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Bihar police close sedition case against 49, to book complainant

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A WEEK after filing a case of sedition against 49 leading personalities including Mani Ratnam, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Shyam Benegal and Ramachandra Guha for signing an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over rising incidents of lynching and intolerance, Bihar's Muzaffarpur Police decided Wednesday to close the case and instead book the complainant for filing a "false" report.

Police said they had filed a case on the orders of a Muzaffarpur court in response to a complaint from local lawyer Sudhir Kumar Ojha who had alleged that these personalities tried to "tarnish the image of the country and undermine the impressive performance of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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# Wrinkle in Xi's red carpet: China and Pakistan raise Kashmir, India objects

China 'opposes unilateral action' in J&K; India says not for others to comment

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** & SOWMIYA ASHOK NEW DELHI, BEIJING, OCT 9

**HOURS AFTER New Delhi and** Beijing officially announced Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to India for the second summit informal Mahabalipuram on October 11 and 12, India took strong exception to a reference to Kashmir in a meeting between Xi and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. India said it is "not for

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other countries to comment" on its internal affairs.

While government sources said Delhi will not raise Jammu and Kashmir unless Xi brings it up, the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "India's position has been consistent and clear that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India. China is **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

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However, veteran leader M Veerappa Moily argued that Rahul had not "deserted" the party, and rejected Khurshid's statement as "outdated."

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There are no two ways about it, he says

Express, Scindia said: "Of course, there is a need for introspection. There are no two ways about that. There is nothing wrong in saying that. Not only introspection, but take some correctives also." Asked how the party should carry out the introspection, he said, "that is for the party to decide... how can I say that."

Scindia, however, declined to comment on Khurshid's CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

into the encounter. Another FIR was registered



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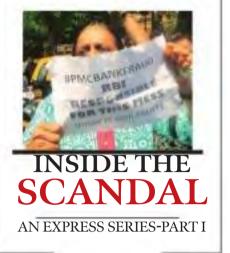
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### **GEORGE MATHEW** & ANIL SASI

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THE LAST time Reserve Bank of India was forced to issue a statement on the robustness of India's banking system was back in October 2008 in the wake of the global financial crisis. So, on October 4, after the implosion at the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank, when the RBI reiterated that the banking system was "safe and sound", quite a few eyebrows were raised.

Not just because this was seen as an over-reaction, disproportionate to the rumblings at a mid-sized, Maharashtra-based cooperative bank with a deposit



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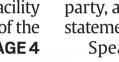
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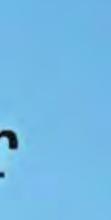
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ANNOUNCING THAT his company plans to invest nearly \$150 million in India, the CEO of the French company that manufactures the engines for the Rafale jet told Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Wednesday that India should provide an attractive business environment and not "terrorise us" with its tax and customs rules.

French multinational Safran, the manufacturer of the M88 state-of-the-art engines fitted in the Rafale jets acquired by India, gave a presentation of its facility to Singh, who took a tour of the

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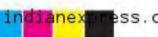
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### Several red flags

details of transactions and ac-

counts to it since February 2016.

The RBI clampdown on the bank, ironically, came 48 hours after PMC's former Managing Director Joy Thomas apprised it of the fraud by way of a letter dated September 21. From a regulatory perspective, an even more worrying implication of the PMC implosion, experts said, is how it deepens lingering suspicion that banks and NBFCs could be hiding

the full extent of their bad loans. Preliminary investigations into the PMC Bank scam point to elaborate window-dressing by the bank's top brass, primarily by way of floating fictitious accounts belonging to dead account holders to hide the loans awarded to

the bank's single biggest borrower, real estate firm HDIL. "It was fraud involving the top

management and the borrower. There was forgery, falsification of records and the bank was indulging in under-reporting. The RBI took action when it came to its notice. Only a forensic audit could have detected the problem," said a top-level source close to the central bank aware of the development. The RBI did not respond to formal queries sent on the issue and the central bank has officially maintained that it responded "swiftly and promptly" after the PMC issue was brought to its notice and that only a forensic audit could have unearthed the fraud.

Indications of nervousness on Mint Street, though, are palpable. In fact, sources confirmed, that with its back to the wall after the NBFC crisis and now with the PMC scam, the RBI is working on revamping its regulatory and supervisory structure by creating a specialised cadre of officers for supervision — a primary role of the central bank. Offsite supervision as well as analytical vertical are being strengthened, alongside a beefing-up of onsite supervision, market intelligence and statutory auditor roles for supervision, offi-

cials indicated. The RBI has also proposed to create a mechanism for sharing of fraud-related information among urban cooperative banks (UCBs) on the lines of Credit Fraud Registry (CFR) that is in place for commercial banks which will enable sharing of information on fraud in a timely and uniform manner across the sector.

74 per cent of PMC Bank's advances, went to just one group -Development Housing Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL), promoted by Rakesh Wadhawan that has since become a non-performing asset precipitated the unfolding crisis.

That Rs 6,226 crore, or almost

This PMC-HDIL link went undetected for over a decade despite it violating the fundamental tenet of RBI norms — disallowing corporates from owning banks or dominating the transactions in a bank's books. Moreover, on

February 25, 2016, the RBI revised its "Master Direction" - communication to entities it regulates that should have had an impact on PMC's disclosures. For, it explicitly asked that all entities regulated by it, including cooperative banks, "are required to share/submit details of transaction/accounts".

Two years later, around March 2018, the RBI started asking for indent for the "advance master" list of accounts. It was here that the bank management, investigators said, replaced the stressed legacy accounts belonging to HDIL with dummy accounts to match the outstanding balances in the balance sheet.

All of this came to light after Thomas, who's since been arrested, sent his letter.

"The bank management replaced around 44 stressed legacy accounts belonging to a borrower (HDIL) with dummy accounts to match the outstanding balances in the balance sheet. The bank management committed a fraud and hid it from the RBI. Finally they had to report it when it became clear it won't be possible for them to manage the situation." an official said. In 2011, the HDIL group expo-

sure was Rs 1,026 crore while total advances were Rs 2,000 crore. However, by September, the HDIL group exposure ballooned to Rs 6,226 crore while total advances were Rs 8,383 crore. As much as 74 per of the bank's advances went to HDIL as against the RBI's exposure norm of 15 per cent for a single group.

This failed to get red-flagged despite former PMC chairman S Waryam Singh having cross-linkages across both the Bank and HDIL, and having held 1.91 per cent stake in HDIL till 2017, two years into his tenure at the beleaguered lender.

"Some of the large accounts were not reported to the RBI from 2008 because of the fear of reputational risk," PMC Bank's Thomas said in the letter. Initial investigations by the Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing seem to suggest that the fictitious accounts mentioned in the "master indent" submitted to the RBI in March 2018 included those belonging to a number of account holders who had passed away and some who had wound up their accounts with the bank.

The fictitious accounts were created outside of the bank's Core Banking System and were simply entries in the indent submitted to the RBI. Audit firm Lakdawala & Co, which audited PMC Bank for FY18-19 and signed its report as recent as on September 7, 2019, maintained that books were in order and, in reference to the doubtful recovery of assets, said that against this, a provision of Rs 26.82 crore has been made by the

bank. A senior government official indicated that the cooperative banks sector, as in the case of the unregulated deposits sector, faces

a problem of multiplicity of regulators and so the RBI is not entirely to blame.

But regulations prove otherwise. While the functioning of cooperative banks is guided by the Cooperative Societies Act of the respective states and at the state level, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies of the respective states exercises control over the cooperative banks, the banking functions of the Cooperative Banks are regulated by the RBI under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to cooperatives).

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, in a subsequent statement, said the RBI acted very swiftly and promptly after it was brought to its notice. "The RBI will review all the regulations of cooperative banks and will discuss with the government if required," he said on October 4.

Two days after Thomas's letter, the RBI moved to slap curbs on PMC Bank, barring the bank from lending and accepting fresh deposits for the next six months apart from capping withdrawals first at Rs 1,000 per account which was later revised upwards to Rs 10,000 and then again to Rs 25,000.

RBI data shows that of the 1,542 urban co-operative banks operating in the country as of March 2019, only 46 UCBs had negative net worth and 26 UCBs were under directions — with curbs on their operations — of the central bank. But much of this is based on the banks' books not undergoing a forensic examination.

During 2018-19, six proposals for mergers of UCBs were processed by the RBI. Of these, two merger proposals were approved and are awaiting final approval of the concerned Registrars of cooperative societies and one was rejected. The remaining three merger proposals are currently under process. The licenses of four weak UCBs were cancelled during the period of review, according to the RBI Annual Report.

> (Tomorrow: Network of firms HDIL used to divert funds)

### **PSA** charge

the senior AAG on September 30. And after the government response, in all the three cases, the court ruled the same day, disposing the habeas corpus petitions filed by the relatives of the detainees as "settled".

"In that view of the matter, the petition does not survive, therefore, is disposed of as settled,' Justice Magrey ordered in each

■ In the first case, the government informed the court that the PSA invoked on August 17 against the petitioner was revoked on September 2. Petitioner Asrar Yagoob Pahlo's relatives had moved the High Court on August

■ In the second case, the government said that the PSA invoked on August 8 had been revoked on September 29. Petitioner Zahid Firdous Mir's relatives had moved the High Court on September 2.

And in the third case, the government said the PSA invoked on August 27 was revoked on September 28. Petitioner Javid Ahmad Khan's relatives had moved the High Court on September 19.

The second and third cases

challenged detentions under Section 8 of the PSA which lays out the ground for detention of "the persons: certain Government may if satisfied with respect to any person that with a view to preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the state or the maintenance of public order." In other words, the petitioners challenged the detention order on the ground that their activity was not

a threat to the security of the state. The first case challenged the detention under Section 22 of the Act. That section states: "No suit, prosecution or any other legal

### China, Pak raise Kashmir, India objects the summit in Beijing, Luo said

well aware of our position. It is not for other countries to comment on the internal affairs of India."

The Kashmir reference came up in a joint statement issued by China and Pakistan. "The Pakistan side briefed the Chinese side on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, including its concerns, position, and current urgent issues. The Chinese side responded that it was paying close attention to the current situation in Jammu & Kashmir and reiterated that the Kashmir issue is a dispute left from history, and should be properly and peacefully resolved based on the UN Charter, relevant UN Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements," it said.

"China opposes any unilateral actions that complicate the situation... Parties need to settle disputes and issues in the region through dialogue on the basis of equality and mutual respect," it said. Incidentally, Khan was accompanied by Pakistan Army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa in Beijing.

What has irked Delhi is Chinese state media reports quoting Xi as telling Khan during their meeting in Beijing that China has been "paying close attention" to the situation in Kashmir and the "facts are clear".

China had criticised India's decision on Kashmir and its Foreign Minister Wang Yi even raised it at the UN General Assembly last month. Sources said India has a "very clear position" and it was explained to all the countries that matters related to the Constitution are "sovereign issues" and there was no question of any discussion.

While Modi will not brief Xi on Kashmir, sources said in case the Chinese President wants to understand the issue, the Prime Minister will provide an "outline".

The two leaders will meet in an informal setting, where they are expected to discuss issues pertaining to terrorism, trade and celebration of the 70th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic ties. According to sources, Xi will be accompanied by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. From the Indian side, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will travel to Mahabalipuram, and may hold separate meetings with Wang.

On Saturday, India had lodged a "strong protest" with China through diplomatic channels over comments made by the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan on Kashmir, and "sought clarification" on what was seen as a departure from Beijing's stated position.

On Wednesday, China referred to the "strong personal chemistry" between Modi and Xi to make the informal meeting possible. The summit will be the first overseas visit for Xi after China's 70th anniversary celebrations last week.

While formally announcing

it "is driven by the national interest of the two countries and personal relationship between the two leaders". Further, in the backdrop of globalisation and trade protectionism on the rise, Luo said the discussions will uphold free trade and advance economic globalisation.

"From the domestic perspective, both countries are growing their economies and deepening reform. China believes in pursuing the Chinese Dream and India has put forward the vision of a New India. The two leaders will exchange views on governance experience and how to better align their development strategies,' he said.

The Vice Foreign Minister said talks will take place in three contexts. "Unilateralism, trade protectionism and bullyism are on the rise. World multipolarity and economic globalisation are facing many twists and turns. International community is facing common threats and challenges. As the biggest developing countries and emerging economies, China and India have greater responsibility to inject positive energy into the complicated world," he said.

"With China having just celebrated its 70th anniversary and is pursuing the two centenary goals while Prime Minister Modi has set a target of making India a US \$5 trillion economy after elections in May this year. Both countries are at a similar development stage and have

vestigating officer Hareram

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ments of three witnesses and

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the letter written by the 49 peo-

ple and a joint letter by 62 others

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petition against the investigation

by Muzaffarpur Police. As for the

recommendation of action

against me, let the court take a call

on it. When thousands of cases

are pending, how can police rush

to close this case in a week?" he

Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, who

is also a senior BJP leader, came

out with a statement earlier in the

day clarifying that his party or the

Sangh Parivar did not have any-

thing to do with the sedition case.

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of Safran Aircraft Engines, Olivier

Andries revealed plans for nearly

\$150 million investment in India

towards training and mainte-

nance. "India is set to become the

third-largest commercial market

for aviation and we are keen to

create a strong maintenance and

repair base in India to serve cus-

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sure that the Indian tax and cus-

toms system is not terrorising us,"

the CEO that India was commit-

ted to providing the "right cli-

Singh responded by assuring

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"This is abrupt closure of a

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said.

near Paris.

similar objectives. This will provide an impetus to bilateral ties." he said.

Luo also said that after last year's Wuhan summit, both sides have had smooth strategic communication and cooperation, and "peace and tranquillity has been maintained in the border areas". "Bilateral trade volume is

approaching US\$100 billion, and investment and energy cooperation has achieved new progress... Bilateral trade last year exceeded US\$ 95.5 billion and personal visits between the two countries crossed 1 million," he said. Referring to the Belt and

Road Initiative (BRI), which has been a point of contention between the two countries, he said: "It is a major public good by China to the world. We hope both countries can further explore connectivity cooperation, including BCIM cooperation. We hope that our cooperation can even extend to Africa, and in that sense this is not China-India Plus Cooperation but China-India plus plus cooperation. No cooperation is excluded under this framework."

Responding to Chinese media on whether India's largescale military exercise in Arunachal Pradesh could impact the summit, Luo said: "We have no worry at all because that is not true... As far as we know, the so-called military exercise is not a fact, it is not true." Sources in India said it is an operational issue.

enough of a threat to be killed in an encounter, Ramasastry said "The question that should be asked is whether the use of force was lawful or not and that is exactly what is being investigated. But Pushpender's family has

claimed since Sunday that Yaday was killed in a fake encounter over a bribe deal gone wrong. The family had even refused to cremate his body, demanding an FIR against SHO Chauhan.

brother Ravinder asserting that he

has proof that he was in Delhi at

the time of the encounter. In fact

he said was completing a 10-hour

shift at the JLN Stadium metro sta-

issued by his senior officer at the

DMRC violet line, which started

from October 6 and ends on

October 31. "I am a constable with

the CISF. I got a call saying my

brother shot at an SHO. I applied

for my leave and rushed back

home. Then I got to know I am an

accused. I was never there. If I was

they would have arrested me,

Ravinder told *The Indian Express*.

Assistant Superintendent of

Police, Jhansi, Rahul Mithas said:

"If he (Ravinder) was not there

then his name will be removed

There will be a magisterial inquiry

into the police conduct as well

This is all part of an investigation.

If the police officers are found at

Ramasastry said a second FIR was

registered to probe the alleged en-

counter. "At present there is a

magisterial inquiry by an

Additional DM-level officer

Investigation in both FIRs is tak-

ing place under close supervision

of district SSP and zone and range-

level officers are also keeping ar

eye on the investigation," he said

Asked if Pushpendra posed

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fault then action will be taken."

Asked about Ravinder's claim,

He also has a leave certificate

tion as a DMRC employee.

Pushpender's Harishchander, a former CISF constable blinded in both eyes, said "Police took my son's body force fully and told me not to lower police morale. They burnt his body by locking the gates of the crematorium. He was cremated in se-

ASP Mithas said. "We gave them an option to attend the cremation. They denied. What can we do?"

Yadav's wife Shivangi, who married him 3 months ago, said "My husband had a huge fine. The SHO impounded his truck and asked for Rs 1 lakh. My husband paid the amount in cash and the SHO did not give him back the truck. He demanded Rs 50,000 more. My husband left to buy medicines for his mother and get his truck back. He was killed by the SHO because of this. He has no criminal record.

> The Jhansi police also released a list of cases against Pushpender. According to police he was booked in five cases involving assault, property disputes, fleeing with a local woman and a case under the Goonda Act.

Earlier, Jhansi police arrested 39 people staging a protest against Yadav's killing and demanding an FIR against SHO Chauhan. The arrested, including former BSF constable Tej Bahadur Yadav, who is contesting the Haryana assembly polls against Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar from Karnal, were sent to jail after being produced in court

Former UP Chief Minister and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav too visited Pushpendra's family at Kargua Khurd village. He demanded a probe by a High Court judge and called for the policemen to be booked for murder. He said, "This story that the

UP police has set out...about an encounter. This is not an encounter. The UP police killed Pushpender. No FIR has been registered against the errant police officers. What kind of police is this? What kind of state is this run by a CM who is a Yogi? What hopes do we have ?"

proceeding shall be against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith in pursuance of the provisions of this Act." This effectively means that petitioner challenged the detention order on the ground that order was not passed in good faith.

"B.A.Dar, Sr. AAG, has produced a copy of the Government Order No. Home/PB-V/1544 of 2019 dated 02.09.2019, in terms whereof the detention order of the detenue bearing No. DMS/ PSA/86/2019 dated 17.08.2019 has been revoked. In that view of the matter, the petition does not survive, therefore, is disposed of as settled," the order stated. Identical orders have been passed in the other two cases.

### Scindia

remarks about Rahul. "I don't comment on what other people

say," he said. The Congress high command, meanwhile, asked its leaders not to make "side comments", and focus on "exposing" the BJP government instead.

Asked about Khurshid's remarks, party spokesperson Pawan Khera told reporters: "Let Salman Khurshid give you the answers. You have got his answers. He said it, and he has also given you the answers... as far as the party is concerned, we are working for the Haryana and Maharashtra elections, working together, working with every possible strength that we can derive from everywhere. People should avoid making side comments and should actually expose this government for its follies, which are

aplenty." While Khurshid stuck to his remarks, Moily said: "It is not now... ever since the Lok Sabha elections, Rahul Gandhi wanted to give up the leadership. But he did perform. It was not a reflection of his defeat... it was not only him... everyone of us believed that the Congress would come back. But Balakot and surgical strikes... changed the whole scenario."

"He (Rahul) thinks he wants to have a gap... that is why he has gone. Even now, he has gone for some meditation. He is not running away from active politics. He only said that he does not want to head the Congress. He thought that let there be a change. That is how Sonia Gandhi has taken over. She is very capable of managing the crisis... It is not that he (Rahul) has left a vacuum," Moily told *The* Indian Express.

Denying that Rahul had "deserted" the Congress, Moily said: "That is an overestimation. The crisis has to be managed and it will be managed.'

On Rahul's trip abroad in the midst of campaigning for the Harvana and Maharashtra elections, Moily said: "Normally, he goes for meditation. This time also, he has done so. He may come for the elections. It is not that he is running away from the responsibility. He is the last person to run away from the responsibility."

### Bihar police

Prime Minister" besides "supporting secessionist tendencies". There was widespread criticism of the police decision to book the 49.

Confirming that they were closing the sedition case, Bihar Additional Director General of Police (Headquarters) Jitendra Kumar said: "Muzaffarpur Police lodged a case on receipt of an order from the CJM court under Section 156(3) CrPC. In such instance, police have no option but to register a case under sections which the reading of the complaint discloses."

He said the case was supervised by SSP Muzaffarpur. The complainant, he said, could not produce supporting documents or evidence, not even the alleged letter written by the 49 persons.

"On this and other circumstantial basis, the case is found to be false and order has been issued by him (SSP) to the investigating officer to submit final report: False. Along with this, finding this to be an intentional purpose of complainant, prosecution under Section 182 of IPC will be submitted against complainant for lodging a false case," Kumar said.

mate" for investments under the

'Make in India' initiative. The Defence Minister also invited Safran to participate in the DefExpo in Lucknow in February next year, an invitation that was accepted by the company, which designs and develops engines for civil and military aircraft at its assembly line at Villaroche in Reau, near Paris.

On Twitter, Singh said: "Visited the Engine After the 49 were booked, in-Manufacturing Facility of Safran

at Villaroche near Paris today. Safran is known for its engine making capabilities. They have also developed the engine for Rafale.'

"Happy to meet some of the young and bright engineers of Indian origin working at the Safran manufacturing facility. Their technical knowledge and hard work is impressive and inspiring."

Safran also gave Singh details of its collaboration with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** (HAL) and reiterated its commit ment to the 'Make in India' as well as 'Skill India' programmes. "We have a long association with India and all Indian airlines are our customers. We are hopeful and optimistic that we will have a positive reception to our expansion plans. We are keen to share the knowhow and create an engine ecosystem in India," Andries said.

The company, which says it already has \$15-million investment in India where it also trains 500 engineers annually, claims to be on course to meet its off-set commitments in India as part of the Dassault Aviation deal signed by India in September 2016.

It is now seeking government support to set up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities in India, with training plans for further 500 engineers and skilled technicians. Defence secretary Ajay Kumar, part of the ministerial delegation to France, assured the company of support and asked them to prepare a document highlighting any "pain points" they foresee in their expansion agenda, which will be taken into consideration. -PTI

### Jhansi killing

Ravinder and cousin Vipin for allegedly firing at Moth police station SHO Dharmender Chauhan, who had seized Yadav's truck about a week earlier, on October 6. This FIR states that the three men were cornered by police hours later and after a brief shootout, Ravinder and Vipin escaped.

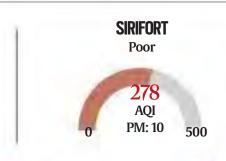
Yadav was shot dead and But the case took an unusual turn Wednesday with Yadav's



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**DWARKA-SECTOR 8** Very Poor

# Day after idol immersion, clean-up drive begins at 89 artificial ponds

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

IDOLS RANGING from a few inches to several feet and ghats full of debris — a day after idol immersion for Durga Puja took place for the first time in artificial ponds in Delhi, agencies started the mammoth clean-up even as a few more people trickled in to immerse idols.

In a first, the Delhi government made 89 artificial ponds across the city for people to immerse idols in, so that pollutants do not enter the Yamuna, with the National Green Tribunal (NGT) keeping close watch. A similar approach was tried out during Ganpati Visarjan in August.

At the Kalindi Kunj site, trucks loaded with the idols and filled to the brim with people kept pouring in even on Wednesday. A couple of police officers sat at the site, ensuring order as groups danced and celebrated the festival to drumbeats and music.

A worker from the South civic body was at the site to shovel garbage and debris into his truck. Many idols immersed on Tuesday also lay around. "We aren't touching the idols yet, only garbage, plastic bags and debris," said Akash, the sanitation worker.

An SDMC official said, "After the government notified the ads of using artificial ponds, we informed RWAs. In SDMC zones, we identified 168 idol makers and registered them. The cleaning process was underway yesterday and even today." Another official said, "The ponds will be drained and used for watering plants by horticulture departments. We will take the sludge and mud idols leftover, and send it to landfill sites. They are biodegradable."

On Tuesday, thousands of people who came to different immersion sites were met by police officers and district administration staff, who directed them to the artificial ponds. In areas near the Yamuna, stricter checking was ordered to ensure no one immersed idols in the river.

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associations and individuals who come to immerse Durga Puja idols has gone up in the city. NGT and environmentalists have been raising the issue of pollution, and government reports over the years have shown that the quality of water in the river deteriorates significantly after immersion is complete. Using materials such as plaster of paris and toxic paints has also been banned.

On Wednesday, too, police personnel were posted at immersion sites. "We are here just to ensure that everything is peaceful," said Anoop Singh, an officer-incharge at Kalindi Kunj.

Many from nearby slum clusters loaded the wooden sticks used for idol structures to construct their own makeshift houses. Mohammad Aslam, a labourer with four children, said, "Police said we could load up our cart to use them in jhuggis.'

At a park in Mayur Vihar Phase III, where four ponds were made, Sushil Kumar Modi, a vendor, and some others complained that there wasn't enough water in the ponds. "Three out of four ponds are empty and the one which had water was only a few feet deep. We cannot immerse any idol here" he said.

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### **CM HAD TO SKIP COPENHAGEN SUMMIT**

# Trip politics: Javadekar says summit was for mayors, AAP cites Sheila's visit abroad

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE CENTRE Wednesday defended its decision to deny permission to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to attend the C40 World Mayors' Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark, with Union Minister Prakash Javadekar saying it was a "mayor-level conference" and a West Bengal minister is going to attend it.

The Aam Aadmi Party, however, asked how, then, was former CM Sheila Dikshit given clearance to attend the same summit in 2007 in New York. Kejriwal, along with seven other delegation members, was to leave for the summit on Tuesday and address two sessions and a joint press conference over three days. "The frivolous reasoning

given by Mr Javadekar does not stand scrutiny. He did not check his facts before speaking. Had he done so, he would have known





that in 2007, then CM Sheila Dikshit had led the Delhi delegation for the C40 climate change summit which was held in New York that year... Javadekar is clearly unaware of the administrative structure of major cities and states. For example, the Commonwealth Games held in Delhi in 2010 were inaugurated by the then CM, whereas in other major cities these are inaugurated by the mayors," said AAP leader Raghav Chadha.

The summit is being held in

Copenhagen between October 9 and 12 and representatives from different countries and cities will speak about innovative action taken to reduce pollution. Over the past seven years, particulate matter concentration in Delhi has fallen steadily. An MEA spokesperson,

meanwhile, said: "A considered decision on political clearance by the Ministry of External Affairs is based on multiple inputs and takes into account the nature of the event, the level of participa-

tion by other countries, type of invitation extended, etc. In the instant case, the participation of the Chief Minister of Delhi as a speaker at a panel discussion was not commensurate with the level of participation from other countries. The Chief Minister of one of the largest and populous cities in the world, which is also the capital of India, was therefore advised not to attend the event."

Central government sources later said a separate protocol is followed for chief ministers and rejected suggestions that opposition parties were being targeted

The Delhi BJP also targeted Kejriwal and Delhi the government for trying to "replace Mayor of Delhi". "Till now, Kejriwal was trying to defame the municipal corporations of Delhi. Now, he wants to defame the country at an international summit... He should have proposed a mayor's name, but he tried to take credit for work done by other agencies,' Delhi BIP chief Manoi Tiwari said.

## Drugs found in car of bureaucrat's husband

### **MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

**SECURITY AGENCIES went into** a tizzy Wednesday evening, after CISF personnel found a "suspicious vehicle" parked outside the Electronics Niketan in CGO Complex. Police were also called in, and

they found 550 grams of charas from inside the car, officers said.

On further investigation, it came to light that the car belonged to an IAS officer's husband. Police have registered an FIR

at Lodhi Colony police station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and further investigation is underway. ICP (Southern Range)

Devesh Srivastava said: "We have registered an FIR and initial probe has revealed that the car belongs to the husband of a

bureaucrat posted in Rajasthan," he said. Police said the incident

came to light at 8.15 pm, when security personnel received information that a "suspicious hatchback" was parked in the parking area of the Electronics Niketan. "They first looked for the

owner and then informed police. After conducting a search, they found a suspicious packet from inside the car, which they

suspected was contraband. In the meantime, the owner of the car was also traced. He works as a consultant with one of the departments in the complex," a senior police officer said, adding that he was taken to Lodhi Colony police station, where police questioned him to ascertain where he got the packet of contraband from.

An officer said the man's department has been alerted about the incident.



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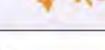
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### Delhi govt to pvt hospitals: Put up notice boards about free treatment

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

TO ENSURE that no road accident, burn injury or acid attack victim is denied treatment at a private hospital, the Delhi government Wednesday directed all such institutions and nursing homes to put up information boards at three prominent spots on their premises. The directives are a part of the newly launched 'Farishtey Dilli Ke' scheme, a government initiative to honour good samaritans who take accident victims to hospitals.

mandatory for private hospitals

to provide treatment to victims of road accidents, acid attacks and burn injuries for free. On Monday, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal formally launched the scheme, under which the government will bear the cost of treatment. The scheme was implemented in February 2018 on a pilot basis, and according to data, 3,000 people have benefitted from it so far.

"The boards should be put up at the hospital entrance, the entry point of casualty and emergency ward, and reception. They can be put up at any other prominent public location as well, and should be put up within two weeks," said a senior

Delhi government official.

scheme, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain had reiterated Kejriwal's stand and said that refusal to treat medico-legal cases by private hospitals and nursing homes would be a punishable offence. "The Delhi government will not think twice before initiating suspension of hospital's certificate if anything of this nature takes place," he had said.

As per the procedure, cashless treatment will be provided to any eligible victim, provided he or she is brought, referred or transferred to the private hospital concerned within 72 hours of



A fire broke out at a tent house in Old Delhi's Darya Ganj at 6 pm Wednesday. At least 12 fire tenders were rushed to the **spot. No casualty was reported.** *Prem Nath Pandey* 

NOIDA. OCTOBER 9 A BANK employee in Ghaziabad

**AMIL BHATNAGAR** 

Bank staffer uses

farmer's old number

to steal Rs 1.3 crore

was arrested Wednesday for allegedly stealing Rs 1.3 crore from a farmer by duplicating his ATM card. The accused, Badri Narayan, allegedly helped a Union Bank of India (UBI) branch manager and an MBA graduate gain access to his savings. Police said only Rs 7 lakh of farmer Tavvab Khan's money has been recovered so far. "The gang is operated by

Hakim, who allegedly involved several people, including bank employees, in the fraud. Prima facie, it appears that Hakim was an expert in monitoring people in the village who were not technologically equipped to keep track of their bank transactions. They would use defunct phone numbers and email IDs to pose as bank customers and withdraw their money. The assistant, Badri, helped obtain personal data. So far, four people have been arrested and two others are on the radar," said Neeraj Jadaun, SP (Rural), Ghaziabad.

Police said the gang would mostly target farmers who had received large sums as compensation for their land. In this particular case, Khan had opened a bank account in UBI's Dasna

branch and provided a prepaid phone number along with an email ID for correspondence. But Khan eventually changed that number and the SIM was deactivated, police said.

Hakim informed Badri about this and ensured that a duplicate ATM linked to the old phone number was generated. The old phone number was also reactivated by the accused without Khan's knowledge. Since Khan did not log into his email often and because his number was defunct, Khan was unaware of transactions made in his name.

The gang also involved Sunil Tiwari, an MBA graduate who worked with TCS and earned over Rs 1 lakh a month. He would speak to bank employees posing as the customer and use his communication skills to convince them to issue ATM cards. The accused then sent one of their accomplices to collect Khan's card and the branch manager provided it. The manager, Pratibha Jain, and Tiwari were arrested earlier. Badri was Pratibha's assistant while she worked at the Dasna branch and helped issue Khan's card to another accused, Sunil Mandal, police said.

"It appears to be a planned nexus. The scope of our investigation also includes mobile company officials," said Jadaun.

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DDA proposal: Allow gyms, yoga centres to run in areas of residence

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

IN A relief to gym, yoga and wellness centre owners in the capital, the Delhi Development Authority Wednesday proposed new regulations allowing them to operate from residential areas.

In a meeting headed by L-G Anil Baijal, the DDA has proposed amendments to Master Plan 2021.

DDA vice-chairperson Tarun Kapoor, however, said that centres which are yet to come up will be allowed to operate from the ground floor and basement only.

He added that the notification will take up to three months. The proposal comes days af-

ter the Supreme Court-appointed monitoring committee ordered sealing of all fitness centres, gyms and yoga and meditation centres which opened after August 12, 2008.

The Master Plan of Delhi 2021 does not allow fitness centres outside of DDA market complexes or shopping malls. However, an amendment in 2013 had declared gyms and centres that came up before August 12, 2008, as legal.

### Nod to Lake View Complex

The DDA Wednesday approved the development of Lake View Complex/Sanjay Lake Park Complex on 10.26 hectares of land at Trilokpuri.

The establishment will be built along the lines of residential property based on mixed use development on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

Under the TOD policy, the DDA will plan the area as a sustainable urban centre with space and facilities for work, shopping, transport and entertainment. The construction will be carried out by private developers.

The agency has also approved amalgamation of two flats in Narela, as smaller size of such flats was resulting in many of them remaining unsold.

DDA said that 1,000 LIG flats (500 pairs) in Pocket-4 & 5, Sector G-7/G-8, Narela will be

amalgamated. "The authority has decided to

allot 1,000 LIG flats (500 pairs). Two adjacent LIG flats will be allotted in pair to a buyer with the permission to amalgamate two flats with an approximate plinth area of 99.8 sqm and at approximate cost of Rs 45 lakh," said an official.

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In continuation to short term tender notice published on 06-10-2019 vide No. KBI/Advt/1846-49/2019 dated: 05-10-2019 after Pre Bid Meeting, The Kashmir Bureau of Information, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 5- Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi invite sealed quotation for the printing of Coffee Table Book. The tender shall comprise of :-

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- G. Quantity-1000

### 2. Financial Bid

The Technical Bids and Financial Bids shall be separate and sealed Envelops.

The sealed cover containing the bids superscripted "the tender notice for printing of Coffee Table Book" should be addressed to Deputy Director, Kashmir Bureau of Information, J&K House, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi-110011 along with all the particulars of the agency as empanelled by Bureau of Outreach and Communication, Ministry of I&B (Publicity Wing) and dropped in tender box at Pota Cabin No-03, Kashmir Bureau of Information, J&K House, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi-110011 by upto 11.00 A.M. on 14th of October, 2019. The bids received after stipulated date and time will not be considered.

The bid opening date will be 14th of October, 2019 at 11.30 A.M. Vendor or his representative can be present at the time of opening of the sealed

Deputy Director Information No. KBI/Advt/1850-53/2019 Kashmir Bureau of Information, New Delhi Date: 09.10.2019 Mobile No: 9888918303

### **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE** Office of The Executive Engineer, Projects Division. Yelahanka Zone, Byatarayanapura,

Bangalore - 560 092

No.: BBMP/YNK/EE(Project)/TEND/22/2019-20 Date: 04-10-2019 **NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER (NIT)** 

(Two Cover System) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only) The Executive Engineer, Project-Division, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned construction works.

SI. No.	Name of Work	Amonunt Put to Tender (Rs. in lakhs)	(Rs. in lakhs)
	Providing and Fixing children play equipment Allalasandra lake in Ward No. 04 and Puttenahalli Lake in Ward No.02	119.68	1.79
2	Developmental works to Vivekananda park Providing Cobble stones and fixing children play equipment in Vishwanagar park Ward No.03	132.81	1.99
3	Improvements RCC Road and Drain in surrounding area in Ward No.05 Byatarayanapura Sub Division	226.20	3.34
4	Development of parks and Construction of Toilets at B sector parks Ward No. 04 Yelahanka New Town	169.97	2.55
5	Development of parks and construction of Toilets at A sector Parks in Ward No. 04 Yelahanka New Town	86.06	1.72
6	Balance works to Hoysala stadium and construction of Samudaya Bhavana at judicial layout in Ward No.04	178.22	2.67
7	Improvements of parks and providing Children Play Equipments in Telecome Layout Surrounding in ward No. 05	287.31	4.31
8	Improvements of parks and providing children play and GYM equipment in Ambha Bhavani park. Valamiki park Kithuru Rani Chennamma Park. Vishwa Nagara and surrounding areas park in Ward No.3 Altur.	190.55	2.86
9	Improvements of park and providing children play equipments and pathway in Kempegowda park. Basavalinga park. Basavanna park. Rajiv Gandhi park and surrounding areas park in ward No.4 Yelahanka New Town.	283.86	4.26
10	Balance works to Samudhaya Bhavana in Ward No.02	72.03	1.44
11	Construction of Sivakote Grama Panchayath Office Building 1st Floor and Balance works	66.34	1.33
12	Construction of cement concrete road and drain in Vaderahalli layout Medi Agrahara village	88.46	1.77
13	Construction of cement concrete road and drain in Doddabalyakere village	73.62	1.47
14	Construction of cement concrete road drain in Munishewara layout	113.74	1.71
15	Construction of cement concrete road and drain in Muthkuru Village	66.33	1.33
16	Construction of cement concrete road drain in Linganahalli Village	66.31	1.33
17	Construction of cement concrete road drain in Avalahalli Village	66.32	1,33
18	Construction of cernent concrete road and drain in Ramagondanahalli Village	88.45	1.77

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2) Last date for tender Queries: 15.10.2019 upto 3.00 PM. (3) Last date and time for receipt of Tenders: 18.10.2019 upto 4.00 PM. (4) Date of Pre-bid meeting: 15.10.2019 at 4.00 PM. (5) Date of opening of Technical Bid: 19.10.2019 at 4.30 PM. (6) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: 21.10.2019 at 4.00 PM if possible. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Yelahanka Zone "Pay development charges, help to develop Bengaluru"

### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mumbai International Airport. Ltd. (MIAL) invites prospective scrap vendors for empanelment for disposal of various scrap. Nature of scrap shall be steel, cables, electrical spares, mechanical spares,

interested parties having relevant experience may submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) within 7days of this advertisement with their credentials to the below mentioned address.

AVP- Operations Procurement,

Terminal-1B, Santacruz-East Mumbai - 400099 This invitation for EOI does not give rise to any right to the prospective bidders and is not an offer or an invitation to offer, MIAL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs or modify the



Corrigendum Please refer to Advt. PR no. 217553, published on 21/09/

events is modified as below: Last date for submission of e-bids 14-10-2019 up to 06:00 PM Last date for submission of hard copy | 16-10-2019 at 11:00 AM of EMD and Tender Fee. Date and time of opening of technical 16-10-2019 at 11:30 AM Date of opening of financial bids - 16-10-2019, after scrutiny of Technical Bid. Rest terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

(Capt. S. P. Sinha) P.R.219118 Civil Aviation(19-20);D Director (Ops.)

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Office of the Executive Engineer

e-Procurement Notice Singal bid System Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA - F2- 27 / 2019-20

1.	Name of the work	Renovation of Thiri M 1. Scheme, Block-Ghaghra, District-Gumla.				
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 206.447 Lakh				
3.	Time of Completion	335 days				
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	15.10.2019 up to 2:00 PM				
5.	Last date Time for submission of bids	21.10.2019 5.00 PM				
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender (e- Procurement Officer)	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla. Karamtoli Road, Gumla.				
7.	Confuct no. of e-Procurement officer	9431383699				
8.	E-Mail ID	eemidgum@gnaal.com				
9,	Helpline number of g- Procurement cell	0651-2491232				

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhundlenders.gov.in Executive Engineer

tender and present at opening as per rescheduled date and time.

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Dr. Ram Daval Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities, and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Morabadi, Ranchi - 834008

Tel: 0651-2551824 e-mail- tri directorate/a/gmail.com/dir-triran/a/gov.in Lt. No- 1249 Ranchi, Dated:09.10.2019

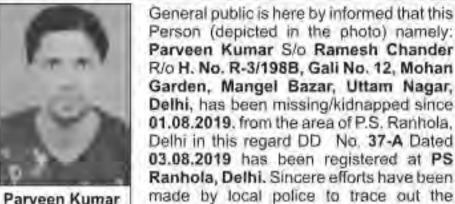
The Expression of Interest on Ref. no. 1145 Dated 20.09.2019 has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances. The last date of submission and opening of the tender has been rescheduled as given below:-Date of Rescheduled Date of Rescheduled

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> Sd/-Director

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NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Sr. DCM, Ranger

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Parveen Kumar

His physical description is as under:-Sex: Male, Age: 32, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Wheatish Face: Round, Wearing: Purple Shirt - Black Pant and Black Shoes in feet

person but no clue has come to light so far.

Mob. No.: 7065036128

09.10.2019

DP/2746/OD/19

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

P.S. Ranhola, Delhi Website:http://cbi.nic.in Ph. No.: 011-28363001,28363002 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax No.: 011-24368639



SALE OF VEHICLES MSTC will hold e-auction (18373) on 01.11.2019 on behalf of Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd., New Delhi for sale of salvage vehicles - 73 Nos. For details please contact Sh. Ramesh Dutt Sharma, OlCL (Mob. No. 8076316890.9210572777)

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

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(Bridges)

Andhra Pradesh Medical Services & Intrastructure **Development Corporation,** APMSIDC, Plot No. 9, Survey No. 49, IT Park,

Mangalagiri, Guntur District - 522503 Tender Notice No: 46(19-20)/APMSIDC/Medicine Wing/2019-21 Procurement of General medicines from Manufacturers and Direct importers.

https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in from 10.10.2019. APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tender at any time without

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION BRIDGES DEPARTMENT** 

e-SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTICE (4th Call) e-Tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below. **Smart City Work** 

Construction of Skywalk with Escalators from Mambalam Railway Station to T. Nagar Bus Terminus in Dn- 136, Zone - X. Bid document will be available in website http://tntenders.gov.in till 3.00 PM

on 30.10.2019 for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature

Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website. EMD Amount - Rs. 26,25,000/-Last date and Time of Tender submission: 30.10.2019 up to 3.00 P.M.

Tender Opening Date and Time: 31.10.2019 at 3.30 P.M

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2019 regarding tender for providing of Manpower Services to Transport (Civil Aviation) Department, Govt. of Jharkhand (Tender Ref. no.-Na.Vi.-IV-05/2016/889, dated-20.09.2019). The schedule of

For further details and applying online please visit jharkhandtenders

MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION GUMLA Very Short Tender Notice

Government of Jharkhand

Corrigendum P.R. No. 217684

date of No. opening 25/10/2019 the publication of coffee table book. In this connection, the eligible firm agency institution organisation are requested to submit their

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### **BRIEFLY**

### Man held as video with gun goes viral

Noida: A 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly waving a weapon during a marriage procession in Greater Noida's Dadri. A video of the accused, Jan Mohammad, dancing with a country-made pistol had gone viral on social media. In the video, he could be seen dancing and waving the gun while a band played behind. A case under the Arms Act has been filed, said police.

### Two held for celebratory gunfire

New Delhi: Two men were arrested from North East Delhi after a purported video of them firing gunshots in the air at a wedding venue went viral. Police said that Salman (21) and Shavaj (18) fired celebratory shots at a relative's wedding Monday.

### 416 properties attached since April

New Delhi: North MCD has attached 416 properties since April 1 this year for non-payment of property tax amounting to Rs 27.75 crore. Of these, 82 properties were de-attached after North MCD realised Rs 3.67 crore. The civic body attached 125 properties in the last 15 days, which together attracted tax of Rs 10.90 crore, and de-attached 28 of them after receiving Rs 2.62 crore.

### Hit during quarrel, baby dies

New Delhi: A five-monthold baby died Tuesday, two days after he was allegedly hit on the forehead with a wooden stick by his father, at their home in East Delhi's Kondli. Police said the parents were fighting over a petty matter when the boy was hit. The infant was declared dead on arrival at the hospital Tuesday, two days after the attack, said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh. **ENS** 

### 4.5 lakh challans paid online: L-G

New Delhi: Around 4.5 lakh traffic challans were paid online in the last four months in Delhi, Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal said Wednesday. Baijal was reviewing the functioning of the e-challan system of Delhi Traffic Police. **PTI** 

### HEAD CONSTABLE WHO WAS AT THE WHEEL ARRESTED

# Woman dies after BSF bus hits scooter on Lodhi flyover

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

A 28-YEAR-OLD woman died after a Border Security Force (BSF) bus allegedly rammed a two-wheeler she was on with her husband and seven-yearold daughter, at the Lodhi flyover Wednesday morning. The bus driver, identified as BSF head constable Ramesh Chander Sharma, has been arrested, said police.

The incident took place around 10.30 am and the victim, Nilofer Alam, was declared dead by the CATS ambulance staff. Her daughter, Khushi, who suffered head injuries and has a broken arm, and husband Zamil (40), who was riding the twowheeler and escaped with minor injuries, were rushed to Safdarjung hospital.

The family was on their way

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

DAYS after

(Prevention and Control)

Authority (EPCA) declared a ban

on the use of diesel generators

in Delhi-NCR from October 15,

environmentalists and residents

are skeptical of its implementa-

Harvana Bijli Vitaran Nigam

(DHBVN) will first need to ad-

dress the electricity deficit that

plagues the city as several con-

dominiums, malls and indus-

tries are still dependent on

diesel generators for uninter-

over 10,000 diesel generator

sets, operational primarily in so-

cieties in DLF and Sushant Lok

areas, offices and industries in

Udyog Vihar, apart from malls

along MG Road and Sohna road.

from Sector 58 to 115 also pri-

marily run on diesel generators.

in a gated condominium along

Golf Course Road, said, "I used

to live in an independent bun-

galow in Phase 1 but eventually

chose to move here because of

the assurance of 100% power

backup. If generators have to be

banned, it should first be en-

sured the city has the infra-

structure to support that ban,"

called it a "well-intentioned

but

"Implementation and monitor-

ing will be key to this ban. The

ban will be impossible if there is

no consistent electricity supply."

however, said it is confident of

implementing the ban.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*,

**Deputy Commissioner Amit** 

Khatri said, "We have met with

DHBVN officials and discussed

The district administration,

**Ecologist Vijay Dhasmana** 

added:

he said.

New condominiums in areas

Sumit Tandon, who resides

Gurgaon is estimated to have

rupted power supply.

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Pollution

GURGAON, OCTOBER 9

Environmental

tion in Gurgaon.





Nilofer Alam (left) died and her daughter was injured

Several condominiums, malls and industries are dependent

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Poor power

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Response Action Plan,

Delhi-NCR is supposed to

follow measures listed as

per the corresponding air

power supply challenges

in NCR regions, the provi-

sion to stop use of diesel

generators was only im-

posed in Delhi last year.

This year, it will include

Noida and Faridabad, but

Gurgaon, Noida,

Ghaziabad, Greater

will not include rural

pockets. Implementing

these towns see more

power cuts than Delhi.

Private companies pro-

tor sets at higher rates

during power cuts.

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the order is a challenge as

on diesel gensets for uninterrupted power

the matter of ensuring stable

supply of electricity. If that is

done, this issue of diesel gener-

ators will not be there at all... We

have also assembled teams that

will be deployed to ensure there

State Pollution Control Board

(HSPCB), which is supposed to

implement the ban, did not re-

spond to calls and messages

Commissioner also issued

guidelines Wednesday to check

Gurgaon's worsening air qual-

ing begun and cold kicking in,

pollution levels in NCR are ex-

pected to rise. The performance

of many of our departments in

Gurgaon is waning and should

quickly be improved upon to

provide relief to citizens," states

the letter. It further warned that

"officers will be held responsi-

ble" if Dr Bhure Lal, chairman of

the EPCA, who is expected to

visit the city, observes any in-

to follow the Graded Response

Action Plan (GRAP), which in-

cludes three- to four-fold hike in

parking fees and improving

public transport services during

The letter also directs officers

stances of non-compliance.

"With the festive season hav-

Meanwhile, the Deputy

Officials from the Haryana

is no violation of the ban."

seeking a comment.

to Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in Connaught Place where Khushi is undergoing treatment for recurring fits since the age of two, said neighbour Ashraf Ali.

DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "During inquiry, it was found that the BSF bus was going to Pragati Maidan to drop BSF staff from Tigri when it hit the two-wheeler from behind at the Lodhi flyover slope. The

gensets easier said than done

In Gurgaon, ban on diesel

bus has been impounded, the driver arrested and BSF authorities have been informed about the incident." A police officer said prima facie it appears the accused was speeding at the time of the incident.

Ali said that Zamil runs a chicken corner in Madangir, near Ambedkar Nagar, where the family lives. "We rushed here as soon as we found out. Zamil said that a speeding bus

hit his two-wheeler and he fell on one side of the road while his daughter and wife fell on the other side. The wife came under the wheels of the bus and the daughter too suffered serious injuries," said Ali. After the accident, passersby made a PCR call and a CATS ambulance rushed them to the hospital.

"Every week, Zamil and Nilofer took their daughter to the hospital for treatment... this was like any other day. They have three children and Nilofer was their prime caregiver as Zamil worked all day. Khushi was very dependent on her mother because of the fits," said Zamil's relative, who was present at the hospital.

A case of death due to negligence and rash driving has been registered against Sharma at Nizamuddin police station. Nilofer's post-mortem will be conducted Thursday.

# Man climbs to steal

*New Delhi:* Two men were arrested for allegedly stealing jewellery and cash worth more than Rs 50 lakh in North West Delhi's Bharat Nagar area.

Arya said the accused — Rahul (19) and Ayub(23)—are residents of Kabir Nagar and Rana Pratap Bagh respectively. The arrest was made after Nitin Kumar, a jeweller, Wednesday lodged a complaint, stating that jewellery worth around Rs 50 lakh and Rs 30,000 in cash were stolen from his house at Rana Pratap Bagh. "Kumar's family lives in a fourstorey building. They had made jewellery worth around Rs 50 lakh, which they were to give out on loan. CCTV cameras from nearby areas showed Rahul coming towards the complainant's

During investigation, police found Rahul had climbed into the building with the help of a gas pipeline and entered the house after removing the kitchen's exhaust fan. "We received information that Rahul had given some of the stolen jewellery to Ayub, following which Ayub was arrested. He then led them to Rahul, who was picked up from DESU Colony at Rana Pratap



The accused was captured on CCTV

# gas pipeline Rs 50 lakh

DCP (North West) Vijayanta

house," a senior police officer said.



Bagh," Arya said. **ENS** 



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CIN: L64200HP1987PLC007466 Regd. Off.: 8, Electronics Complex, Chambaghal Solan - 173 213 (Himachal Pradesh) Neb: www.hfcl.com Email: secretarial@hfcl. Tel: 91-1792-230644 Fax No.: 91-1792-231902

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to

Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of HFCL Limited is scheduled to be held on Monday, 21st October, 2019 at New Delhi, to consider and approve, inter-alia, the un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the 2nd quarter and half year ended on September 30, 2019 of the financial year 2019-20, both on Standalone & Consolidated basis

In compliance of the provisions of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and the Company's "Code of Internal Procedures and Conduct for Regulating, Monitoring and Reporting of Trading in Securities by Designated Persons", the Trading Window for dealing in the securities of the Company for all the Designated Persons including Insiders, had already been closed w.e.f. October 01, 2019, and the same shall re-open on October 24, 2019.

The said Notice is also available on the website of the Company at http://www.hfcl.com as well as on the websites of Stock Exchanges - The BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and The National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com.

for HFCL Limited (formerly Himachal Futuristic Communications Limited)

(Manoj Baid) Vice-President (Corporate) & Company Secretary

# How SC dome became Akshardham at Ramlila





The Dwarka pandal before (top) and after it was tweaked

**ABHINAV RAJPUT** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

FOR NINE days, a Ramlila pandal set up by a Delhi-based society resembled the iconic dome of the Supreme Court, which is hearing the Avodhya case, and parts of the "proposed temple".

But then, with one day to go for Ravana's effigy to be burned to end Dussehra celebrations Tuesday, the court's dome was tweaked to resemble the Akshardham temple.

Reason: The organisers, led by a BIP leader, received official

Minister Narendra Modi would "We did not want to get into

any controversy after the Prime Minister's visit was confirmed, so it was removed a day before the event," BJP ex-MLA and chairman of the Dwarka Sri Ramlila Society, Rajesh Gahlot, told The Indian Express.

The organisers confirmed that the Supreme Court theme was up for nine days before it was changed Monday. The idea, an organiser said, was to send out a message that "people want the court to rule in favour of a

confirmation that Prime temple in Ayodhya". The Dwarka pandal also had

a replica of India Gate and hoardings featuring various schemes launched by the Prime Minister. According to the organisers,

the stage was 96 ft long and 140 ft wide and the screen, which served as the backdrop for the event, was 14 feet high and 140 feet wide.

Gahlot, who was present on stage along with the PM, said that 107-foot effigies of Ravana and his brothers were "prepared with green crackers" to adhere to environment norms.

### Despite year-long protest by teachers, DU signs funding MoU

**ARANYA SHANKAR** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

DESPITE PROTESTS by teachers, Delhi University (DU) has signed a contentious tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) with regard to its funding, it is learnt.

The Indian Express had reported in September last year that the MHRD had written to DU saying its funding would be withheld if it did not sign the agreement, which the DUTA termed "armtwisting". The DU Teachers' Association (DUTA) and individual teacher groups have been protesting since last year. Among the MoU's most con-

troversial features is a section called "exercise of enhanced autonomy and delegation of financial powers", which asks universities to "ensure gradual annual increase in the user charges/fee charged by it for various courses and facilities". It also mentions that release of funds and loans from Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) for expansion of infrastructure will depend on the institution's performance.

While DU V-C Yogesh Tyagi did not respond to calls and texts. UGC secretary Rajnish Jain and sources in the MHRD confirmed that the MoU was signed last week. When asked to confirm if the MoU had been signed, Jain said, "Yes. That's correct." However, he did not respond to further queries asking whether the MoU signed was the original

draft. or an amended version passed in July this year by DU's EC. The move has attracted criti-

cism. EC members Rajesh Jha and J L Gupta Wednesday wrote to Tyagi, over the "grave compromises with the autonomy of the university", alleging that the MoU imposed "privatisation and commercialisation".

"This MoU will change the inclusive character of higher education in India... When the whole university community has rejected this MoU, the V-C should have gone for wider consultation...rather than signing it in a

hush-hush manner," they wrote. **DUTA President Raiib Ray too** condemned the MoU: "We are

yet to see which version was signed — the original or the diluted one approved by EC. Either way, we are opposed to this."

### Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)

Request for proposal (RfP) for assistance in implementation of National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD And Brucellosis (NADCP)

India's livestock wealth (512 million) includes 190 million cattle, 110 million buffaloes, 135 million goats, 65 million sheep and 10 million pigs. India is the largest producer of milk globally with production of 176.35 million MT (2017-18).

Yet, prevalence of animal diseases is a serious impediment to the growth of the Livestock Sector. Losses due to some of these diseases e.g. Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis,

etc. are humongous and often beyond estimation. It is because of FMD that there is not only reduction in the milk production and trade in livestock products but also there is infertility, reduction in the quality of hides and skins of the animals, including their draught power. Thus, FMD has a direct negative impact on trade of milk and other livestock products. To contain and manage the same the National Animal Disease Control Programme for FMD and Brucellosis (NADCP) is underway with an aim to control FMD by 2025 with vaccination and

its eventual eradication by 2030. This will result in increased domestic production and ultimately in increased exports of milk and livestock products. Intensive Brucellosis Control programme in animals is envisaged for controlling Brucellosis which will result in effective management of the disease in both animals and in humans. Brucellosis is a reproductive disease of livestock resulting in huge financial losses and has an

adverse impact on human health, as it has zoonotic potential. Farm workers and livestock owners are always at risk of contracting as well as spreading this disease. Hence, control of Brucellosis will have a double impact - both in human health and livestock health, besides rich economic gains to the animal owners / farmers.

DAHD intends to on-board a Programme Management Agency (PMA), for a period of 2 years to assist and support DAHD and State Governments /UT Administrations in the implementation of NADCP. The PMA will be responsible for continuous engagement with the DAHD, State Governments /UT Administrations and other agencies being hired to implement the program. The salient features of the project, eligibility criteria and prescribed formats for submission can be accessed in the RfP document uploaded on the website: http://eprocure.gov.in and http://dahd.nic.in.

Interested applicants are requested to submit their responses to the "RfP" on Central Public Procurement Portal (http://eprocure.gov.in) on or before 1st November 2019 by 03:00 PM. The submissions must be addressed to:

> Joint Commissioner (Livestock Health), **Room No. 354,** Department for Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying,

> > Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110001

> > > davp 01201/11/0006/1920

### No concession on bail to prisoners who can hire pvt lawyers: HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday said no concessions would be given to undertrial prisoners who are able to engage private lawyers but refer to povertv as a reason for not furnishing a bail bond on getting relief. The court made the observa-

tion and issued directions on a PIL by advocate Ajay Verma, who contended that hundreds of people were languishing in Tihar Jail despite being granted bail. The petition blamed trial

courts for not exercising the op-

tion of personal bond for financially unstable prisoners and said it was a "misuse of discretionary powers by the judicial system". "If undertrials can pay fees to

private lawyers, that too in a place like Delhi, why can't they furnish D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar orally observed.

bail bond," a bench of Chief Justice "You (the prisoners) don't

mere promise to pay, that too, if you flee after getting bail. We are very clear — not even a slightest of concession for those who are not taking legal aid and are able to engage private lawyers," the bench noted. It further remarked: "We do

have to give any cash. A bond is a

not want to give too much relaxation. Enough is enough. Those who are already released are released, we are not going to show too much relaxation."

The court fixed the matter for further hearing on December 6.

It asked Delhi government's standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra to apprise it on whether any undertrial has absconded after getting the relaxation of not furnishing a bail bond.

The bench asked Mehra to find whether undertrials, who cite poverty, have been engaging private lawyers to defend them in cases or are getting legal aid.

As per a report by jail authorities, 295 prisoners have been released on bail without a bond.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).

O.A. NO. 514/2018 **BANK OF BARODA** 

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this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 25th day of Sept. 2019. By order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

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Place: New Delhi Date: 09.10.2019

### I Declare



**PRADEEP SHARMA** Shiv Sena, Nalasopara

₹36.21 cr **TOTAL ASSETS** 

**IMMOVABLE** 

**MOVABLE** 

₹15.83 cr

₹20.37 cr

**ASSETS IN LAST AFFIDAVIT: N/A** 

(All assets belonging to self, spouse)

### BALLOTIN



Naveen Jaihind in Chandigarh on Wednesday. Jaipal Singh

### Haryana AAP chief to carry axe during poll campaign

Chandigarh: The Aam Aadmi Party's Haryana unit president Pandit Naveen Jaihind on Wednesday announced that he would canvass for party candidates while carrying a 'farsa' (axe) to remind voters of a controversial remark made by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in September. "I will go for the poll campaign with the 'farsa' so that the voters don't forget the gardan kaat doonga teri (I will chop off your head) remark made by the CM. The exercise will be done to alert the public. The CM had not expressed apology for the incident," Jaihind said, displaying the axe during a press conference. On September 10, AICC chief spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala had shared on Twitter a video purportedly recorded in Hisar district during Khattar's Jan Aashirwad Yatra. The video purportedly showed Khattar accepting an axe from a supporter, and addressing a rally. But as a BJP worker tried to place a crown on his head, the Chief Minister cut short his speech, and told the party member, "Kya kar rahe ho? Gardan kaat dunga teri (What are you doing? I will cut off your head)". Khattar had later justified his anger as "natural", saying that the worker's attempt to place a silver crown on his head was a "culture of Congress" which the CM claimed the BJP had done away with.

### Haryana Police to beef up border vigil

Chandigarh: The Haryana Police will be deploying one of its personnel with police teams of neighbouring states at interstate/border 'nakas' four days prior to the October 21 Assembly polls to intensify vigil against smuggling of unaccounted money, illicit liquor and arms, a senior official said on Wednesday. It has mobilised additional manpower of over 5,000 personnel to ensure proper law and order during election process in the state and deployed a total of 57,583 police and home guard personnel in addition to 130 companies of central forces, including the paramilitary forces, ADGP (Law and Order), Navdeep Singh Virk said here. Giving details about police arrangements, he said patrolling has been intensified in the state by police teams. Virk said a meeting for enhancing coordination in terms of intelligence sharing and joint operations was also held with the senior police officers of the neighbouring states.

### **Ex-minister Sampat** Singh joins BJP

Chandigarh: Haryana's former finance minister Sampat Singh, who had recently quit the Congress, joined the ruling BJP in presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, in Rohtak on Wednesday. Upset with the Congress for not considering him as a party nominee for the Assembly polls, Sampat had ended his more than 10year-long association with the party. He joined the BJP at Meham, shortly before Amit Shah was to address an election rally for the October 21 elections. Shah and other BJP leaders welcomed Sampat into the party fold. **ENS** 

### **SHAH ADDRESSES RALLY IN HARYANA**

# Before 2024, will throw out all illegal migrants, chun chun ke'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

UNDERSCORING THAT the BJP is committed to implementing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise across the country, BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Wednesday that before the next Lok Sabha polls in 2024, the BJP will identify each and every illegal migrant and throw them out.

Addressing a rally in Kaithal district of Haryana, where polls are due on October 21, Shah said: "To scrap Article 370, Narendra Modi has courage. To abolish triple talaaq, Narendra Modi has the courage. And I want to tell you, ke fir se hum 2024 mein aap ke saamne vote maangne aayenge, usse pehle desh se ek ek ghuspaithiye ko chun chun ke nikaalne ka kaam yeh BJP ki sarkaar karegi (In 2024, we will come to you for votes again. But before that the BJP government will identify each and every illegal migrant and throw them out)."

"For 70 years, illegal migrants have infiltrated this country and weaken our security. BJP ki sarkaar ka, Modi ji ka sankalp hai ke ghuspaithiyon ko NRC bana kar hum desh ke bahar nikalenge (The BIP and Modi ji vow that through the NRC all illegal migrants will be thrown out of the country)".

Targeting the Congress, Shah told the crowd to ask the Congress why they opposed the law against instant triple talaq or scrapping Article 370 and 35A or against illegal migrants. His remarks come after Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said last month that the NRC will be implemented



Amit Shah with other BJP leaders at a rally in Rohtak on Wednesday. Express

across Haryana.

Shah, who kicked off the BJP's poll campaign, held three rallies in Kaithal, Loharu and Meham, and attacked Congress for objecting to the decisions taken by the BJP government "in the nation's interest". He also lashed out at Gandhi. Hooda and Chautala families, accusing them of working with vested interests for the "welfare of their respective families" rather than the nation.

He also took a dig at Congress leader Randeep Surjewala in Kaithal, saying that "whenever we do something, Surjewala ji gets an upset stomach". Surjewala is seeking re-election from Kaithal.

Equating the Hooda and Chautala families with "termites for democracy", Shah praised Khattar and said that during Manohar Lal's tenure in Haryana, government recruitment and transfers of employees were done with utmost transparency, "unlike the previous Chief Ministers who are in jail for corruption in government jobs", referring to Om Prakash Chautala's conviction in the JBT teachers recruitment case.

At each rally, he asked the people of Haryana to vote for Modi, saying that "it was the first election after scrapping Article 370 and you all have a chance to thank your Prime Minister for taking this decision".

# Why Raj Thackeray's campaign is more subdued this time

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 9

RAJ THACKERAY'S "ae lav re toh video" (hey, play the video) campaign to fact-check Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claims had boosted the Opposition's otherwise insipid campaign during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Six months later, the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief is readying himself for a rather subdued role in the upcoming Assembly elections.

After the resounding victory of the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls, Thackeray is said to have contemplated staying away from electoral politics till ballot papers replace the electronic voting machines (EVMs). But his partymen's insistence that stepping back from electoral politics would sound the death knell for the party is said to have forced Thackeray to field 103 candidates across Maharashtra.

"A section of leaders were of the view that the MNS should not contest the polls. Some of them pointed to the Enforcement Directorate probe against the MNS chief and a few other leaders, while others said there will be no point in fighting polls on EVMs," a party leader, who did not want to be

Another leader, however, said the party decided to contest the Assembly polls after several leaders from Mumbai and other parts of the state insisted that the party should contest to stay relevant. "The MNS chief will address around 20 rallies across the state. But, there will not be videos this time, like we had shown during the Lok Sabha polls. He might continue to attack the BIP-led governments," the leader added.

Interestingly, although Thackeray had unwillingly committed to the MNS contesting the elections, his high-voltage style of campaigning has given way to an under-theradar approach.



At the venue of the MNS rally which was cancelled after heavy downpour. Ashish Kale

### Rain washes out MNS rally in Pune

Pune: MNS chief Raj Thackeray's first election rally in Pune was cancelled Wednesday after heavy rainfall led to severe waterlogging at the venue. The rain, party sources said, started just before the rally was scheduled to be held at Saraswati Vidya Mandir ground.

The MNS, which was struggling to get a venue for the event, was earlier trying to hold the rally in Kothrud assembly con-

In 2009 Assembly polls, the MNS won 13 seats, but it is currently down to zero after having lost its only MLA, who won in 2014, to the Shiv Sena. Its Assembly polls vote share fell from 5.71 per cent in 2009 to 3.1 per cent

While MNS leaders are tight-lipped on

stituency, but failed. It had accused private property owners, mainly educational institutes with playgrounds, for deliberately not allotting a venue to hold the rally.

"The educational institutes are governed by persons having close association with the BJP, and they had deliberately not given us a ground for the election rally," MNS leader Bala Shedge had said.

how the party would perform in the Assembly polls, they are hopeful of benefiting from a tacit understanding with the NCP on a few seats. "We will have a tacit understanding with the NCP on a few seats where we will help each other. So, we feel that it will help us and the NCP," the leader said.



Badhra candidate Naina Chautala at a rally in Haryana. JJP

# The other Chautalas: After bitter split, JJP eyes INLD votes

**SUKHBIR SIWACH** 

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 9

LESS THAN a year after its formation, the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) of Dushyant Chautala is attempting to firmly establish itself in Haryana politics. While it is contesting 87 seats in the 90-member Assembly, party members claimed its candidates are among the main players in over 30 seats.

After a bitter split in the Chautala family, then MP Dushyant Chautala had formed the JJP in 2018, followed by a formal split in the INLD led by former chief minister Om Prakash Chautala. The JJP performed much better than INLD in the Jind bypoll (Krishan Midha of BJP had defeated nearest rival JJP's Digvijay Chautala by 12,395 votes, and INLD's Umed Redhu had polled just 3,454 votes). In the recent Lok Sabha polls too, when all seats went to BJP, JJP had led in one Assembly segment while INLD led in none. So while the INLD faced several desertions, the JJP attracted many local leaders.

Now, the JIP is trying to emerge as a strong political force in the state. "As many as 90 per cent of the followers of Chaudhary Devi Lal have already shifted to JJP. The people in Haryana still believe in the policies and principles of Devi Lal. JJP is in the main contest with BJP and Congress," claimed JJP Secretary General K C Bangar.

With the leadership in the hands of young leaders Dushyant and his brother Digvijay, the JJP has tried to give a modern outlook to the party by opting for a high-tech poll campaign and keeping the issues faced by young voters in focus.

Dushyant will contest Assembly polls from Uchana Kalan constituency of Jind district where he is taking on Rajya Sabha MP Birender Singh's wife and MLA Prem Lata. It's being seen as an attempt to remain in the limelight during poll season, apart from an effort to emerge as a leader of farmers, following the footprints of his grandfather and former deputy chief minister Devi Lal.

Dushyant's mother Naina Chautala has been fielded from Badhra, where she will face BJP MLA Sukhwinder Mandi and Congress' Ranbir Mahindra, who is the son of former chief minister Bansi Lal.

EXPLAINED

### May dent INLD's image as strongest regional party

THE SPLIT in the Chautala family nearly decimated the INLD, which faced several desertions even as the IJP attracted several local leaders with its performance in the Jind bypoll and the Lok Sabha elections. If the Jat vote consolidates in JP's favour in the October 21 polls, it may dent the INLD's image as the strongest regional party in Haryana.

The JJP has high hopes from Tohana constituency of Fatehabad district where it has fielded Devener Babli against BJP state president Subhash Barala and Congress's Paramvir Singh, a former minister and close associate of former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Babli was aspiring for a Congress ticket but left the grand old party after being denied one.

JJP's eyes are also on Guhla Cheeka constituency where it has fielded former Congress Rajya Sabha MP Ishwar Singh. The party had given him a ticket just hours after he joined hands with Dushyant a week ago

Anoop Dhanak, who had won the 2014 Assembly election from Uklana seat of Hisar district as an INLD candidate, is JJP's candidate from the seat this time. "If Congress rebel and former MLA Naresh Selwal as an independent candidate performs well from this seat, it will harm the prospects of Congress candidate Bala Devi. In these circumstances, we may win this seat," said a JJP leader.

> **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

### SP walks away, CPM says not part of alliance

*Mumbai:* Accusing the Congress of betrayal the Samajwadi Party (SP) has walked out of the Congress-led alliance in Maharashtra, while the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has denied that it was part of the rainbow coalition.

On Wednesday, SP's state president Abu Asim Azmi said his party had "broken away" from the alliance. "Congress has betrayed us... After an initial discussion of seven seats we mutually arrived to a decision that the SP would fight three seats... Bhiwandi East, Mankhurd-Shivaji Nagar and Aurangabad East. It (Congress) has now fielded their own candidate in Bhiwandi East, while its unit in Aurangabad is not supporting us," Azmi said.

CPI(M)'s state politburo member Dr Ajit Navle said that his party has denied that it had joined the alliance at all. "We have ideological differences on several issues with the Congress and the NCP. The question of stitching an alliance with them does not arise. What we have struck with them is an electoral understanding to keep the BIP and the communal forces at bay," said Navle.

On October 7, while releasing a joint manifesto of the United Progressive Alliance, the Congress and NCP had declared that the CPI, CPI(M), SP, the Peasants and Workers Party, the Swabhimaani Shetkari Sanghatana among others, were part of the alliance.

Indira Gandhi never

### **MAHARASHTRA**

### Actors, controversial TV stars spice up poll campaign

**SRINATH RAO** MUMBAI. OCTOBER 9

A POPULAR Marathi film actress, a veteran actor-turned-Congressman and two controversial television personalities are expected to spice up election contests in Maharashtra this month.

Deepali Sayyad is the Shiv Sena's candidate in Mumbra-Kalwa, an NCP stronghold. Sayyad is up against the NCP's Jitendra Awhad. The Marathi film actress, who joined the Sena last week, had unsuccessfully contested the 2014 Lok Sabha elections on an AAP ticket. She has already hit the road to meet voters in the constituency.

Actor Ajaz Khan, a former Big Boss contestant, too, wanted to contest from Mumbra-Kalwa, but the AIMIM refused to field him from the seat. He is now contest-

ing from Byculla as an Independent. After the AIMIM fielded Barkatullah Shaikh from Mumbra Kalwa, Khan slammed

party president Asaduddin Owaisi and accused him of going back on his promise. He also said AIMIM had fielded a weak candidate and had failed to serve Muslims in India.

Khan has also accused the AIMIM of running a "smear campaign" against him and calling him a drug addict. In December last year, Khan was arrested in Navi Mumbai on charges of drug possession.

Khan made headlines in July when he was arrested for allegedly making communally sensitive remarks in a video supporting a group of social media personalities booked for speaking out against the lynching of Tabrez Ansari in Jharkhand. In 2016, he was arrested on charges of sending lewd messages to a beautician.

Khan now claims that he has given up drugs to "serve the Muslim community". "Do you know anyone else who has gone to jail four times for the sake of Muslims? I am a social activist who has always worked and will continue to work," he said in a recent video.





(Clockwise) Deepali Sayyad, Ajaz Khan, Baldev Khosa and Abhijeet Bichukale



### As part of his campaign from Byculla, Khan recently uploaded a video in which he accused sitting AIMIM MLA Waris Pathan of failing to make any impact in his five-year

At the other end of Mumbai, former Congress MLA and actor Baldev Khosa is preparing for a fresh campaign in the coastal constituency of Versova, which he lost to the BJP's Bharti Lavekar in 2014. Khosa, 75, had joined the party in 1980s along with actor and former MP Sunil Dutt. An actor in Punjabi films in the 1960s and 1970s, Khosa also starred in several Hindi films before joining politics.

In Worli, where Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray is the Sena candidate, TV personality Abhijeet Bichukale is contesting as an Independent candidate. Bichukale was arrested in June from the Bigg Boss Marathi house for allegedly issuing a bounced cheque. He is also contesting the Lok Sabha bypoll from Satara against Udayanraje Bhosale, who recently left the NCP to join BJP.

### sought votes in name of Army but PM Modi did: Pawar

Akola (Maharashtra): NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Wednesday sought to remind Prime Minister Narendra Modi that "unlike him". former PM Indira Gandhi never sought votes in the name of the "valour of the Army" but had given credit to the security personnel for winning a crucial war for the country.

Addressing a poll rally in Balapur in the east Maharashtra city, Pawar also accused the BJP-led Central and Maharashtra governments of "not being concerned" about the plight of farmers, whom he appealed to defeat the ruling party in the October 21 Assembly elections.

The veteran politician said that people across Maharashtra were pitching for "change of guard" in the state.

"The Prime Minister of the country, Narendra Modi, campaigned on the issue of national security in the Lok Sabha polls (held earlier this year)," Pawar told the gathering while referring to the February 14 Pulwama terror attack.

# GOVT & POLITICS





### WIN SOME, LOSE SOME

GIVING IN to his pressure tactics, the Congress on Wednesday made former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly, but eased him out of the Congress Working Committee. The reasoning was that none of the CLP leaders, not even Chief Ministers, are members of the CWC. Siddaramaiah faced resistance from bigwigs like H K Patil and former Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara for the post of Leader of Opposition. Meanwhile, S R Patil was named Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council. Other posts like deputy leaders and chief whips are yet to be filled.

### PARTY PLAYLIST

PRAYERS AND breakfast at 8-9 am, chai pe charcha at 9-10 am; social harmony meeting at 10-11 am... Karvaniali (Gandhi in action) prayer at 5-6 pm. This is part of the timetable given to BJP MPs and MLAs across the country for the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra between October 2 and October 31. According to BIP general secretary Arun Singh, the leaders have been asked to wear Khadi, use Khadi bags, and include people from all communities during the 150-km yatra. The list of instructions includes suggestions on the songs that should be played. "No film songs," it says, suggesting alternates like Vaishhav Jan To, Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Suno Suno Aye Duniya Waalon, Bapu Ki Ye Amar Kahaani and Sabarmati Ke Sant Tune Kar diya Kamaal.

### COURTS TO POLLS

RAHUL GANDHI returned from his brief foreign trip on Wednesday. He has back-to-back court appearances lined up for the next two days. On Thursday, he will appear before a Surat court in connection with a defamation case filed against him. And on Friday, he will appear before a court in Ahmedabad, in connection with his allegation that an Ahmedabad bank was involved in a scam related to swapping of demonetised notes. He is then set to head to Haryana and Maharashtra for campaigning in the Assembly elections. He is scheduled to campaign for two days in Maharashtra and a day in Haryana.

### WINTER ROUTINE

THE CHANGE of Guard ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, which was discontinued due to the weather, will recommence this weekend. The ceremony will be held from 4.30 pm in October, and 20 minutes earlier for the rest of the winter.

### States to bear half the cost of tap water scheme

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

STATES, ASIDE from those in the North East and the Himalayan region, will have to bear half the fiscal burden of the Centre's tap water scheme — the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) — sources in the ministry said on Wednesday.

According to sources, "The

budgetary requirement of the programme over a period of five years, from 2019-20 to 2023-24, is estimated to be about Rs 3.60 lakh crore. The funding pattern will be 50:50 for the Centre and non-Northeast and non-Himalavan states. However, in the case of N-E and Himalayan states, the funding pattern will be 90:10. In Union Territories, the Centre will bear the full cost of the programme."

Based on the funding pattern, the share of states in the total expenditure is estimated to be about Rs 1,80,000 crore over the next five years, sources added.

They added that expenditure under the scheme is expected to

be lower during the current financial year and that it will go up gradually subsequently.

### YEAR-WISE FUND REQUIREMENT FOR **JAL JEEVAN MISSION**

YEAR	FUND (₹Cr)
2019-20	36,000
2020-21	60,000
2021-22	1,00,000
2022-23	84,000
2023-24	80,000

3,60,000 **Total** Source: Ministry of Jal Shakti

JJM's funding pattern is different from that of the Centre's other individual beneficiary-oriented programmes.

IIM sources said that apart from the estimated cost of Rs 3.60 lakh crore, the ministry hopes to get additional resources with a convergence of funds — Rs 1 lakh crore under the MNREGA, Rs 50,000 crore from the 14th and 15th Finance Commission grants and Rs 30,000 crore from State Finance Commission grants to rural local bodies and Corporate Social Responsibility.

### **UTTARAKHAND**

# In rebellion for panchayat seats, BJP expels 96, sends notice to MLA

**LALMANI VERMA** DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 9

IN UTTARAKHAND, the ruling BJP has expelled at least 96 party leaders over the last 10 days on disciplinary grounds following reports that they are contesting against the party-supported candidates in the ongoing panchayat polls.

This is the first time that the BIP is taking action against so many of its own. The party top brass will be meeting in Dehradun on October 14 to discuss the panchayat polls and other organisational matters.

BJP national vice-president Shyam Jaju, the party in-charge for Uttarakhand, and Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will be present at the meeting which will also be attended by all party MPs, MLAs and members of district committees formed for the panchayat polls.

In a strong message against indiscipline, BJP state general secretary Rajendra Bhandari issued a show-cause notice Sunday to

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** 

NEARLY 7,000 students on the

road to cheer the two leaders,

9,000 police personnel, 700 per-

formers, stringent traffic curbs,

500 CCTV cameras and 24/7 vigil

President Xi Jinping's visit to at-

tend the informal summit with

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in

Mahabalipuram, 55 km from

Chennai, Tamil Nadu is going all

out to ensure that the pieces are

in place for the 200-member del-

Air China cargo aircraft landed in

Chennai with four bulletproof ve-

hicles for Xi and his entourage.

On Tuesday, officials said, an

"We have arranged 6,800 stu-

dents to welcome the Chinese

President on his arrival at the air-

port and en route to the hotel

where he will take rest before

leaving for Mahabalipuram.

About 9,000 police personnel are

ready for deployment. All traffic

Mahabalipuram to the hotel at

Guindy in Chennai, where the

Chinese delegation will be stay-

ing, will be secured. At least 3,000

police personnel are being

brought from other districts," a

senior security officer told *The* 

Shanmugam, meanwhile, ap-

pointed a team of 34 officers

headed by nine IAS officers to en-

sure smooth transportation of the

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THE CPM on Wednesday hit out

at RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat for

his remarks that "words like

lynching" are "alien to Bharat

and belong elsewhere" and that

there were attempts to defame

India and the entire Hindu soci-

ety and create fear among the

minority

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

Secretary

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CPM: Bhagwat speech reveals

glimpses of fascistic ideology

intersections

Indian Express.

egation from China.

Two days to go for Chinese

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along the coast.

TWO DAYS TO GO FOR MODI-XI SUMMIT



CM Trivendra Rawat will attend party meet on Oct 14

Raipur MLA Umesh Sharma after an audio clip, in which he is allegedly heard asking someone to vote against a party-supported candidate, did the rounds of social media. Sharma replied to the notice Tuesday.

Of the 96 leaders expelled so far, 21 are from Udham Singh Nagar, 14 in Tehri, 13 in Chamoli, 12 in Almora, nine in Nainital, six in Bageshwar, five in Pauri, four each in Champawat, Pithoragarh and Dehradun, and two each in Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi.

These leaders held the posts of presidents, vice-president, general secretary, secretary, executive

TN goes all out: 9,000 policemen,

7,000 students, 700 artists lined up

Chinese delegation in Chennai. A

senior official said officers will be

deployed at 34 points between

the Chennai airport and the shore

events to greet the delegation are

in the final stages. About 700

dancers have completed re-

hearsals. We have arranged folk

and traditional dancers, and mu-

significant for the state since it's

the first event of this magnitude

since the visit of Queen Elizabeth

in 1997. On Wednesday, police

personnel were busy conducting

door-to-door verification along

the East Coast Road from Chennai

to Mahabalipuram -- VVIPs from

Chennai, including political lead-

ers from all major parties, are ex-

tea stalls have been dismantled,

and encroachments on govern-

Officials said several roadside

An editorial in the forthcom-

ing edition of CPM mouthpiece

People's Democracy said

Bhagwat's speech has revealed

"glimpses of the fascistic ideol-

ogy which permeates the RSS".

exposed the "doublespeak" and

"rabidly communal outlook" of

the RSS, the CPM said "the term

to killing".

Arguing that his remark has

pected to take this route.

Officials said the occasion is

sicians, too," said an IAS officer.

"Preparations for cultural

temple in Mahabalipuram.

A view of Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram Wednesday. PTI

ment lands removed.

While the ancient port town

of Mahabalipuram received a

facelift over the last two weeks,

tourist entry has been restricted.

Dozens of shops near the shore

temple, where Modi and Xi are ex-

pected to spend most of their time

Friday evening, have been shut for

days. Government transport

buses have been asked to stop 3

the beachside resort near

Mahabalipuram was changed af-

ter Chinese security personnel

cited threats from the sea. Security

agencies have imposed restric-

tions on fishing activities, with the

Navy and Coast Guard stepping up

"We are here to make sure that

patrolling on the Bay of Bengal.

there is no unusual or unneces-

sary activity of boats in the vicin-

ity as the summit is happening at

a beachside resort," a Coast Guard

officer said.

km outside town.

**Matter of** prestige

> PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS are a matter of prestige for the ruling BJP because in the 2014 panchayat polls, the Congress got more seats. Also, the Congress has a strong support base in rural areas.

committee members in district, mandal and booth units of the party and different wings of the organisation.

Uttarakhand BJP president Ajay Bhatt, in a statement, said such strong action against more party leaders and workers will be taken once it is confirmed that they indulged in anti-party activities in the panchayat polls.

State BJP media in-charge Devendra Bhasin said: "They were asked to withdraw nominations but they did not, and now the date of withdrawal has passed. They have been removed from the party."

"By taking such action and also by issuing notice to an MLA, the party has given a message to the cadre that indiscipline will not be tolerated in BJP," Bhasin said.

Polling for the first phase of the panchayat elections took place on October 6 while the remaining two phases are scheduled for October 11 and October 16. As these elections are not con-

tested on symbol of political parties, every registered political party declares authorised supported candidates who contest polls on symbols allotted by the Election Commission. The BIP has declared its supported candidates for only the zila panchayat member elections while it has allowed anyone in the party to contest elections for the village pradhan, block development committee members, village panchayat members. In the current panchayat polls, 431 zila panchayat members are to be elected in 12 districts.

# head five LS panels

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Congress and YSR Congress members have been named chairmen of one panel will elect their chairperson in due course of time.

The chairmen of various committees are as follows: Vinod Kumar Sonkar of BJP (Kaushambi, Uttar Pradesh) for Committee on Ethics; Sunil Kumar Singh of BJP (Chatra, Jharkhand) for Committee on Privileges; Heena Gavit of BJP (Nandurbar, Maharashtra) for Committee on Empowerment of Women; Rajendra Agrawal of BJP (Meerut, Uttar Pradesh) for Committee on Government Assurances; Shyam Singh Yadav of BJP (Jaunpur, UP) for Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. Virendra Kumar of BJP (Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh) for Committee on Petitions.

An earlier plan for Xi to stay at Raghurama Krishnaraju Kanumuru of YSR Congress (Narsapuram, Andhra Pradesh) is chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation. Ravneet Singh Bittu of Congress (Ludhiana, Punjab) is chairman of the Committee on Absence of

> The Committee on Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament will elect its chairperson in due course.

that Indian philosophy was a

favourite subject of the late

Balram. Nine experts from across

the country will present papers

on Vedas, Upanishad, Puranas

and epics at the event. "We want

to prevent the misuse of Hindu

scriptures and texts by commu-

nal forces for their ends. The

seminar wants to look at the top-

ics from a scientific perspective."

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

BJP MEMBERS have been appointed chairmen of five committees of the Lok Sabha. While of one committee each, members

# BIP MPs to

Members.

### Cong, BJP trade barbs over Rajnath's visit

Union Defence Minister Rainath Singh with his French

India, France to deepen

and international developments

further deepen defence-related

official as well as operational

level interactions. Both sides

agreed to expand the scope and

complexity of the existing regu-

lar bilateral joint exercises

(SHAKTI, VARUNA and

GARUDA)," the statement said.

France partnership in the Indian

Ocean Region is crucial for pre-

serving and promoting common

strategic and security interests

in the region, Singh and Parly

noted the continuing implemen-

tation of actions outlined in the

Joint Strategic Vision of India-

France Cooperation in the IOR.

jor step in the relationship with

India, one of France's main

strategic partners in the Indo-

Pacific," a statement issued by

the French Embassy in New

numerous prospects of the al-

ready rich bilateral defence co-

operation, as well as security is-

sues in the Indo-Pacific region,

on which France recently pub-

lished its defence strategy, it

itary guard of honour at Hotel de

Brienne, the headquarters of the

French Armed Forces ministry in

Paris, on Tuesday night.

Singh was received by a mil-

The two ministers discussed

Delhi said.

added.

"This (Rajnath's) visit is a ma-

Recognising that India-

"Both sides discussed ways to

of mutual interest.

counterpart Florence Parly in Paris. PTI

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** 

UNION DEFENCE Minister

Rajnath Singh said on

Wednesday that he had "fruitful

deliberations" with his French

counterpart during which they

reviewed the full spectrum of

the bilateral defence engage-

ment and reaffirmed their

strong commitment to further

deepen cooperation to combat

Armed Forces Florence Parly

held the second ministerial level

Annual Defence Dialogue be-

tween the two countries in Paris

on Tuesday night after France

formally handed over the first

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gamut of the bilateral defence

cooperation, the defence min-

the strong intention of the two

sides to further deepen bilateral

cooperation on counter-terror-

The two leaders exchanged

views on contemporary regional

istry said in a statement.

ism," it said.

The two ministers compre-

"Both leaders also reaffirmed

fence engagement," he said.

Soon after the meeting, Singh

Rafale fighter jet to India.

Singh and French Minister of

PARIS, OCTOBER 9

terrorism.

defence ties, fight

terrorism together

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE CONGRESS and BIP on Wednesday traded barbs over Defence Minister Rajnath Singh receiving the first of the 36 Rafale fighter jets in France on Tuesday

Senior Congress leader Mallikariun Kharge accused Singh of indulging in "drama" by personally taking delivery of the aircraft, arguing no minister has done such things in the past.

fighter in France on Tuesday.

Shastra Puja in France but people in the Congress felt very bad about this too. Should the Shastra Puja tradition be observed or not? Should we keep this tradition alive or not?... But the Congress is opposing this too," PTI quoted Shah as saying at an election campaign rally in Haryana.

Talking to The Indian Express, Kharge said, "the Rafale aircraft has not landed in our country yet.. usually people receive here and then they perform puja and other things. Going there... when the air-

India... this is not good. Just to get publicity they are doing all these

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The BJP hit back with Home

Minister Amit Shah saying that the Congress is upset over the 'Shastra Puja' performed by Rajnath Singh when he was handed over the first Rafale "Rajnath Singh-ji performed

craft is not yet ready to come to

Karnataka Speaker bars pvt channels

things... this is just drama."

"Which Defence Minister has in the past gone to another coun-

try and taken delivery of a weapon or an aircraft. Generally our Air Force people go, find out whether the weapon is as per our requirement... as per the specifications... this is the job of the Air Force... why should he take credit by doing all this?... it is shown on television" the Congress leader said.

Meanwhile, former Mumbai Congress chief Sanjay Nirupam hit out at Kharge, who is also the AICC general secretary in charge of Maharasthra. Nirupam, who is not on good terms with Kharge now, said 'Shastra Puja' cannot be called 'tamasha' (theatrics) "There is a tradition of Shastra Puja in our country. The problem is that Kharge is an atheist. But not everyone in the Congress party is an atheist. Not everyone in the country is an atheist... his thinking cannot be imposed on peope who believe in puja," he said.

When his remarks triggered a row, Nirupam tweeted, "I am supporting shastra puja not BIP. Please don't read too much between the lines. Indian traditions and cultural heritage are far far bigger than any party or any individual.'

ments over the last decade, all

channels have been allowed to

broadcast live from the House al-

though there have been murmurs

across party lines over the cover-

the legislature were instrumental

in picking up images of two BJP

ministers viewing pornographic

material in the House during a de-

Cameras of private channels in

age provided by local channels.

### CPI to hold seminar on Vedas to 'prevent scripture misuse' of late CPI veteran NE Balram.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT 9

LDF in Kerala, will organise a three-day seminar on Vedas and Upanishads to prevent the "misuse of Hindu scriptures and texts for communal ends".

lynching has no territorial-cul-The event will be held in tural connotation; it is a term used for any mob attack leading

Trust chairman and senior CPI leader C N Chandran said

THE CPI, an ally of CPI(M)-led

Kannur from October 25 under the aegis of NE Balram Memorial Trust as part of the birth centenary

# from covering Assembly proceedings

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 9

THE SPEAKER of Karnataka Assembly has decided to disallow private TV channels from live coverage of House proceedings.

According to the order, only of state-run cameras Doordarshan will be allowed.

of the Speaker on Wednesday. nel," the secretary added.

will provide the output, which can be shown live by the private channels. It is only a pilot experiment and not intended to curb the media since the live link is being provided to all the channels through K Vishalakshi.

move. The Assembly does not have the resources to start a chan-

Laxman Savadi were forced to quit

### **KARNATAKA BYPOLLS**

# To clear way for Cong rebels, BSY gives top posts to their rivals

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, OCTOBER 9

TO PREVENT hurdles in the way of election of eight disqualified Congress MLAs on BJP tickets in December, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday approved appointment of the nearest BJP rivals of the eight rebels to important positions in state-run units.

The move comes ahead of the December 5 elections to 15 Assembly seats which were vacated due to the disqualification of

Congress and ID(S)MLAs for association with the BJP. The bypolls are crucial for the BJP to retain power in the state.

The BIP currently has the support of 106 MLAs in the 224-member Assembly and needs to win at least six of the 15 seats in the bypolls to maintain its grip. The Opposition combine of the Congress and ID(S) has 101 seats at present.

On Thursday, Yediyurappa approved appointment of Ashok Ningayyaswami Pujari from Gokak region as chairman of Karnataka Land Development Board. He is considered to be a rival to the dis-



"so-called

communities".

Yediyurappa

qualified Congress MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, who is looking to contest

on a BIP ticket. Among the others appointed to key posts are Raju Kage from Kagwad region, from where former Congress MLA Shrimant Patil may contest the bypoll. Kage is now head of Command Area Development of

Malaprabha/ Ghataprabha dam

date who lost from Hirekerur in the 2018 polls, has been made chief of the Agriculture Development Board to prevent him from putting a spanner in the election of the Congress rebel B C Patil. To help Congress rebel Prathapgouda Patil in Maski, the BJP's Basanagouda Turvihal has been made head of the Command Area Development Board for Tungabhadra project. Similarly, in Mundgod where

project, UB Banakar, the BIP candi-

Congress rebel Shivaram Hebbar is expected to be fielded by the BJP, his rival V S Patil has been appointed head of the local road transport cor-

poration.

In Ballari, H R Gaviyappa has been made head of the Small Industries Development Board to prevent interference with the rebel Anand Singh's poll prospects. In KR Puram constituency, for

Congress rebel Byrathi Basavaraj, his nearest BIP rival Nandish Reddy has been made vice-chairman of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation. Sharat Bachegowda from

Hosakote has been made chief of Karnataka Housing Board to accomodate candidature of Congress rebel MTB Nagaraj.

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The directive was issued by the Assembly secretary on behalf

"This is on the lines of what is done in Parliament. Doordarshan

DD," said Assembly secretary, M "It is also not a step towards launching a TV channel to transmit proceedings of the Assembly. There is no agenda behind the

During tenures of most govern-

bate on farm distress in 2012 when the BJP was in power. BJP legislators C C Patil and

in 2012 over the issue.

# THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 EXPRESS NETWORK

**BEYOND AGUSTA** 

# **ED claims Ratul** Puri links with 'other deals' too

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

MADHYA PRADESH Chief Minister Kamal Nath's nephew Ratul Puri, who is currently in jail in connection with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation into the Rs 3.600 crore AgustaWestland VVIP helicopter deal case, may be in fresh trouble.

Sources in the ED said investigators have found emails linked to him that point to conversations about several other deals during the UPA regime.

While searching premises connected with Puri recently, the ED had stumbled upon some 500 emails alleged exchanged among Puri, Agusta Westland middleman Rajiv Saxena, and some other people, the sources said.

While most of these emails had conversations about the VVIP chopper deal, "some of the emails also show the participants discussing some other deals that were signed during the UPA regime", a senior ED official said.

"We are examining these deals and the context in which these conversations took place. If any irregularity is found, a reference would be sent to CBI to register appropriate case," the official said.

The clue to these emails was provided by Saxena, who was deported from Dubai in January this year, and arrested by the ED, the sources said. Saxena was a key middleman in the deal, who allegedly helped Christian Michel and Gautam Khaitan move kickbacks between various foreign jurisdictions through a maze of fictitious companies.

Saxena had turned approver in the case; however, the ED has recently sought cancellation of his bail saying he is not cooperating with investigators. Michel, who was extradited to India from the UAE in December 2018, is now in Tihar jail. Khaitan, who too had been arrested, is currently out

Puri has denied having written the emails. "The emails are in different names but there is evidence to show that they are connected to Puri. More importantly, during a subsequent search at the residence of a female associate of

Lucknow: Supporters of a student

leader of the Akhil Bharatiya

Vidyarthi Parishad on Wednesday

clashed with police and set fire to

an outpost in Basti district police

station area on Wednesday after

was triggered after ABVP leader

Aditya Narayan Tewari was killed

around 10.30 am at Routa

Chauraha in Basti district. "Two

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he was shot dead.

UP: ABVP leader shot dead,

supporters clash with police

Ratul Puri

Puri's, we have found the hard copies of all these emails. That only goes to show these emails were written by him," the ED offi-

Counsel for ED D P Singh and NK Matta had recently submitted in court that the agency had searched the home of Niamat Bakshi, a trusted friend of Puri's, on September 7, and that he was responsible for manipulating, disposing of, and destroying evidence.

The ED had submitted that it had recovered printouts running into hundreds of pages pertaining to Puri's email, apart from handwritten notes and diaries linked to the case.

"We have summoned 20 people out of which 10 have been interrogated. We have also recovered 2.5 TB of data from searches conducted at Hindustan Power Projects Pvt Ltd. We need to confront the accused with the same,' ED counsel Singh had told the court.

The ED had also submitted that it was still looking for K K Khosla, a witness in AgustaWestland money-laundering case, who the agency claimed may have been killed.

Counsel for Puri Vijay Aggarwal had asked at the time that if the ED knew about the company, why they had not searched the office earlier.

"The ED is making a new story every time they want to extend his (Puri's) custody. The agency should have confronted the socalled other accused in the previous remand itself," Aggarwal had told the court.

Puri is the chairman of Hindustan Power Projects Pvt Ltd, which allegedly had financial transactions with Saxena in connection with the AgustaWestland

shots were fired at Tewari from a

close range by two persons. He

died on the way to the hospital,"

were with Tewari's body, his sup-

porters indulged in violence and

attacked a police outpost... around

50-60 indulged in vandalism...

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Basti Additional SP Pankaj said.

### to get rehabilitation package **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** Part of BJP's NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9 commitment

REHABILITATION OF displaced families settled in J&K has been part of the ruling BJP's commitment to its supporters in the state. In the first term of the Narendra Modi government, a rehabilitation scheme was rolled out covering families displaced from PoK and Chhamb at the time of Partition. However, several families who initially opted to move outside but later returned to J&K could not get benefits of the scheme. The move seeks to bring parity among displaced families.

J&K: 5,300 displaced families

Package 2015 for Jammu & Kashmir," read the official statement.

Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, said, "Today we have done justice to them... Now, 5,300 families will also get Rs 5.5 lakh each. And this is a historical wrong that has been corrected."

According an official state-

ment, in the wake of the 1947 Pakistani aggression in J&K, 31,619 families migrated from Pakistanoccupied areas of J&K (PoJK) to the state of J&K. Of these, 5,300 families initially opted to move out to other parts of the country and were not included in the approved package. Families among the 5,300 who later returned and settled in I&K are being included

in the package now, it said. The remaining 26,319 displaced families were earlier included under the rehabilitation package.

According to the statement, 10.065 more families were displaced from Chhamb Niabat during the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 – 3,500 in 1965 and 6.565 in 1971.

"The 36,384 displaced families covered under the package approved by the Cabinet on 30.11.2016 included 26,319 displaced families from PoJK settled in J&K and 10,065 displaced families displaced from Chhamb Niabat area. The 5,300 displaced families of PoJK who initially opted to move out of the state of I&K to other parts of the country were not included in the approved package."

It said the inclusion of 5,300 families will "enable them to earn a reasonable monthly income and be part of mainstream economic activities".

J&K Cong: Will stay away from BDC polls

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, OCTOBER 9

THE CONGRESS on Wednesday said it would stay away from the upcoming Block Development Council elections in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that the process is facilitating a "ruling party".

"Despite widespread anger over the way the government in Delhi destroyed an already established identity of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5-6 and detained all mainstream opposition leaders, we decided to participate in the electoral process for the sake of democracy," state Congress president G A Mir told

"We requested the government to release important leaders and allow them to visit their respective constituencies so that they can facilitate the electoral process," he said.

"I even spoke to the Chief Electoral Officer and, following his assurance that he will take up the issue with the government,

we announced that we will participate in the BDC elections," Mir said. "However, as there has been no response from the government or election officials till 11.30 am Wednesday, we were left with no option than to boycott the polls," he said, accusing the Central and state governments of "deliberately creating a situation so that we do not participate".

"We feel sad for deciding to boycott the elections as the Congress, as a recognised and responsible political party, has never stayed away from any electoral process in the past," he added.

When contacted, Chief Electoral Officer Shailendra Kumar said he does not think any panch or sarpanch has been detained. On being asked about the Opposition charge that senior leaders, who have to give authorisation letters to their candidates and campaign for them, were under detention, he said, "I have never heard of one going from door to door to give authorisation

### **NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION INDEX** Haryana, Assam, Kerala

**ABANTIKA GHOSH** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

DADRA AND Nagar Haveli, Haryana, Assam, Kerala and Punjab have emerged as the top five states or Union Territories in the first ever exercise to rate their performance on several parameters of the National Health Mission. Twenty per cent of NHM funds are based on the states' performance, which means better performing states received a financial incentive — Rs 3,000 crore is set aside for incentive-based payments.

West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Bihar were penalised as they didn't achieve the set benchmarks for mental health services. Twenty-three states earned an incentive for screening of 30-plus population for non-communicable diseases, including 11 states that earned full points for screening more than 15 per cent of the 30-plus population. Tamil Nadu reported 100 per cent screening, followed by

among top 5 performers

Goa (68 per cent) and Daman

and Diu (57 per cent). Only six states — Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Punjab and Tripura — earned full incentive for implementation of the Human Resource Information System (HRIS). Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and UP were able to partially achieve the target in terms

of HRIS implementation.

Among the parameters, the highest weightage was given to incremental improvement as per the NITI Aayog ranking of states on 'Performance on Health Outcomes'. Other parameters include operationalisation of Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), provisioning of mental health services in districts covered under the National Mental Health Programme, screening of 30-plus population for noncommunicable diseases, implementation of HRIS and grading of Primary Health Centres (both

urban and rural). Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim did not make the cut for

### MP: BJP set to oppose plan for bifurcating civic body in Bhopal

letters."

**MILIND GHATWAI** BHOPAL, OCTOBER 9

THE PROPOSED bifurcation of Bhopal Municipal Corporation into two corporations has become a bone of contention between the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJF in Madhya Pradesh, with the latter calling an emergency meeting on Thursday to formalise its

strategy to counter the move. The Bhopal collector issued a notification on Tuesday, inviting objections within a week to the proposed bifurcation of the 85-

ward corporation. The proposal includes 54 wards spread over 185.23 sq km in Bhopal Municipal Corporation and 31 wards spread over 232.61 sq km in Kolar Municipal

Corporation. Former Minister and BJP MLA from Narela, Vishwas Sarang said, "The financial condition of the existing corporation is not good. Another corporation will mean more administrative

decrease," he said. Congress MLA from Bhopal Central, Arif Masood, said the BJP's line of thinking was not unexpected because its politics is

expenditure and revenue will

centered on polarisation. Collector Tarun Pithode told The Indian Express, "We have invited objections... We will send our recommendation after getting objections and the government will take a call on it."

*Kolkata:* Three policemen were injured as two groups of youths of molestation during a Durga Raigani town in Uttar Dinajpur

groups, police said.

papers about Goa as a tourist destination had the photograph of a Lamani. It angered many Goans with the social media rife with protests on the "wrong representation of the state". In Benaulim, the villagers

tisement in European news-

have written to the panchavat, asking how activities of the migrants can be checked. According to local reports, Seby Fernandes, a villager, said at a meeting on Monday, "With the increasing number of migrants in the village, it would not be surprising to find Goans reduced to a minority".

# 1 killed in police firing, 7 cops hurt in mob attack during raid

**RAAKHIJAGGA** LUDHIANA, OCTOBER 9

A SEVEN-MEMBER team of the Punjab Police was attacked on Wednesday by nearly 100 villagers as it reached Desu Jodha village in Sirsa district, Haryana, to nab notorious drug peddler Kulwinder Singh Kinda. According to reports, Kinda's uncle, Jagga Singh (50), was killed in retaliatory firing. The police party, from

EACH OF the 5,300 displaced fam-

ilies, which came from Pakistan

Occupied Kashmir (PoK) in the

wake of Pakistani aggression in

Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 and

settled outside J&K before relocat-

ing to the state, will get a one-time

financial assistance of Rs 5.5 lakh

from the Centre, as per a decision

taken during a Union Cabinet

meeting chaired by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on

of 5,300 DP families of Jammu &

Kashmir-1947 who initially

opted to move outside the State

of Jammu & Kashmir but later on

returned and settled in the State...

in the Rehabilitation Package ap-

proved by the Cabinet on

November 30, 2016 for Displaced

Families of PoJK and Chhamb un-

der the PM's Development

"Cabinet approves inclusion

Wednesday.

Bathinda, was also fired at and one policeman received a bullet injury in his chest.

All seven personnel have been admitted to a private hospital in Bathinda for treatment.

Another drug peddler, Gagandeep, who was taken along by the police to point out Kinda's location, managed to escape during the clash.

Based on Bathinda police's complaint, the Sirsa police have now lodged an FIR against Gagandeep, Kulwinder Kinda, Jassa Singh, Teja Singh and around 50 unidentified villagers



Video grab of the team assaulted in Sirsa district, Haryana.

on attempt to murder charges. A team of the Haryana police rescued them, sources said.

Arun Kumar, IG, Bathinda range, said: "The CIA (Crime Investigation Agency) branch had arrested Gagandeep Singh along with 6,000 habit-forming drugs two days ago. To trace the supply chain, they went to the Bathinda-Haryana border Wednesday morning along with Gagandeep to nab Kulwinder Singh Kinda. Gagandeep went in first with the police team following him. However, Kulwinder gathered villagers and ensured Kulwinder and Gagandeep escaped..."

Bathinda SSP, Dr Nanak Singh, told *The Indian Express*: "Constable Kamaljeet Singh was hit by a bullet and is in the ICU... Police fired in self-defence. Villagers fired at the police party too... The sequence of events will be revealed in the inquiry."

Punjab Police said that the Sirsa police was looking into the death of the 50-year-old villager. He was cremated later in the

### WHO paper praises govt for 'commitment' to health

assessment.

**ABANTIKA GHOSH** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

WORLD THE Health Organisation's Country Cooperation Strategy for India for 2019-23 has heaped praise on the government for its "commitment" and for setting goals that recognise and act upon India's changing health landscape where non-communicable diseases have replaced communicable diseases.

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday released the strategy document, which stated, "In the past few years, the government of India has placed health high on its political agenda and made a commitment to make significant increases in public spending in health. The National Health Policy 2017 calls for more than doubling in government health spending as a percentage of GDP 2025... and lays out an ambitious set of goals and targets to Malaria fight: India a 'success story'

*New Delhi:* The Union Cabinet was informed on Wednesday that India is the "biggest success story" among malaria-endemic countries in the world. The country in 2017 brought down malaria cases and deaths by 49.09 and 50.52 per cent, respectively, as compared to 2013. There has also been a decline in maternal mortality ratio and under-five mortality rate since 2005, an official statement

improve the population's health status and its access to quality health services ...'

"The country is passing through a phase of not only transition, but also immense productive transformation in the health sector," said the minister.

### Clash over 'molestation' in Bengal, 3 hurt

clashed after an alleged incident idol immersion procession in Tuesday night. According to police, a woman

was allegedly molested around 11 pm. After she protested, the accused left and returned later with his friends and started a confrontation with the woman A clash ensued between the two

# Surgery begins for a world first: artificial limb for tiger

**VIVEK DESHPANDE** 

NAGPUR, OCTOBER 9

A TEAM of experts from the Maharashtra **Forest** Department and the University of Leeds, has begun an operation to fix a prosthetic limb on a tiger in captivity.

If all goes well over the next three-four weeks, this would be the first instance in the world where a tiger would get an artificial limb. On Wednesday, local veteri-

narians, and orthopaedics and prosthetic limb expert from the University of Leeds. Peter Giannoudis, carried out the 25minute surgical procedure to relieve the 7-year old tiger, Sahebrao, of pain on his left front leg.

Sahebrao had been rescued from a poacher's trap in Gondmohadi village in

Date: 30.09.2019

Chandrapur district in 2012. He had since developed

gangrene, and a part of his injured leg had to be amputated in a surgery carried out in Nagpur. Since then, Sahebrao has

been living in captivity at the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Nagpur's Gorewada Zoo. In 2016, Nagpur-based or-

thopaedic surgeon Sushrut Babhulkar decided to adopt the Since then, he had been

working on the possibility of a prosthetic procedure to fix an artificial limb to the tiger. Subsequently, Babhulkar

engaged with experts abroad,

and the University of Leeds became a partner in the initiative. erated for neuroma and arthritis that was causing neuralgia (pain in the nerve)," Babhulkar told The Indian Express. "Now we will be able to fix

the prosthetic limb within 3-4

was started. Sahebrao was op-

weeks... the limb will be manufactured in Nagpur. We have taken all the necessary measurements," he said. Asked if experts from Leeds would come for the final phase of the operation, Babhulkar

said: "Yes. There are some ex-

perts who have a vast experience of such operations on human beings.' **Principal Chief Conservator** of Forest (Wildlife) Nitin Kakodkar, Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra's Managing Director Rambabu and other senior officials super-

"We had completed the first phase of the project with a radiographic study of his limb in February. On Wednesday, the second phase of the operation Shirish Upadhye.

vised Wednesday's operation performed by a team led by

### In Goa, villagers plan anti-migrant gram sabha, public meet

**SMITA NAIR** PANAJI. OCTOBER 9

MIGRATION IS emerging as a key political point in Goa with natives of a beach village in south Goa planning a public meeting and a gram sabha to discuss "nefarious activities of migrants", especially Lamanis of the Banjara community.

This comes soon after Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, at a public event, expressed concern over widespread migration to the state and said, "we are shrinking and their (migrant) popula-

tion is increasing in large numbers". It all began in December

when a man from the Lamani community, Vasu Malgimani, got a taxi permit to ply his vehicle at Benaulim. Protests started since then and have now reached a point where villagers are united against the community. In turn, the Association of

Lamanis says members of the community are "being targeted". On Wednesday, the association called upon members of the community to spread out and conduct a survey on the number of Lamanis and Banjaras settled

It all began in December when a man from Lamani community, Vasu Malgimani, got a taxi permit to ply his vehicle at Benaulim

in the state and the professions they are involved or engaged in. The report of the survey will be discussed with the government, said the members of the association.

"Things were bad, but it

"We want to assure Goans we are not anti-social and we are not here to take away any of their jobs. We can live together," he added. According to initial esti-

this bad economy, of operat-

ing tourist taxis, seems to be

going away from them when

a Lamani got a permit. They

see the taxi business as a

Goan business. This has esca-

lated to a larger bias, and they

want us to go away from their

land," said Suresh Rajput,

President of the association.

mates with the community, there are about 1.5 lakh looks like they fear the last Banjaras in Goa, including the

profession that they hold in tourist season and leave when it ends. Rajput, who has been living in Goa for 54 years, said

ones who come during the

the state has always been

"very welcoming", but adds that due to dwindling employment opportunities and a new generation "blaming everything on the community", things have got rough. Members of the commu-

nity say the Lamanis, who are a group in the larger Banjara community, got their name from Laman —meaning salt — as they traditionally traded

Early this year, an adver-

### fown in the lender natice published in website https://tntenders.gov.in. Estimate Amount Details of Work for which Tender is called Rs. in Lakhs Supply of Man power for undertaking Solid Waste Management Programme (SWM) (Workers and Supervisors) around the at 850.00 Name of the Corporation area (Outsourcing) at Zone-I and II in VCMC (523 Nos) Supply of Man power for undertaking Solid Waste Management Programme (SWM) (Workers and Supervisors) around the at 770.00 Corporation area (Outsourcing) at Zone-III and IV in VCMC (473 Nos) 14.11.2019 Thursday Up to 3.00 PM Date of Tender 14.11.2019 Thursday at 3.30 PM in Vellore Corporation Office Date, Time and Venue of opening Can be downloaded from the website https://tntenders.gov.in free of cost up to 3.00 pm on 13.11.2019 other details For Contact: 0416 - 2220578 Commissioner, DIPR/3536/Tender/2019 Vellore City Municipal Corporation

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### North

### Voice samples of law student, Chinmayanand collected

Lucknow: THE FORENSIC Science Laboratory of Lucknow Wednesday collected voice samples of former Union minister Chinmayanand, accused of sexual harassment, and the complainant law student against whom the former BJP leader has filed extortion case. Voice samples of three men all in Shahjahanpur jail on

charges of extortion conspiracy — were also collected. All five were brought to Lucknow for voice sample collection. The SIT recently obtained permission from a local court to get voice samples of all the five accused to verify videos obtained by the probe team related to the sexual harassment and extortion allegations. ENS



Bharat Milap being enacted on the day after Vijayadashami, at Nati Imli in Varanasi Wednesday. PTI

### **EAST**

### Dantewada: Tribals demand review of 'false' cases

Raipur: Tribals from three districts of Bastar protested in Dantewada's Nakulnar district, demanding that the Congress government fulfill its pre-poll promise to review cases of tribals jailed under what they claim are false charges.

In March this year, the Bhupesh Baghel government constituted a committee un-

### WEST

evening.

### Six people dead in two separate accidents in Gujarat

*Ahmedabad:* Six people died in two different accidents on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in Panchmahal and Bharuch, respectively. In the first accident, three people died when two bikes collided near Chhanip village under Shehera Taluka of Panchmahal on Tuesday night. In the second accident, three persons were killed and

many others injured when the car they were travelling in overturned near Rundh village in Bharuch district on Wednesday. Police said, the car driver, identified as Chhatrasinh Chauhan, was speeding at the time of the accident on Amod-Sarbhan road, around 78 km from the Bharuch district headquarters.

der retired Supreme Court

Justice A K Patnaik to look

into these cases, but little has

happened on the ground

since, the protesters alleged.

police permission on Sunday,

leading to the arrest of ac-

tivist Soni Sori under Section

151 of the CrPC. She was let

off on bail later in the

The protest didn't get a

### South

### Bank takes possession of sea plane owned by firm

Thiruvananthapuram: Invoking relevant sections of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, Kochi-based Federal Bank on Wednesday took possession of a sea plane owned by Seabird Seaplane. The amphibious aircraft was taken over by the bank after the firm defaulted on a Rs 6 crore loan taken by the bank. Official sources said the

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was invoked to retrieve the loan as SARFAESI Act does not have provisions to take over an aircraft. The seaplane was taken in the bank's custody from Kochi International Airport, where the aircraft had been parked. The bank will assign an agency to fix its market worth and it will be sold to interested buyers.



Waterlogging in Kolkata after heavy rain since Wednesday morning. Partha Paul

# Monsoon withdrawal starts after 39-day delay

**ANJALI MARAR** PUNE, OCTOBER 9

AFTER A 39-day delay, the Southwest monsoon finally commenced its withdrawal on Wednesday, stated the India Meteorological Department. With this, the 2019 monsoon has been the longest season ever and the retreat is being termed as the most delayed one over the country.

A similar withdrawal delay was last recorded in 1961.

"In view of persisting anticyclone circulation and gradual reduction in moisture, the Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from parts of Punjab, Haryana and north Rajasthan," stated IMD's afternoon weather bulletin on Wednesday.

Normally, the monsoon withdrawal begins from extreme northwest parts of the country, covering Rajasthan and Punjab,

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE DELHI High Court Wednes-

day granted a two-month exten-

sion to the CBI to complete its

probe in an alleged bribery and

extortion case involving the

agency's former special director

cannot be delayed indefinitely and

it should have been completed by

now, Justice Vibhu Bakhru said the

court will not give any more time

to the CBI. The judge directed the

CBI to ensure that the investiga-

plea — filed a day after the agen-

cy's four-month time expired on

September 30 — seeking an ex-

The court had on May 31 gra-

nted the CBI four months' time to

complete the probe into the case,

which also involves DSP Devender

Kumar, middleman Manoj Prasad

and others. The agency was given

10 weeks' time in January to finish

the investigation.

tension to conclude the probe.

The order came on the CBI's

tion finishes on time.

Observing that investigation

Rakesh Asthana and others.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

HC gives CBI two

more months to finish

probe in Asthana case

around September 1 and reaches central regions like Maharashtra by October 1.

However, this year, the withdrawal was delayed owing to the monsoon getting re-activated and both the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal pumping-in moisture to the mainland. Though the withdrawal features were appearing from time-to-time during the last few days, none persisted long. IMD declares monsoon withdrawal generally when an anticyclonic circulation forms over northwest India leading to a significant reduction in moisture levels over the region and ultimately a reduction in rainfall for five consecutive days.

However this time both the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal remained highly active, keeping the monsoon currents flowing constantly.

"A severe cyclonic storm Hikka too was formed in the Arabian Sea towards the end of

Seeking three months for the

agency to complete the probe,

Additional Solicitor General Vikra-

mjit Banerjee said Letters Roga-

tory(LRs) have been sent to the US

and UAE and the probe could not

be completed as response is awai-

ted. He said LRs were sent to the

US and UAE last month and last

week, respectively. LR is a formal

request from a court to a foreign

court seeking judicial assistance.

posed by the counsel for the ac-

cused, arguing that the LRs were

sent only last month though the

court had initially ordered in

January to finish the probe in 10

weeks. The advocates argued that

as per the CrPC and CBI Manual,

the time period for any investiga-

tion to be concluded could not be

extended beyond 90 days and one

port in a sealed cover for consider-

4 reported that Asthana is likely to

be absolved of all charges of cor-

ruption levelled in an FIR filed by

former CBI director Alok Verma.

The CBI also filed a status re-

The Indian Express on October

year, respectively.

ation of the court.

The agency's request was op-

the season which contributed to moisture incursion over Kutch, Saurashtra and Maharashtra. Though the system moved towards Oman, it caused rainfall over the northwestern areas during September. Another cyclonic circulation, that originated in the Bay of Bengal, caused widespread rainfall over Bihar and Uttar Pradesh until last week," stated officials at IMD, Pune.

With a forecast of favourable atmospheric conditions, IMD stated that there would be a swift retreat from rest of the regions in northwest and central India. in the next two to three days. This year, September recorded

52.3 per cent excess rainfall with central India (107.2 per cent) and south peninsula (48.8 per cent) remaining the wettest regions in the country in the last month. As a result, September 2019 was second wettest month during the monsoon season since 1917.

### **ED** questions Karti in INX Media case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Wednesday questioned Karti Chidambaram in connection with the INX Media case. Karti's father, former finance minister P Chidambaram, is in jail after being arrested by the CBI in the case.

Sources said that Karti, who has been questioned by ED on multiple occasions earlier, was questioned on Wednesday over new evidence gathered by the agency about financial transactions in a foreign location. The evidence was received through legal channels,

This is the first questioning of Karti since he was elected as MP from Shivganga constituency in Tamil Nadu. He was earlier arrested by the CBI in the case.

At the time of his appearance before the ED, when he was asked questions by media over his interrogation, Karti said he had come to say hello to the investigators on the occasion of **Dussehra** 

**SONBHADRA KILLINGS** 

### Police give clean chit to 10 out of 61 accused, say no evidence

**MANISH SAHU** 

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 9

SONBHADRA police have given a clean chit to 10 of the 61 accused who are in jail in connection with the killing of 11 villagers in the July 17 incident of firing at Umba village over a land dispute. According to the police, in-

quiries had revealed that these 10 people were named by the main accused and his aides during questioning, but none of them were present at the spot or had any links with the other accused. The police will now submit a

report in court about these 10 people — most of them students and request for their release.

"During the investigation, we

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

TENSION PREVAILED at a village

in UP's Balrampur district after

some youths allegedly threw sto-

nes at a Durga idol immersion

procession when it was passing

through a pocket dominated by a

men had been deployed in the

area and it controlled the situation

promptly and prevented a clash.

Singh, said the music system in

the procession was to be turned

off while crossing a religious

place, but it was not done.

"When the procession was

crossing the religious spot, some

youths started throwing stones

at it from the roof of the build-

Verma said when the music kept

playing, people from the other

community objected. People from

both the sides were discussing the

matter when the youths atop the

religious building started throw-

Balrampur SP Dev Ranjan

ing," said the DIG.

Police said a team of police-

DIG, Devipatan range, Rakesh

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community.

Stones thrown at Durga

idol procession, 24 booked

came to know that the 10 people whose names were included in the case later were wrongly arrested and no evidence was found against them," said Sonbhadra SP Prabhakar Chaudhary. He said these people were not named by family members of the victims.

Police have completed the investigation against the 51 other accused, including local village head Yagyadutt. An officer said a chargesheet against the accused was likely to be filed in a few days.

The police have clubbed with the main cases an FIR filed last week following a complaint by the sister-in-law of Yagyadutt.

Devkali, the wife of Yagyadutt's elder brother Nidhidutt, is the complainant in the case. She has alleged that a group of members

ing stones, the SP added.

and booked them. "We have lod-

ple. It was not a planned attack. We

identified the others from videos

der IPC sections 147 (rioting), 148

(rioting, armed with deadly

weapon), 153A (promoting en-

mity between different groups

on grounds of religion, race,

place of birth, residence, lan-

guage, etc., and doing acts preju-

dicial to maintenance of har-

mony) and 295 A (deliberate and

malicious acts, intended to out-

rage religious feelings of any

class by insulting its religion or

in Basti district's Chhawni area

Tuesday about meat being thro-

wn at a Durga idol during a pro-

cession. "We controlled the situ-

ation. We are trying to trace those

who spread the rumour," said

Basti SP Pankaj Kumar.

Meanwhile, rumours spread

religious beliefs).

A case has been lodged un-

of the incident," the SP said.

from the Gond community at tacked her family members when they had gone to do farming on the disputed land on July 17. The FIR has been filed against 55 named and 30 unidentified people. Devkali's husband Nidhidutt, Yagyadutt and their youngest brother Devdutt are in Sonbhadra jail.

"We have clubbed the FIRs be cause the incident is the same. said the SP.

The police have decided to file a fresh report into three cases lodged at Ghorawal police station last year following complaints by Yagyadutt's aides. Police had filed chargesheets in these cases without making arrests. The complainants had accused the villagers of forcibly ploughing the disputed land. Trial in the cases is yet to start

### **Curfew in Tonk** town after stones thrown at

Dussehra yatra Four people in the procession were injured in the incident. Police later nabbed eight people allege-Jaipur: Curfew was imposed and dly involved in the stone-pelting internet services restricted in Tonk's Malpura after some miscreged a case against a total of 24 peoants threw stones at a Dussehra

> According to Malpura SHO Dalpat Singh Rathore, a Dussehra shobha yatra was passing by Sadat mohalla when some people, mostly underage youths, started throwing stones at the procession. "We controlled the situation, but it flared up into a communal issue," Rathore said.

> procession on Tuesday evening,

triggering communal tension, po-

lice said.

Local BJP MLA Kanhaiya Lal and his supporters sat on a dharna at Dussehra grounds and demanded arrest of the accused and removal of the SDM. He alleged that proper security arrangements had not been made for the yatra.

be lodged and the guilty be arrested. We lodged an FIR and assured that we will identify the guilty through CCTV footage, Rathore said.

"They demanded that an FIR

### In Gujarat, 2 Dalit families convert to Buddhism, cite cancelled garba

**PARIMAL DABHI** GANDHINAGAR, OCTOBER 9

TWO DALIT families from Khambhisar village in Gujarat's Aravalli district converted to Buddhism in the neighbouring Sabarkantha district on Tuesday, allegedly after the Patidar-dominated village cancelled garba celebrations as the Dalits had expressed wish to participate in the event.

On May 12, an incident was reported from Khambisar in which stones were thrown at a wedding procession in which a Dalit groom was riding a horse. The two families are relatives of the Dalit groom, Jayesh Rathod. The heads of both families — Pankaj Rathod (30) and Mahendra Rathod (29) are government employees. While Pankaj is a constable with the State Reserve Police Force, Mahendra is a revenue clerk.

"Dalits have not been allowed into Navratri celebrations in the village for generations. This year, some people informally asked us to join the garba to promote har-

mony. We feared mischief and gave a formal letter to the sarpanch stating that we will participate in the festival and requested him to ensure that no untoward incident happens," said Pankaj.

The sarpanch, he said, held a meeting of villages and it was decided that Navratri festival will celebrated together. "On the first day of Navratri, we realised that the celebration had been cancelled. When we asked the sarpanch, he said some people were opposing the celebration (with Dalits). We were disappointed and didn't know what to do. Later, our women did garba in our locality," he said.

"If Gods and Goddesses existed, we would not have faced such discrimination. Hence my wife Urmila and I decided to embrace Buddhism, following into the footsteps of Babasaheb Ambedkar," he said. He also got 'diksha' for his one-year-old son and fouryear-old daughter, said Pankaj.

Mahendra converted along with his wife Jagruti and twoyear-old daughter. "My wife and I concluded that this discrimination was because of the castebased hierarchy in Hindu religion. Hence, we decided to shun Hinduism and embrace Buddhism." Khambhisar Sarpanch Baldev

Patel refuted the charge that the Navratri celebration was cancelled because Dalits wanted to participate. "They had given me an application. And I held a meeting of all the communities. We made all efforts to organise the celebration. But it was cancelled due to rain. Also, villagers were busy in the farming of groundnut," the sarpanch said.

Khambisar has a population of about 2,700 people, out of which about 2,000 are from Patidar community. Dalits have a population of nearly 150.

Before May 12, no Dalit in the village rode a horse in his wedding procession. Jayesh Rathod's procession was taken out after informing the police in advance. Stones were thrown at the procession and several people, including

Pankaj's daughter, were injured. About 45 people, including the sarpanch, are accused in the case.

## Kerala 'serial killings': Demands raised to probe 3 more deaths

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

THE MYSTERY surrounding the alleged serial killings of six members of an extended family by a in the same extended family.

Last week, police arrested Jolly Joseph (47), who hails from Koodathai village, on charges of killing her husband, parents-inlaw and three other members of the Ponnamattom family over 14 years since 2002. Jolly, who led everyone to believe that she was faculty at NIT-Calicut, later married another person, whose first wife and their one-year-old daughter were among the alleged murder victims. Police alleged that

Among the two others arres-

the arrested, but a court at Thamarassery asked that they be produced in court on Thursday. Thressiamma Dominic, a

member of the Ponnamattom family, on Wednesday demanded a probe into the deaths of her son Suneesh and his cousin brother Vincent Augustine, alleging that both had links with Jolly.

Vincent was found hanging at his home on August 24, 2002, two days after Annamma, 57, Jolly's mother-in-law, died after having soup. Jolly was present at the Ponnamattom house and it was believed to be her first killing.

Thressiamma told the media that her son Suneesh was killed in a two-wheeler accident near their house on January 17, 2008. He had a close friendship with Jolly and her husband Roy (who died in 2011). Later, the family found a diary of Suneesh, in which he reportedly wrote that he was trapped and none should lead a life as he did.

"Both of them (Vincent and Suneesh) were close to the Roy-Jolly couple. Nobody probed Vincent's alleged suicide. Shocked by the latest expose about the deaths in the Ponnamattom family, I have doubts about Jolly's role in both deaths," she said.

The family of a late local Congress leader, M Ramakrishnan, who lived near NIT-Calicut, has also sought a probe into his death.

Son MR Rohit said Ramakrishnan had links with a beauty parlour near NIT-Calicut, which was frequented by Jolly. He had gone to the beauty parlour in connection with his real estate dealings, and collapsed to death after returning home on 17 May, 2016. "Before his death, Ramakrishnan sold his property for Rs 55 lakh, but this amount did not reach him," the son said.

Meanwhile, the probe into Jolly's alleged aborted bid to forge a bequest has revealed that she was in close touch with officials of the revenue department and local politicians. Kozhikode District Collector Sambasiva Rao said the role of tehsildar Jayasree Warrier was being probed in the forgery case.

**AQIS** CHIEF KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

# Feels like we never knew him: family in UP

**SHIVAM PATEL** SAMBHAL, OCTOBER 9

Asim aapke kaun lagte hain? (Who is Asim Umar to you?)"That was the question Rizwan ul-Haq was asked all through Wednesday at his home in Uttar Pradesh's

Sambhal. "Hum kisi Asim ko nahi jaante, humein toh Sanaul malum hai. Sannu bulate the hum usse (We don't know any Asim, we know Sanaul. We called him Sannu)," was his reply every time.

Umar, known to Indian security agencies as Sanaul Haq, was killed in a joint strike by US and Afghan forces at a Taliban compound in Afghanistan's Helmand province, Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) confirmed Tuesday.

But news of his death reached his home in Sambhal only on Wednesday morning as reports slowly trickled in. Umar last made contact with his family around



Umar's brother Rizwan at his home in Sambhal. Praveen Khanna

1998 before he disappeared from India and later emerged as Maulana Asim Umar, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) in 2014.

"There's no reason for any grief for a person who has been missing for more than 20 years. It makes no difference to find out about his death because it now feels like we never knew this person," his brother Rizwan (51) told The Indian Express.

and fond of cricket.

at Hind Inter College in Sambhal until Class 8, following which he prepared to become a cleric and joined a madrasa in the city. He later went to the Dar-ul-Uloom seminary at Deoband to complete his studies to become a Maulvi. Umar would visit Sambhal on

The youngest of five siblings, Umar was described by family as being "friendly", good in studies

His brother said Umar studied

holidays but often couldn't meet Rizwan, the eldest in the family, who studied in Delhi at the time and was later trying to find work in the national capital after getting an M.Sc degree.

"He left studies midway and sometime in 1998 he came home once asking for Rs 1 lakh to go to Saudi Arabia where he wished to work as an English translator for Arabic. A lot of people were going there that time," said Rizwan, who is a math and science teacher at a private school in Sambhal.

When Umar's father refused to give him the money, he grew angry and left, his brother said. He then severed ties with his family. Umar's family still lives in the same house in the narrow lanes of Deepa Sarai in Sambhal.

After Umar went missing, his family tried searching for him. "We found that he was not in Deoband anymore. My younger brother Ittesham went looking for him there but he could not be found. We did not make a police complaint thinking he would return home eventually," said Rizwan

In 2013, Umar delivered the first exhortations specifically targeting Muslims in India – the first of its kind in global jihadist writing. "We were informed that he was in Pakistan by Special Cell personnel in 2008 and in 2015, but he did not try to contact us during this time or afterwards. Nothing in his nature indicated to us that he would join such an organisation," said Rizwan. People who knew Umar as a

young boy in his hometown said they would compare him to Narendra Hirwani, a leg spinner for India from the late 1980s to early 2000, because of his bowling skills. Umar's father, a farmer, died in

2016. His mother was informed about his death on Wednesday but she did not react, Rizwan said. "When we have nothing to do with him, and there has been no news of him all this while, what can we say?" he said.

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woman in Kozhikode deepened, with demands being raised to probe three other deaths — two

Jolly killed them using cyanide.

ted is her relative M S Mathew, who worked as a salesman with a jewellery outlet. Police on Wednesday sought custody of

# 12 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

# Classifieds

### PERSONAL

I, Rakesh Jain S/o Telu Ram Jain, A-3/38, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar for all purposes.

I, Vikash S/o Sh.Babu Dwivedi R/o-H.No.D-348-A, Gali.No.8D, Bhajanpura, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Vikas Dwivedi for all future purpose. 0040515250-8

I, Darashana Kaur W/o-Late.Shri Dilbagh Singh, R/o-2000, Katra Lachhu Singh, Chandni Chowk, H.C. Sen Marg, Delhi-110006, have changed my name from Darshana Kaur to Darashana Kaur for all future Purposes. 0040514180-2

It is for general information that I,Laxman S/o Late Sh.Sukhdev R/o House No.156, Harijan-Basti, Village-Rajokri, New Delhi-110038, inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Laxman Lohmorh in my daughter's 12th-Class Certificates (Meenakshi D.O.B 24/01/2000) educational document. The actual name of mine Laxman respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0040515387-6

I.Ranjana Tripathi D/o Late.Sh. Dharam Pal Sharma R/o-H.No.248/5 Ward.No.6, Mehrauli New.Delhi-110030,have changed my name Ranjana Sharma for all purpose.

**I,Mahak** Kapoor D/o-Sh.Dalip Kapoor R/O-M-142,SF Guru Harkishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar.New Delhi-87,have changed my name to Mehak Kapoor for all, purposes in 0040515352-4

I. hitherto known as SABHRANT S/o DEVENDRA KUMAR SACHAN residing at 23/164. LODHI COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SABHRANT SACHAN.

I, Zeenat W/o Mohd Saleem R/o 1272, Gali No.2, Faiz Ganj Bahadur Garh Road Delhi 110006 have changed my name to Zeenat Fatima for all purposes. 0040515344-1

I, Vivek Kumar S/o Mahesh Chander Sharma R/o-K2/5, 4th-Floor Budh-Vihar Phase-1, Sultanpuri C-Block, Saraswati-Vihar, North/West/Delhi, Delhi 110086, have changed my name to Vivek Sharma for all purposes.

I, Vinay Kumar Talwar S/O, Narinder Kumar Talwar R/o H.No 23 Shakarpur Village Near Happy Modern School Shakarpur, Delhi-92, have changed my name to Vinay K 0040515397-1

**I,** Veerappan Mutthaiya Chandran Gabriel S/o Veerappan Mutthaiya Chandran Gabriel R/o-1093/1/27, Third-Floor, ST. John-Church Compound Ward-1, Kh.No.1151/3, Mehrauli, Delhi-110030, changed my name to Chandran Gabriel.

0040515392-7

, Ved Prakash Kain S/o Ram Prasad Kain R/o-8/395 Loni-Gate, Chhota Bazar, Civil-Hospital, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor son Aryan(15-Years) and he shall hereafter be known as Aryan Kain.

I, Sonu W/o Joginder Pal Saini, R/o F-19/40, 2nd Floor, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110089 have changed my name to

Ranjeeta Saini 0040515375-I, Shree Pal S/O Jugal Kishore

Jain R/O-82, Pal Gali, Mukesh-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, Changed My Name To Shri Pal 0040515406-2 I, Shankar Singh Kirola S/o Ram

Singh Kirola H.No.375, Gali.No.9, F-Block, Tomar-Colony, SantNagar, Burari, Delhi-110084.,changed my name to Shankar Singh.

I. Shilpa R/o H No. 28, Block-A.

Friends Enclave, Near Rathi Mode, Sultanpuri, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Shilpa Singhal. 0070677867-1 I, Shahabuddin S/O Qamruddin,

R/O-A-17, Gali.No-1, Jyoti-Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. CHANGED My Name To Shahabuddin Saifi.

0040515406-1

, Saurabh Sarakar S/O Sunil Sarakar, R/O-G-1/390, First-Floor, Dal-Mill-Road, Gali.No-6, Uttam-Nagar, N.Delhi-110059. Changed my name to Saurabh 0040515406-3 Sarkar.

Kumar., H.No. A-56, Amrit-Nagar, (Behind-South-Extn).,Part-I, New-Delhi-110003,That Bhoomi Titoria is My Daughter Who is Studying In Class-9th-B, Her School-Admission Form in My Name-Mentioned As Sarika Kumar Instead Of Sarika Verma.

I, Sanjay Kumar s/o Pishori Lal r/o 4/56, SF, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to SANJAY JOLLY.

I, Sakshi Aggarwal W/o Naval Kishore Goval R/o E-166. Assotech The Nest, Crossings Republic, Ghaziabad, UPto Sakshi Goyal.

I. Mahender Sharma S/o Rama I, Rita Devi D/o Pritam Singh W/o Rai Kumar Banval R/o-C-19 Aravalli Apartments, Sector-52 Noida, Gautambudh Nagar

0040515382-3

I, Ramzan Ali S/o Faiz Mohammed R/o B-544, Avantika Rohini Sector-1 Delhi-110085 inform that in my 10th Board Certificate issued by **Punjab School Education** Board, spelling of my father's name is mentioned wrong as Fez Mohammed whereas correct spelling is Faiz Mohammed 0040515346-1

U.P.-201301, have changed my

name to Rita Banval..for all

purposes.

. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh.Kesho Ram Gupta R/o H.No.E-33, Sushila-Road, Adarsh-Nagar, Delhi-110033 have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Bansal. 0040515395-5

I, Ram Kumar Singh R/O B-4(SM-3) Shalimar Garden Ext-II Sahibabad Ghaziabad (UP)201005 have changed my son name from Master Gaurang Chaudhary to Gaurang Chaudhary vide affidevit dated 04/10/2019.

0070677869-1

, Rakesh/Rakesh Kumar/Rakesh Kumar Bhola S/o Ram Saran R/o-A-76, A-Block, Ashok Vihar-1, Delhi-110052 changed my name to Rakesh Bhola. 0040515392-9

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Laxmi Narayan R/O-L-2, Galino.23, Near Adarsh-Nagar, Mahendra Park, Delhi-110033. Changed my Name to Rajesh Kumar 0040515395-2 Jindal.

, Rahul Singh S/O Prem Singh Tomar R/O-A-123 Himalya **Enclave Kohra Colony** Gaziabad Have Add Surname To Rahul Singh Tomar.

0040515387-1

I, Puran Chand s/o Ladu Ram residing Plot No. 76, F.F. Block-O Extn., Vani Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Puran Chand Rathi for all purposes. 0040515349-1

I, Poonam Bala W/O Suresh Kumar R/O-C-6/145a, Keshav Puram, Delhi-35 Have Changed My Name To Poonam. 0040515395-3

I. Puneet S/o Ravi R/o C-338. J.J.Colony, Raghubir-Nagar,

0040515395-

I. Priyanka Mandoliya D/o Anil R/o 1/321, Dakshinpuri, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Priyanka Kumari Mandoliya.

Delhi-110027 have changed my

name to Puneet Kumar.

I, Prem Singh S/o Surjan Singh R/o H.No.147 Gali No.5 (Bandh) Ambedkar Nagar Haiderpur Delhi 110088 have changed my name from Prem Singh Bamber to Prem Singh permanently.

0040515346-2 , Pramod S/o Shyam Lal R/o N-349 S-Block Mangolpuri Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Parmod Kumar.

0040515392-8

I, Prabhu Singh S/o Mukhtyar Singh R/o-H.No.D-742/2 GaliNo.13, Ashok-Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110093, have changed my name to Prabhu Singh Shishodiya, for all 0040515382-4 purposes.

I, Poonam Bala W/O Suresh Kumar R/O-C-6/145a, Keshav Puram, Delhi-35 Have Changed My Name To Poonam.

I, Pooja D/o Govind Das R/o A-90, JJ Colony, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Pooja Arya.

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0040515387-3

I, Parveen Kaushik S/o-Mahender Partap R/oH.No.175 Ground-Floor, Pocket-22, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Praveen Kaushik, for all future purposes. 0040515390-7

Nisha W/o Sh. Sunil Kumar R/o H.No. 420 Brahman Mohlla Khera Kalan, Delhi-110082, have changed my name from Kumari Nisha to Nisha for all future purposes. 0040515342-1

I, Navneet Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o-B-404, Sudershan-Park. N.Delhi-110015 have changed my minor son's name Bhavneet Singh to Bavneet Singh. 0040515390-2

I, Mrs. Rajeshwari W/o Mahesh Kumar R/o 110/A, Street No.2, Village-Gamri, Delhi-110053, have changed my name from Rajesh to Rajeshwari for all future purposes, 0040515389-2

I, Mohd Saleem S/o Faiyaz Hussain R/o 1272, Gali No.2, Faiz Ganj Bahadur Garh Road Delhi-110006 have changed my minor son's name from Mohd Kabeer to Mohd Kabir for all purposes. 0040515344-2

I, Mohd Abu Shahma S/o Abdul Rub R/o-10-B, West LaxmiMarket, AramPark, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Abu Shahma for all

0040515387-9 purposes. I, Mohammad Taufeeq S/o Rafeeg Ahmad R/o-20/1, Kalan-

Masjid, Nizamuddin, Delhi-110013. have changed my name to Hakeem Mohammad 0040515392-3 Taufeeq. I, Manish Kumar s/o Suresh

Kumar Gupta r/o 2nd Floor, 1367-A, Gali No.-8, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to MANISH **KUMAR GUPTA.** 0040515355-1 **I,** Manish Kumar S/O Puran Chand Paharia R/O Hno.68, Ah-Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088. Changed My Name To Manish Paharia. 0040515395-4

Shankar Sharma R/O-D-1761, Ist-Avenue, Gaur-City 1, GH-01, I Seema Kumari W/O Gulshan Sector-4, Greater Noida-West, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P.201306, Changed My Name Mahender Kumar Sharma.

0040515395-10

I, Mahdhvi Ahirwal/Madhvi Devi, W/O Shri. Ashwani Kumar R/O-H-19/43, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Madhvi, for all purposes. 0040515392-1

I, Lalit Kumar Salewan S/o Sompal Salewan R/o-AB-15, Pandara Road, N. Delhi-110003 have changed my name to Lalit Kumar Salwan. 0040515392-6 Latika Kursiia W/o-Sandeep

Kursija R/o-B1/5, IInd-Floor, Rana-Pratap Bagh, Delhi-5, have changed my name from Jyoti Sainani to Latika Kursija, for future purposes. 0040515390-9

I, Kusum Lata Dembla W/o Subhash Chander R/o B-68, Pushpanjali Enclave Pitam Pura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Kusum Dembla for all purposes. 0040515340-1

I. Km Sima Yaday D/O Damodar Yadav R/O-A-43, Yadav Enclave, GaliNo.2, Kirari, Suleman-Nagar, Delhi86. Have Changed My Name To Sima Yadav.

0040515387-2

I. Kanika Rana W/o Sh. Vaibhav Malik R/o B-1A/31-C, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Kanika Malik after marriage for all purposes. 0040515345-1

I. Igtekhar Ahemad S/o Bakhtiar Ahmed R/o-C-400, Gali No.11, West-Vinod Nagar, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Iftikhar Ahmed.

0040515392-4

I. Hitherto known as Jasmine D/o Shahzad R/o-C-25, F-3 Dilshad-Colony Delhi-110095, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jasmine Isaac. 0040515382-1

I. Harish Chandra Nailwal S/O-Luxmi Dutt Nailwal, H.No-99-D, Pocket-B Dilshad-Garden, New-Seemapuri East/Delhi-110095. Have Changed My Name To Harish Nailwal. 0040515390-5

I, Gopal Kishan S/o Gian Chand R/o-A-557, PKT-1, Paschim-Puri, N.Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Gopal Krishan 0040515390-1

I, Deepika W/O Manish Kumar, Residing At-B-5834, Gali No.116, Sant-Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084., Have Changed The Name Of My Bharti Aged 38-Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Deepika.

I, Dalip Chopra S/o-Shri Ram Chopra R/o-311, Bhera Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87, have changed my name Dalip Kumar Chopra in future for all purpose. 0040515352-3

I, Bhupender Kumar Sharma S/o Dharamveer Sharma R/o A-64. Sector-53, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Bhupendra Sharma.

0040515389-I, Arvind Kumar S/o Sh. Rajendra Singh Negi R/o 9/211, Third Floor, DDA Flat, Madangir, Ambedkar Nagar, South Delhi-110062, have Changed my name Arvind Negi for all future purposes. 0040515343-1

I, Arjun Singh Kandari S/o Tej Singh Kandari R/o 2680, Kh. No.135/16, 1st Floor, Gali No.68, Block-B, Near Masjid, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Arjun Kandari for all future purposes. 0040515381-1

I, Arjit Singh S/o Satinder Singh Matharu R/o-G-13A, Arjun-Nagar Street No.4, near Radhey-Puri New Delhi-51, changed my name to Arjit Singh Matharu. 0040515387-8

I, Anoj Maurya W/O Deshraj Maurya, Residing At, Rz-B-25, Nihal-Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041.,Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Anamika Mourya, Aged 11-Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Anamika Maurya. 0040515395-9

I, Amarjit Kour w/o Gurmeet singh R/o 5562-63, Shora kothi pahar ganj Central Delhi, Delhi 110055 have changed my name to Amarjeet kaur

0070677865-1

I, Abdul Kudus Ansari. S/O Abdul Aziz Ansari. Add-E-241/1c. Abulfazal. Enclave.Part-2saheen-Bagh Jamianagar Okhela Delhi-25. Changed My Name To Abdul Kuddus Ansari. 0040515390-6

I, Karandeep Singh Dua S/o Gurpreet Singh Dua R/o-F-313, Mansarover Garden, N.Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Karandeep Singh.

0040515390-3 I hitherto known as Rihana

Begum wife/of Late Shri.Rafiquddin Born.on.19-June-1956, Residing at, H.NO-3249, Kucha-Tara Chand, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002., have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rehana Begum. 0040515387-7

I Vinod Kumar S/o Ram Iqbal Mishra R/o 44 Ram Nagar Colony Nazafgarh Road, Nangloi, New Delhi 110041, have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Mishra 0040515394-1

Khurana R/O-4905, Kucha Ustad Dagh, Chandni Chowk Have Changed My Name To Seema Khurana. 0040515387-4 I Raju Kumar S/O Surender

IUmesh S/o-Rakesh Kumar R/o-

Plot.No.9A, Block-C, Suraksha-

Vihar Vikash-Nagar, Uttam-

changed my name to Umesh

Kumar., for future purposes.

Nagar, Delhi-110059, have

Singh Dube Resident Vpo-Badh Malik, Distt-Sonipat, Haryana. Have Changed My Name To Raj Kumar. 0040515390-4 Mohd Naim S/O Mohd Yunus,

H.No-5118, Bara-Tooti Gali Peer-Mohammad Sadar-Bazar Delhi-110006 changed my name to Mohammad Naeem. 0040515395-6

Marina Torchia Batra W/o

Deepak Batra R/o-W12/30, Lane W-12D, Western Avenue, Sainik Farm, New Delhi-110080 have changed my name to Marina Torchia 0040515386-1 Faheemuddin.S/O Imtivai

No.129, Ground Floor Street No.9, Afghani-Chowk, Wazirabad Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Fahimuddin. 0040515387-5 Ashok Kumar S/o Kundan Lal Arora R/o LD-50 Pitampura,

Delhi Changed My name to

I Anil Kumar Gupta S/O Ram

**Ashok Kumar Arora** 

Ahmad Resident-A-312/1, Kh.

0050156414-1

Prasad Gupta R/O-RZ-28/261, M-Block West-SagarPur N.Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Anil Gupta.,all future purposes. 0040515387-10

I. Vikram Kumar R/o 106-c.

Ambedkar Colony, Bijwasan, South West Delhi, Delhi-110061, have changed my name to Vikram Kumar Pradhan 0070677866-1

I, No 4076832 N Ex Recruit Pradeep Singh Rawat Village-

khaira, Post Office-Khaira Sain, Patti Malla Badalpur, District-Pauri Garhwal, Pin Code-246172 Uttarakhand. As per service record my daughter name has erroneously been mentioned as Astha whereas her real name is Astha Rawat.

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**Notice** is here given that the share-certificates by.Folio.Number-024692230,of Reliance Industries-Limited standing in the name of Sarita Aggarwal, residing at-G.D,Block, 24,Pitampura,Delhi-110088, have been reported. lost/stolen and that an application for issue, of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of such Duplicate-Shares, certificates should be made within-15, days from the date of, publication of this notice.Share-certificate,is not mortgaged or any, loan taken

against it. 0040515361-1 **Notice** is here given that the share-certificates by.Folio.Number-041113227.of Reliance Industries, Limited standing in the name of Rajat Prasad, residing at, 6/F3, Jantar Mantar -Road, New-Delhi, have been reported, lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of such Duplicate-Shares, certificates should be made within,15-days from the date of publication of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan

taken,against it. 0040515361-2

**Notice** is here given that the share-certificates by.Folio-Number-047820561, 048024416, 048005675.048329128.04908642 3, of Reliance Industries-Limited standing in the name of Kuber Securities-Limited with, registered office at S-32, Greater Kailash, Part-1,New.Delhi,have been reported-lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of such Duplicate, Shares-certificates should be made within,15-days from the date of publication, of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040515361-5

**Notice** is here given that the share-certificates by.Folio,Number-043183079,of Reliance Industries-Limited standing in the name of Ramesh Kumar Goyal, residing at A-1/104, Sector-8, Rohini, have been reported, lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of such Duplicate-Shares, certificates should be made within 15-days from the date of publication of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan taken

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against it.

### LOST & FOUND

**Notice** is here given that the share certificates by. Folio-Number-041781874, of Reliance Industries, Limited standing in the name of Aruna Manchanda, residing at, B-164,

Sector-44, Noida have been reported.lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate,in respect thereof has been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of such Duplicate, Shares-certificates should be made within,15-days from the date of publication of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040515361-4 **Notice** is here given that the

share certificates by Folio-

Number-020928603.of Reliance Industries-Limited standing in the name of, Ravinder Kumar Gupta, residing-D-3,Sangam,Estate-1,Underhill road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054,have been reported.lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the RFP document is available at company, objection, if any against issuance of such **Duplicate, Shares-certificates** should be made within, 15-days from the date of publication of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040515361-6 **Notice** is here given that the

share certificates by, Folio, Number-042379271, 043056280, of Reliance Industries-Limited standing in the name of Sangeeta Goyal, residing at, A-1/104, Sector-8, Rohini, have been reported, lost/stolen and that an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect thereof has been made to the company,objection,if any against issuance of such Duplicate, Shares-certificates should be made within,15-days from the date of publication of this notice. Share-certificate is not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040515361-7

I, Madhu Jain, D/o-Raj Rani Jain R/o-B-59, mansarovar-park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have lost my property documents files bearing.no-B-1305, Cabana-Appartment, Ghaziabad. Finder contact:-0040515392-10 8802626262. I, Jalal Jamal Abdulla S/o Jamal

Abdulla Al-Haj R/o Mrs Hostel.No.-8,Gautambudh University, Greater Noida, U.P., have lost my Original Passport No.00036045, Issue of Place Republic of Yemen has been actually lost.If found, Please call:-8826384208 0040515352-2

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PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Sucha Singh S/o Dharam Singh & his wife Smt. Paramjeet Kaur both Rio WZ G-33, First Floor, Sant Nagar, Extn. Tilak Nagar, West Delhi-18 severed all relations with their Son namely Harpreet Singh. My clients disowned him from all their movable and immovable

properties. He has no right in the

properties of my clients. My clients

shall not be responsible for any act.

Sector-23, Robini Delhi -110085

and omission of them. Kotilya Sharma (Advocate) Ch. No. 339, Saket Court, New Delhi.

बेदखली सचना

विसाधारण को गुचिस किया जाता है कि मेरे मुचरिकल श्री सजहा शर्मा पुत्र 新 H. L Sharma R/o Flat No 30 A-36, 37 Illrd Floor Jawahar Park Devii Road Khanpur Delhi-62 अपने वर्ड पुत्र श्री सनी शर्मी आयु अ वर्ग को अपनी चल, अञ्चल सम्पति से जराक गलत आधरण के कारण वेदराज कर स्त्रे हैं। आज से जनके पुत्र द्वारा किये गए सभी कार्यो व ले देन के लिए मेरे मुचविकल और उनके परिवार की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होती त्थान नई दिल्ली (SANYOGITA)

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Sapna, D/o: Rishpal, R/o: Gali No. 01, Sanjay Colony, Saboli Road, Narela, Delhi, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Colour Suit-Salwar & Orange Dupatta and Flite Chappal in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 16.09.2019 from the area of PS Narela,

Delhi. In this regard DD No. 163-A dated 16.09.2019 has been lodged at PS. Narela, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform the undersigned.

Web-site: cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 DP/663/0N/19

PS. Narela, Delhi Ph.: 011-27282350, 27285839

### SEARCH FOR MISSING



that one girl namely Farha Naaj, D/o Firaj Ali, R/o: Jhuggi No. 39/41, A-1, Market, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair: Black, wearing Green Colour Suit & White Colour Salwar, has been missing since 13.09.2019. In this regard a FIR No. 380/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 15.09.2019 has

been registered at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to

trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned. Website : http://cbi.nic.in

Delhi Ph: 011-27632501, 27632502

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Khadda Colony, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 27.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vides DD No. 48-A dated 28.08.2019 has been registered at of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Age: 19 yrs, Height: 4', Face: Round, Complexion Fair, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Salwar and Sandal in feet.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in P.S., Swaroop Nagar, Delhi e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/661/ON/19

### SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo), Namely: Manjeet Kaur, D/o: Manieet Singh, R/o: H.No. 46, Jhangola Village, Delhi Aged: 20 years has been missing/kidnaped from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi since 02.09.2019. In this Regard a DD No. 42-A, Dated

05.09.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Alipur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under: Manjeet Kaur

Round, Physique/Build: Medium, Clothing: Pink Suit & Salwar and Matmaile Rang ki Jaigi. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnaped girl, may inform SHO, Alipur, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or

website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 11-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O

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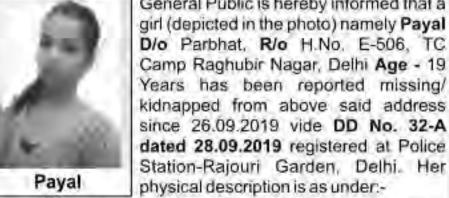
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Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 DP/8439/WD/19

P.S. Mayapuri, Delhi Ph.: 011-28117644

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

anyone have any information about this missing girl, please



dated 28.09.2019 registered at Police Station-Rajouri Garden, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-Complexion: Fair, Height: 5' Face: Round, Build : Thin, Wearing: White Painted Colour Kamij and Jamni Payjami

since 26.09.2019 vide DD No. 32-A

Simple Chappal in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Rajouri Garden, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in

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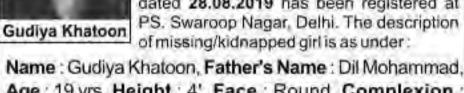
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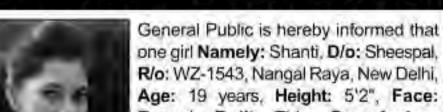
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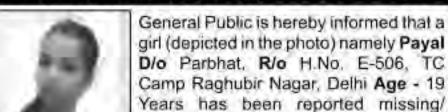
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### SEARCH FOR MISSING



25A dated 21.04.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Mayapuri, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If

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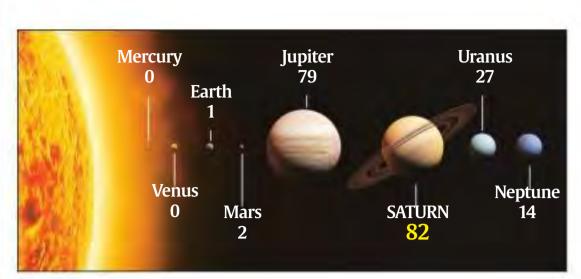
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### Which planet has how many moons? Saturn has 82 now



ON MONDAY, the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center confirmed 20 new moons orbiting Saturn, making it the planet with the most moons in our Solar System, at 82. The 20 had been discovered by Scott S Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science. Until their confirmation, the planet with the most moons was Jupiter, at 79.

A count of the moons listed on the NASA website shows that our Solar System's planets together have 205 confirmed moons now. Saturn and Jupiter, with 161 between them, account for nearly 80% of these. Another 20% are orbiting Uranus (27) and Neptune (14). Of the remaining three moons, one is Earth's own while the

other two are with Mars.

Mercury is so close to the Sun and its gravity that it wouldn't be able to hold on to its own moon, NASA explains. Any moon would most likely crash into Mercury or maybe go into orbit around the Sun and eventually get pulled into it. It is not yet clear, however, why Venus does not have a moon.

The newly discovered moons of Saturn are about 5 km each in diameter. Seventeen orbit Saturn opposite to the planet's rotation, and three in the same direction as Saturn's rotation.

The Carnegie Institution for Science has invited, until December 6, suggestions for names of the 20 new moons of Saturn. The rules are at: https://carnegiescience.edu/NameSaturnsMoons

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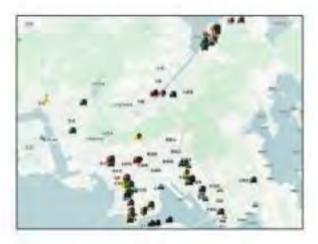
### **HKMAP.LIVE**

App that tracks Hong Kong protest hotspots has riled China

PEOPLE'S DAILY, the mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party, has lashed out at Apple for hosting on its App Store an app that tracks and displays the movement of police in Hong Kong. The app, HKmap.live, "facilitates illegal behaviour", *People's Daily* said in a commentary.

*HKmap.live* (*screenshot right*) publishes crowdsourced information on the location of armed police forces, vehicles, use of tear gas, and clashes and injuries on a map of Hong Kong that is regularly updated. A website version is available too, as also a version for Android, but the *People's Daily* article did not mention this, and instead concentrated on its attack on Apple.

"Is Apple guiding Hong Kong thugs?" the article asked. "Apple's approval for the app obviously helps rioters," it said, and asked: "Does this mean Apple intended to be an accomplice to the rioters?" according to reports by the AP, AFP, The South China Morning Post, and The Guardian. "People have reason to assume that Apple is mixing business with politics, and even illegal acts," the opinion piece said. It warned "this recklessness will cause much trouble for Apple".



China, which is sensitive to international criticism of its policies, pulled NBA games off state TV after a team official tweeted in support of Hong Kongers protesting for democracy and freedom. It had earlier criticised the US jewellery brand Tiffany, and the airline Cathay Pacific.

The SCMP, which contacted the developer of the app on Twitter, quoted the developer as saying Apple previously rejected the app, but reversed its decision on Friday and made the app available for download from the iOS App Store on Saturday. Apple did not respond to media requests for a comment.



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### SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Can govt intercept WhatsApp?

As TRAI examines the possibility of lawful interception of messages on WhatsApp and similar platforms, a look at the debate around such interception, the technical difficulties, and practices around the world

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 8

ON TUESDAY, The Indian Express reported that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is studying the possibility of bringing platforms such as WhatsApp under the ambit of "lawful interception".

Lawful interception of online communications platforms such as WhatsApp, Skype, Signal or Telegram has been a long-running debate that has ranged governments and regulators across the world against technology companies and privacy activists. The authorities want such platforms to provide access to messages, calls, and their logs to law-enforcement agencies to aid them with investigations. India, too, has made demands for traceability of communications from instant messaging platforms.

### Why is TRAI looking at lawful interception of online messaging apps?

The telecom sector watchdog has been carrying out consultations to build a regulatory framework for over-the-top service providers (OTTs) — or platforms that use the infrastructure of traditional telecom companies like the Internet to offer their services. TRAI has been looking at the regulation of OTTs since 2015, when mobile companies first raised concerns over services such as WhatsApp and Skype causing loss of revenues by offering free messaging and call services.

The other argument made at the time was that these services do not fall under the licensing regime prescribed by The Indian

Telegraph Act, 1885, and effectively operated in a regulatory dark spot.

Over time, TRAI looked at various aspects of the lack of a level playing field between telecom companies and OTT service providers, including the economic aspect. However, with the boom of data consumption in the country over the last two or three years, primarily led by OTTs, TRAI officials indicated that the economic aspect did not hold ground anymore. With this realisation, the regulator began looking at the security facet of the regulatory imbalance between the two kinds of players. While telecom players are subjected to lawful interception as per the telegraph law, OTT platforms, by virtue of not being licensed, are currently not subject to interception by law-enforcement agencies.

### How will the regulator proceed with the proposal now?

TRAI will submit its views to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), which will decide on the next course of action. Currently, the regulator is learnt to be studying global practices as far as lawful interception on online platforms is concerned. It is also looking into whether other regulators and authorities have been provided any facilities for interception of communications, and could suggest that the platforms should provide the same facilities to the Indian government.

### Under which laws are telecom firms currently subject to lawful interception?

The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 states that on the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of public safety, the central gov-

ernment or a state government can take temporary possession — for as long as the public emergency exists or the interest of the public safety requires the taking of such action of any telegraph established, maintained or worked by any person licensed under the Act. This mandates telecom companies to provide access to messages, calls, and logs of these in case a court order or a warrant is issued. However, the government, while clear on demanding access to message logs for law-enforcement purposes, is not relying on The Telegraph Act to meet this objective. Instead, it wants the platforms to come up with a solution to enable traceability.

### So, are messages sent and received on these platforms not traceable?

Apps such as WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, etc. claim to provide end-to-end encryption of their messages. This has caused some uncertainty among the authorities on how they can seek access to messages.

On the FAQ page on its website, WhatsApp states: "We will search for and disclose information that is specified with particularity in an appropriate form of legal process and which we are reasonably able to locate and retrieve. We do not retain data for law-enforcement purposes unless we receive a valid preservation request before a user has deleted that content from our service."

It also says that in the ordinary course, WhatsApp does not store messages once they are delivered. "Undelivered messages are deleted from our servers after 30 days. As stated in the WhatsApp Privacy Policy, we may collect, use, preserve, and share user information if we have a good-faith belief that it is reasonably necessary to (a) keep our users safe, (b) detect, investigate, and prevent illegal activity, (c) respond to legal process, or to government requests, (d) enforce our Terms and policies," it says. "We also offer end-to-end encryption for our services, which is always activated. End-toend encryption means that messages are encrypted to protect against WhatsApp and third parties from reading them."

### And what is the situation elsewhere?

Currently, there is no jurisdiction anywhere in which messaging apps have been known to provide access to their messages. However, pressure on such services to provide access for law-enforcement purposes has been rising everywhere. The United States Department of Justice has made fresh arguments for access to encrypted communications. The New York Times reported on October 3 that Attorney General William P Barr, jointly with his British and Australian counterparts, has written to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, pointing out that companies should not "deliberately design their systems to preclude any form of access to content even for preventing or investigating the most serious crimes".

In India, Law and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has repeatedly stressed the need to be able to trace messages to prevent serious crimes. While the Indian government has conceded that encrypted messages may not be accessible, it has asked the platforms to provide origin of messages that could possibly incite violence or other mischievous acts.

# Behind Nobel, Chemistry of mobile batteries

**AMITABH SINHA** PUNE, OCTOBER 9

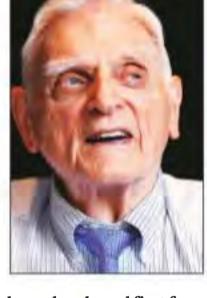
THIS YEAR'S Nobel Prize in Chemistry recognises the work that led to the development of something that we all are familiar with, and depend very heavily upon - the rechargeable lithium-ion batteries that power most of the portable devices that we use, such as mobile phones.

The prize has been given jointly to Stanley Whittingham, now with Binghamton University, State University of New York; John B Goodenough, now with the University of Texas at Austin; and Akira Yoshino of Asahi Kasei Corporation. Whittingham developed the first functional lithium-ion battery in 1976, Goodenough brought in a major improvement in 1980, while Yoshino made the first practical-use lithium-ion battery in 1985. Commercially manufactured lithiumion batteries, based on what Yoshino had developed, made their first appearance in 1991.

### How batteries work

Batteries convert chemical energy into electricity. A battery comprises two electrodes, a positive cathode and a negative anode, which are separated by a liquid chemical, called electrolyte, which is capable of carrying charged particles. The two electrodes are connected through an electrical circuit. When the circuit is on, electrons travel from the negative anode towards the posi-







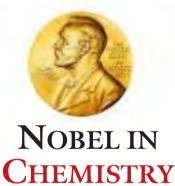
*From left:* Stanley Whittingham developed first functional lithium-ion battery; John B Goodenough improved on it; then Akira Yoshino made it even better.

tive cathode, thus generating electric current, while positively charged ions move through the electrolyte.

Single-use batteries stop working once a balance is established between the electrical charges. In rechargeable batteries, an external power supply reverses the flow of

electric charges, so that the battery can be used again.

The winners' recipe **STANLEY WHITTINGHAM:** When



Whittingham began working on batteries in the 1970s, rechargeable batteries were already available, but were bulky and inefficient. Whittingham worked with newer materials to make his battery lighter and more efficient. The older rechargeable batteries used to have solid

materials in the electrodes which used to react with the electrolyte and damage the battery. Whittingham's innovation came from the fact that he used the atom-sized spaces within the cathode material, titanium disul-

phide, to store the positive lithium ions. The choice of lithium was dictated by the fact that it let go of its electron quite easily and was JOHN B GOODENOUGH: Whittingham's

battery worked at room temperature, making it practical, but was prone to short-circuits on repeated charging. An addition of aluminium, and a change of electrolyte, made it safer, but the big breakthrough was made by Goodenough who changed the cathode to a metal oxide instead of metal sulphide (titanium disulphide) that Whittingham had been using. Goodenough's battery was almost twice as powerful as Whittingham's. AKIRA YOSHINO: Yoshino started work-

ing on Goodenough's battery and tried using various lighter carbon-based materials as the anode in order to bring down the weight further. He got excellent results with petroleum coke, a byproduct of the oil industry. This battery was stable, lightweight, and as powerful as Goodenough's.

### Lithium-ion still best

Researchers have continued to look for other materials to make more efficient bat teries, but so far none of these has succeeded in outperforming lithium-ion battery's high capacity and voltage. The lithium-ion battery itself has, however, gone several modifications and improvements so that it is much more environment friendly than when it was first developed.

# Going back 1,300 yrs, story of Mahabalipuram's China connection

**NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 9

MAHABALIPURAM, OR Mamallapuram, 56 km south of Chennai on the Tamil Nadu coast, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet China's President Xi Jinping on October 11 & 12 in an informal Wuhan-style summit, had ancient links with Buddhism and China through the maritime outreach of the Pallava dynasty.

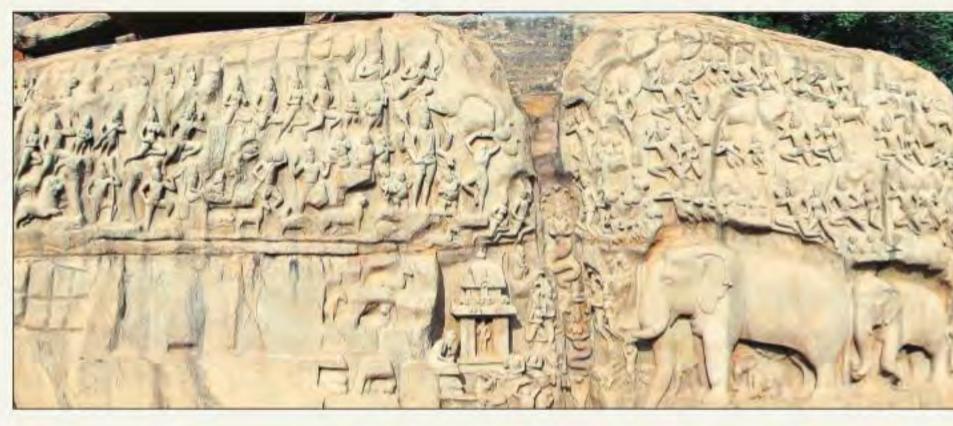
The setting speaks to several contemporary themes in India-China relations and of contacts, both continuous and changing, across space and time. While the powerful symbolism of Mahabalipuram will likely not succeed in influencing China's hard-nosed assertion over J&K and other issues with India, the remarkable historical significance of the venue bears underlining.

### When the Pallavas ruled

The name Mamallapuram derives from Mamallan, or "great warrior", a title by which the Pallava King Narasimhavarman I (630-668 AD) was known. It was during his reign that Hiuen Tsang, the Chinese Buddhist monk-traveller, visited the Pallava

capital at Kanchipuram. Narasimhavarman II (c.700-728 AD), also known as Rajasimhan, built on the work of earlier Pallava kings to consolidate maritime mercantile links with southeast Asia.

Most interestingly, as historian Tansen Sen



The Descent of the Ganga/Arjuna's Penance in Mahabalipuram. Bernard Gagnon via Wikipedia

recorded in his 2003 work Buddhism, Diplomacy and Trade: The Realignment of Sino-*Indian Relations*, 600-1400, Narasimhavarman II sent a mission to the Tang court in 720 with a request that would seem unusual in the context of India-China relations today.

The emissaries of the Pallava king sought the permission of Emperor Xuangzong to fight back Arab and Tibetan intrusions in South Asia, And, "Pleased with the Indian king's offer to form a coalition against the

Arabs and Tibetans, the Chinese emperor bestowed the title of 'huaide jun' (the Army that Cherishes Virtue) to Narayansimha II's troops", Sen wrote. The offer of help by the Pallava ruler, Sen noted, may have had more to do with furthering trade and for the prestige of association with the Chinese emperor, rather than any real prospect of helping him to fight off enemies in the faraway north.

The Descent of the Ganga/Arjuna's Penance, a rock carving commissioned by Narasimhavarman I, with its depiction of the Bhagirathi flowing from the Himalayas, may serve as a reminder of the geography of India-China relations, and their shared resources.

### Hindus, Muslims and China

Tamil-Chinese links continued after the Pallavas, flourishing under the Cholas as the Coromandel coast became the entrepot between China and the Middle East. The links extended to a wider area beyond

Mahabalipuram, through a layered history retained its importance for trade between that has left a rich tapestry of society, culture, art and architecture, which is diverse and

complex, and reaches up to modern times. If he looks south from the platform of the 7th century Shore Temple, President Xi might be able to spot a key symbol of 20th century — the white domes of the Madras Atomic Power Station at Kalpakkam, 15 km down the coastline. MAPS, built in the 1980s, is India's first indigenously constructed power station.

India's secularism and diversity would not be on the agenda of the two leaders — however, their meeting ground is in a part of the country where this ethos is a lived reality. Hindu- and Muslim-majority villages alternate along that coast, each community hav-

ing lived next to the other for centuries. By the time Islam arrived on south India's east coast in the 9th century, Muslims had already started trading with China by maritime routes, Sen wrote. The trading missions that the Cholas sent to the Song court included Muslims. A trader named Abu Qasim was second-in-command of a mission sent in 1015; the next mission, in 1033, included one Abu Adil. "It is possible that both Abu Qasim and Abu Adil were members of the Tamil-speaking Muslim community on the Coromandel coastknown as Ilappai," Sen wrote. Today, the ancient port of Marakanam is a fishing village, known for its Muslim boatmakers.

### **Continuing connections** In later centuries, the Coromandel coast

China and the west. In the 17th and 18th centuries, it was a staging post for the Dutch, French and British for control of the seas between South Asia and Southeast Asia, as the Europeans fought to protect their trade routes with China and other countries in the region.

The ancient port city of Pondicherry, 80 km south of Mahabalipuram, was a French colony famous for its Chinese exports known as "Coromandel goods", including crepe de chine. Today the Union Territory, with its French legacy, Tamil residents, Bengali and international devotees of Sri Aurobindo, is among the most diverse and cosmopolitan of cities in South India.

After establishing their writ on the Coromandel Coast, the British expanded eastward and established control over the Straits of Malacca, essentially to protect their trade

routes to China and the rest of the region. Among the colonial outposts on this coast is Sathurangapattinam, or Sadras, right next to Kalpakkam, where the Dutch East India Company built a fort, their second one on the east coast after establishing

a capital at Pulicat, north of Chennai. Sadras became a huge centre for the Dutch-controlled manufacture of cotton and muslin. The Dutch presence in the region grew rapidly after they established themselves in Java in 1603. They traded within Asia, buying textiles, metal, and porcelain, importing and exporting between India, China and Japan, to keep the spice trade going.

### WORDLY WISE

COME TO THE WOODS, FOR HERE IS REST.

— John Muir

## **The Indian EXPRESS**

Sounded By Sounded Ramnath Goenka

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

### DENYING DENMARK

Government says it's sure-footed on global stage. So, its refusal to let Delhi CM attend climate summit overseas is petty, cussed

RETHERE SOME in this government, that rules the Centre with such a handsome mandate, who feel insecure by the prospect of an Opposition leader going overseas — especially if the latter also has a perceived success story to showcase? This is the dispiriting question prompted by the curious denial of permission by the Ministry of External Affairs to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to attend the C40 Cities Climate Summit this week in Copenhagen. Look at the sequence of events. Delhi's CM is scheduled to join leaders of the world's major cities in deliberating on urban strategies and solutions for climate change at a global forum that brings together mayors, climate experts, business leaders, innovators. Kejriwal is all set to highlight the work his own government has done — of course, together with the Centre, neighbouring states, pollution watchdogs — in reducing air pollution in Delhi over the last five years. It is enough, at the very least, for the metropolis to be seen to be working to combat its notoriety as one of the world's most polluted. He would speak of experiments and innovations, like the odd-even campaign, slated to return to Delhi soon, perhaps face questions on what has worked, what hasn't. But after days of being kept hanging by the MEA — according to protocol, the giver of political clearance — permission is refused. It reeks of politics, not bureaucracy. Is it any wonder, then, that it should invite accusations of Central petty-mindedness?

As an elected chief minister, Kejriwal would have been among unequals at a mayors' conference, it has been suggested. But by the same token, surely an elected chief minister has the right to decide to attend, or not to. And since when has the BJP government become such a zealous minder of the AAP leader's status, anyway? While the BJP has seldom been seen to be respectful to rivals and opponents, or a keeper of the federal spirit, the jousting and hostilities between the BJP-led Centre and AAP's Delhi government, relatively muted for some time, have always been special. The upcoming Delhi election early next year is likely to renew and sharpen this rivalry. If fought on local issues, the record of the AAP government on school education, mohalla clinics and air pollution could matter. It is this possibility, presumably, that is now preying on the mind of the BJP leadership, and holding its hand. Or, it could be sheer, no-reason, cussedness.

Either way, the scuppering of Kejriwal's travel plans sends out messages unflattering to the BJP — and to India. The government prides itself on being more self-possessed and sure-footed on the global stage. That image is dented when it is seen to show mean-spiritedness to another leader, especially of the Opposition, in full view of the world.

### LESSONS FROM AAREY

Governance cannot be a cat and mouse game with the people.

They must be treated as stakeholders

HE TUMULT IN Mumbai over the cutting of trees for building a depot for one of the many metro lines coming up in the city carries many governance lessons. One of them is transparency, to which governments pay much lip service, while acting in exactly the opposite way. In the case of the Aarey controversy, this has been quite literally so. The Bombay High Court had ruled in favour of felling over 2,000 trees in a small patch of Mumbai's largest green area to make way for the project. Those opposed to the cutting believed they had recourse to further legal options, but felt cheated when Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited, acting with secrecy and stealth and under cover of darkness, began cutting trees in Aarey within hours of the judgment. There was no need for this unseemly haste, even if the government feared appeals against the High Court order and further delays. After all, governance cannot be a cat and mouse game with the people. It is not as if those opposing the specific location of the car shed are against the metro.

Delhi Metro showed the way in how people can be won over by the simple method of talking to them. The first managing director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, E Sreedharan, placed much emphasis on interactions with residents along the metro route to explain to them the benefits the transport system would bring. As a result, Delhi Metro was able to cut more than 31,000 trees and transplant 6,000 more without much opposition, while also finding a way to accommodate the concerns of tree activists at the location of one car shed.

Another issue that the controversy has highlighted is the high value people accord to trees, green areas, and open spaces in India's overcrowded, poorly planned cities. Aarey is spread over 1,278 hectares, and the car shed will take up just 33 hectares of this space. Environmentalists have made the case that this patch is a vital part of the entire "urban forest", precious in concrete-filled Mumbai. As more and more small towns become cities, and generate demands for better infrastructure, clearer definitions of forests and green areas are needed. Regardless of whether one opposes big infrastructure projects, or supports them, debate of the kind that has been sparked over the environment costs of the Aarey Metro Line 3 car shed since the time the project was first mooted, is healthy and necessary. India cannot aspire to leadership in the fight against climate change in the international arena, and at the same time dismiss or discourage conversations on the environment at home

### How things work

Nobels in medicine and physics have gone to researchers who have discovered basic secrets of the universe

HE FIRST NOBEL prizes announced this year honour fundamental discoveries of the processes which run the universe and living things in it. Both also look ahead to a better and more interesting future. William G Kaelin Jr, Sir Peter J Ratcliffe and Gregg L Semenza have won the prize for physiology or medicine for discovering the pathways by which cells adapt to oxygen availability. Of considerable medical use, it is perhaps the most significant step towards understanding cellular respiration since 1937, when Hans Adolf Krebs and William Arthur Johnson discovered the cycle mediated by adenosine triphosphate, which powers life.

Half of the prize in physics went to James Peebles, whose theoretical framework describing the universe from the Big Bang to the present underpins all of physical cosmology. Most evocative, both for the layperson and the scientist, is the conclusion that we can sense only 5 per cent of the universe. The rest is dark matter and dark energy, whose presence can only be inferred by their influence on phenomena. These remain areas of mystery, and will prove to be fertile breeding grounds for future physics laureates. The other half of the physics Nobel prize is shared by Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz, for the discovery in 1995 of the first exoplanet, orbiting the star 51 Pegasi. Their technique, using Doppler spectroscopy, supplemented the traditional transit method, and has led to the discovery of 4,000 planets circling distant suns.

Is there life on exoplanets? Peebles appears to be convinced that even if there is, we may not recognise it, because it may not use Hans Krebs' cycle at all. And anyway, we are unlikely to encounter it in the gulf of space. Unless, of course, we adapt to long space journeys on low or no oxygen. The possibility does seem remote.

# The test in protest



Serial authoritarianism picks out targets one by one, and tires out challenges

Pratap Bhanu Mehta

THE noose is tightening around all independent institutions in India. The episode featuring sedition charges against eminent writers and directors — now belatedly withdrawn — is a reminder of the peculiar nature of the crisis of liberal institutionalism in India. The true register of the crisis is not that liberal ideas might be losing, or that elites identified with liberalism might be discredited. Both those phenomena have occurred in the past. What is new is the choking up of the channels of protest in the time of civic oppression. Where does a politics of resistance to civic oppression go?

We cannot rely on the law. A liberal polity relies on unglamorous institutions and processes to keep open the windows of light against the darkness of untrammelled power. We have often relied on some putative motivating power of the law to deliver a modicum of protection, if not justice. The law has often disappointed deeply; and it often protects elites more than others. But the cowardly, almost impeachable, abdication of the judiciary in the face of threats to civil liberties has now made an appeal to the law akin to an appeal to the majestic benevolence of an odd judge at best, and a laughing joke at worst.

We cannot rely on discussion. The liberal faith in discussion is not so much that liberal ideas might win, as it is a faith that there is something addictive about the commitment to discussion itself; it is the habit itself that is the triumph of a liberal sensibility. This is why authoritarian politics disdains discussion. Again, this space will privilege some more than others, but its availability is a form of insurance against worse evils. So long as there is a commitment to "politics through speech," some basic norms of reciprocity will be preserved. But the idea of public discussion is itself under severe threat. There is direct intimidation using law and violence. The main channels of public debate — the media — are now, for the most part, supply-side driven propaganda. Social media can accelerate tribalisation even faster than it accelerates democratisation.

We cannot rely on artfully using fragmentation of power. Let power check power. But the fragmentation of power that we took for granted as a check against undue concentration no longer holds. Regional parties are as

likely to navigate with this authoritarianism, as against it. India's fragmented social identities are now available for new forms of reconfiguration in the nationalist project; they are fuelling nationalism as much as they are resisting it. In any case, a fatalistic belief in sociological determinism to save us was the Left's version of anti politics, as if there were ready-made coalitions of minorities and other oppressed groups who will automatically appear to resist.

But if social power is not fragmented, in

the same way neither is the power of money

— Indian capital was seldom a defender of liberty. But now its taciturn silences are being replaced by a demonstrable alignment with not just state power, but the ideology of the state. It is having to devote all its capital, political funding, philanthropic commitment, media ownership, and even its symbolic capital, to the BJP and RSS. The BJP's insurgency against the Congress was always sustained by deep material support, from Nusli Wadia in the Eighties to regional capitalists more recently. No opposition, political or in civil society, can now count on that kind of material support.

It is undeniable that advocates of liberal institutionalism in India have always been uncomfortable with the grammar of civic protest. The preference for process over protest, discussion over organisation, law over civil disobedience, order over a fear of anarchy, petition over movement, individual authenticity over social solidarity, leaves it open both to the charge of passivity and elitism. But it could survive these preferences when the institutional windows through which this sensibility could do some moderate work, were open. But that time seems to be long gone.

It is a fair criticism of liberals that they have seldom aligned with social movements: Farmers, labour, Adivasis, Dalit etc. Often, they have worked against them, in weakening the legitimacy of their claims. In the lead up to protests against the Emergency, many of these movements were the disruptors that fuelled a general sense of discontent. But now there are two challenges that make it difficult to enlist these demands in a broad-based protest against civic oppression. There is no mechanism by which these movements translate into electoral politics and prove a threat to the

ruling party. And, it is actually easy for the government to satiate the demands that fuel these movements. For instance, each time there is the hope that Dalit discontent will translate into a movement, whether over SC Atrocities Act or something else, the government can satiate demands; each time there is a farmers' movement, the government can announce a policy change. A movement centred on policy change does not necessarily translate into a movement for defending civic freedom. That is how the government has outmanoeuvred those who thought social discontent will erupt.

The protest against civic oppression does not have a focal point. Nationalism has a single focal point, one thing that keeps BJP supporters and organisations united. Gandhi's organisational acumen, feel for organisation and exemplarity is invoked a lot these days. But it is sobering that even those techniques worked largely in the context of nationalism. Civic freedom does not seem to give that focal point for this reason. The government engages in what you might call serial authoritarianism, picking out targets one by one. The advantage of this strategy is not just that others are complacent that they will not be the victims of civic oppression. It is also that it tires out protest, by making each transgression require a separate and discrete form of protest. So we don't yet have a contest between democracy and authoritarianism. What we have are protests against individual transgressions — sedition, lynching, NRC, Kashmir. These are still seen as individual transgressions in a system that is still, overall, legitimate.

But even as we prepare our legal challenges, write in public, organise protests, mobilise and look for slivers of social resistance that can be harnessed in the service of civic freedom, we should be prepared that things will have to get worse before they get better. After all, if we still have the luxury of acting as if the system is legitimate, the system will hoist us with our own petard of legitimacy. This is not a counsel of despair, only an analytic judgement, that the crisis will have to be projected as deep, systemic and wide-ranging, before resistance finds a focal point.

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### A Vision For Bharat

RSS chief's Vijayadashami speech highlighted a culture that has no place for violence

Rajiv Tuli

THE YEAR 2019 will hold a special place in the history of Bharat. It not only marks the 550th "prakash varsh" of Guru Nanak and the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi; the celebration of Dattopant Thengadi's birth centenary is also starting from November 10. All three figures shared the same cultural values and civilisation. They are the guiding spirits of this nation. This was one of the key messages sent by the RSS across the globe as the sarsanghchalak shared his thoughts at the Vijayadashami celebration in Nagpur.

The annual address by the RSS chief holds great importance as the organisation is seen as an ideological mentor to not only to the ruling government but many other organisations that are run throughout the country by swayamsevaks, with a vision of building character to rebuild the nation.

He appreciated the decision made by the present government to revoke Article 370. The people of Bharat showed faith in the strong leadership of the country in the elections. And the government responded by delivering its promise of "one nation, one constitution".

Mohan Bhagwat focused on the Indian economy and areas that Bharat needs to work on. The speech highlighted the misguiding of the Indian masses by spreading the fear about the alleged slowdown of the economy. He emphasised the importance of self-reliance by focusing on the need for the growth of the

Bhagwat also took up the key issue of Swadeshi. The way it has been articulated in the speech is significant. The Sangh believes that Bharat does not need FDI in low-tech products. He categorically reiterated that we need to be careful about who the real beneficiary is and not be misguided by mere optics when it comes to FDI.

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MSME sector. He revisited Thengadi's vision for a "third way" by not looking at the capitalist or communist models of development but developing an indigenous Bharatiya model.

The great emphasis given in our culture to unity in diversity is also important. The RSS's idea of diversity is that one might follow any path of worship but we all consider ourselves Hindus. Some may prefer to use "Bharatiya" instead of "Hindu". The RSS doesn't have a problem with that. Bhagwat made it clear that "terminologies" are not that important, what is really important is the "essence" and "intention"

Bhagwat also took up the key issue of Swadeshi. The Sangh believes that Bharat does not need FDI in low-tech products. He categorically reiterated that we need to be careful about who the real beneficiary is and not be misguided by mere optics when it comes to FDI. A classic example to understand what Bhagwat meant comes from the mobile manufacturing market in India. Indian mobile manufacturing companies once had a market share of 58 per cent. This has been reduced to 8 per cent as their manufacturing facilities are being taken over by Chinese companies.

This core idea of the oriental model of economic development is discussed in length by Thengadi in his book, *Third Way*. Thengadi is one of the most prominent ideologues of the Sangh. He was instrumental

in the formation of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, Bhartiya Kisan Sangh and Swadeshi Jagran Manch. He also predicted the fall of communism and rise of Bharat in 21st century in 1989, which happens to be the birth centenary year of K B Hedgewar.

Bhagwat's speech also discussed the fear that has been spread among minorities by introducing words which are alien to Bharat, like "lynching". Efforts are underway to defame our country and the entire Hindu society. Many of these cases have been found to be false or exaggerated. He highlighted that the legal system in India is competent to curb such incidents. Indian culture has no space for violence but only for peace and acceptance to all. It goes beyond tolerance to coexistence.

For the first time, the need to look at the borders beyond land is highlighted. The world is moving towards new dynamics in maritime security. With huge maritime boundaries, Bharat needs to take care of its islands as well.

Bhagwat concluded his speech by discussing the need to realise the symbolic meaning of Vijayadashmi celebration. The victory of the good over evil is only possible if we strengthen ourselves as individuals, as a community and a nation and to lead the world with an example.

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### OCTOBER 10, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



SC STAYS EXECUTIONS
THE SUPREME COURT stayed all executions in the country on an application by a convict under sentence of death who has challenged the constitutionality of capital punishment. The SC order was ex-parte, but the acting chief justice, PN Bhagwati, and Justice V D Tulzapurkar, ordered that copies of the apex court's order be communicated to all states and Union Territories. The court listed the matter to come up for further directions on October 10. It also allowed the petitioner, Mal Singh, to amend his application to implead all state governments and Union territories as parties so that appropriate orders

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CHINA FOR BOURGEOISE
IN ITS ZEALOUS efforts to catch up with the modern world in economic development, China is turning to its former capitalists inside the country and to the masters of commerce outside — the overseas Chinese. The most famous of the businessmen who stayed in China when the communists took over 30 years ago was Rong Yiren, head of a giant textile works. Today, Rong is back in the Peking limelight as chairman of a huge new statesponsored corporation designed to entice foreign investors into joint ventures in China.

FACING FAMINE
"BOLL LUKHRI PHULA kaans, barsa ka ghar

hoi gaya naas", is a saying in the local dialect in Banda, Uttar Pradesh. It means that the howling of jackals and the blooming of kaans — a variety of grass — are indications that the rains have come to an end. The kaans is in full bloom here even as the farmers are trying desperately to sow their rabi crops Surrounded by the waters of the Jamuna and Ken rivers on three sides, this Bundelkhand district is in the grip of a drought raging in the region. The kharif crop has been declared destroyed. Ten per cent of it that still stands will not bear fruit. For the rabi crop, farmers are keeping their fingers crossed while their women have undergone all penances to please the rain god, but without luck.

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# 15 THE IDEAS PAGE

# Just blame it on millennials

After all, they are investing in experiences, not consumption and commodities



**CHAKRAVORTI** 

"The automobile and components industry has been affected by BS6 and the mindsets of millennials, who now prefer to have Ola and Uber rather than committing to buying an automobile" — Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman explaining why the Indian economy is in so much trouble.

"Today, I have the honour to introduce you to my family" — Prime Minister Narendra Modi to US President Trump in Houston, referring to the US Indian diaspora, disproportionately comprised of millennials.

OH, THOSE MILLENNIALS. They were supposed to be Midnight's Grandchildren, who had shoved all vestiges of their parents' Gandhian guilt and Nehruvian socialism into history's cluttered closet. They were meant to represent the consumerist, urbanising, digitally exploding India. They were the embodiment of what McKinsey had in an early fit of enthusiasm about the emerging Indian middle-class — called the "bird of gold."

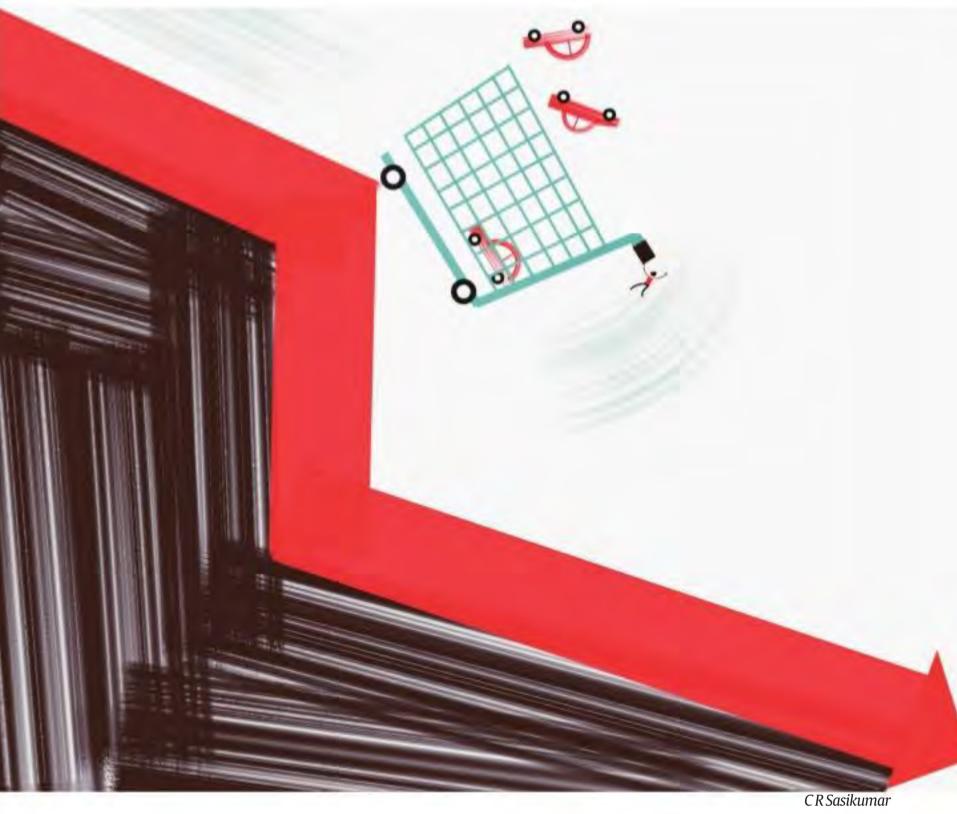
Indian millennials had been handed a political bonanza: Two terms of Modi, a leader they adore at home and in Houston; a muscular post-Article 370 India, which seems to have left a mark on relatively few millennial consciences; and demonetisation, a bad idea then, worse idea now, but popular nevertheless with the demographic. This privileged class has been handed an India with streaming video, teeming cities and gleaming malls. All that was asked of them was to fulfill that promise of gluttonous gratification. Is it really that difficult to just go out and buy a car and join those teeming millions on clogged roads across India? Is it not their patriotic responsibility? It turns out millennials are too busy tracking how many minutes it will take for their Uber to wend its way so they can settle comfortably into the so-called "sharing" economy — in other words, an economy that consumes less stuff. It all seems like a frightening return to Gandhianism.

Finance Minister Sitharaman, of course, called a spade a spade; and since they are the Prime Minister's "family", I suppose it is okay to be honest about family members. There are three dreadful ways in which millennials are killing the economy: they are marrying late; they spend on experiences rather than on manufactured products; they are jobless or can't seem to get jobs paying decent salaries.

Consider each in turn.

Marriage and milestones beyond it, such as having children — besides myriad other benefits - translate into greater engagement with the economy. The very act of marriage is accompanied by shopping for exorbitantly-priced products. If gold buying is one barometer, we are in trouble, thanks to these millennials. According to the World Gold Council, Indian millennials are buying less gold than their predecessors. Even millennial-friendly innovations, such as "digital gold", being pushed by the likes of Google, aren't helping.

A key culprit is, clearly, the marriageaverse millennial. According to the dating site, OKCupid, Indian millennials don't think marriage is necessary for a serious relation-



ship to be classified as successful or happy. Of course, Indian millennials are mirroring trends elsewhere. The move away from "getting settled" (as they used to say back in the good old days) is a global phenomenon. In the US, millennials are paying fewer visits to supermarkets because of these misguided unsettling habits.

Indian millennials, of course, share another thing in common with their peers elsewhere. More than any generation preceding them, they have grown up with an awareness of the mobile phone and the internet. Their digital lives are lived by learning about, sorting and sampling a string of "experiences", such as entertainment, food or travel. Moreover, Indian millennials are the largest demographic block of social media users in the country. Social media is, of course, a beast that must be fed with shares, posts, links and likes. What this means is that millennials are steering disposable income towards "shareable" experiences.

You can imagine the impact on the GDP. For one, experiences are bought in bite-size pieces and may contribute less than a big product purchase. Also, these experiences are more service oriented and do little to help with growing the manufacturing sector. Finally, feeding the social media beast is time-consuming. It is mighty inconvenient to update your posts sitting behind a steering wheel; another reason to get the Uberwallah to do the driving.

Speaking of disposable income, millennials don't seem to have much of it. While those social media companies give you stuff for free as long as you leave them your data, companies that make real things insist on being paid. This can prove to be a serious hindrance to economic participation since India's millennials don't have the jobs they were promised by the head of their family, Prime Minister Modi. Even the ones that do have jobs, don't earn enough.

Joblessness is at a 45-year high and millennials are bearing the brunt of it. The auto

sector, which employs 3.5 crore, has laid off 3 lakh, with another 10 lakh jobs at risk. And it is not just the auto sector, of course. The real estate sector anticipates one lakh jobs to disappear over the next few months. Medium- and small-scale industries, the biggest job creators in the past four years, were supposed to deliver another crore jobs in the coming five years, but they are stalling because of a demand slowdown and a liquidity crunch. Jobs are being cut across textiles, diamond-cutting, consumer goods in what is deemed the "worst slowdown" in a decade, with no relief in sight. Even if the economy climbs back up, less than 5 per cent of the workforce has the necessary formal training, which means that even if the need exists, the jobs may not be filled.

Moreover, the Periodic Labour Force Survey suggests a wages crisis. Seventy five per cent of regular workers earn less than Rs 20,000 a month, with millennials comprising almost 50 per cent of the workforce. It is worth noting that India at 21.7 per cent lags far behind other emerging economies, such as China (53.1 per cent), Brazil (67.7 per cent), Russia (93.4 per cent) and South Africa (84.8 per cent) in the share of salaried jobs. This sorry state should explain why so few of them are rushing to buy an automobile.

Sitharaman would be well served by sparing the millennials and inquiring why the economy isn't delivering jobs, skills and better pay that Modi promised. But that would require deeper introspection and the tedious job of formulating and implementing policies for job-creation. Somebody has to own — and fix — the economy. Maybe the finance ministry could try that for a change. Till then, just let Modiji's millennial family members call their wretched Ubers for now.

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# A case for deletion

"The prime minister (Boris Johnson) continues to play fast and loose with parliament, the courts and Britain's interests. His plans must be blocked."

The Boilers Act needs to be done away with. In fact, the entire Seventh Schedule of the Constitution needs a relook



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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

BOILERS, THAT IS, steam boilers, have been important enough to engage the attention of both the Union and state governments. Boilers figure as entry number 37 in the Concurrent List. I don't think anyone paid much attention to boilers in the Constituent Assembly debates. Boilers figured in the "Concurrent Legislative List" (entry no 21) of the Government of India Act of 1935 and got included in the Seventh Schedule by default. In the Government of India Act of 1919, boilers figured in the list of provincial subjects, but warranted no separate entry. They were simply mentioned as a sub-head under industrial matters (entry 26), along with "factories, settlement of labour disputes, electricity, gas and smoke nuisances".

Between 1919 and 1935, boilers increased in importance. It is easy to see why. The Indian Boilers Act of 1923 was passed "to consolidate and amend the law relating to steam-boilers". This was amended in 2007 and the then minister of state in DIPP (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) moved the bill, stating, "The Indian Boilers Act of 1923, which this Bill seeks to amend, served its purpose well in the initial years of its operation, but with revolutionary technological changes, with the expansion of the economy, with new technologies becoming available for boiler manufacturers and for boiler componentmanufactures as also for users, it was considered necessary to introduce certain necessary amendments to the bill to make it more effective, to lend it efficacy, practicality and a user-friendly ambience."

He also added, "You will also know that the state government inspection gave rise to long delays, corruption; and there were complaints of inappropriate certifications, etc. All of that is sought to be addressed by introducing new organisations and making other inspecting agencies in the private sector to come forward and render this extremely critical function."

Irrespective of whether boilers needed oil and grease or not, inspectors did. Since 2014, there have been more relaxations, with self-certification pushed, though this is primarily the domain of states. Nevertheless, one should read the "State Business Reform Action Plan" — the implementation guide DIPP prepared for states.

I am indebted to Arghya Sengupta of the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy for asking an interesting question. Why must boilers continue to be on the Concurrent List? This doesn't mean boilers should be moved from the Concurrent List to State List. Why must boilers have a separate entry? Why can't they be covered under the industrial safety clauses, as used to be the case under 1919 Government of India Act? To state it more strongly, this isn't a question of amending and tweaking the Indian Boilers Act. Why can't the Indian Boilers Act be repealed?

Between 1919 and 1935, what ostensibly changed was the enactment of the Indian Boilers Act. In my view, what really changed was the report of the Boilers Law Committee. This was a committee set up in 1920 (FD Ascoli was the president) and it submitted a report in 1921. It was this committee's report that led to the Boilers Act of 1923. People often refer to this committee and to the explosion that occurred in Calcutta in 1863. I don't know how many have read the Ascoli committee's report. It begins with the sentence, "The necessity for boiler legislation is due to the fact that the steam boiler is an extremely dangerous instrument, that is liable to explode with disastrous consequences, on account of faults in design and construction, the effects of wear, tear and usage and as the result of careless handling and management at the time of working.'

The world (and boilers) has moved on since then. The Calcutta explosion in 1863 led to a loss of 13 lives and resulted in Act VI of 1864, which applied to Calcutta and its suburbs. Thereafter, two accidents in Bombay led to Act VI in Bombay in 1869, later extended after explosions in "Broach and Ahmedabad in 1871". Following the committee's report, uniform all-India legislation, with government inspection, was introduced through the 1923 Boilers Act.

Reading the Ascoli report, I find the discussion comparing the United Kingdom and India extremely interesting. "It is important to remember that in the United Kingdom it is the custom to insure boilers against the risk of accident of explosion, and that on this account steam boilers are subject to inspection and control by influential Boiler Insurance Companies and Associations.' Therefore, beyond provisions that ap-

plied to factories and workshops, Britain didn't have any system for government inspection of boilers and no such legislation. "It has been suggested that it might be possible to adopt in India a system similar to that prevalent, in the United Kingdom. We have carefully considered the suggestion, but have arrived at the conclusion that it is impracticable. The evidence that we have heard shows unanimously the popularity of official inspection and the confidence resulting from the fact that it is done by a Government agency. The inspection is generally efficient, effective and economical far cheaper than would be possible in the hands of a private commercial concern, the ultimate aim of which must be the payment of a dividend to its shareholders. It is obvious that in India the same confidence would not be placed in inspection at the hands of a private commercial company."

It is this perception that has changed. That's the reason we no longer need amendments to the Boilers Act. We no longer need that specific legislation and the specific entry in Seventh Schedule. Boilers are only an example. The entire Seventh Schedule needs a relook.

The writer is chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM. Views are personal.

# Nipping it in the bud

DEAR EDITOR,

**I DISAGREE** 

A fortnightly

column in which we

invite readers to tell

us why, when they

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'The Indian Express'

E-cigarette ban prevents a disease from becoming life-threatening

PANKAJ CHATURVEDI AND HITESH SINGHAVI

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Vapourised' (IE, September 20). It states that the "ban on e-cigarettes is symptom of a larger malaise – governing by the brute force of a hammer when the subtlety of a scalpel is required". We disagree. The ban is targeted at removing a cancer that was threatening the life of

unsuspecting users. Smoking-related diseases rank among the greatest public health problems of the last century. Smoking, it is feared, will kill around a sixth of the world's population in the 21st century. However, it is not enough to see smoking as just another bad habit. Commerce, social factors and the absence of state regulations play important roles in people getting hooked to tobacco. However, there are positive signs. As per the second Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2016, India has seen the steepest decline in tobacco consumption (17 per cent) in any part of the world. There could be several reasons for this, but certainly not because e-cigarettes, "offer a path to quitting" to older smokers.

E-cigarette is a nicotine containing device that is owned or promoted by the cigarette industry. The basis of e-cigarette promotion was its safety vis-a-vis conventional cigarettes. E-cigarettes are claimed to contain nicotine minus the carcinogens in tra-

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ditional cigarettes. However, nicotine is even more addictive than cocaine. Currently, there is no treatment for nicotine addiction. Moreover, nicotine even in its pure form is potentially carcinogenic. A dose of 30-50 mg of nicotine can kill an adult human.

Needless to say, tobacco is the cheapest source of nicotine. Therefore, pure nicotine is a myth and not a reality. The government of India is working towards the reduction of tobacco cultivation. The use of e-cigarettes stood in the way of this endeavour.

The wolf in the sheep clothing now stands exposed. The US has been rocked by vaping related cases of severe lung sick-

ness. There have been 21 deaths in the past three months. The use of tobacco should be seen as a historical mistake. We now have opportunity to correct this mistake and protect next generation from the killer tobacco

The editorial notes that like conventional

cigarettes, "the use of e-cigarrettes should be regulated". However, we feel its better to nip the problem in the bud. The editorial also talks of the rise in the share prices of ITC following the e-cigarette ban. This is inconsequential because cigarette use is declining steadily in

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India. Globally, the cigarette business is no more lucrative. And, in fact, e-cigarette seems to be the tobacco industry's biggest hope.

Till date, there is no conclusive evidence that ecigarettes prove beneficial in quitting cigarettes. On the contrary, it is known that among those who use e-cigarettes to stop smoking, 25 per cent use along it with cigarette and 75 per cent continue to use it even after quitting smoking.

As a thumb rule, nearly 10 per cent of smokers quit through the dint of will power. Approved drugs (nicotine tablets), under medical supervision, double this quitting rate. An e-cigarette, even if it's proved to help people quit smoking, is a far more expensive proposition compared to medically-approved methods. Fears that

the end users will not be conventional cigarette users but youngsters who are the prime targets of the e- cigarette industry are not unfounded.

We agree with the editorial that prohibition does not work. But that is true for cigarettes that have a huge consumer base. Since e-cigarettes have a small consumer base, a ban is likely to be effective. India does not manufacture e- cigarettes; so, the country will not suffer revenue losses. We do not agree with the editor's opinion that the government should make efforts to connect with "all stakeholders of e-cigarettes". The prime beneficiary of the e-cigarette business is the tobacco industry and its supply chain. The industry that is responsible for the death of more than 13 lakh Indians every year should not be engaged in such a discussion.

The country is struggling to control multiple addictions — tobacco, pan masala, alcohol, cannabis — among the youth. The government's decision to ban e-cigarettes is the way forward towards an addictionfree society.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUPPLY SIDE MATTERS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Trouble

with credit' (IE, October 9). The main factors behind the decline in credit flows are subdued demand and low capacity-utilisation. It is surprising that instead of addressing the demand-side problem, the government implements supply-side measures like the corporate tax rate-cut. Although well intentioned, it is a step in the wrong direction. It has only added to the economic woes in the form of a ballooning fiscal deficit and attendant problems like a depreciating rupee, rising import bills and cuts in public expenditure.

**S Bhalerao**, Mumbai

### FARM HOLDS THE KEY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The wrong way out' (IE, October 8). The conventional approach of fiscal and monetary stimulus methods is a temporary solution to the economic slowdown. The key to addressing the slowdown lies in reforms in the agriculture sector. There are limits to what a central bank can do - the government needs to increase investment. The problem is that the central bank can only facilitate lower rates and push banks to lend but it can't force people to borrow money from banks. Sagar Ghorad via e-mail

### CHANGE MINDSETS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Learning from Bhavkhedi' (IE, October 9). The writer has shone a light on the state of the country's marginalised classes. Centuries-old practices of segregation and untouchability persist in rural ar-

### LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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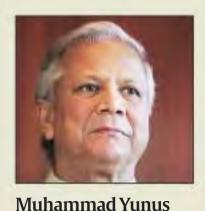
eas. Laws are not enough. The removal of casteism requires appeals to peoples' conscience.

Chinmany Jain, Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Learning' from Bhavkedi' (IE.October 9). In India. caste discrimination is deeply entrenched. Bhavkhedi is not an exceptional case. But it does show the extreme poverty of New India. Children from poor families go to fields to defecate. This has happened when the prime minister was awarded the prestigious Goalkeeper Prize.

Tapamoy Ghosh, Purba Bardhaman

Millions of people in California woke up in the dark Wednesday after Pacific Gas & Electric started shutting off power to prevent what it called an unprecedented wildfire danger. PG&E said it cut power to more than 500,000 customers in Northern California and plans to turn off electricity to nearly 800,000 to prevent its equipment from starting wildfires during hot, windy weather.



### **BANGLADESH** Labour court orders arrest of Nobel laureate

Dhaka: A Dhaka court issued an arrest warrant on Wednesday against Nobel laureate and Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus after he failed to appear in person before it in a case of alleged labour law violation. On July 10, the Dhaka 3rd Labour Court which was hearing a case of sacking of three employees of Grameen Communications, the IT wing of Grameen Bank — ordered Yunus and two others to appear before it on October 8. Yunus is Grameen Communications' chairman. "Though two senior officials appeared before the court, Yunus failed to turn up, following which the chairman of the court, Rohibul Islam, issued the arrest warrant against him," a court official said.

### **DISCRIMINATION SUIT**

### Halliburton to pay \$275,000 to two Muslim employees

New York: Leading American multinational corporation Halliburton will pay \$275,000 to two of its Muslim employees of Indian and Syrian-origins who were subjected to religious discrimination and accused of having links with terrorists by the company's employees. The Houston-based company, one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry with over 55,000 employees, has agreed to pay the amount and furnish significant relief to settle a national origin and religious discrimination lawsuit brought by the US Employment Equal Opportunity Commission.

### **MALAYSIA** Decades-old

### newspapershuts

Kuala Lumpur: An eightyyear-old Malaysian newspaper, which had close links to the corruptionplagued former ruling party, halted publication Wednesday after years of financial struggle, with more than 800 staff affected. *Utusan Malaysia* was the country's oldest Malay-language newspaper, founded in 1939 during British colonial rule by Yusof Ishak, who went on to become the first president of neighbouring Singapore.

# Turkey launches Syria offensive after US troops vacate region

Warplanes, artillery strike Kurdish militia positions; Erdogan says aim to eliminate 'terror corridor'

### **MERTOZKAN** AKCAKALE (TURKEY), OCTOBER 9

TURKEY LAUNCHED a military operation against Kurdish fighters in northeast Syria on Wednesday just days after US troops pulled back from the area, with warplanes and artillery striking militia positions in several towns in the border region. Turkish President Recep

Tayyip Erdogan, announcing the start of the action, said the aim was to eliminate what he called a "terror corridor" on Turkey's southern border, but European countries immediately called on Ankara to halt the operation. Thousands of people fled the

Syrian town of Ras al Ain towards Hasaka province, held by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The Turkish airstrikes had killed two civilians and wounded two others, the SDF said.

Turkey had been poised to enter northeast Syria since US troops, who have been fighting with Kurdish-led forces against Islamic State, started to leave in an abrupt policy shift by US President Donald Trump. The withdrawal was criticised in Washington as a betrayal of America's Kurdish allies.

### 'Operation Peace Spring'

A Turkish security source told Reuters the military offensive, dubbed "Operation Peace Spring", opened with airstrikes. Turkish howitzer fire then hit bases and ammunition depots of the Kurdish YPG militia.

The artillery strikes, which also



A Turkish miltary convoy near the Turkey-Syria border in Kilis on Wednesday. Reuters

targeted YPG gun and sniper positions, were aimed at sites far from residential areas, the source said. A *Reuters* cameraman in the

Turkish town of Akcakale saw several explosions across the border in the Syrian town of Tel Abyad, where a witness reported people fleeing en masse.

The SDF said military positions and civilians in the city of Qamishli and the town of Ain Issa — more than 30 km inside Syria — had been hit, and said there were initial reports of civilian casualties.

### World powers worried

World powers fear the action could open a new chapter in Syria's eight-year-old war and worsen regional turmoil. Ankara has said it intends to create a "safe zone" in order to return millions of refugees to Syrian soil. Erdogan earlier told Russia's

President Vladimir Putin in a

phone call that the operation would help peace and stability in Syria.

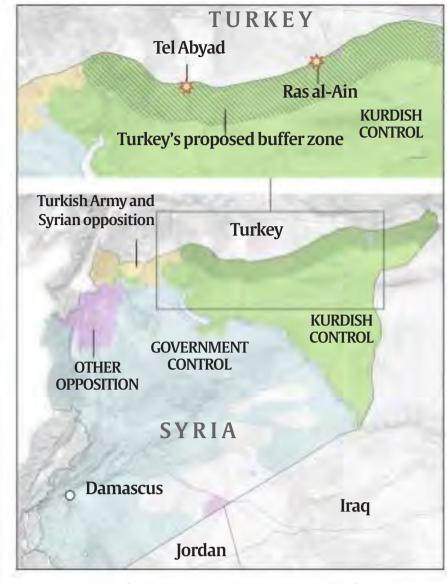
In the build-up to the expected offensive, Syria had said it was determined to confront any Turkish aggression by all legitimate means. It was also ready to embrace "prodigal sons", it said, in an apparent reference to the Syrian Kurdish authorities who hold the northeast.

Turkey views Kurdish YPG fighters in northeast Syria as terrorists because of their ties to militants waging an insurgency inside Turkey.

Amid deepening humanitar-

ian concerns, Germany said Turkey's action would lead to further instability and could strengthen Islamic State, while European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker called on Ankara to halt the military operation. **REUTERS** 

### **STRIKES HIT BORDER TOWNS**



### KURDS IN SYRIA

■Before the 2011 uprising in Syria, the Assad regime had deprived thousands of Kurds of citizenship rights and clamped down on Kurdish political activity.

■ During the war, Assad focused on crushing mainly Sunni Arab rebels with the help of Russia and Iran, turning a blind eye as Kurdish fighters carved out self-rule across the north.

### TURKEY'S STANCE

■ The Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) took up arms against the state in 1984, waging an insurgency for autonomy in Turkey's southeast. Since then, more than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

■ Erdogan has said he will crush Syria's Kurdish militia, which Ankara sees as a branch of the PKK.

## Won't cooperate with Trump impeachment inquiry: White House

Writes letter to House Democrats, says probe is partisan and unconstitutional

### NICHOLAS FANDOS, PETER BAKER, MICHAELSSCHMIDT& **MAGGIE HABERMAN** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 9

THE WHITE House declared war

on the House impeachment inquiry on Tuesday, announcing that it would not cooperate with what it called an illegitimate effort "to overturn the results of the 2016 election" and setting the stage for a constitutional clash with far-reaching consequences. In a letter to House

Democratic leaders, the White House said the inquiry has violated precedent and denied President Donald Trump's due process rights in such an egregious way that neither he nor the executive branch would willingly provide testimony or documents. "Your unprecedented actions

have left the President with no choice," said the letter signed by Pat A Cipollone, the White House counsel. "In order to fulfill his duties to the American people, the Constitution, the executive branch and all future occupants of the office of the presidency, President Trump and his administration cannot participate in your partisan and unconstitutional inquiry under these circumstances."

But in refusing to cooperate with what Trump on Tuesday called a "kangaroo court," the President risked ensuring the very outcome he would rather avoid. House Democrats made clear that they may consider his failure to comply with their demands for information to be obstruction that could form the basis for its own article of

# Constitutional crisis in the offing

TRUMP'S WHITE House has labelled the impeachment inquiry against him as illegitimate and unconstitutional. Democrats argue, however, that the Constitution itself gives the House "the sole power of impeachment". Trump's refusal to recognise this power bestowed on the House leads to a constitutional crisis, which may require judicial intervention. However, even the courts will be reluctant to interfere in a political power struggle between a GOP-controlled executive and a Democraticcontrolled House.

impeachment.

"The American people have the right to know if the president is acting in their interests, in the nation's interests with an eye toward our national security, and not in his narrow personal, political interests," Representative Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee leading the inquiry, said.

The letter came shortly after the White House blocked the interview of a key witness, Gordon Sondland, the US ambassador to the European Union, just hours before he was to appear on Capitol Hill. NYT

### **ON JUDAISM'S HOLIEST DAY**

### 2 killed in shooting at German synagogue

**STEPHAN SCHEPERS** HALLE, OCTOBER 9

TWO PEOPLE were killed in shooting attacks on a synagogue and a nearby kebab shop in the eastern German city of Halle on Wednesday and one suspect was arrested, but two others fled in a hijacked a car, officials said.

The violence occurred on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the calendar in Judaism when Jews fast, seeking atonement. Broadcaster n-tv reported that two people were seriously injured in the attack, in addition to the two killed.

The two suspects on the loose headed out on a motorway that leads to Munich in the country's south, according to the mayor of

the town of Landsberg, adjacent to Halle. Gunfire was also heard in Landsberg, Focus Online reported. A spokeswoman for the Halle

municipal government said one shooting took place in front of the synagogue on Humboldt street and its accompanying cemetery, while a second burst of gunfire targeted the kebab bistro in the city in the province of Saxony.

Max Privorozki, Halle's Jewish community chairman, described how a gunman tried to shoot his way into the city's synagogue.

"We saw via the camera system at our synagogue that a heavily-armed perpetrator with a steel helmet and a gun tried to shoot open our doors," he told the Stuttgarter Zeitung newspaper. "But our doors held." **REUTERS** 



At the site of the shooting in Halle, Germany. Reuters

### CLASHES In Quito Thousands of indigenous

people, some carrying long sticks, converged on Ecuador's capital on Tuesday as anti-government protests and clashes led President Lenin Moreno to move his besieged administration out of Quito. The country of 17 million people appeared to be at a dangerous impasse, paralysed by a lack of public transport and blockaded roads that were taking a toll on an already vulnerable economy. AP

### **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

BEIJING, OCTOBER 9

BEIJING ON Wednesday decried a US decision to restrict visas for Chinese officials linked to the repression of Xinjiang Muslims and called on Washington to withdraw the measure.

The United States has stepped up its criticism of China's treatment of Uighurs and other mostly Muslim minorities in the western region, where rights group say more than one million of them are held in re-education camps.

Washington announced earlier this week the blacklisting of 28 Chinese entities involved in rights violations in Xinjiang, which China has said was based on "groundless" claims.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the visa curbs on Tuesday, urging China to cease its "campaign of repression" in the region and release those interned in the camps.

China had until recently denied the camps existed, but later described them as "vocational education centres" where people learn job skills as necessary counter-terrorism measures.

### **'CHINA DESTROYING UIGHUR BURIAL GROUNDS**

Shayar: China is destroying burial grounds where generations of Uighur families have been laid to rest, leaving behind human bones and broken tombs in what activists call an effort to eradicate the ethnic group's identity in Xinjiang.

US visa curbs on China officials over Xinjiang

In just two years, dozens of cemeteries have been destroyed in the northwest region, according to an AFP investigation with satellite imagery analysts Earthrise Alliance. Some of the graves were cleared with little care—in Shayar county, AFP journalists saw unearthed human bones left discarded in three sites. In other sites, debris of tombs lav scattered in cleared tracts of land.

While the official explanation ranges from urban development to the "standardisation" of old graves, overseas Uighurs say the move is part of a bid to control every element of their lives. "This is all part of China's campaign to effectively eradicate any evidence of who we are, to effectively make us like the Han Chinese," said Salih Hudayar, who said the graveyard where his great-grandparents were buried was demolished. PTI

### Re-arrest former police chief, defence secy: Sri Lanka court

**EASTER ATTACKS** 

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** COLOMBO, OCTOBER 9

THE COLOMBO High Court on Wednesday ordered the re-arrest of ex-defence secretary Hemasiri Fernando and suspended police chief Pujith Jayasundera, exactly three months after they were granted bail by a local court which ruled there was no basis for their arrests for allegedly failing to pre-

vent the Easter Sunday attacks. Both Fernando and Javasundera were arrested in July after Attorney General Dappula de Livera instructed the authorities to charge them for their failure to prevent the Easter terror attacks that claimed 258 lives.

The two have been remanded until October 23.

The re-arrest order has come as a result of a revision application filed by the Attorney General.

Jayasundera and Fernando were suspended by President Sirisena for their alleged inaction on the intelligence shared by India, which warned of an impending attack by Islamic militants, and thereby, failing to prevent the suicide bombings on April 21.

### **AMID GROWING DISCONTENT IN RUSSIA**

# 'An exorcism must be done': Anti-Putin shaman sets off prolonged unrest

### **ANTON TROIANOVSKI** ULAN-UDE, OCTOBER 9

A LONG-HAIRED shaman arrived on foot from the frozen north, dragging a cart with yurt poles and a stove, and preaching that the President is a demon. Days later, a cabby, invoking the shaman, strode up to the Kremlinallied mayor of this Siberian city, yelled a string of grievances and posted his rant on YouTube.

Public protests erupted and continued for weeks, but the shaman kept walking west headed to Moscow, "the heart of evil," he said, to exorcise Russia's President, Vladimir Putin. Then,

what he called "dark forces" — a SWAT team — packed him onto a plane to Yakutsk, a remote regional capital in eastern Siberia. "My tales coincided with the

desperation of Russians who live with injustice, poverty and destitution," the shaman, Alexander Gabyshev, said in an interview at his sister's one-room log cabin off a muddy road on the outskirts of Yakutsk.

Referring to Putin, he added: "In him there is much evil, and he himself embodies the powers of evil, so an exorcism must be done."

That a mystic and a videoblogging taxi driver could touch off prolonged unrest in Ulan-Ude, a city of 400,000 people, underscored the depth and breadth of a new season of Russian discontent.

A spike in dissent nationwide shows that after years of economic stagnation, Russians' patience with their government is wearing thin. Pollsters report a sustained slump in Putin's approval ratings in the last 12 months and a growing rejection of state television's propaganda drumbeat. Waves of protest have roiled Moscow since June, resulting in thousands of arrests and prompting the Kremlin to make rare concessions.

There is no unified nationwide protest movement that might threaten Putin's twodecade rule, but in a growing



in the last 12 months. Reuters file

number of flash points, years of pent-up grievances are being unleashed by previously unknown figures, or by one indignity too many. And despite the threat of arrest, dissenters like Gabyshev are willing to hold Putin directly responsible for their problems. In an echo of how the Soviet

Union treated dissidents, the shaman now faces incarceration in a mental institution. His lawyers say the Federal Security Service, a successor to the KGB, told them last week that their client required psychiatric treatment.

"This is most terrifying what we really feared," said one

of the lawyers, Boris Andreyev. Gabyshev's team says it will fight the attempt to commit him, a process that could take months. In the meantime, he is under orders not to leave Yakutsk.

The patriotic fervor that overshadowed Russia's economic

problems in the wake of the Crimea annexation of 2014 has largely dissipated, and disposable incomes are effectively below what they were in 2013. Emboldened by cheap, expanding and mostly uncensored highspeed Internet access, Russians are becoming braver in speaking out, knowing that even if the state news media ignores their voices,

millions can hear them online. That's why Dmitry Bairov, the cabby whose tirade drew more attention to Gabyshev, rarely leaves home without two smartphones in his gray shoulder bag, a battery pack at his hip and a tripod clip

dangling from a carabiner. "I see that there is injustice — I hear it, I see it, and I talk about it,' Bairov said, adding that YouTube "is the only medium of — what's it called? — freedom of speech." Gabyshev, 50, is a former

welder, plumber and carpenter who took up shamanism in the tradition of his people, the Sakha, more than a decade ago, after his wife died. He said he had lived as a hermit in the Siberian forest for more than two years. By the time he reached

Ulan-Ude in late August, he had travelled for nearly six months, covering 1,600 miles. He predicted that thousands would join him along the two-year, 5.000-mile march to Moscow, to help exorcise Putin. **NYT** 

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SILICON VALLEY IN THE CROSS-HAIRS

# The tech offensive

The battle lines of an American regulatory assault on technology companies are being drawn

velopers. "Infinite scroll", which makes socialmedia apps display more content as users swipe up, would be prohibited, as would automatic playlists for videos. Social networks would need to show how much time users spend on them and set a default limit of 30 minutes a day. Parents of teenagers mustn't get their hopes up: the Social Media Addiction Reduction Technology (SMART) Act is unlikelyto become law. But the fact that it exists—and was put forward by a Republican senator, Josh Hawley of Missouri-shows how quickly the tide has turned in Washington against big technology firms. After decades of letting them do more or less as they please, the state is ready to strike back. Voters are on board:

one recent survey found that two Americans in three support breaking the companies up.

THE BILL, PROPOSED in America's Senate, reads like a coding manual for software de-

Big Tech is worried. Its bosses, once infrequent visitors to the Beltway, have become a regular fixture. Last month Mark Zuckerberg spent a week there, meeting President Donald Trump and lawmakers. On October 1st a recording surfaced of Facebook's boss describing the plans of Elizabeth Warren, a left-wing Democratic presidential hopeful, to break up his firm and others as an "existential" threat. Google's parent company, Alphabet, has recruited as its top lobbyist a former chief of staff to a Republican senator. Wall Street wants to know what all this means for the business models of America's biggest companies. Microsoft, Apple, Amazon and Alphabet are the world's four most valuable listed firms. Add Facebook, which is the sixth, and they are worth a combined \$4.3trn.

Tech bulls can argue, with justification, that all the frenzied activity amounts to little more than exercises, with the odd warning shot. Some tech firms' share prices have been dented by the trade war. None, as yet, has been badly hurt by the techlash at home. Even so. the contours of a battle plan against the industry are emerging. It has two prongs. Officials are using existing laws to pursue the companies, particularly over anticompetitive behaviour. And politicians are drafting new legislation. Neither is yet an all-out assault. Both portend a prolonged pitched battle.

Start with the investigations. The Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the House antitrust subcommittee have all launched inquiries. In a sign that Alphabet's new pointman will be busy, a congressional committee sent the company a 17-page letter last month demanding a decade's worth of emails between senior executives on a range of matters and, on September 9th, 48 state attorneys-general launched an antitrust probe into the company. Any day the attorney-general, William Barr, is expected to announce an investigation into Facebook.

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Most of these efforts so far amount to fishing expeditions. Their precise scope has yet to be determined. Even the division of labour between the investigators is unclear. Although they reportedly agreed to one in June, the DOJ and the FTC have yet to decide which tech titans each will go after, as became apparent when senators quizzed Makan Delrahim, who heads the doi's antitrust division, and the FTC's

US president Donald Trump with Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and senior executives of the social media giant in White House last month. White House chairman, Joe Simons, on September 17th. ing the Senate in January. Besides the addic-Even if the FTC and the DOJ argue for radtiveness of tech, they cover children's privacy, ical measures such as break-ups, and convince online gaming and content moderation. Some lower courts, most federal appeals-court have Democrat co-authors. One, nicknamed judges (not to mention the conservative mathe DASHBOARD Act (don't ask), would rejority on the Supreme Court) are reluctant anquire online platforms to disclose the value of data they collect on users; Mark Warner, a fortitrust enforcers, steeped in old teachings of the University of Chicago, which urge that mer venture capitalist, helped write it. companies be left alone so long as they do not Another, backed by Richard Blumenthal and

Amazon, Apple and Google are being taken to fee and receive random awards, which looks task over their chokehold on e-commerce, app an awful lot like gambling. stores and search engines, respectively. Google With the possible exception of a federal and Facebook face scrutiny over online adverprivacy bill, which tech firms are promoting

before a strict California state law enters into force in January and becomes de facto law of the land, most existing proposals may not get far. Impeachment proceedings against Mr Trump will distract lawmakers for months. If elected next year, a President Warren may not be able to ram her ideas through what is likely to remain a Republican-controlled Senate.

But Big Tech will be under fire whoever wins the presidency. Agencies and politicians are "on a steep learning curve", says another lobbyist. The FTC has a dedicated "tech task force" and two activist commissioners. One, Rohit Chopra, cut his teeth at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, where he led ef-

Bills to regulate tech have mushroomed. Mr Hawley alone has introduced half a dozen since joining the Senate in January. Besides the addictiveness of tech, they cover children's privacy, online

forts to reform America's student-loan system. The House has hired Lina Khan, author of an influential paper on Amazon's power, as

Trustbusters and lawmakers are also gathering intelligence. Besides the missive to Google, the antitrust subcommittee has sent requests for information to Amazon, Apple, Facebook and dozens of other firms. Oracle, a software-maker and old foe of Google's, got one from Texas's attorney-general. Snap, a social-media firm, is said to keep a dossier documenting Facebook's anticompetitive actions, which it is sure to share with regulators and Congress.

Think-tanks which get pots of money from Big Tech are no longer the main resource available to its opponents. Less conflicted brain trusts backed by diverse donors, such as the Electronic Privacy Information Centre, which used to specialise in consumer-data protection, or Public Knowledge, once focused on media regulation, now study antitrust, too. Tim Wu of Columbia Law School and others have devised a legal strategy to make Facebook spin off Instagram and WhatsApp. In September a report from the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago, of all places, called for vigorous merger control and a "digital authority" to oversee online competition. Republicans, who are friendlier to big business but accuse tech platforms (without evidence) of discriminating against right-leaning content, have set up the Internet

Accountability Project. Big Tech is not standing still. Its lobbyists will try to disarm radical proposals. It has squadrons of lawyers on hand. Firms are adapting in anticipation of rules to come. Facebook, Google and others plan to make it easier for users to move their data between services. Neither Silicon Valley nor Washington is bracing for a Blitz. Rather, prepare for a grinding war of attrition.

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gaming and content moderation. Some have Democrat co-authors.

### **CHAGUAN**

# Reasons to be fearful

harm consumers.

Still, the general line of attack is clear.

tising, which they dominate. The giants will

have to show that buying startups like CTRL-

Labs (which develops brain-computer inter-

faces and has just been acquired by Facebook)

regulate tech have mushroomed. Mr Hawley

alone has introduced half a dozen since join-

It is a similar story on Capitol Hill. Bills to

is not simply a way to neutralise rivals.

Xi's embrace of false history and fearsome weapons is worrying

THE MOST revealing moment of the national day parade through Tiananmen Square on October 1st lasted just a few seconds. It came as China's fearsome new DF-41 nuclear missiles, capable of striking any city in America, neared Chaguan's press seat on the Avenue of Eternal Peace. Loudspeakers came to life as their camouflaged, many-wheeled carriers growled towards the grand gateway of the Forbidden City where President Xi Jinping and other Chinese leaders waited on a rostrum. Unseen voices explained how the weapons would ensure that China always retains a deterrent capability, thus safeguarding peace. Turning lyrical, the voices compared the missiles to large dragons that can hide in massive mountains or boundless seas before delivering earth-shaking blows. The hand-picked crowd erupted in spontaneous cheers.

Those cheers reflect two messages conveyed by the parade, which marked 70 years of Communist rule. The first is that China wields such firepower that no country may safely defy it. The second is that China is great again thanks to the Communist Party which is, and has always been, a force for good.

That second message was pressed home by the civilian half of the parade, which began with open-topped, gold-painted buses carrying red princelings and other descendants of Communist China's founders and martyrs. One was a grandson of Mao Zedong, squeezed into a general's uniform. The point was reinforced by marchers dressed as Mao-era farmers, soldiers and workers, dancing and singing in celebration of party-ordained campaigns of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s to tame nature, mo-

China's boss has not hidden his motives. He links the Soviet Union's collapse to the moment that Russian leaders disavowed crimes by Stalin and other Communist leaders. Mr Xi has chosen another course, curtailing the party's previous, limited tolerance for historical candour.

bilise the masses and turn China into an industrial power. Such sanitising of the Mao years is indecent. On balance those were lost decades that left millions of Chinese dead, whether from man-made famines, class warfare or ideological purges. Yet under Mr Xi, the twists, turns and dead-ends of party rule have been tidily woven into a glorious story of national progress. China's boss has not hidden his motives. He links the Soviet Union's collapse to the moment that Russian leaders disavowed crimes by Stalin and other Communist leaders. Mr Xi has chosen another course, curtailing the party's previous, limited tolerance for historical candour.

Previous parades have nodded to live debates. On national day in 1984 Deng Xiaoping, then China's leader, said the country's primary task was to reform the economy to remove obstacles to growth. That parade included busts of leaders purged or sidelined under Mao, and a float from Shekou, a pioneering special economic zone that Deng's leftist critics called cap-

Ed Markey, would ban video games from let-

ting players (including under-age ones) pay a

In elite settings, largely for the benefit of insiders, Mr Xi has repudiated past crimes by ultra-leftists who were deemed by Deng to have deviated from the party line. Honouring revolutionary heroes on the eve of this year's national day, Mr Xi remembered Zhang Zhixin, a party member executed in 1975 for speaking out against Mao-era excesses, though not before her larynx was cut to stop her calling to

fellow inmates as she died. No such candour is offered to the masses. The true story of China's recovery from Maoist ruin was written by hundreds of millions of individual Chinese. They were enabled to raise themselves from poverty through hard work and risk-taking, after Deng pragmatically embraced market forces. Yet in this year's parade, a vast painting of Deng in a Mao suit was escorted by identically dressed dancers waving fronds of grain, as if he were the skilled boss of a collective farm rather than the man who let peasants grow their own crops, transforming rural lives. Later floats, lauding the Xi era, showed such centrally planned glories as high-speed trains and space rockets. Some of the few visible representatives of private enterprise were delivery drivers on scooters, a low-paid group once praised by Mr Xi for being like diligent bees. In apparent homage to this simile, the parade's delivery drivers wore yellow and black hats topped with bee antennae, like heroes in a children's book. As if vanquishing the ghosts of the Tiananmen protests of 1989,



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students from the city's universities marched beneath their college flags, hopping with excitement as they saw Mr Xi, through air still heavy with the fumes from parading tanks.

### China's nationalism is the world's problem

It is understandable, indeed inevitable, that a wealthier China would seek to become a great military power. What was not inevitable was that Mr Xi would embrace populist, nostalgic, red-flag waving nationalism, while glossing over the party's terrible mistakes. Traditionally, those urging China to reckon honestly with the past have appealed to rational self-interest. Brave, embattled liberals have called for more open debate about the

Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution, to prevent such mistakes from being repeated. That argument feels weak today. Mr Xi is not a revolutionary like Mao, bent on dismantling the party. Rather, he is an authoritarian obsessed with stability, determined to assert the party's absolute authority. To that end his team is happy to harness Maoist rhetoric, nostalgia for a simpler, less materialist China and the public's justifiable pride in the endurance of past hardships. Judged cynically, such propaganda is astute domestic politics. Mao-style strongman rule is still a danger, but there is little risk of a return to the mayhem of the Cultural Revolution.

Other countries may have more to fear from Mr Xi's embrace of false history. By telling his people that Communist China has never taken a wrong turn, he is stoking an impatient, hair-trigger nationalism in which criticism from abroad equates to hostility.

China is not the first rising power to seek fearsome weapons. Its people's patriotism cannot be dismissed as brainwashing. Many are clear-eyed and rational in their love for their country and support for Mr Xi. But heavily armed, self-righteous nationalism can start wars. Both China and the rest of the world would be somewhat safer if party chiefs were to acknowledge their fallibility. That Mr Xi is heading in the other direction should alarm everybody.

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