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Ice cream outing turns tragic as truck kills two

NEW DELHI
Out to have ice cream with his family at India Gate, a 42-year-old man and his eight-year-old daughter were killed when a truck hit their two-wheeler after ramming two autorickshaws on Monday night, the police said on Tuesday.

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Disasters keep some women out of NRC

Identities erased in Bengal flood, fire

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Two disasters – one caused by water and the other by fire – in adjoining West Bengal districts six years apart may have kept several women out of Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) released on August 31.

Jalpaiguri, the district headquarters, had in 1968 experienced a disastrous flood. And in 1974, a fire razed much of the District Magistrate's office in Cooch Behar, the headquarters of the district of the same name.

Surviving flood

Runa Saraswati survived the Jalpaiguri flood to be married into one of Guwahati's oldest Bengali families. Now 68, she feels she probably lived this long for her identity as an Indian to be “erased” by a deluge of a political kind with judicial sanction – the NRC.

The Saraswatis were among five Bengali families that had come to Guwahati from undivided Bengal in 1800s. Decades later, the Saraswatis became the first to export Assam's indigenous silks. Their documents dating back to more than a century made them confident of being included in the NRC. All members were in, except for Ms. Saraswati.

“We should get to know the cause of her rejection from the NRC authority in a few days, but there is a possibility that the West Bengal

‘Genuine Indians need not worry’

Assam Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said “genuine Indians” left out of the NRC should not worry, while the included “foreigners” should not rejoice as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are around. But he did not say how Mr. Modi and Mr. Shah would help out “genuine Indians”. ► PAGE 12

authorities could not verify her documents when they were sent from Assam for vetting,” her son Rudip Saraswati told *The Hindu*.

“Mother said the flood of 1968 destroyed Jalpaiguri town and many lost their documents. Most importantly, the records room in the District Magistrate's office was completely damaged. Whatever is the cause, she has broken down psychologically,” he said.

The 65-year-old Madhabi* Bose, married into a middle-class family in Guwahati's Kalapahar area, too has been left out for a similar reason. She is from Cooch Behar, from where many documents of people born before 1974, the year the DM's office caught fire, could not be verified.

(Name changed on request)

BENGAL 'LAX' ► PAGE 12



Fruitful meeting: A group of sarpanches emerging from a meeting with Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday. • PTI

gar under police protection as they have not been able to go back to their villages.

Participating in the debate in the Rajya Sabha on August 5, Mr. Shah had said no industry could be set up and tourism could not develop in

the State because of restrictions on land purchase due to Articles 370 and 35A. Mr. Shah had moved two Bills to revoke the special status under Article 370 and bifurcate the State into Union Territories. After the revocation of

special status, residents from the Kashmir Valley and Jammu have expressed concerns and demanded protection of their land, culture and traditions.

Mr. Shah also assured the delegation that communication services, including Internet, would be restored in the Valley in the next 20-25 days. He promised to begin recruitment for government jobs at the earliest, and said the government would ensure merit-based recruitment of at least five aspirants from each village. He reiterated that the statehood would be restored as soon as the situation warranted and asked the representatives not to believe any rumours.

Mr. Shah met three diffe-

rent groups of representatives, the first such meeting after the Article 370 was diluted. The participants were selected by the office of Baseer Khan, the Divisional Commissioner of Kashmir, and flown to Delhi on Tuesday morning.

Nisar Ahmad Bhat, a sarpanch from Pulwama, said he had been living with his family in Srinagar after he won the elections last year. “The Home Minister told us that the situation is tense so they will not open the phone lines soon. We asked for protection, we are under threat...we go to our village clandestinely,” he added.

SHUTDOWN NOT DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ► PAGE 13

Going under



Consigned to history: As the Sardar Sarovar Dam is being filled to its full level of 138.68 metres by October 15, Nisarpur in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh has been submerged by the backwaters. Residents have been shifted to a settlement. • A.M. FARUQUI

ED arrests Shivakumar in money laundering case

Politics of vendetta, says Cong. leader

DEVESH K PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar in connection with a money laundering case.

Soon after his arrest, the former Karnataka Minister tweeted: “I congratulate my BJP friends for finally being successful in their mission of arresting me. The IT and ED cases against me are politically motivated and I am a victim of BJP's politics of

vengeance and vendetta.”

Appealing to his party workers, supporters and well-wishers not to be disheartened as he had “done nothing illegal”, Mr. Shivakumar said he was confident that he would emerge victorious against “this vendetta politics.”

He was arrested after about 30 hours of questioning since August 30.

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IAF inducts 8 Apache attack helicopters

It is the most advanced multi-role heavy attack helicopter in the world

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Tuesday inducted eight AH-64E Apache attack helicopters into service at the Pathankot Air Force Station. The U.S.-made Apache is the most advanced multi-role heavy attack helicopter in the world.

To replace Mi-35 fleet

“Apache attack helicopters are being purchased to replace the Mi-35 fleet. Alongside the capability to shoot fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missiles, air-to-air missiles, rockets and other



Cutting edge: The latest generation of the Apache will be part of the 125 Helicopter Unit at Pathankot. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ammunition, it has modern Electronic Warfare capabilities to provide versatility to helicopters in a network-centric aerial warfare,” IAF

chief Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa said at the ceremony. These helicopters had been modified to suit the exacting standards demanded

by the IAF, and the delivery schedule was on time. “Today, with the induction of the Apache AH-64E, the IAF has upgraded its inventory to the latest generation of attack helicopters,” he said.

The Apaches will be part of the 125 Helicopter Unit at Pathankot. “The Apaches arrived at the Air Force Station, Hindon, in July this year, in batches of four, over two days, and were then transported to the Air Force Station, Pathankot, to await their formal induction,” the manufacturer Boeing said.

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SIT formed to probe cross FIRs in Chinmayanand case

SP asked to provide adequate security to law student, her family

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LUCKNOW

Acting on Supreme Court's order, the Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday constituted a Special Investigation Team to probe charges levelled by a Shahjahanpur woman against former Union Minister and BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand.

The SIT, to be headed by an IG-rank police officer, will look into the two cross FIRs filed in the high-profile case.

A statement issued by the U.P. Home Department said, “A decision has been taken by U.P. Chief Secretary R.K. Ti-

wari to constitute an SIT, which would be headed by IG (Public Grievance) Naveen Arora.” Directions have also been issued by the State government to include policemen “with a clean image” on the probe panel.

‘Impartial investigation’

“This SIT will ensure impartial investigation into the two cross FIRs filed in the Shahjahanpur case and also probe the allegations levelled,” the statement said.

Instructions have been issued to Divisional Commissioner (Bareilly) and Vice-

Chancellor of Mahatma Jyoti-ba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, to admit the law student and her brother at the university or any affiliated college.

Directions have also been issued to the Superintendent of Police, Shahjahanpur, to provide adequate security to the law student, her parents and other members of her family.

The move by the U.P. government comes a day after the Supreme Court directed it to set up an SIT to investigate the charges levelled by the woman.

DM defends booking scribe for exposé

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

A day after booking a journalist for exposing the poor quality of the mid-day meal at a primary school in Mirzapur, the district administration on Tuesday justified its action saying the reporter's act had appeared suspect because he had shot a video of the incident despite working for a print daily.

Talking to reporters, Mirzapur DM Anurag Patel said the reporter Pawan Jaiswal had gone to the primary school to film a video and make it “viral” as part of a “conspiracy.”

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Bike worth ₹15,000, rider fined ₹23,000

Gurugram traffic police impound vehicle as man fails to produce papers, pay penalty

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

A Delhi resident was on Monday fined ₹23,000 by the Gurugram traffic police under the amended Motor Vehicles Act for riding a two-wheeler without a licence, insurance papers, registration certificate, pollution control certificate and helmet.

The offender, Dinesh Madan, a resident of Geeta Colony, claimed that his two-wheeler was worth around ₹15,000. His vehicle was impounded as he was unable to pay the fine on the spot.

Penalty for traffic violations under different heads has gone up several fold fol-

lowing the amendment to the law with effect from September 1.

Mr. Madan, who runs a newspaper advertisement agency in Gurugram, claimed that he was on his way to District and Sessions Court for work when he took off his helmet just a few metres before negotiating a turn on the service lane to the court. “A traffic policeman standing in the corner flagged me down for not wearing the helmet. I called a friend who is an advocate but before he could reach, the policeman asked me for the documents and issued the challan for the viola-

tions,” said Mr. Madan.

He claimed that he had all the documents at home but the policeman allowed him only “10 minutes” to get the papers, which was not possible. Mr. Madan said he arranged a photo of the registration certificate on his WhatsApp, but not before the challan was issued.

Digital copy allowed

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Himanshu Garg said it was mandatory to carry original vehicle documents, but carrying them in digital form in DigiLocker was also valid as per the law. “Not carrying the docu-

ments and not having them at all are two different offences with different penalties, although the penalty for the former is far less. In the present case, if the offender produces the original documents, the fine amount would be accordingly reduced,” said Mr. Garg.

Amit, a resident of Jacobpura in Gurugram, was fined ₹24,000 at the same spot and for similar violations as Mr. Madan on Tuesday. On Monday, Mohammad Mustakil, an autorickshaw driver, was fined ₹32,500 for seven violations, including driving without a high security registration number plate.

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Dr. Vardhan also highlighted Cyclone Fani as a case study in early preparedness and disaster management and said that accurate weather forecast, effective early warnings, preparedness for timely evacuation of nearly 1.15 million people and other risk mitigation measures helped save many lives.



States have no discretion in Motor Vehicles Act: CM

NEW DELHI
States do not have any discretion in the implementation of the Motor Vehicles Act but the government was studying how the other States were saying they would “not implement the new law”, said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The Parliament passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019, in July. The new law seeks to tighten traffic regulations.

Pregnant woman attacked: DCW notice to police

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Commission for Women on Tuesday issued notice to the police over an attack on a pregnant and differently abled woman in Harsh Vihar, said officials.
The woman was attacked by a mob on August 27 over suspicion over suspicion of child abduction. Taking suo-motu cognisance of media reports, the commission wrote the police seeking details of the investigation and whether the accused have been identified and arrested. “The woman was thrown out of her matrimonial home and was living on the streets. A rumor spread about the woman being a child lifter and a mob which gathered and attacked her brutally. It has been informed to the commission that an FIR has been registered but only two persons have been arrested,” said DCW.

DCW chairperson Swati Maliwal said, “It is critical that exemplary is given to the perpetrators of the attack. It is crucial that strong deterrence is created in society against mob-lynching. Exemplary punishment in the matter is the need of the hour.” It sought a copy of all the video recordings and CCTV footage of the incident. The commission asked the police to provide the information by September 9.

‘Illegal stone mining’ in Meghalaya under scanner

NGT seeks action-taken report by Oct. 11

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI

After rat-hole coal mining, the National Green Tribunal here has turned its attention to alleged illegal gravel and stone mining in Meghalaya.

Based on a complaint by Assam-based activist Jitil Deka, the NGT has asked Meghalaya’s Ri-Bhoi district administration, the State’s Forest and Mining and Geology Department besides the State Pollution Control Board officials to inspect the stone quarrying areas and submit an action-taken report by October 11.

Mr. Deka said the Meghalaya government had in Sep-

Out-of-control truck mows down father-daughter duo at India Gate

Family alleges 8-year-old was breathing but police did not take her to hospital

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

Out for an ice cream treat with his family at India Gate, a 42-year-old man and his 8-year-old daughter were killed when a speeding truck hit their two-wheeler after ramming two autorickshaws and before driving onto the lawns on Monday night, the police said on Tuesday.

Two injured

Accused driver Raman from Badarpur has been arrested, they said. The deceased have been identified as Kewal Dhimani and Manya while the injured – autorickshaw driver Deepak Kumar and labourer Ram Singh, who was on the footpath at that time, – are undergoing treatment. The victim’s family from Geeta Colony told *The Hindu* that Kewal had taken his wife Poonam and daughters – Manya and Myra (2) –, to India Gate to have ice cream after dinner when the incident happened.

The family, who were narrated the incident by an eyewitness, said at 12 a.m., the speeding truck rammed two autorickshaws and then hit the parked two-wheeler on which Kewal and his family were enjoying the dessert. The vehicle then entered the lawns before coming to a halt. “My brother was under the wheels of the truck and was even dragged for some



Mangled remains of an autorickshaw and a two-wheeler after a truck rammed them near India Gate on Tuesday; (inset) Kewal Dhimani. • SANDEEP SAXENA; SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

distance. The impact on Manya was such that she was half inside the mud,” said Kewal’s sister Mona Arora.

‘Pushed wife’

She also said her brother had realised that the truck was approaching them and pushed his wife. His younger daughter was in a porch, therefore, the two survived but remained unconscious for a while. Ms. Arora blamed the

police for not taking Manya to a hospital while she was still breathing. She also said the police did not act immediately.

“After a while, my sister-in-law gained consciousness and saw Manya lying in the mud, who was still breathing. She pulled her out and called her brothers, who rushed the minor to a hospital where she was declared brought dead. The police had just reached



When Poonam gained consciousness, she saw Manya lying in mud, breathing. She pulled her out and called her brothers who rushed her to a hospital where she was declared brought dead

MONA ARORA
Victim’s sister

the spot... this is when officers are around nook and corner of India Gate,” the sister alleged.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Eish Singhal remained unavailable to comment on the allegations. The family said it was Manya’s examination on Tuesday and she had asked her father to take them out for ice cream. “The father and daughter were inseparable and it is tragic that they even died together. He always said he would want to see her become a doctor,” the sister said.

Sole breadwinner

Kewal worked in share market industry and was the sole breadwinner.

The police said the accused’s blood sample has been taken for an alcohol test and further investigation is under way.

Man, daughter killed in Seelampur building collapse

Neighbour’s five-storey house crashed down on their roof

HEMANI BHANDARI
NEW DELHI

A 65-year-old man and his 21-year-old daughter were killed when their neighbour’s five-storey building in north-east Delhi’s Seelampur collapsed on Monday night.

Both Mohammed Yaseen, a tailor, and his daughter Sarfaraz alias Moni, were inside their house in JJ Colony at that time, the police said. Three persons – Arman (33), Shahjahan Begum (33) and Samshudin – were injured in the collapse, they added.

Yaseen’s other daughter, Rani (20), alleged that they had complained to the neighbours regarding the construction of multiple floors and its dangers but they didn’t listen to them.

The residential building is owned by one Ikramuddin and his sons. Rani said she and her mother were outside the house while her two brothers had gone to the market to buy medicines for Yaseen when the incident happened.

“My father and sister were at home. Moni was serving him dinner at 10.30 p.m. when the entire building collapsed on our roof. Our house collapsed because of the debris,” she said.

The daughter said the neighbours already were constructing a fifth floor,



Policemen at the collapse site in JJ Colony on Tuesday. ■ R.V. MOORTHY

the work for which was going on for over a month.

‘Fears came true’

“The roof of their upper floors was dangling and the walls were cracked. We had told multiple times to not construct any more floors as we were scared that it would fall...and our fears came true,” she said, adding that her family also threatened to approach higher authorities regarding the same.

She said her father had been ill for the past seven months and underwent five operations but was recovering for the last few days.

Owing to his ill health, Moni had taken up a data entry operator job in Seelampur, she said, adding: “Only the two of them had jobs. My brothers, who are

studying, will now have to take up odd jobs or else who will take care of us?” she said.

Compensation sought

The family has asked compensation for the house.

The locals said the street’s walls had to be broken for bulldozer to enter it, which consumed time. The father was pulled out after six hours and the daughter after three hours, they said.

Three arrested

Deputy Commissioner of Police (North-East) Atul Thakur said Ikramuddin, who used to sell powder, his son Gufran (32), a carpenter, and Dinesh (40), a contractor, have been arrested on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and causing hurt.

‘Help who killed nonagenarian has criminal record’

He had drugged victim, his wife; was planning to demand ₹30 lakh in ransom

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A day after a 91-year-old retired government official’s body was found stuffed in a refrigerator in south Delhi, investigation revealed that the accused domestic help holds previous criminal history and had planned a ransom of ₹30 lakh.

The accused had allegedly drugged Kishan Dev Khosla and his wife Saroj from Greater Kailash on Saturday and stuffed him inside a fridge, which he then loaded in a tempo. They had planned to kidnap the victim, a former

United Nations official, for ransom. However, after travelling for a while when the accused opened the fridge, they realised that the man had suffocated to death.

Ms. Saroj woke up at 5 a.m. on Sunday and found her husband and Kishan missing.

“Kishan had served us sedative-laced tea. The house was also robbed,” she told the police.

Khosla’s body was recovered from inside a fridge, which was dumped in a 6-foot deep pit in Sangam Vihar, the police said. A probe

was launched in the case following which Kishan and his four accomplices – Deepak Yadav, Pradeep Sharma, Sarvesh and Prabhudayal – were arrested.

Theft, snatching cases

During investigation, it was found that Kishan has three previous criminal cases of theft and snatching registered against him, including two in Hauz Khas police station. His brother Vijay is also a proclaimed offender of Sangam Vihar police station, a senior officer said.

During interrogation, he

allegedly said he had been planning the murder since July because Khosla always ill-treated and scolded him. He also said Ms. Saroj used to treat him well. “He had also planned to ask for a ransom of ₹30 lakh,” the officer said, adding that the accused had rented the Sangam Vihar accommodation on August 29 and the tempo in which they carried the fridge with the body stuffed inside belonged to Pradeep.

The police said the victims did not check the accused’s documents before employing him.

Delhi High Court has territorial jurisdiction to hear my habeas corpus plea: Shah Faesal

He was detained at IGIA last month and sent back to Srinagar

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal on Tuesday contended that the Delhi High Court has the territorial jurisdiction to hear his habeas corpus plea as he was detained at the IGI Airport and was forcibly taken to Srinagar.

Mr. Faesal also told the court that the Lookout Circular issued against him was prima facie a mala fide exercise of power and no reasonable ground was made out for it. The submissions filed on behalf of Mr. Faesal said a copy of the LOC was not provided to him nor details of the



Shah Faesal

contents are given in the Jammu and Kashmir government’s reply to his petition.

A Bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangeeta Dhingra Sehgal posted the case for further hearing on September 12 as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was unavailable for the day. Earlier, the J&K government had informed the High Court that

Mr. Faesal was put under detention as per the order of an executive magistrate in Budgam after he created an “unruly atmosphere at the [Srinagar] airport”.

House arrest

The J&K government said it was only on his refusal to furnish a bond/security, as required under Section 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, that the detention order was passed. Mr. Faesal had filed the habeas corpus plea in HC here claiming that he was illegally detained on August 14 and taken back to Srinagar, where he has been kept under house arrest.

Green Tribunal pulls up DPCC for failing to take action against polluters

NGT summons pollution control committee chairperson

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal pulled up the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) for failing to take action against polluters.

Responsibilities, duties

It summoned DPCC Chairman and observed that it was not merely a “supervisory body” and the pollution committee is required to take necessary steps.

A Bench headed by NGT judicial member Justice

Raghuvendra S. Rathore said: “It is high time that the DPCC should realise its responsibilities and duties in accordance to the relevant law and to take prompt steps to do the needful, whenever anything is known to have been done, violative of environmental law.” While directing the Chairman to be present before the tribunal on September 13, the Bench, also comprising expert member Satyawan Singh Garbhal said, “Even if any other de-

partment is required to do a work, it is the responsibility of the DPCC to have it done immediately. Merely issuance of notice is no redressal of the grievance raised by the public.”

Pollution by ragpickers

The directions came when the panel was hearing a petition moved by the residents’ welfare association of the Madipur village who alleged pollution caused by ragpickers who sort solid waste including plastic.

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More students come under education scheme

The first three questions read: "What works were done by the three Chief Ministers of BJP during 1993-1998?"; "What works were done by the Sheila Dixit government during 1998 - 2013, for the people?" and "What are the works done by the Arvind Kejriwal government in the last four years?"

As per government statistics, as many as 4,961 stu-

have taken many steps.”

Till now, Mr. Kejriwal said, the scheme was only for students belonging to the Scheduled Castes category and the maximum financial assistance was ₹40,000. Now, the scheme had been expanded in scope and duration.

Extended to others

Students belonging to SC/ST/ OBC/ EWS categories residing in Delhi and who cleared Class X and XII from schools in the national capital and whose total family

income is not more than ₹8 lakh per year will now be eligible under the scheme, he said.

"It is the age of cut-throat competition and children require coaching for getting admission in good engineering and medical colleges. Children born in poor families are also very intelligent, but in the absence of resources for coaching, they are left behind and only those with sufficient economic resources have access to coaching," Mr. Kejriwal said further.

joined tomorrow," she added.

Ms. Lamba has been maintaining the stand that she will contest on a Congress ticket if the party approaches her, else she will contest as an independent from Chandni Chowk.

In December 2018, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had sought disciplinary action against Ms. Lamba for being at the forefront of criticism against a demand by some AAP MLAs to recall the Bharat Ratna conferred on late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

This rift between Ms.

Lamba and the party has been growing ever since, but she has not formally resigned from the party. She has been vocal against AAP for the last couple of months and has not been called for party meetings.

Commenting on Ms. Gandhi's response, Ms. Lamba said, "It is good that she is talking to the local leaders before taking a decision. This is democracy and this is what is missing in AAP, where every decision is just being taken by one man."

But, Ms. Lamba ruled out any possibility of joining the

BJP. "I had switched my party at that point to stop BJP. But I never switched my ideology. I stand for secularism."

Meeting after 6 years

The rebel AAP MLA said that she had met Ms. Gandhi after six years and had a fruitful conversation. "We talked about what is happening in the country - unemployment, economy, Delhi elections among other issues."

AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj refused to comment on the development.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Opposition on Tuesday approached the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) with a complaint alleging a scam related to the recruitment of marshals by the Delhi government for deployment on State-run buses.

Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta, along with BJP MLAs, called on Special Commissioner of Police, ACB, Arvind Deep to lodge the said complaint which alleges graft in recruitment of 10,000 marshals in DTC buses.

“The delegation informed the Special Commissioner that Divisional Magistrate [Shahdara] Kuldeep Pakad acted as kingpin in complete complicity and with the connivance of Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot and Divisional Commissioner Rajiv Verma,” Mr.

Gupta alleged in a statement.

“The delegation submitted that Divisional Magistrate [HQ] Mohamad Abid has filed a formal complaint with the higher authorities exposing the scam. The Delhi government has ordered an inquiry to cover up the matter which violates basic rules of an inquiry as it is being conducted by a junior officer against an IAS officer of senior rank,” the statement said. The Special Commissioner (ACB) assured the delegation that he would get the complaint thoroughly probed, it added.

According to the statement, the LoP’s complaint to the Special Commissioner of Police alleged that rules and regulations “were grossly flouted” during the recruitment and also stressed that their complaint may be treated as an FIR.

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E-Tender Notice No. ECR-CAO-CN-ETN-70-19-20. E-tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work.

1. Name of the work with it's location : Rehabilitation/Rebuilding of Sub structure of Existing Bridge No 5 (1x30.50M OVG) in (1x61.00M OVG) and Existing Bridge No 7 (1x30.50M OVG) in (1x61.00M OVG) on well foundation, construction of Temporary Diversion to Bridge No 5 & 7 & erection of Open Web Girder (2x61.00M) on Br. No 5 & 7 between Nirmali- Sarajgarh in Samastipur Division. Approx. cost of the work of ₹ : 27,97,25,839.81, Earned money to be deposited by 15.48.600/-, Date and time for closing of tender : 18.09.2019 at 14.30 hrs. 5. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. . The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.reps.gov.in> . Note : In case of any discrepancies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website : <http://www.reps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to this E-Tender.

CAO/Con/Nor
ECR/Mahendragadh, Patna

PR/1125/Con/Engg./T/19-20/44

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY


General public is hereby informed that one unknown female person was found unconscious in front of Shope No. E-11/101, Buland Masjid Shastri Park Delhi on Dated 27.08.2019 admitted to JPC Hospital During the treatment he was brought dead declared by the doctor. The dead body has been shifted to the mortuary of G.T.B. Hospital In this regard vide **DD No. 49A Dated 27.08.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Shastri Park Delhi**.

The description of the dead body is given as under **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o Unknown, Age:** 50 Years, **Face:** Round **Built-Medium Complexion:** Sallow, **Height:** 5', **Wearing:** Light Yellow Colour Chunni and White Suit- Salwar.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead female person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead female person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Shastri Park , Delhi
Ph.: 011-22170120
22170106

DP/7306/NE/19



Himachal Pradesh Public works Department				
CORRIGENDUM				
In the partial modification in the corrigendum of following works. Called vide this office notice inviting tender No.PW-SE-X/PMGSY-Tender/2019-5000-50 dated 09.08.2019 following information and their respective Date may be read as under-				
District	Package No	Name of work	Starting Date and Deadline Date for submitted of bid	Modified Starting Date and Deadline Date for submitted of bid
Bilaspur	P-01-159	C/o link road from Kharkari to Bhatar in Km.0/0 to 4/240	02.09.2019 to 23.09.2019	30.09.2019 to 21.10.2019
-do-	P-01-157	C/o link road from Tikker to Dauladhar (L-164) in Km.0/0 to 2/525.	02.09.2019 to 23.09.2019	30.09.2019 to 21.10.2019
-do-	P-01-160	C/o link road from SNB Kthal Tibba (L-171) in Km.0/0 to 6/810.	02.09.2019 to 23.09.2019	30.09.2019 to 21.10.2019
-do-	P-01-158	C/o link road from Bhatar to Kanfara (L-122) in Km.0/0 to 3/825.	02.09.2019 to 23.09.2019	30.09.2019 to 21.10.2019
HP/1822/19-20			Sd/- Superintending Engineer, 10th Circle, HP. PW, Bilaspur	

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)/ E.C.Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open Tender from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways:-

Tender Notice No. : TC-176-SPJ-2019, Name of work : Civil Engineering work in connection with Provision of (2) Two Nos. Escalator at Samastipur. Tender Value (In ₹) : ₹71.95,317.16, Earnest Money (In ₹) : ₹71,43,900/-, Cost of tender document (In ₹) : ₹5,000/-, Completion period of the work : 12 Months.

1. Last Date & time for receiving of Tender in E-Tender mode on IREPS web portal - 23.09.2019 upto 12.00 hours, 2. Opening Date & time for E-Tender : 23.09.2019 after 12.00 hours, 3. Website particulars where complete details of tender & tender document can be seen on Website : www.ireps.gov.in, 4. Amendments/modifications if any shall not be published in the newspapers but the same shall be uploaded in the website : www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ord/
ECR/Samastipur

PR/1134/SPJ/Engg./T/19-20/36



EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, East Central Railway, Gomoh on behalf of the President, India invite tender for the supply of the following eligible and experienced agencies or contractors for E-Tender No. EL5401/AMC_Crane_18-19_21. Particulars are as under:-

1. Name of the work with its location : Annual maintenance of 10 Nos. EOT Cranes of various capacities for 24 months. Location: Electric Loco Shed, Gomoh, 2. Approx Cost of the work : ₹ 1,74,73,440/- (Rupees One Crore seventy four lakh seventy three thousand four hundred forty only), 3. Earnest Money : ₹ 23,37,400 (Rupees Two lakh thirty seven thousand four hundred only), 4. Date & Time for submission of tender & closing of tender : From 04.09.2019 up to closing of tender at 10:30 hrs. on 18.09.2019, 5. Website particulars where Tender document is available : IREPS Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/reserved bids online through this website only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen : Notice board of Electric Loco Shed, Gomoh.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/T.R.S.
ECR/Gomoh

PR/1129/DHN/Elec.T/19/20/40

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 42 of 2019-20 (Open)-Engg/MGS

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by **DRM/Engg/MGS** for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MIES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

Tender No. 32-MGS-DEN-HQ-19-20

1. Name of work with its location :
Hospitality service/Housekeeping (Round the clock) in the hired rest house accommodation (3 BHK) for officers of East Central Railway at flat No. D-201, Gauri Sadan, 5 Hally Road, New Delhi-110001 and Newly constructed ORH (Ground floor) at Lodhi colony Station New Delhi, for Twenty Two months. Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 84127133.83.

Earnest Money: Rs. 163800.00, 4. Date & time for submission of e-tender : 18.09.2019, Up-to 12.00 hrs. 5. Website particulars of e-tendering : www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager
E.C.Rly, Mughalserai

PR/01119/MGS/ENGGT/19-20/36

		हरियाणा सरकार					
TENDER NOTICE							
SR N.O.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/E MD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER	
1	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FARIDABAD	RECONSTRUCTION OF 6 LAANE SINGLE SPAN PRE- STRESSED BRIDGE I.E. 3 LANE IN PLACE OF OLD DETERIORATED (U/S) BRIDGE AND ADDITION OF 1 LANE IN EXISTING 2 LANE PSC GRIDER BRIDGE AT RD 33300 OF GURGAON CANAL FEEDER + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 09.09.2019	1110 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2288504 xen_fbd@yahoo.co.in	
2	IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FATEHABAD	REHABILITATION OF NEW DING MINOR WITH PIPE LINE CHANNEL RD 0-27600 TAIL OFF TAKING AT RD 246650-R FATEHABAD BRANCH+7 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 09.09.2019	489.23 LACS	hid.gov.in	xen-wafb.irm@gov.in	
3	FOREST DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	CREATION AND INSTALLATION OF 3D WILD ANIMALS SCULPTURE TO BE ERECTED ON 14 MTR. HIGH TUBULAR STEEL POLE AT ROHTAK ZOO DISTRICT ROHTAK HARYANA	31.08.2019 06.09.2019	7 LACS	haryanaforest.gov.in	01262274377 dwfirohtak@yahoo.com	
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	PDG. E.I. IN HALL IN BLOCK OFFICE BUILDING, THANESAR – KURUKSHETRA	30.08.2019 09.09.2019	90700/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	34678-07024 / 0171-2550510 /prexeengleac.amb @hry.nic.in/anugupta0198@gm ail.com	
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONST. OF VILLAGE 16 RESTORATION OF CANAL CONNECTED POND + 1 OTHER WORK	03.09.2019 10.09.2019	87.13 (IN LACS) EACH	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-243929 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in	
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ JHAJJAR	CONST. OF VETERINARY DISPENSARY BUILDING AT VILLAGE BHINDAWAS CONSIDERING FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGY AS GIVEN BELOW 1. EXPENDE POLYSTYRENE TECHNOLOGY 2. 3D VOLUMETRIC PRECAST TECHNOLOGY	01.09.2019 06.09.2019	31 (IN LACS) EACH	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01251-254118 prexeeng.jr@hry.nic.in	
7	PWD B&R, AMBALA	RAIN WATER HARVESTING FACILITY FOR VARIOUS NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN AMBALA DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	30.08.2019 09.09.2019	101.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2631396 pwd-eeep2-ambala@hry.nic.in	
8	PWD B&R, PANIPAT	PROVIDING STG. (RD 0.00 TO 24.68) ON ROAD FROM NAULTHA TO ALUPUR DAMYANA UPTO SH-11 (ROAD ID-8204 + 8206 + 8186) IN DISTT PANIPAT + 2 OTHER WORKS	30.08.2019 09.09.2019	862.51 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2638652	
9	PWD B&R, PANIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SPORT STADIUM IN VILLAGE SEWAH IN PANIPAT DISTT (SWIMMING POOL, BADMINTON HALL & MULTI PURPOSE HALL ETC) (EXCLUDING EI WORK (RE-INVITED)	30.08.2019 09.09.2019	598.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2638652	
10	PWD B&R, NARWANA	CONSTRUCTION A ROAD FROM VILLAGE SACHA KHARA TO BADANPUR IN JINDISTT. + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 09.09.2019	365.65 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01684-244833	
11	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF 09 NOS. ROOF TOP RAIN WATER HARVESTING RECHARGE BOREWELLS IN VARIOUS BUILDING OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN HISAR DISTT. + 6 OTHER WORKS	02.09.2019 11.09.2019	293.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-239887 pwd-eeep3-hissar@hry.nic.in	
12	PWD B&R, KAITHAL	STRENGTHENING OF KAITHAL CHANDANA ROAD TO NEW GRAIN MARKET, KAITHAL (ROAD ID 7100) IN KAITHAL DISTT	CLOSING DATE 09.09.2019	47.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222282 pwd-eeep-kaithal@hry.nic.in	
13	PWD B&R, JHAJJAR	CONSTRUCTION OF CONFERENCE HALL AT PWD REST HOUSE IN JHAJJAR DISTRICT (EXCLUDING EI WORK) + 5 OTHER WORKS	28.08.2019 09.09.2019	187.39 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER	
14	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF 4 NOS. RAIN WATER HARVESTING TANK IN CAMPUS OF GOVT. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AT TOSHAM IN BHIWANI DISTT. + 5 OTHER WORKS	29.08.2019 04.06.2019	100.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-242436 pwd-eeep-d-bhiwani@hry.nic.in	
15	HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT, GHARAUNDA KARNAL	CORRUGATED BOX FOR SEEDLING PACKING WITH L 19 X B 15 X H 8 INCH, PAPER UPPER 180 GSM KRAFT 22 BF, INNER-140 GSM SEMI KRAFT 18 BF, BROAD FLUTING, 2 COLOUR PRINTING, DYE WRITING	03.09.2019 13.09.2019	EMD 50,000	www.hortharyana.gov.in TENDER NO e- TenderDDH/CEV (IIAP)/Gharaunda/2019- 20/Spl	9812163920, 9505373456 ddh.cev@gmail.com	

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH-79093

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🌙 RISE	13:06	🌅 SET	23:53

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Safdarjang	36	28
Palam	36	28

Delhi Palam Today
36°C A humid and hazy morning is likely. Day will be warm with partly cloudy sky. There are chances of patchy light rain.

Delhi Palam Tomorrow
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Hisar enters civil aviation map

Daily SpiceJet service to Chandigarh launched

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

After a delay of over a year, the air shuttle service by SpiceJet was launched between Hisar and Chandigarh on Tuesday under the Regional Connectivity Service. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar flagged off the service and also become the first passenger to take the flight to Chandigarh.

To begin with, the air travel has been started through a small seven-seater aircraft, later 18-seater and larger aircraft would also fly from Hisar. SpiceJet would provide the service of two flights between Hisar and Chandigarh daily.

The flights will take off from Hisar at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and from Chandigarh at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and the one-way fare has been fixed at ₹1,674.

For booking, SpiceJet will soon set up its own call centre at the airport and after a week the process of advance booking would start, for which the company had to complete some formalities.

After Hisar and Chandigarh, SpiceJet would gradually expand its air services from Hisar to Delhi, Jammu, Dehradun and Shimla.

Eight-year-old raped in U.P. government school

SHO tried to negotiate a 'compromise', alleges family

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

An eight-year-old girl was allegedly raped at a government primary school in Kakripur village of Baghpat on August 16 but the police did not take action for almost 12 days. Instead, the Station House Officer allegedly tried to negotiate a 'compromise' between the families of the victim and the perpetrators. On Tuesday, SP Pratap Gopendra Yadav attached SHO Naresh Kumar of Ramala police station to police lines and asked the CO to hold an inquiry into his role.

Nawaz (name changed), uncle of the girl who studies in Class III, said that on August 16 she was playing on the school premises when three boys of Classes IV and V forcibly took her to the washroom and allegedly raped her. "She had reported

My brother was made to sign on a paper which said that the abscess was because of an allergy

VICTIM'S UNCLE

the matter to her teacher but she asked her not to share it with anybody," alleged Nawaz. The police said the boys were all siblings aged 10, 11 and 14. "The role of the eldest is being said to be the most heinous," said SP Yadav.

After a couple of days, Nawaz told *The Hindu*, when the girl's mother noticed abscess in her private parts, her parents took her to a private doctor who said she had been raped. "We went to the Ramala police station where SHO Naresh Kumar put pressure on my brother to compromise with the boys' fami-

ly. The family has ties with influential people in the village panchayat. My brother was made to sign on a paper which said that the abscess was because of an allergy," Nawaz further alleged.

Victim hospitalised

Meanwhile, he added, the infection spread and the girl had to be admitted to the district hospital. "People started taunting us for taking money. We are poor people who work as labourers but we could not make eye contact with our daughter. We felt that the girl should get justice and approached the SP through the local media."

Mr. Yadav said he came to know about the case on Monday and took action by getting her medical examination done and getting a case registered under Sections 376 and 342 of the IPC.

Manufacturers told to rush rabies vaccines to areas facing shortage

'Lack of firm orders from govts. and late payments led to crisis'

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in certain parts of the country has prompted the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to step-in. Manufacturers and marketers have been asked by the Health Ministry to rush stocks to the areas where the shortage has been reported.

"Taking cognisance of shortage of vaccine, NPPA has held repeated stakeholder consultations. Manufacturers and marketers have informed that lack of firm orders by State governments and late payments led to the shortage," said a senior NPPA official.

He added that the matter was referred to Health Ministry which has advised State governments to issue quantity based tenders and place long-term firm orders with specific quantity and supply



schedule.

Deaths in India

India accounts for more than one-third of the world's rabies deaths. Each year, as many as 20,000 people die due to the vaccine-preventable fatality. India has a population of 30 million stray dogs which cause 96% of rabies in humans.

According to the Health Ministry's data, India is the hotbed of human rabies. "However, the disease is 100% preventable by timely post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and correct use of ra-

bies vaccines and immunoglobulins," said a senior health official.

Rabies is caused by RNA virus that is present in the saliva of rabid animal. It is invariably transmitted following a bite of a rabid animal that leads to deposition of the saliva and the virus in the wound. The death invariably occurs in four days to two weeks due to cardio-respiratory failure. The time interval between the bite and occurrence of symptoms/signs of rabies i.e. incubation period varies from four days to two years or rarely even more.

Meanwhile, a Health Ministry official confirmed that they had previously held talks with manufacturers of rabies vaccine, which include Bharat Biotech, India Immunologicals and the Serum Institute of India, asking them to ensure that the domestic needs are catered to before exporting it.

Vijay Goel against free power to Delhiites: AAP

Aam Aadmi Party questions BJP MP on why he is against the decision

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday asked BJP MP Vijay Goel why he was against the decision of giving free electricity up to 200 units every month, when an MP gets 50,000 units of free electricity in a year.

Addressing a press conference from the party headquarters, AAP Rajya Sabha

MP Sanjay Singh alleged that the BJP was against the AAP government's decision for the people of Delhi. "An MP gets 50,000 units of free electricity in a year. Vijay Goel ji, you get 50,000 units free free electricity every year. If for a family, Kejriwal is giving 2,400 units free every year, why are you against it?" he asked.

"The BJP is against 200

units of free electricity to Delhiites... it is against the AAP government waiving arrears on water bills for the people of Delhi... BJP is against common people," the AAP leader said.

Mr. Singh said that three people were on the run to be the BJP CM face in Delhi and that is affecting developmental works as every scheme is being opposed.

Last week, Mr. Singh, in a letter to Mr. Goel, asked three questions, including if the BJP supports the full subsidy given to those consuming up to 200 units of electricity. On Monday, Mr. Singh, Dilip Pandey, and others had gone to Mr. Goel's residence to seek a response to the three questions asked by Mr. Singh to Goel in the letter.

2 held after car drives into crowd in Model Town

Video of Sunday night incident goes viral

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Two men were arrested on Tuesday for allegedly driving their car into a crowd on a busy road in north-west Delhi's Model Town.

The video of the Sunday night incident, which went viral on social media, purportedly showed a black sedan speeding through the crowd on a busy road in Old Gupta Colony of the area.

In the video, the driver is seen arguing with locals while driving through the crowded area. The driver then suddenly accelerated the car in reverse direction

into the crowd, injuring one person.

Based on a statement of the victim, Kamal Arora, the police registered a case under Sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) of the IPC, a senior police officer said.

Officers analysed the CCTV footage of the area and furnished the registration number of the vehicle.

The car was registered in the name of Arun Kumar, following which he and his friend Pardeep were arrested, he said.

2 unidentified bodies found

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NOIDA

Two unidentified bodies with bullet injury marks were found along a service road outside a village in Greater Noida on Tuesday morning, the police said.

The bodies were found in the bushes outside Jundap village under Surajpur police station limits, Senior Superintendent of Police, Gautam

Buddh Nagar, Vaibhav Krishna said.

"Bullet injury marks are visible on both the bodies. A countrymade pistol was found near the hand of one of the deceased. It is not clear whether someone killed them and dumped the bodies there, or they themselves killed each other. Non-Locals could not identify the bodies," Mr. Krishna said.

Ratul Puri sent to judicial custody till September 17

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday sent Ratul Puri to judicial custody till September 17 in the Enforcement Directorate's money laundering case related to a bank loan fraud.

Special judge Sanjay Garg sent Mr. Puri to judicial custody after the probe agency said he was not required for further custodial interrogation. The ED had arrested Mr. Puri on August 20.

Meanwhile, another trial court,

hearing AgustaWestland VVIP chopper scam related case, issued a production warrant against Mr. Puri, while asking Tihar jail authorities to produce him on Wednesday. Special Judge Arvind Kumar, who issued the warrant, is likely to decide on Mr. Puri's plea seeking to surrender in the chopper scam.

The Delhi High Court had earlier dismissed Mr. Puri's anticipatory bail plea, saying his custodial interrogation was "required for an effective investigation".

ABVP sets the stage for DUSU election campaign

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Mental and physical training to women, special bus passes, tactile paths for differently abled students, scholarships, a functional library, reading room, rollback of hostel fees, campaigns on menstrual hygiene are among some of the achievements of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) students' wing in the last year, the group said on Tuesday.

The group which has been in power in the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) in the previous academic year has begun campaigning for the upcoming September 12 elections.

"We have established new milestones in the area of women empowerment," said ABVP national media convener Monica Chaudhary.

Students' grievances

"In addition to working tenaciously towards addressing the grievances of students, we will endeavour to bring forth and discuss pressing issues like water conservation and environmental protection," she said.

Setting the stage for the polls, ABVP state secretary Siddharth Yadav said that the departing DUSU had been accountable, the forthcoming one would be "approachable and student-friendly".

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Ajay Kumar @ Pappu

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Ajay Kumar @ Pappu S/o Sh. Nekchand R/o A-2/88E, Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Gazipur, Delhi since **03.08.2019**. In this regard DD No. **56-A** dated **05.08.2019** has been lodged at **PS, Gazipur, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 52 years, **Height:** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Badami Colour T-Shirt & Yellow Colour Half Pant.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

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E-Tender Notice No.(09) of 2019-2020

E-Tender for the following work in B-1 Tender Form is invited via online e-tendering system from Contractor of Eligible Class by the Executive Engineer, Public Works (west) Division, Aurangabad in behalf of Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra Tender Document are downloaded from government portal <http://maharashtra.etenders.in> Right to select or reject is reserved by Executive Engineer, Public works (west) Division, Aurangabad. Conditional Tender will be not accepted. (No. **02** Works)

All information of e-tender is available on following portal.

A) <http://mahapwd.com>
B) <http://maharashtra.etenders.in> If any change made in this e-tender is informed on above portal.

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The tender documents may be downloaded from the website <https://www.tendervizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER>. However the drafts for the tender cost (Rs. 1500/-) and EMD has to be deposited in the tender box kept in the office of SE (E&M), 2nd Floor, Dr. SPM Civic Center, New Delhi-110002 Up to 16.09.2019 at 14:30. The pre bid meeting will be held on 06.09.2019 at 02.30 PM in SE (E&M) office.

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Rape victim consumes poison in Haryana, dies

She was upset over police inaction

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Upset over the alleged inaction by the police on her rape complaint, a 22-year-old woman in the Yamunana-nagar district of Haryana has allegedly committed suicide.

Police said the woman had consumed a poisonous substance outside the Jathlana police station on Monday evening.

"The woman was taken to a local hospital, where she died later," Yamunana-nagar Deputy Superintendent of Police Subhash Chand told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Chand said the wo-

man and her family members had filed a complaint of rape against Manoj Kumar and five others a few days ago and the police had been investigating the matter. Mr. Chand said the woman, along with her family members, had on September 2 visited the Jathlana police station to enquire about the status of her complaint, where the suicide incident occurred.

"We are probing the incident," he said.

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Modi to visit
Mumbai on
September 7

SHARAD VYAS
MUMBAI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will sound the poll bugle for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the State by throwing open seven major projects on September 7. Mr. Modi will inaugurate Metro works, road projects, rural development projects and an industrial corridor in Mumbai, Nagpur and Aurangabad. Senior party workers said the PM will also oversee induction of several opposition leaders.

In Mumbai, the PM will inaugurate a Metro line, participate in the ground breaking ceremony of Metro Bhavan (control and command centre for all projects) being developed by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and the Chunabhatti-BKC overpass while performing the ground-breaking ceremony for other projects, senior ministers of the BJP said.

The Metro Bhavan, to be built at a cost of ₹13 crore and spread over 1.14 lakh square meter in Aarey has been facing opposition from citizens who fear massive loss of trees.

In Aurangabad, the PM will lay the foundation stone for a portion of the Mumbai-Delhi Industrial Corridor, dedicating it to "the nation", and a structure being developed by the Aurangabad Industrial City (AURIC) as part of the same project, officials said. "Both the projects were long pending, awaiting a green signal and will play an important part in the development of the region," said an official.

In Nagpur, Mr. Modi will throw open sections of Nagpur Metro and meet senior functionaries of the party.

Harshavardhan Patil miffed with
NCP, calls supporters' meeting

Senior Cong. leader fuels speculation of joining BJP over lack of decision on Indapur

SHOUMJOIT BANERJEE
PUNE
Frustrated by the lack of a decision from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leadership on the Indapur Assembly seat, senior Congress leader Harshavardhan Patil has called for a meeting of his followers on Wednesday, lending credence to long-standing speculation that he may join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) soon.

Mr. Patil, a four-time MLA from his stronghold Indapur and a former State minister, is one of the few big leaders left in the Congress, which has seen defections to the saffron coalition of late. According to sources, he is expected to announce his decision post-noon at a 'Jansankalp' (public resolution) meeting of his followers in Indapur. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Patil announces his decision to contest as an Independent or ally himself with the BJP.

After being elected MLA for four consecutive terms



It's the season of discontent: Two-term Congress MLA and former Maharashtra minister Abdul Sattar from Sillod, Aurangabad district, with Uddhav Thackeray after joining the Shiv Sena on Monday.

beginning in 1995, Mr. Patil had suffered a humiliating defeat at hands of the NCP's Dattatrey Bhanne in the 2014 Assembly elections when the Congress and the NCP had contested separately. Mr. Patil is seeking to reassert himself and contest from Indapur in the Assembly election with the NCP's help as a 'return favour' to the help he had given NCP MP Supriya Sule to ensure her victory from the Baramati Lok Sabha seat.

The Indapur Assembly

segment forms part of the Baramati Lok Sabha constituency, the stronghold of NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Mr. Patil wields considerable influence over the Indapur and Bhore Assembly segments.

The rivalry between the Pawar clan and Mr. Patil's family was aggravated when Mr. Patil lost the 2014 Assembly elections. However, with the BJP ascendant in Maharashtra and the Congress and Mr. Pawar's political fortunes on the wane, Mr. Pawar had sought to pacify

Mr. Patil in a bid to ensure that he campaigned for the re-election of Ms. Sule, his daughter and cousin of senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar.

However, the NCP leadership including Mr. Pawar, has not shown any inclination to let go of the Indapur Assembly seat for Mr. Patil. Observers say, given the rapid rate of defections in the NCP, the party is unwilling to 'unseat' Mr. Bhanne and give preference to Mr. Patil. As a result, a visibly disappointed Mr. Patil has been holding meetings of his followers in the past few weeks. "You must decide whether or not I ought to contest the polls. If yes, you must be ready for the electoral fight," said Mr. Patil, at a meeting, while hitting out at the NCP's 'lack of gratitude'.

In response, NCP State president Jayant Patil, during the party's 'Shiv Swarajya Yatra' in Indapur has said that decisions on whether to leave a particular seat or not could not be made through the media.

More water discharged from Pune dams

Over 2,000 cusecs released from Khadakwasla, Varasgaon and Panshet

SHOUMJOIT BANERJEE
PUNE

Weekend showers in catchment areas have prompted another round of water discharge by the Irrigation Department from three of the four major dams supplying water to Pune district.

More than 1,700 cusecs was released from Khadakwasla and Varasgaon each, while around 500 cusecs was discharged from Panshet into the Mutha River after all three dams filled to the brim on Monday, said Irrigation

Department officials.

According to authorities, the cumulative water stock in the four dams now stood at 28.68 thousand million cubic feet (tmcf) of their combined capacity of 29.15 tmcf.

"The present collective storage of 28.68 tmcf, which is 98.3% of the total capacity of the dams, is nearly 10mc more than what it was at the same time last year (27.79 tmcf)," said an official.

The catchment area of

Khadakwasla dam, Pune city's potable water lifeline, has recorded over 1000 mm rainfall this time, almost double than last year during this period.

Authorities hope that with more showers expected in this month, the cumulative rainfall will help take care of the city's ever-increasing water requirements for a year while addressing the irrigation needs of the outlying areas.

Rains have also prompted discharge of waters from the

Koyna dam in western Maharashtra, leading to a rise in the level of Panchganga river in Kolhapur district, which has yet to fully recover from the recent deluge.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy showers for the next two days in the ghat areas of the State, especially in Nashik (north Maharashtra) and Pune, Satara and Kolhapur in the western part, all of which have been battered by incessant rain and heavy floods recently.

Maharashtra to develop eco-tourism circuit

State to connect 350 destinations to common grid in ₹351-cr. programme

SHARAD VYAS
MUMBAI

Maharashtra is in the process of developing an eco-tourism circuit connecting nearly 350 locations to a common grid for providing better facilities and development of popular destinations in the State. Maharashtra Minister of Finance, Planning, and Forests, Sudhir Mungantiwar, said 43 destinations under the grid will be taken up in the first phase and the remaining ones in the second and third. The government has set aside ₹351 crore for the development of the circuit.

The Maharashtra Eco-tourism Board has already taken up the project, which will include Mumbai's Sanjay Gandhi National Park. "Maharashtra is the best State for all types of tourism including forts, coastal tourism, forest safaris and spiritual tourism. Tourism is a plus point for the State



Common grid: The circuit will connect 124 forest gardens, 43 historical forts, six tiger projects, 33 wildlife sanctuaries, and five hill stations.

to create employment opportunities for locals. The Eco-tourism Board implements various initiatives considering all these aspects, and this will be one of the major projects of the board," said Mr. Mungantiwar.

Senior officials said the circuit will include and connect 124 forest gardens, 43 historical forts, six tiger projects, 33 wildlife sanctuaries,

52 religious destinations, 55 eco-tourism destinations and five hill stations. The first phase will include development of 43 eco-tourism destinations, while the second phase will include another 139. Mr. Mungantiwar said draft plans for 189 out of 347 eco-tourism destinations in the State have been approved. The project will encourage employment opportunities for local people through homestays, being tourist guides, providing vehicles for tourists and doing odd jobs. Local people are also being provided with training and basic facilities. "It will be possible to provide better facilities to tourists if buffer and corridor areas of forests are developed from the perspective of tourism. Adventure sports will be encouraged in the forts of the State," he said.

The Maharashtra Eco-tourism Development Board was established in 2015 to provide tourists with better facilities. The board encourages ecotourism considering economic, social, and environmental aspects of a destination. Under its initiatives, zilla parishad and ashram shala students are taken on a one-day jungle safari. They are given information about forests and wildlife, and are made to participate in conservation and growth of forests, officials said.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, AT HYDERABAD O.A. No. 383 of 2019
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The Superintending Engineer 9th Circle, Public Works Department, Dehradun on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites item rate tender in two bid system for the following work. Information regarding tender shall be available on https://www.uktenders.gov.in from date 05.09.2019
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Tension at Muthoot Finance office in Kochi

KOCHI
Tension prevailed at the corporate headquarters of the Muthoot Finance here on Tuesday as employees, divided over a strike at the non-banking financial company, defended their respective stances. The problems started when around 350 employees, who came for work were prevented from entering the office by the striking employees. While the striking employees demanded that the management honour an agreement on salaries, their counterparts demanded their right to work.

Telangana to raise retirement age of staff

HYDERABAD
In a significant announcement, Telangana Chief Minister K.Chandrasekhar Rao has said that the retirement age of State government employees will be increased to 60 or 61 years in line with the election promise. He also directed officials to prepare promotion charts of employees. The unhealthy practice of lobbying for promotions should go, he said.

Jagan clears merger of APSRTC with govt.

VIJAYAWADA
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has approved creation of the A.P. Public Transport Department (APPTD) for merger of the A.P. State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) with the government. All employees of the RTC will be on the rolls of the APPTD. A.P. Transport Minister Perni Venkataramaiah said on Tuesday that the APPTD would be established to convert the corporation employees into government employees.

Karnataka, Maharashtra oppose A.P. demand on Krishna water

CMs meet, challenge plea for reallocation after creation of Telangana

SHARAD VYAS
MUMBAI

Maharashtra and Karnataka have jointly decided to oppose Andhra Pradesh's application for a redistribution of water allocation from the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal's order, given the bifurcation of the State and creation of Telangana.

Both the States took a firm stand that Andhra Pradesh and Telangana should take water from their allotted share, senior officials said, following a meeting between Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday.

The two States have also decided to form a high-level committee for better dam management to avoid floods. The Tribunal had adjudicated on the quantum of wa-



Taking stock: Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa with his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai.

ter sharing between the three States. However, after the creation of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh had demanded redistribution of the quantum and filed a petition in this regard.

Earlier, the Karnataka CM paid respects during Ganesh Darshan at Mr. Fadnavis' residence along with Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister Dr C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Maharashtra Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan and Energy Minister Chandrashekhra Bawankule were also present at the meeting.

The two Chief Ministers met in the wake of unprecedented floods in the region and raging dispute over the water-for-water agreement. Maharashtra has refused to sign the deal until it gets

back over six thousand million cubic feet (6 tmcft) of pending supply from Karnataka, which had returned only 0.078 tmcft of the total 6.787 tmcft diverted to it since 2016.

In the past, the Water Resources ministers of the two States have traded charges, blaming each other for the faltering deal. Former Karnataka Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar had termed the Maharashtra decision to cancel the MoU as "shocking", while Mr. Mahajan had claimed the Karnataka's claims were false.

The two States then sparred over signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to exchange 4 tmcft of water on each side of the border on condition that Karnataka returns 10.787 tmcft at the end of the agreement period, officials said.

YSRCP MLA alleges casteist abuse at puja

Sridevi says a gang assaulted her

STAFF REPORTER
GUNTUR

Tadikonda MLA Undavalli Sridevi on Tuesday demanded stringent action against those who allegedly hurled casteist abuses against her during Ganesha puja at Ananthavaram village in Thullur mandal on Monday.

Dr. Sridevi of the ruling YSR Congress Party told presspersons that a group of persons abused her in the name of her caste, and began assaulting her even as the puja was going on. Some of them had damaged her car. She charged Telugu Desam Party president N. Chandrababu Naidu with instigating his party men to assault her.

Turning emotional during the media conference, Dr. Sridevi said it was unfortunate that a Dalit MLA had been subjected to abuse, that too in her own constituency.



U. Sridevi

"It is very unfortunate that we are witnessing such incidents in the capital region. Mr. Naidu too had uttered several comments against Dalits, and had even wondered if any one wishes to be born as a Dalit," Dr. Sridevi said.

The police booked Kommineni Sivaiah, Kommineni Sai, Kommineni Ramakrishna and Kommineni Bujji following the MLA's complaint.

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Thullur, K. Srinivasa Reddy said an investigation had been launched.

Rahul takes up cause of Kerala flood victims

He writes letters to Munda, Pinarayi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has written to Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for early release of compensation in tribal areas and faster reconstruction efforts in flood-hit areas of the State.

In the letter to Mr. Munda, shared by the Congress on Tuesday, Mr. Gandhi pointed out that his Lok Sabha constituency of Wayanad has a large population of Scheduled Tribes

and is home to many vulnerable groups.

Tribal colonies located in hilly areas had been destroyed by floods and landslips.

Mr. Gandhi said during his recent visit, many tribal families appealed for early compensation.

In a separate letter to the Kerala Chief Minister, the Congress leader demanded reconstruction of the Kaipinikadavu bridge between Kurumbilangode and Chunchathara village in Malappuram district.

Battle lines drawn for bypoll in Kerala

All three fronts have hit the campaign trail in the Pala Assembly constituency

HIRAN UNNIKRISHNAN
KOTTAYAM

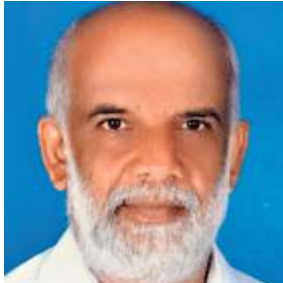
After days of indecision and hectic political parleys, the battle lines have been drawn for a triangular fight in the Pala Assembly constituency in Kerala to elect its first MLA, after Kerala Congress (M) patriarch K.M. Mani, on September 23.

Jose Tom Pulikkunnel, United Democratic Front (UDF) candidate, and N. Hari, National Democratic Alliance nominee, are slated to file their nominations on Wednesday.

Unfazed by a delayed start, both the coalitions have now hit the ground to



Mani C. Kappan (left) and Jose Tom Pulikkunnel



catch up with the Left Democratic Front (LDF), which looks to wrap up its booth-level campaign by September 6. LDF candidate Mani C. Kappan has already filed his papers.

While the UDF, which an-

nounced its candidate two days ago, kick-started its election conventions on Tuesday, Mr. Hari was focused on meeting important personalities and interacting with party workers. The BJP has reposed its faith on Mr.

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Date/Time
1	Date of Publishing SBD	28.08.2019 at 1400 Hrs
2	Start Date of Downloading SBD from Website	28.08.2019 from 1400 Hrs
3	Websites for Downloading SBD	www.jktenders.gov.in , www.jknhm.com
4	Last Date of Downloading SBD from Website	21.09.2019 upto 1600 Hrs
5	Seek Clarification Start Date	29.08.2019 from 1000 Hrs
6	Seek Clarification End Date	05.09.2019 upto 1200 Hrs
7	Pre-Bid Meeting	07.09.2019 at 1400 Hrs
8	Start Date for Submission of Online Bids	12.09.2019 from 1400 Hrs
9	Last Date for Submission of Online Bids	21.09.2019 upto 1600 Hrs
10	Date of Opening of Technical Bids	23.09.2019 at 1200 Hrs
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART SCHOOL PROJECT

H P State Electronics Development Corporation, A state Government Undertaking invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for preparation of detailed project report / proposal for implementation of Smart School project in Govt. High School Krishnanagar, Shimla. The project includes the setting up of smart class rooms, automatic solar panning system, Up gradation of Science Lab, Fencing of Play Ground, Beautification of campus, Disaster free school, e-library, Zim, kitchen fittings, English Language Lab etc, etc.

Interested firms / companies having adequate experience in setting up of such facility in smart schools may visit in Govt. High School Krishnanagar on any working day before 25.09.2019 for understanding requirements and working out appropriate solution. EOI meeting will be held on 25.09.2019 at 3:00 PM in HPSEDC and submit their proposal. An EOI document is available on HPSEDC website www.hpsecdc.in.
Sd/-
Managing Director

HP/ 0327/2019-2020

HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION CANAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Notice

The Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Nagrota Bagwan invites online tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through online e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Cost of tender form (Rs)	Time Limit
1.	CAD work to Flow Irrigation Scheme Nagri Kaisthwan in G.P. Tharu, Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan and District Kangra (H.P.). (Sub Head:- Laying, Jointing, Testing and commissioning of HDPE pipes of various dia from Node No. 1-2, Node No. 3-4, and C/O Outlets Chamber = 2 Nos, and Construction of RCC lining in Branch Kuhl from RD 3300/0 to RD 820 = 820 Rmt., RD 3300/115/0 to RD 440 = 440 Rmt., RD 3300/500/0 to RD 140 = 140 Rmt., RD 3715/0 to RD 480 = 480 Rmt. and RD 4500/0 to 630 = 630 Rmt.,)	44,24,053/-	73,860/-	800/-	6 Months
2.	CAD work to Flow Irrigation Scheme Kandul Kuhl in Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan and District Kangra (H.P.). (Sub Head:- Laying, Jointing and Testing of HDPE pipes of various dia in Distribution System.)	10,69,549/-	21390/-	400/-	3 Months

Last date of filling / Uploaded the tender through e-tendering : 12.09.2019 upto 11:00 A.M and opened on same day at 11:30 A.M.
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Date :
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1. The Superintending Engineer, N.H Circle, HP, PWD, Shahpur re-invites Bids on behalf of Governor of H.P from eligible contractor/firm for construction of work detailed in the Table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Approximate value of work (Rs)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of document (Rs)	Period of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Periodical Renewal NH work from Km. 63/0 to 74/0 on NH-305 in the State of H.P. under Annual Renewal Programme (ARP) for the year 2019-20.	Pandoh	2,24,46,527/-	4,49,000/-	12,000/- each set	Six Months

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From To			
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3. Bidding/other documents can be downloaded from web site eprcure/app.
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As reported by SHO P/S Pacca Danga, Jammu, applicant namely Rashu Gupta W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O Mubarak Mandi, Jammu reported that her husband has been missing since 25.11.2008. Accordingly, missing report entered at PP Panjirthi vide DDR No. 03 dated 17.12.2008. Despite thorough search his whereabouts are still unknown.

As such photograph of missing **Rakesh Kumar S/O Hari Chand R/O Mubarak mandi near Gadhadar Temple** is being published with consent of his legal heirs for the information of Police establishments/ public in general and if anybody having any clue related to his whereabouts / present location, kindly communicate the same Description Roll:-

Name	Rakesh Kumar
S/O	Hari Chand
Permanent Address	Mubarak Mandi, Jammu
Police Station	Pacca Danga, Jammu
Age	38 years
Height	5 feet 7 inch
Complexion	Wheatish
Built	Strong
Face	Oval
Eyes	Black
Dress Code	Pen/ Shirt

Contacts /Telephone Numbers:-

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4. SP City North	: 0191-2547038
5. SDPO City North	: 0191-2566621
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IN BRIEF



Kolkata court issues arrest warrant against Shami

KOLKATA
A city court on Monday issued an arrest warrant against cricketer Mohammed Shami in connection with a case of alleged domestic violence filed by his estranged wife Hasin Jahan, saying he should surrender within 15 days of returning to the country. Shami is currently on tour of the West Indies with the Indian cricket team. PTI

Medha Patkar ends hunger strike on 9th day

BARWANI
Narmada Bachao Andolan's (NBA) Medha Patkar ended her hunger strike on the ninth day on Monday, after the Madhya Pradesh government agreed to reconsider its response to 30 demands that the NBA had made earlier relating to rehabilitation of those affected by the Sardar Sarovar project.

Amit Jogi arrested for poll affidavit forgery

BILASPUR
Former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Ajit Jogi's son Amit Jogi was arrested on Tuesday in Bilaspur district on charges of cheating and forgery in connection with a declaration in a poll affidavit submitted by him in 2013, the police said. He was later produced before a local court which sent him in judicial remand for 14 days. PTI

4 more States join ration card portability

Centre is planning nationwide launch by June 2020

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Ration card holders in Kerala and Karnataka along with Rajasthan and Haryana will be able to buy subsidised food from ration shops in the neighbouring State from next month, Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan said on Tuesday.

With effect from October 1, these two new clusters will join the existing State pairs of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and Maharashtra and Gujarat as pioneers in inter-State portability of ration cards, he told a conference of Food Ministers and Secretaries from across the country.

Mr. Paswan was laying out



A file photo of people queueing up outside a ration shop in New Delhi. ■SANDEEP SAXENA

the road map for the "One nation, one ration card" system of complete nationwide portability, which the Centre hopes to implement by June 2020.

By January 1, 2020, the Centre hopes the eight States

in these initial experimental clusters and Jharkhand, Punjab and Tripura can be clubbed into a single grid. This means that migrants from these 11 States can access their rations guaranteed under the National Food Se-

'Ensure full stock of foodgrains in Valley'

NEW DELHI

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has requested the Centre to ensure that the stock of foodgrains stored in the Kashmir Valley be increased by 50% to full capacity by the end of November. There are currently 60,000 tonnes of foodgrains stocked in the Food Corporation of India's godowns in the Valley. However, the administration is requesting the Centre's help to ensure that the full 90,000 tonnes capacity is filled before the onset of winter.

curity Act in any of the other State within the grid.

10 States lagging behind
By March 2020, intra-State portability will be implemented in another 13 States and Union Territories: Tamil

Nadu, Goa, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

These are mostly States where almost all ration shops have electronic point of sale machines. However, 10 States are lagging behind badly, said Mr. Paswan.

Apart from ePOS coverage, Aadhaar authentication and online supply depot management are also critical for the implementation of the system. Asked why Tamil Nadu, unlike all other southern States, is not part of the early clusters for inter-State portability, Food Secretary Ravikant pointed out that Aadhaar authentication must be implemented widely in order for the State to join the scheme.

Four killed, 3 injured in fire at ONGC plant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Three personnel of the CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) fire and safety wing and the Residential Plant Supervisor of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) were killed in a fire that broke out at the oil and gas processing plant in Uran, Navi Mumbai, early on Tuesday.

The deceased have been

identified as Residential Plant Supervisor C.N Rao (50), Capt. E. Nayaka (48), S.P. Kushwaha (36) and M.K. Paswan (33) of the CISF.

Three other CISF Fire personnel also suffered burns and were hospitalised. Of these, one had minor injuries and was discharged, while constables Mahesh K.R. and Shindu Raj, are in hospital, but out of danger.

Vikram a step closer to moon

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chandrayaan 2's lander, Vikram, underwent the first of two 'de-orbiting' manoeuvres on Tuesday morning.

The four-second operation performed from ISRO's Bengaluru control centre slightly trimmed the lander's orbit towards its destination.

This readies it for

Saturday's touchdown on the moon. Vikram now goes around in a slightly shorter orbit at a distance of 104 km x 128 km from the moon.

On Monday afternoon, Vikram, carrying a rover within, broke free as planned from atop the main Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, which continues to orbit the moon on its own.

An ISRO update said, "The first de-orbiting manoeuvre was performed successfully today [September 3] beginning at 0850 hrs IST as planned using the onboard propulsion system. Both the orbiter and the lander are healthy."

The next orbit-cutting manoeuvre is marked for September 4 between 3.30 a.m. and 4.30 a.m.

India faces higher mortality from cardiovascular diseases

Despite lower risk factors, low income countries report higher deaths with indoor pollution emerging as a major threat

RAMYA KANNAN
CHENNAI

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) continues to be the leading cause of death across the world, but there are significant variations between rich and poor nations. While in high-income countries, deaths from cancer are twice that of CVD, in low-income countries, including India, deaths from cardiac disease were three times that of cancer. Additionally, indoor or household air pollution has been identified as a key

cause of CVD, research papers published in the Lancet, on Tuesday, have shown.

The PURE study, which was also presented at the European Society of Cardiology Congress, tracked over 1,62,000 individuals, aged 35-70, living in 21 countries across five continents, over about 9.5 years. The mortality was highest in the Low Income Countries (LIC) despite lower risk factors, and lowest in the High Income Countries (HIC).

"The high mortality in

poorer countries is not due to a higher burden of risk factors, but likely other factors including lower quality and less health care," said Salim Yusuf, principal investigator of the study and executive director of Population Health Research Institute (PHRI) of McMaster University and Hamilton Health Sciences, Canada.

"The fact that cancer deaths are now twice as frequent as CVD deaths in HIC indicates a transition in the predominant causes of death

in middle age," he said.

"The study establishes that though risk factors are lower in low income countries, factors such as access to quality health care and lack of insurance have a play, leading to the mortality," explained V. Mohan, one of the co-authors of the study, and president, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai. With better insurance and improving hospital standards, it is possible for LIC to head towards similar outcomes, he said.

The HIC in the study were Canada, Saudi Arabia, Sweden and United Arab Emirates. The middle-income countries (MIC) were Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Iran, Malaysia, Palestine, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and South Africa. The LIC were Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Five Indian research institutes also participated in the study.

In another paper, also published in the Lancet on Tuesday, on 'Modifiable risk

factors, cardiovascular disease, and mortality', researchers established indoor air pollution as an emerging source of risk for cardiovascular disease in LIC and MIC.

"This is a worrisome fact - the identification of indoor air pollution or household pollution as a risk factor for CVD. So far we have looked at upper respiratory diseases as a consequence, but this does not sound good, and we must take measures to modify this particular risk factor," Dr. Mohan added.

Assam doctors protest killing of colleague

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Medical services across Assam were affected on Tuesday as doctors resorted to a 24-hour "withdrawal of non-emergency medical services" to protest against the lynching of a 73-year-old colleague by a mob of tea plantation workers in Jorhat on Saturday.

Doctors and medical students took out rallies and held sit-ins demanding security for medical practitioners at their workplaces.

Dr. Deben Dutta was thrashed by some workers after a youth died in the tea estate hospital.

Off-duty pilots can fly in cockpit: DGCA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Aviation regulator DGCA has restored the privilege of pilots to travel in the jump or extra seat in the cockpit for their personal travel, a senior official said.

A DGCA circular says, "Any flight crew member of the aircraft operator who has been authorised by the aircraft operator and has the permission of the PIC (pilot-in-command), whose presence in the cockpit shall be beneficial to the overall safety of operation" would be allowed to enter the cockpit and occupy the jump seat.

SC to study petition for food for all

'State-funded community kitchens key'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has agreed to examine a plea that starvation deaths continue to eat into the right to life and dignity of social fabric and a "radical" new measure like community kitchens need to be set up across the country to feed the poor and the hungry.

A Bench led by Justice N.V. Ramana issued notice on Monday to the government on the petition filed jointly by activists Anun Dhawan, Ishann Dhawan and Kunjana Singh, represented by advocates Ashima Mandla and Fuzail Ahmad Ayyubi.

The petition said State-funded community kitchen was not a novel concept in the country. They pointed out how Tamil Nadu's Amma Unavagam had become a roaring success by involving peers in self-help groups, employing the poor to serve hygienic food to eradicate the gnawing problem of hunger on the streets.

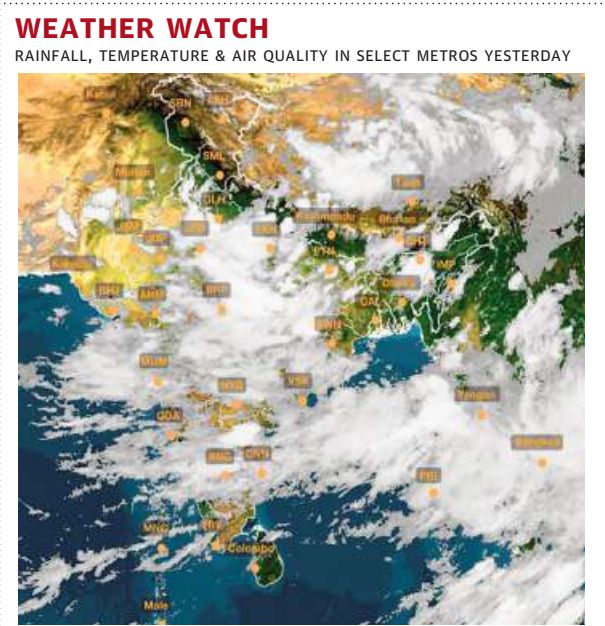
It also referred to how Rajasthan's Annapurna Rasoi, Indira Canteens in Karnata-

ka, Delhi's Aam Aadmi Canteen, Anna Canteen in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand Mukhyamantri Dal Bhat and Odisha's Aahaar Centre were combating starvation and malnutrition.

"While there are statistics available for malnutrition deaths in children and adults in the country, there is no official data available for death of persons owing to starvation... Food and Agriculture Report, 2018 stated that India houses 195.9 million of the 821 million undernourished people in the world, accounting for approximately 24% of the world's hungry. Prevalence of undernourishment in India is 14.8%, higher than both the global and Asian average," it said.

It urged the court to direct Chief Secretaries across the country to formulate schemes for the implementation of community kitchens and to further ensure that "no person should sleep on an empty stomach". It called for the creation of a national food grid by the Centre that would be beyond the scope of the Public Distribution Scheme.

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Table with 3 columns: CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN. Lists weather data for various cities including Agartala, Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Allahabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Gangtok, Goa, Guwahati, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur, Kochi, Kohima, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Kurnool, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangaluru, Mumbai, Mysuru, New Delhi, Patna, Port Blair, Puducherry, Pune, Raipur, Ranchi, Shillong, Shimla, Srinagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchi, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam.

Table with 3 columns: CITIES, SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5, PM10, AQI. Includes a legend for Air Quality Code (Poor, Moderate, Good) and a table of AQI scores for various cities.

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CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
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A life in the balance

India must use all available channels with Pakistan to negotiate a reprieve for Jadhav

More than three and a half years after Pakistan announced it had arrested Kulbhushan Jadhav on charges of espionage and terrorism, India finally received consular access to him on Monday. The path to receiving the access, which should technically have been provided shortly after the arrest, had to be bitterly fought for by India. Despite being a signatory to the Vienna Convention of 1963, which mandates that arrested foreign nationals be allowed to meet consular officers, Pakistan refused the access until it was ordered to by the International Court of Justice at the Hague this July 17 in response to an Indian petition. Even after India won the case for consular access, Pakistan took weeks to respond, offering to allow the meeting only in the presence of video cameras, and Pakistani officials. India rejected this at first, and it is unclear why the government finally accepted those same terms, and nominated its Charge d'affaires to meet Mr. Jadhav despite the conversation being recorded, and Pakistani officials being present. According to the officials who met him, Mr. Jadhav's responses during the meeting seemed to be tutored and coerced, much like his "confessional" statements that were released by Pakistan during his trial in a military court. The MEA concluded that he was under "extreme pressure to parrot a false narrative". As a result, Pakistan's consular access appears to be as much of a sham as the trial itself, which was held in complete secrecy. And Mr. Jadhav, who was not allowed to choose a competent lawyer, was pronounced guilty and handed a death penalty in a matter of months.

Despite the disquiet over the process thus far, the consular access provided on Monday marks Pakistan's initial compliance with the ICJ ruling, and it is hoped that Islamabad will follow through with the next part of the court's verdict. This includes a review of the trial process and a reconsideration of the death sentence, pending which Mr. Jadhav's execution must be stayed. This will clearly be complicated by the present breakdown in bilateral ties, including rising rhetoric over the government's moves in Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan's daily efforts to raise the issue at global fora, and its leadership's repeated reference to the threat of nuclear conflict. While it may be difficult to imagine such a scenario at present, the two sides must use their diplomatic channels to negotiate a possible reprieve for Mr. Jadhav, or discuss conditions under which Pakistan may be prevailed upon to release him to India. New Delhi has been able to secure access to Mr. Jadhav by appealing to international processes, but the road ahead must be negotiated bilaterally, with the understanding and empathy that a man's life hangs in the balance.

On the edge

Far-reaching reforms may be inevitable to keep the economy from stalling

India's deepening slowdown has now left the economy on the verge of stalling. The latest estimates for GDP show year-on-year growth in the April-June period slid for a fifth straight quarter to 5%, the slowest pace in more than six years. Disconcertingly, the mainstay of demand – private consumption spending – slumped to an 18-quarter low, with the expansion decelerating sharply to 3.1%, from 7.2% in the preceding quarter and 7.3% a year earlier. Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), a proxy for investment activity, grew a meagre 4%, less than a third of the 13.3% growth it posted 12 months earlier. The RBI had, in its annual report released on Thursday, noted that indicators of GFCF had shown either moderation or contraction in the fiscal first quarter and pointed specifically to gross value added (GVA) by the construction industry, which government data revealed had eased to a 5.7% pace, from 9.6% in the year-earlier period. With demand for manufactured products ranging from cars and consumer durables to even biscuits having sharply diminished, manufacturing GVA growth plunged to an eight-quarter low of 0.6%. In fact, save mining, electricity and other utility services and public administration and defence, all the five other contributors to overall GVA weakened from a year earlier. And as the RBI observed in its last monetary policy statement, consumer confidence gauged by its July survey has worsened appreciably, with 63.8% of respondents expecting discretionary spending to stay at the same level or shrink one year ahead. The comparable reading in June 2018 was 37.3%.

That the government is cognisant of the gravity of the situation is evident from its recent slew of policy pronouncements including tweaks to investment norms to draw more Foreign Direct Investment, moves to relieve the debilitating sales slump in the auto sector and a sweeping consolidation of public banks. Any beneficial impact from these measures will, however, take time to feed into the economy and time is a luxury that the faltering economy can ill afford, especially given the global headwinds. With the farm sector still stuck in a low income trap and this year's mercurial monsoon rains, leaving some parts flooded and others still facing deficits and engendering a shortfall in kharif sowing, rural demand is unlikely to return any time soon. Also, with the RBI's four interest rate reductions since the start of 2019 having, so far, failed to incentivise credit-fuelled consumer spending and business investment to any significant degree and with limited fiscal headroom to try and prime the pump with increased expenditure, big, bold structural reforms may be the only way out. The government must lose no time in consulting with the widest possible spectrum, including the Opposition, and then implement the agreed-on reforms prescriptions to reinvigorate demand and investment.

A democratic language, an authoritarian writ

Powerful populists are holding representative institutions hostage to their own projects of power



NEERA CHANDHOKE

There was a time, not so long ago, when substantive disagreements marked debates on democracy. Minimalist theorists held that democracy is valuable; it enables the peaceful transfer of power through free and fair elections, and grants legitimacy to the new government. Those who lose out do not 'reach for the gun', they impatiently wait their turn. Maximalist theorists argued that democratic governments are obliged to provide the basic preconditions for a life lived with dignity, from civil liberties to political, social and economic rights. Democracy ensures justice. This is what human beings are owed.

These disputes intensified when democracy expanded dramatically in the aftermath of the Cold War. For international lending agencies insisted that democracy was an essential precondition for financial aid. By the second decade of the 21st century, democrats were in for a rude shock. Even as they were busy debating its finer points, right-wing populist governments, across the world hollowed out democracy. Interestingly, they retained the language. Democracy is after all a 'hurrah' word. And the crucial question – what the impact of populism on democracy is – was propelled on to the agenda.

Whither institutions?

The answer is clear by now. Populists appeal to an indeterminate entity called 'the people' on two planks, a corrupt elite and an inefficient and useless institutional structure. They have succeeded.

The consequences are momentous. Democratic theory holds that power should be vested in institutions and exercised according to procedures. But the populist embodies in his corporeal body the people and the country, the nation and the government. Not surprisingly, such leaders interpret criticism of their policies as anti-national. They respond much as Shakespeare's Richard III responded to Lord Hastings who dared question him. "Talk'st thou to me of 'ifs'? Thou art a traitor. Off with his head."

Populists do not tolerate criticism either from individuals, or from forums of deliberation, such as Parliaments. Parliaments are not only law-making bodies. They are forums that enable deliberation, encourage mediation, facilitate criticism of government policies, and make possible the hammering out of compromises and the offering of alternatives. Today, powerful populists hold representative institutions hostage to their own projects of power.

Republican blockade

Take the United States. A Republican-controlled Senate has succeeded in blocking progressive legislation debated and adopted by the House of Representatives. Members of the Democratic party, which controls the House since the 2018 elections, have initiated and passed a number of pro-democracy bills. These range from anti-corruption and pro-democracy reform measures, to net neutrality, to equal pay, to health care, to infrastructure, to re-establishing the role of the U.S., in Climate Change negotiations. Once these bills reach the Senate they are blocked by the Republicans. The majority leader in the Senate from Kentucky, Mitch McConnell, refers to himself as the 'grim reaper' of legislation promoted by the Democrats. The 'grim reaper', recollect,



personifies death. It is represented by a skeleton clothed in a hooded cape that carries a scythe.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, referred to the federal chamber as a grave of progressive legislation. Repeated stand-offs between the two Houses has led to legislative paralysis. Both parties have assented to a few Bills; for example, the decision to reopen the government after the shutdown initiated by U.S. President Donald Trump. He had shut it down after his request for funds to build a wall on the Mexico border was rejected.

Journalists and organisations allege that the Federal chamber concentrates on confirming Mr. Trump's nominees to the judiciary. According to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, or Lambda Legal, an American national civil rights organisation that supports the rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, and people living with HIV/AIDs, the President has packed the courts with the appointment of biased judges. The appointments are for life. Reportedly, the President has appointed 144 judges. Regrettably the Senate tradition that members of the minority party will have a voice in decisions affecting their home state has been replaced by rushed confirmations, without proper procedures of enquiry.

In July 2019, despite warnings from former Special Counsel, Rob-

ert Mueller, about the danger of foreign powers interfering in the 2020 election, the Republicans blocked an election security bill in the Senate once again. The Bill had been passed by the House of Representatives. A day earlier the Republicans blocked three related Bills. The autonomy of the Congress has been eroded despite the Separation of Powers doctrine.

Crisis of representation

On August 28, 2019, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a determined bid to curtail the debating powers of the British Parliament. He announced that Parliament will shut down for five weeks, from September 9 to October 14 of this year. Committed to a no-deal exit from the European Union (EU) on October 31, 2019, Mr. Johnson intended to pre-empt debate on the issue in the House of Commons. Law makers would hardly have time to debate on a fresh proposal, or on the desirability of abandoning the idea of a no-deal Brexit, or on the need to abandon Brexit altogether. Economists have warned the government that the country will descend into economic chaos if it leaves the EU without a deal. But Mr. Johnson persevered. However, he misjudged the political moment.

Last Saturday, thousands of people in the U.K. protested against the prorogation of Parliament. Conservative party members expressed outrage at this constitutional impropriety. Opposition parties moved quickly to thwart suspension of Parliament. On September 3, even as Mr Johnson was reporting to the House of Commons on the G-7 meet, one of his colleagues in the Conservative Party, the former Justice Minister, Phillip Lee, crossed the floor and joined the Liberal Democratic Party. Mr Johnson now runs a minority government.

Another constitutional outrage was committed by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government on August 5, 2019 in India. On that day the Home Minister asked the Rajya Sabha to approve of a *fait accompli*, the dismemberment of Jammu and Kashmir which is a constituent State of the Indian federation. No one seems to remember that J&K existed several decades before India became independent and proceeded to integrate over 500 princely states into its territory. Every protocol that the territorial boundaries of an existing State in the federation cannot be altered without the assent of the representatives of the people has been infringed. Parliament, which in its majesty represents the Indian people, has been reduced to a handmaiden of the ruling party. When a democratic and representative institution like Parliament loses power and misplaces its capacity to challenge power, it ceases to represent the interests, the needs and the aspirations of citizens. We are deprived of the right to be represented. The right to participate is neutralised in the process.

Populist leaders have established their sway over large parts of the world. They speak the language of democracy but their solutions to the problems of the people are rankly authoritarian. Once upon a time, democracy was a subversive term. Anti-feudal and anti-colonial movements deployed the vocabulary in their fight for their freedom. Democratic institutions replaced colonial and feudal bureaucracies. The wheel has turned full circle. We are back to the days of personalised power and suppression of democratic institutions. The person of the executive replaces representative government.

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Putting the skids under border trade

The India-Pakistan face-off is having more repercussions than intended, with border economies the worst hit



AFAQ HUSSAIN & NIKITA SINGLA

In February 2019, in the wake of the Pulwama attack, India decided to withdraw the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan; subsequently, it imposed 200% customs duty on all Pakistani goods coming into India. After the Balakot airstrikes, again in February, India and Pakistan closed their airspace, with Pakistan keeping the ban in place for nearly five months. In April, India suspended trade across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir citing misuse of the trade route by Pakistan-based elements. And more recently, post the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, Pakistan cut off diplomatic and economic ties with India – expelling the Indian envoy, partially shutting airspace and suspending bilateral trade.

Plunging trade

Escalating tensions between the two neighbours naturally led to the announcement of retaliatory unilateral decisions, one after the other. Like in the past, the impact has trickled down to trade relations between both the countries; this time it is much more severe.

In 2018-19, bilateral trade bet-

ween India and Pakistan was valued at \$2.5 billion – India's exports to Pakistan accounted for \$2.06 billion and India's imports from Pakistan were at \$495 million. India's decision *vis-à-vis* withdrawal of MFN status and imposition of 200% duty has hurt Pakistan's exports to India, falling from an average of \$45 million per month in 2018 to \$2.5 million per month in the last four months.

Western border trade

The quantum of loss that has been incurred by traders in both India and Pakistan has varied according to the nature of trade and the trade route. For example, through the Wagah-Attari land route, bilateral trade was heavily in favour of Pakistan; in the last two years, India's imports from Pakistan accounted for 82% of the total trade through the land route. After February, most of this business has been badly affected with only a handful of items including rock salt, continuing to be imported.

Unlike national economies, border economies owe their existence to cross-border economic opportunities. These economies generally experience a sudden boom-bust cycle on account of political changes, trade bans, price and exchange rate and tax fluctuations. As seen elsewhere in South Asia such as via the inception of India-Bangladesh border *haats*, the costs and benefits are mutual to the border economies on both



sides; much more in cases such as Amritsar where major economic activity is largely dependent on border trade with Pakistan.

Amritsar is land-locked, is not a metropolis and traditionally has no significant industry. Hence, any decision on India-Pakistan trade has a direct impact on the local economy and the people of Amritsar. Since February, according to estimates on ground, 5,000 families have been directly affected in Amritsar because of breadwinner dependence on bilateral trade. Traders and their staff members, customs house agents (CHAs), freight forwarders, labour force, truck operators, *dhaba* owners, fuel stations, and other service providers are closing shop and going out of business. Of the nearly ₹25-30 crore that was being added to the local economy of Amritsar every month, the estimate now is that three-quarters has been lost in the last six months.

Many a time, upsetting the trade apple cart can have more repercussions than intended. For example, gypsum, imported from

Pakistan, was being used in India as well as in Nepal for the cement plants there. To avoid empty backhauling on the return journey, trucks carrying these consignments brought back specific products such as yarn from mills in Uttar Pradesh to Punjab. In the absence of gypsum trade, the freight rate of trucks from Uttar Pradesh to Punjab, as per the ground reports, has increased from ₹3 to ₹7 per kg, with a single trip absorbing the cost of the entire journey. Earlier, prices of tradeable goods which were kept under check owing to the balancing out mechanisms of international trade, are experiencing fluctuations now because of the trade disruptions.

Pakistan takes a hit too

There is gloom on the Pakistani side too. With Pakistan deciding to completely suspend bilateral trade, exports of cotton from India to Pakistan are expected to be affected the most, eventually hurting Pakistan's textiles; the lawn industry which will now have to source pricier cotton from alternative markets in the United States, Australia, Egypt or Central Asia; or there is a high possibility that Indian cotton, along with other products, will be routed through third countries such as the United Arab Emirates and Singapore, thereby increasing the share of indirect trade which is estimated to be more than double the direct trade between India and Pakistan.

Hence, while the overall economies of the two countries may very well manage to stay afloat despite the suspension of economic ties, it is the local economies that will suffer the most and are already perishing. In this connection, there has been a loss in business, rise in prices, lack of alternative sources of livelihood, as well as an expected increase in bank defaults. There are also individual cases, for example a CHA in Amritsar, who has no means to pay the equated monthly instalment for his home loan, highlighting the hardship of locals dependent on border economies.

In the spirit of nationalism, the trade fraternity on both sides, by and large, has stood by their respective governments. But locals in border economies on both sides have mouths to feed, which calls for a solution. What are the alternative sources of livelihood that can be generated to keep border economies afloat? Is there a sword hanging over the future of other bilateral arrangements such as the transit of goods from Afghanistan through Pakistan into India?

While it's about damage containment for now, one can only hope that the appetite for trade engagement still remains.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Emeritus professors

It is beyond belief that Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has chosen to question the academic credentials of the distinguished historian, Professor Romila Thapar (Inside pages, "JNU reviewing position of emeritus professors", September 2). I write as the Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. As a college, we are proud to have Prof. Thapar as an honorary fellow. As a university, we are privileged that she accepted an honorary doctorate in acknowledgement of her outstanding work and achievements. All her many books and accolades seem of no account to whichever

official at JNU who recently wrote to Prof. Thapar asking for her CV so that a committee could evaluate her work and decide whether she should continue as a professor emerita. It is not clear what JNU is hoping to achieve by this process of evaluating a professorship which was conferred for life in recognition of her past work. Is it really imaginable that JNU would strip her of this honour? Such an action would bring JNU into disrepute among academics the world over.

ALAN RUSBRIDGER,
PRINCIPAL, LADY MARGARET
HALL,
University of Oxford

■ JNU's move to review the position of all its emeritus

professors who are above 75 is strange. They still have what it takes to be an emeritus professor: the indefatigable intellectual energy to carry out research of a high order and producing great theoretical insights in their respective fields. Therefore, the move "asking them to submit their curriculum vitae to a university-appointed committee which will then review their position" when these were originally lifetime appointments is not only preposterous but also suspicious. The professors are scholars of international stature and are reputed public intellectuals – an endangered species in India. JNU needs to appreciate that the professors neither hold

sinecure positions nor are they careerists or social climbers. Hence, the move to ask them to what would amount to stepping down has all the signs of petty political and ideological considerations. One hopes that those who matter in JNU drop the move if the great institution is to retain its standing as a promoter of scientific and academic inquiry.

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Aadhaar for NRIs

Rather than wait for Indians living abroad to visit India to get an Aadhaar card, the UIDAI could instead authorise all Indian embassies across the world to issue Aadhaar cards to Indians working in those countries. Family members

can be given appointments on a day to day basis and the process completed in a short time.

The government should remember that most Non Resident Indians do not visit the country every year for various reasons ("Aadhaar system for NRIs in 3 months", September 2).

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NRC and final list

The final list of the National Register of Citizens, whereby nearly 19 lakh people have been excluded, has created more confusion than clarity and precision. (Page 1, "Over 19 lakh excluded from final NRC", September 1). It is very unfortunate that an expensive exercise, and one monitored by the judiciary, is

facing severe criticism for poor processes and implementation (Editorial, "Citizenship, figured", September 2). It was perplexing how within families, some have become foreigners all of a sudden. The statement by the government that the persons excluded from the final list will not become stateless and will continue to enjoy equal rights like all Indians adds more confusion and gives an impression that the whole exercise has been a futile one (Page 1, "NRC-excluded not stateless", September 2). Instead of making a hasty decision, it would be prudent to re-examine the whole issue.

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INTERVIEW | M.A. SUMANTHIRAN

‘Tamils are disappointed as the govt. gave hope and then failed to deliver’

Jaffna district MP and Tamil National Alliance spokesman on the national unity government’s performance, the 13th Amendment, and India’s relations with Sri Lanka

MEERA SRINIVASAN

In Sri Lanka’s presidential poll in 2015, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), representing Tamils of the north and east, led its constituency in a crucial protest vote against then President Mahinda Rajapaksa. As the country gears up for the next presidential election, scheduled before the end of this year, Jaffna district MP M. A. Sumanthiran, who is also TNA’s spokesman and a senior lawyer, weighs the options before the Alliance, amid mounting discontent among Tamils over the incumbent government’s performance. He also reflects on broader political questions and international dimensions in an interview at his Colombo residence. Excerpts:

In the 2015 polls, the TNA backed the Maithripala Sirisena-Ranil Wickremesinghe combine that, among other things, promised a constitutional political settlement to the Tamil question. Though the process took off, the constitutional reform process is now stalled. Why couldn’t it succeed?

■ At a certain point during the process, the coalition government wasn’t as strongly knitted together as it was in the beginning. Fissures started emerging and deepened with time, particularly ahead of the local government elections [in February 2018]. The two parties began seeing each other as rivals again. As a result, they were not willing to own even those matters that had been agreed upon after discussion. They started backing out. That happened primarily with the President’s party [Sri Lanka Freedom Party]. Subsequently, when it became clear to the others that they were not going to sail with the consensus of everyone, nobody seemed to want to carry the can by themselves. They also began to back out.

By that you mean the Prime Minister’s party [United National Party/UNP] as well?

■ Yes, now looking back, I can say that at a certain point when they realised that their coalition partner was not going to share the responsibility

of taking this through, they themselves started backing out. Of course, neither party said it in as many words. They resorted to blaming each other for the protraction of the constitutional reform process.

For the upcoming presidential election, the Rajapaksa camp has named Gotabaya Rajapaksa as candidate. Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP)’s leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake is running, and the UNP is yet to name its candidate. The government you backed in 2015 has not delivered on its promises. How do you view your options now?

■ We backed a candidate in 2015 based on certain promises. Apart from the promise to solve the Tamil national issue, the primary promise given was that the executive presidency would be abolished. We sincerely believed that with the two main parties coming together, coupled with the fact that since 1994 the people of this country have clearly given a verdict to abolish executive presidency, it would be done this time. But that hasn’t happened, and we are in a situation where we have to support one candidate or another for the post of executive presidency that they promised to abolish. We are not amused by this turn of events. We will wait for all the parties to name their candidates and put out their manifestos. We will hold discussions



MEERA SRINIVASAN

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even after the war ended. On the contrary, President Rajapaksa tried to take back powers that came with it.

It was in that context that the 2015 change came, and a promise given to us that leaving aside the 13th Amendment, there would be a solution found to the Tamil national question based on previous negotiations which, at times, crossed over to a federal arrangement as well. Now, to say that we will consider implementing the 13th Amendment is to go back on all those promises.

But this keeps happening all the time. After telling their southern constituencies election after election that devolution will lead to a division of the country, these leaders find it impossible to commit to anything more. While they want to keep the chunk of the majority vote, it also becomes necessary to get a substantial minority vote. So, they resort to this ‘full implementation of the 13th Amendment’ rhetoric – that way the southern consti-

tuency doesn’t feel insecure, and they are still promising the Tamil voter something.

When you look at the specific challenges of the Tamils in the north and east, how do you view their situation today with regard to accountability and reconstruction?

■ During the first five years after 2009, the Rajapaksa regime treated the war victory as a licence to totally subjugate the Tamil people. It paid lip service to a political settlement. It implemented big infrastructure projects. But in the absence of any attempt to alleviate the sufferings of the people, the mega projects were totally alien to the war-affected community.

Now, in the last five years, it is far more complex. The government began addressing people’s long-pending concerns. Military-held lands were returned substantially, if not fully. On accountability, there were measures such as the setting up of the Office on Missing Persons – it was an important one even though the progress on investigations is far from satisfactory. Some political prisoners were released.

On reviving the economy of the Tamil people, nothing

has really materialised. Unemployment is increasing. But the last five years saw an expansion of democratic space – the northern people took to the streets to protest. That was impossible under the Rajapaksa rule.

The Rajapaksas had made it clear to the Tamils that they ought not to expect much in terms of rights. This government gave reason for hope and then failed to deliver. Our people are bitterly disappointed.

You referred to efforts towards de-militarisation. How do you view the recent appointment of Major General Shavendra Silva as army commander by the President, given the allegations of war crimes against him?

■ As disagreements within the coalition began growing, the President began resorting to some drastic measures. That came to a head in October 2018, when he sacked Prime Minister Wickremesinghe and appointed Mahinda Rajapaksa in his place. The appointment of Shavendra Silva must also be seen in that light.

The President’s trajectory is very different to what it was when he was elected in 2015. It was he who led the way by example towards reconciliation in a very constructive way – by not celebrating the [war] victory day, by having the national anthem sung in Tamil on National Day, by making a case for ethnic reconciliation, a new Constitution, etc. Now, regrettably, he has gone back on all of that. We are very disappointed because we know that the President is not given to racism; his actual views are very liberal towards power sharing. But now he is behaving out of character, compelled perhaps by electoral and other political reasons.

But it is also significant that the coalition partner [UNP] has not commented on the appointment.

How do you look at the role of the international community now?

■ The international community and their moves in the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) have been significant for us. The good thing about the UN resolutions is that although they are non-binding, they have a very persuasive effect. A lot of the changes on the ground here I think are due to the resolutions that were passed in the HRC, including ones co-sponsored by Sri Lanka after regime change.

When I say international community, I have been referring to the countries apart from India until now, because India did not get involved in the UNHRC resolutions. It was neutral most of the time. But India has a special interest in the political resolution of this long-term issue. And that comes from the Indo-Lanka Accord. India has an interest in seeing that implemented in full and in leaders going beyond that to achieve meaningful devolution. Because even that promise was given to India, and nobody else, by no less than Mahinda Rajapaksa.

So, when we talk about the international community’s pressure, it is India and the others. While other countries back us significantly on human rights and democracy, it is only India that has a direct link to the contents of the political solution, as it was only India that was able to change the governance structure in 1987 with the 13th Amendment.

Our engagement with India has continued through Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s terms and after the change in government in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited Sri Lanka more than once.

He has even gone to Jaffna, and has assured us that India’s policy towards Sri Lanka and the Tamil issue in Sri Lanka remains the same.

The TNA is scheduled to meet Mr. Modi in Delhi soon. Some political leaders here have referred to the Indian government’s move in Jammu and Kashmir while commenting on prospects for a political solution here. How do see that?

■ We don’t think the decision that the Indian government took with regard to J&K will have a bearing on its position vis-à-vis Sri Lankan Tamils. J&K had a special status, and for good or bad reason, the Indian government has decided to do away with it and has bifurcated it into two Union Territories.

From what we have been assured by Prime Minister Modi, the Indian position on Sri Lankan Tamils remains the same and India’s good offices will still matter while we try to achieve this meaningful devolution of powers as envisaged in the Accord. To that extent, we will seek his assistance when we meet him in Delhi very soon.

Following the Easter Sunday attacks and the subsequent violence targeting the Muslim community, you raised concern that what was once done to the Tamils was being done to the Muslims now. How do you view Tamil-Muslim relations now, particularly in the east? Is there solidarity?

■ After April 21, initially there seemed to be a widening of the gap between Tamils and Muslims, which you might see even now on the surface. But I think deep down both communities are more conscious now that we need to stay together.

The full interview is available on www.thehindu.com

Pakistan’s minority problem

Instead of vilifying India, Prime Minister Imran Khan should first set his house in order

SUJAN R. CHINYOY

On August 31, after the release of the final list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan accused the Indian government of attempting to change the demography of the region through the “ethnic cleansing of Muslims”. This was the latest in a series of irresponsible tweets by Mr. Khan, who has even threatened war against India since the Indian government’s decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

A brief history of NRC

It is clear that Mr. Khan does not understand the facts of the NRC process in Assam. The cut-off date for inclusion in the NRC is March 24, 1971. On March 25, 1971, the Pakistani military had embarked on ‘Operation Searchlight’ to curb the elements of the separatist Bengali nationalist movement in erstwhile East Pakistan. It was this crackdown that had resulted in the massive influx of refugees into India. The flow of refugees into Assam has been a burning political issue in the State since then. It led to an agitation in 1979 against illegal immigrants and to the signing of the Assam Accord in 1985, which calls for the “detection, deletion and deportation of foreigners”. Every nation has a sovereign right to check claims of citizenship. What is happening in India is merely an updation of the NRC, which is taking place under the watchful eyes of the Supreme Court.

Moreover, the government has also made it clear that the final list will also be subject to revision. Those excluded from the list will get up to 10 months to prove their citizenship. Each such person will have a maximum of 120 days now to challenge his or her exclusion at a Foreigners’ Tribunal. The entire process is objective and does not target any particular ethnic group or community.

New Delhi has kept Dhaka informed about the NRC. In 2018, the then Information Minister of Bangladesh, Hasanul-Haq Inu, said that the NRC was India’s “internal matter”. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also reiterated this recently. His assertion was repeated by Bangla-

desh Foreign Minister A.K. Abdul Momen.

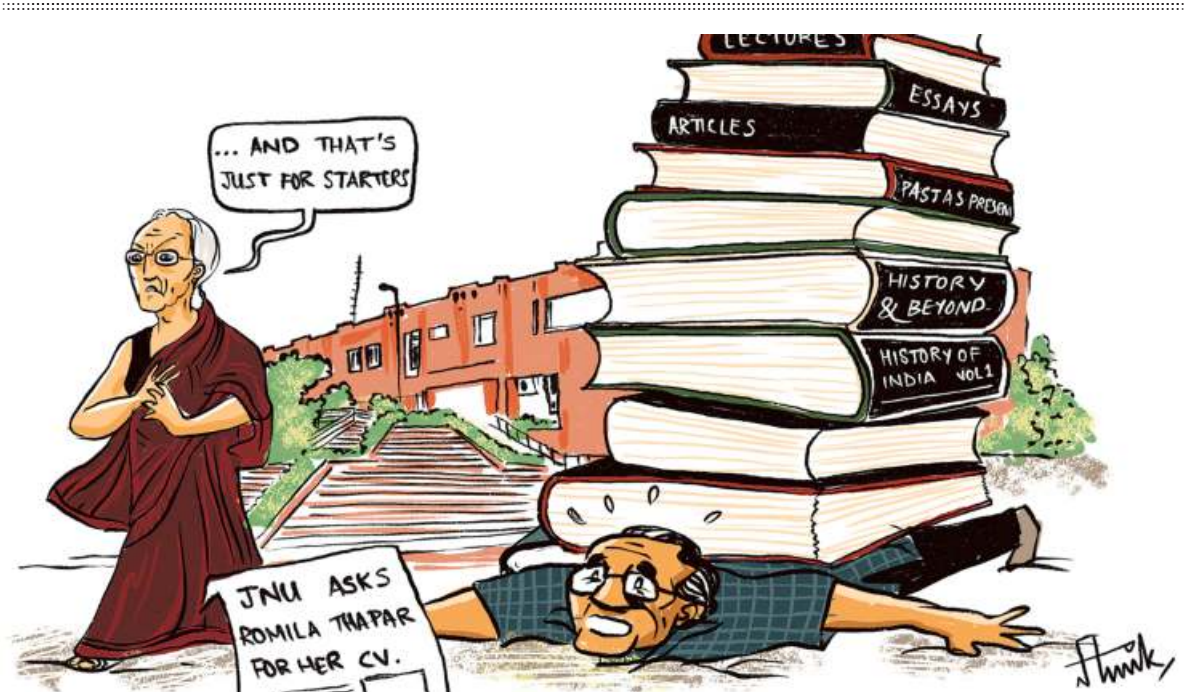
Whether in Assam or in J&K, the Constitution is the ultimate guardian for all citizens of India. The internal processes of India brook no external interference. India’s own credentials as a secular democracy need no certification. In India, unlike in most other countries, minorities have occupied the highest offices of the land.

An abysmal record

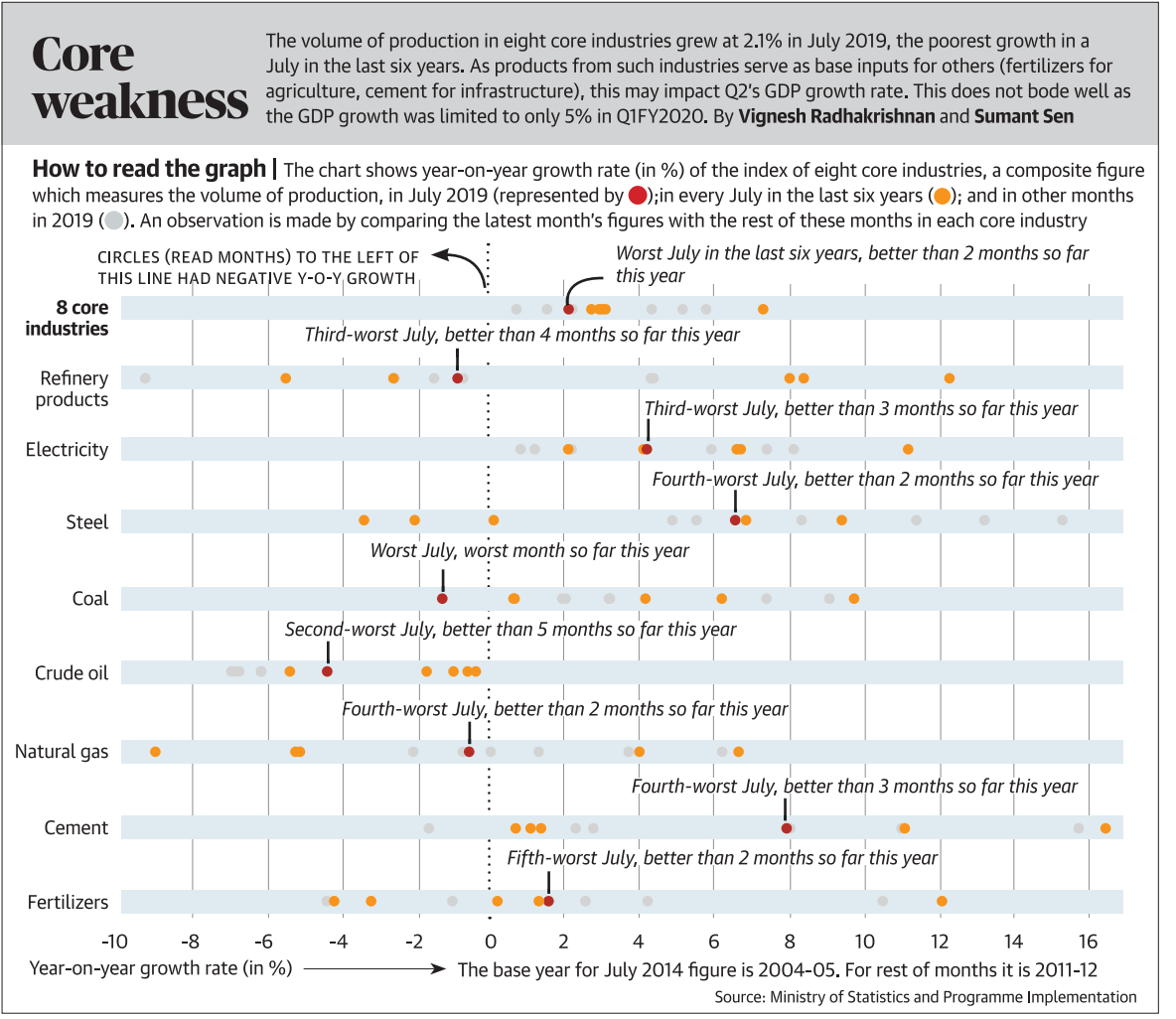
Instead of vilifying India, Mr. Khan should be more concerned about the treatment of the minorities in his own country, where the minority population has plunged since 1947. The discriminatory treatment meted out to Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Ahmadiyyas, the Baloch, Pashtuns and the Kalash people in Pakistan is well documented. In 2011, Human Rights Watch said that the brutality in Balochistan had reached an “unprecedented level”. When Mr. Khan speaks of “ethnic cleansing”, he is choosing to ignore Pakistan’s abysmal track record in this respect. In 1971, as many as three million Bengalis were killed by the Pakistani military, according to independent researchers. Pakistan is said to be among the worst places in the world for Shia Muslims. In 2012, gunmen pulled out at least 20 Shia Muslims from a bus and killed them in northern Pakistan.

Other minorities fare no better. Hindu women are routinely forced to convert to Islam, especially in rural Sindh. Asia Bibi, a Christian woman, was acquitted by the Supreme Court of Pakistan of blasphemy charges in 2018 after languishing for eight years on death row. In 2014, a Christian couple was burnt alive in Kasur, some 60 km from Lahore. Recently, a teenage Sikh girl was allegedly abducted and converted to Islam in Pakistan’s Punjab province. Given this depressing state of affairs, Mr. Khan should first ensure that the minorities in his country are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve before making reckless statements.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 4, 1969

Unnecessary pother

The report of a technical committee appointed by the Government of Mysore to go into the utilisation of the Cauvery waters has brought to the surface yet another inter-State river waters dispute. The booming of the Ministerial guns during the past few days, with Mysore intending to go ahead with irrigation projects “come what may” and the Tamil Nadu Government expressing determination to fight such attempts “tooth and nail,” would distress all men of goodwill. The differences over the sharing of the Cauvery waters are by no means the first of their kind in this country. But this river would seem to be less controversial than many others in that the sharing of its waters between the two States concerned is subject to regulatory arrangements in writing in the past. It is true that the 1924 Agreement between the old Mysore Maharaja’s Government and that of the Madras Presidency was not one entered into with the knowledge and consent of the landed interests in either State. In fact it was the complaint then that the British authorities had signed away the rights of the users of the Cauvery waters in Tiruchi and Thanjavur without even telling them what the terms of the 1924 Agreement were.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 4, 1919.

The Viceroy’s Speech.

H.E. Lord Chelmsford opened the autumn session of the Imperial Legislative Council yesterday with a long speech which is said to have taken 55 minutes in delivery. A perusal of it will not bring a ray of comfort to the vast mass of the people whose minds have been agitated by the various untoward happenings which have characterised Lord Chelmsford’s administration. The Viceroy’s speech reads as of one who is in complete detachment from Indian opinion, whose administration is not to be swayed in the least degree by gusts of popular feeling, popular approval or popular discontent. In enumerating the names of those whose services have been lost to the Council since its last sitting, the Viceroy referred to the resignation of Sir Sankaran Nair, the reasons for which were honourable to himself and were thoroughly appreciated by him. This is an admission of valuable significance. Lord Chelmsford did not, however, deem it fit to bestow any words of commendation on the value of Sir Sankaran’s services either as member of the Executive Council or of the Legislative Council.

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Growth blues pull down stocks, rupee

Interestingly, the recent measures announced by the government to boost economy by way of bank mergers and also revoking the contentious tax imposed on foreign investors has failed to stem the outflows.

Provisional numbers showed that foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) were net sellers at ₹2,016 crore on Tuesday. FPIs net sold shares worth nearly ₹17,600 crore in August.

Elsewhere in Asia, the benchmarks of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Indonesia all lost ground.

Data released by the government on Friday post market hours showed that the country's GDP growth for the April-June quarter fell to 5%, which is lowest in 25 quarters.

The growth of eight core industries also dropped to 2.1% in July, mainly due to contraction in coal, crude oil and natural gas production.

The rupee, which opened weaker at 71.97 a dollar as compared to precious close

of 71.41, touched the day's low of 72.40 before closing at 71.39 a dollar. This is the lowest closing level for the rupee since November 13, 2018. The currency hit an all-time low of 74.38 on October 9, 2018.

The fall in the first trading session of month comes after a 3.6% depreciation in August – which is typically a 'whimsical month' for the currency, noted Madhavi Arora, Economist, Edelweiss Securities.

"Amid fears of strong case of currency manipulation by China as a retaliatory measure, any disruptive move on that front could further weigh heavily on risk assets. This is likely to imply a follow-up competitive pressure on EM Asia currencies, partially depending upon their trade linkages with China. Even as India's direct China exposure is limited, the indirect financial market linkages will ensure that INR [rupee] does not remain insulated from any market chaos," Ms. Arora said.

IAF inducts 8 Apache attack helicopters

India was the 16th nation to select the Apache and the AH-64E was the most advanced variant, Boeing added. Selected aircrew and ground crew had undergone training at the training facilities at U.S. Army base Fort Rucker in Alabama before the arrival of the helicopters in India and these personnel would lead the operationalisation of the Apache fleet, the IAF had said.

India contracted 22 Apache helicopters from the U.S. government and Boeing in September 2015 and the entire fleet will be in service with the IAF by 2020. The government has also cleared the acquisition of six additional Apaches for the Indian Army, which has been formally approved by the U.S.

The helicopter was capa-

ble of delivering a variety of weapons that include air-to-ground Hellfire missiles, 70 mm Hydra rockets and air-to-air Stinger missiles, the IAF said in a statement.

The Apache also carried one 30 mm chain gun with 1,200 rounds as part of an area weapon sub-system and to "add to the lethality of the helicopter" it carried fire control radar, which has a 360 degree coverage and nose mounted sensor suite for target acquisition and night vision systems, the IAF said.

This procurement would enhance the capability of the IAF in providing integrated combat aviation cover to the Army strike corps and the helicopters "are day/night, all weather capable and have high agility and survivability against battle damage," the IAF added.

DM defends booking scribe for exposé

"There is a different way to make news," Mr. Patel said. "You are a print media journalist, you could have taken photos."

"You could have printed whatever you found wrong, but he did not do so. That is why his role appeared to be suspicious."

Days after he filmed children eating roti and salt during the mid-day meal served in the school, Mr. Jaiswal was booked by police for trying to defame the government as part of a "conspiracy."

The FIR was lodged on the complaint of Prem Shankar Ram, Block Education Officer, Mirzapur. Along with the scribe, the police also booked Raj Kumar Pal, a representative of the village pradhan, who tipped off the journalist about the inferior quality of meals being served at the school. Public support poured in for the scribe with the Editors Guild Of India and the Uttar Pradesh Accredited Journalists Association demanding immediate withdrawal of the criminal case against Mr. Jaiswal for doing his job. "It is a clear and classic case of shooting the messenger. It is shocking that instead of taking action to fix what is wrong on the ground, the government has filed criminal cases against the journalist," the EGI said.

Mr. Jaiswal acknowledged the public support he received and demanded that the "baseless" allegations against him be withdrawn immediately. "I did not do any wrong act," said Mr. Jaiswal.

Minister of State for Basic Education Satish Dwivedi gave a vague reply when reporters asked him about the case filed against the scribe. "No action should be taken against [someone] for bringing to light corruption or any fact," he said.

However, he added, "It is a matter of the police department." So he would seek a report from the SP before any intervention.

Mr. Jaiswal said he reported what he had seen.

ED arrests Shivakumar in money laundering case

On Tuesday, the Congress leader reached the ED office around noon to join the fourth round of questioning.

"He was placed under arrest in the evening. He will be produced before a special court on Wednesday," said an agency official.

It is alleged that he was not able to explain the source of several transac-

tions under scrutiny. He was confronted with the evidence of suspect financial dealings gathered by the ED.

The ED probe is based on a charge sheet filed last year by the Income-Tax Department alleging tax evasion and hawala transactions.

Terming the arrest illegal, the Congress said the move was to divert attention from economic issues.

No last word on NRC: Himanta

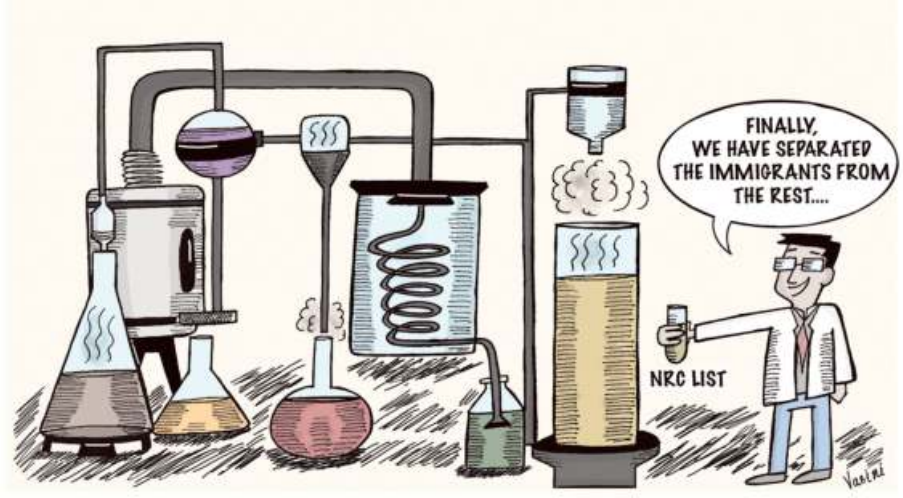
Minister says 'genuine Indians' need not worry, but 'foreigners' should not rejoice

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Assam Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that "genuine Indians" left out of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) should not worry while included "foreigners" should not rejoice as long as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah were around.

"I want to make it clear that nothing is final till the Prime Minister and the Home Minister are around. Nobody should say the last word till the names of foreigners are excluded from the NRC and the genuine Indians included," Mr. Sarma told a local TV channel on Monday evening.

The NRC, aimed at identifying illegal immigrants, was published on Saturday after five years of monitoring of the work by the Supreme Court. More than 19 lakh out of the total 3.3 crore applicants were excluded from



the NRC. Mr. Sarma, however, did not specify how Mr. Modi and Mr. Shah would come to the rescue of the "genuine Indians", specifically non-Muslims, and show the foreigners the door.

Seeking a joint effort for addressing the anomalies in the final NRC, he appealed to the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) and the Assam

Public Works (APW) to approach the Supreme Court with the same plea for re-verification of documents.

The AASU, which had first demanded the updating of the NRC in 1980, and APW, whose petition in the court in 2009 led to the exercise being undertaken, were disappointed with the final list as they had expected the ex-

clusion figure to be at least double that of 19 lakh.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, meanwhile, said Mr. Shah is scheduled to visit Assam on September 8 and 9 for a meeting of the North Eastern Council.

He is likely to also review the security scene in Assam following the publication of the final NRC.

Chidambaram to remain in CBI custody till Sept. 5

Supreme Court orders status quo in INX Media case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed status quo, ordering that former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram will continue in CBI custody till September 5 in the INX Media case.

A Bench led by Justice R. Banumathi was assured by Mr. Chidambaram's lawyer, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, that they would not press for interim bail at a hearing scheduled later in the afternoon before the trial court.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, at the very commencement of the hearing, informed the Bench that the



P. Chidambaram

15-day remand would continue till September 5.

At this, Justice Banumathi said the court was not inclined to hear the plea filed by Mr. Chidambaram challenging his arrest and remand to CBI custody at length on Wednesday. In-

NRC officials accuse West Bengal of 'laxity'

'Documents not updated for years'

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Many Bengali women find their names excluded from Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC) and NRC officials blame it on West Bengal authorities.

"Many Bengali people are now suffering because of the laxity on the part of West Bengal officials in verifying their documents over the years. In case of Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri, the district officials expressed their inability to certify old land and other records as they were lost to disasters," an NRC official said on condition of anonymity.

Several women from Meghalaya married in Assam too have missed the NRC bus, many due to the State's inability to verify their documents.

Meghalaya legislator S.G. Esmatur Mominin has asked Chief Minister Conrad K.



Villagers of Gorbhater and Bherveri in Assam protest over non-inclusion of their names in the NRC.

Sangma to urge the Assam government to set up Foreigners' Tribunals exclusively for such women.

"The Meghalaya government should also ask its Assam counterpart to submit the list of the Meghalaya women who submitted the NRC documents and let them withdraw their names so that Meghalaya can update their names when it takes up the NRC exercise," Mr. Mominin said.

'India lost its right to speak on devolution'

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Following the withdrawal of Kashmir's special status, India does not have a "moral right" to comment on power devolution to provinces in Sri Lanka, Cabinet Minister Champika Ranawaka has said, citing "analysts".

Following a nearly 11-minute-long video message on his official Facebook page last week, the office of the Minister issued a press statement on the subject earlier this week. The message outlines his position on the Kashmir development, and its possible implications to the Indian engagement in Sri Lanka since the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987.

Israeli PM cancels India visit for the second time

Both PMs agree to schedule visit later

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday cancelled his September visit to India. The cancellation came days before the expected visit which was to precede the general election in Israel on September 17.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu called his Indian counterpart Modi around 1.30 p.m. and informed him about the cancellation. The two agreed to schedule a visit later," said an Israeli source.

It is the second time this year that a planned visit has been cancelled. The visit planned during the run-up to the general election in April was cancelled in view



Benjamin Netanyahu

of the political season here.

Mr. Modi visited Israel in October 2017 and Mr. Netanyahu reciprocated it in January 2018.

Mr. Netanyahu is facing political challenges in his country and a deteriorating security situation on the northern border with Lebanon as the Israeli Defence Forces are caught in a face-off with Hezbollah, the armed group from Lebanon.

'Idol installation a surreptitious attack'

In Supreme Court, Muslim parties say it was not a 'miracle' but a 'planned' move

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The installation of Ayodhya idols inside the Babri Masjid in the intervening night of December 22-23 of 1949, which marked the beginning of heightened tensions and a legal battle, was a "surreptitious attack", senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan claimed before a Constitution Bench on Wednesday.

The five-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi heard Mr. Dhavan argue for the Muslim parties that the appearance of the idols inside the mosque was not a "miracle" but a "planned attack".



He referred to documents, saying how the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had expressed grave concern about the incident.

Mr. Dhavan alleged that the then Faizabad District Magistrate K.K.K. Nair and

his fellow local official Guru Dutt Singh did not act to remove the idols despite instructions from the then Chief Secretary Bhagwan Sahay and Inspector General of Police B.N. Lahiri.

In his submissions, Mr. Dhavan said inscriptions of the word "Allah" were seen on the arches inside the mosque.

Mr. Dhavan referred to records about aggression shown by the local populace towards worshippers coming to the mosque. He said the disputed land may have been a "composite place of worship". He compared it to religious sites in Jerusalem

like the "Wailing Wall."

Referring to the Hindus' argument that the Ramjanmabhumi itself is a juristic person, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud asked if the Ayodhya deity is accepted as a juristic person, then the place of worship would not be just the exact spot where he is born (under the dome of mosque) but also places appurtenant to it.

Mr. Dhavan compared the December 22-23, 1949 incident with the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992 by kar sevaks.

"This show can't go on, My Lords... No more rath yatra," he said.

Lt. Gen. Singh defers his visit to China

ATUL ANEJA
BEIJING

Northern Army Commander Lt. General Ranbir Singh has postponed his visit to China, to monitor the situation arising in Jammu and Kashmir and the borders, ahead of the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India next month.

Highly placed sources said Lt. General Singh's presence at home was required as a precaution following China's objections to India's decision to scrap special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

China had raised the red flag especially on India's decision to accord Union Territory status to Ladakh, which shares a disputed border with China, citing "sovereignty" concerns.

Mr. Xi is likely to visit India for an informal summit between October 11 - 13.

Modi expected to sign major LNG pact with Russia

India to make new investments in Russian oil fields

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Oil and energy prospects, including a major agreement to import LNG from Russia will mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Vladivostok beginning on Wednesday, in a trip being billed as the Russian version of India's "Look east, Act east" policy.

"My visit to [the] Far East Region of Russia, the first by an Indian Prime Minister, underlines the desire on both sides to diversify and further strengthen the bonds of our robust bilateral relations," Mr. Modi said in a departure statement issued in Delhi on Tuesday.

During the visit, which will last about 36 hours, Mr. Modi is expected to hold annual bilateral talks on de-



Narendra Modi

fence, trade and nuclear energy with Mr. Putin, and attend the annual Eastern Economic Forum but will focus on opportunities for doing business with the Russian Far East, as well as a five-year road map for oil and gas in energy exploration and extraction, officials said.

Sources told *The Hindu* that an MoU on LNG imports will be signed, and announ-

cements on new Indian investments in Russian oil fields will be made, deals that were firm up during Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's visit to Moscow on August 29-30.

"The intent to develop greater ties in energy between India and Russia is going to be followed by actual action on the ground," said Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale, who will accompany the Prime Minister, adding that India is actively seeking to "diversify oil & gas supplies beyond complete dependency in the Gulf."

In particular, say officials, India's worries over the U.S. sanctions on Iranian oil imports have forced the government to give up sourcing oil from Teheran in the short term.

SC notice to Chennai man on Dhavan plea

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to an 88-year-old Chennai-based man for allegedly intimidating senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan for representing the Muslim side in the Ayodhya title suit appeals.

Mr. Dhavan had sought the initiation of contempt proceedings against N. Shanmugham, retired government official.

The senior lawyer, who appears for the Sunni Waqf Board, annexed a letter from Mr. Shanmugham with his petition.

"By sending the letter, the alleged contemnor has

committed criminal contempt because he is intimidating a senior advocate who is appearing for a party/parties before this honorable court and discharging his duties as a senior advocate," Mr. Dhavan submitted.

"It needs to be mentioned that the petitioner has been accosted both at home and on the court premises with intimidating behaviour by several persons," Mr. Dhavan said, referring to several WhatsApp messages sent by one Sanjay Kalal Bajrangji in this context.

Mr. Dhavan has annexed screenshots of the messages in his petition.

Priyanka may be put in charge of entire U.P.

She holds meeting with leaders

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Congress general secretary for Eastern Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday brainstormed with leaders from across Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) amid speculation that she could be made the Congress in-charge for the entire State to revive the party in the Hindi heartland.

Though Jyotiraditya Scindia was appointed the general secretary of Western U.P. along with Ms. Vadra, he resigned owning moral responsibility for the crushing defeat of the Congress.

Now, the Congress could soon make a formal announcement to elevate Ms. Vadra for entire U.P. and prepare to take on the BJP for the 2022 Assembly polls in the State.

The Congress will also



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

undertake an ambitious membership drive in U.P. and has set a target of one crore members by the end of this year.

Earlier in the day, Ms. Vadra asked the Centre to admit that the country was going through a "historic economic slowdown".

"Telling a lie a hundred times does not turn it into truth. The BJP government should accept that there is a historic slowdown in the economy and they should move towards taking measures to resolve it," she said in a tweet in Hindi.



IN BRIEF
Actor calls out BJP MP for 'liking' rape threat

NEW DELHI
Actor Swara Bhasker on Tuesday called out BJP MP Lallu Singh for liking a comment threatening to rape her. The MP later replied calling it an 'inadvertent' mistake. The actor posted images of an obscene tweet threatening digital rape along with another image of the BJP MP liking the abusive tweet. Minutes later, Mr. Singh replied with an apology.

Arora to head global group of poll bodies

NEW DELHI
Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora assumed charge of the post of the Chairman of the Association of World Election Bodies on Tuesday as India took over as the chair of the organisation from Romania for 2019-21, the Election Commission said. At the general assembly of the AWEB held in Bengaluru attended by delegates of 45 countries, Mr. Arora said the ECI looked forward to increasing its interaction and partnership with the AWEB, including members.

Amarinder meets Shah on security issues

CHANDIGARH
Punjab CM Amarinder Singh on Tuesday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss issues of national and State security, besides urging him to take up with Pakistan the case of forcible conversion of a Sikh girl to Islam. "Our Central government should take up the issue at the highest level with the Pakistan authorities," he told reporters in New Delhi after his meeting. The Chief Minister said he had even made a public statement seeking the intervention of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan to take stern action against the culprits.

Old promises in new package

6,000 of the 50,000 vacancies to be filled in J&K are part of PM's 2015 package

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

At least 6,000 jobs out of the total 50,000 vacancies that are to be filled in Jammu and Kashmir are part of the Prime Minister's special package announced in 2015. On August 28, J&K Governor Satyapal Malik said at a press conference in Srinagar that the government had identified 50,000 government jobs and vacancies will be filled soon.

A senior government official said out of the 50,000 jobs announced by Mr. Malik, 4,000 jobs are those of Special Police Officers (SPO), while another 2,000 personnel are to be recruited in border battalions. These vacancies were part of the ₹80,000-crore package announced by the Prime Minister in 2015. At present, there are 30,000 SPOs in the State and they are paid an honorarium based on their experience.

Jobs in pipeline

Close to 50,000 vacancies are to be filled as a part of the package announced in 2015 for Jammu and Kashmir. Special Police Officer (SPOs) form a large part of those vacancies

Salary structure of existing SPOs
Table with 3 columns: Number of SPOs, Experience, Honorarium per month



According to Home Ministry data, there are 10,821 SPOs with an experience of around 15 years who get an honorarium of ₹18,000 a month. As many as 5,132 SPOs with 10 years' experience get an honorarium of ₹15,000 per month, 4,436 SPOs who have completed five years get ₹12,000 and 1,134 SPOs who have completed three

years get ₹9,000. The Home Ministry had recently given the go-ahead to increase the honorarium which was earlier capped at ₹6,000. The SPOs do not hold permanent positions and have been engaged in the State since 1995. Another official explained that separate rules will be notified to govern the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation

30 days on, Kashmir still remains closed and watchful

Spontaneous shutdown of markets; office attendance thin

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

The situation remains fluid in the Kashmir Valley a month since the revocation of the State's special status on Tuesday.

A stark indicator of the situation is the failure of the Passport office to deliver over 2,000 passports in Kashmir and its inability to receive fresh applications since the August 5 decision of the Centre.

The attendance in essential government services like the Srinagar Municipal Cor-



A man makes a call from a CRPF telephone booth in Srinagar on Tuesday.

poration and the Public Health Engineering Department "is yet to cross 50%", according to official figures.

Act, 2019, passed by Parliament on August 6.

On August 5, Home Minister Amit Shah moved two Bills in the Rajya Sabha to read down Article 370 that had granted special status to J&K and bifurcate the State into Union Territories.

"The rules governing the Act are being finalised; it will iron out the creases in the implementation of the new set-up. Recruitment and land are two important issues that need to be clarified," the official said.

According to the Act, the number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of J&K has been increased from 107 to 114.

After the appointed day - October 31 - as many as 106 central laws will be applicable to the Union Territory of J&K along with 166 State Acts including the Governor's Act. Of the existing State laws, 153 will be repealed, the Act says.

J&K shutdown not discussed at Shah meet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Members of a chosen group of sarpanches and representatives of civil society met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday in Delhi.

A member of the delegation told The Hindu, "The meeting with the Home Minister went on for 40 minutes. Most of the sarpanches spoke about micro issues, no one raised the issue of clampdown... The Home Minister told the sarpanches that he will make Kashmir a place where they don't need security at all."

In Japan, Rajnath discusses Indo-Pacific cooperation

The two nations share views on cooperation in the region

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India and Japan have decided to hold their first Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2) ahead of the Japan-India annual summit for "advancing cooperation towards peace and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region". A meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart, Takeshi Iwaya, at the India-Japan annual defence ministerial dialogue reached the accord, the Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

"The Ministers recognised that peace and stability of the Indian and Pacific Oceans are crucial for ensuring prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region and the entire



Rajnath Singh rides on the Shinkansen train to the Hamamatsu air base from Shin-Yokohama on Tuesday. ■PTI

world, and had a frank exchange of views on the current security situation in the Indo-Pacific region, including developments on the Korean Peninsula and in the South China Sea," the Defence Ministry said in a statement. The Ministers shared

their views on exploring cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Mr. Singh is on a two-day visit to Japan, during which he also met Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. He will proceed to South Korea from Japan.

Revive culture of talks across party lines: Joshi

BJP leader says it is key to democracy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

BJP veteran Murli Manohar Joshi on Tuesday said the culture of holding political discussions on issues of national and international importance that went beyond party lines is "almost finished now and there is a need to revive it."

Dr. Joshi made the remarks while offering tributes to Congress leader S. Jaipal Reddy.

Recalling that Reddy was part of a forum that discussed key issues on Intellectual Property Rights in the 1990s, the BJP leader

said the late Congress leader would often agree with the forum despite being in government.

"There used to be an attempt [in forums] having people from different parties to try and form an opinion on national and international issues. Those attempts have become scarce, in fact, are almost finished. It is important to revive such practices," Dr. Joshi said.

Top dignitaries, including Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, paid rich tributes to Reddy.

Azam being hounded: Mulayam

OMAR RASHID
LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh on Tuesday came out in support of his long-time colleague and present Rampur MP Azam Khan, alleging that he was facing "injustice" at the hands of the BJP government, which has booked the leader in several cases.

Mr. Singh told reporters that his party would launch a campaign in support of Mr. Khan.

Over two dozen cases have been filed against Mr. Khan by the Rampur administration, including charges of land grab.

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Boris Johnson loses Parliament majority

Rebel lawmaker Phillip Lee defects to pro-European Liberal Democrats; MPs seek to delay Brexit

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday lost his working majority in Parliament ahead of a showdown with rebel MPs over Brexit that could lead to a snap election within weeks.

Mr. Johnson condemned a plan by lawmakers to block his Brexit strategy as “surrender” and said it would undermine his intention to negotiate a new divorce deal with the EU.

He said the move by opposition MPs and members of his Conservative party to try to delay Brexit beyond October 31 if he cannot agree exit terms with Brussels was like “running up the white flag”.

Ahead of a first vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday evening, Mr. Johnson

said: “There are no circumstances in which I will ever accept anything like it”. His aides had already warned that defeat would force him to call a snap election ahead of a crucial EU summit on October 17-18 – and a mere fortnight before Brexit.

Delay plan

The rebels believe they have the numbers to force through the plan, which is backed by the main opposition Labour party and could delay Brexit to January 31.

In a theatrical show of defiance, Conservative MP Phillip Lee crossed the floor of the Commons while Mr. Johnson was making his statement, to defect to the pro-European Liberal Democrats.

As a result, the Prime Minister no longer has a major-



In limbo: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaking in the Parliament in London on Tuesday. ■ PARLIAMENT TV/REUTERS

ity in the 650-seat chamber – but the defection does not automatically bring down the government.

This can only happen if the government loses a formal confidence vote.

On a day of high drama,

an Edinburgh court, meanwhile, heard a legal challenge against Mr. Johnson’s decision to suspend Parliament next week for more than a month, which critics said was a bid to silence MPs. Mr. Johnson took office

less than six weeks ago, after his predecessor Theresa May was forced out over her failure to get her Brexit divorce deal through parliament.

From the start, he faced opposition from his own MPs who fear his threat of leaving the EU without an agreement with Brussels risks severe economic disruption.

Former Finance Minister Philip Hammond is among those who have joined with Labour to draw up legislation that could force the delay. They will first try to make room in the parliamentary agenda for a debate of the bill by putting forward a motion set to be voted on by MPs on Tuesday evening.

If they succeed, they will introduce their Bill on Wednesday and seek to get it through before Parliament is suspended next week.

Explosion rocks Kabul as U.S. peace deal with Taliban nears

16 civilians killed and 119 wounded in suicide attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KABUL

The death toll from a late-night Taliban suicide attack in the Afghan capital rose to 16 civilians on Tuesday, with 119 people wounded, an official said. Angry Kabul residents climbed over the wall into the international compound, which has been targeted frequently, and set part of it on fire.

Thick smoke rose from the Green Village, home to several international organizations and guest houses.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told that “we understand that peace talks are going on... but they must also understand that we are not weak and if we enter into talks... we enter from a



Terror-hit: Afghan firefighters at work after a suicide attack at a parking lot in Kabul on Tuesday. ■ AFP

strong position.”

Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said some 400 foreigners had been rescued. Five attackers were shot and killed by security forces after the bomber detonated a tractor packed with explosives, he added.

The attack occurred just

hours after the U.S. envoy briefed the Afghan government on an agreement “in principle” with the Taliban that would see 5,000 U.S. troops withdraw from five bases in the country within 135 days of a final deal. Between 14,000 and 13,000 troops are currently in the country.

Carrie Lam says she will stay on

Hong Kong leader clarifies she never considered resigning

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HONG KONG

Hong Kong’s embattled leader insisted on Tuesday she had no intention of stepping down after an audio recording emerged of her saying she wanted to quit over three months of unrest in the southern Chinese city.

Hong Kong has endured dozens of pro-democracy protests triggered by opposition to Chief Executive Carrie Lam’s bid to pass a law allowing extraditions to mainland China.

The protests have evolved into a wider democracy campaign involving clashes between protesters and police, in the biggest challenge to China’s rule of Hong Kong since its 1997 handover from the British.



Carrie Lam

“I told myself repeatedly in the last three months that I and my team should stay on to help Hong Kong,” Lam told a press conference on Tuesday morning.

Ms. Lam said she had “not even contemplated” discussing her resignation with the Chinese government, which gives Hong Kong a restricted form of autonomy. “The

conflict that I myself want to quit, but cannot quit, does not exist,” she said.

Ms. Lam was speaking after Reuters news agency released an audio recording of her telling business leaders last week that she wanted to step down and take responsibility for the unrest.

“For a chief executive to have caused this huge havoc to Hong Kong is unforgivable,” an emotional Lam said in the audio recording. “If I have a choice,” she said, speaking in English, “the first thing is to quit, having made a deep apology.”

On Tuesday, Beijing repeated its support for the leader, but warned it would “never allow the situation in Hong Kong to continue unabated”.

No water storage projects in Tibet, says China

‘One hydro power plant has been built & two others are under construction on Yarlung Zangbo River’

AMIT BARUAH
BEIJING

China has built one and is constructing two more run-of-the-river hydro power plants on the Yarlung Zangbo River, which is known as the Brahmaputra in India, a top Chinese official told a group of visiting Indian journalists recently.

“There is no storage involved in these projects,” Yu Xingjun, Consul in the Chinese Water Resources Ministry, said in response to a specific question from *The Hindu*. There have been unverified media reports from time to time that the Chinese government was building some major dam projects on the Yarlung Zangbo in Tibet.

According to him, one 510



China says it is using less than 1% of the Yarlung Zangbo [Brahmaputra] as an upper riparian State. ■ GETTYIMAGES/ISTOCK

MW hydro power plant had been built and two others were under construction. The generating capacity of the two under-construction plant was not immediately available, said Mr. Yu.

The top Chinese official dealing with India on water

issues was at pains to emphasise that China was using less than 1% of the Yarlung Zangbo as an upper riparian state. “There is enough water to sustain the lower riparian states. The outbound quality of the water is also excellent,” Mr. Yu claimed.

However, the Tibetan people had a basic right to use their water resources.

Information sharing

According to the official, China was sticking to a bilateral agreement with India to supply data on water flow levels at a time of possible floods. As of now, this information sharing on flood information was confined to two rivers – the Yarlung Zangbo and the Sutlej.

Mr. Yu added that, like India, the Chinese government had plans to divert river waters to those provinces that were suffering from scarcity. This was part and parcel of China’s transition from “high speed to high quality development”.

Asked whether a large country like China had issues between provinces when it came to water sharing, he replied in the affirmative. China faced water-sharing issues especially in regard to the Yellow River, Mr. Yu said. “These provinces [along the Yellow River] would like to have more water for themselves.”

There were, he said, seven commissions to manage water basins in China, which were also responsible for allocating individual share for the provinces as well. “They [the commissions] will allocate the quota for every province,” Mr. Yu added.

(This writer was in China at the invitation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry)



FB brings face recognition to all users

REUTERS
CALIFORNIA

Facebook Inc said on Tuesday its face recognition technology will now be available to all users with an option to opt out. It will, however, discontinue a related feature called “Tag Suggestions”.

Face recognition, which was available to some Facebook users since December 2017, notifies users if their profile photo is used by someone else or if they appear in photos where they have not been tagged.

25 killed, 9 missing in California boat fire

REUTERS
SANTA BARBARA

Divers have found a total of 25 bodies on Monday after a pre-dawn fire sank a scuba diving vessel off a Southern California island, leaving nine people unaccounted for as the search continued, media reported.

The boat had embarked for California’s Channel Islands on Saturday morning with 39 people on board. Five crew members who were above deck on the bridge escaped the fire as passengers slept in the ship’s lower quarters.

Authorities were trying to determine the best way to recover the sunken vessel.

The surviving crew members sought refuge on a fishing boat moored a few



The boat on fire off the coast of Santa Cruz Island, California. ■ AFP

hundred feet away.

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat who represents California, called for an investigation. “It happened quickly enough so many people could not get off,” U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Matthew Kroll told CNN.

War crimes committed in Yemen: UN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GENEVA

Horrific rights violations, including killings, torture and sexual violence, are being committed with impunity by all sides in Yemen’s brutal conflict, UN war crimes investigators warned on Tuesday.

The investigators, appointed by the UN Human Rights Council in 2017, said they had “identified, where possible, individuals who may be responsible for international crimes”.

If confirmed by an independent court, many of the violations identified “may result in individuals being held responsible for war crimes,” they said in a statement.

On exorcists’ advice, priest bans Harry Potter books in school

It is feared the novels could be used to ‘summon spirits’

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

Exorcists advised a Nashville school priest to ban the Harry Potter books, over fears the popular children’s novels could be used to summon spirits.

Reverend Dan Reehil contacted exorcists in Rome and the U.S., who recommended removing the fantasy novels from St. Edward Catholic School’s library in Tennessee.

The series of books spins an epic tale of good and evil focused on the adventures of a young wizard as he struggles against the dark wizard Lord Voldemort.



A copy of Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by J.K. Rowling. ■ REUTERS

“The curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells; which when read by a human being risk conjuring evil spirits into the presence of the per-

son reading the text,” the reverend said in an email obtained by local media.

Rebecca Hammel, the superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville, told *The Tennessean* that Reverend Reehil had “canonical authority to make such decisions.”

Although the school used to stock the books, it will not offer them to pupils in its newly opened library, Ms. Hammel said.

The Potter series has been repeatedly banned from schools in the U.S. and Britain, mostly for allegedly promoting satanic values or black magic.

U.S. boy shoots, kills 5 family members

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MIAMI

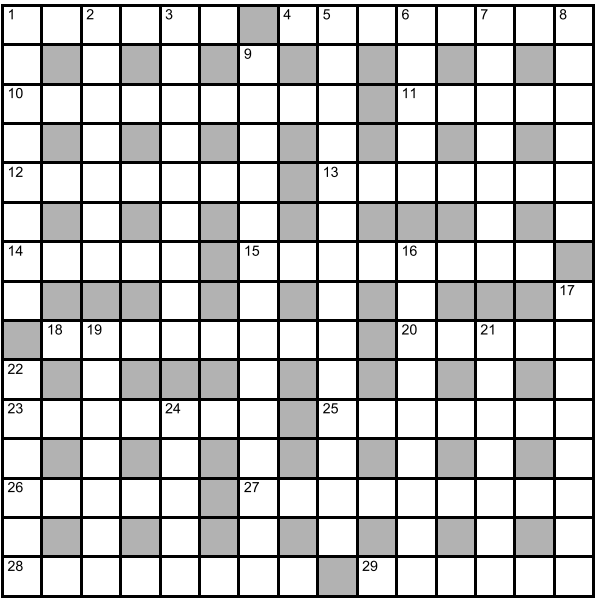
A 14-year-old boy shot and killed all five members of his family in the U.S. state of Alabama and then called police and confessed to the crime, local law enforcement said on Tuesday.

Three of the victims were found dead at the scene and the other two died later after being airlifted to a regional hospital.

“The caller confessed to shooting all five members of his family in the residence,” Limestone County sheriff said on Twitter.

“He is currently assisting investigators in locating the weapon, a 9mm handgun that he said he tossed nearby,” it said.

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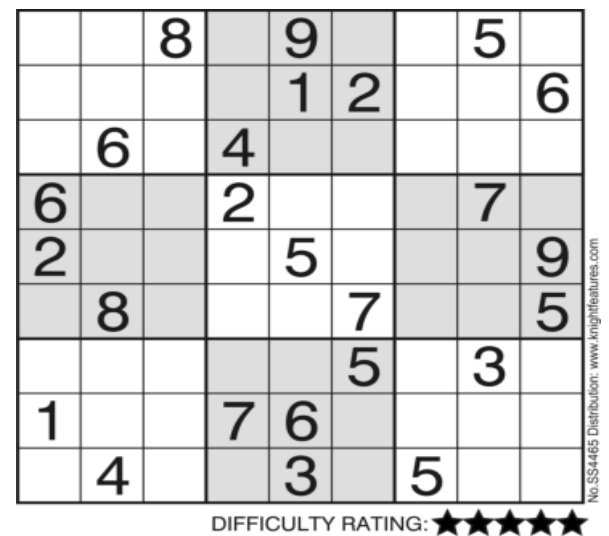


■ ACROSS

- 1 Old American about to drink coffee from the East (6)
- 4 Member of Jewish community with hospital in capital city, extremely expensive (8)
- 10 Theatre is much abused by everyone (5,4)
- 11 Enter popular place (5)

- (set by KrisKross)
- 12 Doctor Grant on vacation, ordered Charlie to go for jog (7)
 - 13 Pain after stretching exercise, without a healthy drink (7)
 - 14 Primarily dry area in warmer country (5)
 - 15 Submarine, reportedly in good shape, reaches America (8)
 - 18 “Missing love”: Another novel about Arizona’s old city (8)
 - 20 Promise from Sicily’s first Don (5)
 - 23 Character from Athens at cricket match is most tense (7)
 - 25 Reject ads, possibly adulterous (4,3)
 - 26 Ark wrecked near US state – it’s destiny (5)
 - 27 Online Oracle lies to leaders fighting about polls (9)
 - 28 Thinness of mineral found near Bhilai, say (8)
 - 29 Stand up for a picture (6)
 - DOWN
 - 1 Man playing around with maids perhaps, wandering around (8)
 - 2 Faced holy man in See, mostly (7)
 - 3 Pot carried around with a plant (9)
 - 5 Sorry – household under renovation. Be patient (4,4,6)
 - 6 After bankruptcy, government’s feeling sorry (5)
 - 7 Engineer pukes outside English University, killing himself (7)
 - 8 Being prudent, I typically save (6)
 - 9 Fellow when worried, chewed tablet as a safety instruction (6,4,4)
 - 16 Plastic wire, for example, wound over a central core (9)
 - 17 President, shaken badly, spoke nonsense (8)
 - 19 Tanks in a harbour, shortly bearing back (7)
 - 21 Demagogue ultimately won epitaph saying “I’m the greatest” perhaps (3,4)
 - 22 Supports contests (6)
 - 24 Can retired man finally pass tests? (5)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12720								
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Solution to Monday’s Sudoku								
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2	4	9	5	1	6	8	3	7
8	7	5	6	3	9	1	4	2
7	3	8	9	5	6	4	2	1
4	1	2	7	8	3	9	5	6
9	5	6	4	1	2	8	3	7

FAITH

Humility and devotion

Gnanasambandar’s advent is occasioned by the sacred will of God at a time when Saivism was being suppressed owing to the dominance of other faiths. Sekkizhar describes how one Sivapadahridayar, who like many Siva devotees during that period, felt that God should help to reestablish Saivism and make people adopt the Vedic way of life. He prayed to the Lord to be blessed with a child who would be able to achieve these goals. Gnanasambandar is born and is also endowed with exceptional jnana through the direct intervention of Siva and Parvati.

In a discourse, Purasai Sri Natarajan drew attention to the recurring references to special instances in his hymns when the saint wishes to inculcate important values in life. The eighth stanza in every pathigam alludes to the incident pertaining to Ravana’s attempt to uproot Mount Kailasa along with Siva and Parvati and have them in Lanka under his personal care and devotion. It shows Ravana’s arrogance as well as his devotion. Siva presses down Mount Kailasa with His big toe, and this crushes Ravana’s twenty arms till he cries in agony and seeks the Lord’s pardon. The greatness of Saivism is the compassion of Siva towards those who feel for their wrong acts and seek pardon with heartfelt remorse.

There is also mention of the incident when Vishnu and Brahma vie with each other to see who is greater among them. Neither of them is successful in their effort to unravel the limits of the Lord who appears as an endless column of brightness. The lesson to be learnt is that the Lord always remains beyond reach to those filled with ego and pride while He readily reaches out to the humble and the devout. The 10th stanza affirms that Siva’s grace alone can remove ignorance and put an end to false spiritual values.

Do ‘flexi hours’ offer a way out of traffic snarls?

With their staff struggling to get to work, some organisations are looking at the option

LIFFY THOMAS

Last month, the government employees at Vidhana Soudha, the state legislature of Karnataka, sought that their reporting time be pushed by 30 minutes.

Of the 2,500 employees, nearly one-third were found to be clocking in late at work, and the reason was largely Bengaluru's gridlock of a traffic.

The Secretariat Employees' Association claimed that employees were under severe stress to reach their office on time as punching late would mean the biometric attendance would log them as absent.

They wanted the current relaxation of 10 minutes to be extended by an additional 20 minutes, which means the reporting time would be from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Traffic snarls and rush-hour chaos are not unique to Bengaluru; most other metros grapple with this problem. Staggered work hours and flexi timings are being tried out, but not across industries.

Recently, the Odisha government rescheduled its working hours.

Simple changes

In Mumbai, a campaign, 'WorkToLiveToWork', launched in January 2018 urges companies to implement staggered office timings.

Started by Nandini Dias, a managing committee member of the India chapter of International Advertising Association, the campaign seeks to raise awareness among CEOs and HR heads and decision makers to make simple changes so that the number of commuting-related accidents on the city's rail network is brought down.

A note on the website says that the transit system is crowded because most offices open at 9.30 a.m., and companies must bring in small shifts, so that the number of people travelling to office during the morning rush-hour is lower.

The campaign has covered some ground. "According to studies, nine to 10 people die commuting to work every day in Mumbai, say studies," says Nandini, CEO of Lodestar Media.

Nandini believes the campaign is having an impact. She points out that there are now 10 promotional videos from big corporates that show how they have begun to adopt flexi timings more often. Many organisations have started a conversation on this topic and some have tweaked timings on a pilot



The morning commute: A Ladies Special local train in Mumbai. PHOTO: PAUL NORONHA

basis. Nandini says that flexi timings should not be seen just as a talent-retention tool, but also as an exercise to decongest rush-hour traffic.

Tweaking rules

Keeping traffic snarls and the difficulties of commuting during rush hour in mind, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation did away with the age-old practice of allowing a two-and-a-half hour lunch break for its junior engineers or ward staff.

The lunch time was reduced to just 30 minutes, so that the staff members could leave early, around 4.30 p.m., to avoid the train rush.

"We have requested flexi timings to be introduced across the organisation, but it has not found favour with everyone," says Sainath Rajadhyaksha, executive president of BMC Engineers' Union.

At a few Indian metros, companies have been asked to tweak timings at least during the monsoon, when managing traffic is a mammoth task even for the traffic police personnel.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, for instance, has asked IT companies to stagger their work timings. As per reports, the GHMC commissioner met representatives of Hyderabad Software Enterprises Association, National Association of Software and Services Companies and Cyberabad Security Council to address the traffic issue in Cyberabad.



One-third of Vidhana Soudha employees were found to be clocking in late at work. PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

How much time are you losing on the commute?

On an average, Indians spend roughly two hours on the road, on the daily commute.

This is among the findings from a MoveInSync Technology Solutions survey titled "Travel Time Report Q1 2019 vs Q1 2018" for six cities – Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Mumbai and Delhi-NCR.

Other findings of the report include: On an average, an office-goer in India spends three minutes per kilometre on the road. In Bengaluru, the average one-way commute of 15 km takes 49 minutes. In Chennai, the average one-way commute of 21 km takes 50 minutes; in Delhi-NCR, it takes 60 minutes for a 20-km commute; in Hyderabad, it is 18 km covered in 50 minutes; in Mumbai, 17 km in 55 minutes; and Pune 16 km in 50 minutes.

According to a survey by Dalia research, the time spent by Indians on the daily commute is among the highest in the world.

According to the study, Chennai is the

"fastest-moving" city with a speed of over 25 km/h, during rush hour; Mumbai and Bangalore were found to be among the "slowest-moving" cities with average speed not more than 19 km/h.

Are you ‘demoting’ your boss?

That is what you are doing when you delegate upward

PRINCE FREDERICK

A bowler proves obnoxiously expensive, going for three sixers in the first three balls.

From here, let us hypothesise two scenarios.

One, low on confidence, the bowler doesn't feel up to completing the over, and tosses the ball back to the captain.

Two, the captain decides to finish the over himself, and spare the bowler and his team any further embarrassment.

Even as hypotheses, these two scenarios sound preposterous. The umpire would step in and throw the rule book at the captain and the bowler. Before that happened, both captain and bowler would have been booed by the spectators.

However, when something similar happens on the corporate battlefield, it is often accepted without an eyelash being batted. In corporate teams, reverse delegation does not always get called out. For, the costs of reverse delegation are not immediately obvious; nor the unfairness of it.

And reverse delegation often slips in through the back door, with a quiver full of excuses.

There are three well-worn excuses for tolerating reverse delegation.

Excuse: Quality of work

"A line manager may accept reverse delegation, worried about the quality of work. Good bosses being detail-oriented, they may tend to complete a task assigned to a subordinate themselves," says Bijumon Jacob, senior vice-president and head of HR, Temenos.

Cost: Team productivity

The non-performer may not try as hard as he could to complete a challenging task, because he has found a back-up – ironically, his back-up is in the high places, his own boss.

"When a line manager is tied up in work that is not his own, he is unable to take up initiatives that would make him more productive from the overall-organisational point of view," says Bijumon.

A line manager should create a space where team members who are repeatedly guilty of reverse delega-



PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

tion are seen for what they are. "Only in such a scenario is responsibility reallocation possible," says Bijumon.

Reassigning roles based on team members' ability or the lack of it, will go a long way towards increasing team productivity. Poor performance hardly goes unnoticed in sports teams, and why should it be any other way, in corporate teams?

Excuse: The deadline

In project management, reverse delegation usually sneaks in at the eleventh hour, when the clock is ticking away to doomsday. When it does, it is often accepted.

Cost: Delayed response

When the line manager routinely attends to work reverse-delegated to him to avoid missing deadlines, some team members may unconsciously be tutored to delay their response to a task.

"A collaborative work culture and pit-stop reviews are two factors that can prevent deadline-related reverse delegation. A line manager should split responsibilities among employees who complement each other, and are competent to accomplish a critical task. They should be encouraged to work collaboratively, like runners in a relay race. For a project to meet a deadline without the line manager finding a reverse-delegated task on his desk, there should be many pit-stop reviews spread across the days leading to the project deadline," says Sujith Kumar J., associate vice president, Infosys Limited.

"This scenario can be avoided, if the line manager delegates work with some foresight, matching the re-

"A collaborative work culture and pit-stop reviews are two factors that can prevent deadline-related reverse delegation.

sources at his disposal with the challenges of a project. Usually, a line manager knows who are likely to return the task unfinished, and who can be counted on to finish the work with minimal need for intervention. In any team, there will be 20 to 30 per cent who will want to seize the opportunity, and do a bit of what the line manager does. These are leaders of the future. By handing over the critical work to them, challenges like deadlines can often be met and one does not have to give in to reverse delegation," says Bijumon.

Excuse: I serve them'

Unrealistic notions of leadership, sometimes held by leaders themselves, can promote reverse delegation.

There is a thin line that divides being a mentor and a nurturer. A nurturer-leader usually ends up carrying burdens not his own. In time, some team members may misread this, and stop feeling guilty about handing over their work to their boss.

Cost: Employee growth

Bijumon says: "It is never in the best interests of an employee to expect his boss to do his work. Any boss, even those who want to help out, will instinctively decide not to entrust such employees with strategic work. And it is this work that will help the team member rise to the next level."

NEWS BYTES

For women entrepreneurs

Goldman Sachs is inviting applications for the Mumbai and Delhi cohort of '10,000 Women'. The initiative is aimed at providing women entrepreneurs who run small- and medium-sized enterprises with a business and management education, mentoring, networking and access to capital. '10,000 Women' is a completely sponsored programme by Goldman Sachs; it also offers provision for stay. For details, visit <http://www.nsrcl.org/10000-women/?Ref=undefined>.

Women startup weekend

Global Women Techstars Startup Weekend, an all-women startup weekend

that would enable women entrepreneurs to find their future business partners, create a prototype of their idea and receive feedback from entrepreneurs, will be held from September 13 to 15 in Hyderabad.

For details, visit <https://in.explara.com/e/swhydwomen>

Career fair for women at Bengaluru

JobsForHer is conducting its flagship event, HerRising, on September 7 in Bengaluru. The conference and career fair will also have panel discussions, workshops and mentoring sessions to enable women to start, restart and rise in their careers, said a release.

For more details visit <https://www.jobsforher.com/herrising-2019>.

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ENGAGEMENT OF SENIOR ADVISOR (RESEARCH & EXTENSION)

No. ADM/EB.(R)/LC/2019-20/1618 Date: 30.08.2019

Coffee Board, Bengaluru invites applications from the eligible candidates for the position of Senior Advisor (Research and Extension) on contractual basis initially for a period of Eleven Months (extendable depending on the performance and requirement).

Essential qualification for the said position is Doctorate Degree in any branch of Agricultural or Horticultural Sciences or Doctorate Degree in Science with specialization in Botany or Biotechnology or Chemistry or Biochemistry or Analytical Chemistry or Microbiology or Physiology or Pathology or Zoology or Food Technology or Food Science or Post Harvest Technology or Environmental Science or Agricultural Engineering or Agricultural Economics. For full details viz., experience, age limit and prescribed application format etc., please visit **Coffee Board's website: www.indiacoffee.org**

Consolidated remuneration will be ₹ 1,25,000 (Rupees one lakh twenty-five thousand only).

The filled in application, complete in all respects shall reach the **Secretary, Coffee Board, No.1, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001.** The envelope should be superscribed **"Application for the position of Senior Advisor (Research & Extension)".**

The Board is at liberty to cancel the notification at any stage without assigning any reasons.

The last date for submitting the application is on or before 23.09.2019

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MARKET WATCH

	03-09-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	36,563	-2.06
US Dollar	72.39	-1.36
Gold	38,987	1.40
Brent oil	57.43	-5.34

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	361.30	-4.40
Asian Paints	1576.75	-39.45
Axis Bank	645.70	-18.20
Bajaj Auto	2764.20	-24.10
Bajaj Finserv	7026.30	-93.25
Bajaj Finance	3258.50	-74.00
Bharti Airtel	336.85	-9.95
BPL	356.20	0.95
Britannia Ind	2707.85	6.20
Cipla	469.55	-2.90
Coal India	181.05	-3.70
Dr Reddys Lab	2532.80	-24.70
Eicher Motors	15775.80	-482.65
GAIL (India)	126.80	-3.00
Grasim Ind	696.25	-14.70
HCL Tech	1108.35	8.00
HDFC	2089.90	-76.55
HDFC Bank	2210.95	-17.00
Hero MotoCorp	2557.45	-14.60
Hindalco	178.40	-6.05
Hind Unilever	1841.85	-40.05
Indiabulls HFL	454.55	-0.80
ICICI Bank	392.15	-17.50
IndusInd Bank	1343.95	-51.80
Bharti Infratel	248.25	-2.20
Infosys	814.25	-0.65
Indian OilCorp	117.25	-5.20
ITC	241.55	-4.10
JSW Steel	210.15	-7.30
Kotak Bank	1414.30	-17.15
L&T	1294.40	-33.85
M&M	515.45	-13.35
Maruti Suzuki	6049.70	-74.05
NTPC	117.65	-4.00
ONGC	117.15	-4.05
PowerGrid Corp	197.05	-3.45
Reliance Ind	1206.40	-42.15
State Bank	268.40	-5.45
Sun Pharma	439.35	-11.05
Tata Motors	112.65	-4.05
Tata Steel	331.40	-13.50
TCS	2251.60	-8.00
Tech Mahindra	704.50	10.85
Titan	1059.65	-45.45
UltraTech Cement	3885.55	-166.70
UPL	553.35	-9.85
Vedanta	134.15	-5.00
Wipro	253.65	-0.75
YES Bank	58.75	-1.20
Zee Entertainment	361.00	-12.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	71.20	71.52
Euro	78.59	78.94
British Pound	86.72	87.12
Japanese Yen (100)	66.97	67.27
Chinese Yuan	9.96	10.00
Swiss Franc	72.03	72.36
Singapore Dollar	51.31	51.55
Canadian Dollar	53.58	53.82
Malaysian Ringgit	16.93	17.00

Source: Indian Bank

BULLION RATES CHENNAI

September 03 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

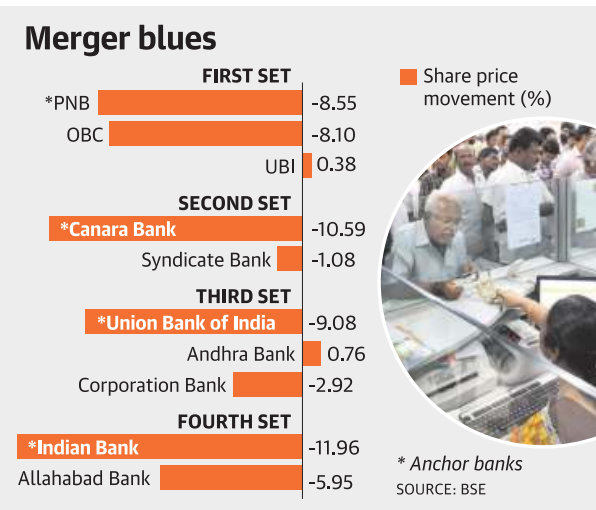
Retail Silver (1g)	52.6	(51.9)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3729	(3713)

Anchor banks’ stocks in free fall

Indian Bank, with the lowest NPAs among PSB merger candidates, is the worst hit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Stocks of public sector lenders (anchor banks), with which some of their counterparts will be merged, lost anywhere between 8.5% and 12% on the BSE on Tuesday. Today is the first trading day after the government announced the merger of ten public sector banks (PSBs) into four, after market hours on Friday. Indian Bank – which has the lowest non-performing assets (NPAs) among the banks chosen for merger – was worst-hit with shares declining almost 12%. Indian Bank, which is merging with Allahabad Bank, has a net NPA ratio of 3.75% as on March 31 while the Kolkata-based lender's net NPA is 5.22%. “The asset quality of anchor banks like Indian Bank will suffer due



to its merger with Allahabad Bank,” broking firm Motilal Oswal said. Shares of Punjab National Bank – which is the anchor bank for the merger of PNB, Oriental Bank of Commerce

and United Bank of India – tanked 8.5%. Union Bank and Canara Bank – the other two anchor banks – dropped 9.1% and 10.6% respectively. “Given the limited flexibility on restructuring and ra-

Cabinet gives approval for ₹4,557 crore one-time infusion into IDBI Bank

It may help bank to raise further capital on its own and exit the PCA framework

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a one-time capital infusion of ₹4,557 crore into IDBI Bank in a bid to help the bank return to profitability, the government said. The Life Insurance Corporation of India, which owns a 51% stake in the bank, will infuse another ₹4,743 crore in IDBI. “It will help in completing the process of IDBI Bank’s turnaround and enable it to return to profitability and normal lending, and giving the government the option of recovering its investment at an opportune time,” it said in a release. “IDBI Bank needs a one-



The Centre says IDBI Bank has reduced net NPAs from 18.8% in June 2018 to 8% in June 2019. ■ G. RAMAKRISHNA

time infusion of capital to complete the exercise of dealing with its legacy book,” it added. “It has already substantially cleaned up [its books], reducing net NPA

from a peak of 18.8% in June 2018 to 8% in June 2019. The capital for this has to come from its shareholders.” “Of the ₹9,300 crore needed, LIC would meet 51%

(₹4,743 crore),” the Centre said. “The remaining 49%, amounting to ₹4,557 crore, is proposed from the government as its share on one-time basis.” The infusion is expected to help IDBI raise further capital on its own and come out of the Reserve Bank of India’s Prompt Corrective Action framework next year. The infusion will be through recapitalisation bonds. The government will infuse the capital into the bank and the bank will buy the recapitalisation bonds from the government on the same day, with no impact on liquidity or the current year’s Budget, the government added.

Tata Steel drops on U.K. plant closure, sale of assets

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Shares of Tata Steel fell 3.93% on Tuesday to close at ₹331.4 on the BSE after the company announced the sale of a few European assets and the closure of Orb Electrical Steels. The company had announced in May 2018 the potential sale of five non-core businesses to enable it to strengthen focus on strategic markets. One of the five non-core businesses was Cogent Electrical Steels, which is made up of Orb Electrical Steels in Newport, South Wales, Cogent Power Inc. in Burlington, Canada and Surahammars Bruks AB in Surahammar, Sweden. Tata Steel said it had signed a sales and purchase agreement for Cogent Power Inc. (CPI) with Japanese steel firm JFE Shoji Trade Corporation. Tata Steel had also found buyers for Kalzip and Firsteel, helping to secure 275 jobs. Tata Steel had been unable to find a way forward for Orb Electrical Steels and so proposed to close the site, with a potential loss of up to 380 jobs. Henrik Adam, CEO of Tata Steel’s European operations, said: “Today’s proposal will be sad news for colleagues at Orb in South Wales. This is necessary to enable us to focus our resources on our core business and markets.” Orb had been loss-making for several years as it struggled to compete in the fast-moving market to supply steels used in electricity transformers in which customer requirements have outstripped the site’s capability.

Auto sector worried as slowdown worsens

‘Only a cut in GST to 18% can help’

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

A further decline in automobile sales in August despite recent liquidity enhancement measures announced by the government has left the sector worried. The industry has now reiterated its demand for reduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 28% to 18% to create demand in the sluggish market. The downturn in the auto industry intensified in August 2019, led by economic slowdown, resulting in weak retail sales and inventory correction by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in August 2019, analysts said. “As per our estimate, passenger vehicles (PV) and two-wheeler industry volumes declined by double digits in August 2019,” analysts at Kotak Institutional Equity said.

“The series of announcements on credit availability and reducing the cost of credit that were made do not seem to have percolated down to the NBFCs which support the bulk of finance for the automotive industry. Consumer sentiment also continues to be low and



there is clearly a trust deficit in lending money to the dealers,” he added. He said all this while, the industry had pulled out all stops in offering attractive deals and discounts to the consumers. “However, the ability of the industry to provide large discounts is limited and this only highlights the need for government to consider reducing the GST rates from 28% to 18% which would significantly reduce the cost of vehicles and, in turn, create demand,” he added.

Crisil Ratings has estimated that tractor makers would witness 5-7% sales contraction this fiscal. “Crisil believes weak growth in rural income, moderation in rural infrastructure spending, higher channel inventory, and the effect of a high base will lead to de-growth in tractor sales volume by 5-7% this fiscal, from an all-time high of 8.78 lakh units in fiscal 2019,” it said. Meanwhile, automobile dealers’ body FADA said on Tuesday that recent measures by the Centre to help the auto industry overcome the ongoing slowdown were yet to take effect at the ground level and uncertainty over GST reduction was making customers postpone purchases. (With PTI inputs)

+ ‘GST return form too complex to meet filing deadline’

‘Small businesses face huge challenge in preparing GSTR-9’

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI

Although the government has postponed the deadline for the filing of annual returns under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for the fourth time, tax analysts say that the problems with the form are so confounding that most filers won’t be able to meet even the new deadline of November 30.

The GST legislation requires the filing of the GST annual returns by specified categories of taxpayers along with a GST audit if the turnover is more than ₹2 crore in a financial year. As of July 1, 2019, the third year of GST implementation had started and yet, tax filers had not been able to file the returns even for the first year. The government had extended the due date for filing the returns four times, with the latest being the extension from August 31 to November 30.

One of the biggest pain points for tax filers, according to the analysts, is that the annual return form – the GSTR-9 – asks for a lot of information. Such information was not required to be given in the monthly or quarterly return forms – GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B. Tax filers are thus finding it very difficult to provide that information. “GSTR-9 is nothing but complexity and confusion galore,” said Ritesh Kanodia, partner, Dhruva Advisors. “The complexity starts with the level of details required, despite the fact that most of these were waived for monthly return filing. For example, the break-up of credit into input, input services and capital goods, or the break-up of reversals type-wise, reporting of ineligible credit, which may not have been captured in the financials. “The values derived from the system does not always



A 6-digit HSN classification is needed for filing returns, though GST law allows a 4-digit number. ■ GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

match with the books and a lot of time is wasted in trying to match them, with the only conclusion that it cannot be done,” Mr. Kanodia added. Another major issue being faced is the complexity of the annual return filing itself, and the fact that it requires information that is often at odds with the GST law itself. “The manner in which the said information is to be provided is quite complicated,” said Prashanth Agarwal, partner, indirect tax, PwC India. “Although some of the aspects have been clarified by the government on this, still there are open issues which need clarity. “There is a need to provide HSN classification for services at a six-digit level whereas the GST law allows companies to maintain the same at a four-digit level as well,” Mr. Agarwal added. “Hence, companies don’t have this six-digit classification available with them. The government should allow companies to report HSN at the four-digit level.”

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Banks fine with utility bills to open accounts

However, these documents are not officially recognised as proof of address

MANOJIT SAHA
MUMBAI

At a time when banks are being merged to achieve scale, a large section of customers is still facing difficulty in opening bank accounts, particularly those who have changed cities or location for jobs or other reasons. Rules mandate that customers have to submit any of the six officially valid documents (OVD) as proof of their present address. The six OVDs are voter ID, passport, driving licence, letter issued by the National Population Register, NREGA job cards and Aadhaar. If none of the OVDs carries the present address, the address in the document has to be changed in 3 months and submitted to the branch. NRIs face hardships Not only Indian residents, even non-resident Indians



Options aplenty: Only for a change of address in Aadhaar, as many as 41 documents are accepted. ■ V.V. KRISHNAN

are facing problems due to this rule – their passport will not have the present address, which is mandatory, and driving licences in many countries do not carry the residential address. For residents, changing address in the OVDs is not an easy task, except for Aadhaar for which 41 documents

are accepted for change of address. This includes electricity and telephone bills not older than three months. Banks have requested the regulator to allow them to accept utility bills not older than three months for opening accounts. For this to happen, the Prevention of Money Lau-

ndering Act (PMLA) needs to be amended. However, despite several rounds of discussions with the government and the RBI, things have not changed and customers continue to face inconvenience, bankers said. Bankers said one possible reason for this is that the government wanted Aadhaar to be submitted while opening bank accounts, although the Supreme Court has ruled that Aadhaar cannot be made mandatory for opening a bank account or for mobile connections. PMLA amendment Following the Supreme Court’s order, the government amended the PMLA in February making Aadhaar an OVD. Subsequently in May, the RBI amended the KYC master direction to make Aadhaar an OVD for opening accounts.

Task force recommends online loan sale platform

Central loan contract registry mooted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The task force set up for the development of a secondary market for corporate loans has recommended an online loan sales platform to conduct auctions. Headed by T. N. Manoharan, chairman, Canara Bank, the task force also said that a self-regulatory body of participants should be formed to finalise detailed modalities for the secondary market for corporate loans, including standardisation of documentation. Retarding factors The committee noted that the secondary market for loans, in general, had not evolved to the scale of its potential and factors that had impeded development of

this market were absence of a systematic loan sales platform, lack of standardisation in documentation and legal factors. It has also recommended setting up a central loan contract registry. Amendment of the regulations with respect to securitisation and assignment of loans, asset reconstruction, foreign portfolio investment and external commercial borrowings were also recommended. The committee also said that amendments in regulations issued by SEBI, IRDA and PFRDA were needed to enable participation of non-banking entities such as mutual funds, insurance companies and pension funds. Comments have been invited on the report by September 30.

Cabinet approves higher procurement price for ethanol

Ethanol availability for blended petrol may rise significantly

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a higher procurement price for ethanol purchased by oil marketing companies for the ethanol blended petrol (EBP) programme, which will come into effect from December 1 for a period of one year. According to the new decision, the price of ethanol from C-heavy molasses will be increased from ₹43.46 per litre to ₹43.75 per litre. The price of ethanol from B-heavy molasses will be increased from ₹52.43 per litre to ₹54.27 per litre. The price of ethanol from sugarcane juice, sugar, and sugar syrup has been set at ₹59.48 per litre. The oil marketing companies will also pay the Goods and Services Tax and



transportation tax associated with the ethanol supply – a provision that existed in the previous plan as well. “OMCs have been advised to fix realistic transportation charges so that long distance transportation of ethanol is not disincentivised,” the government said. “OMCs are advised to continue according priority of ethanol from 1) sugarcane juice/sugar/su-

gar syrup, 2) B-heavy molasses 3) C-heavy molasses and 4) damaged food grains/other sources, in that order.” “Ethanol availability for EBP programme is expected to increase significantly due to higher price being offered for procurement of ethanol from all the sugarcane based routes, subsuming ‘partial sugarcane juice route’ and ‘100% sugarcane juice route’ under ‘sugarcane juice route’ and for the first time allowing sugar and sugar syrup for ethanol production,” the government added. Increased ethanol blending in petrol has many benefits including reduction in import dependency, support to agricultural sector, more environmental friendly fuel, lesser pollution and additional income to farmers.

IN BRIEF



Ashok Leyland CV sales plunge 47% in August
NEW DELHI
Hinduja flagship firm Ashok Leyland reported a 47% decline in total commercial vehicle sales at 9,231 units in August. The company had posted sales of 17,386 units in the year-ago month, Ashok Leyland said in a statement. The medium and heavy commercial vehicle sales stood at 5,349 units in August 2018. Light commercial vehicle sales stood at 3,882 units as compared with 4,228 units in August last year, it said. PTI

Mahindra to acquire up to 55% in Meru Cabs
MUMBAI
Ride hailing entity Meru Cabs has got a new lease of life with automobile major Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Ltd. deciding acquire a majority stake and invest up to ₹201.5 crore in the company. M&M has signed a share subscription and shareholder agreement to acquire up to 55% stake in Meru Travel Solutions Pvt Ltd.

Bajaj Energy gets SEBI nod for ₹5,450-cr. IPO
NEW DELHI
Bajaj Energy has received capital markets regulator SEBI's go ahead to raise an estimated ₹5,450 crore through an initial share sale offer. The company plans to utilise the proceeds from the IPO to purchase 6,99,36,900 equity shares of Lalitpur Power Generation Company from Bajaj Power Ventures and Bajaj Hindustan Sugar for ₹4,972 crore, and the remaining amount will be utilised for general expenses, according to draft papers. PTI

'Festivals will spur fashion sales'

Segment slowed as mall space doubled though consumption did not: Lifestyle

INDRANI DUTTA
KOLKATA
The impact of the slowdown has not been felt in the fashion segment, according to Vasanth Kumar, MD, Lifestyle International Pvt. Ltd. He was confident that sales will be back on track, from the slight slowdown the segment has been experiencing currently, during the festive season. Mr. Kumar said the slip-page in growth rate – from double digit to single digit over the last two years – was mainly due to the expansion of mall space over the last four years. “While mall space has doubled, consumption has not,” he said, indicating the intensity of competition among retailers. Growth had also been hit



In the black: Operations continue to remain profitable, says Vasanth Kumar. ■G.R.N. SOMASHEKOAR

due to the failure of some malls to come up within projected timelines, he said. Lifestyle International offers international brands as well as private labels in many categories, including apparel, footwear, handbags, fashion accessories and beauty. The company, which began its India operations through a standalone store in Chennai 20 years ago, now has 78 outlets. It is present in 44 cities and is also an omni-channel player, allowing customers to use both online e-stores and physical stores simultaneously to make a purchase.

“This is to provide seamless shopping,” Mr. Kumar said, adding that pure online commerce comprises 10% of sales with the rest coming from physical stores. “Fashion consumption” is mainly through this format, according to Mr. Kumar. The Landmark Group's retail presence in India is through three other verticals – Home Centre for furniture and home décor fabrics, Max for value apparel (priced at an average of ₹600) and EasyBuy with prices averaging at ₹250. Mr. Kumar said operations remain profitable. He said it takes about ₹20 crore (capital expenditure and working capital) to set up a Lifestyle Store. Product sourcing was from India, he added.

TVS Motor sales fall 15% in August

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI
TVS Motor reported a 15.37% decline in total sales in August at 2,90,455 units. The company, which primarily makes two-wheelers and three-wheelers, had sold 3,43,217 units in the same month last year, TVS Motor Company said in a statement. Total two-wheeler sales during the month stood at 2,75,851 units as against 3,30,076 units in August 2018. Domestic two-wheeler sales declined by 20.37% at 2,19,528 units in August 2019. Motorcycle sales during the month declined 16.96% to 1,09,393 units. Scooter sales were down 13.73% to 1,09,272 units.

Fintech panel bats for virtual banks, easing KYC norms

'NBFCs can boost agri-lending'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI
The Steering Committee on Fintech has submitted its report to the Finance Ministry, with recommendations on allowing the operation of virtual banks, easing KYC procedures, implementing fintech to prevent fraud and incentivising non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to increase lending to the agriculture sector, among others.



■GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

The committee was formed in March 2018 under the chairmanship of the Economic Affairs Secretary to consider various issues relating to the development of the fintech sector in India, and how fintech can be used to enhance the financial inclusion of micro, small and medium enterprises. “The committee recommends that the Department of Financial Services and the Reserve Bank of India may examine the suitability of ‘virtual banking system’ in the Indian context, costs and benefits regarding allowing virtual banks and prepare for a possible future scenario where banks do not need to set up branches and yet deliver the full-scale retail banking services ranging from extending loans, savings accounts, issuing cards and offering payment services through their app or website,” the report said. The panel had also urged the government and the RBI to take steps to eliminate any discrimination in access to payment infrastructure to non-banks as compared to banks, with a view to enhance competition and innovation. Further, it said that since the NBFCs had made significant progress in leveraging fintech to increase their outreach, such companies should be incentivised to “work in the agricultural space by including them in credit guarantee schemes.” Notably, the committee also recommended improving debt financing in India by developing a marketplace model by reforming the current peer-to-peer (P2P) lending platforms. In a bid to ease the KYC process, the committee recommended that various options, including video-based KYC, making available validated electronic versions of KYC-related documents through a DigiLocker, and making these available for verification by service providers with customer consent, be considered early.

Indian CEOs are social-media shy, says study

Microsoft's Satya Nadella leads on LinkedIn and Apple's Tim Cook is ahead on Twitter

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU
Most chief executive officers (CEOs) in India remain relatively inaccessible to consumers on social media as compared to their counterparts in Europe and the United States. An ECCO International study, that looked at the largest companies by market capitalisation in 21 countries worldwide, showed that 58% of global CEOs were active on LinkedIn, compared to only 20% of Indian CEOs. For Twitter, this was 17% worldwide and just 10% for India.



Free opinion: Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete, CEO of Telefonica, Spain, has published over 36,000 tweets since 2010. ■AFP

Leading CEO
Uday Kotak, CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, was rated as one of the leading CEOs globally on social media with nearly a million followers on

Twitter. However, Anand Mahindra, chairman of Mahindra Group and who has 7.2 million followers on Twitter, did not figure in the list. Asked for a reason, a spokesperson for the ECCO network said the study covered the top 25 Indian firms in terms of market capitalisation. Since, M&M did not figure in this list, Mr. Mahindra was not a part of the study, the spokesperson

said. CEOs in France were the most active on social media, followed by those in Denmark. Australia and Netherlands shared the third position. As per a similar study conducted in 2017, CEOs in the U.S. had by far the most followers, despite the country ranking fifth in terms of total presence on social media. Apple CEO Tim Cook continues to top the chart worldwide with more than 11 million followers on Twitter (an increase of 120% over 2017). Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft, leads the way on LinkedIn, with over six million followers (an increase of 300% over 2017). Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete, CEO of Telefonica, Spain, is the most active CEO on Twitter and has published over 36,000 tweets since 2010 (an average of 10 tweets per day). ECCO – a network of independent PR and marketing communications agencies across over 40 countries – has analysed social media behaviour of CEOs across 21 nations for the study. Bhavya Doshi, assistant vice president, ECCO in India, said, “More and more CEOs are active worldwide on the LinkedIn career network and in almost all countries Most CEOs continue to shy away from communication on Twitter, as the language is often more pointed on this platform and hence the risk of backlash from consumers is significantly higher. “With LinkedIn, this risk is lower and [so], more CEOs are recognising opportunities on this channel.”

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Cats, canned food and cars

Wildlife biologist Subhashini Krishnan is elated and despondent in turns with Ladakh’s social, cultural and environmental milieu



R KRITHIKA

Wolves, black-necked cranes, foxes, Pallas’ cats and other Ladakhi wildlife, *thukpas*, *tsampa* and butter tea, sudden eruption of greenery as soon as the temperature goes past zero degree... As if in a word-association game, Subhashini Krishnan – a 25-year-old wildlife biologist from Coimbatore who is studying the impact of free-ranging dogs on wolves and foxes in Ladakh – offers a torrent of information on the area’s environmental issues, wildlife sightings, social life, cultural mores, food, history and more.

From December to April, Subhashini lived in Hanle, a village in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, part of the Tibetan Plateau. “It’s a wetland and a breeding site of the endangered black neck cranes,” she explains. The most famous animal there is the Pallas’ Cat, though it is also home to the Tibetan wolf, gazelle and antelope. “I had just one five-second sighting of the Pallas’ Cat in four months,” she recalls, her gaze dreamy and far away. “And the lynx is a lot more elusive, but so beautiful.”

But unregulated tourism is a nuisance. Indignantly, she recounts an

incident when photographers surrounded a particular spot where a pair of Pallas’ Cat had been spotted. “They were this close,” she gestures, “and then complained that the cats didn’t show up. They could have driven the pair away.” Then she calms down, “But the cats are still there. I caught them in a camera trap.”

Subhashini wanted to “experience wolves in their surroundings.” The Tibetan wolf, she explains, has not been classified as a separate sub-genre and “there is a debate about whether they are part of the Himalayan wolf family.” Her worry about hybridisation of the species stems from sightings of sin-

POLO PLAY

The Ladakh Polo Festival is a week-long series of events, including a polo tournament as well as other cultural events, held at the Chushot village.



Explorer (Clockwise) Subhashini Krishnan looking for wolf dens; a Pallas’ Cat; a lone female wolf near Hanle ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



gle wolves running with dog packs. “There is also one photo from Spiti Valley of a dog and wolf mating,” she frowns. Lead the talk into her research and she swoons over a sighting of a lone female wolf. “She was so beautiful,” her voice sinks to a whisper. “I watched her feed on a dead horse for over three hours. I was as close as 40 metres; she was

so hungry that she didn’t care. I saw her four-five times that week.”

At home Subhashini lived with a local family in Hanle. She ate what they ate – *thukpas*, *tsampa* with butter tea, *chutai-sku* ... “But things are changing,” she reflects. “The noodles for *thukpa* is mostly Maggi causing an

additional problem of plastic pollution.” Of late, there is a lot of reliance on tinned foods. She recalls telling her hosts about mangoes, “and the next day he brought me a tin of mangoes; the expiry date was long past, but we ate it and nothing happened,” she says.

Wealth was earlier measured in yaks – a rich person had 15-20 and a poor one around five – but “people are selling their yaks and buying cars”. “Most youth now work for the General Reserve Engineer Force or do odd jobs for the defence forces.” Many also work as guides and can make between ₹1,000 and ₹3,000 a day. “Those who can show tourists a Pallas’ Cat get expensive gifts. One fellow got a pair of binoculars worth ₹10,000.” The traditional mud brick dwellings are giving way to cement constructions but the former retain heat better, according to her. “But they want to keep up with the rest of the world,” she shrugs.

Many families keep goats and sheep, especially the pashmina goat. “Some families have up to 2,000 of them.” From this, she infers that the area had enough grass to support not just the wildlife but also the livestock. Earlier, wolves would follow the pastoralists and pick off the goats and sheep. “According to my hosts, people felt that the animals preyed on the weaker animals and that, in a way, contributed to strengthening the flock. But now that they’ve settled down, they get angry when they lose their livestock.”

FOOD REVIEW

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Spice, crunch, flavour, this Diva almost has it all

NAVAL SATARAWALA CHOPRA

Ritu Dalmia is persistent. It is this persistence that got her to work in her family marble business as a teenager, that allowed her to open her first restaurant without any training at age 22, and to fight for her sexual freedom which led to the Supreme Court’s landmark decision on gay rights. Today, it is this continuing persistent nature that got her to re-open Diva Spice, her pan-Asian food restaurant, after it shut down at the original location in Meharchand Market.

When you think of Ritu Dalmia, you think Italian. But with the newly opened Diva Spice, she brilliantly ba-

lances sweet, spicy, and sour, provides outstanding crunch, and takes you on a journey to your favourite places across Asia. And does so in a way that’s a welcome change from most pan-Asian restaurants. The balance of flavours is also evident in the Asian-inspired cocktails.

The vibe: Mildly eclectic and airy. The Asian oriental theme hits you as soon as you see the wallpaper on the wide staircase, which leads up to the first floor restaurant. The duck crackling was perfect – just the right amount of salt and amazing crunch. The bao, in the Panko-crusted eggplant bao, could have been fluffier, but the eggplant was crispy on the



Looking east Bomra’s Tomato Salad, and (below) Ritu Dalmia ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



chili orange dressing. The next time I go, I will order two for myself, and a beer. The duck crackling was perfect – just the right amount of salt and amazing crunch. The bao, in the Panko-crusted eggplant bao, could have been fluffier, but the eggplant was crispy on the

outside and melt-in-your-mouth on the inside. The samosa served in a yoghurt curry was heart warming – tangy, spicy, and the pomegranate added extra crunch. From their large plates, the Ubudh-style papaya and

lychee curry, which was sweet and sour with a strong hit of spice and juiciness of the lychee pieces, is a must-have. As for cocktails, I wish they did the rum drink infused with chamomile by the pitcher. The gin-based spice wasabi sour was also excellent and had a great ginger aroma.

Skip: The Malayali prawn curry – my Malayali friend who ordered it scoffed at it. It was much too sweet and definitely not Keralan. The chilli caramel fish was overcooked and didn’t have enough chutpah for a Ritu Dalmia main course dish.

I had three of the four desserts on the menu; all were a big no-no. The cheesecake was flaccid; the panna cotta wasn’t set properly, and had a radioactive green syrup splattered on it; the ginger crème brûlée was all wrong – the top didn’t crack when hit with a spoon, and it was all floppy inside.

Go with: Anybody, and everybody.

Space bar: Seating for 46 over 1,000 sq ft.

How much: ₹4,000 for two (sans drinks)

Getting there: N-block market, Greater Kailash Part 1; use a cab, or get a driver.

CELEBRATE

AN EXPERIENTIAL JOURNEY

The cultural heritage of India’s southern most state, will be presented in a modern yet authentic way



Billed as a balanced mix of food and music from Kerala, the South Side Story, a newly curated event, is celebrating Onam in a special way.

The event will have an elaborate vegetarian meal served at Zorba, Chhatarpur, on September 7. Bands from the state too will give a live performance. Agam and Thaikudam Bridge, Indie bands, will regale the Delhi audience with Carnatic progressive rock, pop, and electronic music.

The Malayali diaspora celebrates Onam, a harvest festival, across the globe. Men and women usually dress up in the traditional mundu and exquisite Kasavu sari, and prepare Sadya, the festive meal.

According to Nisha Narayanan, COO & Director, RED FM and Magic FM, there has been a drastic shift in the Indian music scenario with more independent regional artists coming forward. “It is our effort to bring together like-minded people to experience sights, sounds, and Sadya from the magnificent land of Kerala. Through this IP, we plan to get south India to north India.”

Mahabelly, the Delhi-based Kerala eatery, will curate the cuisine for this fest. A *thattukada* (a Kerala dhaba) will also be set up to serve vegetarian and non-vegetarian delicacies such as Pachakari Bhajji, assorted batter-fried vegetables, prawn pepper fry, and Chicken 65.

Executive Chef Jinson Varghese, who hails from Angamaly in Kerala and is a specialist in the Syrian-Christian style of cooking, says the festival of Onam marks the celebration of the annual homecoming of Kerala’s favourite mythological king – King Mahabali. “Malayalis pay gratitude to the memory of this benevolent Asura King who was loved by all and is believed to visit his subjects on the day of Onam.”

The significance of Onam, a fest celebrated by Keralites across all faiths and castes, can be seen from the fact that it marks the inception of an egalitarian society. “Even though it is primarily a Hindu festival, it is a celebration of unity and diversity across all religions and sections of society,” says Zachariah Jacob, partner, Mahabelly.

The Sadya is an elaborate Onam feast served on a plantain leaf. The traditional Sadya is a vegetarian fare comprising over 22 dishes. The set of items are served one at a time in a clockwise direction, starting with the salt, *upperi* (banana chips), *Sharkara Peratti* (jaggery coated banana chips), pickles, and pappadams, followed by the mains , rice, and ending with different varieties of *payasam* (*kheer*).

Other items in this lavish meal include Mango Pulisery (yogurt boiled to perfection with raw mango), Pacha Moru (buttermilk), Ada Pradhaman Payasam (kheer made from steamed rice flakes in coconut milk, sweetened with jaggery). Most of ingredients used to prepare the Sadya have been procured from the southern state.

Tickets upwards of ₹1000 with Sadya; and ₹499 without Sadya, can be bought on Bookmyshow: <http://bit.ly/redfmss>

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5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE



MUSIC

Joropo
To commemorate 60 years of diplomatic relations between Colombia and India, IIC is hosting an event titled Cimarrón - Music from the Plains of Colombia. Cimarrón is a 2004 Grammy nominated group from Colombia. They perform joropo music from the plains of the Orinoco River with a global sound.
VENUE: C.D. Deshmukh Auditorium, IIC
TIME: 6:30 p.m.



ART

Fundraiser
An ongoing art exhibition, Nurture has been organised to raise funds and awareness for people with breast cancer. Curated by Anushka Ray, it showcases paintings which manifest the perception of nature, on canvas in oil, acrylic, and mixed media. Participating artists include Mita Brahma, Parul Chopra, and Kaveri Ray.
VENUE: AIFACS Gallery, 1, Rafi Marg
TIME: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.



PERFORMANCE

Classical
The India Habitat Centre is hosting a classical dance and music programme. The event will feature a Kathak dance recital by Saberi Misra, with tabla accompaniment by Rajkumar Misra. This will be followed by a santoor recital by Shruti Adhikari with tabla accompaniment by Zuheb Ahmed Khan.
VENUE: The Stein Auditorium, IHC
TIME: 7 p.m.



FOOD

Thai special
Bo-Tai, a restaurant that specialises in Thai cuisine, has launched a new menu to mark its first anniversary. Curated by its Head Chef Sahil Singh, the new offering lists dishes like Braised Escallops of Lamb, Grilled Snapper with Thai herbed dressing, Parched Chicken Miang Kham, Baked Avacado stuffed Crab Tartare.
VENUE: Kalka Das Marg, Mehrauli
TIME: 11:30 a.m. - 1 a.m.



GIG

Rock
The Piano Man Jazz Club is hosting the band Sonic Alchemists live tonight. This quartet plays its own brand of improvised music, traversing from synth-pop, to rock and modern jazz. The line-up has Abhin lype on the piano, Aditya Bhagvatula on the drums, Danek Ghosh on the bass, and Eshaan Sood on the guitar.
VENUE: B 6-7/22 Safdarjung Enclave Market
TIME: 9 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.



GAVIN D'SOUZA

With this new generation of the Grand i10, Hyundai has set its sights firmly on eating into the sales of the Maruti Swift – the second-best-selling car in India. The new hatchback is 40mm longer and 20mm wider than the Grand i10 – which will continue to be on sale, albeit repositioned a little lower – and the wheelbase is also up by 25mm.

On the design front, the Nios bears more than a passing resemblance to the Santro up front, thanks to its similar overall shape, upswept headlamps and big ‘cascading grille’. However, finer details like the projector elements within the headlamps, low-set fog lamps, and unique boomerang-shaped LED DRLs give the new car more distinction. The grille is now a single-piece unit – not split – though, the way it extends down to the base of the bumper makes it look a little out of proportion.

The side has nicer details like sharper creases, 15-inch diamond-cut alloys (Asta trim) or 14-inch gunmetal grey alloy wheels (Sportz trim) and a textured blacked-out section in the C-pillar, with ‘G-i10’ embossment. At the rear, the Hyundai ‘H’ has gotten positively huge, and while the relatively small tail-lamps do well to accentuate the car’s width, there’s a whiff of Tiago or Figo about their design.

The more apparent leap forward comes inside the cabin. The interior borrows much from the Venue and Kona, though it gets some unique design elements, such as the hexagonal textures on some surfaces and the use of light-grey plastics in place of the

The Nios bears more than a passing resemblance to the Santro up front, thanks to its similar overall shape



- SPECIFICATIONS**
- ENGINE:** 1197cc, 4 cyls, petrol/1186cc, 3 cyls, turbo-diesel
- MAX POWER:** 83hp at 6000rpm/75hp at 4000rpm
- MAX TORQUE:** 114Nm at 4000rpm/190Nm at 1750-2250rpm
- GEARBOX TYPE:** 5-speed manual/5-speed AMT
- CLAIMED INDIAN DRIVING CYCLE (KPL):** 20.7kpl/26.2kpl
- TANK SIZE (LTS):** 37 litres/37 litres
- WHEELBASE (MM):** 2450mm
- BOOT CAPACITY (LTS):** 260 litres

usual black or beige. Then there is the Mercedes-like single-piece gloss-black binnacle housing both the 8.0-inch touchscreen (largest-in-class) and the part-digital instrument cluster.

Though it all looks cool, material quality isn’t a huge step-up from the old car, and there are some bits – like the window switch array – that don’t feel great to touch.

Hyundai’s power play has always been to offer class-leading features, though with the Nios, there is a sense that they’ve reached saturation point. While it does offer kit like rear air-con vents, wireless phone-charging and the ability to keep the rear-view camera feed on permanently via the infotainment screen, it misses out on auto

headlamps and wipers, six airbags and split-folding seats, which are offered on some rivals.

The touchscreen misses out on the Venue’s connected tech – understandable at this price – but it’s otherwise loaded up with all the stuff you’d expect,



The look Hyundai’s done a great job here, with exteriors and interiors that feel modern and inviting

clutch action are as smooth as ever.

Hyundai has also made improvements to the car’s dynamics to make it feel more stable and reassuring. The steering, while still light enough, has more weight and feedback to it, and you now get a better sense of what the front wheels are doing.

Moving to the ride, the diesel-AMT with its 14-inch wheels, taller tyres, and stiffer suspension set-up, had a more planted ride, and soaked up some huge craters beautifully, albeit at low and medium speeds. The petrol Nios is set up a lot softer, particularly at the rear, and our car was on the 15-inch wheels. The result was a bouncier ride and some crashing through potholes. Neither version is ideal for the highway, but the diesel did inspire a bit more confidence.

It might not have dropped any segment-breaking features this time, but value still seems to be the Grand i10 Nios’ calling card, with a price that – spec for spec – undercuts its major rivals, even if only slightly. In this class, value is important, but then so is desirability. Hyundai’s done a great job here, with exteriors and interiors that feel modern and inviting. Ease of driving – a Hyundai strength – has returned, with an added sense of maturity to the dynamics. The engines are adequate, but not this car’s strongest suit – particularly the petrol – although the option of an AMT on both engines gives it a convenience not there before. The Nios comes across as more than its predecessor. But with such strong rivals, is that enough? It’s a complete package, but too much of an evolution, with not enough revolution. We wish it shook things up more, as it would need to, in order to really put a dent in the Swift’s sales.

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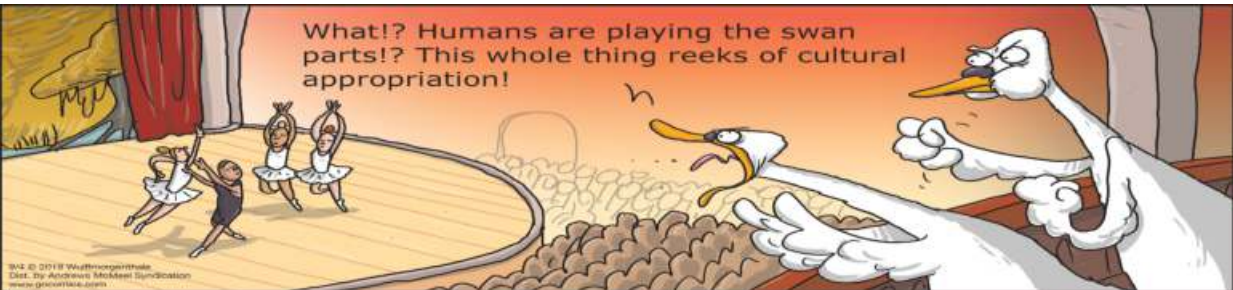
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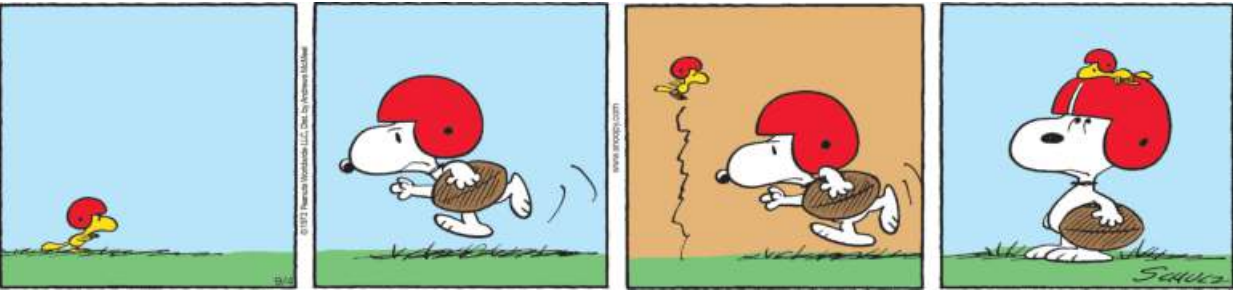
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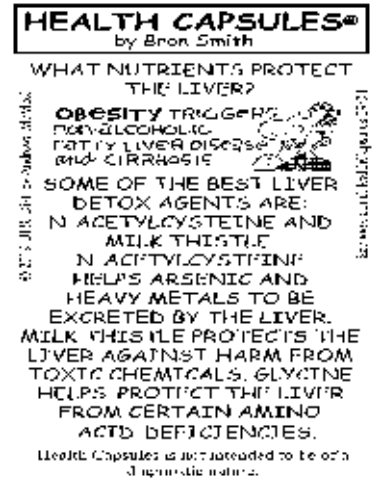
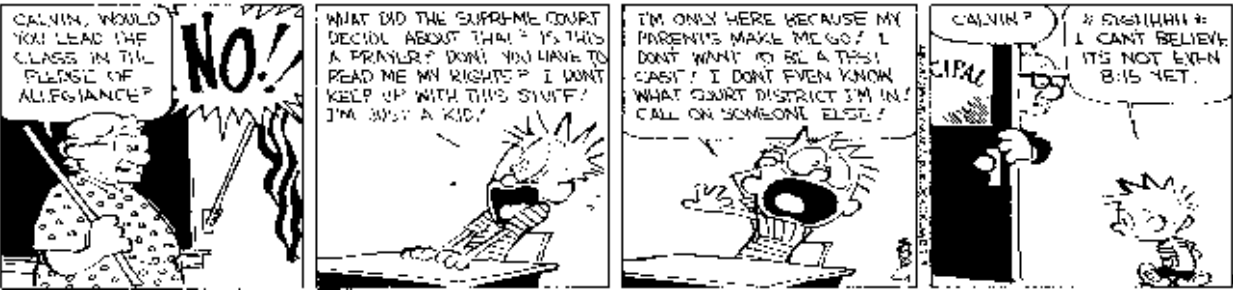
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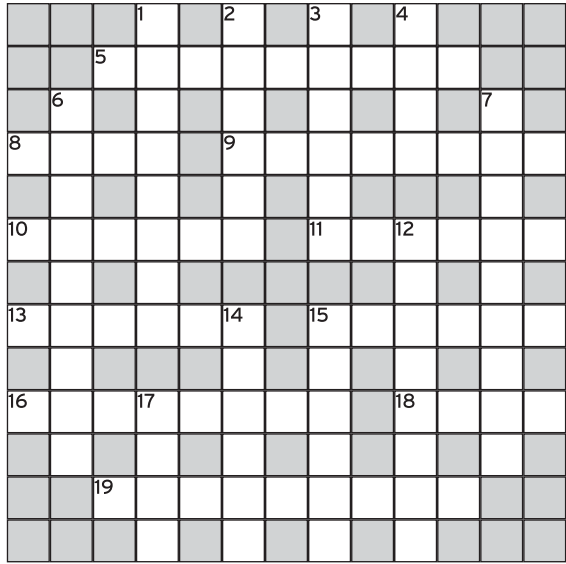
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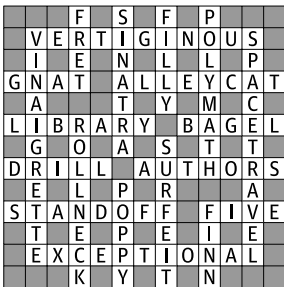
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Kohli's men stamp their authority, sweep series

The 257-run victory at Sabina Park and the 2-0 win enable the team aggregate 120 points and lead the WTC points table

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KINGSTON

India produced a top-notch bowling performance in a clinical 257-run demolition of the West Indies in the second Test as a 2-0 series victory put the Men in Blue on top of ICC World Test Championship points table.

The victory was 28th in Tests for Virat Kohli making him the most successful Indian captain in the traditional format of the sport.

Chasing a target of 468, the West Indies batsmen once again failed to show stomach for a good fight as they caved in for 210 in 59.5 overs, well inside the fourth day.

The bowling quartet of Ishant Sharma (two for 37), Mohammed Shami (three for 65), Jasprit Bumrah (1/31) and lone spinner Ravindra Jadeja (three for 58) were relentless in their pursuit of maintaining a tight leash on the home batsmen.

The win took India's points tally to 120 after two games and it leads the nine-team table even though Pakistan, Bangladesh and South Africa are yet to begin their campaign as a part of the championship.

As the dark clouds hovered over the Sabina Park during the post-lunch session, the Indian bowlers upped the ante, getting four wickets in the first hour after lunch to ensure that there isn't any inordinate delay in achieving the desired result.

As far as the match is concerned, the writing was on



Unstoppable: An elated India team with the trophy after clinching its eighth consecutive Test series win against the West Indies. ■ AFP

the cards and skipper Kohli effected a brilliant run out in the post-lunch session.

Bravo indisposed

West Indies lost five wickets in the period in just over an hour, adding just 65 as a physically indisposed Darren Bravo didn't come out to bat.

Jermaine Blackwood (38), who replaced Bravo as the 'concussion substitute' got a delivery from Bumrah that pitched on length and moved a shade to take an outside edge to Rishabh Pant.

The Sharmarh Brooks (50)-Blackwood partnership yielded 61 runs for the fifth wicket, before Kohli's quick reflexes brought about Brooks' downfall.

He confuses with his angles, swing and pace. I think he is the most complete bowler in world cricket right now

KOHLI ON BUMRAH

Brooks pushed one towards point and started to amble across as Kohli sprinted from his cover position and picked the ball and turned in the same motion to get his direct throw on target.

Jahmar Hamilton's (0) debut just got worse with Jadeja snuffing him out.

The left-arm spinner, in the company of Shami, completed the formalities.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS: 416.
WEST INDIES — 1ST INNINGS: 117.

INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
K.L. Rahul c Hamilton b Roach 6 (63b, 1x4), Mayank Agarwal lbw b Roach 4 (15b, 1x4), Cheteshwar Pujara c Brooks b Holder 27 (66b, 3x4), Virat Kohli c Hamilton b Roach 0 (7b), Ajinky Rahane (not out) 64 (109b, 8x4, 1x6), G. Hanuma Vihari (not out) 53 (76b, 8x4); Extras (b-8, lb-4, nb-2): 14; Total (for four wickets, in 54.4 overs): 168.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-9 (Mayank, 4.6 overs), 2-36 (Rahul, 20.1), 3-36 (Kohli, 20.2), 4-57 (Pujara, 28.6).
WEST INDIES BOWLING

Roach 10-3-28-3, Holder 11-4-5-20-1, Cornwall 23-7-68-0, Gabriel 7-3-18-0, Chase 3-0-22-0.

WEST INDIES — 2ND INNINGS
John Campbell c Kohli b Shami 16 (26b, 2x4), Kraigg Brathwaite c Pant b Ishant 3 (7b), Darren Bravo retired hurt 23 (41b, 4x4), Shamarh Brooks run out 50 (119b, 9x4), Roston Chase lbw b Jadeja 12 (36b, 2x4), Shimron Hetmyer c Mayank b Ishant 1 (5b), Jermaine Blackwood c Pant b Bumrah 38 (72b, 4x4, 1x6), Jason Holder b Jadeja 39 (35b, 9x4), Jahmar Hamilton c Rahul b Jadeja 0 (2b), Rahkeem Cornwall c Pant b Shami 1 (2b), Kemar Roach c Pant b Shami 5 (14b, 1x4), Shannon Gabriel

(not out) 0 (7b); Extras (b-14, lb-2, nb-1, w-5): 22; Total (in 59.5 overs): 210.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-9 (Brathwaite, 2.3), 2-37 (Campbell, 7.4), 2-55* (Bravo, retired not out), 3-97 (Chase, 27.5), 4-98 (Hetmyer, 28.4), 5-159 (Blackwood, 48.4), 6-177 (Brooks, 53.2), 7-177 (Hamilton, 53.4), 8-180 (Cornwall, 54.3), 9-206 (Roach, 58.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Ishant 12-3-37-2, Bumrah 11-4-31-1, Shami 16-2-65-3, Jadeja 19.5-4-58-3, Vihari 1-0-3-0.

Man-of-the-Match: Vihari.

India won by 257 runs to seal the two-match series 2-0.

STAT SPHERE

1 This is the first 'clean-sweep' for India in a Test series in the West Indies

1 With Blackwood playing as the 'Concussion Substitute' for Bravo who had retired hurt, it was the first time in Tests that 12 batsmen came out to bat in an innings

MOST WICKETS FOR INDIA AFTER 12 TESTS
63 Ashwin
62 Bumrah
61 Kumble
56 Harbhajan
55 Hirwani

1 Pant has become the fastest Indian wicketkeeper to effect 50 dismissals in Tests (11), overtaking Dhoni who had reached the milestone in 15 matches. Overall, Pant is the joint-second quickest to the feat along with Gilchrist. Boucher, Bairstow and Paine jointly hold the record (10). Pant, at the end of the West Indies series, has 51 catches and 2 stumpings

2 Number of instances India has remained unbeaten across three formats on an away tour
SRI LANKA 2017: Tests 3-0; ODIs 5-0; T20Is 1-0
WEST INDIES 2019: Tests 2-0; ODIs 3-0 (3); T20Is 2-0

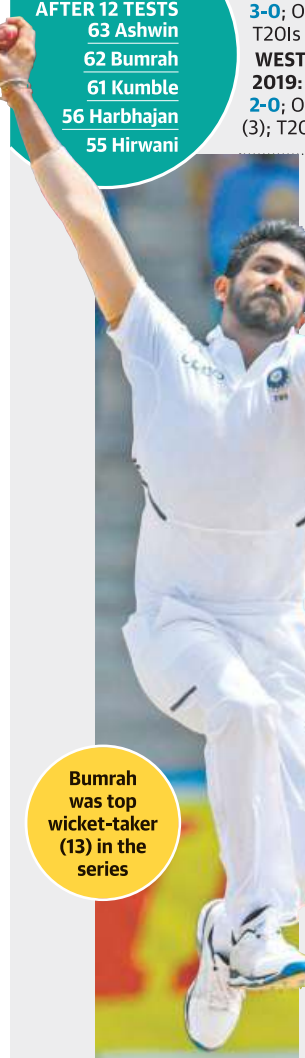
2 Ishant (20) has the joint-second most appearances in away Test wins for India
24 Dravid
20 Ishant, Laxman & Tendulkar
18 Zaheer
17 Sehwag
16 Ganguly
15 Kohli & Kumble

6 This is the sixth biggest winning margin for India in away Tests (by runs)
318 vs WI, North Sound, 2019
304 vs SL, Galle, 2017
279 vs Eng, Leeds, 1986

278 vs SL, Colombo, 2015
272 vs NZ, Auckland, 1967/68
257 vs WI, Kingston, 2019
237 vs WI, Gros Islet, 2017

8 The 2-0 victory is India's eighth straight Test series win against West Indies, starting with the one at home in 2002

28 Number of Test wins for Kohli, the most by an Indian captain
Most Test victories
28 Kohli (48 Tests)
27 Dhoni (60)
21 Ganguly (49)
14 Azharuddin (47)



World Test Championship (WTC) standings

With six teams involved in the initial phase of the WTC, India leads the table with 120 points

Team	M	W	L	D	Pts
India	2	2	0	0	120
New Zealand	2	1	1	0	60
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	0	60
Australia	3	1	1	1	32
England	3	1	1	1	32
West Indies	2	0	2	0	0

South Africa, Pakistan and Bangladesh are yet to play a Test in the WTC

INDIA IN WEST INDIES - TEST SERIES

MOST RUNS							
Player	Mat	Inns	Runs	HS	Ave	SR	100/50
Vihari	2	4	289	111	96.33	59.58	1/2
Rahane	2	4	271	102	90.33	47.62	1/2
Kohli	2	4	136	76	34.00	47.05	0/2
Holder	2	4	104	39	26.00	66.24	0/0
Rahul	2	4	101	44	25.25	37.26	0/0

MOST WICKETS							
Player	Mat	Inns	Wkts	BBI	Ave	SR	5w
Bumrah	2	4	13	6/27	9.23	22.6	2
Ishant	2	4	11	5/43	12.27	27.0	1
Shami	2	4	9	3/65	17.77	34.0	0
Roach	2	4	9	4/66	22.22	56.6	0
Holder	2	4	8	5/77	22.25	62.2	1

Pandey helps India-A take unassailable 3-0 lead

SA-A IN INDIA

M.R. PRAVEEN CHANDRAN
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

There were certain things which were constant in this series — the inclement weather, South Africa-A's inability to seize the opportunities to seal the contests and India-A's resilience to wriggle out of trouble.

As has been the pattern in this series, in the third unofficial one-dayer here on Monday, India found skipper Manish Pandey to play the saviour's role.

Pandey's rapid 81 led India to a four-wicket win and enabled the host to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the series.

Wriggling out

South Africa-A posted 207 for eight in a match reduced to 30-overs a side and had India in trouble at 26 for three.

However, India-A wriggled out again as South Africa-A messed up its bowling in the middle overs.

India-A wobbled at the start when Andrich Nortje struck twice in his opening over. But Ishan Kishan, promoted as an opener, struck a few boundaries to ease the pressure.

Junior Dala had Krunal Pandya (13) miscuing a pull to set the stage for Pandey.

The Karnataka batsman treated the innocuous spin of George Linde and Bjorn



Captain's knock: Manish Pandey's quickfire 81 proved the game-changer. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Fortuin with disdain.

Back on track

The brisk 70-run fourth wicket stand put the chase back on track. Ishan's departure for 40 didn't curb Pandey's aggression as he added another quick 37 with Nitish Rana (13) for the fifth wicket.

However, Pandey holed out when the century was his for the taking. Shivam Dube then took over and his unbeaten 45 ensured that the hosts reached the target without any further loss.

Earlier, most of the South African top order batsmen failed to convert their starts into big scores. It was again left to Heinrich Klaasen (44) to give impetus to the innings.

The visitors finished with a competitive score but India-A targeted the weak links in the visitors' attack to romp home.

The scores:

South Africa-A: Janneman Malan c Axar b Krunal 37, Reeza Hendricks c Ishan b Chahar 9, Mathew Breetzke run out 36, Temba Bavuma st Ishan b Krunal 27, Khaya Zondo c Dube b Chahal 21, Heinrich Klaasen c Gaikwad b Chahar 44, George Linde lbw b Thakur 17, Bjorn Fortuin (not out) 4, Junior Dala run out 1, Lutho Sipamla (not out) 1; Extras (lb-1, w-7): 10; Total (for eight wickets, in 30 overs): 207.

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-62, 3-92, 4-134, 5-135, 6-198, 7-202, 8-205.
India-A bowling: Chahar 6-0-42-0, Shardul 6-0-56-1, Chahal 6-0-31-1, Dube 2-0-21-0, Axar 5-33-0, Krunal 5-0-23-2.
India-A: Ruturaj Gaikwad c Reeza b Nortje 1, Ishan Kishan c Malan b Linde 40, Ricky Bhui lbw b Nortje 0, Krunal Pandya c Linde b Dala 13, Manish Pandey c Sipamla b Fortuin 81, Nitish Rans c Malan b Linde 13, Shivam Dube (not out) 45, Axar Patel (not out) 7; Extras (lb-1, w-7): 8; Total (for six wickets, in 27.5 overs): 208.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-5, 3-26, 4-96, 5-133, 6-174.

South Africa-A bowling: Lutho Sipamla 5-0-25-0, Anrich Nortje 5.5-0-41-2, Junior Dala 6-0-44-1, Bjorn Fortuin 4-0-39-1, Reeza Hendricks 2-0-17-0, George Linde 5-0-41-2.

'Test' squads

First match: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Ankeet Bawane, K.S. Bharat (wk), K. Gowtham, Shahbaz Nadeem, Shardul Thakur, Mohd. Siraj, Tushar Deshpande, Shivam Dube, and Vijay Shankar.

Second match: Priyank Panchal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Gill, Anmolpreet, Karun Nair, Wriddhiman Saha (Capt.), K. Gowtham, Kuldeep Yadav, Shahbaz, Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Umesh Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, and Avesh Khan.

The schedule: Sept. 9-12, Thiruvananthapuram; Sept. 17-20, Mysuru.

Dressing room feels calm when Vihari is batting, says India skipper

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KINGSTON

India captain Virat Kohli singled out G. Hanuma Vihari for special praise for his work ethic and temperament, saying the young middle-order batsman's self belief provides a sense of calm in the dressing room.

Vihari was undoubtedly India's find of the West Indies Test series as he emerged the top run-getter with 289 that included a century and two half-centuries.

"Hanuma was the stand-out batsman in this game. Ac-

cording to the surface, it was a top-class innings from him," Kohli said. "He is someone who is sure of his game and it shows. The dressing room feels calm when he's batting. That's a quality he possesses naturally."

Vihari's willingness to learn from mistakes is also a quality that will take him places. "He (Hanuma) is willing to improve. He accepts and corrects his mistakes and plays with a lot of heart. Always up to do anything for the team. It's a very young career so far but he's shown

why he's been backed and selected in this team."

The complete bowler

The skipper feels Jasprit Bumrah is the most complete bowler in world cricket right now and with his work ethic, the speedster has long shed the tag of being just a T20 specialist.

"It's really pleasing to see a guy who was tagged a T20 specialist, he came and took over the ODI scene and now Test cricket. He is proving people wrong that there is a set template for every format,"

he added.

Kohli said, as a captain, he is lucky to have him in the ranks.

"He (Bumrah) definitely wants to be the best bowler in the world. He has moulded his life like that, he has moulded his discipline, his work ethic. The way he trains, the way he takes care of his diet, he has absolute control over what he is doing."

Kohli said it is difficult not to feel for batsmen who are left bamboozled by Bumrah's pace and variations.

Svitolina in semifinals; Bencic stops Osaka

Nadal prevails over Cilic; Djokovic retires with shoulder injury

US OPEN

REUTERS
NEW YORK

Elina Svitolina became the first Ukrainian woman to reach the US Open semifinals as she beat British 16th seed Johanna Konta 6-4, 6-4 in the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Svitolina missed a couple of match points at 5-3 on her opponent's serve, but sealed the issue in the following

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Fourth round: 20-Diego Schwartzman (Arg) bt 6-Alexander Zverev (Ger) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; 2-Rafael Nadal (Esp) bt 22-Marin Cilic (Cro) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; 23-Stan Wawrinka (Sui) bt 1-Novak Djokovic (Srb) 6-4, 7-5, 2-1, ret.; 5-Daniil Medvedev (Rus) bt Dominik Koepfer (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (2); Doubles: Round-of-16: 15-Neal Skupski-Jamie Murray (GBR) bt Rohan Bopanna-Denis Shapovalov (Can) 6-3, 6-4.

Women: Quarterfinals: 5-Elina Svitolina (Ukr) bt 16-Johanna Konta (GBR) 6-4, 6-4; Fourth round: 13-Belinda Bencic (Sui) bt 1-Naomi Osaka (Jpn) 7-5, 6-4; Svitolina bt 10-Madison Keys (USA) 7-5, 6-4; Konta (GBR) bt 3-Karolina Pliskova (Cze) 6-7(1), 6-3, 7-5; 8-Serena Williams (USA) bt 22-Petra Martic (Cro) 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed doubles: Round-of-16: Fabrice Martin (Fra)-Raquel Atawo (USA) bt Bopanna-Abigail Spears (USA) 7-5, 7-6(4).

game. On Monday, Naomi Osaka's hopes of defending her title were dashed when she was knocked out by Switzerland's Belinda Bencic 7-5, 6-4.

Osaka was broken late in the opening set and then again when she double faulted to hand her 13th-seeded opponent a 3-2 advantage in the second set.

Spanish second seed Rafael Nadal survived a second-set hiccup to beat 2014 champion Marin Cilic 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

On Sunday, Novak Djokovic's title defence ended in agony when the Serb retired from his fourth round match against Swiss Stan Wawrinka because of a shoulder injury.



No problems: Belinda Bencic had the measure of Naomi Osaka in straight sets. ■ AP

Highlight reel

MONDAY

■ Osaka's pursuit of back-to-back U.S. Open titles halted by Belinda Bencic in the last-16 round
■ Nadal drops his first set of the tournament, but recovers to beat 2014 champion Cilic
■ Schwartzman ends Alexander Zverev's campaign

SUNDAY

■ Defending champion Djokovic retires with a shoulder injury while trailing 6-4, 7-5, 2-1 against 2016 winner Stan Wawrinka
■ Federer, who swept past Goffin, moves into his 56th Grand Slam quarterfinals
■ Serena fights through the pain of a twisted ankle to beat Martic 6-3, 6-4 and make the last eight
■ Roland Garros women's champion Barty loses to China's Wang Qiang
■ Svitolina gets past Keys, enters maiden quarterfinals



Afghan girls eye a better life

Karishma and Noori represent the generation that is looking beyond the hurdles

FOOTBALL

ANANT KAUR
NEW DELHI

In spite of all the socio-economic challenges, Afghanistan is keen to make a mark in the international sporting arena.

Teenagers like Karishma Faqiri and Bibi Razia Noori represent the generation that is looking beyond the hurdles and aiming higher.

In the Capital as member of the Rabia Balkhi School team to compete in the Subroto Cup (under-17) tournament, these girls played their part in taking the side to the quarterfinals.

It is indeed creditable to find a girls team from Afghanistan that, too, in sport like football.

“It’s a dream to represent my country someday,” says Karishma Faqiri, the skipper who is a striker.. “I want to play in under-17 and under-19 national teams. There are people who face many problems and don’t have good facilities. They don’t



Aiming high: Karishma Faqiri, left and Bibi Razia Noori are charting a new course in Afghanistan football
• SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

lead a good life and it’s my ambition to lead a good life without any problem.”

Neymar fan

A fan of Neymar Jr’s technique and dribbles, Karishma has been part of the school team for the last three years. She took to football as a 10-year old in Panjshir, one of the 34 provinces of Af-

ghanistan. Later, she shifted to Kabul to achieve her ambition of playing football under better coaches with good facilities.

“We are an Islamic country and there are very less sportswomen because they have to face so many difficulties. People don’t like girls playing sports but my parents, friends, classmates,

teachers, supported me throughout my journey. When my neighbours saw me play football on streets, they encouraged me to carry on. One day I want to play for my national team,” says Faqiri.

For Noori, too, football is her life.

“I started playing football at the age of 11 because I fell in love with this game after watching La Liga. People used to say don’t play this game. My parents supported me and said “don’t listen to people around you, just ignore them and concentrate on what you are doing.”

Daughter of a policeman, 16-year old Noori says, “he inspired me and told me never to lose hope in life.

The reality check comes from coach Zaher Hassani.

“Our team is not perfect. They have big problems and most families do not allow the girls to play football. They are very poor and can’t spend on their girls. First we have to speak to their family, convince them and then train them.”

The stakes are bigger as Red and Green renew rivalry

DULEEP TROPHY

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

India Red and India Green renew their rivalry, this time with bigger stakes on the line, in the Duleep Trophy final which commences at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday.

The two sides met in the last group stage match just a few days ago, where a thrilling 73-run last-wicket stand helped India Red gain a one-run first innings lead.

The solitary point earned by India Green helped the unit scrape through to the final, while India Red had already booked a spot in the summit clash.

Kishan returns

Dashing wicketkeeper-batsman Ishan Kishan returns to the India Red team, having completed his three-match

Ball to stay red

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

There were reports that the Duleep Trophy final could be a day-night, pink ball affair, but it has since been announced that the fixture would follow the traditional red-ball, day match route.

India Green skipper Faiz Fazal, for one, is thrilled that the pink ball is not in use.

“The Duleep Trophy used the pink ball for the last three editions. Thankfully, the red ball is back for all matches this year, including the final. I never liked the pink ball.

On Indian pitches, if the batsmen can see out the first 8-10 overs, there’s nothing in it for the bowlers.”

Fazal dismissed concerns that the Duleep Trophy has lost the legacy status and importance it once enjoyed. “The Duleep Trophy is a huge tournament. When our team arrived in Bengaluru, we had a meeting where we clearly set our goal – win the tournament.

“When you aim to do well for your team, your best performance naturally comes out.”

the action here in this five-day, red ball affair. Chahar has been replaced by Punjab leggie Mayank Markande.

Familiarity

Despite the changes, India Red skipper Priyank Panchal believes that the familiarity between the two sides makes for an exciting challenge.

“Yes, we took on India Green at Alur grounds only recently, but there are some differences – this is a different stadium, and this is a five-day game.

“We know each other’s strengths and weaknesses very well. It will be a good contest,” Panchal said. “In the last match, we took three points through a crucial last-wicket partnership.

“The team spirit and energy was great in the previous match, so we will bring that same spirit to the final. The momentum is with us, but there are a few areas we need to improve upon. We will plan accordingly,” he added.

The heroes from the previous encounter – Akshath Reddy, Dharmendrasinh Jadhava (both India Green), Akshay Wakhare, Mahipal Lomror, Karun Nair and Avesh Khan (all India Red) – will be keen to come good once again and grab the attention of the national selectors.

Garg expected to be fit

India Green batsman Priyam Garg, who was hit on the neck while fielding at silly point against India Red, is expected to be fit and ready to play.

Rahul Chahar joins the India-A side for the final two one-dayers, and thus misses

stint for India-A against the visiting South Africa-A.

India Green leg-spinner



Boost for Red: Ishan Kishan, after pulling his weight in India-A’s series win, will take guard for Priyank Panchal’s side. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pace, like spin, is an Indian tradition too

Praise for Bumrah’s bowling from former West Indian fast-bowling greats is welcome news



BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

The opening bowlers Viv Richards faced on his Test debut were Abid Ali and Eknath Solkar. Later there was Kapil Dev and Madan Lal. The early Kapil apart, and even then only rarely, none of them hurried Richards at the crease. So it is not surprising when he says, after watching Jasprit Bumrah, “I didn’t imagine I would live to see Indian fast bowlers ruling the world.”

No one who grew up in the era of the great Indian spinners ever imagined this. The opening bowler’s job was to help remove the shine of the ball – before the rule was changed, captains helped by rubbing the ball on the ground – and hasten the arrival of spin. Bishan Bedi was often seen at third man, loosening up even as the first or second over of the innings was in progress.

It wasn’t always so. In their in-

augural Test at Lord’s in 1932, India’s fast bowlers Mohammed Nissar and Amar Singh reduced England to 19 for three in the first half-hour.

The English batsman and polymath C.B. Fry thought Nissar was faster than Harold Larwood, who, in six months’ time would run through Australia in the Bodyline series. C.K. Nayudu, India’s captain, believed it too. Amar Singh “came off the pitch like the crack of doom,” said England’s Walter Hammond.

Best bowler

Nissar clean bowled the openers Herbert Sutcliffe and Percy Holmes, who had put on 555 for the first wicket, a First Class record, only days earlier. Amar Singh was, wrote *Wisden*, “the best bowler seen in England since the (first) World War.” His seven for 86 against England in Chennai was the best by an Indian opening bowler till Kapil surpassed it.

Over the decades, these two bowlers (Amar Singh was perhaps fast medium), became mythical figures as India struggled to find replacements.

The myth grew as the unattainable

bility of finding someone to match Nissar established itself as a national cliché. It wasn’t until the mid-1990s when Jagavallabh Srinath began to consistently cross 145 kph – 90mph in the old reckoning – that India had a genuine fast bowler.

Srinath hasn’t been given enough credit for the role he played in inspiring fast bowlers who relied on pace and intimidation. Kapil Dev could be quick, but his weapons were swing and guile, and a large heart, knowing he had to be both shock and stock bowler.

Talented school

Post-Srinath came a talented school: Zaheer Khan, Irfan Pathan, R.P. Singh, Munaf Patel, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Sreesanth, Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami. Some were capable of 140-plus speeds, some swung the ball with control, but few could do both at will in the manner Bumrah does.

He swings it out at pace, brings it in when batsmen least expect it, and bowls what must be international cricket’s most devastating yorker.

Is Bumrah, with 62 wickets from

12 Tests and five-wicket hauls in England, Australia, South Africa and the West Indies already the finest fast bowler India has produced? Kapil Dev’s 434 wickets and Zaheer’s 311, Ishant’s 278 and Srinath’s 236 were sometimes the result of physical threat and sometimes of a batsman’s relaxed guard when the perceived threat did not materialise. India has a rich history of quick bowling, but from around the end of the second World War to the end of the last century, spinners have been the most successful.

Bumrah is unorthodox which can be both a blessing and a curse. It takes batsmen longer to understand him but it also means the mechanics of his action are subject to greater stresses and strains. Kapil Dev’s smooth action meant he didn’t miss a single Test through injury – and he played 131.

Exclusive club

To hear Andy Roberts compare Bumrah to Malcolm Marshall and Michael Holding and to hear Courtney Walsh is stunning. These bowlers

are among the most intimidating to have played the game.

Great bowlers tend to be more conservative than great batsmen at welcoming new talent into their exclusive club. This may be because theirs is the more difficult and physically demanding craft, and also because greatness is also a matter of “let’s-wait-and-see.”

For Indian fans who grew up praying for a set of bowlers to pay the West Indies back in their coin, India’s recent success goes beyond the margin of victory.

At Jamaica, where India wrapped up the series (and Bumrah claimed six in the first innings), skipper Bishan Bedi was forced to call halt to the Indian innings in 1976 because five batsmen were “absent, hurt”. Now, Bumrah apart, they have Ishant Sharma (278 wickets) and Mohammed Shami (153) who are dangerous too. The bench is also promising.

The laws on bouncers and intimidation have been changed since Bedi’s tour. And Bumrah has shown that he intimidates in the best manner possible, by claiming wickets. Let us enjoy his journey, and remember that pace, like spin, is an Indian tradition too.

Namakkal school downs SAI, Kolkata

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Namakkal defeated Sports Authority of India, Kolkata 2-1 to enter the semifinals of the Subroto Cup (Under-17 international football tournament at the Ambedkar Stadium here on Tuesday.

The Tamil Nadu school took the lead 15 minutes into the game through A. Durga but Kolkata drew level just four minutes later when Nitu Nilda scored. D. Ananthi’s 32nd minute strike ensured the Tamil Nadu team regained the lead and hung on to register an impressive victory.

In the second quarterfinal, Nilmani English School from Manipur defeated GVHHS, Kerala 5-1 to join Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Pratisthan and Assam’s Simbargaon High School in the semifinals.

The results (Quarterfinals): Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Namakkal 2 (A. Durga, D. Ananthi) bt SAI, Kolkata 1 (Nitu Nilda); Nilmani English School, Manipur 5 (Babylanchandam, Babina, Moilunsiam, Kim Langel, Hoinaihat) bt GVHSS, Kerala 1 (Sreelaxmi).

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan 6 (Aklima Khatim 3, Unnoti, Afeida, Sumi) bt Rabia Balkhi School, Afghanistan 0; Simbargaon High School, Assam 1 (Apurna Narzary) bt Umthli Higher Secondary School, Meghalaya 0.

Asian Tour tennis from today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Fourth seed Avika Sagwal has to be at her best in the opening match against Yubrani Banerjee in the \$3000 Asian Tour tennis tournament to be played here from Wednesday.

The conduct of the tournament is itself a surprise, as the revival of WTA points had made the ITF tournaments significant for the professional players.

However, in the absence of such ITF tournaments in the country, it is a welcome activity for the players of the calibre of Sai Samhitha, Vaidehi Chaudhari and the four-time National champion Prerna Bhambri, who have been given the top three seedings.

The results: Qualifying singles (third and final round): Srinidhi Sridhar bt Sharanya Shetty 6-2, 6-3; S.B. Apoorva bt Pragathi Narayan Prasad 6-0, 6-3; Bela Tamhankar bt Deepshikha Saw 6-4, 6-1; Ananyaa Bhargava bt Anu Moar 6-2, 6-4.

The seedings: 1. Sai Samhitha, 2. Vaidehi Chaudhari, 3. Prerna Bhambri, 4. Avika Sagwal, 5. Sonashe Bhatnagar.

Gursharan Singh named Uttarakhand coach

‘The team has a lot of young talent and I am excited to take my new job’

VIJAY LOKAPALLY
NEW DELHI

Gursharan Singh will be the new coach of Uttarakhand this season. He replaces K.P. Bhaskar who has been appointed the Head Coach of Delhi.

Gursharan, who played one Test (against New Zealand, Auckland) and an ODI (against Australia, Hamilton), both in 1990, represented Delhi and Punjab in First Class cricket. He was captain of the Punjab team when it won the Ranji Trophy the only time in 1993 at Ludhiana.

Gursharan’s first stint as a coach was with Punjab in 2007-08 when it had lost some of its good players to the Indian Cricket League (ICL). He was given the task of coaching Assam the next season.

“The team performed fairly well. We had a memorable win too (against Vidarbha) when we shot them out



Gursharan Singh. • FILE PHOTO

for 97 in the second innings to win the match after conceding the first-innings lead,” recalled Gursharan, who had a career of 104 First Class matches from 1981 to 1995.

Different challenge

Last season, the Board had entrusted Gursharan the responsibility of handling the Arunachal Pradesh team.

“It was a different challenge. Arunachal was making its First Class debut and the focus was on learning, right from the basics. There

was no pressure to win and I never put the players through any needless over-expectations. I always looked to promote the youngsters, in Punjab and Assam,” added Gursharan.

He insisted, “As a coach, I look to improve the players’ overall approach. I sometimes reprimand a young batsman who keeps throwing his wicket in the 30s and 40s but my philosophy is to make them feel comfortable and understand the strong points of their game.”

On his forthcoming assignment with Uttarakhand, the 56-year-old Gursharan said, “I am excited to take my new job. I know Uttarakhand has a lot of young talent and the team did well last year under Bhaskar’s guidance. The team has a wonderful captain in Unmukt (Chand). He has a good cricket brain and I am looking forward to work with him.”

Mithali Raj quits T20Is

Says she will continue to play in ODIs

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Mithali Raj announced her retirement from T20 Internationals on Tuesday.

Mithali, 36, who has played 89 T20Is, scoring a record 2,364 runs with 17 fifties at 37.52, told *The Hindu* that she had made up her mind as she would not be playing in the T20 World Cup next year.

“Since my idea is that the team management can groom someone else for that major event, I have decided enough is enough with this format,” Mithali said. “I am not leaving with any heavy heart. There are no ill-feelings. I enjoy playing the game and will continue to do so in any format I prefer to play.”

“I am pretty pleased with my T20 career, which had actually started late (she made her T20I debut in 2006 after having played for India in ODIs in 1999). I have no regrets and enjoyed batting at different positions,” said Mithali.

“I will continue to play in the ODIs and will be preparing for the home series against South Africa before flying to West Indies for another series,” she said.

“All the formats have been a learning curve for me and I have really enjoyed playing in all of them.” Mith-



Mithali Raj. • AP

ali refused to select any particular moment as one of the high-points in her T20 career but was glad she could score more than 2,000 runs and become the first Indian to do so in the format.

“I am grateful to the BCCI for the continuous support and wish the Indian T20 team good luck as it prepares for the home series against South Africa,” Mithali said.

Mentor-cum-coach R.S.R. Murthy of South Central Railway, where Mithali is an employee, felt it was a disappointing end to a truly brilliant career.

“Personally, I would have loved her to play in the next T20 World Cup. Anyhow, we have to respect her sentiments and hope she will realise the dream of leading India to World Cup victory,” Murthy said.

Mithali's T20 numbers									
T20Is	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct
	89	84	21	2364	97*	37.52	0	17	19

Masakadza retires

REUTERS
HARARE

Zimbabwe captain Hamilton Masakadza has announced his retirement from all formats of the game at the end of the upcoming T20 International triangular series in Bangladesh.

Masakadza, 36, set a world record in 2001 when, at the age of 17 years and 354 days, he scored 119 against

the West Indies in Harare to become the youngest player to make a century on Test debut, a mark beaten months later by Bangladesh’s Mohammad Ashraful.

Masakadza played 38 Tests, in which he scored 2,223 runs, including five centuries and eight fifties, 209 One-Day Internationals and more than 60 T20Is.

PKL Standings					
Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Dabang Delhi	11	9	1	1	49
Haryana Steelers	12	8	4	0	41
Bengal Warriors	12	6	4	2	40
Bengaluru Bulls	13	7	6	0	38
Jaipur Pink Panthers	12	7	5	0	37
U Mumba	12	6	6	0	34
UP Yodhya	12	5	5	2	32
Gujarat Fortunegiants	12	5	7	0	30
Telugu Titans	12	4	6	2	29
Tamil Thalaivas	13	3	8	2	27
Puneri Paltan	12	4	7	1	25
Patna Pirates	11	3	8	0	19

MONDAY'S RESULTS: Telugu Titans bt Tamil Thalaivas 35-30; Haryana Steelers bt Puneri Paltan 41-27

