call from another woman, who claimed to be a Customs official from the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. The woman was informed that her Facebook friend has been arrested and is in their custody for carrying foreign currency that ran into crores of rupees.

On July 6, the caller initially asked the woman to pay Rs 30,000 as fine to free Gomes. "She paid the money but the frauds kept calling her and asked her to pay more under various pretexts, including foreign currency conversion charges, lawyer's charges, getting a security clearance certificate, paying penalties for violation of foreigners' laws. She eventually ended up paying Rs 4.57 lakh over two days, July 6 and July 7," the officer said.

Later, when the caller again demanded money, she refused to pay. The woman eventually realised that she has been duped when both Gomes and the "customs official" stopped responding to her calls. She then approached the Kopar Khairane police. A case of impersonation and cheating under Indian Penal Code and IT Act was registered last week.

DONGRI BUILDING COLLAPSE

BMC reinstates assistant civic chief of Ward B

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE BMC on Friday reinstated the assistant municipal commissioner of B Ward, Vivek Rahi, who was suspended after the July 16 building collapse in Dongri, claiming 13 lives.

Officials said that during inquiry, it has been found that Rahi was not fully responsible for illegal constructions in his ward, as it was the assistant engineer's responsibility to look into such matters.

"Rahi has been reinstated to his original post of executive engineer. He was holding the additional charge of assistant municipal commissioner of B Ward. But he will be posted in some other ward. A detailed inquiry will also be conducted against the assistant engineer of the ward," said an official.

Two days after the building collapsed in Dongri, Municipal Commissioner Praveen Pardeshi had suspended Rahi. A team of the BMC vigilance department had visited the ward and found that officials had not taken action against many illegal structures that had come up.

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40-YEAR-OLD HAD DUPED OVER 15 PEOPLE: POLICE

Mastermind of job scam arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

A 40-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested for allegedly duping more than 15 people on the pretext of facilitating jobs at merchant navy companies.

The MRA Marg police identified the accused as Bhandup resident Arvind Keshav Prasad Singh. An officer said that in

2014, Singh, along with four others — Anna Saheb Lavte (23), Gilmason Johnson (37), Vishal Shroff (39), Ashish Tiwari (28) — had duped over 15 people under the pretext of providing them jobs and made around Rs 24 lakh in the process.

"To gain their trust, fake job letters were also handed over to the victims," the officer said. Later, under the garb of charging them processing fees, the five again

took money from the victims.

"After the five stopped responding to calls or messages of the victims, they approached the police in January 2015 and got a case of cheating and forgery registered against the five men," the officer said.

Following preliminary investigation, Lavte, Johnson, Shroff and Tiwari were arrested the same year. Singh, the mastermind, remained absconding. "Singh stayed away from the city for four years but with the help of his call data records, he was traced to Bhandup," the officer said. The police said that Rs 4.5 lakh was recovered from the four accused arrested in 2015.

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HC/GD Uday Narayan of 206, CoBRA made the supreme sacrifice during an operation in jungle area of village Karrigundam, under PS- Chintagufa, Distt-Sukma (C.G.) on 21st Sep. 2016. The CRPF proudly remembers the braveheart who laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with Maoists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the Force.

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HSIIDC
Invites Request for Proposal (RFP)
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38-year-old south Mumbai woman duped of Rs 82 lakh

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

A 38-YEAR-OLD interior decorator from south Mumbai was allegedly duped of Rs 82 lakh after befriending an alleged US-based man on a matrimonial site.

The police said the woman, who has filed for a divorce, received a request from one Vikram Mohan on a Marathi matrimonial website on February 24, 2018. "I got married in 2009 and later as it didn't work out with my husband, we have filed for the divorce. At present, I stay with my eight-year-old son," the complainant said in her statement to police.

She claimed that on receiving the request from a man on the matrimonial site, she went through his profile, which said he stayed in the US with his son and a daughter. "After I accepted his request, we started chatting. He introduced himself as an engineer working in US and claimed that his wife had died in an accident," she added.

Within a week, Mohan proposed her marriage, which she accepted. The two decided to get married in April 2018. "He said he would bring his children to Mumbai in April and also planned four our marriage. In April, he said he has got a road construction contract due to which he won't be able to come to Mumbai and postponed the marriage," the com-

plainant told the police. On April 11, 2018, Mohan told her that he urgently needed Rs 10 lakh and asked if she could send him the amount.

"The woman transferred the amount. In the same month, she transferred another Rs 22 lakh after he told her that he needed money to buy material for the road construction," said an officer from VP Road police. Mohan promised to return her the money as soon as he would land in Mumbai for their marriage. The woman added that her mother had sold a property in early 2018, of which, Rs 1.8 crore was shared between her and her brother.

In June 2018, the accused asked for another Rs 50 lakh from the complainant, saying his road construction machinery stopped working and he had to buy a new one. "The complainant transferred the sum. The two kept talking frequently and the accused kept postponing their marriage till May 2019, when the woman realised that she has been duped," said an officer.

Since May 2019, the accused's phone number has been out of service. When she couldn't find his account on the matrimonial website, she approached the police and submitted a complaint. A cheating case was registered on Tuesday. "We are trying to trace him with the help of the details provided by the complainant," said an officer.

ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

No incriminating evidence against me: Ferreira to HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

ACTIONIST ARUN Ferreira on Friday contended before the Bombay High Court that there was no incriminating evidence against him, while arguing for his bail application in the Elgaar Parishad case. Ferreria was arrested by the Pune City Police on August 28, 2018 for his alleged link with the banned CPI-Maoist.

Ferreira's lawyer, advocate Sudeep Pasbola, told the court that he was arrested only because of his acquaintance with co-accused Surendra Gadling, and for being a member of the Indian Association of People's Lawyers (IAPL).

Pasbola told the court that Ferreira was in jail from 2007 to 2012 in 12 cases against him. He was acquitted in all of them and was released in 2012 from Nagpur Central Jail. During those years, Gadling, an advocate, was representing Ferreira and therefore, he got acquainted with him, Pasbola told the court.

He also said that when Gadling was arrested last year in the same case, Ferreira and some others had filed their vakalatnama and began to represent Gadling in the case. This brought Ferreira under the scanner of the Pune police.

Pasbola added that Ferreira was not named as an accused in the case initially, but featured in the supplementary chargesheet filed by the Pune police. The arguments are likely to continue on Monday.

AFTER ROUND 2 OF FYJC ADMISSIONS

Less than 70% eligible students admitted to junior colleges so far

ABHA GORADIA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

LESS THAN 70 per cent of the total students eligible for First Year Junior College (FYJC) admissions have gotten through to a junior college across the state. According to the admission summary report submitted to the state School Education Department after the second round of 'first come first serve' admission process, a total of 3,53,546 students or 69.94 per cent out of 4,18,826 who are eligible have secured their admissions to various junior colleges in the state. At the end of the second round, which was supposed to be the final round, 65,280 students were left without admission.

Meanwhile, School Education Minister Ashish Shelar has announced a special round for stu-

Law dept to study language rules in other states: Tawde

STATE MINISTER for Higher and Technical Education Vinod Tawde on Friday said that to make Marathi compulsory in all schools, the law department will study rules prevailing in other states and decisions by the Supreme Court pertaining to language education and submit a report to the government. **ENS**

students who could not secure admissions. The timetable for the same is expected to be announced on Saturday and the final day for securing admissions is likely to be October 1.

"Even after the final round,

there were many students left without admissions. While some of the admission forms were incomplete, some could not secure admissions. After receiving a request from them, Shelar conceded that they should get another chance," said an official. Moreover, even if the state manages to secure 100 per cent admissions of eligible students, 86,652 seats are slated to remain vacant. This is because only 4,18,826 students have been found eligible for the process, whereas the total intake of students in junior colleges across state is 5,05,478.

In the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, 89 per cent of the total students eligible for FYJC admissions have secured admissions so far. A total of 2,13,571 students have

been admitted to junior colleges in MMR, out of the total intake of 2,98,032, leaving 24,932 students without admissions.

Given that only 2,38,532 students in MMR were found eligible for the admission round, 59,500 seats will remain vacant even if 100 per cent admission is achieved by the division.

In Pune, Nashik, Nagpur, Amravati and Aurangabad divisions, the percentage of students securing admissions to junior colleges is between 71 and 80 per cent. "This could be because students who took supplementary exams are yet to secure their admission. Besides, some students have secured admission outside the state despite registering for the process," the official added.

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Notice Inviting Tender

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Name of Work	Tendering Package	EMD	Cost of Bid Document
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4	IDIPT/TN/T4/ NCB/08 -LOT4 /2017	Development & Improvement facilities at Arulmigu Kailasanathar Swamy Temple at Thingalur village, Thanjavur District. Development & Improvement facilities at A/m Thirunageswaram at Kumbakonam Taluk, Thanjavur District.	Assistant Commissioner/ Executive officer, Sri Naganatha Swamy Temple, Thirunageswaram.	22 nd October 2019	30 th September, 2019
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Govt applying balm when economy needs a surgery: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

WITHIN HOURS of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announcing a slew of measures on Friday to revive sagging investment in the economy, the Congress mounted an offensive against the Centre, blaming its flawed economic policies for the current slowdown.

“The Union government is only applying balm to the economy when what is needed is a surgery. Short-term stimuli cannot help beyond a certain level. It only acts as feel-good factor. More importantly, such short term measures require fiscal room, which unfortunately isn't there,” AICC spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh told mediapersons in Mumbai.

In the upcoming Assembly polls in Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand — the first states to go to polls after the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year — the Congress plans to run a campaign around the BJP's “economic mismanagement” and rising “job losses”.

With growing agrarian distress in Maharashtra also being promoted as a poll plank, state Congress leader Sachin Sawant, in a separate media interaction, attacked the Devendra Fadnavis government's farm loan waiver scheme. Spelling out official statistics of the waiver amount distributed to beneficiaries till the end of August, Sawant alleged that “50 per cent of the farmers were yet to receive the benefit”.

Vallabh, too, attacked the state government over “farmer suicides”, contending that “farm-

ers were not getting fair remunerative prices and that rural incomes had declined”. Alleging that the government's economic planning had gone for a complete toss, Vallabh accused the Centre of affecting investor sentiments.

Targeting the Centre for declining economic growth rates and job losses in the construction and automobile sectors as well as in the informal economy, the AICC spokesperson alleged, “The domestic demand is depressed and consumption is at an 18-month low. Nominal GDP growth is at a 15-year low. Investor sentiments are in doldrums. The focus should be on job-creating sectors.”

The Narendra Modi government should acknowledge that the problem was becoming deeper, and act by going beyond “headline management” and “tepid press conferences”, he said. “While the economy needs a major surgery, the government is assuming it to be a cold caught from global headwinds that can be cured by a balm.”

Vallabh also accused the Centre and the state of hiding unemployment data.

The Congress has said that the government's focus should be the revival of sectors that can contribute more to the job market, such as real estate, construction, garments and textiles. “Budget announcements and rollbacks have shaken the confidence of international investors. Exports are not growing. The government has been unable to take advantage of opportunities that have arisen in global trade due to geopolitical realignments. Non-performing assets in the banking sector are consistently on the rise,” said Vallabh.

Uddhav: Sena-BJP alliance announcement in two days

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

SHIV SENA chief Uddhav Thackeray said on Friday that a formal announcement on the seat-sharing arrangement between his party and the BJP would be made in the next two days.

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the two parties had decided that both would contest equal number of seats in the Assembly polls. However, in the past few days, BJP leaders have indicated that the Sena may have to be content with a lesser number of seats. Senior Sena leaders, including Transport Minister Diwakar Raote, had earlier this week claimed that the party would call off the alliance in such a situation.

Speaking to mediapersons after holding a meeting with senior party leaders, Uddhav said: “It was the media that had spread reports that both parties will contest 135 seats each. Before the Lok Sabha elections, the details of the seat-sharing pact was worked out by me, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and (BJP national president) Amit Shah. Things will be clear about the alliance in the next two days.”

Shah is expected to arrive in Mumbai on Sunday and the seat-sharing deal may be announced in his presence.

The uncertainty has caused some tensions between BJP and Sena.

Uddhav had earlier this week claimed that the Aarey Metro car shed in Mumbai would go the Nanar refinery way. The Sena, which had forced the BJP to scrap



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the refinery project in Ratnagiri district's Nanar last year, is also opposed to the car shed being constructed on Aarey land. A day after Uddhav made the Aarey-Nanar comparison, Fadnavis had indicated that his government could revive the project.

On Friday, Uddhav said: “We are not opposed to development work. We have not opposed the Metro car shed as well. We are only opposing the obstinacy, which is being shown in building the car shed only in Aarey and no other place.”

He also countered Fadnavis' claim of building the refinery in Nanar, saying that local people were still opposed to the project. “We are opposing the Nanar project for the sake of the local people. I believed then, and even now, that the people do not want the project to be located there,” Uddhav added.

Shiv Sena has been demanding that a

Ram temple be constructed in Ayodhya. On Monday, Uddhav had demanded that the Centre take a “courageous decision” to bring in a law to build the temple. However, in a jibe, the PM on Thursday had said the Supreme Court is hearing the case and asked “some loudmouths” to refrain from making statements on the issue.

Uddhav on Friday countered the PM by claiming that he was voicing the opinion of the Hindus in the country. “I was not indulging in politicking. I was just voicing what is there in the minds of countless Hindus. We have faith in the courts but this case has gone on far too long.”

He added that he may visit Ayodhya once more before the Assembly elections. Uddhav had visited Ayodhya, along with 18 of his MPs, after the Lok Sabha elections.



Lyricist and screenwriter Javed Akhtar at the inauguration of the Pune International Literary Festival on Friday. The seventh edition of the festival, with over 120 speakers in its line-up, kicked off at the Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration. The three-day literary extravaganza has been organised on the theme of ‘Save Our Earth’, with particular emphasis on climate change.

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MNS chief asks leaders to gear up for elections

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MNS CHIEF Raj Thackeray, who was at one time trying to rally Opposition leaders to boycott the 2019 Assembly elections, held a meeting with party leaders Friday asking them to gear up to contest the upcoming elections.

The MNS is looking to put up around 100 candidates across the state, party sources said. Thackeray, who had floated the MNS in 2006 after splitting from the Shiv Sena, had hit the state's electoral stage with a bang, winning 13 Assembly seats in 2009. Since then, his party went into a spiral of declining members as well as popularity. Of the 13 MLAs elected in 2009, only three are still associated with the party. At present, the MNS has no MLAs in the state after its lone MLA in 2014 switched over to the Sena.

Raj Thackeray, a one-time avid sup-

porter of Modi, has had a fall-out with the BJP since it came to power in 2014. In the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Thackeray had been increasingly critical of the BJP and campaigned for the Congress-NCP in the state.

Thackeray had played a key role in getting the Opposition to come on one stage to hold protest against the use of EVMs and to demand switching over to the paper ballot system.

The MNS chief was also allegedly in favour of boycotting elections, which he felt were being manipulated by EVMs. NCP chief Sharad Pawar had last week said that Thackeray was keen on ensuring that elections were boycotted.

“We had some talks with Raj Thackeray about the elections. Raj was of the opinion that all political parties needed to boycott the elections. This was a stand which is unacceptable to us and there was not point in having any talks with him further,” Pawar had said.

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Autorickshaw driver held for charging Rs 4,300 for 15-km ride

Pune: An autorickshaw driver has been detained for allegedly charging a passenger Rs 4,300 for a trip from Katraj to Yerwada in Pune. The passenger, who came to Pune from Bengaluru by a private bus early Wednesday, took the auto driven by the suspect, Sachin Namdev Ajanthrao, from Katraj. But when Ajanthrao

dropped the passenger in Yerwada, about 15 km from Katraj, he allegedly demanded Rs 4,300 from the passenger.

The passenger said he paid the money as he was scared of the auto driver. He then lodged a police complaint, following which the driver was arrested.

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Seat sharing in Pune set to be rocky for BJP-Sena

AJAY JADHAV
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 20

IN THE 2014 Assembly elections, the prominent parties — BJP, Shiv Sena, Congress, NCP and MNS — had contested on their own. The BJP had ended up with a clean sweep, winning all eight seats in Pune city.

For the Assembly elections this year, most of these parties have entered into alliances, and this is likely to complicate the seat-sharing equations in Pune city. While the BJP and Shiv Sena are yet to finalise an agreement, the Congress and NCP have already reached a deal.

For the saffron alliance, Pune poses a tough challenge as the BJP will have to part with a few of the eight seats it won in 2014. Another alliance partner, RPI(A), has also staked claim for at least two of these seats, Vadgaonsheri and Pune Cantonment, which are reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates.

The Shiv Sena has a strong presence in Kothrud and Hadapsar assembly segments, from where it has won in the past. The Kothrud seat is represented by BJP leader Medha Kulkarni while Hadapsar is represented by state BJP youth wing chief Yogesh Tilekar. The Pune Cantonment seat is represented by former state minister Dilip Kamble and BJP leader Jagdish Mulik won from Vadgaonsheri.

“We have conveyed to Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray that the party should contest at least four assembly seats in the city, or it will be difficult to make party workers campaign for BJP candidates. The very existence of Shiv Sena in the city is at stake,” said a Sena leader from Pune, and added that the party's Pune unit strongly needed a boost.

If the BJP agrees to the demands by Sena and RPI(A), it faces the unenviable task of denying tickets to sitting legislators from Pune.

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Ahead of Dantewada bypoll, Cong and BJP lock horns over ex-collector

DIPANKAR GHOSE
DANTEWADA, SEPTEMBER 20

ON SEPTEMBER 23, Dantewada Assembly seat will go to polls again, 10 months after the BJP won the seat — the only seat of 12 in Bastar that the party won.

The bypoll was necessitated by the assassination of BJP MLA Bhima Mandavi two days before the Lok Sabha elections were to be held in the district in April.

In a contest likely to be fought between the BJP and Congress, both candidates are relying on the names of their husbands — both killed in Maoist attacks. While the BJP candidate is Ojaswi Mandavi, wife of Bhima Mandavi, the Congress candidate is Devti Karma, wife of slain Congress leader Mahendra Karma.

In the high-stakes battle for both parties, both Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and former chief minister Raman Singh have made their presence felt, and traded barbs. Yet, on the streets of

Dantewada, another name is causing friction between the parties — former Dantewada collector and now BJP leader O P Choudhary.

Choudhary, from Raigarh district, joined the IAS in 2005 and shot to fame during his tenure as Dantewada collector when he won the Prime Minister's Excellence in Administration Award for the Education City in Dantewada. Choudhary was also collector of Raipur district, before he left the service ahead of Lok Sabha polls and was inducted by BJP president Amit Shah. He fought the Lok Sabha polls from Kharsia unsuccessfully.

Choudhary has been in Dantewada for the past two weeks, campaigning for BJP. He has also received attention from Congress, including a complaint against him to the Election Commission, and allegations from the CM and PCC Chief Mohan Markam. A senior Congress leader said, "The election race is tight, and there is no doubt Choudhary can help the BJP. Any collector has a

network of sarpanches, contractors, and the media that he can take favours from."

Speaking to *The Indian Express* in the midst of phone calls, Choudhary said, "I was collector of Dantewada for more than two years. I had the opportunity to understand the people. We were able to accomplish a lot such as Education City, Livelihood College, roadwork, health. People have trust and goodwill if you work selflessly." Much of Choudhary's tenure coincided with the BJP government in the state and the UPA government at the Centre, but Choudhary saw little conflict of interest between his work as an administrator and now as a politician. "People can judge how interested or committed an individual was. I received the PM Excellence in Administration Award from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. But the category of the award was individual," he said.

Senior Congress leaders said the BJP's projection of Choudhary was a sign of a "hollow campaign".

"This is a clear sign

they have already admitted defeat. They are seeking votes in the name of a former collector. They are ensuring that if they lose, Choudhary will be to blame," said senior Congress leader R P Singh, also camped in Dantewada.

After Choudhary entered politics, the Congress raised several questions over his tenure in Dantewada, alleging financial irregularities and a "land scam". Baghel told reporters Choudhary was an "exploiter of adivasis", with Mohan Markam even holding a press conference alleging irregularities during the campaign.

R P Singh said, "For Choudhary to say that he built Jawanga Education City, it is a lie. It is a UPA government contribution. Secondly, when a district administration gets an award, it is a collective award for the team."

Responding to the Congress, Choudhary said, "...On allegations of financial irregularity, these are baseless. They say the land under question was worth crores, when it was worth Rs 20 lakh. For a Rs 20 lakh land deal, how much corruption will one do? This means the allegation is pure politics."

Hardoi school students march: Cops file FIR, DM says quash it

ASADREHMAN
HARDOI, SEPTEMBER 20

THREE DAYS after police booked 150 unidentified people for rioting during a protest march by students over lack of facilities at a residential school, Hardoi district administration on Friday said it has asked police to quash the FIR.

Students of the residential school at a village in the district took out a march on Tuesday to the District Magistrate's office, about 40 km away.

The students *The Indian Express* spoke to said they were stopped by policemen outside a police station on the way. "We were marching peacefully when policemen stopped us, took us inside the police station and lathicharged us. Around 10-15 students were injured," said a Class XI student, showing an injury on his back.

The students wanted to meet the DM to complain about lack

of facilities at their school, run by the UP social welfare department. The principal said he had complained to the department on issues like lack of drinking water at the school. "We have been complaining for two months, but to no avail. The school was not getting supplies like bags, books, etc," said the principal of the school, which has about 270 students from classes VI to XII.

A Class VI student, who took part in the march, said, "Now, most of our issues have been resolved but a case has been lodged over the march. We got new supplies the same day."

The resident pharmacist of the school said that at least 10 students were injured in the incident. "Three students have serious injuries. One may have a fracture."

Police have booked 150 unidentified people under IPC sections 147 (rioting), 332 (Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty),

504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) and section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932.

The complaint, based on which the FIR was filed, said, "Around 10.30 am, 100-150 students of the school carrying lathis and stones in their hands were marching on the national highway. The police station got a call from the DM's Officer on Special Duty (OSD) that the distance being covered by the students is long and that they should be convinced to board a vehicle... When the students were being spoken to, they started abusing us and vandalised the police station." The complaint was lodged by a sub-inspector.

The principal and students denied they had stones or lathis. The SHO of the police station said he got a call from the DM's office, asking him to arrange transportation for the students.

"After the students reached the police station, we told them to board a vehicle and go to meet the DM. They thought we were stopping them and started vandalising the police station. They injured themselves by hitting heads against the walls."

Police have denied the allegation of lathicharge. "Who would we lathicharge the students when there was no law and order situation," said SP Alok Priyadarshi. He said some "rogue elements" were involved in the violence and police are trying to identify them.

DM Pulkit Khare said he has asked the SP to quash the FIR. "I have constituted a committee to probe the issue," Khare said.

He said he met the students on Tuesday and has submitted a report to the government on their issues. "I have recommended that the principal be transferred. There were lapses on his part. He had Rs 1 lakh in the school's account for maintenance, but didn't use it."

Shun politics to resolve water woes: Shah to states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 20

WITH THE Haryana-Punjab water dispute echoing at the 29th Northern Zonal Council meeting chaired by him, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday said all states should rise above politics to resolve the "critical issue" of water shortage.

According to a Haryana government release, Shah also put the larger onus of resolving the dispute on Punjab, describing it as Haryana's "elder brother". "The shortage of water has become a critical issue in almost all states of the country in one way or the other and to resolve it, the

states have to work in tandem by rising above the political considerations," the Haryana government statement quoted Shah as saying.

"Being an elder brother, Punjab should adopt a positive approach for resolving the pending water disputes with Haryana," the release added.

Shah's reaction came after Khattar claimed that his state was being denied its full share of Ravi-Beas water by Punjab, which, in turn, asserted that it has no surplus water to share.

Earlier, raising the issue in the NZC meeting here, Khattar described Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal as the lifeline of Haryana. He said his state was facing acute water stress as against the demand of 36 million acre feet, it has

only 14.7 MAF of water available with it.

NZC vice chairman and the meet host, Khattar said Haryana, in compliance with the Supreme Court's orders, is giving extra water to Delhi from its own share of Yamuna waters, but Punjab is not delivering his state's full share of the Ravi-Beas waters. "The water supply from Yamuna has been dwindling over recent years and it is most unfortunate that more than one thousand villages in Haryana and millions of hectares of the state land are bereft of water," a state government statement quoted Khattar as asserting in the NZC meet.

The proceeding of the meet was not open to media.

FIR against AAP's Sori, Bela Bhatia for violating Model Code of Conduct

DIPANKAR GHOSE
DANTEWADA, SEPTEMBER 20

THE CHHATTISGARH Police have registered an FIR against AAP leader Sori Sori and activist Bela Bhatia, and 150-200 unnamed villagers for allegedly holding a protest illegally and shouting slogans against the administration and the police in Dantewada during the Model Code of Conduct on September 16.

The FIR, registered under IPC Section 188, which relates to disobeying instruction issued by a public servant, names Sori, Bhatia, two local leaders, and 150-200 other villagers. According to the FIR, the group surrounded the Kirandul police station and raised slogans in violation of the Model Code of Conduct and the consequent CrP Section 144, which were in place as the bypolls for the Dantewada Assembly constituency are slated for September 23.

Dantewada SP Abhishek Pallava said, "The complaint has been registered for violating the Model Code of Conduct, and is a routine case."

The villagers in question had arrived outside Kirandul police station on September 16, alleging that two suspected Maoists killed in a police encounter on September 13 were in fact innocent and victims of a fake encounter.

They also demanded that one Ajay Telam, who was detained on September 13, be released or produced before court.

Senior police officials have dismissed all allegations of a fake encounter. Bhatia said, "Instead of filing an FIR based on our police complaint (dated 16.09.2019 by Bhatia, Sori, Hidme Markam, and Pande Kunjani) against the fake encounter of Podiya Sori and Lachhu Mandavi... by filing an FIR against us, the police has chosen to be vindictive."

INX MEDIA CASE

In HC, CBI opposes Chidambaram bail plea

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

OPPOSING CONGRESS leader P Chidambaram's bail plea in the INX Media case, the CBI on Friday told the Delhi High Court that the former Union minister was the "main conspirator of the entire offence", adding that he is "not entitled to be released on bail".

In its counter-affidavit filed in the High Court registry late on Friday, the CBI said, "It is a clear case of betrayal of public at large."

The agency also said that mere assertion of the Congress leader that there is no flight risk in his case as he has roots in the society and has held high public office, are "not correct".

The CBI also said the 74-year-old "wields substantial and pervasive influence over the witnesses and has substantial potential of



P Chidambaram

tampering with the evidence".

"He (Chidambaram) is also not entitled for any other relief as prayed for. Thus, this Hon'ble Court, may be pleased to dismiss the present bail petition of the petitioner in the interest of justice and fair trial as the same is devoid of merits," the affidavit read, which was filed in pursuance to the court's September 12 direction.

The High Court is now scheduled to hear the bail application on September 23.

'No case against 11 others who signed file, how is Chidambaram kingpin'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

A DAY after a Delhi court extended the judicial custody of former Union minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media case till October 3, the Congress on Friday came out in strong defence of him. Senior leader Jairam Ramesh asked how Chidambaram can be implicated in the case when all 11 officers who approved the proposal had been exonerated.

Addressing a press conference, Ramesh said, "The INX Media case was part of a set of about 24 proposals, which were put up to the Finance Minister for approval. And in that file there were 11 signatures, 6 members of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board" and five officers of the Finance Ministry. "The Finance Secretary looks at the proposal twice, once as chairman of the FIPB and once as the Finance Secretary. So this INX Media proposal has 11 signatures of officers... and the 12th signature is that of the then Finance Minister Chidambaram... So, INX Media (proposal) was actually ap-

proved... because it had gone through 11 layers of scrutiny."

"It had 11 signatures without any comments and each of these officers or some of these officers, we understand, have been spoken to by the investigating agencies. There has been no case made out against these officers... Now, if these officers have been exonerated, the question arises, how has the man who has signed the 12th signature suddenly become the kingpin?" he asked.

Ramesh said he was not demanding action against the officers and said that Chidambaram himself had recently tweeted that none of them has done anything wrong. He also said no minister will sign any file if philosophy of arresting the minister is adopted.

"As minister for eight years... sometimes I have disagreed with the files that had come to me... Where I have disagreed, I have given reasons for the disagreement, where I have agreed I have simply signed. Now, if the penalty for signing on file based on what has come to the minister... is custody in Tihar Jail, no minister, I can assure you, will sign any file," he said.

Police probing theft of missing components from Indian Navy ship

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 20

THE KOCHI Police is investigating the theft of computer hardware components from the machine room of an under-construction Indian Navy aircraft carrier at the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi.

Police sources said equipment layouts and machinery plans are reported to be encrypted and stored in the stolen hard discs, RAM and processors of five computers. Also, the signal interfacing programme of the indicator management system was loaded in the missing computer discs.

The theft was detected by shipyard officials on Monday after "signal recep-

Sources at the Cochin Shipyard said the components, stolen from an under-construction aircraft carrier, were not of strategic value

tion was found weak during routine check-up. Following a complaint from the shipyard, a case was registered. Kochi city police have constituted a special team to probe into the incident," sources said.

Sources at the shipyard said the missing components however, were not of strategic value. "There is no reason to panic... Police are probing the incident," a senior official said.



Department of Minor Water Resource
Bihar Bhu Jal Vikas Mission,
New Secretariat, Patna-800015
Short Notice
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For:- Supply, Installation, Commissioning of State of the Art modern Technology Based Water Sensors for Ground Water Monitoring in shallow and deep water bearing rock formation

Inviting Companies/Firms/Agencies for Supply, Installation, Commissioning of State of the Art modern Technology Based, Cost Effective Water Sensors for Ground Water Monitoring in shallow and deep water bearing rock formation (Unit) for Bore Holes in Bihar for Bihar Bhu Jal Vikas Mission under the Minor Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar.

The Unit should have following essential features-

Pressure sensor-
Sensor Type, Measuring Range, Overall Accuracy, Temperature Coefficient, Reproducibility, Long Term Stability, Burst pressure, Overload pressure, Over voltage protection on supply & sensor wires.

Data logger-
Resolution of measurement, Measuring interval, Settling up Time, Recording capacity, Memory type, Power supply, Communication Interface, Operating temperature, Operating humidity, Built in clock, Displayed time resolution, Over-voltage protection

Enclosure for Pressure sensor and data logger-
Dimensions, Material, Installation, Ambient Condition, Cable

Telemetry System-
GSM data transmission system with power backup, Data Retrieval/Receiving System (DRS)

Companies/Firms/Agencies, who can provide above compliant product, are requested to come prepared with complete details both for demonstration/Presentation at 11.30 A.M. on 01/10/2019 Bihar Bhu Jal Vikas Mission under the Minor Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, New Secretariat, Patna- 800015". Any other option/Technology which can be offered on customized basis will also be considered.

This EOI can be withdrawn without assigning any reason at any point of time. For all enquiries the interested companies/firm/agencies may contact concerned officer Mr.A.K.Jain, (Mob.-9770828363)/Mr. Sunil Kumar (Mob. - 9631949197) during office hours on all working days.

Additional Secretary-cum-Project Coordinator,
Bihar Bhu Jal Vikas Mission,
PR. 08246 (MWR) 2019-20 Minor Water Resource Department, Bihar, Patna

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, Fort, Mumbai-400 001

Email : integratedmumbai.ee@mahapwd.com 22016974/ Fax- 22016976

"EPC" E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 32 of 2019-2020 (2nd Call)

ON behalf of Governor of the State of Maharashtra, Government of Maharashtra has authorised Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, 2nd Floor, Bandhkam Bhavan, 25th Marzhan Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001 Telephone No. 22016974/ 22016976 to call **E-Tender for the following work in EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) basis via online e-tendering system from Experienced and Eligible contractors. Tender Documents shall be available and can be downloaded from Government of Maharashtra Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>**

The executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, Mumbai Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. conditional offers will not be accepted.

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount Rs.
1	Construction of Multi-Storey super specialty Hospital Building at Sir J J Hospital Campus buyculla Mumbai (Basement 2 floors + Ground Floor + 10 Floor) on EPC (Engineering, Procurement and construction) Mode.	298.00 Crore

E-Tender Available : Date 21.09.2019 at 1030 hrs to 20.10.2019 at 1730 hrs.

Pre Bid Date : Date 10.10.2019 at 1200 hrs (Noon) Office of the Chief Engineer, Mumbai (P.W.) Region, 4th floor, Bandhkam Bhavan, 25th marzhaban Road, Fort Mumbai-400 001

E-Tender : Date 23.10.2019 at 1500 hrs

Opening Date (If Possible) : Office of the Superintending Engineer, Mumbai (P.W.) Region, 5th floor, Bandhkam Bhavan, 25th marzhaban Road, Fort Mumbai-400 001

(Total 1 Work included in this Notice)

All detail information is available on following web sites. Visit Web Site for details :
1. <http://mahapwd.com> 2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

No. E.E./IU/TC/5075 Sd/-
Office of the Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, Fort Mumbai-400 001
Date : 19.09.2019

Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (P.W.) Division, Fort, Mumbai-400 001

DGIPR 2019-2020/3243



ODISHA INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar - 751022

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR.
Tender Call Notice No. IDCOIH.O./P&C/EST/E-36240/01/2019/15987 DL 17.09.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Name of the Work :- Construction of RCC/SFRC Pre-cast concrete wall, Rest Shed of Security Personnel, Approach Road around Shumuka Beach project, Puri, Odisha.

Estimated cost : Rs. 590.22 Lakhs (Apprx.)

Period of completion : 06 (Six) Calendar Months.

Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-Line for Bidding
1	2	From 3 To 4
Chief General Manager(P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar	Bid Id No.PC/EST/ E-21/2019-20	25.09.2019 at 16.00 Hrs. 16.10.2019 upto 17.00 Hrs

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in and www.idco.in.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (P&C), IIC



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CORRIGENDUM

Tender Extension Notice for (NIT) NO. - 32/PR/BSPTCL/2019 PR No 07382

Due date for submission of bids and opening of Online tenders for NIT No.32/PR/BSPTCL/2019 for Appointment of Tariff & Regulatory Consultant For three years (FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23) for BSPTCL and SLDC is extended as follows:-

Milestones	Date & Time
Last date of online sale of Bid	up to 14.00 Hrs. on 23.09.2019
Document/Request of bid/bid documents	
Last date of online submission of tender	up to 15:00 Hrs on 23.09.2019
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid (Part-I)	After 16.00 Hrs. on 23.09.2019
Date of opening of Price Part	To be notified after Technical Bid Evaluation on (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

NOTE: Corrigendum, addendum, time extension, etc shall only be notified on the eproc website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

Other Terms and Condition of the tender notice of NIT No 32/PR/BSPTCL/2019 Will remain same

Chief Engineer,
PR No. 008124(Ni.Ni.) 2019-20 (P&E and Commercial & Regulatory Affair Cell)

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e-Procurement Cell

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

GOVT.OF JHARKHAND

Electrical Executive Engineer

Electric Works Division, Dhanbad

e- Procurement cell

Very Short Tender Reference No- Energy/EWD/Dhanbad/12/2019-20

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Tender Fee (BID Document Fee)	Bid Security (EMD Fee)	Completion Date
1	Provision of High Mast lighting in the A Team Ground, Dumka.	1,08,71,121.00	10000/-	217500.00	60 days
2	Date of Publication of tender on website	24.09.2019			
3	Online bid submission period	From 25.09.19 at 10:30 am to 30.09.19 at 2:00 pm			
4	Date of submission of hard copy	01.10.19 up to 03.30 pm			
5	Technical Bid Opening Date	09.10.19 at 10:30 am			
6	Name and address of the office inviting tender	Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Works Division, Dhanbad			
7	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0326-2311382			
8	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	0651-2490069			

Note- Only online tender will be accepted.
Any change in B.O.Q can be seen on website <http://jharkhantenders.gov.in>
Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhantenders.gov.in>

PR 217505 Energy (19-20)_D **बढ़ - बढ़ नहीं दलेंगे तो बढ़ को दलेंगे** **Electrical Executive Engineer Electric Works Division, Dhanbad**

9 GOVT & POLITICS



BEST FOOT FORWARD

HAVING BAGGED a key responsibility in the Union government, Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy does not want to get off on the wrong foot. Given Home Minister Amit Shah's emphasis on Hindi and its promotion, Reddy has got a Hindi tutor to come to his residence at Telangana Bhawan every day to brush up his diction and reading. Sources said he makes every effort to speak in Hindi on all occasions and use as few words of English as possible.

TOO EARLY TO TELL

AS LAW Minister, having signed the file clearing the finance ministry's proposal to reduce corporate tax that was announced on Friday, Ravi Shankar Prasad — who is also Minister of Electronics and Information Technology — could not help but smile in a review meeting with officials from the IT ministry following his deliberations on Monday with chiefs of electronics companies. One of the stated expectations of the tax reduction is that it could lead to increased investment in domestic manufacturing. Prasad could not tell his officials about the finance ministry's move until it was formally announced.

ANOTHER SWIPE

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's repeated warnings to BJP leaders against making controversial public statements seem to have yielded no results. On Friday, Union minister Giriraj Singh, who had been strictly warned for his remarks against Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, surprised many party colleagues when he took on Kumar again. Reacting sharply to Nitish's swipe that Singh would make spiteful comments against him behind him but make the excuse that such attacks are his USP, the Union minister said: "With the blessings of God, I say what I feel is right, I do not speak behind anybody's back. I stand by what I say." Singh's tweet was seen seriously as it comes in the midst of signs of strain between the BJP and its ally JD (U).

PM MODI LEAVES FOR U.S.

India ready to counter Pak on J&K at UN meet: If they stoop more, we soar



EXPRESS IN U.S.

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 20

A DAY after Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who left for the US Friday — will not discuss the issue of Article 370 at the United Nations, India's Permanent Representative at the UN Syed Akbaruddin said India will not "stoop" and accused Pakistan of mainstreaming "hate speech".

On how India plans to counter Pakistan, which is going to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, Akbaruddin told *The Indian Express*, "Imran Khan will go down the same route as Benazir Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Shah Mahmood Qureshi, who was here last time... They will stoop more. Our approach will be — if they stoop more, we soar. As Michelle Obama once said: 'When they go low, we go high'. They have mainstreamed terrorism, now they will mainstream hate speech."

Akbaruddin and Indian ambassador to the US Harsh Vardhan Shringla have been busy making preparations for the PM's visit from September 21 to 27. Shringla flew to Houston on Wednesday to oversee preparations for the Howdy Modi event on September 22, which will be attended by the PM and US President Donald Trump.



PM Narendra Modi with Mongolian President Khaltmaagiin Battulga and supreme leader of Mongolian Buddhism Hamba Lama Chojamts, unveil a statue of Lord Buddha in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Modi reaches Houston on Saturday afternoon local time — Saturday late night India time.

The fact that India will not dwell on the Kashmir issue was evident from Modi's statement before his departure: "In New York, I will participate in various major events in the UN... This year, the 74th session of the UN General Assembly has the theme 'Galvanizing multilateral efforts for poverty eradication, quality education, climate action and inclusion'. There are many pressing challenges for the international community — a still fragile global economy, turbulence and tension in many parts of the world, growth and spread of terrorism, climate change and the... challenge of poverty. They require stronger global commitment..."

Anish Goel, senior fellow at New America and a former White House official during the Obama administration, told *The Indian Express*, "I don't expect

Kashmir to be a significant issue during the General Assembly. There are just too many other issues commanding attention, such as the recent attack on Saudi Arabia... Khan will undoubtedly raise Kashmir again, but I don't see how those dynamics have changed."

Without mentioning Kashmir or Pakistan, Modi, ahead of his departure on Friday, outlined his agenda, "I am confident that my visit would present India as a vibrant land of opportunities, a reliable partner and a global leader, and will also help impart new energy to our relations with the US."

About his address to Indian diaspora in Houston, he said, "I look forward to my meeting with...the Indian-American community." He added, "I look forward to meeting President Trump in Houston and New York...We will review our bilateral relations..."

SC asks juvenile justice panel of J&K HC to look into child detention charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUPREME Court on Friday asked the Juvenile Justice Committee of Jammu and Kashmir High Court to look into allegations of detention of children after the Centre's move to scrap the state's special status on August 5.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer also issued notice on a habeas corpus plea by one Asifa Mubeen against the detention of her husband Mubeen Ahmed Shah under the J&K Public Safety Act, 1978 on August 7. The court sought a reply in two weeks.

"As the issues highlighted pertain to alleged detention of children, we direct the Juvenile Justice Committee of Jammu and Kashmir High Court to undertake an exercise with regard to the facts stated in the writ petition and revert to us within a

week from today," the bench said.

The court was hearing a plea by child rights activists Enakshi Ganguly and Shanta Sinha. The CJI remarked that the petition "raises issues beyond any individual".

On being asked why they had not approached the High Court, the petitioners' counsel Senior Advocate H Ahmadi said on the last date of hearing that it was difficult for people to access the High Court due to restrictions in the Valley.

The bench then sought a report from J&K High Court Chief Justice. On Friday, CJI Gogoi told Ahmadi that he had received the report "which does not support your stand".

The CJI said "we have conflicting reports also which we looked into" and added, "Since children are concerned, we will entertain you."

The petition cited media reports to claim that minors had been detained by security forces

in places like Tral, Pampore and Awantipora.

It said that with regard to the situation in J&K, "there have been certain reports specific to children, which describe violations of very different kinds, ranging in seriousness from potential loss of life and liberty of the child, to being emotionally and intellectually drawn into the conflict".

It stated that "in cases where teenage boys are picked up for fear of being 'potential' stone-pelters, it is imperative that the detention must be reported and monitored by a body such as the Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir..."

"With the abrogation of Article 370 and the consequent passing of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 the immediate safety and protection of Kashmiri children becomes the responsibility of the Union Government," the plea said, and added that "it is in

this context that the Petitioners pray that the Supreme Court act as parens patriae to the children and direct the government to submit a status report" on the alleged detentions and injuries.

In her habeas corpus plea filed through Advocate Tahir Ahmed Siddiqui, Asifa Mubeen said her husband was "illegally" picked up on the night of August 4 and lodged in Central Jail, Srinagar and later shifted to Agra Central Jail. She said Mubeen Ahmed Shah was a qualified doctor and a businessman by profession who had been living in Malaysia since 2012. He had also been the President of Chamber of Commerce at Srinagar and had an "unblemished record as a leading businessman of the Valley".

He had come to India in April 2019 to attend the last rites of his sister-in-law, the petitioner said.

Senior Advocate Raju Ramachandran, also appearing for the woman, said her husband was suffering from health issues.



Ghulam Nabi Azad

After SC permission, Azad arrives in Srinagar

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 20

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Ghulam Nabi Azad arrived in Srinagar on Friday, days after the Supreme Court granted the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha permission to travel to Jammu and Kashmir.

A senior airport official confirmed to *The Indian Express* that Azad arrived in Srinagar by an evening flight.

A Congress spokesperson in Srinagar said Azad, a former chief minister, would start his tour from Saturday and over the next few days, he would visit several districts of the state. The spokesperson said Azad would also meet streets vendors during his visit.

Azad is the first political leader who has been allowed to visit several districts of Jammu and Kashmir after August 5, when the Union government struck down the special powers granted to the state. The apex court had earlier granted permission to CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury to travel to Srinagar to meet his party colleague and former legislator Yusuf Tarigami.

Recently, Azad was not allowed to enter Srinagar and Jammu, and was sent back by authorities from the airport on both occasions.

Daughter tweets from Mehbooba handle, seeks info on detentions

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 20

ILTIJA, THE daughter of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, tweeted from her mother's handle on Friday, saying that the former J&K CM has expressed concern at the detentions and arrests since J&K's special status was scrapped and sought district — wise details of detentions, deaths and number of habeas corpus petitions filed in the high court.

"Ms. Mehbooba Mufti, former Chief Minister J&K to whom this twitter handle belongs has been detained since 5th August 2019 without access to the account. This handle is now operated by myself, Iltija daughter of Ms Mufti with due authorization," read the tweet from Mehbooba's handle.

Iltija said that on behalf of her mother, she sent an email to the Union Home Secretary and J&K

Home Secretary, seeking details of the detentions. "I, Iltija emailed the Home Secretary of GOI & Home Secretary of J&K on 18th September seeking certain information for my mother, Ms Mufti. I am still awaiting a response."

Stating that her mother has only been allowed to meet her "immediate family" since she was detained, Iltija said Mehbooba has "no access to newspapers and has not had any political briefing from any member of her party or staff thus far".

The PDP president has sought details of state residents who were detained/arrested or placed under house arrest on or after August 5, number of minor and women detained or placed under house arrest, number of detunes or undertrials who have been moved out of the state to jails and detention centres and number of deaths reported from among those who have been detained or arrested.

Concerns of all-India services officers raised with govt: DGP

NAVEED IQBAL
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DAYS AFTER All India Service Officers of the Jammu and Kashmir cadre raised concerns over the merger of their cadre with the Arunachal Goa Mizoram and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, J&K Police Director General Dilbag Singh told *The Indian Express* that the apprehensions of the officers have been raised with the state administration.

"We are conscious of the fact that officers from the services have raised these concerns. We have shared our concerns with the state government and I am sure they will be shared with the Centre as well through the competent authority," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

Underscoring that there is

nothing to worry about, the DGP said, "It will take some time, we have not reached that milestone yet. Whatever implications there are of the J&K reorganisation Act, we have already worked out our responses and shared that with the government. I think they are working on it."

Earlier this week, officers from the IAS, IPS and the IFS met Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam at his residence to apprise him of their concerns with regard to "a possible merger of the cadre with the AGMUT cadre or postings to 'any' third cadre".

At least ten members from the three services told the Chief Secretary that there is speculation with regard to officers from the cadre being moved out of state with the creation of two Union Territories and the scrapping of the special status.



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BOOSTER SHOT

The bold push to cut corporate taxes could boost investment, encourage compliance and lead to a simplified tax architecture

FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman's move to slash the corporate tax rate to 22 per cent from 30 per cent is a bold move and marks a departure from the incremental approach to economic reforms the government has pursued until now. Sitharaman has also lowered the tax incidence on new companies that will commence production before March 2023 to 15 per cent, hoping to spur fresh investment. With these measures, the government has moved India's corporate tax rates in line with its regional competitors, increasing the country's attractiveness as an investment destination. This should incentivise firms relocating from China to set up manufacturing units in India. Coupled with the decision to do away with the surcharge on capital gains on listed securities, these measures will go a long way in shoring up sentiment. Indicative of this, the BSE Sensex ended the day 5.32 per cent higher than its previous close.

The government's latest measures appear to be designed to push growth through an increase in investment rather than consumption. Though the increase in profitability could help existing firms launch fresh investment, increase dividends or deleverage, to the extent that higher tax rates were a deterrent for investment, these cuts could spur fresh investment. Also, by providing corporates the option of choosing a lower tax without taking advantage of exemptions and incentives, the government seems to be moving towards a simplified tax architecture which would help reduce tax litigation. Bigger firms facing a higher effective tax rates will be more inclined to switch to this simplified structure, while those with lower effective tax rates currently will shift once the sunset clauses for exemptions expire. However, lower tax rates for new manufacturing firms will put existing firms at a disadvantage. This may incentivise existing firms to set up "new firms" to take advantage of the tax differential. Though this could be kept in check through the General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR) provisions, it does open up the possibility of further rate rationalisation in the future.

The finance minister has stated that the revenue forgone on account of these tax cuts amounts to Rs 1.45 lakh crore. And though the government is hopeful that lower rates will increase compliance, offsetting some of the revenue loss, meeting the fiscal deficit target will be a tall order. The advance tax figures aren't encouraging. Both direct and indirect tax collections are well short of expectations. Bond yields surged 15 basis points on Friday in anticipation of an increase in government borrowing to finance the higher deficit. To plug the widening gap, the government must opt for a more aggressive disinvestment programme.

TEST OF JUSTICE

On Jammu and Kashmir, it is now incumbent upon the courts to produce the body of evidence affirming its good faith

IT HAS COME to light that from the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5 amidst a crackdown on communications and personal freedoms, 252 writs of habeas corpus have been filed in the courts of Jammu and Kashmir. On September 3, one petition was filed, on average, every hour, challenging the summary detention of citizens. Of the petitions, 147 suggest that orders of detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA) were passed by the administration in bad faith. Sixteen state that even the reason for detention was not communicated, rendering these arrests completely arbitrary.

But the judiciary comes off looking even worse than the administration and the political dispensation. The writ of habeas corpus exists because it is assumed that political and executive power can run amok. It is a weapon in the hands of the judiciary to rein it in, in the defence of the people. In the past, to improve India's human rights record, judicial activism had focused on sharpening the courts' response to writ petitions concerning fundamental rights. The writ of habeas corpus is the last line of defence against arbitrary attacks on these rights, requiring the accused to be produced immediately, instead of being held without charge, as has been done under the PSA. But tardiness in seeking due process of law is seen in the J&K High Court. In the 11 cases where orders have been passed and details put online, for instance, one was filed on August 23 and will be heard, following a delay, on October 9. In another matter where the court issued a notice to the government, it allowed four weeks for the latter to respond. This is the sort of time-lag that is expected in a trivial civil suit like a tenancy matter, not a case involving the possible suspension of human rights without cause being provided.

This state of affairs is particularly embarrassing for the judiciary because the Supreme Court was kept in the dark while hearing a clutch of petitions on the situation in J&K. On September 16, Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi had called for a report from the chief justice of the J&K High Court about allegations of difficulties in accessing justice. All eyes will now be on the Supreme Court, which itself has become an affected party for lack of prior information. Its response will be read as evidence of its commitment to the people and their rights.

GOLZOW, GLOWING

A new home for refugee families from Syria, a new future for German village with an ageing population

FOR THOUSANDS OF years, humans have roamed the earth, creating civilisations, language and art. But the world today appears to be a hostile place for people on the move, especially those escaping lands ravaged by war and climate strife. Nation-states are only a few hundred years old, but borders are being reinforced ruthlessly by xenophobic nationalism, resulting in purges of millions — those deemed stateless, refugees and "illegals". But, as a village in Germany has shown, the answer to the crisis of this century does not lie in the high walls of massive detention centres. It could lie in the open doors of a school in need of children.

Golzow is a village in what was once communist East Germany, with a depleting young population. In 2015, its mayor decided to welcome 16 Syrian refugees into the village. The local school got a set of new students, lovingly called the "new children of Golzow". While Germany, like many European countries, is not immune to paranoia about the loss of jobs and resources to outsiders, Golzow turned out to be an example of a silent integration. The German village is not an outlier. The experience of several First World countries, grappling with falling birth rates and a large geriatric population, show that migrants are like a surge of fresh blood in old arteries, giving new life to economies and cultures. It is the dangerous proof that the populist leaders of the world do not ask for: You could embrace the other, and be the richer for it.

But the example of Golzow goes beyond the utilitarian claims of mutual material benefit. It demonstrates that the commonality of human experience is of loss, violence and ultimate resilience. What could be common between a village of ageing East Germans and the youngest of Syrian refugees? Both flinch at firecrackers going off — it reminds them of exploding grenades.



C RAJA MOHAN

THIS WEEKEND'S GATHERING of the Indian American community in Houston, to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump, is likely go down as a special moment in India's diaspora diplomacy. It is but rare that an American president joins a foreign leader in addressing a diaspora event. For Modi, the Houston engagement is a continuation of his extraordinary political investment in engaging the Indian diaspora. It is based on the recognition that a large and very successful diaspora has widened India's footprint and can contribute to achievement of India's domestic and international goals.

The Indian diaspora (including non-resident Indians and persons of Indian origin) is estimated to be more than 30 million and growing. Its substantive concentration is in the Anglo-American world, the Gulf and the former colonies of the British empire. Its presence is growing beyond these traditional areas. So has its political and economic influence in the host nations.

But nowhere is the presence of the diaspora more expansive than in the US. As a rich and accomplished minority, the Indian-American community has become influential in all walks of life in the US. Within the US, Texas, California, New York and Illinois are among the states that host large Indian-American communities. And Houston, where the diaspora event is taking place, is among the top 10 American cities hosting the Indian American community.

Thanks to the significant Indian migration — both labour and capital — during the 19th century, the diaspora became an important part of the emergence of India as a nation in the first half of the 20th century. But the fear in many newly independent nations that the Indians might become a potential fifth column was real. So was the widespread resentment in some parts of Afro-Asia against the privileged economic positions that Indians held in the colonial era.

The nationalist backlash against the Indian communities in Africa and Asia in the 1950s and 1960s saw Delhi consciously distance itself from the diasporic communities. As India turned inwards, Delhi also took a dim view of the "brain drain" as many well-trained Indians began to look for opportuni-

Modi government ought to recognise that diaspora diplomacy is double-edged

While India welcomes the opportunity to serenade the American president in front of the diaspora, Delhi should be careful about not crossing some red lines. China, for example, is getting into trouble in many countries for turning its relationship with the diaspora into an active intervention in the domestic politics of the host nation. Given the current polarisation of US domestic politics and the profound hostility towards Trump among the Democrats, Delhi has to be careful not to be seen as tilting in favour of one side.

ties elsewhere. It was only in the late 1980s that Delhi began to rethink its approach to the diaspora.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was the first to appreciate the potential role diaspora could play in advancing national development and improving India's ties with the US. As he launched the reform era, P V Narasimha Rao sought investments from the diaspora. Atal Bihari Vajpayee formalised India's engagement with the diaspora by institutionalising the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. But few leaders have showered the kind of personal and political attention on the diaspora that Modi has.

Modi finally buried India's defensiveness about the diaspora, which in turn was ready to take pride in a rising India that was poised to play a larger international role in the world. Modi went beyond demanding that the diaspora do more for India. He promised that India would do more for them as well. Delhi and its foreign missions have never been as solicitous of the welfare of the individuals and communities in the diaspora as they are today.

The political role of the diaspora has been valuable for Delhi in the US. In the last decade for example, the diaspora generated much needed political support in the US Congress for changing the American non-proliferation laws and facilitating civil nuclear cooperation with India. Today, the diaspora might once again have a critical role in informing the Congress and the wider public about the situation in Kashmir and explaining the historic context and the logic behind India's recent actions.

Modi's visit to the US will also showcase some of the emerging problems with India's diaspora diplomacy. First, Islamabad's imitation of Delhi in the mobilisation of Pakistani diaspora is certainly flattering. While it is reasonable for Pakistan to get its diaspora to support the improvement of US-Pak relations, Islamabad is also firing at the Modi government from the shoulders of the Pakistani diaspora. Besides galvanising the Pakistani-Americans, Islamabad is also mobilising the Muslim American communities on Kashmir and other issues. Pakistan is expected to organise protests against Modi in both Houston and New York. As India's outreach to the diaspora strengthens, Modi must also give some

thought to a broader strategy of connecting with all people of South Asian origin.

Second, India's domestic political fault-lines have, unsurprisingly, begun to envelop the diaspora. As in India, so in the US, many liberal sections of the diaspora have become sharply critical of the Modi government. Together, they are having an impact on the leadership of the diaspora, including some US Congress members of Indian origin, as well as the general public discourse within the US on India. Delhi has much work to do in engaging the liberal American critics of India.

Third is the danger of getting drawn too deep into the domestic politics of the US. The Houston event reflects the growing weight and prestige of the Indian community in the US as well as Trump's own electoral calculus for the presidential elections next year. While the Indian-American community tends to lean towards the Democratic Party, Trump might be betting that the celebration of the India-US partnership with Modi might let him make a dent in the community.

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In his embrace of the Indian American community at Houston this weekend, the PM has an opportunity to fine-tune his diaspora diplomacy by reaffirming the commitment to inclusive development of all Indians, irrespective of their caste or creed and emphasising the new possibilities for the collective progress of the Subcontinent as a whole. Modi must also underline that the main purpose of India's diaspora engagement in America is about elevating the strategic partnership with the US to a higher level.

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TALE OF TWO PRISONERS

Swapping of Aafia Siddiqui for Shakeel Afridi has been in the works for a while



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IN JULY 2019, Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Washington and told the Americans that Pakistan would like to exchange terror-convict Aafia Siddiqui, serving a long sentence in America, for Shakeel Afridi, also serving a long sentence in Pakistan for "sneaking" on Osama bin Laden — and thus helping the Americans kill Laden in Abbottabad in 2011.

Why should Pakistan ask for Siddiqui back? An MIT-trained Pakistani neuroscientist, she "was accused by the United Nations and the United States of being an al Qaeda member and named one of the seven most wanted al Qaeda figures by the FBI", according to veteran Pakistani journalist Zahid Hussain in his book, *The Scorpion's Tail* (2010).

Hussain writes: "Aafia had disappeared from Karachi in March 2003 after the arrest of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, with whom she had close ties. After divorcing her first husband in 2003, she had married a nephew of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed who himself was later arrested and sent to the US government's Guantanamo Bay detention camp." That she was "adopted" by al Qaeda and its subsidiaries was clear going by the number of terrorist acts after which demands for her release were raised.

Khan should have realised that he was asking for the release of a terrorist whose backers had killed Pakistanis to vent their anger at her arrest. In March 2012, two po-

licemen were killed in Peshawar. In 2013, the "fidayeen" attack on the Judicial Complex in Peshawar killed four and injured 50-plus — and it was done by the known Aafia Siddiqui Brigade. The brigade is an outfit of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), in revolt against the state, has reportedly been doing this for al Qaeda.

In December 2010, a top al Qaeda ideologue Abu Yahya al-Libi released a propaganda tape calling on Muslims to wage jihad to avenge Siddiqui. In July 2011, the TTP's deputy Ameer Commander, Waliur Rehman Mehsud said he had ordered the kidnapping of a Swiss couple in Balochistan who would only be released if the Americans freed Siddiqui. Waliur Rehman said that the Swiss couple had not been tortured, but if Siddiqui was not freed, a Taliban court will decide the fate of the couple. In April 2012, the Afghan Taliban too got into the act, demanding \$1 million and the release of 20 Afghan prisoners along with Siddiqui in exchange for the release of an American soldier, Bowe Bergdahl, who had been taken hostage in June 2009 in Afghanistan.

A certain Dr Usman, leading a 10-member gang of "fidayeen" terrorists, attacked the General Headquarters (GHQ) of the army in Rawalpindi in October 2009. Holding the heart of the Pakistan army under siege, the assailants presented a list of demands: Release a hundred Pakistani and Afghan

Taliban commanders being held by the security forces; and release a woman named Aafia Siddiqui facing trial in a New York court charged with attempting to kill US soldiers in Afghanistan.

At the other end of the spectrum, Hein Kiessling in his 2016 book, *Faith Unity Discipline: The ISI of Pakistan*, writes: "Dr Afridi was sentenced to 33 years' imprisonment by a special tribunal, for his cooperation with the CIA in the detection of Osama bin Laden. His release, which will still take some time, would most probably be in exchange for the US-imprisoned physician Dr Aafia Siddiqui."

No doubt, PM Khan is swayed by some crazy TV advocates of this "daughter of Pakistan". One such advocate is Zaid Hamid, whose rants on TV had to be ended because of the sheer disconnect from the Pakistani reality. Hamid came on TV to tell Pakistan why Americans were after Siddiqui. This was his crazy quilt of lies: She was a neurologist who had biological weapons' knowledge that the Americans were afraid of, and that her Indian MIT students were complicit in the frame-up and even went to question her in jail in Afghanistan. He even asserted that her children were killed by the Americans while the fact is, that they are with her family in Karachi.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIA-NEPAL BOND

INDIA HAS GREAT interest in helping Nepal harness its river resources and in purchasing the surpluses that cannot be utilised within Nepal. This was stated by President Sanjiva Reddy in his banquet speech in honour of King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya. President Reddy said: "We have great interest in co-operating with you to make your projects viable." The president's remarks are consistent with much of Indian diplomacy, even as Kathmandu has often shown an inclination to bring in such bodies as the World Bank to prepare feasibility reports for some such projects. He also applauded the king's decision to hold a national referendum.

BENGAL ELECTIONS

IN SPITE OF the disadvantages associated with a ruling party, especially when it has failed to solve the power crisis which has disrupted the economy, the CPM in West Bengal finds itself in a happy position vis-a-vis the upcoming parliamentary election. Parties and leaders of diverse hue are making approaches to the Marxists for alliance and seats. Apart from the constituents of the broad national alliance, HN Bahuguna, Union finance minister, is reported to have made discreet inquiries, if a seat could be offered to him in West Bengal. He would prefer a constituency in Burdwan since his ancestors had migrated to UP from this district.

CHINA'S AGGRESSION

AS VIETNAM POURS fresh troops into Cambodia in preparation for a coming dry season offensive against the remaining Pol Pot guerillas, China is informing foreign visitors that it may have to "teach Hanoi a second lesson". China analysts are studying recent movements which suggest that the people's republic may be planning its own style of offensive in the dry season to put Vietnam under maximum pressure. Mass starvation has already hit the isolated Khmer Rouge areas in southwestern and northeastern Cambodia. Even in Phnom Penh, reports reveal widespread malnutrition in Vietnamese-controlled regions.



Fix the fundamentals first

High growth cannot be sustained in India till the country makes adequate investments in infrastructure and human capital



S MAHENDRA DEV

INDIA'S GDP GROWTH rate slowed down to 5 per cent in Q1 of FY20 and is expected to be around 6 per cent or below in this financial year. As former Reserve Bank of India governor Y V Reddy mentioned recently, a combination of cyclical and structural factors have been responsible for the slowdown. One example is the auto sector. There seems to be a collapse of aggregate demand in the economy. Global uncertainties have added to the problem. In the last few weeks, the government has announced several measures to improve both consumption and investment in different sectors and for the economy as a whole. The announcement of reduction in corporate tax rates announced on Friday may help in reviving the sentiments of the private sector but the tax revenue may also decline and put pressure on fiscal deficit. These stimulus and structural measures and monetary policy may help reviving the economy to some extent in the near future. But, these measures alone may not help in getting higher growth. The Chief Economic Advisor also mentions that we need long-term structural reforms for investment-led growth. Among other things, we need to focus on three structural issues: Physical infrastructure development, raising human capital and revival of rural economy for a long-term growth of 7 to 8 per cent and attaining \$5 trillion economy by 2024.

In a recent book Dani Rodrik et al discuss two challenges faced by countries like India. The "structural change challenge" is focused on moving resources from traditional low-productivity activities into modern, more productive industries or activities. The "fundamentals challenge" relates to development of broad capabilities such as infrastructure and human capital. We can't have higher growth without tackling this fundamental challenge.

Generally, it is said that we need three things for higher growth. These are infrastructure, infrastructure and infrastructure. This will help both cyclical and structural factors. Late I G Patel indicated in the early 2000s that we should aim only for 6 per cent GDP growth till we improve infrastructure. Hope we have not come back to I G Patel growth rate of 6 per cent or below in the medium term. In one of his speeches, Y V Reddy also mentioned that infrastructure could be a constraint for higher growth. A lot of progress has been made in all infrastructure sectors. However, almost all indicators score poorly if one looks at India's urban and rural infrastructure particularly compared with South East Asian countries and China.

However, in the present context, some kind of pump priming from the government is necessary to take care of both cyclical and structural factors. This can be done without compromising much on fiscal deficit targets. Disinvestment, reducing non-merit subsidies, removing exemptions, increasing tax base and shifting from revenue to capital expenditures are some of the measures for raising government investment. The government seems to be fast tracking public capex, encouraging public sector enterprises (PSEs) to invest more and trying to clear the pending bills for the corporate sector and MSMEs. The announcement of Rs 100 lakh crore over five years for infrastructure by the government is an important measure. However, details on how to get finance, the roles of public and pri-



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vate investment, the contract structures like PPPs are not clear. The Vijay Kelkar committee's recommendation on PPPs would be useful. The private sector's role is equally important. Spending on infrastructure will have multiplier effects in the overall economy including stimulating private investment, aggregate demand and jobs. In fact, construction sector was an important source of job creation during 2004-05 to 2011-12. This sector has to be revived in order to create growth and employment.

NSS employment data shows that the shares of agriculture, industry and services in total employment were 44 per cent, 25 per cent and 31 per cent respectively in 2017-18. But, the share of manufacturing employment was only 12 per cent in total employment. There is a need for rise in infrastructure investment, structural reforms in land acquisition and a favourable exchange rate for exports to revive the manufacturing sector, which showed a 0.6 per cent growth in Q1 of this fiscal.

The second structural issue is raising human capital for higher growth. Health and education achievements are essential for human capital. Yet the country's progress on both these aspects leaves much to be desired. We also have great quality dichotomy in both these sectors. There are islands of excellence that can compete internationally in education while vast majority of them churn masses of children with poor learning achievement and unemployable graduates. One has to fix this dichotomy in heath and education. Few years back, the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore cautioned about school education in India. He said: "Schools are the biggest crisis in India today and have been for a long time. Schools are the biggest gap between India and East Asia. And it is a crisis that cannot be justified." Skill deficiency of workers is well known. The Niti Aayog says that only 2.3 per cent of Indian workers have formal skill training compared to 70 to 80 per cent in other countries.

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Promotion of technology and knowledge economy will add to growth. One can't have a "demographic dividend" for growth with low human capital. In order to have structural change from agriculture to non-agriculture and from the unorganised sector to the organised sector, education and skill development are needed. Women's labour participation rates have been low and declining. Raising women's human capital and participation rates can improve economic growth. We may also not achieve high human capital and productivity with 40 per cent of our children suffering from malnutrition.

Lastly, we can't expect demand to increase as 70 per cent of our population lives in rural areas and has stagnant incomes and wages. There is a need for revival of the rural economy with infrastructure investment and structural reforms. Agricultural marketing reforms should be a priority. For better price discovery, agriculture has to go beyond farming and develop value chains comprising farming, wholesaling, warehousing, logistics, processing and retailing. Agricultural exports should be promoted with various policies. Similarly, rural infrastructure and water management are other priorities. Stimulus and structural reforms can raise farmers' prices and wages and rise in demand for manufacturing and services.

Both immediate and long-term structural reforms are needed to achieve higher economic growth. Physical infrastructure development, tackling Dani Rodrik's fundamental challenge of raising human capital and stimulus and reforms in rural economy are needed to achieve a sustainable 7 per cent to 8 per cent growth. The Centre has to work closely with states similar to GST council for achieving higher growth. The massive mandate of the new government will help such coordination.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Hong Kong is not a country. Hong Kong has no major political disputes, and life in Hong Kong is freer than in Western societies. Western anti-China forces and Hong Kong's extreme opposition have politicized the city."

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

State versus Hany Babu

The conspiracy that is being woven around the Bhima Koregaon incident has one purpose: To silence the dissent emerging from universities



APOORVANAND

MY FATHER CALLED to inform me that a Delhi University professor has been raided in connection with the Bhima Koregaon case. I asked him if it was Hany Babu. Soon after, I started getting messages which proved my fears true. Why was this so predictable?

Is it because Babu is involved in some conspiratorial activity to overthrow the state, to which I am privy? No, his involvement with the campaign in the defence of G N Saibaba is the reason I feared for his safety. Saibaba, who has 95 per cent disability and is also a teacher at our university, is wasting away in Nagpur jail. He would have slipped out of our collective mindscape but for the dogged campaign led by Hany Babu. Saibaba has been labelled a Maoist and, therefore, in the statist common sense, he does not deserve to live.

It needed some courage to be the voice of this campaign, given the viciousness with which the word Maoist is used in our public discourse. You need not be a supporter of the Maoist politics to uphold the right of people to follow or practice it. Even the Supreme Court finds it legitimate and lawful if you are not involved in any violent act. Saibaba has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Pune police has confiscated Babu's computer and hard drive, in which his academic work is stored. Now, his social media account and other contacts are with the police. The police did not even have search warrant when they raided his home. It is complete lawlessness from the keepers of the law which a citizen is confronted with. You need to be extremely lucky, like Sudha Bharadwaj, that too briefly, to be able call the police's bluff. How does it matter if his research work is gone? What is it, when compared to the safety of the state?

The credentials of Hany Babu, the teacher and scholar, are irrelevant for the police. But we must not ignore what his peer like Ayesha Kidwai has to say about the potential items on his hard drive:

"Hany Babu has said many controversial things as a linguist. He has claimed, contra Jayaseelan and Amritavalli, that Malayalam has a past tense. That -unnu can occupy either a lower or higher position in the functional architecture of the Malayalam clause, and that the Malayalam cleft does not have an existential presupposition. He also split the CP in his doctoral dissertation quite independently of Rizzi. All these are naturally very serious crimes in the eyes of the Pune police. Worse still, Hany has also argued against the three-language policy and said, 'We need to overhaul the language policy in education in such a way that all children have access to primary education in their mother tongue (and not in the dominant language of the state)'... Therefore, what we need to move towards is a two-language pol-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A LINK LANGUAGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, "The Hindi scare" (IE, September 20). The writer reduces the BJP president's exhortation to increase the use of Hindi as a tool of national unity to a 60-year old debate of Hindi versus English. The basic argument against the use of English as a link language is that it is a foreign language. China, Japan, European Union, and Russia communicate in their own languages and this has not come in the way of their domestic or global dealings. It time we stopped condemning Hindi and Sanskrit and directed our efforts to make one of the Indian languages the common vehicle of communication — Bengali, Telugu, any.

YG Chouksey, Pune

THE ROOT CAUSE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Vapourised' (IE, September 20). E-cigarettes are addictive and come with health hazards. As a measure to prevent health-related risks, banning nicotine products is not problematic. And to give the government a benefit of doubt, let's even assume that its intentions behind the move to ban e-cigarettes were genuine — concern for public health. But if the government feels a ban is a possible solution to India's alarming tobacco consumption levels, why not attack the root rather than the secondary cause? All cigarettes are injurious to health; the ones more injurious can stay, others must be banned.

Srishti Mathur, Ujjain

LETTER OF THE WEEK

AN EQUAL ORDER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Quota question' (IE, September 13). Debates must be encouraged on all topics, no matter how controversial. However, reservation policy is not against the principle of equality. It is about ensuring equality in society. Before we jump on to the conclusion that the reservation must be economically based, we must look at the occupational structure in our society. Do we not find the priests in the temples belong to one group and the manual scavengers to another?

Vinay Saroha, Delhi

BRACE UP FOR RCEP

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Forging trade alliances', (IE, September 20). Regionalisation is becoming a wide-spread feature of international trade. RCEP will be just another free trading bloc, but a more ambitious one. It does give Indian business an opportunity to access a large market and the country better not miss the bus. India's export basket is limited and the businesses need to be more competitive to take advantage of any multinational arrangement.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata



ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

My father's healer

Surgeon Ketan Khurjekar was killed by rash driving. His loss is widely felt

DAD TURNED 80 this September. A milestone, yes, but a precious one as not two years ago, family members had to decide on a crucial spine surgery which would either help him walk or perhaps leave him confined to the bed for the rest of his life. A dilemma that consumed our every waking moment. "What if..." were the two words that left us distraught about the outcome of a surgery, either he would walk again or then face life with disposal bed pans, pressure relief mattress, food table, IV stand and adult diapers .

Come September, we sent a heartfelt prayer for the well being of this spine surgeon who breathed new life into an 80-year-old body. While most did advise the conventional route for treating a complex compression fracture of the lumbar spine, Sancheti hospital's chief spine surgeon, Dr Ketan Khurjekar, helped clinch the deal for us. We opted for a spinal correction and two years after the surgery, dad can walk and even visit the barber for his weekly shave all by himself.

On Monday, a stunned lot woke up to the grim news of Khurjekar and his cab driver killed after they were hit by a speeding bus on the Pune-Mumbai expressway. Khurjekar was in Mumbai over the weekend to attend a workshop, give lectures on spine surgery and

was looking forward to celebrating his 44th birthday with his family and patients on September 16. While returning from Mumbai on Sunday night, they had halted on the roadside to change a puncture when a speeding bus rammed into them.

He was among the lot of spine surgeons to revolutionise the concepts of rehabilitation of spine surgery and instrumental in driving away fear about such surgery from the minds of several people. Most of his patients were road accident victims.

According to the Association of Spine Surgeons of India's past president Dr S Rajasekaran at least 1.6 lakh people die on Indian roads every year. In Maharashtra, state highway safety patrol have reported over 600 fatal accidents along the Pune Mumbai expressway in the last five years. Road traffic accidents have become the biggest killer in the country with at least 30 major accidents occurring every three minutes. Any casualty department of large hospitals is likely to have trained surgeons handling difficult cases.

For Khurjekar, a personal connect with his patients always took the conversation to the next level, where he advised relatives and friends on the use of seat belts even while seated on car's backseat. He was not only a

good story teller with unending examples of how lives could have been saved, but also helped economically challenged patients cope by raising funds for them.

At the Association of Spine Surgeons of India, experts talk about the Indian spine revolution that took off in the mid-90s. Gone are the days when paraplegics and quadriplegics had to die a slow miserable death. Spine surgery progressed slowly till the 70s and very rapidly in the 1980s and spine surgeons in India have kept pace. The country has some of the best spine surgeons and spine surgery training centres in the world, writes RD Mulukutla of the Department of Spine Surgery, Udai Omni hospital, Hyderabad in the September issue of the *Indian Spine Journal* — official journal of the Association of Spine Surgeons of India

It's a cruel irony that when our young surgeons are increasingly becoming capable of handling trauma and complex surgeries that a bad road takes one of the best among them. Trained in India and abroad, Khurjekar has been practising spine surgery for over 25 years and was a motivational teacher. His colleagues remember him as an innovative and skillful surgeon with the maximum number of surgeries, also performed on children and young adults suffering from a spinal disorder, scolio-

sis. Khurjekar was keen on a school-level screening programme to pick up cases of scoliosis (sideways curvature of the spine) — a medical condition that affects 10 million people in the country — at an early stage.

Rough estimates, according to the Pune Association of Spine Surgeons, indicate that an approximate 1,000 surgeries are performed every month to treat spine ailments across hospitals in the city; Khurjekar was among the most prolific surgeons. That he touched so many lives was evident when the family members of 97-year-old Bhanudas Deshmukh, who had a severely crushed spine and was operated upon or 71-year-old Maruti Sakhare, whose son was paralysed after an electric shock and was treated, call from far-away locations in Maharashtra desperate to get a final glimpse of their healing doctor before he is laid to rest.

While spine surgeons across the country have yet to come to terms with this huge loss, among the stream of patients, shocked and saddened at this doctor's life being snatched away, is a face — my dad's — that recollects being told, "Arre kaka mala ghari kadhi bolavata (Uncle, when are you inviting me home?)".

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Gujarat HC suspends jail term of man held for cow slaughter

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RAJKOT, SEPTEMBER 20

THE GUJARAT High Court has suspended a 10-year sentence awarded by a sessions court to a man from Dhoraji town in Rajkot district for allegedly slaughtering a cow. The high court ordered the immediate release of Salim Makrani, and observed that he is not alleged to have indulged in economic activity of animal slaughter, and therefore the court used “judicial discretion” to suspend his sentence.

“Having heard learned advocates for the respective parties, on overall consideration of material on record as well as the fact that the applicant is not alleged to have indulged into economical activity of animal slaughter, and is only alleged to have used the beef while preparing biryani for celebrating the marriage ceremony of his own daughter, this Court is of the opinion to exercise the judicial discretion to suspend the sentence, and accordingly suspends the sentence imposed upon the applicant,” the single judge bench of Justice RP Dholaria noted in its order issued on Wednesday.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Makrani’s lawyer Samir Khan said the case of the prosecution was based on circumstantial evidence. “The bench appreciated that there was no prima facie case against the applicant as FSL (Forensic Science Laboratory) analysis could not establish beef in the biryani. The case of the prosecution was built on circumstances and the trial court could have given benefit of

doubt to the accused,” he said. “The high court also appreciated that the applicant is not in the business of animal slaughter and therefore granted our plea for suspending the sentence.”

The high court ordered the immediate release of Makrani, and asked him to execute a personal bail bond of Rs 10,000 and one surety of like amount for his release from jail, while he pursues his appeal against the sessions court judgment. The court also directed the applicant to surrender his passport, if any, to the trial court.

Police had booked Makrani for cow slaughter and theft after his neighbour Satar Koliya filed a complaint on January 29. The complaint said that Makrani, a casual labourer, stole Koliya’s two-year-old calf, slaughtered it and prepared akni (a biryani-like preparation) to serve guests on his daughter’s wedding. The Dhoraji court pronounced 42-year-old Makrani guilty of theft and cow slaughter on July 6 and sentenced him to 10-year imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him.

This was the first reported conviction in the state under the amended Gujarat Animal Preservation Act. The amendment was brought in 2017.

Makrani moved the high court last month. During trial, the defence argued that the FSL, Rajkot, which analysed the meat, could not conclusively establish it was beef. However, the trial court had ruled that it did not undermine the prosecution’s case that the calf had been slaughtered, and that the suspicion was on Makrani.

J&K lockdown puts curbs on media: SC petitioner Bhasin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

JOURNALISTS IN Jammu and Kashmir are intimidated by the prevailing situation in the Valley and fearful of authorities monitoring their movement, email, and phone calls, said Anuradha Bhasin, executive editor of *Kashmir Times*, who has petitioned the Supreme Court against the communication blockade in Kashmir as a violation of Article 19, which guarantees the freedom of speech and expression.

Bhasin was speaking Thursday at the Mumbai Press Club on the subject “Media in Kashmir.”

“The communication blockade has made it extremely difficult for journalists. There are no editorials... columns have disappeared and instead, there are articles on how to clean your homes, how to pray, about how technology is not necessary for everything. The official version is that everything is normal in

the Valley,” said Bhasin.

Kashmir Times, where Bhasin works, is Jammu-based and was launched by her father, the late Ved Bhasin. “We don’t know what is happening on the other side,” she said. The Srinagar edition of the paper has not been published since August 5. Bhasin said clamping down internet is denying people of their fundamental rights.

The discussion was moderated by Resident Editor of *The Indian Express*, Nirupama Subramanian.

Aspi Chinnoy, Constitutional lawyer, questioned the legality of the communication blockade and detentions of politicians and others.

“The government cannot move against the entire populous of a state and then say it is for public order. What is worrying is that our institutions are not coping with it as they should have. There is no question asked from the court to the government under what law this has been done.”

Behind landmark verdict, 18-year-old who left hostel over curbs on phone use

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 20

BEHIND KERALA High Court’s landmark verdict that right to access Internet is a fundamental right has been the fight of an 18-year-old girl and her family.

On Thursday, a single bench of the high court was hearing a petition by Faheema Shirin, a degree student at Sree Narayana College, Chelannur, in Kozhikode district. She had questioned the restriction on the use of mobile phone to access internet at the hostel from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Daughter of photographer Haksar R K, Shirin was the lone girl who decided to walk out of the hostel instead of surrendering her smartphone with hostel authorities in the evening.

“When the new restriction was imposed in June, all other inmates of the girls’ hostel informed the authorities their willingness to abide by it. I was not

ready to surrender the right to use mobile phone. Hence, I had no option but to vacate the hostel,” said Shirin.

Since leaving the hostel on July 15, Shirin has been travelling 150 km between her home at Vadakara and her college at Chelannur. Shirin said she is not a member of any political party, but “is more interested in parallel Left movement.”

“It was a collective decision of my family to fight against this restriction,” she said.

An official at the college, run by Sree Narayana Trust of prominent Hindu leader Vellappally Natesan, said a restriction on use of mobile phones at the hostel from 10 pm to 6 am was introduced last year.

The ban was lifted in this session, but was reinstituted following a demand from a section of parents — this time from 6 pm to 10 pm, the official said, adding that further action would be taken after they receive the court order.

Supriyo manhandled: BJP and TMC lock horns, 4 FIRs filed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

THE HECKLING and gherao of Union minister Babul Supriyo by a section of students at Jadavpur University triggered a fresh round of political sparring on Friday.

Describing the JU students as “nothing less than terrorists”, West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said there should be a Balakot-like surgical strike to “destroy anti-national hubs in JU campus”. The ruling TMC, meanwhile, directed its criticism at the Governor for rushing to the university, and expressed solidarity with the V-C and students of JU.

Sharing pictures of the incident on Twitter, Supriyo, the Union MoS for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said that those who were involved in his assault would be found out. “These cowards will not be allowed to malign & tarnish the image of #JadavpurUniversity. U shall be found out by us soon but don’t worry, you shall not be treated in the manner you treated me,” he tweeted. “We shall rehabilitate you mentally so that you & your Hooligan Friends (all footages available with the media) behave like you are supposed to behave as students till then.”

Tweeting a picture of a student pulling him by his hair, Supriyo added, “This is the guy who led the assault in #JadavpurUniversity. We will find him out and then see what @MamataOfficial does to him in terms of charging him for assault without ANY PROVOCATION whatsoever from our/my side.”

On Thursday, Supriyo, a BJP MP, was heckled and manhandled by some students at JU. The students gheraoed Supriyo for over five hours, stopping him from leaving the campus. When Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar rushed to JU in the evening, his vehicle was also blocked for about an hour, before a huge police con-



JU students at a protest rally in Kolkata. Protests were also carried out by the BJP, ABVP and the SFI in the city. Partha Paul

tingent escorted them out.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, Ghosh said he would write to Union Home Minister Amit Shah describing the incident. “Just like our security forces conducted surgical strike to destroy terror camps in Pakistan, our cadres would carry out the same type of surgical strike to destroy anti-national hubs in JU campus,” he said.

Vowing action against students for assaulting Supriyo, Ghosh said, “We know how to break their hands and soon we will do it.” Backing Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar’s move to visit the campus, Ghosh said, “The state government was sitting idle and waiting for Supriyo to get killed. It is unprecedented and only happens in Bengal. There is no law and order here.”

The TMC issued a statement saying, “We must punish the culprits who assaulted the students including the girl students of Jadavpur University and ransacked the campus. We express our total solidarity with the Vice

Chancellor, Professors and students of Jadavpur University.... One thing must be made very clear: universities are autonomous institutions and as per time-honoured tradition, police cannot enter university campus without permission of V-C.”

Meanwhile, police filed four FIRs in the matter. They said they lodged a suo motu case on Thursday night against 180-190 members and supporters of ABVP and BJP. “It is alleged that they being equipped with lathi, bamboo and iron rod formed an unlawful assembly in front of gate number 4 of JU,” a senior police officer told *The Indian Express*. Another case was filed on a complaint by Debraj Debnath, general secretary of Left-backed Arts Faculty Students Union of JU, against members and followers of ABVP and RSS.

The other complaints were filed by BJP member Agnimitra Paul, who claimed she was assaulted, and Nityananda Mistry, Convenor, ABVP of JU, alleging unlawful assembly in JU and assault

All kept in loop over visit, says Governor; TMC sticks to stand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday slammed TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee for claiming that he went to Jadavpur University without informing the government.

The TMC later issued another statement saying that it stood by its earlier statement.

A statement from the Raj Bhavan regarding Thursday’s incident said, “...His visit was rendered imperative as the Vice Chancellor and the pro-Vice Chancellor had left the University while the Union Minister, Shri Babul Supriyo, continued to be detained by the agitating students/persons there...”

“As a final step before going, the Governor/Chancellor took initiative in connecting with the Hon’ble Chief Minister, West Bengal... There were many telephonic interactions between the two...” the statement said.

“In discharge of his duty both as Chancellor of the University and Governor of the State, he felt it necessary to visit the University and all agencies required to be kept in the loop were informed,” it added.

The TMC had earlier said it was “shocking” that Dhankhar had visited the campus without informing the “elected government” to the “so-called rescue” of the BJP leader. On Friday, the TMC issued a statement saying it stood by its claims. “On behalf of AITC, what we said yesterday... we stand by it... Our expectation is that Governor must give justice to the V-C, Professors, students... Administration played a very peaceful role to resolve the problem amicably.”

‘Suit by Ramlalla, Ramjanmabhoomi was socio-political vehicle for Nyas’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUNNI Central Waqf Board on Friday sought to highlight the political nature of the Ayodhya Ram temple movement and said the suit filed by the deity Ramlalla and the birthplace Ramjanmabhoomi in 1989 was only a “socio-political vehicle” for the Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas, which was created in December 1985.

“Thus it is clear that Suit no. 5 was a socio-political vehicle for the Nyas, pointing to the future and trying to reiterate the past to serve the future,” Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Board and one of the main petitioners M Siddiq, told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court dividing the disputed 2.77 acres in Ayodhya into three equal parts.

Suit number 5 was instituted in 1989 by Bhagwan Sri Ramlalla Virajman at Sri Ramjanmabhoomi, Ayodhya, and Asthan Sri Rama Janma Bhoomi, Ayodhya, and they were represented Deoki Nandan Agarwal, a retired judge of Allahabad High Court as “next friend”. The prayer in the suit was for a decree or declaration to the effect that the entire premises of Ramjanmabhoomi belong to the plaintiff deities and for an injunction against others from placing any obstruction in the construction of the new temple after demolishing and removing existing buildings and structures.

Dhavan claimed that the



“purpose and direction” of the suit number 5 “is to say remove all those (existing structures), destroy to the extent required”.

He contended that the only movement that followed the creation of the Nyas was the ‘kar-seva’ for the temple and that it was an “entirely political movement”. The Viswa Hindu Parishad had collected consecrated stones for this from across the country during the movement, he said, adding “this can hardly be called consecration because it led to the illegal destruction” of the objects of worship at the site.

He also questioned making Ramjanmabhoomi a petitioner, saying “the real reason for using the Janmabhoomi as a vehicle was to create a juristic personality to canvas two regimes — the idol regime and bhoomi regime”. The consequences of bhoomi becoming a juristic person would be that no one else would be able to claim title, he said, and that only those consequences as applicable to the idol as a juristic person should apply in the case of the ‘bhoomi’ too.

He also took the bench through translations of inscriptions found on the Babri Masjid before it was demolished on December 6, 1992, and said they proved that the mosque was built by Mughal emperor Babur’s commander Mir Baqi.

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on September 23.

As judge, Rao ruled on domestic violence cases

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THREE MONTHS before he retired as judge of Madras High Court in April 2017, justice (retd) Nooty Rama Mohan Rao was a participant in a two-day conference discussing the role of courts in protecting women and children, organised by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. Rao sat through a poignant speech delivered by then Supreme Court judge and former Madras High Court Chief Justice Madan Lokur.

“There has been a change in the mindset of society with regard to women,” Justice Lokur remarked.

On Friday, Rao’s daughter-in-law Sindhu Sharma released an old video in which the former judge and his son, Nooty Vashistha, are seen assaulting her. In April this year, Sharma had alleged that her husband and his family had beaten her up over a demand for dowry. She released



Justice (retd) Nooty Rama Mohan Rao

a series of videos — CCTV footage — from her in-laws’ home.

Rao was appointed an additional judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in 2006 and was made a permanent judge in 2008. However, after a decade, he was abruptly transferred to the Madras High Court. The SC Collegium had assigned no reasons for Rao’s transfer, that came less than a year before his retirement. He retired in April 2017.

Ironically, both as a lawyer and a judge, Rao has been involved in cases related to domestic violence and has argued and decided cases in favour of women.

In 2005, as a lawyer, Rao appeared for an Indian-American woman who had filed a case of criminal intimidation and cruelty

against her former husband.

In 2015, in a domestic violence case before the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (before bifurcation), a single bench, comprising Rao, refused to quash proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act and said, “Effective measures are essentially required for protection of the rights of women guaranteed under the Constitution, who are getting victimised due to violence occurring within the family and hence, for putting in place preventive measures and with a view to protect the rights of women, enacted the Act. Therefore, the Act has been ushered in for achieving greater social objectives.”

“With a view to give protection to women, essentially from violence within family, the present special piece of legislation has been brought forth,” he added.

Rao had said desertion, an act “likely to impair the health or development of a particular person”, would mean emotional and physical abuse under the act.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

A DAY after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) carried out searches at the residence and offices of TMC MP K D Singh, the agency claimed to have recovered Rs 35 lakh and \$10,000 in cash, property papers and documents pertaining to circuitous financial transactions from his official residence in Delhi.

The ED had carried out searches at seven locations in New Delhi and Chandigarh, “including registered offices of 14 group companies of Alchemist Group, related to and controlled by Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP, Kanwar Deep Singh, the official residence of K D Singh at Tughlaq Lane, New Delhi, residence of K D Singh at Chandigarh and residences of two directors in different companies, in connection with a probe into money laundering initiated on the basis of FIRs of



K D Singh

Kolkata Police...”. A statement by the agency said, “During searches, a number of documents reflecting the circular nature of transactions, digital evidences and property documents are seized. At the official residence of K D Singh in Delhi, cash of Rs 32 lakh along with Foreign Exchange worth \$10,000 was found and seized.”

Singh is said to have been sidelined within the TMC. His residence and offices were searched on the same day that West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo

Mamata Banerjee met Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The ED had initiated its probe into the affairs of the Alchemist Group in 2018 on the basis of FIRs registered by the Kolkata Police against Singh, his son Karandeep Singh, M/S Alchemist Township India Limited, M/S Alchemist Holdings Limited and various other group companies and their directors for allegedly cheating thousands of customers and investors.

“Kanwar Deep Singh, through companies namely, M/S Alchemist Township India Limited and M/S Alchemist Holdings Limited had raised a huge amount of money from thousands of customers in the garb of investments by luring them of high returns and also against sale/booking of plots and flats etc. So far investigation has revealed that these funds raised from public were not used for the intended purpose and were diverted/siphoned off to various group companies,” ED said.

Family alleges assault by Assam police after ‘kidnap’ of minor girl

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 20

A FAMILY in Assam’s Barpeta district on Friday levelled allegations that police personnel had thrashed several members after raiding their house in connection with a case of alleged kidnapping of a minor girl two days earlier. They have claimed that the assault led to the miscarriage of one of the family members.

Rohiz Ali, a tractor driver at Barpeta Road town, told *The Indian Express* that on September 18, police personnel from the neighbouring district of Chirang raided his house and thrashed his relatives, including his pregnant wife.

Police said they raided the house after Ali’s younger brother Shahidul (21) reportedly kidnapped a 15-year-old girl - also a Muslim - in Chirang’s Amguri. Chirang SP Sudhakar Singh

told *The Indian Express*, “A 15-year-old girl was kidnapped and police had to search the house of the accused in Barpeta Road. The abduction happened on September 13 and was reported on September 15... The media is reporting a violent incident during the raid, but we do not know about it. We will look into it...”

However, Ali has denied the allegations, and claimed that Shahidul had eloped with the girl, who he said is an adult.

“My younger brother was having an affair with the girl and her family has put allegation that he had kidnapped her. But it’s untrue. In connection with this case police raided our house after midnight accompanied some relatives of that girl and without any interrogation, began thrashing us. My wife was two months pregnant and after they hit her she bled and we realised the baby was lost,” Ali said over the phone.

TOP OF THE WORLD



MARK ZUCKERBERG
CEO of Facebook

USA
Facebook's Zuckerberg meets Trump

Washington: Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg met US President Donald Trump on Thursday during a fence-mending visit to Washington where the chief executive faced aggressive questioning from lawmakers about the social network's failures to protect consumer privacy. Trump posted a photo with Zuckerberg on Twitter and called their session a "nice meeting". Facebook said the two "had a good, constructive meeting". Neither side disclosed specifics of their discussion.

HONG KONG
Pro-govt groups to tear down protest graffiti

Hong Kong: A pro-Beijing lawmaker has called for a Clean Hong Kong Day on Saturday, urging supporters to pull down "Lennon Walls" of anti-government graffiti across the Chinese-ruled city, a possible flashpoint in more than three months of unrest. The Lennon Walls are large mosaics of Post-it notes calling for democracy and denouncing perceived Chinese meddling in the former British colony that have cropped up in underpasses, under footbridges, outside shopping centres and elsewhere. Protesters have vowed to avoid confrontation but to rebuild the walls afterwards.

RUSSIA
Jailed actor freed after outcry over crackdown

Moscow: A Moscow court on Friday ordered the release of Pavel Ustinov, an actor whose conviction for injuring a police officer at an opposition protest, sparked a public outcry in Russia. Ustinov, 23, was convicted on Monday for dislocating a police officer's shoulder during his arrest at an Aug. 3 rally in Moscow, a charge he denied. Jailed for three and a half years, Ustinov said he had not taken part in the protest, one of several held to demand free elections in the Russian capital. The court ruled on Friday that Ustinov should be freed from custody until an appeal against his sentence, due next week, is heard.

CHINA
FedEx pilot held for 'weapons smuggling'

Beijing: Chinese authorities in the southern city of Guangzhou detained a US pilot for FedEx Corp last week on suspicion of smuggling weapons and ammunition after finding suspected air gun pellets in his luggage, the foreign ministry said on Friday. The man, identified by the *Wall Street Journal* as former US Air Force pilot Todd Hohn, arrived in Guangzhou having piloted a FedEx freighter aircraft into the city on September 11. Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said.

Saudis show attack site damage as Iran pledges tough defence

Top Aramco official says confident of going back to full oil production by end of this month

STEPHEN KALIN & RANIA EL GAMAL
KHURAI, SEPTEMBER 20

SAUDI ARABIA on Friday took media to inspect oil facilities hit by attacks that Washington and Riyadh blame on Iran, showing melted pipes and burnt equipment, as Tehran vowed wide retaliation if heightened tensions boil over into hostilities. The kingdom sees the Sept. 14 strikes on its Khurais and Abqaiq facilities — the worst attack on Gulf oil infrastructure since Iraq's Saddam Hussein torched Kuwaiti oilfields in 1991 — as a test of global will to preserve international order. Iran denies involvement in the attack, which initially halved oil output from Saudi Arabia, the world's largest petroleum exporter. Responsibility was claimed by Yemen's Houthi movement, an Iran-aligned group fighting a Saudi-led alliance in Yemen's four-year-old conflict. At Khurais, which the Saudi de-



At the damaged site of Saudi Aramco oil facility in Khurais, Saudi Arabia, Friday. Reuters

fence ministry says was hit by four missiles, Reuters reporters were shown repair work under way, with cranes erected around two burnt-out stabilisation columns, which form part of oil-gas separation units, and melted pipes. "We are confident we are going back to the full production we were at before the attack (on

Khurais) by the end of September," Fahad Abdulkarim, Aramco's general manager for the southern area oil operation, told reporters. Workmen wearing red high visibility jackets and white helmets moved through the site, a large compound the size of several football stadiums contain-

US announces sanctions on Iran's central bank

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 20

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday announced new sanctions on Iran's central bank, calling the measures the "highest" sanctions ever imposed on a foreign country by the United States. "We have just sanctioned the Iranian national bank," Trump told reporters in the

Oval Office, later clarifying that he was referring to the Iranian central bank. "These are the highest sanctions ever imposed on a country," he said.

Trump earlier this week announced what he said would be substantial new sanctions against Iran, in response to what US officials say was likely Iranian involvement in an attack on Saudi oil facilities.

ing interconnected structures of piping and towers. The attacks intensified a years-long struggle between Saudi Arabia and Iran, who are locked in a sometimes violent contest for influence in several flashpoints around the Middle East. Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir

said on Thursday the attacks were an "extension of the Iranian regime's hostile and outlawed behaviour". Iran has warned US President Donald Trump against being dragged into a war in the Middle East and said it would meet any offensive action with a crushing response. **REUTERS**

Germany unveils 100 billion Euro plan to fight climate change

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 20

CHANCELLOR ANGELA Merkel's government reached a deal Friday on a broad climate plan for Germany that commits at least 100 billion Euros by 2030 to environmental protection, as tens of thousands of protesters rallied demanding action.

After marathon overnight talks dragging more than 18 hours, the coalition sealed a deal which covers a slew of measures from tackling emissions in the energy and industrial sectors, to incentives for zero-emission electric vehicles or public transport.

Under the plan, flight prices will go up while train tickets will get cheaper. Some 86 billion Euros will be ploughed into railway infrastructure, and funding will be provided to test innovative ways to incite more people to use public transport such as 365-Euro annual tickets. "By 2030, a total of... a three-digit billion Euro figure will be made available for climate protection and the energy transition," according to the summary of the sweeping plan.

The government said the investment would not affect its plans to keep the budget balanced, but that it would help to "support the economy". After two blistering summers and thousands of youths joining school strikes week after week, climate has shot to the top of the political agenda in the EU's biggest economy.

Germany is set to miss climate targets for next year but has committed itself to meeting the 2030 goal of a 55 per cent cut in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TAKE TO STREETS AROUND THE WORLD AHEAD OF UN SUMMIT

Young protesters demand climate action



Protests, urging action against climate change, took place across the world on Friday, including in (clockwise from the top) Berlin, Stockholm, Nairobi and Paris. Reuters

REUTERS
SYDNEY, BRUSSELS, BERLIN, STOCKHOLM, SEPTEMBER 20

HUNDREDS OF thousands of students and workers left their schools, colleges and offices on Friday and marched along city streets around the globe to demand that world leaders take urgent action to avert an environmental catastrophe.

The global climate strike, inspired by 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, kicked off in the Pacific islands and followed the rising sun across Australia, Japan, Southeast Asia and then on to Europe, Africa, the

EXPLAINED 'Fridays for Future' inspires global stir

THE PROTESTS, which were mainly led by schoolchildren and their adult supporters, have drawn inspiration from the 'Fridays for Future' movement started by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg. In the past year, the 16-year-old has organised protests and met world leaders, urging adults to act against climate change that scientists say is already causing extreme weather events which will worsen in the future, making parts of the Earth uninhabitable.

Middle East and the Americas. It will culminate in New York when Thunberg will spearhead a rally at the United Nations headquarters, where heads of government are due to gather for a climate summit next week.

"This is about my future, not only my future, but the future of my entire generation and all the generations to come after ours," said Tristan Vancleef, 16, among around 15,000 demonstrators who marched through the center of Brussels. Banners at the Brussels march included "Cool kids save the hot planet", "I won't go to school until you make it cool" and "The warm earth destroys our cold beer." Protesters in about 150 countries are calling on governments to take immediate action to limit the harmful effects of manmade climate change.

VISITORS ARRIVE AT SMALL TOWN CALLED RACHEL IN RESPONSE TO VIRAL SOCIAL MEDIA INVITE TO 'STORM' US BASE

Scores of alien enthusiasts descend on Nevada desert near Area 51

LISA RICHWINE
RACHEL, SEPTEMBER 20

SCORES OF UFO enthusiasts converged on rural Nevada on Thursday for a pilgrimage of sorts to the US installation known as Area 51, long rumoured to house government secrets about alien life, as law enforcement officials beefed up security around the military base. Visitors descended early in the day on the tiny desert town of Rachel, a short distance from the military site, in response to a recent, viral social-media invitation to "storm" Area 51 on Friday, raising concerns by local authorities of unruly crowds overwhelming the community.

Situated about 240 km north of Las Vegas, the remote hamlet of just 50 year-round residents lacks a grocery store or even a gasoline station. Thursday's visitors established a small encampment outside Rachel's only business - the extraterrestrial-themed Little A'Le'Inn motel and restaurant - parking themselves in cars, tents and RVs. Some tourists hung inflatable aliens from their campers. One couple, Nicholas Bohen and Cayla McVey, both sporting UFO tattoos, traveled to Rachel from the Los Angeles suburb of Fullerton with enough food to last for a week of car-camping. "It's evolved into a peaceful gathering, a sharing of life stories," McVey told Reuters, sizing



Near the Little A'Le'Inn during an event inspired by the "Storm Area 51" Internet hoax in Rachel, Nevada, Thursday. AP

up the crowd. "I think you are going to get a group of people that are prepared, respectful and they know what they getting themselves into."

Music was scheduled to begin Thursday night and continue for two more days. It remained unclear if there would be a mass trek to the grounds of Area 51 on Friday.

The military site was shrouded in secrecy for decades, stoking conspiracy theories that it housed the remnants of a flying saucer and the bodies of its alien crew from the crash of an unidentified flying object in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. The US government did not confirm the base existed until 2013, when it released CIA archives saying the site was used to test top-secret spy planes. Rachel and its surroundings have nevertheless celebrated their place in UFO lore as a tourist draw. A 158-km road running through the area is dubbed the Extraterrestrial Highway, a purported hotbed of UFO sightings. In June, California college



The Pakistan Prime Minister had previously met the US President in Washington in July. Reuters file

Imran Khan likely to meet Trump Monday

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 20

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran Khan is likely to meet US President Donald Trump in New York on September 23 on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, according to a media report.

Pakistani daily *Dawn*, quoting diplomatic sources, said this could be the first of the two meetings Prime Minister Khan is expected to have with President Trump during the UNGA session.

The Khan-Trump meeting will take place a day after Trump, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addresses more than 50,000 Indian-Americans at the "Howdy Modi!" mega event in Houston.

Khan is expected to be in New York on Sunday evening, when Trump will be addressing the joint rally with Modi.

Both Khan and Modi are scheduled to address the UN General Assembly on September 27. Khan has vowed to raise the Kashmir issue at the UNGA session.

In Islamabad, the Foreign Office on Friday said Pakistan has taken several measures to keep a sustained focus on the situation in Kashmir.

Tension between India and Pakistan escalated after New Delhi revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status. Pakistan has downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and



PAKISTANI ACTIVIST, ACCUSED OF TREASON, ESCAPES TO U.S.

New York: Gulalai Ismail, a prominent Pakistani women's rights activist, who has been accused of treason for her alleged anti-state activities, escaped to the US where she has applied for political asylum, the *New York Times* reported. The 32-year-old activist left Pakistan last month and is currently residing with her sister in Brooklyn, the report said.

Ismail, who remained fugitive since late May this year, has not disclosed how she managed to leave the country. "I didn't fly out of any airport. I can't tell you any more. My exit story will put many lives at risk," the report quoted her as saying during an interview.

expelled the Indian High Commissioner. Without mentioning Kashmir, Trump on Wednesday said a "lot of progress has been made in reducing tension" between India and Pakistan.

Two killed, 7 injured in Washington shootings

REUTERS
SEPTEMBER 20

TWO SHOOTINGS in Washington, D.C. left two people dead and seven injured late on Thursday, reports by police and several media outlets said, as authorities on Friday hunted for a pair of suspects from one of the attacks likely armed with an assault rifle.

In the first attack, one man was killed and five people wounded, two of them critically, in a drive-by shooting. The victims had been standing in an apartment building courtyard in the Columbia Heights neighborhood when they were shot, Metropolitan Police commander Stuart Eberman said.

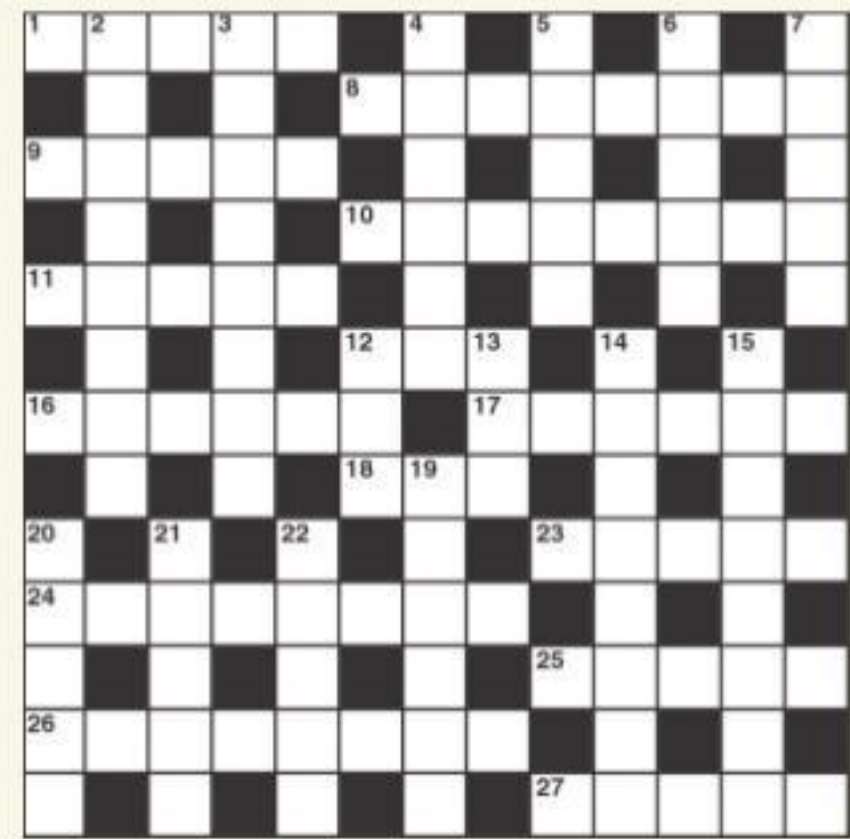
Two suspects were seen in a Nissan sedan and used an "AK style rifle," police said in statement. "Detectives are interviewing witnesses and looking for camera footage," Eberman said. About half an hour after the first incident, three people were shot in the northeastern part of



At the site of a shooting in a Washington D.C. AP

the city, leaving one dead, according to NBC's Washington affiliate. There was no initial indication the two shootings were linked, NBC reported, citing police. DC Police on Twitter confirmed the second shooting in the 1400 block of Rhode Island Avenue just south of the Brookland neighborhood but gave no other details. ABC affiliate WJLA-TV showed ambulances carrying victims from the scene of the first shooting. A spate of recent mass shootings in Texas, Ohio and other states have renewed debate over US gun laws and spurred calls for action.

CROSSWORD 3916



- ACROSS
- DOWN
- 1 Pot roast? (5)
- 2 Instrument with the stamp of fine stuff (8)
- 3 An entrance made of stone (5)
- 4 Wet weather at the start of December is tiresome (8)
- 11 It can turn into quite a lark (5)
- 12 Spot of bother some meet head-on (3)
- 16 Sid has to be back before she cooked meals (6)
- 17 Making port, Edward was very boisterous (6)
- 18 A bird that is quietly going ahead (3)
- 23 The spirit of my French translation (5)
- 24 Are they sung in deep voices? (3,5)
- 25 Clear the ground (5)
- 26 A pause in travel abroad (8)
- 27 Unusually staid entrances (5)
- 2 Instrument with the stamp of fine stuff (8)
- 3 Left in error? (3,5)
- 4 Holy area in outskirts of Samarkand (6)
- 5 Meat jelly made with a non-Eastern spice (5)
- 6 Is old, perhaps, but dependable (5)
- 7 A habit socially acceptable and wise (5)
- 12 Clapsed at the heart - by Cleopatra? (3)
- 13 Naturally it lacks refinement (3)
- 14 The mannequin went ahead and posed (8)
- 15 A songwriter seldom gets confused with it (8)
- 19 Dressed up and ready to go? (2,4)
- 20 Make a move to be out of bed (5)
- 21 Terminal heart trouble (5)
- 22 Provide regular meals for the management (5)

Solutions Crossword 3915: Across: 1 East Berlin, 6 Able, 10 Serve, 11 Addressee, 12 Anathema, 13 Leant, 15 Tellers, 19 Integer, 21 Lookout, 22 Elfin, 24 Annalist, 27 Orchestra, 28 Steel, 29 Earl, 30 Trade route. Down: 1 Easy, 2 Springlet, 3 Bleat, 4 Readers, 5 Indians, 7 Basra, 8 Electorate, 9 Well-to-do, 14 Strike home, 16 Engender, 18 Trouseau, 20 Reactor, 21 Lanyard, 23 Facer, 25 Laser, 26 Floc.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

DAIIR

KNSPUY

ASSTT

HEIGHT

Answer: Do thou restrain the haughty spirit in thy breast, for better far is gentle courtesy - Homer (7,6)

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UPDATE: (INDRADHANUSH)

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The Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai

The Teachers Association of Japanese, Mumbai and the Consulate-General of Japan in Mumbai, have organized 'Indradhanush', Japanese cultural festival by students and teachers of Japanese Language on 21st September, 2019 from 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Somaia School in VidyaVihar. 'Indradhanush' will showcase many Japanese arts and crafts. The festival includes workshops of Origami, Ikebana, Tea Ceremony, Kanji Painting, Calligraphy, Yukata Wearing, Sumi-e Painting, Furoshiki and Chopstick Painting. The festival will also include Japanese food and sales of Japanese items which will give participants a chance to get a taste of Japan and take back souvenirs of Japan.



UPDATE: (Konkan railway corporation ltd)

"Review Meeting of Konkan Railway by Hon'ble Minister of Railways"

Hon'ble Minister of Railways is focusing on enhancing the Railway services to achieve high quality passenger satisfaction. Konkan Railway in its continued efforts and dedicated approach to community has taken various initiatives by providing better facilities/amenities to the passengers. Infrastructure and quality passenger service is key for improved passenger satisfaction. Hon'ble Minister of Railways Shri Piyush Goyal is taking various initiatives to improve Railway services and amenities for the benefit of the railway passengers.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 1s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SUDOKU 3976

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3975

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

UPDATE: (UNION BANK OF INDIA)

Union Bank of India signs MOU with CIBIL for Co-origination



Mumbai – September 18, 2019: Union Bank of India today announced Signing of MOU with M/s Capital India Finance Ltd. (CIBIL), a professionally managed NBFC under Co-origination Model for Lending to Priority Sector as per RBI defined model. This arrangement will entail joint contribution of Credit at the facility level, by both the Lending Partners viz. Union Bank of India and CIBIL. It is envisaged that the benefit of low cost funds from Banks and lower cost of operations of NBFC would be passed on to the Borrower through adoption of the blended products to suit the requirements of Borrowers. This arrangement will also entail increase in the Credit off-take in respective market and offer timely delivery of Credit at significantly lower cost. The Co-origination Model would be a great enabler for assisting the Priority Sector and will incentivize the Banks and NBFC to join hands for lending through this method. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Rajkiran Rai G, MD&CEO, Union Bank of India said "Co-origination is win-win for Bank, NBFC and Borrowers as it gives impetus to work on synergy of low cost of fund of Bank and wider reach of NBFC. It's an excellent initiative of Government of India and RBI and with the use of technology, Union Bank of India will be able to provide adequate and timely delivery of Credit through Co origination model." Shri Keshav Porwal, MD, CIBIL added that this partnership with Union Bank of India will be a enormous platform to provide support to SMEs and MSMEs in line with policy of the Government of India.

UPDATE: (Union Bank of India)

PARTNERS WITH BankBazaar.com For Digital Sourcing of Housing Loan Business

Mumbai – August 27, 2019: Union Bank of India, a leading Public Sector Bank, today entered into partnership agreement with BankBazaar.com for digital sourcing of Housing Loan Business. The partnership is in line with the growing trend of financial services moving to the Digital space. With its presence on, BankBazaar, a leading Fintech player, Union Bank of India increases its reach beyond the traditional brick and mortar physical channels. Union Bank intends to offer the same level of services that have been associated with their brand for the last 100 years thorough this Digital Channel.

UPDATE: (Gas Leakage in Mumbai)

Rashtriya Chemicals And Fertilizers Limited

Gas Leakage in Mumbai A strong rumour has been doing rounds about gas leak in Powai, Chembur, Chakala, and Goregaon up to Mira Road. Some people have alleged that the gas leak happened in the Trombay unit of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF). However, there is no incidence of gas leakage in any of the RCF Plants. Even Mumbai Police, Fire Brigade and NDRF teams visited RCF Trombay Unit and found no gas leakage and declared everything is normal. All RCF plants are running normal as per standard operating procedures. RCF is an ISO 14001 certified company with state of the art Environment Management System. RCF takes all efforts to maintain environment clean and green and has received appreciation from various renowned bodies.



UPDATE: (WESTERN RAILWAY)

Freight Customers Meeting Held At Wr Headquarter Office

A meeting of all the esteemed freight customers of Western Railway was held on 13th September 2019 at the Headquarter office, Churchgate with 34 freight customers. The meeting started with the welcome address by Shri Mukul Jain-Chief Commercial Manager(FM) of WRBringing to light the recent policy directives like; withdrawal of 15% Busy season surcharge (except Iron ore & POL), Supplementary charges of 5% on Two point and Mini rakes has been waived, Round trip charging of Container traffic has been introduced for distance upto 50 km



UPDATE: (GADKARI ASSURES FULL HELP TO MSMEs)

Six districts in Vidharbha to be made diesel free

Speaking at an MSME 'Roadmap for Growth' event organised by the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Nitin Gadkari declared that 6 districts of Vidharbha will be made diesel free within next two years. He said adoption of bio CNG, which is made out of waste water of the municipal corporation of Nagpur and being currently sold to the power plants nearby, will be used to drive municipal corporation buses and other vehicles. He said bio fuel made out of rice straw, bagasse, sugar ethanol and the use of methane based fuel will help control vehicular pollution .



UPDATE: (STANDARD CHARTERED BANK)

"DigiSmart" Credit card

September 03, 2019 – Mumbai (India): Standard Chartered Bank today announced the launch of its "DigiSmart" credit card focused primarily on the ever-growing segment of millennials. This credit card will offer instant discounts* and benefits across key e-commerce categories of travel, entertainment, fashion, groceries and food delivery round the year. This credit card is available for a nominal monthly fee of Rs 49. However, this fee will be waived off if the spends of the customer are Rs 5,000 or more in the previous month.

UPDATE (Ags Transact Technologies)

Hassle-Free Commuting Experience

Bangalore/Mumbai, 20th September, 2019: One of India's leading providers of end-to-end cash & digital payment solutions and automation technology, AGS Transact Technologies Limited (AGSTTL), today announced that it will manage end-to-end automatic fare collection (AFC) for Bangalore Metro. The AFC system will be implemented across 61 new stations in the phase II over the period of three years. The company will manage supply, installation as well as maintenance at these metro stations. The contract is won by the consortium of AGSTTL along with MSI Global, wholly owned subsidiary of the Land Transport Authority (LTA) of Singapore as the technology partner. Currently, there are 40 live stations of Bangalore metro with approx. 4 lakh transactions per day. In the current phase, token and paper tickets are being issued. Subsequently, QR code based tickets will be introduced for smartphone users and plans are also to introduce national common mobility card (one nation one card) in the phase II.

REDUCTION IN CORPORATE TAX & OTHER MEASURES

Many big firms, IT companies may not benefit much from corporate tax cut

SANDEEP SINGH & GEORGE MATHEW
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

WHILE COMPANIES in the banking and financial sector, along with others that claim little or no exemption, are set to witness significant gains on account of reduction in the corporate tax rate from around 35 per cent now (including surcharge and cess) to 25.17 per cent, for a large number of companies including Reliance Industries, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Mahindra & Mahindra among others it may only turn out to be an academic exercise as they either paid less than 25.17 per cent tax in FY19 or marginally higher tax than that.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday announced a new corporate tax rate of 22 per cent without exemptions and said the effective tax rate including surcharge and cess would now stand at 25.17 per cent.

As per Kotak Securities data, while the tax paid by Bajaj Finance for the year ended March 2019 stood at 35.7 per cent of the profit before tax, that for HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank stood at 34.5 per cent and 34.1 per cent. Tax rate for IndusInd Bank and Axis Bank stood at 33.7 per cent and 32.9 per cent respectively.

On the other hand, Reliance Industries and TCS, the two largest entities in India by profitability



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at a press conference ahead of the 37th GST Council meeting, with MoS Finance Anurag Thakur and Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey, in Panaji on Friday. *PTI*

and market capitalisation, paid 25.76 per cent and 26.13 per cent, respectively, as taxes on their PBT for FY19. While Infosys paid 26.22 per cent as tax, Wipro and HCL Technologies paid around 23 per cent and 17.6 per cent, respectively, as tax for FY19.

Many automobile firms like Eicher Motors, Bajaj Auto, Hero MotoCorp that pay taxes between 32 and 34 per cent will benefit from the move as it will leave more money at their disposal. Maruti Suzuki, which paid 28.33 per cent as taxes in FY19, will also benefit from the move as the net tax payout will now stand at 25.17 per cent for FY20.

Assuming all 487 firms in the NSE 500 list move over to the new

effective tax rate, it will have a 7 per cent positive impact of their annual standalone EPS (earning per share). “Assuming these tax benefits come into play for the full year ended March 2020, the earnings growth estimate for the Nifty 50 universe would be 12 per cent year-on-year as against earlier expectation of around 5 per cent,” said Amar Ambani, senior president, Yes Securities.

For the financial sector, it is tantamount to a large recapitalisation, strengthening growth capacity and loss-absorbing buffer, bankers said.

For most banks and non-NBFCs, the direct benefit of the massive tax cut would be 15 per cent on earnings, 2.5-5 per cent on

book value and 30-80 basis points on capital position.

“Since it’s a big step towards rekindling the corporate capex cycle and revitalising sagging consumption, it would also be credit positive for banks and NBFCs; undermining prospects of a deep and elongated NPA cycle. In general, risk aversion in the economy could reduce as the multiplier and sentimental impact of the corporate tax cuts play out,” said Rajiv Mehta, lead analyst-institutional Equities, Yes Securities.

In its note, Kotak Securities said that while effective tax rate of Nifty companies on an aggregate basis was 26 per cent and will now come down to 25.17 per cent, there are only 20 Nifty companies which paid more than 30 per cent effective tax rate and accounted for 43 per cent of overall net profit in FY19. “Any company paying 33 per cent tax rate will see its earning go up by 12 per cent. Overall, we can see Nifty earnings going up by 5-6 per cent in FY20 as the effective tax rate was already lower at 26 per cent. Add the sentiment booster angle and the way this will be taken positively by FIIs and local investors, we can expect the Nifty to rally by 9-10 per cent from today’s low of 10,700,” said the Kotak Report.

While foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have pulled out Rs 34,800 crore from Indian equities since July, experts say that with earnings set to rise for companies, FPIs may make a comeback.

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Corporate bottomline may rise, but impact could vary

THE BIG reduction in corporate taxes across the spectrum for all companies is perhaps the boldest reform in the last 28 years. This is expected to boost corporate bottomline, facilitate a reduction in product prices and push up demand in the economy. However, the benefits of the Centre’s decision are not uniform across the corporate sector as firms pay taxes based on various parameters.

Overall, with new effective rate of 25.17 per cent corporate tax, firms could save as much as Rs 40,000-50,000 crore, which is a substantial boon for the corporates waiting for business revival in a stressed environment.

Lower taxes likely to revive investment, but govt may find managing fiscal deficit tougher

SUNNY VERMA & ANANCHAL MAGAZINE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE RS 1.45 lakh crore worth of yearly stimulus in the form of tax cuts could make the government’s task of managing fiscal deficit reduction target more challenging. While the Centre is hoping that the investment and economic revival resulting from competitive tax rates could yield higher revenues in the medium term, the government will face fiscal pressures in the near term despite a record dividend transfer from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), analysts said.

When asked about the impact of the measures on the fiscal deficit, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government is conscious of the impact and expects the economic buoyancy resulting from these changes to generate significant resources

“The idea is economic buoyancy will itself generate enough (resources) for better income/revenue generation. The moment tax rates are brought down, you are also expected to widen the basket. That is another reason why we will definitely be having a positive impact on revenue collections ... The new tax rates are going to draw new investments and make companies, who want to expand existing businesses, invest more,” she told reporters in Goa on Friday.

One way the government could manage to keep fiscal deficit at target level of 3.3 per cent of GDP by March 2020 is through ag-

Finance Minister said the Centre and expects economic buoyancy resulting from the tax cuts to generate significant resources

gressive asset sales. The government is already planning to sell stakes in some companies to below 51 per cent. Sale of significant stake in companies in energy sector such as BPCL, ONGC, Coal India could generate resources enough to cover this year’s shortfall in tax revenues, a senior official.

“We are conscious of the impact of the tax rate cuts on the fiscal deficit. We are quite seized of all these details. We will be taking all of that on board to reconcile as to how the situation is now and how we want to take it forward. We are not oblivious of these developments,” the FM said.

Bond markets reflected concerns that lower tax collections could push the deficit higher, forcing the Centre to borrow from the markets. Yield on the benchmark 10-year government bond ended higher by as much as 15 basis points to 6.79 per cent on Friday.

The fact that this will put a strain on the fiscal deficit will not be taken kindly by foreign portfolio investors (FPI), said the head of a financial services firm. Friday’s investment data shows that while domestic institutional investors pumped in net of over Rs 3,000 crore in securities, FPIs’ net buying was only Rs 35 crore.

HDFC Bank chief economist Abheek Barua said the tax cut could attract greater foreign investments, revive capex cycle and boost GDP growth by about 20-50 basis points. However, in the absence of any significant expenditure cuts, the fiscal deficit is estimated to rise to 4.1 per cent of GDP in 2019-20, he added.

Lower corporate tax collections, revenue shortfall on account of lower GST collections and additional outlay for recent measures announced for the real estate and export sectors could also put pressure on fiscal deficit.

“There is a possibility that with higher disinvestments, revenue expenditure roll-overs and some expenditure cuts the government could buy some fiscal space. For instance, the government has on average rolled over 30 per cent of its food subsidy bill to FCI over the last three fiscals. A similar roll-over this year could add close to 0.3 per cent of GDP in fiscal space. So, in the event of an expenditure compression or higher disinvestment proceeds, the fiscal deficit could come in between 3.7 per cent-3.9 per cent of GDP for 2019-20,” Barua said.

Another cushion for the Centre is the additional Rs 58,000 crore it has received as compared to Rs 90,000 crore accounted for as surplus transfer from the RBI in the Budget 2019-20, for spending in the current fiscal. Since the RBI had already paid Rs 28,000 crore as interim dividend to the government last year, the Centre is left with Rs 1.48 lakh crore out of Rs 1.76 lakh crore for FY20.

Exemptions cost govt over ₹1 L cr revenue in FY19

NOTWITHSTANDING THE move to reduce corporate tax rate, majority of companies have seen effective tax incidence below the prescribed rate due to the several deductions and incentives

THE GOVERNMENT’S revenue forgone on account of incentives and tax exemptions to corporates grew to Rs 1,08,785 crore during 2018-19, 16 per cent higher than a year ago

THERE ARE 28 heads under which various corporates can claim tax deductions — the highest deduction being claimed under Section 32 of the Income Tax Act, or accelerated depreciation

IN FISCAL 2018-19, Rs 67,758.18 crore of revenue impact was projected on account of deductions under this head



DUE TO various deductions, in financial year 2017-18, the effective tax rates were lower than the standard 30 per cent and according to data put out by the government in the Union Budget for 2019-20, almost 80 per cent of companies in India saw effective tax incidence of 30 per cent and below

PROFILE OF COMPANIES ACROSS RANGE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATES 2017-18

Effective Tax Rate (%)	Number of Companies	Share in total profits (%)	Share in total Income (%)	Share in total tax liability (%)
Less than zero & zero	380,006	3.18	1.57	1.43
0-20	86,936	14.41	6.5	7.77
20-25	41,118	27.16	16.84	21.76
25-30	158,190	16.26	18.49	16.38
30-33	52,822	33.39	44.62	41.75
>33	34,401	5.61	11.98	10.91
Indeterminate	88,214	0	0	0
Total	841,687	100	100	100

Source: Ministry of Finance, Note: Effective tax rate inclusive of surcharge and education cess

“Cut in corporate tax from 30 per cent to 22 per cent without exemptions has been a long standing demand of industry and is an unprecedented and bold move by the government”

VIKRAM KIRLOSKAR
CIL PRESIDENT

“The slew of measures announced ... have come as a much needed gust of fresh air to resurrect and pump prime the economy”

SUNIL BHARTI MITTAL
CHAIRMAN, BHARTI ENTERPRISES

“Lowering of income tax on corporates is a long-standing FICCI request ... will give boost to the animal spirits”

SANDIP SOMANY
FICCI PRESIDENT

“The reduction of corporate tax to 15 per cent for new companies making fresh investments from October 1, 2019 will support investment and also FDI in the auto sector”

RAJAN WADHERA
PRESIDENT, SIAM

“Such a rate cut will boost corporate bottomline, facilitate a reduction in product prices”

RAJNISH KUMAR
CHAIRMAN, STATE BANK OF INDIA

“Heartiest congratulations to @narendramodi & @nsitharaman for the bold measures announced”

RAJIV KUMAR
VICE-CHAIRMAN, NITI AAYOG

Sensex posts biggest single day jump in over a decade with 1,921-point surge

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

STOCK MARKET bulls on Friday roared back into action with the Sensex posting its biggest single-day jump in over 10 years at 1,921 points, after the government announced a surprise cut in corporate tax rates to revive the sagging economy.

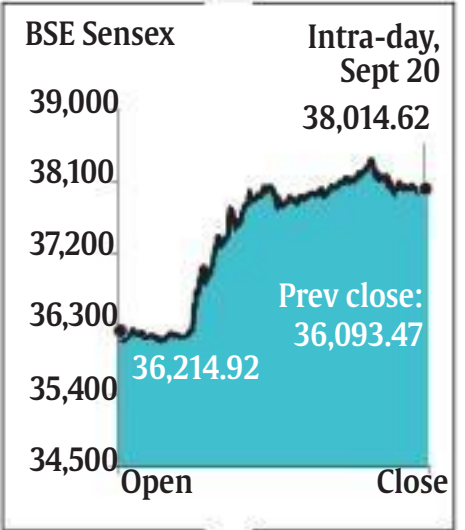
Soon after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman slashed the base corporate tax for existing companies to 22 per cent from 30 per cent and for new manufacturing firms — incorporated after October 1, 2019 — to 15 per cent from 25 per cent, investors, who were increasingly getting worried over the slowdown in the economy, cheered the announcements and came back with a bang with big purchase orders and covered their short positions. The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 2,284.55 points to a peak of 38,378.02 intra-day, before closing 1,921.15 points, or 5.32 per cent, higher at 38,014.62. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty Index vaulted 569.40 points or 5.32 per cent to end at 11,274.20.

Friday’s big rally in the Sensex came after the index lost around 3,800 points from 39,908 after the presentation of the Union Budget on July 5, amid worries over the deepening slowdown in the economy. With Friday’s gain, the Sensex has regained half of the losses suffered after the Budget. The Sensex had fallen around 1,300 points this week alone till Thursday, with the drone attacks on Saudi Arabian oil installations pulling down Sensex by over 900 points on Monday and Tuesday.

Hero MotoCorp, Maruti, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI, M&M, HDFC Bank, HUL and L&T rose up to 12.52 per cent. However, PowerGrid, Infosys, TCS, NTPC and Tech Mahindra lost up to 2.39 per cent.

Investor wealth zoomed by a whopping Rs 6.82 lakh crore in a single day to Rs 1.45 lakh crore, even as sectoral indices like auto, bankex, capital goods, consumer durables, finance, energy, oil and gas, metal and telecom indices rallied by up to 9.85 per cent. Only IT and tech closed in the red, losing up to 1.09 per cent.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed the benchmarks, rising up to 6.28 per cent. With investors rushing back



to cover short positions and making fresh purchases, cash market equity turnover nearly tripled to nearly Rs 90,000 crore, while derivatives turnover also rose to about Rs 2.4 lakh crore.

Dhiraj Relli, MD-CEO, HDFC Securities, said, “The stock markets registered the highest one-day gain in a decade. The government has chosen to give reliefs via corporate taxes. For listed corporates, the reliefs will mean 10 per cent increase in EPS for most high tax paying corporates leading to similar rise in indices.”

He added, “The shortfall in tax revenues will take time to be offset by the higher tax revenues gained on higher consumption/investment by capex. In the meantime, the fiscal situation could see some stress which the credit rating agencies may monitor closely.

This could have an impact on interest rates unless the compensating liquidity from FPIs and FDI is large enough. Withdrawing tax on buyback of shares by companies announced before July 5, 2019 restores confidence in fair dealing by the government. Exempting enhanced surcharge on capital gains derived from transactions subject to STT will also be welcomed by the domestic and foreign investors.”

According to Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services, the new corporate tax reforms by the Centre is music to investors’ ears and will help to revive economic outlook in the coming quarters.

“FPIs now have a good reason to come back to India and this progressive step will stimulate consumption and ignite capex cycle. Additionally, companies will get more elbow room to pass on benefits to customers, which in turn will improve earnings visibility,” he added.

Will augur extremely well for economy: Das on corporate tax cut

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das Friday said the reduction in corporate tax is a bold measure, which will be highly positive for the economy. “These are definitely bold and welcome measures. It will augur extremely well and will be highly positive for our economy,” Das said at an event organised by *India Today*.

He said one of the major drawbacks that “we had was high corporate tax rates and today’s drastic cut in the same will take the country closer to rates that prevail in emerging economies such as Thailand, and the Philippines”.

Das was hopeful that the second-quarter GDP numbers will be better than the previous one, as the government has started spending again. Attributing the 5 per cent GDP growth in Q1 to very low government spending, he said with the Centre opening its coffers again, growth should pick up going forward. He said future rate cuts will depend on the incoming data, but warned that India cannot have lower interest rates like in advanced economies. “How much more we can go down (with the rate cuts)? We



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cannot go down to the levels of advanced economies. But how much we can go down will depend on the incoming data and other developments,” Das added.

He said that most advanced economies are having near zero inflation and therefore their rates are also low. “But our inflation target is 4 per cent, and therefore, that should be the guiding force.”

Das said as the full-service central bank, the RBI doesn’t have a specific view on what should be the real interest rates. The governor also said RBI started noticing signs of slowdown in the economy from February and blamed the lowest growth rate in six years in the June quarter at 5 per cent to the lower government spending.

Bond market frets amid concerns over higher borrowing, yields soar

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

AFTER THE government announced a surprise cut in corporate tax rates to revive the sagging economy, the bond market on Friday went into a tizzy with the prices falling and yields rising sharply, amid concerns over the possibility of higher borrowings and the government’s ability to balance its books and meet fiscal targets.

The yield on benchmark 10-year bond rose by 15 basis points (bps) to 6.79 per cent. Corporate bonds across the curve saw similar moves, with analysts now expecting only a smaller rate cut by the Reserve Bank in the October policy.

With the debt market expecting higher borrowing by the government this fiscal, the 10-year bond yield rose by 20 bps intra-day.

“We expect the 10-year yield to trade in the range of 6.7-6.9 per cent in the near term. Higher borrowing pressures and risks related to a spike in oil prices are likely to somewhat offset the impact of a rate cut by the RBI in October. Moreover, we now expect a smaller cut by the central bank given that a fiscal stimulus

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“The liquidity squeeze further exasperated this situation. Today’s announcement by the government is clearly counter-cyclical in nature and we believe this is a long term positive for the Indian economy,” said R Sivakumar, head of fixed income, Axis Mutual Fund.

He said the bond market sell-

off today is a knee-jerk reaction to the implications of revenue loss arising out of tax reductions. Market participants will now look to the upcoming monetary policy on how the government and the RBI manage the national balance-sheet.

“On the rates front, the jump in yields on the benchmark 10-year bond to an intra-day high of 6.876 is still materially lower than the 8 per cent levels we saw in September 2018. Actively managed short-term AAA strategies currently offer attractive investment opportunities as spreads continue to remain elevated. One-to-three year corporate bonds continue to trade at 200 plus basis points above operative rates,” Sivakumar said.

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While higher equity and foreign direct investment (FDI) flows driven by Friday’s announcement are likely to be positive for the rupee, concerns over the fiscal situation and risks related to oil could put a floor to the USD/rupee pair, said an analyst.

MAY RESULT IN LOWER YIELDS FOR THE AIRLINE

DGCA imposes load penalty on IndiGo’s Delhi-Istanbul route

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

PRE-WINTER WINDS from the west this year have come as a curse for India’s biggest airline IndiGo, with the aviation safety regulator asking the airline to fly to destinations for which it needs to fly into the Westerlies with a load penalty. This would primarily affect the airline’s flights from Delhi to Istanbul — a route on which the airline did not carry luggage of passengers in its last few flights owing to the headwinds. A senior official at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said that the airline has been asked to limit its passenger capacity to 157 people on

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the 186-seater A320neo planes and to 173 people on the 222-seater A321neo aircraft. “The load penalty has been imposed for the next 2-3 months till the situation improves to ensure passenger safety and convenience,” the official said. Westerlies, or winds from the

west, are generally encountered by aircraft in the months ahead of winters. While for those aircraft that are flying towards the east, the winds, also known as jet-streams, provide a tail push that allows planes to gain speed without burning more fuel, these winds are a problem for pilots flying into them as the aircraft encounter significant drag. This leads to additional fuel burn and increased flight durations. For IndiGo, which operates two daily flights to the Turkish capital from Delhi, the load penalty could result in lower yields — particularly for the A321neo that typically burns more fuel than its smaller sibling and therefore demands a higher revenue per available seat kilometre to generate sustainable yields.

In an episode that tested the limits of the largest aircraft in the airline’s fleet, checked-in baggage of several passengers on “few” of IndiGo’s Delhi-Istanbul flights last week was left behind on account of “exceptionally heavy headwinds” on the route. When aircraft fly into headwinds, they consume more fuel. To operate a non-stop flight on a route with heavy headwinds, an aircraft needs to carry higher amount of fuel, especially for those with a distance that is on the higher end of the aircraft’s flying range. In a statement released on Monday, the airline had said it upgraded its aircraft and adjusted the payload as long as the prevailing wind conditions remained.

Zomato extends Gold programme on dining out to deliveries now

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

EVEN AS food-tech firm Zomato continues to face backlash from restaurant owners over its Gold programme on dining out, the Gurgaon-based firm has extended the programme to deliveries too, according to a mail sent by Zomato to its Gold members on Friday. As per the mail, Gold on deliveries will be applicable from Saturday and will be valid for use only once per day. Under the programme for dining out, customers would get 1+1 on drinks or food items. For Gold on deliveries, the second highest priced item will be free as long as the pre-discount bill is at least Rs 300 and the total discount doesn’t exceed Rs 300. “Launch of Zomato Gold on delivery is a desperate attempt

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by Zomato to shore up the sinking fortunes of their flagship Zomato Gold programme. It is also another instance of Zomato changing the goalpost; Gold was originally launched as a tool to promote the culture of “Dining out” but now it is being extended on delivery too,” the National Restaurants Association of India said in a statement. “NRAI continues to remain firm in its belief that Zomato Gold in its current form is an unacceptable proposition to us. We had expressed the same unequivocally to the Zomato team

in our recent talks with them. However, in utter disregard to the sentiments of the restaurant fraternity, they have chosen to extend the programme further to the delivery vertical as well. This is almost suicidal for the vertical and we appeal to all restaurants and cloud kitchens to stay away from Zomato Gold on delivery,” the statement added. Zomato has also announced changes to Gold rules on dining out by limiting Gold use by a single user to one per day and allowing a maximum of two Gold unlocks per table.

Kamath to head ABC

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THE AUDIT Bureau of Circulation (ABC) has said that Madhukar Kamath, chairman emeritus of DDB Mudra Pvt Ltd, was elected chairman of ABC for 2019-20. The decision was made at ABC’s 71st Annual General Meeting. Also at the meeting, Devendra V Darda of Lokmat Media Pvt Ltd was elected Deputy Chairman, while Riyad Mathew of Malayala Manorama Co Ltd was elected honorary secretary and Vikram Sakuja of Madison Communications honorary treasurer. As per an ABC statement, Kamath has more than four decades of experi-



Madhukar Kamath

ence in advertising and marketing services and has spent over 25 years in erstwhile Mudra, now the DDB Mudra Group. Kamath formerly served as president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India, chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India and chairman of Mudra Foundation.

Civil body urges PM to reject FTA with US

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

A CIVIL society group has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his visit to the US this weekend, urging him to reject any proposals for a potential free trade deal with the country, stating that it would hurt India’s generic pharmaceuticals industry and access to affordable health care. It has also requested him to ignore any proposals to amend the Indian Patents Act and defend against any potential requests to remove price caps on medicines and medical devices. “We have learnt that there is a proposal to conclude a trade deal as well as eventual initiation of ne-

gotiations on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US, raising serious concerns on issues regarding access to medicines and medical devices,” the Third World Network stated in its letter to the Prime Minister Friday, adding that it was also aware that the US has requested specific amendments to the patent regulations here. “This is a matter of grave concern. Millions of people in India, state governments and the Ministry of Health rely on domestically produced affordable generic medicines, devices and vaccines to prevent and treat communicable and non-communicable diseases,” it stated. A decision to start FTA negotiations with the US would “inevitably lead to proposals on intellectual property that will go

beyond India’s obligations under the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS),” stated the organisation. It would also “dilute the legal flexibilities” available to safeguard the “vital competition” that Indian manufacturers provide to bring down prices of essential pharmaceutical products, it added. “The US demands on price control and intellectual property threaten India’s public health friendly patent laws and compromise the Government’s ability to fulfill its obligations on right to health which is part of Article 21 of our Constitution,” it stated. 36 activists, including the All India Drug Action Network and The Delhi Network of Positive People (DNP+), have endorsed this letter.

Make sure tax reduction brings in investment: Prasad to his ministries

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

FOLLOWING THE announcement on corporate tax reductions, Minister of Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad held a meeting with senior officials of the two ministries, asking them to follow-up on the Finance Ministry’s decision to ensure that the move translates into investments in the electronics and communications sector.

Minister of Communications and Electronics & IT Ravi Shankar Prasad said he has reached out to many leaders of the concerned sectors to boost investment

have instructed my department officials to follow up on this action and I have myself reached out to many of leaders of this sector,” Prasad told reporters. The minister had met senior leaders of the electronics manufacturing industry on Monday and asked them to look beyond manufacturing of mobile phones and consumer electronics to focus on strategic, defence, and medical electronics. He said on Friday that the Finance Ministry’s decision is a huge boost to the government’s ambitious Make in India campaign and is expected to result into increased investment in the manufacturing sector.

In-principle decision to link Aadhaar with GST registration

Panaji: The GST Council on Friday took an in principle decision to link Aadhaar with registration of taxpayers under GST and also examine the possibility of making the 12-digit unique identification number mandatory for claiming refunds. The council also decided to withdraw a circular issued in June, which prescribed that the additional discount given by a company to a dealer in certain cases

will be liable for Goods and Services Tax (GST). As per an official release, the council also took an in principle decision to prescribe reasonable restrictions on passing of credit by risky taxpayers in order to tackle the menace of fake invoices and fraudulent refunds. The panel also recommended suitable amendments in CGST Act, UTGST Act, and the corresponding SGST Acts in view of creation of

TO EXAMINE IF IT CAN BE MADE MANDATORY FOR REFUNDS

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UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Meanwhile, during the

meeting, 15th Finance Commission Chairman NK Singh

suggested that the council should deliberate on having either one, or at maximum two slabs under the GST regime. He also pitched for hiking tax rate to meet the necessary revenue requirements. The Finance Commission also suggested building necessary consensus among the states to bring petroleum products, alcohol and electricity under the GST as soon as possible. *PTI*

RBI hikes loan cap to ₹40 cr for small exporters

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

AIMING TO boost credit supply to small exporters, the Reserve Bank on Friday enhanced the loan sanctions limit qualifying as priority sector lending by banks to Rs 40 crore per borrower. The limit was capped at Rs 25 crore per borrower earlier, according to a notification. Priority sector lending is a

It can be noted that the RBI and the government have been taking a slew of measures to spur economic growth, which has dipped to a six-year low. The RBI has also decided to remove the existing criteria of ‘units having turnover of up to Rs 100 crore’ as part of the changes. The changes have been done “to boost credit to the export sector”, the central bank said in the notification.

mandatory requirement under which lenders are required to devote a portion of their advances to empower focused groups of the economy. All sectors put together, this adds up to 42 percent of the total lending for each bank. Meanwhile, the RBI prescribed a turnaround time (TAT) for banks to settle failed transactions for customers and also notified compensations payable for various types of customer

complaints. The financial compensation should be done suo motu by the bank, without waiting for a complaint or a claim by a customer, the RBI said. The central bank had first announced a move to harmonise TAT this April for resolving customer complaints and compensation after observing that time taken for resolving customer complaint varies across payment systems.

BRIEFLY

Anil Kumar Jain appointed new Coal Secretary

New Delhi: Senior IAS officer Anil Kumar Jain has been appointed the new Coal Secretary, according to a government order. Jain is a 1986-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre. Jain succeeds Sumanta Chaudhuri, a 1985-batch IAS officer of West Bengal cadre. *PTI*

Cox & Kings defaults on CPs worth ₹30 cr

New Delhi: Tours and travel company Cox & Kings on Friday said it has defaulted on its payment obligation on commercial papers worth Rs 30 crore. The company has defaulted on payment towards maturity of unsecured commercial paper worth Rs 30 crore, Cox & Kings said in a BSE filing. *PTI*

Govt to set up mechanism to monitor airfare

New Delhi: Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said that he has ordered setting up a mechanism to regularly monitor airfares in the country. He, however, said the government currently does not have any intention to regularise the fares. Puri said the Centre is concerned about higher taxes on aviation turbine fuel. *PTI*

737 MAX's return still a few steps away: FAA

Washington: Boeing Co still has a series of steps to complete before the 737 MAX can return to service, including submitting a pre-production version of a software update, Federal Aviation Administration chief Steve Dickson said. He met Boeing executives on Thursday and tested revised software in a simulator. *REUTERS*

NY Fed to pump \$75 billion into money markets

New York: The New York Federal Reserve Bank said on Friday it will inject billions into the US financial plumbing daily for the next three weeks in an effort to prevent a spike in short-term interest rates. The Fed will offer up to \$75 billion daily in repurchase agreements. *AFP*

US lifts tariffs on 400 Chinese products

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 20

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said his administration was “making a lot of progress” with China on Friday, as deputy-level trade talks continued for a second day and Washington lifted tariffs on over 400 Chinese products.

Privatisation is not the panacea for all our problems: Goyal

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

UNION MINISTER Piyush Goyal on Friday batted for continued government ownership in banks and other key industrial areas saying privatisation is not the panacea for all the ills facing the economy as the private sector is plagued with more scandals than their state-run peers. Chairing a panel discussion at an *India Today* event here this evening, he said, “there are more scandals in private banks today than we have in public sector banks. There are more scandals coming out of private sector companies and private sector-run non banking finance

companies and housing finance companies. “Our government is trying to clean up the mess. So I don’t think privatisation is the panacea for all the problems we face,” he said. Lauding the role that public sector banks have played in overall economic and social development, the minister said they are the reason behind the development we see today. “They are the reason behind the national infrastructure we have across the country be it power plants or others. No private banks has given money to young entrepreneurs to start businesses but government banks that stood by them,” Goyal said.

Sebi tightens rules for debt mutual funds

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

SEBI ON Friday made it mandatory for liquid schemes to hold at least 20 per cent in liquid assets like cash and government securities in the wake of recent credit crisis. The new rule, applicable

from April 1 next year, is aimed at improving risk management and ensuring sufficient liquidity, Sebi said in a circular. Besides, Sebi said that an AMC will not be permitted to charge investment management and advisory fees for the parking of funds in short-term deposits of scheduled commercial banks.



17 BODY & MIND

Savouring life in the times of stress

It's not about how much you do, but what you do. It's important to know that less can be more. More than enough



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

“OVERWHELMED”, “stressed”, “so exhausted”. “absolutely run down” are typical words and phrases I have heard parents of little children utter so often. Working mothers, in their constant quest to prove to everybody that they are as good as their male colleagues, feel as if they are always chasing time around the clock, trying to work out the myth of the work-life balance. Stay-at-home mothers or what I prefer to call non-paid working mothers, feel their days spooling out as endless hours of feeding, bathing, cleaning, carrying, fetching, soothing, to start the cycle once again the next day. Whichever side you are on, the guilt of never being good enough haunts us incessantly. We live in a state of constant “hurry, hurry, hustle, hustle” as there is always more to be done and achieved. No wonder research in parenting is breaking the fairytale picture of blissful

motherhood as now we know that the mothers’ well-being plummets after the birth of their babies and only manages to plod back after they leave home. Little scary, but in no way am I indicating that you should not have babies. Only that we need to shake things up a little as this is not working for us mothers at all. So unlike Scandinavian countries where mothers’ well-being is considered paramount, in a country like ours, we have to start these little revolutions in our very homes.

“Slow down you move too fast, let it be, take it easy...” These might be the title lyrics of three of my favourite songs but they are also the essence of what I have started believing in more and more as I have grown older and hopefully a little wiser. I wish this was something I could tell my younger self as she struggled to prove herself as a working mother at every moment – that it’s not about how much you do, but what you do, and that less can be more. More than enough. Most importantly, I would tell her that what matters most is that she learns to savour life and have faith that things will work out well and just to take one day at a time.

One of the best parts of being a therapist is that it lets me become a curator of wisdom that other people bring to me. SAVOUR is something I have designed using all that amazing wisdom I have gathered over the years. It is a delicious word and an acronym

I use to highlight six daily rituals that can let us do just that – savour our life. Let me walk you through it:

Stillness in the daily rhythm is about connecting to our own selves before we get ready to engage with the world. The best way to create this quiet space is through meditation or finding some mindful moments in which we just sit still. Young parents might find it helpful to wake up half an hour earlier than the kids to find that time. Sitting in nature, even if it is some potted plants in the balcony, can enrich this tranquility as you sit just focusing on your breathing, having tea and just relishing the moment of peace. Pico Iyer puts it so well in his book, *Art of Stillness*, “In an age of constant movement, nothing is more urgent than sitting still.”

Align is about working out what we want to focus our energies on that particular day, what really matters in the larger scheme of life. If your energy and time was a resource, what would be your top three buckets of priorities? Name them and block out time in the day when you would fill them up. I am a huge fan of simplicity so I try not to clutter my day with too many buckets as that just leaves me feeling exhausted and rudderless. As I said earlier, less is more for sure.

Visualise: Before you start your day, it is time to visualise how exactly you would like it to pan out. Go through the day in your

mind’s eye and visualise yourself as if there was a spotlight following you. Picture how you would fill the buckets of priorities through the day. A lot of research has been done on the power of visualisation.

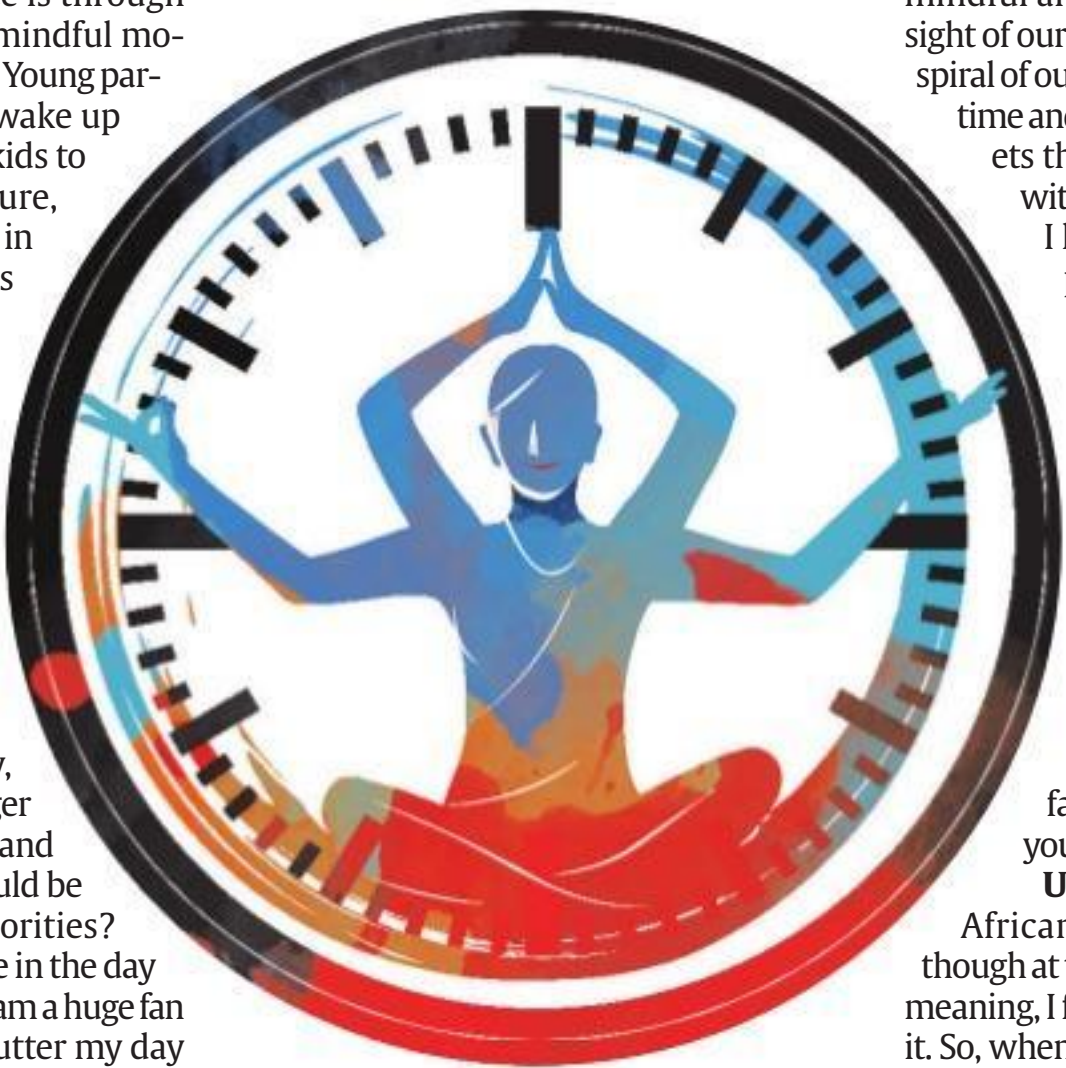


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Visualisation opens up our brain to create neural pathways and primes it for new possibilities. Michael Phelps, winner of 23 Olympic gold medals in swimming, is well-known for using visualisation as a core train-

ing strategy.

Own your day: After a still morning, aligning our buckets and visualising our day, we now start our active day. One thing that can derail our day is our squirrel reactive brain which relentlessly chatters away and not let us be present in our life – right now. We might be surrounded by the sheer beauty and magnificence of life, in terms of the places we visit, the food we eat, playing with our kids, but we often live our lives oblivious to it all. Owning our day is about being more mindful and making sure we do not lose sight of our priority buckets. Apart from the spiral of our thinking, another robber of our time and energy is our addiction to gadgets that puts us in this reactive state with our mind in an endless tailspin. I have a simple mantra for snapping us out of this zombie state – ABC – Alert (I am watering the wrong bucket), Breathe (Pause) and Change the Channel (Start watering the right bucket). All this bucket filling can be a little tedious, so make sure you add elements of playfulness with what I like to call a joy diet – doing stuff that just brings joy to your day like chatting with a friend over a cup of coffee, snuggling up with your favourite book or just pottering in your garden.

Ubuntu: I came across this South African word a few years ago. Even though at that time I did not understand its meaning, I fell in love with just the sound of it. So, when I explored to find its meaning I was really struck by its sheer beauty and the resonance I felt with it – “A person is a person through other people”. Ubuntu is actually a nebulous concept, which implies our shared humanity, oneness, belonging, being part of a greater whole. We are hardwired to seek

connections, to love, to be loved and to belong. A child who grows up in a home with a sense of belonging has already got a head start in life. If you are a parent, I hope one of your biggest buckets has “family” written on it where you keep the best part of yourself for the people who matter the most to you.

Review: When we make life a daily practice, we also need to take stock of it at the end of the day. Start by appreciating ten things that happened that day which gave you joy or what you are grateful for. This little ritual will make you mindful of your golden nuggets through the day and savour them even more. Close the various open tabs (just like your computer) from your mind by writing a little journal and letting go of lingering annoyances, worries or resentments. Then finally set the intention for your sleep and the next day, “I will have restful sleep and will get up in the morning feeling light and energetic.”

Now I know some of you might be thinking that SAVOUR might end up sucking too much of your precious time. Actually, SAVOUR is just a way of giving your days a flow and rhythm that will make space for creativity, mindfulness and all things that give meaning to your life.

As Annie Dillard described it so wisely, “*How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.*” It is perfectly alright if there are days when you feel you have not been productive. We all need fallow time to really reap richer harvests later. In many ways, SAVOUR embodies the essence of *Wabi-Sabi* – a Japanese concept which celebrates the beauty of imperfection and focuses on *being* and not *doing*, where less is more.

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DIET DIARY

Learn to identify the many signs of magnesium deficiency



BY ISHI KHOSLA

MAGNESIUM IS one of the most abundant minerals in the human body and it is used in over 300 different functions. Unfortunately, magnesium deficiency is also one of the most under-recognised deficiencies in our society today. According to American neurosurgeon Norman Shealy, almost every known disease is associated with a magnesium deficiency. Considering its critical importance, it is important not only to know the common signs of magnesium deficiency but also to ensure there is enough amount of it in the cells of our body. Mostly, it is hard to document cellular levels of magnesium with a blood test. Some of the common signs include:



Banana is one of the food items rich in magnesium.

Poor brain function: Brain fog, poor concentration, or constant memory issues indicate magnesium deficiency. Supplementation with magnesium has been shown to improve learning and memory.

Headaches & migraines: Chronic sufferers of migraines often have lower levels of magnesium in their bodies. Magnesium also plays the key role of regulating neurotransmitter production, which can also influence migraines. Supplemental magnesium taken on a regular basis has been shown to decrease both the frequency and intensity of migraine and other headaches.

Heart function and irregular heartbeat (Arrhythmias): The heart is

a muscle that constantly contracts. Just like other muscles in the body, the heart relies heavily on magnesium for proper contractility. This is thought to be due to its role in regulating calcium and potassium concentrations in the muscle tissue. Deficiency of magnesium is very often the cause for racing heartbeats (tachycardia), slow heartbeats (bradycardia) and sudden changes in heart rhythm for no apparent reason. Magnesium insufficiency can also disturb blood pressure.

Sleep issues and insomnia: Insomnia is one of the most common symptoms of magnesium deficiencies. Magnesium is involved in the production of GABA (Gamma-aminobutyric acid) in the brain. GABA is as a neurotransmitter that promotes relaxation. If there is insufficient magnesium to produce adequate amounts of GABA, sleep quality and time can be compromised.

Belly fat, blood cholesterol, sugar levels, strokes, seizures: Magnesium is needed to effectively utilise insulin. If there is inadequate level of magnesium, it can lead to inflammation, belly fat and abnormal cholesterol levels. It increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes & high blood pressure.

Addressing magnesium intake can improve energy levels drastically. But it is important to remember that this must be done under the supervision of a qualified practitioner. Food items rich in magnesium include bananas, seeds, nuts, dark green leafy vegetables, avocado, dark chocolates, coconut water, legumes and whole grains.

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LINDSAY MANNERING

EVERY DAY around the world, an estimated three billion people go to work and 2.9 billion of them avoid making small talk with their co-workers once they get there.

Their avoidance strategies vary. Some will keep their headphones in and their eyes low. Others will pantomime receiving an urgent message that requires an immediate, brow-furrowing, life-or-death rapid response, which incapacitates them from doing pretty much anything else, not excluding riding in, or communally waiting for, an elevator in their office building; making conversation while heating up lunch lasagna in the office microwave; walking from the entrance of their office building to the nearest public transit stop, or to literally anywhere, unless wait, you’re also going there? Because I actually meant to pop in this fine Persian rug wholesaler. See you tomorrow!

If these strategies sound familiar, if you’ve convinced yourself that avoiding small talk with co-workers is smart self-preservation, that the risk of saying something “dumb” or offensive or coming across as socially inept is not worth the reward of connecting with somebody (yes, even if that connection is a shared concern about it raining), then bad news: Your false logic could be costing you a promotion. Not to scare you or anything.

Jamie Terran, a licensed career coach, said that small talk between colleagues and supervisors builds rapport, which in turn builds trust. “Rapport is the feeling that allows you to extend a deadline, or overlook smaller mistakes, because it makes it easy for you to remember we’re only human. Right or wrong, building rapport through interaction with colleagues could be the thing that gets you the promotion or keeps you in the role you’re in.”

Building rapport applies when you’re interviewing, too. People hire people they want to work with, not necessarily who’s perfect for the job. Engaging in small talk with your interviewer helps make a positive impression.

While small talk can be torture, the absence of it can also make us feel bad about ourselves, like we’re true failures at life for not being able to connect with a fellow member of the herd, worried deep down that we will be kicked out of society and left to rot alone on the plains, to pay for our own streaming services instead of sharing a login.

Here are a few thoughts on how to avoid that feeling.

Remember: You’re more likeable than you think

A 2018 study published in *Psychological*



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Science showed that people “systematically underestimated how much their conversation partners liked them and enjoyed their company.”

Think about it

When you have an awkward small talk interaction with a co-worker (it’s stunted, there were silences, neither of you could think of something to say) do you normally go back to your desk and think, “Wow, Alex is a terrible conversationalist”? No. You go back to your desk and think, “Wow, I’m a rotten garbage human being who should be shunned from society.” And Alex is thinking the same thing about him or herself.

Point is, you are more likable than you think you are, so try not to judge yourself so harshly. According to Ellie Hearn, founder and CEO of the leadership communications agency Pencil or Ink, “people don’t remember what you say — they remember how they felt when they were with you.”

A little planning goes a long way

If you’re generally anxious in social situations, i.e. human, Terran suggested coming up with core questions or stories from which you can pull.

“Whether or not you share personal information about yourself is up to you, but discussing things you truly care about is always the best strategy,” she said. “Topics relating to your professional field, for example, an article you saw or book you read, is a great place to start.” Did something weird or interesting happen to you recently? Workshop (in your mind, at least) that story ahead of time to unveil at your next office outing.

And definitely remember to ask questions. We’re all ultimately pretty narcissistic at heart.

Advance the dreaded ‘how are you?’ loop

The ping-pong of “How are you? Good, how are you?” can feel like a waste of time and energy, but be the change you wish to see in the world and break the cycle. Go to your inner Rolodex of topics (see: planning ahead) and move the short conversation forward by replying why you’re “good.” As in, “I’m good. I just started a book/podcast/TV show and I’m really enjoying it. Have you heard of it?” Or mention something office-related, where there’s a shared common experience: “I’m good. They restocked the cold brew in the kitchen and it’s so strong. Have

you tried it?”

Don’t panic, it’s almost over

Small talk doesn’t last long. “If you’re a generally anxious person, you have an out – you’re at work! You’re not supposed to spend too much time chatting. After a few moments you can reference a meeting or project you are supposed to work on,” Terran advised. A simple exchange of pleasantries followed by a concise but polite exit (“Have a good day!”) is perfectly acceptable.

You (occasionally) have the right to remain silent

If you’re having a bad day and don’t want to talk, that might be best for everyone involved. Enter headphones. “It’s fine to take a step back from engaging. Most people know the new workplace etiquette, à la earbuds in means ‘give me some space,’” Hearn said. A simple smile or nod to acknowledge your co-worker will still go a long way.

I’ll leave you with a warning: There are very few ways to have successful small talk in the office bathroom. It should go without saying that attempting to chat with someone while they’re in the bathroom stall is – TOTALLY off-limits.

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SHORT COURSE

[0-10 YEARS]

Childhood behaviour issues linked to insomnia

TREATING KIDS’ behaviour problems might have the additional benefit of reducing their risk of insomnia as adults, a recent study suggests. Researchers followed 8,050 people over more than four decades, assessing behaviour problems at ages 5, 10 and 16, then administering sleep surveys when participants were 42 years old. Overall, 78 per cent of kids had normal behaviour at age 5, while 13 per cent had moderate behaviour problems and 4 per cent had severe behaviour issues. Children with



severe behaviour issues were 39 percent more likely to have insomnia by the time they were adults than children who had normal behaviour, researchers report in *JAMA Network Open*. “The link between childhood behaviour and adulthood insomnia could be partly explained by childhood sleep problems,” said a researcher. “Treating behavioural and sleep problems during childhood could reduce the risk of adulthood insomnia.”

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[10-20 YEARS]

Being ‘night owls’ linked to weight gain

TEENAGE GIRLS who sleep later are more likely to gain weight, compared to those of the same age who go to bed earlier, according to a study. The research, published in the journal *JAMA Pediatrics*, looked at the sleep habits of 804 volunteering adolescents – 418 girls and 386 boys – between the ages 11 and 16. The participants responded to questionnaires about their sleep patterns and wore a wrist device that tracked movement, the study noted. The researcher measured the children’s waist



size and calculated the proportion of fat in their body. When the researchers conducted the current study to determine if the same findings would apply to young people, they found that girls, staying up later were associated with an increase in waist size by an average of 0.58 cm, and a 0.16 kg per square metre increase in body fat. According to the study, each hour of social jet lag was associated with a 1.19 cm larger waist, and an increase in body fat of 0.45 kg per square metre.

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[20-50 YEARS]

Vegetarians have higher risk for stroke: Study

PEOPLE WHO follow vegetarian or vegan diets may have lower odds for heart disease but higher chances of having a stroke, compared to meat eaters, a large UK study suggests. Researchers followed 48,188 middle-aged adults without any history of heart attacks or strokes for about 18 years. During this time, 2,820 people developed coronary artery disease that can lead to heart attacks; 519 people had ischemic strokes, and 300 people had hemorrhagic strokes, which are caused by a ruptured



blood vessel in the brain. Vegetarians – including vegans, who avoid eggs and dairy – were 22 per cent less likely to develop coronary artery disease than meat eaters. This is the equivalent of 10 fewer cases of artery disease per 1,000 people over a decade among vegetarians compared to meat eaters, researchers calculated. However, vegetarians and vegans were 20 percent more likely than others to have a stroke – particularly a hemorrhagic stroke.

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Must have been Love

PAL PAL DIL KE PAAS

Director: Sunny Deol
Cast: Karan Deol, Sahreh Bambba, Akash Ahuja, Sachin Khedekar, Simone Singh, Karnini Khanna

QUESTION : WOULD anyone other than a fond papa have launched Karan Deol? Short answer: No.

The perfectly pleasant, perfectly unremarkable Karan, son of Sunny, gets a traditional old-school 'hero' launch in *Pal Pal Ke Paas*. He gets to romance a young woman, shake a leg, fight off a bunch of baddies, just the way his father and grandfather did, in their own eras, in their own love stories. But unlike those two worthies, Dharam who is still 'garam', and Sunny who can still roar, this youngest Deol leaves zero impact.

Karan Sehgal runs a resort in the mountains, and his star offering, a high-altitude trek becomes a snarky target for pretty video blogger Seher Sethi (Bambba). The two young things, who call each other Miss Sethi and Mr Sehgal, set out on steep inclines and picturesque campsites.

The scenery is spectacular, but the humans are plain annoying: what kind of experienced trekker takes on a screechy female who insists on packing her soft toy in her backpack? Yes, it's that kind of movie. And no, it's not cute. In the first half, the locations are the eye-ball grabbers. In the second, gabby family members, jealous boy-friends, plotting politicians, and sundry others show up. Coochie-coo-ing switches to melodrama, and it's all stale and off-putting. The girl is just a tad better than the boy, but just a tad, and at the end, all you feel is dispirited: is this really 2019, and this a here-and-now love story?

Early on in the film, a character says: 'stop, please stop'. You wish someone had listened.

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FAMILY MAN (AMAZON PRIME) ★★★

Directors: Krishna DK and Raj Nidimoru
Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Pranami and Sharib Hashmi

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HAVE YOU ever wondered what super spies and agents eat? In this case — Vada Pao and chocolate. What do they wear when they are not on an off-the-books mission? What do they tell their spouse when they are at an undisclosed location and can't be home for dinner? Amazon Prime Video's *Family Man*, answers all these questions, and more. Set in Mumbai, at a fictitious intelligence agency TASC, *Family Man* takes us into the world of Srikant Tiwari, played flawlessly by Manoj Bajpayee, who apart from being an ace intelligence officer, is also a dad, struggling with a teenage daughter, and a marriage that has taken its toll over the past 15 years. And yes, there is a home loan waiting to be configured, in the same breath as Tiwari breaks the code for an impending terror threat on the country.

Lost in Translation

THE GOLDFINCH ★★★

Director: John Crowley
Cast: Ansel Elgort, Oakes Fegley, Nicole Kidman, Jeffrey Wright, Luke Wilson, Sarah Paulson, Finn Wolfhard

AS PER the website *spirit-animals.com*, Goldfinch, a bird with a bright yellow plumage, symbolises exuberance. The famous painting *The Goldfinch* has a duller-looking bird rather tragically chained to its perch. Surely, a film that derives its name from that painting should fall in either category. Instead, this 2.5-hour laboriously-moving movie is as smooth and pretty — and flat — as Elgort's cheeks. He is shaved clean of even a 5 o'clock shadow; it is ironed out of even the smallest little wrinkle.

And yet, there is so much going for the movie. The novel on which it is based won a Pulitzer. It involves a boy who loses his mother in a bombing and blames himself for it. It features friendships of the kind only children can forge. It has Kidman, Wright and Paulson in some pivotal roles. It even has a hint of a central theme about fakes vs originals, how that extends beyond inanimate objects, and about kindred spirits. But, Crowley of Oscar-nominated *Brooklyn* fame loses his way partly due to too much reverence to a subject that is difficult to portray on screen, but mostly



due to a strange structure that doesn't allow the film to hit any rhythm.

Theo (played by Fegley as child, Elgort as adult) has been left practically orphaned by that bombing, with his father (Wilson) having abandoned them months earlier. The State settles him temporarily in the house of his former friend. The matriarch of that upper-crust house is the stately and cold Mrs Barbour (Kidman), who strikes an instant if unexpressed bond with Theo. Crowley handles this part well, with the family including four children, reacting in different ways to this brooding tragedy in their midst.

However, rather than building on this, the film spools ahead, spools back, and spools to somewhere in the middle — while taking a detour into antique furniture — in its efforts to recount an unsettled life. Theo finds himself turning to an antiques dealer/restorer (Wright), his estranged dad and his smoking-drinking girlfriend (Paulson), and a Ukrainian classmate (Wolfhard) for anchor, while tumbling through drugs and drinks with little consequence.

A constant through it all is the prized painting, *The Goldfinch*, by 17th-century painter Carel Fabritius, that Theo walked away with from the gallery on the day of the bombing. The reason why he did that, and why he continues to keep it a secret, escapes him. The problem is, it also escapes us.

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THE ZOYA FACTOR; ★★★

Director: Abhishek Sharma **Cast:** Dulquer Salmaan, Sonam Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor, Manu Rishi, Angad Bedi, Sikander Kher, Koel Purie

Love on the Boundary



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WHEN IT came out in 2008, Anuja Chauhan's *The Zoya Factor* redefined Indian chick-lit. I'd go further and say that her debut novel was one of a kind. It had the mandatory made-for-each-other girl and guy. It had the meet-cute, bicker-snicker will-she-won't-she, will-he-won't-he, till they did, which was fine and dandy all by itself. What Chauhan also did was corral the India it was set in (especially the vagaries of the advertising world) with a precise and wicked eye. The thing between the girl and guy was fresh and zingy, overlaid with just the right degree of sexiness, and the whole was laugh loud funny.

The book was always going to be a movie. No way that Zoya Solanki, the curly-haired klutzy advertising rookie, and Nikhil Khoda, the tall, dark and handsome cricketer, were not going to be lobbing snappy remarks and sparking together, on a screen near you.

It's taken more than ten years, and while

Sonam's Zoya and Dulquer's Nikhil make a good-looking pair, I wasn't as blown away by them as I was hoping to: they come together only intermittently, as does the film. The rest of it is surprisingly contrived and bland: how did the film manage it with the author, whose brand of sprightly silliness can be addictive, on board?

The film's best bits belong to Dulquer, even though I kept hoping for him to break out a little more. But still, he makes something of his Nikhil, the Indian cricket captain who believes in winning by dint of hard work, and who has to confront a googly in the shape of Zoya, who turns, overnight and fuzzily, into a good luck charm for the team.

Kapoor has had some practice in being a delightful ditz, and she aced that act in her Khoobsurat. Here, she yo-yos between being-all-over-the-place-and-nailing-it, and you end up wanting more, for Zoya to have that little special something, especially because she has so much screen time.

Of the supporting cast, Rishi as the

dodgy cricketing official stands out, as does the girl who plays a catty TV presenter. A few members of the cricket team are a hoot, especially the superstitious bowler and the Jat cricketer with the heaviest Haryanvi accent this side of Sonepat. Except for one crackling sequence, Kapoor as Zoya's dad, and Kher as her *bhai*, both cricket-mad *faujis*, come and go flatly: is there a single scene in which the *bada bhai* doesn't call Zoya *jhadoo*? Tell me if you come across it.

For a rom com which needs to be light on its feet, hitting fours and sixes as it goes along, the writing is not as supple as it should have been. Too many slog overs here.

It is Dulquer, sufficiently snarky and gooeey-eyed in turns, who keeps us interested. He's already an established actor/star in Malayalam cinema. He made a mark with his Bollywood debut *Karwaan*; here he lifts it all the way away. I'd call it the DQ Factor.

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Father, Husband, Soldier, Spy



missed out on all what's happening around us, this show will provide a Cliff Notes version. Gaurakshaks, lynchings, beef controversy, imposition of Hindi — the show writers might have been ahead of the curve on that one — anti-nationals, all this is woven in seamlessly into the narrative.

The performances by Bajpayee and Sharib Hashmi are stellar as are the dialogues. "Privacy like democracy, is a myth," says an

eager Talpade (Hashmi) to a new recruit at TASC. Kudos to Sumit Arora, the dialogue writer, who has made intense topics, conversational not preachy. The humour is embedded, and Arora seems to be carrying forward the legacy of the directors who gave us the brilliant *Stree* last year.

The show has bent over backwards to humanise almost everyone, even the bad guy. It's interesting to see the hero, grappling with a new world order, where a *sarkari naukri* is synonymous with being a loser, as he cannot keep with the cool quotient of his kids. The origin story of our bad guy, though a tad simplistic, is refreshing in its approach. We would have liked a bit more about Srikant Tiwari. How did he land up in TASC? How did he end up marrying his wife? After the initial fumbles in the first three episodes, the show is fluid in its narrative. The season ends as a cliff-hanger, and we can't wait to know if Tiwari finally secures his home loan.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

MATT DRUDGE has half a lakh Twitter followers but appears to have tweeted only three times in the last eight years. Silence is the world's most powerful amplifier, so his third tweet gained much attention when it appeared on Wednesday: "It's Elizabeth Warren's nomination to lose..." The buzz was all across the American media, though Drudge had gone out on a rather slender limb to predict an outcome that depends on choices made by multiple people, the only valid weightage being the controversy over Warren's Native American ancestry. It's the sort of situation where mathematical modellers would balk, but journalists would follow their nose.

But Drudge had correctly called Donald Trump's chances well before his nomination, while people are still struggling to come to terms with the idea that Trump is not an aberration, but part of the pattern. Besides, Drudge was a conservative blogger before the word 'blog' was coined, and *drudgereport.com*, published from his bedroom at the time, had lit the spark of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. It's hard to ignore a man with a reputation.

But perhaps the US story that travelled the widest concerned the Congressional hearing

Point Zero

Matt Drudge's predictions create a buzz in the American media while a Congress spokesperson becomes an internet sensation overnight

where Greta Thunberg rendered her testimony, along with other young people, on climate change. She did not offer a statement of her own, but submitted a copy of the 'SR 1.5' report published last year by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Her message calls for sanity in the insanely roiled debate on global warming, where conviction and blind sumise have trumped facts: "I don't want you to listen to me, I want you to listen to the scientists, and I want you to unite behind science." Of course, if people did that, it would spell the end of the vast industry of global warming politics.

But we must not ignore the story of Fox News presenter, former judge and New York Republican politician Jeanine Pirro, who is also author of *Liars, Leakers, and Liberals: The Case Against the Anti-Trump Conspiracy* (Center Street, 2018). She is now host of the Fox show *Justice with Judge Jeanine* (the public calls her Judge Dredd), and she fielded a devastating early morning call from Texas



A World without Retirement

RAMBO: LAST BLOOD

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Director: Adrian Grunberg
Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Yvette Monreal, Adriana Barraza, Oscar Jaenada, Sergio Peris-Mencheta

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THE MAP tells us Arizona, US, to Mexico takes at least 15 hours by road, most likely 19. But what do maps know? Having upheld his brand of "justice" from Vietnam to Afghanistan, in his fifth film, ex-US soldier Rambo, still bearing the wounds of PTSD, has turned his attention to this North American country. More specifically to a tiny corner of Mexico, just a short, angry ride from Rambo's ranch, where all men seem to be involved in the abduction and smuggling of girls for sex trade, all women except for "an independent journalist" (who does no writing of any sort, but often dons glasses) don't seem to care, and with no children or elderly around.

Rambo (Stallone), who is enjoying re-

tirement taming horses around his ranch, sharpening a whole lot of things, and building a very long, very fortified tunnel (for some reason), lands up in Mexico when a girl he considers his own daughter gets abducted by the cartel. So there he drives, without a plan or planning. Grunberg, working on a script co-written by Stallone, doesn't really care for niceties, but even so a large part of this film is in Mexican, and an inordinate amount of energy is spent establishing the villains who, we know, are after all headed for a very bad fate.

Given how Rambo handles that first rescue of his foster daughter, it is surprising the effort he puts into the finale when he draws the bad men back to his ranch for revenge, drawing out their deaths in painful, bloody, excruciating detail. As for the girl? Glad you asked. Even in a Rambo, where members of the female sex are around just to be rescued — one, two, three... you will lose count — only one end, it appears, is fitting for a girl who has been abused thus.

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Stuck in the Past

PRASSTHANAM

★★★

Director: Devaa Katta
Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Chunky Panday, Ali Fazal, Satyajeet Dubey, Manisha Koirala, Amyra Dastur

THE OFFICIAL remake of a 2010 Telugu hit of the same name, *Prasantham* takes us back to the movies which mashed up warring gangs, political rivals, conniving cops and family secrets in racy, dialogue-heavy thrillers.

The director is the same. The stars are familiar. So are the beats. Sanjay Dutt as Baldev Pratap Singh, a powerful Lucknow-based *meta*, has built his empire on a bed of guilt and intrigue. Those who know these films can predict exactly what happened in the distant past that Singh doesn't talk about, but the film has enough meat on its bones to keep us chewing.

Shroff, as a kohl-eyed faithful retainer who turns on his *maalik*, is efficient. Singh's two sons are also handed out their grooves. Aayush (Fazal) and Vivaan (Dubey) are polar opposites; the former being the 'good' one; the latter being the unhinged, out-of-control one. Some of the detailing is smart and unexpected, and that keeps us going. The female characters are cardboard, though, and that's also to be expected: this film isn't really interested in its women as much as its men.

Despite it all, the film feels somewhat dated. Here a rape-and-murder, there a club dancer shimmying; here a Haji Ali song sequence, there a funeral-dressed-in-white-kurta-pajamas. Of the ensemble, in which Panday gets to wear a bad wig and vamp it up most enjoyably, Ali Fazal is the most impressive: as the young *waaris* of his father's legacy, and someone who has a head on his shoulders, Fazal holds this thing together.

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— who had done rather well in the debate until that point, and even broke into satirical song — answered that Rahul Gandhi should have been asked this question, since his sum of knowledge is a zero. Later, after the battle on stage went against the BJP spokesperson when Vallabh listed all the decimal powers flawlessly, Patra gamely took the fight to Twitter, where he asked if Mr Vadra had "answered the Enforcement Directorate as to how many zeros he has pocketed." Actually, Vadra would have answered the 5 trillion dollar question even faster than a high school student. And even the anchor, Sumit Awasthi, had protested, "You're talking about a 5 trillion dollar economy, with 5 per cent GDP growth? It's inversely proportional."

And finally, the story that should have got much more attention on television: the report of artefacts from 580 BC in Tamil Nadu, which suggests a connection between the Indus Valley and Brahmi scripts, and therefore between the two cultures. This is significant, given that the genetic and archaeological evidence of the link is sparse, though it has been invoked by generations of Dravidian politicians. The graffiti marks found in Keezhadi near Madurai can be tentatively treated as significant because urbanisation, regarded as the principal marker of the Harappan civilisation, is very much in evidence. One would have expected that the story, which has implications for southern politics, would have received the kind of play that two recent papers which spoke of Aryan migration did.

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THE WINNER DOESN'T TAKE IT ALL

British-Pakistani author Kamila Shamsie, this year's winner of the Nelly Sachs Prize, has been stripped of the German literary award over her support for the pro-Palestine Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Shamsie tweeted her "great sadness" that the jury should "withdraw a prize from a writer exercising her freedom of conscience and expression".

One Above the Other

A sharp critique, not only of the persistent realities of caste but also of the prevailing state of Dalit politics



Photos of BR Ambedkar and Valmiki Maharshi at a Dalit home in Badai Kalan village in Muzaffarnagar district *Express Archive*

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CASTE MATTERS. Why and how does it matter? How long will it continue to matter? Though more than two-thirds of India still lives in rural settlements, Indians are no longer bound by their past traditions. Even those who wish to do so find it hard to keep up with the demands of a traditional social order and the accompanying lifestyles. More importantly, the caste system is about relational structures, ritual hierarchies and *jajmani* ties of patronage and dependence. Scholars researching the rural economy and its social structure have been reporting on its steady disintegration since the 1970s. The rural, agrarian economy no longer functions around relations of reciprocity which distributed produce across communities according to their contribution to the village economy, and the calling of their caste. *Jajmani* ties have disintegrated even in the relatively less developed regions of India. Markets have penetrated everywhere and democratic political institutions have shaken the older orders of power and patronage, despite some continuity.

Suraj Yengde is not interested in these generic questions emanating from sociological frames of understanding and explaining caste. He does not even refer to traditional rural realities or popular theories of the caste system. His book begins with an autobiographical and experiential explication of caste while growing up in an urban slum or hamlet in Maharashtra. His narrative is thus woven around the oppressive aspect of caste. He talks of poverty and lack of resources, and particularly of the cramped homes that he grew up in. The indignity of being a Dalit bothered him much more than the poverty of his early years.

The category of caste provides him with an explanatory system and a political frame to make sense of his deprivation and the violence that he encountered, which is com-

monplace even in cities, far away from the rural landscapes of traditional life. Even in metropolitan India, the Brahminical order remains robust and shapes almost everything for those at the lower end of the system, the Dalits. However, Yengde did not grow up in a passive community on the margin with a self-perpetuating 'culture of poverty'. Pioneering work done by BR Ambedkar has already changed all that. He tells us about his family's active political engagement with local Dalit movements and their identification with the personal and political philosophy of Ambedkar.

The substantive part for the book is not autobiographical. It is primarily a critique, not only of the persistent realities of caste but also of the prevailing state of Dalit politics. Yengde's language is sharp, often sounding excessive and loaded with high

moral expectations, particularly when he criticises fellow Dalits and their social and political activities. He finds almost everyone to be compromising with the larger question of Dalit emancipation. He attributes this largely to the Dalit leadership's dependence on the state system and individual largess. For example, he describes the "salaried Dalits in the bureaucracy" as "shameless creatures...trapped in the alienating caste system," despite being highly talented. A rather simplistic and homogeneous view of Dalits underlies his lament.

Presumably for him, Dalits are all those who have experienced untouchability, a cluster of *jatis* and caste groups, mostly Scheduled Castes. The experience of untouchability makes them an ethnic formation, with a specific distinctive history and an essentialised character. However, 'Dalit' is not simply a descriptive category or a pan-Indian caste collective. It is primarily a political construct produced by the social movements of former untouchables for dignity and citizenship rights. The colonial and postcolonial nation-state, through its enumerative and classificatory strategies, actively enabled a pan-Indian imagination of the caste system. In other words, Dalit-ness is less about being and more about becoming, and there could be no singular way of becoming Dalit. Factors such as regional histories, political and economic contexts, the nature of leadership, its ideological moorings and mobilisational strategies all work together towards the making and the imagining of Dalitness. They also shape their political concerns and strategies for change.

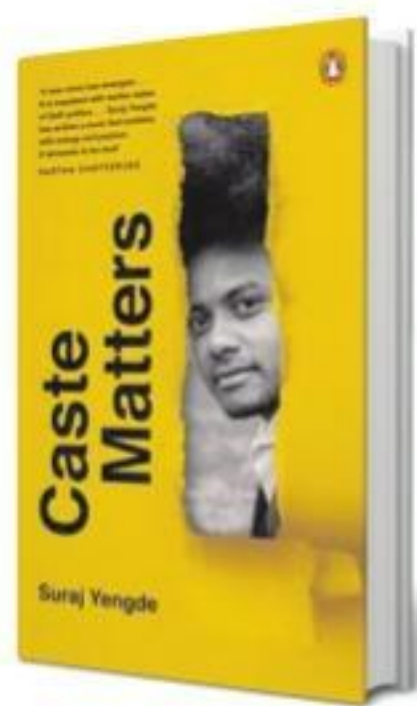
There are substantive chapters on the Dalit middle class and Dalit entrepreneurship, again with a sharp critical edge. Through evidence and argument, Yengde shows how discrimination against Dalits is a perennial reality and has implications for the making of a middle class among them. It is hard to find a Dalit in the judiciary or

the electronic media. Yengde is not enamoured by celebratory accounts of Dalit capitalism. Capitalism, for him, is not the solution but a problem, which works "in tandem with the deeply rooted oppression of caste". Despite a few success stories, market realities like access to credit actively discriminate against Dalits trying to enter business. Capitalism in India, he argues, is structured around the logic of caste.

Another interesting chapter is on Brahmins against Brahminism, where he counts a few cases where individuals gave up privileges and joined the struggle against the caste system. However, more important is his criticism of Brahmins, and he puts the entire burden of manufacturing and sustaining caste on them. Even though Yengde does not engage with sociological theorisations, in his narrative, the Dalit and the Brahmin are the two polar opposites of the caste system. The Brahmin is the bearer and benefactor of the caste ideology and the Dalit, its victim.

Such a framing does have purchase but also simplifies the complex dynamics of caste, presents it as a binary system with little or no scope for regional diversity and historical specificities. Just as it essentialises the Brahmin, so it does the Dalit. Such a notion also reinforces the conventional view of its timeless continuity. However, this has not been the reality of what we have come to understand as caste. Caste is about hierarchy, a system that grades social groups and working people in a continuum, "one above the other", as Ambedkar put it. Like other social institutions, relational structures of caste have been changing. The challenge is to explore and expose the nature of their change while noting that change per se does not imply dismantling or even weakening of caste, a point that is well made by Yengde.

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Rising Influence

The journey of economists from university campuses to the White House

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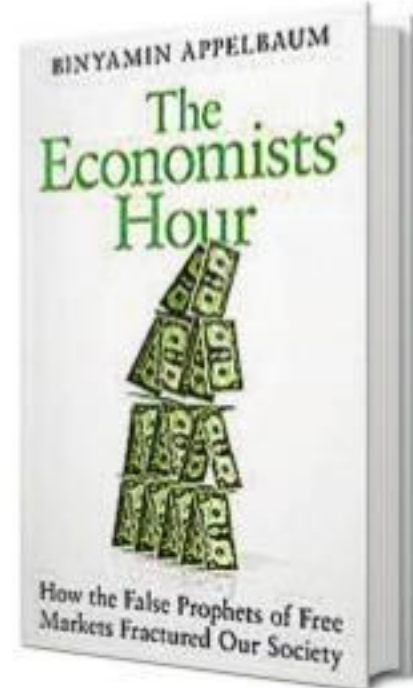
IT MAY be hard to imagine, but there was a time when economists weren't held in high regard. In fact, the great John Maynard Keynes was once dismissed by US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as an impractical mathematician. Even the chairman of the US Federal Reserve was once a stockbroker. The almost hallowed status conferred upon the profession and its practitioners is a relatively recent phenomenon, whose origins can be traced to the Nixon era, when a new generation of economists began to exert tremendous influence on public policy. This journey of economists from university campuses to the White House has been elegantly traced in a new book titled *The Economists' Hour: How the False Prophets of Free Markets Fractured Our Society* by Binyamin Appelbaum.

Appelbaum, a journalist at *The New York Times*, argues that this new generation of economists firmly believed that left to themselves, markets would deliver steady growth and shared prosperity. The notion that governments should not interfere with the workings of the market formed the cornerstone of their ideological edifice. This belief was a radical departure from the Keynesian school of thought which espoused that the the market economy needed government intervention. As Appelbaum notes, "The economists who led the counterrevolution against Keynesian economics marched under a banner emblazoned with, 'in markets we trust'."

As this new generation of economists grew in number, so too did their influence. Their ideas found acceptance in an increasingly conservative political class, enabling them to wield unmatched influence in various policy areas, ranging from not just determining the size of the government, but also on contentious issues such as regulations and price controls. In fact, their influence went beyond the realms of economic policy, affecting even issues such as military conscription to even determining the value of a human life.

A well-researched book, *The Economists' Hour* provides a glimpse into the life and work of some of the well-known economists spearheading this counterrevolution, the likes of Milton Friedman and Paul Volcker. But, in a rather interesting departure from books of this nature, Appelbaum brings to light the work of relatively lesser-known economists, whom the uninitiated may, perhaps, be unfamiliar with. For instance, the book explores the work of Walter Oi, a blind economist who was instrumental in ending military conscription. And that of Alfred Khan, who helped deregulate air travel. Peppered with useful nuggets of information on the life and work of these economists, the book is an enjoyable read.

The common thread running through the chapters is that this counterrevolution, which has led to an excessive reliance on the market, has gone too far; that the embrace of markets has had dire consequences; that it has failed to deliver on their promise of shared prosperity. Instead, Appelbaum notes that the US is confronted with rising economic inequality, ossification of social mobility, and worries about



THE ECONOMISTS' HOUR: HOW THE FALSE PROPHETS OF FREE MARKETS FRACTURED OUR SOCIETY

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the health of the liberal democracy. He argues that "the rise in inequality has happened in large measure because policy makers haven't decided to stop it."

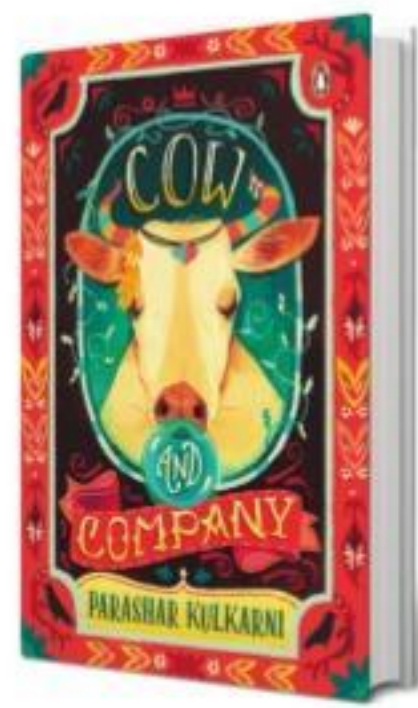
But it is disappointing that the author does not delve into these issues in greater detail. For instance, the shifts in the US labour market, the stagnation of median wages, the hollowing out of the middle class are not dealt with comprehensively. Nor does he address the argument posed by Raghuram Rajan, that rising inequality created the political pressure to push for higher home ownership rates, sowing the seeds for the financial crisis of 2008.

It would also be churlish to deny the benefits of the counterrevolution. As the author himself acknowledges, market-oriented reforms have lifted billions out of poverty. So is the question one of deregulation while ensuring a framework to mitigate the losses? To be fair, there is a reasonable argument to be made that regulation of, say, the financial industry leaves much to be desired. Or that the incentive structures need to be examined, or that issues of information asymmetry need to be addressed. But the author provides little insight into how these issues are to be addressed.

At one point, he does claim that, perhaps, the answer is to make markets less efficient. "Efficiency has no special claim as the primary purpose of a marketplace," he claims. But he fails to elaborate on this in detail. He also contends that Western democracies might have taken a lesson from China. But is inefficient utilisation of capital a better alternative? Ensuring that displaced workers have access to training and health care should obviously be the focus of policymakers. But perhaps, a more carefully thought through analysis on where employment opportunities could exist, or what steps could be taken to reduce inequalities of opportunities could have been explored.

ON THE SHELF

Chew On This



COW AND COMPANY
PARASHAR KULKARNI
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'Go Mata ko bhata' — this is the marketing slogan which kicks off the kind of epic confrontation that can keep fans of comedy chewing on satirical cud for hours. *Cow and Company* by Parashar Kulkarni provides that fodder in the form of an epic battle of the ages between chewing gum, which the British Chewing Gum Company wants to introduce in India, and "the empire of *paan* — the sun never truly set on it".

Company director Thompson has his task cut out — the nefarious *paan* industry cuts across lines of religion, caste, class and gender. Though, as Young, the American man in charge of the *paan* survey quickly finds out, few people can adequately explain why certain groups of people prefers certain ingredients in their *paan*. The accountant, Dibbu Banerjee, is an avid customer of the in-

dustry. But the real sabotage, which anyone paying attention to recent headlines would have seen coming, is when the company accountant Pesi Pestonjee sends some employees out to hunt for a cow to act as the product's mascot.

From the hunt on swelteringly hot streets for a cow, which is eventually taken to the second floor of a colonial building, to disastrous attempts to survey the consumption of *paan*, *Cow and Company* manages to pull up these and many other aspects of society in a comparatively short space. Satire of this kind takes on a special significance at a time when comedy is often the most powerful and effective way of calling out things that the mainstream media doesn't. Be it the religious sentiments that are inevitably hurt by the Company's use of the cow or the mob mentality that escalates matters quickly, Parashar's wry humour acts as a deceptively sharp lens through which to study them.

However, that very style is, perhaps, also what throws the story off its pace from time to time. In the novel, the main plot is not always front and centre, often shunted aside for humorous examinations of different kinds. Satire is often at its best when it is restricted to a certain length. While having space to branch out in different directions can allow for a wider range, the story sometimes falters because of it, as it becomes progressively harder to maintain that same, incisive level of insight.

Perhaps, the most immediately recognisable aspect of *Cows and Company* is the universality of many things, most prominently human nature. Be it its characters or the hilarious-yet-terrifying spiral of misunderstanding that starts with the hunt for a cow, this could just as easily be set in today's world. That is, perhaps, the most damning indictment of all. **RAM SARANGAN**

A Thinking Man's Guide to Practical Living

A collection of essays that champion reason over blind faith, science over superstition

BISWADEEP GHOSH

ASSASSINATED ON 20 August 2013, Narendra Achyut Dabholkar was a medical doctor, author, activist and the founder of the Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (MANS). A rationalist who led an anti-superstition movement, he raised his voice against blind faith through his speeches and writings. Dabholkar was an opponent of black magic, sacrifices, astrology, and casteism, evils the society hasn't been unable to get rid of. He was a seeker of meaningful change, knowing that it won't take place overnight.

Translated by Jai Vipra, *Please Think: Practical Lessons in Developing a Scientific Temper* is the second of Dabholkar's books originally written in Marathi and now available in English. The book is a collection of essays, mostly short, which emphasise the need for doing away with unquestioning faith in the so-called absolute truths established by religion and tradition. Nothing, it broadly argues, must be accepted at face value without scientific scrutiny.

The writer asks complex philosophical questions, among them those that have no easy answers. He does so with the use of anecdotes from personal experiences for the most part, which keeps the reader engaged.

Religion is arrogant because it eliminates the possibility of discussions and debates on 'facts'. Science, on the contrary, is humble. No theory is absolute. It can be questioned, analysed and dismissed by a newer

argument that seems more acceptable and is based on concrete proof. Aristotle had claimed that women had fewer teeth than men without checking. Dabholkar reminds the reader. Aristotle's theory was based on speculation, which cannot be mistaken for a scientific approach.

Does science find answers with ease? It does not. Predictably, the author is thoroughly disappointed with people with degrees in science who promote unscientific thinking. Many such charlatans inhabit and flourish in the modern-day society, which impedes progress in the right direction.

In 'Religious Inquiry and Rationalism', the author explains why religion exercises enormous power over the human mind. Not only has it been in existence for centuries before science came into being, but the average person is also introduced to it at a very early age. Practices in existence for centuries continue to be nurtured by modern society, an example being Kumbh Mela, where sins accumulated over 12 years can be washed away with a single bath. While Maharashtra doesn't have basic educational facilities for the state's children, Rs 30 crore are spent on one such *mela* in Nashik. Such extravagance needs to be checked, but the chances of that happening are less than remote.

To illustrate his arguments, Dabholkar uses instances from day-to-day life freely. He agrees that many inexplicable occurrences don't have easy and quick explanations, but also reminds the reader that rational answers can be found with time. He talks about a girl who made dolls. One day, black marks started appearing on whichever doll she touched. What made it happen? There was an answer, although it wasn't easy to find.

He rejects astrology by insisting that astrologers make obvious predictions — such as the child will get married at an appropriate time — instead of giving answers to

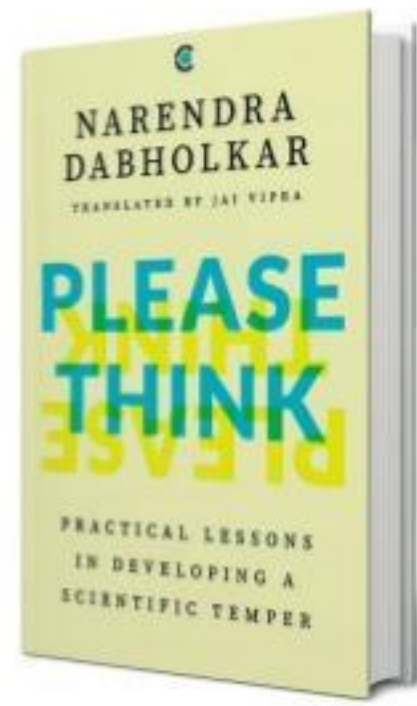
tough questions like where will an earthquake occur, when, and on what scale of intensity. Astrology, in other words, must not be accepted by the mind that asks questions and seeks rational answers.

While technology is playing a key role in talking society forward, we continue to live in a country where people suffering from snakebites are subjected to holy chants instead of being taken to a medical doctor. This is the same society where nobody asks why the Almighty Creator, who 'shows' himself to certain people, looks exactly like a man. People lose sight of reason when their minds are governed by blind faith. Dabholkar makes his argument with examples and inferences, hoping that his reader will internalise the essence.

In 'A superstition emergency', he notes, "Superstition is evil. All its manifestations are dangerous. But what is the most poisonous form of superstition? It is the wanton transformation of faith into superstition." Despite what the Constitution of India and the education policy says about scientific temper and inculcating scientific thinking, the tragic fact of our times is that superstitions abound.

A criminal law in Maharashtra, the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013, was originally drafted by Dabholkar. *Please Think* tells us why this act must be in place, and not only in Maharashtra.

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The punch no one saw coming

Amit Panghal reaches where Vijender Singh, Vikas Krishan et al. couldn't — final of men's World Boxing Championships; to fight for gold today

GAURAV BHATT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

CA KUTTAPPA howls when asked if he thought Amit Panghal would be in a World Championship final the first time they met.

"Never *yaar!* In fact he angered me so much," says Kuttappa, the man credited by Vijender Singh and Suranjay Singh for orchestrating four CWG, three Asiad and an Olympic Games medal.

"I remember when he moved up from the junior camp to the seniors. He was so ill-disciplined. He would come late to practice, sometimes he wouldn't show up at all. Anyway, our contender at that time was Devendro."

Soon Panghal became an army-man, and Kuttappa believes the change in lifestyle straightened out the lad from Mynra, Haryana.

"*Udhar toh raat me roll call hota haina,*" says Kuttappa. "But honestly, that made him more responsible. It's not like he has mellowed down. He still goofs around a lot. But he shows up everyday, on time. In the training hall, he works out like a mad-man. It has been a complete transformation. More than anybody else, it was important for Amit to realise that he can achieve these things."

On Friday, Panghal's self-belief led him to a 3-2 win over Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in the 52-kg semifinal. The 23-year-old — a CWG silver-medallist and an Asian Games and Championships gold medallist — is now also the most successful Indian male at the World Championships, having assailed India of at least an unprecedented silver.

It comes almost ten years to the day Vijender brought the nation its first medal at the event. Kuttappa was in the corner for both those accomplishments.

"I remember the same happiness from that day, of having created history," says Kuttappa. "That was the first. But this one is definitely bigger."

Vijender agrees.

"That was my time, but this is the younger generation who has impressed mightily. This is a moment to remember for Indian boxing. But I don't think enough people are realising that right now," says Vijender, who lost his 2009 Worlds semifinal to future Olympic bronze-medallist Abbas Atoev. "I noticed some serial tweeters haven't tweeted about Amit. Olympics is Olympics. But this should be celebrated because the same top boxers come to the World Championships as well."



LEFT HAND FROM LEFT FIELD

The referee raises Amit Panghal's hand at the end of his 52-kg semifinal bout against Kazakhstan's Saken Bibossinov in Ekaterinburg, Russia, on Friday.



By the time Santiago Nieva took the reins as men's high-performance director, Panghal was already on the upswing. The Swede, too, however didn't see his rise coming.

"Our focus was on Shyam Kumar Kakara. He was tall, used distance well. He was solid in the 2017 Asian Championships, but then faced Amit and couldn't figure the guy out," says Nieva. "That day I noticed Amit had a very particular style. Very lucid. He was not a big name, and it was not like I could immediately say he would be a big star. But it was when he went to an international event and beat Kavinder Bisht in his 52kg category, that I saw that he could be a top prospect."

The diminutive flyweight is short even for the smallest Olympic category, and isn't the most technically gifted. But adhering to game plans and devising a particular technique has helped him clean house in his division.

"Some would say I am jumping on the bandwagon now," says CWG gold-medallist and two-time Olympian Akhil Kumar. "But it was during the Asian Championship that I realised this kid is good. But it's not just him. Manish Kaushik was superb today."

Kaushik ran into a top-shelf boxer in Cuba's Andy Cruz and lost his semifinal 5-0. But there were definite positives to be taken from his Worlds appearance.

"(Cruz) was good, but it's not like I can't defeat him. Nothing about his technique surprised me, but it's simply the fact that



Manish Kaushik settled for bronze after losing 5-0 to Cuba's Andy Gomez Cruz in the 63 kg category. PTI

he was better than me on the day. I know that if I square up against him next time, I can beat him," said Kaushik. "This medal is going to help me out a lot. I fought five times. That's the sort of campaign that gives you confidence going forward."

Akhil notes that Kaushik couldn't capi-

talise on his chances in the second round, and that is where Panghal is a step ahead.

"Amit's best thing is that he is very patient. He falls behind, then he ups the tempo and peaks," says Akhil. "He doesn't have the weakness that I had. *Jaise mera score down hota tha main paagal ho jaata tha*. He maintains his composure."

Up next is Uzbekistan's Shakhobidin Zoirov, the reigning Olympic flyweight champion. Panghal has beaten Olympic champions from Uzbekistan before. He has two wins over Hasanboy Dusmatov. But while Dusmatov won the 49kg gold in Rio and then moved up to 52kg, Zoirov is fighting in his category. The 26-year-old has also been flirting with the professional circuit, having won three fights this year, two via knockouts. But Vijender, a pro with an 11-0 record, doesn't put much stock in that.

"Professional world is completely different. You get time to devise strategy and adapt in the later rounds. In amateur the three rounds fly by quickly," says Vijender.

Nieva adds: "Amit has all the experience he needs now. The Uzbeki's professional, WSB record doesn't play into the final. We will see who beats whom tomorrow, but we are very confident now."

Zoirov is in tremendous form, but the Indian believes he's just another giant for him to slay. Amit signed off with typically nonchalant — "I will plan and easily win the gold" — but what about coach Kuttappa?

"Oh I absolutely believe in Amit Panghal now," Kuttappa laughs again. "I believe he will get us the gold."

India's best flyweight — make that 'slyweight'

GAURAV BHATT
NEW DELHI, SPETEMBER 20

IF YOU go by the coaching staff's assessment, Amit Panghal is Sherlock Holmes come to life. In that the Indian boxer is not helping out redheads or chasing demonic hounds in the countryside. The reference is more to the version played by Robert Downey Jr. Or at least the scenes in which the master sleuth contemplates physical altercation, calibrating his opponent in a pre-fight walkthrough, figuring out where to hit, how hard to hit and what happens once he hits.

"Amit is like that only," coach Jay Singh Patil tells *The Indian Express* from Ekaterinburg. "He is India's most cunning boxer. So when people think he is starting slow or is nervous in the beginning, he is only figuring out the strategy of his opponent. Then in the two rounds he breaks them down."

There is merit to not leaving a contest till too late (check our coverage of the Wrestling Worlds for more on that). But in Panghal's case, it is all about belief in one's abilities and the gameplan. Coupled with his technical prowess, the confidence makes him India's best flyweight. A slyweight, if you will.

Friday's World Championship semifinal was tricky. Saken Bibossinov was three

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inches taller and preferred fighting from a distance. And the southpaw Kazakh was coming into the bout with a strong win over European gold-medallist Artur Hovhannisyan.

Pushing the pace

It started out in a typically cagey manner, but unlike Panghal's previous opponents, especially the Filipino in the semifinal, Bibossinov was conservative. He took his time, feinted, gauged the distance and avoided long combinations. On several instances it was the Indian who tried to push the pace and was tested by counters. Panghal's been dispatching opponents trying to rush by creating space and counter-ing. Here was a guy who knew how to use the height and reach advantage, goading the Indian to make the moves.

"*Nervousness to kuch nahi thi*. Just that the Kazakh started out well, but I was confident in the strategy and the game-plan," says Panghal. "We had studied his bouts and knew what his plan would be. I just took some time to understand what he was trying to do and then began my attacks."

Panghal began the second round with lunging jabs, moving in with a strong right and following it with that trusty overhand left. A few of those stinging combos were enough for the Kazakh to start attacking, and playing into Panghal's hands. The

"It took Amit two minutes to study the Kazakh boxer," says high performance director Santiago Nieva. "We were always confident, even during the announcement of the decision in a close bout but in a fairly clear manner."

Two judges had scored the bout against Panghal, a verdict too close for comfort.

"When they said 'split', my heart was in my mouth," says chief coach CA Kuttappa. "The way he had played the second round, and then he completely outboxed the opponent in the third. There was no way he could have lost. And we were ready to protest had the decision gone against him. But for Panghal, the outcome was rather elementary."

"I wasn't nervous during the decision. I had a plan for him, and I followed it very well," Panghal laughs. "*Mujhe pata tha ye bout main aasani se jeeta hun.*"

MS must quit international game before he's pushed out: Gavaskar

REUTERS
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The time has come for India's long-serving wicketkeeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni to bow out of international cricket — and he should go before he's pushed, batting great Sunil Gavaskar said. Former captain Dhoni has been the subject of intense speculation among fans, ex-players and pundits over when he will retire from international cricket since India's semi-final exit from the World Cup. The veteran of 350 one-dayers, who quit playing tests at the end of 2014, has not provided any hint of what his plans are.

However he made himself unavailable for India's tour of the West Indies and instead opted to spend 15 days with India's territorial army, a reservist force that draws on civilians who can do short stints to assist the military. Dhoni was also a notable omission from India's Twenty20 squad for the ongoing

three-match series against South Africa.

"Nobody knows what's in MSD's mind. Only he can clarify what he thinks his future with Indian cricket is," former India captain and opening batsman Gavaskar told India Today. "But he's now 38, by the time the next T20 World Cup comes he will be over 39 years old. I think India should be looking ahead."

The World T20 will be held in 2020 and Dhoni enjoys unwavering support from India captain Virat Kohli who has publicly backed him on numerous occasions.

"His value to the side is always going to be fantastic. It's not just the runs he will score or the catches and the stumpings he will effect," said Gavaskar. "His overall presence is so calming on the field, it's fantastic for the captain because the captain gets the benefit of his views. So that's a huge plus. But I think the time has come. Everybody has a shelf life," he added. "He should be going without being pushed out. He should be going on his own terms."



In a fillip to state units, SC says: ‘Disqualification only for office-bearers’

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUPREME Court on Friday directed that disqualification in state associations' elections would be restricted only to those who had held the position of office-bearers. The court also allowed the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) to go ahead with its election for the post of assistant secretary even though the state body hasn't registered its new constitution yet. The TNCA election results, however, would be subject to the final order of the Court.

"We direct that disqualification shall be confined only to those who had held the post of 'Office Bearers' of the Cricket Associations. This order shall apply to all the States Cricket Association," a bench of Justice SA Bobde and Justice L Nageswara Rao stated in its order. With regards to the TNCA election, the court said: "We permit the applicant—TNCA to hold

elections to the post of Assistant Secretary."

Following the order, the TNCA will now hold its executive committee meeting on Monday. The TNCA was one of the associations that had been waiting for order before finalising its constitution. "We are going to go ahead and implement what the court has directed. We are convening our executive committee meeting on September 23. The same day we will take the decision on our constitution and will send it for registration. We will also announce the date of our elections that day," senior vice-president of the TNCA, PS Raman, a senior advocate, told *The Indian Express*. As per the court order, notice period might be relaxed at the directions of the amicus curiae.

With the court directing that disqualification "shall be confined only to those who had held the post of office-bearers", a majority of the CoA's '9+9 advisory', issued on Monday, will become null and void.

The '9+9 advisory' became a major bone of

contention between the CoA and the state associations, as several members wrote to the Committee and amicus curiae PS Narasimha, questioning its authority. The advisory, among others, clubbed an individual's tenure in the working/managing/executive committee with his/her term as an office-bearer.

The Hyderabad Cricket Association's (HCA) electoral officer, former Chief Election Commissioner, VS Sampath refused to incorporate the advisory into the election procedure as according to him, it went beyond the Supreme Court order. The Cricket Association of Bengal's electoral officer Sushanta Ranjan Upadhyaya, former West Bengal State Election Commissioner, too, decided to ignore it, because the advisory came after the election process was "set in".

After the court order, a member's tenure in the working/executive/managing committee could no longer be added to his/her term as an office-bearer. The tenure cap and the cool-

ing-off clause would be applicable solely on the basis of the number of years a person has served as an office-bearer. "It's a great relief to every state association," former BCCI secretary Niranjan Shah told this paper.

Different interpretations

One interpretation is that, as it restricts disqualification only to those who have served as office-bearers, the CoA directions like no voting rights for members aged 70 years and above would no longer be applicable. Also, members previously disqualified by the CoA directives can be now part of a committee and are eligible to represent their respective associations in the BCCI meetings.

"There are two things basically. What the Court said will not be of direct use if your constitution doesn't provide for it. If a state association has already passed its constitution at the general body, which specifically prevents certain members from voting in elections, attend-

ing meetings etc, they cannot do it unless the association goes back to its general body and modify/amend its constitution. The BCCI, too, will have to go by its constitution, which is already registered," former Maharashtra Cricket Association president Abhay Apte said.

"At the same time, in the same order, the court also stated, 'We trust the various associations will comply with the requirements of the BCCI Constitution', which means, you have to go by the present BCCI constitution. So, there's no scope that somebody can directly borrow these benefits, but there's a window and it's a relief for the associations," he added.

A senior BCCI official disagreed. "This particular clarification by the court is a judicial order and the constitution will be read with this order till such time that the association proceeds to amend its constitution," he said. With regards to the CoA's '9+9 advisory', he said: "Today's order was necessitated because of the advisory that had been issued, which resulted

The order implies that the tenure cap and the cooling-off clause would be applicable solely on the basis of the number of years a person has served as an office-bearer.

in everybody going up in arms and a former CEC also criticising the approach."

Following the order, CAB's electoral officer stated: "...it is notified that the disqualification applicable to representatives of the Affiliated Members of the CAB, who shall be entitled to attend and vote at the ensuing AGM, shall be confined only to those who had held the post of 'Office Bearers' of the CAB." So the members, disqualified as per the CoA advisory, can now attend the September 28 AGM and vote.

Bajrang, fashionably late

Wrestler fights back from 0-6 down against Mongolia's Tumut Ochir to win 8-7 and bag bronze

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THERE ARE days when Bajrang Punia justifies all the adjectives used to describe him. And there quite a few. The Americans refer to him as a 'motor'. Some others prefer 'tank'. Indians feel 'tractor' is a more appropriate description. His coach Shako Bentineidis, meanwhile, chooses to call him an 'atom bomb' - and on the mat, the Georgian wants Bajrang to explode like one.

All these are in reference to Bajrang's raw power and endurance. Arguably, there's not a wrestler in the 65kg class who can tire out the Indian in the six-minute bouts. The latest example of this was Friday's World Championship bronze medal bout against Mongolia's Tumur Ochir, where Bajrang scripted another second-round rally to come back from 6-0 down and win the playoff 8-7.

Here's the thing, though. Bajrang's greatest strength is also turning out to be his biggest weakness, which has resulted in his undoing for a second consecutive World Championship. The bronze in Nur Sultan is a step down from the silver he won in the 2018 Worlds.

The colour of the medal, though, may not matter much given the world number 1's priority was to secure a quota for next year's Olympics and that he managed without having to work hard. And neither does it make Bajrang a lesser favourite for a medal at what will be his debut Games.

But in the larger scheme of things, keeping Tokyo in sight, the World Championships would be a sobering experience for the high-flying Indian.

Acutely aware of his supreme fitness, combined with the confidence of knowing he can force a turnaround within seconds, Bajrang likes taking his bouts to the very last minute; ready to punt on his stamina to get the better of the opponent's skill.

At times, he leaves it till too late, like he did against Ochir on Friday or in the final of Asian Championship in March where he wiped off the advantage Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okassov had in the final minute of the bout. In fact, at the World Championships last year, his quarterfinal against Ochir followed similar pattern like Friday, with Bajrang leaving it late to overturn the deficit and win the bout 5-3. Even in the semis, he scored points in dying seconds to beat Cuba's Alejandro Enrique Valdes Tobier 4-3.

Late revival

Bentineidis has previously said this habit of Bajrang makes his head 'explode' on the sidelines. The high risk, high reward strategy makes him look spectacular when it ends well. On the occasions it does not, it makes Bajrang look miserable.

"It is almost like he starts the bout with a score of -3 or -4 because he gives so many



The tendency to leave things too late yet again came to haunt Bajrang in the World Championships. PTI

Olympics is a serious competition. You must give everything. One poor bout or 30 bad seconds, and it is goodbye Olympics. It's not good to leave it so late always. He needs to start attacking earlier in a bout."

SHAKO BENTENIDIS
BAJRANG'S COACH

early points. Against top opponents, it becomes difficult," Bentineidis said.

It can't be a coincidence that Bajrang has lost two crucial bouts at consecutive World Championships like that. Against Japan's Takuto Otoguro in the 2018 final, Bajrang conceded five points in the opening 30 seconds and was always playing catch up. Otoguro, one of the best in this weight class, did not give Bajrang any opening and was extra careful in the closing stages of the bout to deny the 25-year-old Indian a chance to make a comeback.

On Thursday, Bajrang once again let Daulat Niyazbekov take a 7-point lead and even though Bajrang did his thing and leveled the score to make it 9-9, the wrestler from Kazakhstan - despite looking knackered towards the end - did just enough to deny his rival a chance to complete his fight back.

Even at Beat the Streets - a high-profile invitational tournament in New York - USA's Yianni Diakomihalis took an 8-4 lead early in the second period. And even though Bajrang lived up to the expectations and made it 8-8, Diakomihalis - who can be one of the contenders in Tokyo - had the skill and stamina to nick a couple of points late in the match to win 10-8.

In all the above-mentioned cases, Bajrang could not pull off his trademark late surges against wrestlers who are technically solid, a point that has kept Bentineidis up at nights. "Olympics is a serious competition. You must give everything. One poor bout or 30 bad seconds, and it is goodbye Olympics," he said. "It's not good to leave it so late always. He

needs to start attacking earlier in a bout."

The World Championship was also a platform to see where Bajrang stood in comparison to other medal contenders, given he hasn't competed against them in a high-intensity tournament since the previous Worlds. His continental title came in absence of Otoguro and Niyazbekov - the only two wrestlers who have beaten him in the last one year in official international competitions.

In Nur Sultan, the luck of the draw favoured him as all his key rivals were in the other half. So it remains a mystery where Bajrang stands vis-à-vis wrestlers like Russia's Gadzhimurad Rashidov, who won the gold on Friday, Haji Aliyev of Azerbaijan or even Otoguro.

One thing, though, will be high on his agenda - to reverse the habit of leaving it late. "If you give 6-7 points, comeback is possible. But at the Olympics, it will be very, very difficult," Bentineidis said. "We will have to improve that."

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RAVI DAHIYA is staring into nothing, sitting in the training arena at Barys Arena with his arms clutching his knees. Then he quietly discusses something with the coaches around. He has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics after knocking off some established global stars in the 57kg but hardly shows any emotion.

There is not even a smile on his face. Even when the referee raised his hand after his win over formidable Japanese Yuki Takahashi, he gives an impression as if he has lost. This was the result, which secured his passage into the Tokyo Olympics. Then the 22-year-old bumps into Russian world champion Zaur Uguev and suffered a narrow 4-6 defeat to go out of the gold medal race. "They were scheduling my bouts too close to each other," he says on a memorable day for him but does not utter a word on making it to the Olympics.

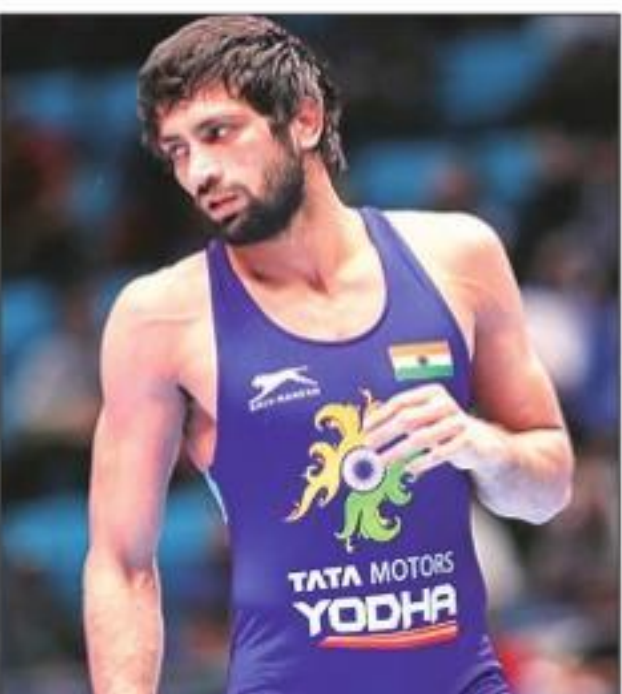
You have qualified for the Olympics, he was told when sought for a comment. "*Han wo to hai (ya, that's there)*," is all that he says. He walks out of the stadium, saying he has to look after his weight. That's Ravi Dahiya for you!

A man of few words but with everything in his arsenal that he needs to have for excelling on the mat. He won the bronze in 57kg on Friday and it took an enormous effort for him to smile when he was asked to pose for pictures. 'You can smile now, you have on', he was told and he finally obliged with a genuine smile. That he possesses extraordinary talent was never in question. He won a silver at the Under-23 World Championships in 2015 to give a glimpse of what is coming in future. If anyone doubted his potential, he showed his mettle at the Pro Wrestling League when he beat U-23 European champion and also Sandeep Tomar, who literally owned the 57kg category before Dahiya's rise.

There were a few who were still not willing to believe in him, saying PVL was not a platform to judge him. However, it was this platform which enabled him to make a name for himself. He, once more, silenced the critics by excelling during the national trails for the Worlds, emerging winner from arguably the most competitive category, which featured Sandeep Tomar and Utkarsh Kale. Dahiya is a product of the national capital's Chhatrasal Stadium, which has already given India two Olympic medallists—Sushil Kumar and Yogeshwar Dutt.

He came here from his village Nahri in Harayana about 10 years back when he was just a 12-year-old and since then has been training under Mahabali Satpal and coach Virender.

And anyone who has seen him train, would say that he is a shy person, who does not express himself much. "What should I say? I am like this since my childhood. My real journey



The 22-year-old lost narrowly to world champion Zaur Uguev in the semifinal.

has just begun. What have I achieved? There are Olympic medallists from my training centre. What have I done?," said Dahiya, who idolises Iranian great Hasan Yazdani.

It shows on the mat. His possesses remarkable composure, stamina and power. He does not get rattled even when he is trailing by a huge margin. Against Arsen Harutyunyan, he trailed 0-6 but once he started to attack he finished the bout by logging 17 points in a row against the 61kg European Champion. The way he controlled the bout against crafty Yuki Takahashi was a treat to watch and it spoke volumes of Dahiya's skill.

His father is a small-time farmer and brings milk and fruits for him every morning from his village about 39kms from his centre. "I have told him not to bother much but they want me to have pure milk -- Char wala (from home)."

Sushil loses in Worlds return

Returning to the World Championship after eight years, double Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar lost his opening round bout to Azerbaijan's Khadzhimurad Gadzhiev here on Friday. Using all his experience, the wily Indian had raced to a 9-4 lead but lost seven points in a row to lose the 74 kg qualification bout. Sushil employed a four-point throw after trailing 0-2 to take lead and further consolidated it with another four-point throw, which came from a difficult position.

The Azerbaijan camp challenged the throw but lost the call, giving one additional point to Sushil for a 9-4 lead at the break. However, the second period belonged to the Junior world bronze medallist, who first pushed Sushil out and the scored of a takedown and took the lead with a gut wrench from ground position. Time was running out but Sushil appeared to tired himself out as Gadzhiev scored two more points with a two-point push out throw to clinch the bout.

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Want to play Sharan in Tokyo 2020: Bopanna

Rohan Bopanna said he plans to team up with Divij Sharan and represent the country at the men's doubles event in next year's Olympics but for that to happen, they need to keep their rankings high. Bopanna started the year playing alongside the left-handed Sharan and won the Pune Open title. "I started in Pune with Divij. Obviously, me and Divij wanted to try to play the whole year together but unfortunately our rankings were not high enough," Bopanna, who has subsequently partnered Denis Shapovalov, said. "We had to change partners in March because we were not getting into any of the 500s and with Indian Wells, Miami, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Madrid, Rome all coming up, it was for us to find different partners."

Zimbabwe thumps Afghans in T20 tri-series

Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza made his farewell match memorable by leading his side to a seven-wicket victory against Afghanistan on Friday in the T20 tri-series. Zimbabwe also snapped Afghanistan's eight-match winning streak in this format against them. Masakadza struck a 42-ball 71, including four fours and five sixes, to help his side reach 156-3 in 19.3 overs after Afghanistan put on 155-8. The match had nothing at stake after Zimbabwe was eliminated from contention following three straight defeats. In his last international match, Masakadza combined for two important partnerships to edge his side closer to victory.

Equestrian Federation elections to be deferred

The Indian Olympic Association has asked the Equestrian Federation of India not to hold its elections on September 29 without amending its constitution and warned of further action if it proceeds with the polls. The IOA has objected to a provision in the EFI constitution which allows individual members and clubs to have voting rights in the Annual General Body Meetings. It said the EFI cannot conduct elections without bringing change in this provision through amendment of its constitution.



Tabraiz Shamsi finished with figures of 1/19 in Mohali T20. Reuters

In T20s, pressure is on batsmen, says Shamsi

South Africa's left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi feels that T20 is a batsmen's format in which bowlers like him are there to "spoil the party", which the fans come for. The 29-year-old had decent figures of 1/19 in three overs during the second T20 International in Mohali and is now looking forward to drawing the series level at the Chinnaswamy Stadium which used to be his "home ground" a couple of seasons back. Shamsi used to play for the local IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bangalore. "I feel it puts all the more pressure on the batsman to go out there and do what people want to see. So as bowlers, we are just there to spoil the party and make sure that we execute our plans well," Shamsi, who has played 17 ODIs and 15 T20 Internationals for the Proteas, told PTI in an interview. The third and final T20 is scheduled to be held here on Sunday. "Chinnaswamy is a small stadium and I mean it's a T20 series, so people obviously are coming there to see batsmen hit fours and sixes. They are not there to see you bowl a maiden over and that's what it's all about," he said.

‘Track ban on Russian athletes won’t be lifted’

The CEO of the Russian anti-doping agency predicted Friday that the country's track team won't be reinstated in time for the upcoming world athletics championships. The Russian team has been suspended from international track and field since 2015 over widespread doping, though dozens are allowed to compete as neutral athletes and 29 have been entered for the Sept. 27-Oct. 6 championships in Qatar. The last chance for reinstatement before the world championships is the IAAF council on Monday, four days before the championships begin. "All the information I have, which I can't reveal, speaks to the (Russian track federation) not being reinstated," Russian anti-doping agency CEO Yuri Ganus told Tass news agency.

Hiddink sidelined as China’s Olympic coach

China has dismissed respected Dutchman Guus Hiddink as coach of its Olympic football team after a disappointing year in charge. In a statement Thursday, the China Football Association said that former head coach of the Chinese women's team Hao Wei would take over the key role for the men's team. The CFA said it was setting up a four-member group to be in charge of the Olympic qualifiers, with Hiddink's name notably absent.



Hamilton tops 2nd practice at Singapore GP

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton was fastest in Friday's second practice at the Singapore Grand Prix in an early indication the Formula One championship leader will be tough to beat in Sunday's race. Hamilton set the fastest lap of 1 minute, 38.773 seconds, 0.184 seconds quicker than Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who led the first practice session. Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel, who has gone 22 races without a win, was third. "It was a good day. We are competitive and the car was working really well in both practice sessions," Verstappen said. Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, who recovered from hitting the wall in the first session, finished fourth.



A test of bouncebackability

Defending champs City will look to rebound from their shock defeat to Norwich

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FERNANDINHO STEPPED seamlessly into Manchester City's backline in midweek to ease Pep Guardiola's defensive woes but the Premier League champions know their stretched resources will be tested by a physical Watford side on Saturday. The clubs last met in the FA Cup final in May, with City romping to a 6-0 victory to complete the first-ever domestic treble in English football history.

But just four months later Guardiola, whose side are already five points behind Jurgen Klopp's rampant Liverpool, is facing a serious headache at the back, with Aymeric Laporte and John Stones out for significant spells. Frenchman Laporte, described as the best left-sided defender in Europe by Guardiola, is out until at least February after injuring knee ligaments in the recent win over Brighton.

That left Stones, whose start to the season was hampered by injury, as the only specialist centre-half left to partner Nicolas Otamendi, a player who has not been an automatic first choice for some time. England defender Stones, however, suffered a muscle injury in training and reports suggest he could be out for four to five weeks. City appear to be paying the price for a curious strategy in the transfer market.

Over the past two years they have shown strong interest in Virgil van Dijk and Harry Maguire, only to balk at paying what turned out to be world record transfer fees for defenders. Van Dijk went to Liverpool for 75 million pounds (\$93m) while Maguire ended up at Manchester United for 80m pounds. Given the vast wealth of the club's Abu Dhabi ownership, and the fact they have broken their own club



Pep Guardiola's Manchester City are already five points behind Liverpool. Reuters

transfer record in each of the past two summers, such caution when it comes to signing centre-halves seems curious.

Kompany loss

Guardiola also famously spent big on three full-backs — Kyle Walker, Danilo and Benjamin Mendy — in a matter of days in 2017 which makes his, and City's, refusal to compete with Liverpool and United for centre-halves all the more baffling. The upshot of their approach was that they failed to replace veteran club skipper Vincent Kompany, who returned to Belgium.

City's refusal to go toe to toe with their rivals means they face Watford, and new manager Quique Sanchez Flores, with only Otamendi as a fit, specialist central defender. Watford are bottom of the league but come into the

match buoyant after recovering from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 against Arsenal. At least Guardiola has a ready-made solution, with defensive midfielder Fernandinho playing at centre-back for the midweek visit to Shakhtar Donetsk, where City won 3-0. The City manager has long spoken of moving Fernandinho back into that position as his career draws to a close although his hand has been forced by the injuries. "That's why he is so important for us," said Guardiola after the victory in his side's Champions League opener.

"We don't have many choices. I think he is the only one I have. Other players can play in that position but Fernandinho is a clever player and so intelligent — an incredible guy. He did well the first game he played. Of course he has a lot of experience and personal-

ity, and what he says the people follow him in the locker room so it's important."

Right-back Walker is another player who could move into the centre of defence in an emergency but, with Fernandinho in the veteran stage of his career now at 34, Guardiola is one injury away from a full-blown crisis.

Spurs face Leicester

Tottenham's ambitions after reaching the club's first Champions League final and moving into a stunning new stadium were to kick on and challenge Liverpool and Manchester City for major honours this season. However, Mauricio Pochettino admits his side need to make major improvements and learn from their mistakes just to maintain their status as Champions League regulars.

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