

TELLING NUMBERS

2.2 billion people worldwide living with eye conditions, preventable in 1 billion: WHO



At an eye operation camp in Chandigarh in 2012. Express Archive

THE WORLD Health Organization (WHO) released its first World Vision Report this week, proposing ways to address challenges such as integrating eye care into healthcare systems. The report found that globally, over 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment. In a telling finding, the report said that out of these 2.2 billion, 1 billion people are suffering from conditions that are preventable, or unaddressed. A majority of the cases among these 1 billion cases are of unaddressed presbyopia, at 826 million. This is followed by unaddressed refractive error, at over 120 million.

Rural communities, low-income countries and older people bear the brunt of these impairments, the report said. For instance, the age-specific prevalence of presenting distance vision impairment in an urban population of Delhi (20% prevalence among 60-69-year-olds) was one-third lower than that of a rural population in Northern India (28%).

The report estimated that over 11.9 million globally have conditions such as glaucoma, trachoma and diabetic retinopathy, which could have been prevented. The estimated cost of preventing conditions among these 11.9 million people is over \$5.8 billion.

Surgeries for cataract, which is the leading cause of blindness globally, have shown improvements over time, in low middle-income countries. In

PEOPLE LIVING WITH EYE CONDITIONS (2.2 BILLION)

Myopia	2,600 mn
Age-related macular degeneration	196 mn
Diabetic retinopathy	146 mn
Glaucoma	76 mn
Trachomatous trichiasis	2.5 mn
Presbyopia	1.8 mn

PEOPLE WITH PREVENTABLE/ UNADDRESSED EYE CONDITIONS (1 BILLION)

Unaddressed refractive error	123.7 mn
Cataract	65.2 mn
Glaucoma	6.9 mn
Corneal opacities	4.2 mn
Diabetic retinopathy	3 mn
Trachoma	2 mn
Unaddressed presbyopia	826 mn

Source: WHO

India the rate of cataract surgery has increased nine-fold (6,000 per million population) between 1981 and 2012. This has been possible due to the National Programme for Control of Blindness, which was launched in 1976 and under which cataract surgeries were performed on 6.5 million people in 2016-2017, the report said.

SIMPLY PUT

Delhi diplomacy to fight disaster

At climate summit in New York, PM Modi pushed the global Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. As world observes International Day for Disaster Reduction, a look at the initiative India has taken

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WHILE SPEAKING at the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit in New York on September 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the launch of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and invited all countries to join it. Ahead of International Day for Disaster Reduction on Sunday, a look at what CDRI is.

What it proposes to do

Envisaged as an international knowledge platform where countries can collaborate to make their existing and new infrastructure strong enough to withstand natural disasters, CDRI is the fruition of at least three years of discussions that India has had with more than 40 countries on this subject.

In simple terms, CDRI is an attempt to bring countries together to share and learn from the experiences of one another to protect their key infrastructure — highways, railways, power stations, communication lines, water channels, even housing — against disasters.

Need to protect infrastructure

Many countries, including India, have over the years developed robust disaster management practices that have helped in sharply reducing human casualties in a disaster. However, the economic costs of a disaster remain huge, mainly due to the damage caused to big infrastructure.

According to a recent estimate by the World Bank, Cyclone Fani, which hit Odisha in May this year, caused damage to the tune of \$4 billion. The losses in the Kerala floods last year could be in excess of \$4.4 billion, according to a post-disaster needs assessment report by the state government. In the US, there were 10 climate change disasters this year in which losses exceeded \$1 billion.

Much of the developing world is still building its basic infrastructure. Many developed countries are also in the process of replacing old infrastructure that have completed their lifetimes. Future infrastructure needs to take into account the heightened risks arising out



The Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar during Cyclone Fani earlier this year. The World Bank estimates the damage caused by Fani at \$4 billion. ANI

of the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and other adverse impacts of climate change. Even existing infrastructure would need to be retrofitted to make them more resilient. Disaster-proofing a project would involve changes in design, and use of newer technologies. These involve additional costs which, however, are only a fraction of the losses that a disaster can bring.

"We have pretty good evidence to show that wherever we have made investments in making infrastructure more resilient, over a period of time that investment has basically paid for itself," said Kamal Kishore, member of National Disaster Management Authority. The NDMA is operating as the interim secretariat of CDRI as of now.

An international forum

Disaster preparedness and infrastructure creation are largely national endeavours. However, modern infrastructure is also a web of networked systems, not always confined to national boundaries. There are increasing numbers of trans-national and trans-continental highways and railways; transmission lines carry electricity across countries; assets on a river are shared. Damage to any one node can have cascading impacts on the entire network, resulting in loss of livelihoods

and disruption in economic activity in places far away from the site of a disaster.

To make entire networks resilient is the main thought behind the Indian initiative of CDRI. The platform is not meant to plan or execute infrastructure projects. Nor is it an agency that will finance infrastructure projects in member countries. Instead, CDRI will seek to identify and promote best practices, provide access to capacity building, and work towards standardisation of designs, processes and regulations relating to infrastructure creation and management. It would also attempt to identify and estimate the risks to, and from, large infrastructure in the event of different kinds of disasters in member countries.

CDRI hopes to have as its members not just countries, but organisations like UN bodies, financial institutions, and other groups working on disaster management. It seeks to help member countries integrate disaster management policies in all their activities, set up institutions and regulatory provisions to ensure creation of resilient infrastructure, and identify and use affordable finance and technology.

CDRI and Belt Road Initiative

CDRI has sometimes been seen as India's response to the Belt Road Initiative, China's ongoing multi-billion-dollar programme to recre-

ate the ancient Silk Route trading links. China is building massive new land and maritime infrastructure in several countries. India and some other nations view this as an attempt by China to use its economic and military heft to usurp strategic assets in other countries.

Though the comparisons are not surprising given the competing strategic interests of the two neighbours, the magnitude and purpose of the two initiatives are starkly different. Unlike BRI, CDRI is not an attempt by India to create or fund infrastructure projects in other countries. Having said that, international initiatives like these are not without any strategic or diplomatic objective.

CDRI and Solar Alliance

A more relevant comparison of CDRI can, however, be made with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) that India launched at the climate meeting in Paris in 2015. ISA, which has evolved into a treaty-based organisation with more than 50 countries already signed up, aims at a collective effort to promote the deployment of solar energy across the world. Its objective is to mobilise more than \$1 trillion into solar power by 2030, and to deploy over 1,000 GW of solar generation capacity in member countries by that time. India hosts ISA, with its headquarters in Gurgaon.

The CDRI secretariat too would be based in New Delhi. While it is not envisioned to take the shape of a treaty-based organisation, CDRI can be seen as complementing ISA's efforts. ISA is about climate change mitigation — deployment of more solar energy would bring down the reliance on fossil fuels, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. CDRI, on the other hand, is about adapting to climate change, a need that is inevitable.

With these two initiatives, India is seeking to obtain a leadership role, globally, in matters related to climate change.

Kishore of NDMA stressed, however, that CDRI is more than just a climate change initiative. "It does not matter whether the infrastructure is risk from climate-induced disasters or those taking place due to geophysical reasons, like earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides or tsunamis. The infrastructure needs to be strengthened to cope with all these," he said.

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

Killer cyanide in Kerala: how is it monitored?

There are licences, permits. But in 2002, when 250 kg of the lethal toxin was seized; accused was fined Rs 250

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POLICE IN Kerala have arrested a woman for allegedly killing her husband, parents-in-law and three other members of the extended family over a period of 14 years using cyanide. The chemical was allegedly supplied to the woman by a jewellery salesman who procured it from a goldsmith. Both have been arraigned as accused in the case.

Cyanide is used in the extraction and polishing of gold, and for gold-plating. The ornament industry uses the chemical to give gold its reddish yellow colour, believed to be the "original" colour of the metal, and for ridding it of impurities.

Kerala is among the country's biggest consumers of gold jewellery. How is cyanide stocked in the state, and how is its distribution regulated?

The law and monitoring

The stocking and sale of cyanide is regu-

lated by The Kerala Poisons Rules, 1996, which were notified under The Poisons Act, 1919, which empowers state governments "to regulate possession for sale and sale of any poison".

The Drugs Control Department under the Government of Kerala's Health Department issues permits for stocking cyanide for professional use, and licences to stock and sell the chemical. Any individual or institution can apply for both under relevant sections of The Kerala Poisons Rules, 1996. The applicant must have a valid and legal reason to seek the permit or licence, as well as a technically qualified person to oversee the storage and handling of the lethal toxin.

Number of permits, licences

The Drugs Control Department says only 35 agencies — research institutions, universities, academic bodies, or labs in the government or private sector — have permits to stock cyanide.

An agency can at a time stock only 250 grams; the average annual cyanide intake of an institute in Kerala is 250 g to 500 g.

Cyanide crystals come in packets of 250 g. The chemical has an expiry date of three years from manufacture. Permits have to be renewed every year.

There are no valid cyanide licences — meant for sale of the chemical — in Kerala at present.

Legal source of the chemical

Cyanide is legally sourced from a Mumbai-based agency, which sells the chemical under strict restrictions to institutions or individuals who are able to furnish the relevant certificate issued by the Drugs Control Department. The permit-holder has to appear in person before the agency to procure the allotted quantity of chemical.

Smuggling and illegal imports

The industrial use of cyanide is allegedly dependent on smuggling or illegal imports. The small quantities involved make it difficult to detect and seize illegal consignments, officials said. A police officer of the rank of Sub-Inspector can *suo motu* register a case of

illegal trade in cyanide.

The last seizure of cyanide that officials could recall took place in 2002, when sales tax officials at an inter-state border checkpoint in Palakkad seized 250 kg of the chemical from a truck. The consignment, imported from Australia, was meant for an individual in Kozhikode. Investigations revealed the chemical was meant for the gold industry. The accused individual was convicted and fined a paltry Rs 250 as per the law.

What Kerala proposes to do

State Drugs Controller Ravi S Menon said it is proposed to amend The Kerala Poisons Rules in the wake of recurring incidents of acid attacks, as the use and stocking of acid also come under the purview of the Rules.

"We are planning to bring the use and stock of cyanide under the ambit of the proposed amendment in ways such that the accessibility of the public to cyanide is reduced. We also plan to incorporate sections to reduce the toxicity of the cyanide that is made available," Menon said.

THIS WORD MEANS

ELASTOCALORIC EFFECT

Cooling effect produced by twisting and untwisting of rubber bands. Can it be used in a fridge?

WHEN RUBBERS bands are twisted and untwisted, it produces a cooling effect. This is called the "elastocaloric" effect, and researchers have suggested that it can be used in a very relevant context today. Researchers from multiple universities, including Nankai University in China, have found that the elastocaloric effect, if harnessed, may be able to do away with the need of fluid refrigerants used in fridges and air-conditioners. These fluids are susceptible to leakages, and can contribute to global warming. The results of the research were published in the journal *Science* on Friday.

In the elastocaloric effect, the transfer of heat works much the same way as when fluid refrigerants are compressed and expanded. When a rubber band is stretched, it absorbs heat from its environment, and when it is released, it grad-

ually cools down. In order to figure out how the twisting mechanism might be able to enable a fridge, the researchers compared the cooling power of rubber fibres, nylon and polyethylene fishing lines and nickel-titanium wires. They observed high cooling from twisted changes in twisted, coiled and supercoiled fibres.

They reported that the level of efficiency of the heat exchange in rubber bands "is comparable to that of standard refrigerants and twice as high as stretching the same materials without twisting". To demonstrate this setup, the researchers developed a fridge the size of a ballpoint pen cartridge that was able to bring down the temperature of a small volume of water by 8°C in a few seconds. They suggested that their findings may lead to the development of greener, higher-efficiency and low-cost cooling technology.

Abiy Ahmed Ali, Laureate, for Peace in Horn of Africa: what was his role?

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ETHIOPIAN PRIME Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali was awarded the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for "his important work to promote reconciliation, solidarity and social justice". In its citation, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said: "Abiy Ahmed Ali has initiated important reforms that give many citizens hope for a better life and a brighter future."



NOBEL IN PEACE

What Abiy did

When Abiy became Prime Minister in 2018, Ethiopia had been locked in conflict with Eritrea for 20 years. In July that year, the former Army officer-turned-PM, then 41, stepped across the border, held Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki in a warm embrace and signalled the beginning of a peace effort, announcing to the world that war was no longer an option.

The Nobel Committee noted how Abiy, in cooperation with Afwerki, worked out the

principles of a peace agreement, set out in declarations the two leaders signed in Asmara during that July visit and in Jeddah in September. It also listed domestic achievements by Abiy in his first 100 days as Prime Minister — lifting Emergency, granting amnesty to thousands of political prisoners, discontinuing media censorship, legalising outlawed opposition groups, dismissing military and civilian leaders suspected of corruption, and increasing the influence of women in political and community life.

The conflict, its roots

The stalemate Abiy helped break is about a border dispute that began in 1998. Conflict between the two

countries, however, has a longer history. Eritrea, once an Italian colony, was merged with Ethiopia in 1936 during Benito Mussolini's regime, then taken over by the British during the Second World War. After the War, a United Nations declaration in 1950 made Eritrea part of a federation with Ethiopia. When Eritrean groups launched



Ethiopia PM Abiy Ahmed (left), who has won the Nobel, helped usher in peace after reaching out to Eritrea President Isaias Afwerki (right). Reuters/File

a struggle for independence in 1961, Ethiopia dissolved the federation and annexed Eritrea in 1962. After a war that lasted 30 years, Eritrea gained international recognition as an independent country in 1993.

Just five years later, however, war broke out over the control of Badme, a border town both countries coveted. The violence, which

went on until an agreement to cease hostilities in 2000, claimed 80,000 lives and separated countless families. Since then, the two countries were in a state the Nobel Committee described as "no peace, no war".

What peace brings

In the two agreements during and after



Abiy's visit, the two countries have announced the resumption of trade, diplomatic, and travel ties and "a new era of peace and friendship" in the Horn of Africa. "... Telecommunications have been restored, allowing families that were split up in the war to contact each other. In the days that followed this breakthrough, some Ethiopians

called Eritrean numbers randomly, and vice versa, just to speak to someone on the other side, simply because they could. Others tracked down parents, siblings and friends," *The New York Times* reported.

Ethiopia is Africa's second largest country by population, but landlocked, while tiny Eritrea is connecting by sea to the Middle East. Through the years of conflict, Ethiopia had depended heavily on Djibouti for access to the Gulf of Aden and onward to the Arabian Sea. The peace deal opened up Eritrean ports for Ethiopian use.

Challenges ahead

While the peace effort is a step forward, ethnic rivalries in Ethiopia have flared in recent years and the country has millions of internally displaced refugees. "No doubt some people will think this year's prize is being awarded too early. The Norwegian Nobel Committee believes it is now that Abiy Ahmed's efforts deserve recognition and need encouragement," the Committee said.

It acknowledged Afwerki too: "Peace does not arise from the actions of one party alone. When Prime Minister Abiy reached out his hand, President Afwerki grasped it..."



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WHAT PMC MEANS

Financial sector scams are a warning: RBI must raise its game to remain a step ahead of the entities it regulates

AT LEAST three of the major financial sector scams in the last couple of months in India, featuring Punjab National Bank, IL&FS, some private banks and now the latest, Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank or PMC, apart from poor governance and fraudulent practices, a common thread has been supervisory failure. The country's leading financial sector regulator, the RBI, has been shown as flat-footed, responding only after the event. Like in IL&FS, in the PMC case too, there appears to be culpability on the part of the management and the board of the bank considering that the bank's loan exposure to a single firm, HDIL, alone constituted 73 per cent of its assets and several dummy accounts were created to camouflage this. But often, the issue of dual control by the RBI and state governments has been cited as a hurdle by the regulator for its inability to effectively supervise cooperative banks.

That may be true to an extent, given the limitations in superceding the board of directors or removing directors of these banks, unlike in commercial banks. Yet that alone cannot be a shield for the central bank, considering the role of co-operative banks in ensuring credit delivery to the unorganised sector and last mile access, especially to small businesses, over the last few decades in an economy where the large banks continue to focus on bigger cities and towns. As a recent RBI report shows, fund flows to the commercial sector have declined by close to 88 per cent in the first six months of this current fiscal — to Rs 90,495 crore in mid-September compared to Rs 7.38 lakh crore during the same period a year ago. That would have surely hurt small businessmen, traders and the farm sector. A remarkable feature since liberalisation, has been the resilience of India's financial sector, which may also have to do with the dominance of government-owned institutions or lenders and a strong central bank. If that track record is not to be sullied, clearly, the RBI will have to raise its game on the supervisory front to remain a step ahead of the entities it regulates.

The central bank has already started building an internal cadre for supervision of banks and other entities aimed at enhancing its oversight capabilities. Hopefully, this will be complemented by legislative changes which could lead to greater regulatory control and powers for the RBI over cooperative banks and an insolvency regime for financial firms as indicated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. India needs not just a few large banks and lenders with a national or regional presence but also other players such as cooperative banks, small finance and payment banks. There are voices seeking greater accountability on the part of India's financial regulators. The risk it holds is the prospect of supervisors swinging to the other extreme while poring over the books of banks and compounding the problem, besides stifling innovation. Carving out a separate authority for supervision may only lead to regulators working in silos. With a weakening economy, the last thing India needs is the unravelling of more such firms stoking fears of financial instability.

The policy way out

Economic slowdown may be structural, not cyclical. It calls for removal of bottle-necks, long-term reform



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IT IS BY now clear that India is in the middle of a sharp growth slowdown. The debate surrounding the slowdown is whether it is a cyclical downturn or a structural correction. Diagnosing the problem is key for devising policy responses. Cyclical slowdowns can be dealt with using temporary fiscal and monetary stimulus. Structural problems, on the other hand, require long-run policy responses.

There are a few clues that point to the slowdown being structural rather than cyclical. For one, most of the growth between 2014 and 2017 was sparked by a sharp increase in government spending. Given India's oil imports, the decline in the world price of oil by almost USD 50 a barrel between 2014 and 2016 represented a windfall revenue gain of USD 75 billion annually, or 3 per cent of GDP. Since the fiscal deficit barely moved, the government effectively used the windfall to finance various government schemes. Now that oil prices have reverted towards their previous levels, maintaining a stable fiscal deficit has necessitated a reduction in government expenditures.

The above suggests that absent the oil windfall, Indian growth over this period would have been 2-3 percentage points lower annually. Put differently, the economic slowdown has been ongoing for almost four years now. Cyclical downturns last a few quarters, maybe a year. Negative growth pressures for four years indicate structural problems.

A second clue that the problems are structural can be gleaned from the behaviour of investment demand. Throughout the period 2016-2018, a number of commentators and industry representatives kept up a drumbeat of criticism of the Monetary Policy Committee's refusal to cut rates. The argument was that high real interest rates, along with the restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on banks' lending in order to deal with the NPA problem, were jointly re-

sponsible for low investment demand. Since the beginning of 2019, both the monetary policy stance as well as the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) norms have been relaxed by the RBI under a much more pliable RBI leadership. However, investment demand has barely moved in response.

The good news is that dealing with structural problems doesn't require fiscal spending. Instead, it involves non-pecuniary costs. The government has to expend some of its considerable political capital in order to usher in long-term labour and land reforms. These aren't easy because the state governments have to be roped in to get these reforms going. The move to lower the corporate tax rate is a good one. It has the characteristic of a capital market structural reform as long as it is not used as a temporary fiscal measure. The government needs to signal unambiguously to markets that this is a permanent reduction of the base rate. Else, the uncertainty surrounding the longevity of the tax cut will undo a lot of its potential upside.

The financial infrastructure within which the economy operates is another key structural bottleneck that needs to be addressed urgently. At the centre of this problem is the public sector banking network which accounts for 75 per cent of India's banking assets. Public sector banks introduce two complications to the financial system. First, they allow for capture of the credit allocation system by non-market forces. Second, since the regulator of banks is the RBI which is itself owned by the government, this amounts to the regulator regulating the entity that it itself is reporting to! This system is subject to regulatory capture. The government can induce regulatory changes by just changing the personnel it appoints to the upper management of the RBI or to its board, a scenario that played out in gory detail over the last year.

India needs to urgently begin reducing the importance of public sector banks in the

economy. This can be done either through privatisation of existing public sector banks or through the granting of banking licenses to private operators. Given that the on-tap banking licenses on offer have attracted little interest so far suggests that the privatisation of public sector banks needs to be prioritised.

One of the few transformative ideas that was put forth in the July budget was issuing sovereign bonds. Unfortunately, it appears to have run into headwinds. The idea needs to be pursued for multiple reasons. First, sovereign bonds would force government debt to be priced in a more competitive setting. Currently, it is priced in a sheltered domestic bond market. Second, issuing sovereign bonds will force greater clarity and transparency of macroeconomic data since international creditors will demand that. Lastly, things like failure to achieve policy targets or reticence in releasing data will attract rapid punishment by markets. This fear will provide greater discipline to policymaking.

The government would also do well to revisit the appointments process to key technical and regulatory bodies. Functions like monetary policy, banking supervision, data collection and dissemination, audit of government financial accounts, are all technical jobs. Moreover, they need to be independent of government direction. It is crucial that technically competent people manage the institutions that oversee these functions. Appointing career bureaucrats with little to no domain training or background to run them doesn't help in either facilitating functional competence or in signaling the independence of these institutions from government control. Domain competence needs to be prioritised.

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HITTING OUT

India's statement on Turkey's military offensive may have more to do with Pakistan. That may not be wise

THE STATEMENT BY Delhi expressing "deep concern" at Turkey's military offensive in the northeastern region of Syria which has a dominant Kurdish population, and expressing fears for the stability of the region and the fight against terrorism is, in all probability, what it seems to be — a hit at Turkey for its critical statements against India on Kashmir. On August 6, a day after the government announced its decision to revoke the special status of J&K and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had expressed concern that it "could further increase the existing tensions". Later, he was the first to speak at the UN General Assembly to raise the Kashmir issue and say that the world had "failed" to pay attention to what was happening there. It is not incidental here that the Turkey-Pakistan friendship goes back many decades: In recent years, Nawaz Sharif reached out to Erdogan during the attempted military coup against the latter, and visited the Turkish president after he managed to take back control.

It is unusual for India to hit out in this manner. Delhi has not commented before on Turkey's ambivalent role in the crisis that has unfolded in the region since ISIS erupted on the scene in the middle of 2014. In general, India does not comment on actions by a country not in its neighbourhood and unlikely to have an impact, at least immediately, on it. The statement on Turkey may be part of the "with us, or against us" style of diplomacy that has taken hold in South Block in recent years, where a country must profess loyalty to India and be critical of Pakistan to make the cut. This would be all very well if India was an economic powerhouse. But to be struggling along in terms of growth rate, and to make enemies of other nations in this manner, is not the wisest thing to do. As India knows, every country is worth its weight in votes at many multilateral forums. The election of India's nominee to the International Court of Justice at The Hague came in 2017 because of the widespread support that India garnered. As many as 183 countries voted for India's nominee. There were zero votes against him, and 10 abstentions.

Such goodwill may be hard to come by if Delhi goes around dividing its world into Pakistan lovers and Pakistan bashers, and building its foreign relations accordingly. With the India-Pakistan hyphenation it encourages, that would also be so last century.

MAGNIFICENT MARY

She scales another peak, yet again proves the doubters wrong

MARY KOM marched with single-minded intent to a record-breaking 8th World Championship medal this week. This glorious achievement has come in three weight divisions — pin-weight (45 kg), light-flyweight (48 kg) and now the flyweight (51 kg). She was already the best female boxer beating Irish legend, Katie Taylor's, count of six medals, picking the seventh last time. But beating back all mutterings about her capabilities, magnificent Mary assured herself of the eighth, waving a cheery goodbye to Cuban heavyweight Felix Savon, with seven medals from his 20 years of amateur pugilism.

It only needed to be pointed out that none of her medals had come in the Olympic classification of 51 kg, and there she was in Ulan Ude, Russia, thumping the 2016 Games' bronze medalist, Columbia's Valencia Victoria, by a unanimous 5-0 verdict. For two decades now, that's what Mary Kom has done — danced around the ring, proving doubters wrong. She has won world medals when women's boxing was not in the Olympics. Then, when it got included, when she could lord over others in 48 kg, her natural weight, and now when she faces taller and stronger women in 51 kg — often those who scale down from 60 kg retaining their punching prowess even if the weight was down. She's won medals as a late teen, as a mother of twins, and now at 36 after a break when she was an MP in Rajya Sabha. Mary Kom has been told to leave it to younger contenders. To gracefully make way. To rest on her laurels. With this medal, she has earned the right to slam the door on pretenders and their Twitter amplifiers. For if she can't inspire love, she'll make do with instilling fear by waving yet one more medal at critics and opponents.

UNWORTHY NATIONS

Why India must not reject Gandhi and imitate Pakistan



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PAKISTAN'S UNIVERSITIES ARE not counted among the world's top universities. In fact, even in Pakistan nobody in pursuit of knowledge sets much store by them. The reason is an ideology based on religion which doesn't brook revision. One thought India would learn from this negative example but it has actually succumbed. Following religion, India can start looking like Pakistan. But what will happen to the Indians and Pakistanis deeply convinced by the "inclusive" faith of Mahatma Gandhi who believed in Hindus and Muslims living together as one nation?

Minds in India and Pakistan have been gradually closing because of wars and fear of the "other", strangely becoming identical in the process. Great Indians were not reexamined after the rift of 1947. Today, as we all look back, Gandhi emerges as the great South Asian genius who couldn't convince Hindus and Muslims to live together; but in later years kept inspiring others like Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. He went further than anyone else in creating a single nation in India. What is happening now will simply create more "nations" and more conflict. The Khilafat Movement, the biggest Muslim movement in history, was led by him. Today, Muslims have become disenchanted with their Partition brainwash and look at him as a martyr who could have created the kind of India that could live with itself without conflict.

The pain of Partition prevented a correct assessment of leaders struggling to come out from the subjugation of British Raj. Looking back, it is Babasaheb Ambedkar who stands out as the extraordinary man who tried but despaired of Hindu-Muslim unity. He founded the new state, so to speak, because he wrote the secular Constitution of India al-

though he couldn't clearly designate it as such. He wanted those outside the caste system to be considered socially equal but was realistic enough to know that Muslims and Hindus growing up under the divide-and-rule governance of the Raj will not live together after 1947, and wrote the first book on Pakistan as a "separated" state.

The rise of the nation state was bound to influence the thinking of India and Pakistan and give rise to nationalism. It is amazing that it has taken a century to realise the genius of Rabindranath Tagore, who warned the world against nationalism as the wars of nationalism were on in Europe. That three "nation-states" of South Asia — India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka — sing national anthems written by Tagore reminds us of the peace he was thinking of. India ended up producing more leaders of stature because the Hindu community was more evolved intellectually than the others. It is difficult to ignore the fact that the Pakistani recipient of the Nobel Prize for Physics, Abdus Salam, had to travel to India to thank his math teacher, who was a Hindu. Pakistan is weak in math even today because of state ideology. If this is so, why should India reject Gandhi and imitate "ideological" Pakistan?

Had we listened to Gandhi, we could have grown together with the advantage of interaction. William Leitner, a Hungarian Jew who came to India as an educationist, wanted the Muslims of Indian Punjab to learn math and the sciences instead of what was drilled into them in madrasas. His survey of Lahore under Ranjit Singh is discussed by Pakistani scholar Majid Sheikh thus: "What stands out is that the Hindu pundits ran schools which concentrated on Mathematics, Logic, Astrology, Sanskrit and Persian. They had the Chatsalas

for traders and the Pathshalas for religious training, medical education and also for astrology and astronomy. The Sikhs concentrated on Gurumukhi and the Granths. The Muslims taught Arabic, the Quran and Persian, with a few also teaching Urdu, which was a relatively new language for the people. This provides a graphic picture of the mindset of the different communal groups."

If there is anything to learn from this for the Hindutva enthusiasts in South Asia it is this. Religion guides you spiritually and teaches you humanity above all, not violent division based on identity. Leitner tried to furtively introduce this humanity through "new" education for the Muslims in Lahore by founding the Government College Lahore and giving it the motto "Courage to Know", a translation of Latin "Sapere Aude", the motto given by Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) to the Enlightenment in Europe. He never told anyone about the real meaning of the motto till Pakistan's great poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz used it in an Urdu poem after Partition. Today, India and Pakistan should be in peaceful coexistence opening up free trade and aiming at "normalisation" rather than "dispute" resolution.

All disputes will be resolved as a consequence of normalisation. (After all China and India, involved in border skirmishes, have a trade turnover of over \$80 billion.) Bangladesh and India have disputes but "normal relations" have led to them being friends. Result: A prosperous Bangladesh. A "failed" Babu would still have liked an "interactive" South Asia rather than a couple of "nuclearised" states lunging at each other.

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OCTOBER 12, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

KOYA IS KERALA CM
WITH THE KERALA governor formally appointing the three-member council of ministers, headed by C H Mohammed Koya of the Muslim League, interest has again shifted to the exercise by the partners of the new political alliance to provide some cohesion and credibility to the set-up. As the state assembly, which was adjourned sine die on October 4 following the resignation of the ministry, is proposed to be convened again, possibly in the third week of this month, a sense of urgency has been introduced in the efforts of the leaders to remove the conflicts among the parties and pave the way for an early expansion of the ministry. It is learnt that a

Harijan legislator who had reportedly rebelled against the leadership of one of the parties which had left the ruling front, is tipped for ministership.

PARTIAL BANDH
THE DELHI BANDH, called by all the main central trade unions to express solidarity with the striking textile workers, was only partially successful. While industrial workers, bankmen and LIC employees mostly abstained from work, the supply of electricity, water and milk remained unaffected. The DTC bus service was normal and autorickshaws and taxis were freely available. Factories and small-scale units were closed

as were Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University. Most of the main markets including Chandni Chowk and Connaught Place were open.

ESPIONAGE CASE
THE SPECIAL BRANCH of the Delhi Police has, in a surprise move, requested the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate S M Agarwal to discharge the Calcutta businessman C A Martin, an accused in the espionage case which came to light early this year. Martin is a foreign national. Those arrested in the case included a junior government official, Joseph Mahapat. Two members of a diplomatic mission were "asked to leave the country".

Un-civic nationalism

Attempts are being made to dismantle the pluralistic ideas of India that are a legacy of Gandhi and Tagore



C R Sasikumar

trenchant in his criticism of the western idea of the nation-state, "with all its paraphernalia of power and prosperity, its flags and pious hymns... its mock thunders of patriotic bragging", and of how it stokes a national conceit that makes society lose its moral balance. Nehru, who was personally close to Gandhi and ideologically close to Tagore, saw more value in the modern state than they did in providing a unifying structure in a divided society and in unleashing the forces of planned economic development.

By the time the Indian Constitution was framed, both Gandhiji and Tagore were dead. Nehru (along with Ambedkar), in leading the way, drew upon the society-centric pluralistic idea of nationalism of Gandhiji and Tagore and gave it a legal-judicial form in the Indian Constitution. The Nehru-Ambedkar idea of nationalism, forged and refined through elaborate deliberations of the Constituent Assembly, gave India the basis of its civic nationalism that prevailed for many decades.

It is this inclusive idea of civic nationalism that is now being attempted to be dismantled by the Hindu nationalists. Even at the time of the framing of the Constitution, the RSS had opposed the Constitution as "western", even though in their earlier history, many of their leaders used to admire the ethnic basis of nationalism in a western country, Germany — their revered leaders like Savarkar and Golwalkar had expressed open admiration for the efficient Nazi system of mobilising and organising the German nation. Earlier, Japanese nation-state had also been inspired by German history. It is not surprising that Tagore's lectures in Japan as early as 1916 against the aggrandising nation-state did not make him popular with the Japanese.

In the West, the US is a case where the idea of civic nationalism was pursued (though not always successfully). In a 2009 speech, Barack Obama said: "One of the great

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strengths of the United States is... we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation, (but) a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values", presumably as enshrined in the Constitution. This is a major historical example of what the German philosopher Habermas calls "constitutional patriotism", as opposed to patriotism based on "blood and soil" which used to have popular appeal in Germany, and which in history has been associated with a great deal of persecution, violence and devastation. It is this German history that Einstein may have had in mind when he said nationalism is "an infantile disease, the measles of mankind".

This battle of alternative versions of nationalism is raging all over the world today. Our identities are necessarily multi-layered but ethnic nationalists privilege one of these layers, usually based on the narrow particularities of religion, language or culture that makes it easy to mobilise certain groups. In the name of national integration and fighting enemies, both outside and within, they undermine minority rights and procedures of democracy, they accuse liberals of appeasing the minorities (blacks and Hispanics in the US, immigrants in Europe, Kurds in Turkey, Muslims in India), and try to suppress dissent as "anti-national". Civic nationalism, on the other hand, emphasises the procedural aspects of democracy, and through its stress on liberal constitutional values tries to use the pre-commitment of a foundational document to bind the hands of subsequent generations against majoritarian tendencies curbing basic civil rights. If we lose this ideological battle in India, the foundational values of our multi-cultural society that our earlier great social thinkers adored will be in serious danger.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The ditching of Kurdish-led forces threatens to destabilise the region (Syria) further. It is just the latest proof of the dangers of this president's (Trump) foreign dealings." — THE GUARDIAN

Reality calls for simple words

There may not be a word for lynching in most Indian languages. There is no doubt that we need one



SAIKAT MAJUMDAR

"SOUTHERN TREES BEAR a strange fruit," sang Billie Holiday, "Blood on the leaves and blood at the root." What is this strange fruit? Quickly, we get the answer: "Black bodies swingin' in the Southern breeze/ Strange fruit hangin' from the poplar trees" It is strange fruit. It is strange, of course, because it is no fruit. They are corpses of murdered black men. But it is also strange because that's not where you expect corpses to be. In battlefields, yes. On the roadside, maybe. In the gutter, perhaps.

Corpses are not meant to fly in the sky. Hang from trees in droves. That is almost as terrifying as the marching Birnam Wood was to a villainous Macbeth. It is strange because it is new. Always. Even after 4,743 bodies — the number of people lynched between 1882 and 1968 in the United States, as estimated by the NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The "pastoral scene of the gallant South," in Holiday's haunting words, was split open by "the bulgin' eyes and the twisted mouth" of destroyed black bodies, the "scent of magnolias sweet and fresh" suddenly ripped apart by "the sudden smell of burnin' flesh."

But soon, that which is not a fruit becomes one. It suffers the fate of being eaten by birds, flooded by rains, pushed around by the wind, wizened by the sun. In the end, "for the tree to drop." "Here is a fruit for the crows to pluck/For the rain to gather For the wind to suck/For the sun to rot/For the tree to drop"/Finally, it becomes crop./But what a crop! "Here is a strange and bitter crop"

Outlandish no more, the metaphor enters reality. The English language too, gets a new word: *Lynching*.

It is a word that is most directly associated with the planned but extrajudicial murder of African-American people in the American south, carried out by white groups in public. The alleged crimes were anything from resistance to slavery, attempt to escape to freedom, to charges of sedition to perceptions of threats to white property or person, including sexual threats to white women. As with most of the crimes oppressed and enslaved blacks were accused of committing, most of the alleged violations that led to lynching were unfounded or greatly exaggerated.

"Lynch" came from the phrase "Lynch Law," which was a term for this method of "execution" without trial. The two brothers who lent their names to this phrase were Charles and William Lynch, who lived in Virginia in the 1780s.

The claim made this week by the RSS chief, Mohan Bhagwat, that "lynching" isn't an Indian word has rocked the nation. The uproar isn't just about language — the assumption lurking under this claim, that the practice of lynching too, is alien to India,

is what has taken the nation by storm, most of all, people with conscience who have been tormented by the spate of execution-style murders by frenzied mobs, in most instances, of members of minority groups perceived to have violated customs and beliefs held by the mainstream.

I have to say that Bhagwat is right. Growing up speaking Bangla, I knew the word "gonodholai," public thrashing, the kind that a pickpocket might get if caught in a crowded bus. But every Bengali knows that the word is actually meant to be funny — the kind reserved for the blasphemer who badmouths Rabindranath or Satyajit Ray on a Calcutta street, rather than a real criminal — though we all know many a pickpocket has been treated to its flavour in public as well.

The word in Hindi that the internet keeps suggesting as its equivalent is "hatya". But "hatya" — murder in most Sanskrit-derived Indian languages — is nothing like a pre-planned, extra-judicial murder by a mob, especially that of a member of a disempowered minority.

Does reality create language? Or does language create reality? Thinkers as varied as Ludwig Wittgenstein and Jacques Lacan would have us believe the latter. But reality is always calling out for new words to be added to our dictionaries. "Twerk", "derp", "selfie", "phablet" were all added in the last few years to articulate aspects of contemporary digital culture. Sometimes, as with "mansplaining", it is the work of a new political conscience.

This is what my colleague, the literary scholar and translator Rita Kothari, had to say in her recent social media post: "Should we then create a tatsam Sanskrit word for 'lynching' so that Mr. Bhagwat is truly convinced of it as a reality? Or should he wonder why we have not needed to use this word before? This business of words signalling realities that existed is used so conveniently by different sections. And states of feeling that have no name must wait till we have named them. Language was not an already formed mansion in which we went to live; it is rather a house in the making that exists in and through incompleteness."

This is why the fruit was strange in Holiday's song. Its corporeality was strange on the trees. Abel Meerapool wrote it as a poem in 1937. Holiday sang it in 1939. Most instances of lynching occurred in the US at the turn of the century. But the NAACP records cases of lynching happening as late as in 1968.

The word "lynching" was coined in the 18th century American South in the sense of a legal term. Extra-judicial or not, the contemporary white sensibility perceived it as more or less legitimate, if not a legal action. In the 1930s, with the success of the Civil Rights movement still three decades away, bleeding black bodies on southern trees became strange fruit again. Strange, but real.

Reality calls out for metaphors. Sometimes, it calls out for simple words with straight meanings. There may not be a word for "lynching" yet in most Indian languages. But finally we have arrived in an India where we need one.

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PRANAB BARDHAN

IN THE WORLD'S largest half-democracy, we have by now got used to a constant barrage of spin, half-truths and lies which has successfully hijacked the legacy of past leaders for its own cause — Gandhiji, Patel, Netaji Bose, Bhagat Singh, Vivekananda and even Ambedkar — although all of them were openly against the idea of Hindutva, as currently interpreted, and Hindu Rashtra. In the sphere of ideology, the idea of nationalism is in the process of being hijacked. Already for many in our country (including the hysterically cheer-leading sections of the media), nationalism is narrowly taken as majoritarianism in the service of a jingoistic state and focused on hating a neighbouring country (and, of course, "enemies within"). The British politician, Nye Bevan, after his first visit to Pakistan in its early days is reported to have thus described that country: "I have never been to a country so much in love with hate". Unfortunately, we are fast reaching a situation where this description may fit our country as well.

Religion-based nationalism as propagated by Jinnah, and opposed by Gandhiji, was the basis of the formation of Pakistan. All over the world today, ethnic nationalism of one kind or another is making a comeback — Christian nationalism in Poland and Hungary, white nationalism among evangelical Christians in the US, Slavic and orthodox-church based nationalism in Russia, Islamic nationalism in Turkey and Indonesia and so on. About a hundred years back, the leaders of social thinking in India applied their mind to what should be the basis of nationalism in the diverse, extremely heterogeneous society of India. I have particularly in mind the thoughts of Gandhiji and Tagore on nationalism expressed in various forms (essays and lectures by both, and in the case of Tagore, also in literature with several poems and at least three novels — one of which later was the basis of a widely-known Satyajit Ray movie, *Ghare Baire*) in the first three decades of the 20th century.

They were, of course, both anti-imperialists, thus sharing in the popular movements of nationalism against colonial rulers, but they wanted to go beyond this to think about a more positive basis of nationalism. Both of them found the nation-state of European history, with a singular social homogenising principle and militarised borders and jingoistic mobilisation against supposed enemy states, unacceptable and unsuitable for India's diverse society. Instead, they both drew upon the long folk-syncretic tradition of Indian society (which grew out of the layers of sediments formed by successive waves of social reform and rebellion, called the bhakti movements, against the dominance of the rigid Hindu brahminical system, over many centuries in different parts of India), extolling inter-faith tolerance and pluralism, and wanted to make that the constructive basis of Indian nationalism.

Both Gandhiji and Tagore were deeply religious persons. But Gandhiji openly said, "Free India will not be a Hindu Raj; it will be an Indian Raj, based not on the majority of any religious sect or community". Tagore was

Green versus green

On Aarey, a plea to Mumbaikars to give precedence to long-term benefits of Metro



SAVIO RODRIGUES

MUMBAI IS CLEARLY divided over the Aarey Depot issue. On one side, there are citizens who believe that pollution in Mumbai has reached devastating levels with resultant impact on the health of the common Mumbaikar. So, we need to have a robust public transport system, the Mumbai Metro, to ease dependency on vehicular transportation. Their belief is that reduction in vehicular traffic will improve the city's environmental conditions. On the other side, we have citizens who believe that the felling of trees at the Aarey Milk Depot site will further deteriorate the environmental conditions in Mumbai because the city needs to retain its green cover.

To be honest, both groups are logical, both love Mumbai and both are environmentally conscious. To the people of Mumbai, the toughest decision is to be able to balance the long-term environmental benefits with the short-term environmental gains.

The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) has felled 2,141 trees. It was granted this permission by the Tree Authority; this permission was challenged at the Bombay High Court. The court dismissed the petition and allowed MMRCL to proceed with its scheduled work on the project. The protestors leading one group of concerned citizens approached the Supreme Court, which has ordered a status quo on the

cutting off trees.

I have studied the Mumbai Metro Line-3 (MML-3) project over the last several weeks and have come to understand that MML-3 will carry 17 lakh passengers every day and thereby removing 6.5 lakh vehicle trips off the road, which will, in turn, reduce 2.61 lakh tonnes of CO2 pollution every year. If the same amount of pollution is to be reduced just by planting trees, Mumbai would need more than two crore trees, for which there is no space in the city.

Mumbai is so polluted due to the large number of vehicles in the city. In my understanding, the temporary strain on the environment caused by cutting 2,141 trees at Aarey Milk Colony in terms of CO2 sequestration, will be compensated just by four days of Metro Line 3 operations. The damage envisaged over the trees' lifetime will be compensated by 80 days operations.

The MMRCL in its communication has stated that it has adopted sustainable mitigation measures for the temporary environmental strain the project might cause. It has planted 14,346 trees with 6"x 12" girth and 12-15 feet height of native variety and also planted 9,500 trees as per the Forest Department norms under CSR. A total 23,846 trees have been planted at different locations, including the degraded areas of

Borivali National Park. The trees are of native varieties like Sita Ashok, Kadamb, Arjun and Kanchan. The MMRCL reportedly intends to plant 3,000 more trees and is in discussion with the Maharashtra government to find suitable land to plant these trees.

Every day, at least 10 people die on suburban rail tracks either because of trespassing or by falling from crowded trains. About the same number of people get injured. The loss of 3,500-4,000 lives every year for the past many years has been a matter of great concern for India's financial capital.

Many families have been devastated by the untimely death of their bread earner in such mishaps. Precious lives can be saved only if there is a substantial capacity expansion of rail-based public transport, the Metro. The entire Metro network, I understand, will have the capacity to carry more than one crore passengers by 2041. This would lead to a safer commute on suburban trains as well.

Metro Line-3 will be the most important and efficient corridor of the Mumbai Metro network. It has a huge potential to provide Mumbaikars a safer, more comfortable and reliable mode of transport.

Tree cutting may cause temporary strain to the environment but the benefits of Metro-3 in terms of reduction in pollution, reduction in traffic congestion and saving of

lives substantially outweigh this environmental strain.

As a former resident of Mumbai, and someone who travels to Mumbai quite often on work, I am clear that Mumbai needs a robust transport system such as the Metro. I am emotional about the issue, every Mumbaikar would be. But being emotional cannot make us blind to the truth about the dual need of the MML-3: To save the environment and save lives.

Shifting the Metro Aarey Depot is not only illogical at this point of time but also financially unviable. It will also not meet the deadline of the Metro's commencement of operations. The MML-3 project is registered with the United Nations Framework for Climate Change under the Clean Development Mechanism. That gives me confidence that MML-3 project will walk the path of environmental sensitivities and sustainable development.

I appeal to all Mumbaikars. Let's come together to make Mumbai greener with a robust and ecological sound transport system project.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEOPLE LEFT OUT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Lessons from Aarey' (IE, October 10). The MMRCL started felling trees immediately after the high court order. This is an example of opaque governance. People are crucial stakeholders in the process of development but are consistently neglected by the government. Aarey is a reminder that without the involvement of people in governance, a development process cannot succeed.

Ravi Deshmukh, Parbhani

VENTURE TRUSTS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Charity for business' (IE, October 8). In the past, some charitable/religious trusts have tried to manufacture greeting cards, candles and incense sticks. But their cost of production is so high that they become unsaleable. Investment by them in venture capital would cause misuse or wrong investment which would drain funds of trusts. The government should initiate a deposit scheme for investment by trusts which may be used to finance venture capital.

Shobha Ahuja, Parwanoo

PRIVACY VS SECURITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Privacy rights and wrongs' (IE, October 11). Article 19 provides freedom of expression but also empowers the government to impose reasonable restrictions on matters related to defamation and

LETTER OF THE WEEK

THEY DO SPEND

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Just blame it on millennials', (IE, October 10). The spending priorities of millennials are definitely from that of the generation preceding. They do not like to invest in real estate or automobiles unless there is a dire need for the same. But millennials are also known to spend on a range of products and services. Generous provision for non-food expenditure is a regular feature of the monthly budget of any millennial. India, in fact, could actually realise the visible benefit of the economic reform of 1991 only after the first batch of millennials entered the job market.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

security of state. This means that the government can impose restriction only when a chat in the OTT violates the reasonable restriction mentioned in Article 19(2). But for that, governments will have to read every chat. The government trying to introduce a surveillance state on the pretext of security.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad



“Well, I’m going to assume it’s a guy who said that, and I’m going to say, ‘then just marry one woman. I’m cool with that. Assuming you can find one.’”

— ELIZABETH WARREN, when asked how she would respond to someone who said he believed marriage should be between one man and one woman.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Alexei Leonov conducted the first spacewalk in 1965

RUSSIA
Leonov, first man to perform spacewalk, dies

Moscow: Alexei Leonov, a Soviet-era cosmonaut who was the first man to conduct a spacewalk in 1965, died in Moscow on Friday aged 85 after a long illness. The Russian space agency Roscosmos said it was saddened to announce the death of “cosmonaut No 11” who was twice decorated with the country’s top honour, the Hero of the Soviet Union. Leonov was a close friend of Yuri Gagarin, who became the first human to go to outer space in 1961. Four years later, Leonov made history when he left a spacecraft during the Voskhod 2 mission for a spacewalk that lasted 12 minutes and nine seconds.

BREXIT
EU, Britain to hold ‘intense’ negotiations

Brussels: The 27 countries staying in the European Union after Britain leaves gave the go-ahead on Friday for their chief negotiator to hold another round of intense and secret negotiations with London in a bid to secure a deal, two senior diplomatic sources said. Michel Barnier and his British counterpart Stephen Barclay had earlier held what both sides called a “constructive” meeting in Brussels as Britain’s scheduled departure date of Oct 31 grew closer. Their meeting followed a burst of optimism after the British and Irish Prime Ministers said on Thursday they had found “a pathway” to a possible deal.

POLAND
Free transport in city for readers of Nobel laureate

Warsaw: Public transport will be free through the weekend for anyone carrying a book by Poland’s newly minted Nobel literature laureate Olga Tokarczuk in her western city of Wrocław, local officials said Friday. “As soon as we heard the news Thursday that Olga Tokarczuk won the Nobel, we wanted to share our joy with all the residents of our city which recently made the writer an honorary citizen,” a city hall spokesman said. Tokarczuk splits her time between Wrocław and the village of Krajanow.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Former US ambassador to Ukraine says Trump pushed for her ouster

Appears for deposition in House despite administration declaring no cooperation

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 11

FORMER US Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch told lawmakers Friday that President Donald Trump pressured the State Department to oust her from her position.

Yovanovitch said in an opening statement obtained by *The Associated Press* that she was “abruptly” recalled in May and told the president had lost confidence in her. She said she was told by an official that there was a “concerted campaign against me” and that Trump had pressured officials to remove her for almost a year.

“Although I understand that I served at the pleasure of the President, I was nevertheless incredulous that the US government chose to remove an ambassador based, as best as I can tell, on unfounded and false claims by peo-



Marie Yovanovitch (centre), arrives at Capitol Hill. AP

ple with clearly questionable motives,” she wrote in the statement.

Yovanovitch appeared on Capitol Hill Friday for a deposition in the Democrats’ impeachment inquiry, despite Trump’s declaration that no one in his administration would cooperate with the probe. The Democrats are investigating Trump’s dealings with the Ukrainian President.

Yovanovitch is now a State

Department fellow at Georgetown University. Trump said earlier this week he would block all officials from testifying. It was unclear if Yovanovitch’s appearance signalled a shift in that strategy.

In a July 25 phone call, which triggered the impeachment inquiry, Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that Yovanovitch was “bad news,” according to a partial transcript re-

leased by the White House. Businessmen with ties to Giuliani lobbied a US congressman in 2018 for help ousting Yovanovitch, according to an indictment made public Thursday following the men’s arrest. It alleges that the men leveraged a flurry of GOP political donations to force Yovanovitch’s removal, an effort prosecutors say was aided by laundered foreign money.

— MARIE YOVANOVITCH
FORMER U.S. ENVOY TO UKRAINE

MORE SETBACKS FOR PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL RECORDS
A federal appeals court ruled Friday that Trump’s financial records must be turned over to the House of Representatives.

GIULIANI AIDES
Two businessmen who helped Trump’s lawyer Rudy Giuliani probe Joe Biden were arrested over illegally funnelling money to a pro-Trump election committee.

EU ENVOY
The US envoy to the EU, Gordon Sondland, will testify to Congress next week despite a State Department order not to, his lawyer said Friday.



Members of the Free Syrian Army — rebel forces aligned with Turkey — in the Turkish border town of Ceylanpinar on Friday as they joined the offensive against Syrian Kurds. Reuters

Turkish forces push deeper into Syria, with deaths rising

Ankara says military moved 30 km into Syria, 342 Kurdish militiamen killed

MEHMET GUZEL
AKCAKALE, OCTOBER 11

TURKISH FORCES pushed deeper into northeastern Syria on Friday, the third day of Ankara’s offensive against US-allied Syrian Kurdish fighters, as casualties mounted, international criticism of the campaign intensified and thousands of civilians fled the violence.

Turkey said it captured more Kurdish-held villages in the border region, while a camp for displaced residents about 12 kilometres from the frontier was evacuated after artillery shells landed nearby amid intense clashes. Aid agencies have warned of a humanitarian crisis, with nearly a half-million people at risk near the border.

US President Donald Trump cleared the way for Turkey’s air and ground assault after he pulled American troops from their positions near the border.

Plumes of black smoke billowed Friday from the Syrian border town of Tal Abyad as Turkey continued bombarding the area in an offensive that was progressing “successfully as planned,” Turkish Defence Ministry said.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has said the military intends to move 30 kilometers into northern Syria and that its operation will last until all “terrorists are neutralized.” NATO member Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish fighters to be terrorists linked to a Kurdish insurgency inside Turkey and says the

EU SLAMS ERDOGAN OVER THREAT OF NEW REFUGEE SURGE

Nicosia: EU Council President Donald Tusk condemned as attempted “blackmail” Friday a threat by the Turkish President to allow millions of refugees to head to Europe if the bloc criticises Ankara’s offensive in Syria.

“Turkey must understand that our main concern is that their actions may lead to another humanitarian catastrophe, which would be unacceptable,” Tusk said.

Erdogan made his comments on Thursday in the face of mounting condemnation from Europe of Ankara’s long-threatened operation to enforce a buffer zone in Syria to accommodate some of the 3.6 million refugees living in Turkey. “Hey EU, wake up. I say it again: if you try to frame our operation there as an invasion, our task is simple: we will open the doors and send 3.6 million migrants to you,” the Turkish leader said. PTI

offensive is a counterterrorism operation necessary for its own national security. The Defense Ministry statement reported the death of two Turkish soldiers, and said 342 “terrorists” — Ankara’s term for Syrian Kurdish militiamen — have been killed so far. AP

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE: 100,000 TOLD TO EVACUATE



Firefighters battle a wind-driven wildfire in Sylmar, California, on Friday. Reuters

Los Angeles authorities say about 100,000 people have been ordered to evacuate their homes because of a wildfire on the northern edge of the city in the San Fernando Valley area.

Authorities say the wind-driven wildfire burning along the northern tier of the city has damaged at least 25 homes and that 23,000 residences are under evacuation orders.

There is zero per cent containment and the fire continues to threaten homes in the city as well as unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, authorities said.



Zuma has been charged with fraud, racketeering

South Africa’s Zuma to face corruption trial, court rules

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PIETERMARITZBURG, OCTOBER 11

SOUTH AFRICA’S scandal-plagued former president Jacob Zuma will face a corruption trial, a court ruled on Friday, dismissing his application for a permanent stay of prosecution.

Zuma, who is accused of taking bribes from French defence company Thales in the 1990s, sought to have the case permanently dropped in March, saying it was politically motivated and that the years of delay would result in an unfair trial.

But the trial is now expected to begin on Tuesday after High Court Judge Bhekisisa Mnguni ruled that Zuma’s “application for the permanent stay is dismissed with costs”. The judge agreed with the prosecution that parts of Zuma’s arguments to have the case thrown out were “scandalous and or vexatious”.

Zuma, 77, has been charged with 16 counts of fraud, racketeering and money laundering relating to a multi-million-dollar arms deal dating back to before he took office in 2009.

The charges were first brought in 2005. They were dropped by prosecutors in 2009, shortly before Zuma became president, and reinstated in 2016.

He is alleged to have taken the bribes during his time as a provincial economy minister and later as deputy president of the ruling African National Congress in the 1990s.

Iran says its tanker hit by two missiles off Saudi Arabia coast

NASSER KARIMI & JON GAMBRELL
TEHRAN, OCTOBER 11

TWO MISSILES struck an Iranian tanker traveling through the Red Sea off the coast of Saudi Arabia on Friday, Iranian officials said, the latest incident in the region amid months of heightened tensions between Tehran and the US.

There was no word from Saudi Arabia on the reported attack and Saudi officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Oil prices spiked by two per cent on the news.

“This latest incident, if confirmed to be an act of aggression, is highly likely to be part of the wider narrative of deteriorating relations between Saudi and the US and Iran,” private maritime security firm Dryad Maritime warned.

“It is likely that the region ... will face another period of increasing maritime threats, as the

EXPLAINED
Episode comes as Iran, Saudis try to defuse tensions

IRAN’S CLAIM of a tanker being hit by missiles off Saudi Arabia comes at a time when the two countries have been making quiet moves to defuse tensions between the two countries. Multiple attacks on Saudi and UAE tankers in the past few months have been blamed on Iran, bringing the region to the brink of war. However, according to a *New York Times* report, Riyadh had reached out to Iraq and Pakistan in a bid to start talks with Tehran. Iran has publicly welcomed the move. Even after Friday’s tanker attack, Iran was careful not to blame Saudi Arabia for the missiles that it said hit its ship.

Iranian and Saudi geopolitical stand-off continues,” it added.

Iranian state television said the explosion damaged two storerooms aboard the oil tanker and caused an oil leak into the Red Sea near the Saudi port city of Jiddah. The leak was later stopped, IRNA reported.

The state-run IRNA news agency, quoting Iran’s National

Iranian Tanker Co., identified the stricken vessel as the *Sabiti*. It turned on its tracking devices late Friday morning in the Red Sea, putting its location some 130 kilometres southwest of Jiddah, according to data from MarineTraffic.com. The ship is carrying some 1 million barrels of crude oil, according to an analysis from data firm Refinitiv. AP

Five stabbed in Manchester mall, man held on terror charges

DANICA KIRKA
LONDON, OCTOBER 11

A MAN wielding a large knife who allegedly lunged at shoppers and chased unarmed police in a northwestern England mall was arrested Friday on suspicion of terrorism.

Five people were hurt, three of whom needed hospital treatment for stab wounds, and the 41-year-old suspect was detained. Police do not believe anyone else was involved in the attack at the Amdale Centre in Manchester.

“We do not know the motivation for this terrible attack,” Greater Manchester Police Assistant Chief Constable Russ Jackson said. “It appears random, is certainly brutal and of course extremely frightening for anyone who witnessed it.”

The suspect was first detained on assault charges but was later arrested on a charge of “the commission, preparation and instigation of an act of terrorism”. AP

IN 3RD GRAFT CASE AGAINST PAK EX-PM

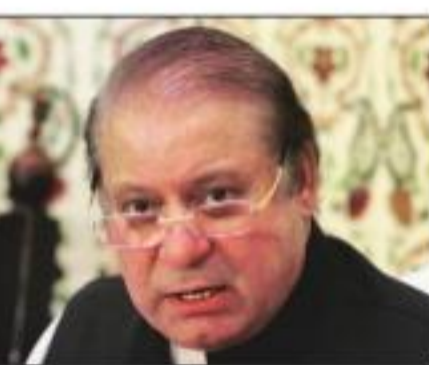
Sharif arrested, remanded to anti-graft body custody

M ZULQERAIN
LAHORE, OCTOBER 11

PAKISTAN’S JAILED former prime minister Nawaz Sharif was on Friday remanded into the custody of the country’s anti-graft body for 14 days after he was arrested in a money laundering case, the third corruption case against him.

A National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team took Sharif, 69, into its custody from Kot Lakhpat jail Lahore where he is serving a seven-year imprisonment in the Al Azzia Mills corruption case and presented him before the judge of an accountability court for his physical remand.

NAB prosecutor Hafiz Asadullah Awan sought 15-day



physical remand of Sharif, arguing that the suspect is involved in money laundering under the garb of sale and purchase of the shares of the Chaudhry Sugar Mills.

NAB has accused Sharif of being a beneficiary of Chaudhry Sugar Mills and his daughter, Maryam, who was arrested in August along with her cousin, of holding over 12 million shares in the sugar mills. PTI

AUTHORITIES RUNNING OUT OF OPTION IN FIGHT AGAINST IS-ALLIED GROUP

Thousands of Nigerian hunters prepare offensive against Boko Haram

HARUNA UMAR
MAIDUGURI, OCTOBER 11

THOUSANDS OF Nigerian hunters, armed with charmed amulets and intimate knowledge of harsh terrain, are preparing an offensive against the Boko Haram extremists who have ravaged the northeast for a decade, calling it “high time” they help soldiers end the deadly insurgency.

Nigeria’s government discouraged a similar offensive five years ago, calling it a suicide mission. This time it has the backing of the

governor of Borno state, which has suffered the worst of the Boko Haram attacks.

It is a sign that Nigerian authorities, who have repeatedly claimed the defeat of Boko Haram, might be running out of options against the Islamic extremists and a recent offshoot that has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

Borno state’s new Governor Babagana Zulum, who inherited the conflict after winning election earlier this year, said he is tired of applying conventional strategies against an extremist

group that has killed and abducted tens of thousands of people and displaced millions.

The unrest has created a vast humanitarian crisis.

The governor recently approved the sourcing of at least 10,000 hunters to help end the fighting.

While Nigeria’s military would not comment, government spokesman Isa Gusau confirmed that the governor has decided to “aggressively explore every lawful means necessary in trying to put an end to the insurgency” after consultations with



A group of hunters gather at a camp in Maiduguri, Nigeria. AP

key stakeholders including elders and traditional rulers.

“We need all the prayers we can get, given the task ahead,” Gusau said.

The hunters are separate from the civilian self-defence forces that have sprung up in northeastern Nigeria to combat the Boko Haram insurgency. Usually inheriting their vocation, the hunters are seen as the only group with intimate knowledge of the forests and other terrain in the vast region near Lake Chad. They see their charms and amulets as protection from attack.

An *Associated Press* reporter this week visited the camp where about 2,000 hunters have been waiting ahead of their march into the Sambisa forest and other Boko Haram hideouts.

More than 5,000 are being mobilized from Nigeria and regional countries including Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad, said one leader of the hunters, Baba Maigiwa.

“The majority of our men have returned to their various states and communities to go and bid their families farewell” but are on their way back to the Borno capi-

tal, Maiduguri, said another leader, Abdulkareem Umar.

“We are here because the governor is passionate about ending this madness called Boko Haram,” he said.

“I remember about five years ago when we, on our own, converged here in Maiduguri with the intention of storming Sambisa forest to confront Boko Haram, but we did not get the backing of the government and the military. As law-abiding citizens, we had to withdraw. But as this is happening now, it means it is time.” AP

COURT NOTICE
HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

RFA NO. 4501 of 2017.
Next Date of Hearing: 31.10.2019 (F)

Ministry of Defence & others
.....Petitioner(s)/ Appellant(s)
Versus
M/s NCJ Estates Solutions Pvt. Ltd. & others
Respondent(s)/Defendant(s)

Petition/Appeal u/s 54 of the Land Acquisition Act for
NOTICE TO: M/s NCJ Estate Solutions Pvt. Ltd. having its office at 9009/11, Deshbandhu Gupta Road, Paharganj, New Delhi through its duly authorized person Sh. Baldev Monga.
In the above titled petition/appeal, the respondent/defendant could not be served in ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent/defendant should appear in person or through counsel on 31.10.2019 (F) at Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

For details logon to www.highcourthd.gov.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Rajiv Verma @ Ramu Verma, S/o Rajesh Verma, R/o: H. No. 46/3, Gali No. 2, Brahampuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) offence case FIR No. 154/16 u/s 406/34 IPC has been lodged at P.S. Seelampur, Delhi punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person Rajiv Verma @ Ramu Verma cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Rajiv Verma @ Ramu Verma absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rajiv Verma @ Ramu Verma of case FIR No. 154/16 u/s 406/34 IPC, at P.S. Seelampur, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.11.2019.

By Order
Ms. Richa Parihar
Metropolitan Magistrate,
North East Room No. 63,
Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi

DP/7375/NE/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Mom

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Mom, D/o: Suresh Singh, R/o: Kh. No.-159, Gali No.-5/6, 20-Futta Road, Samta Vihar, Mukundpur, Delhi** has been missing / kidnapped since **05.09.2019** from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 564/19 u/s 363 IPC** dated **06.09.2019** has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age: 16 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black colour t-shirt & blue colour jeans.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/672/ON/19

SHO
P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
Ph.: 011- 27811933, 8750870230

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Roopa

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Roopa D/o Jitender Singh R/o H.No.133, Bank Wali Gali, Praladpur Banger, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped since 20.09.2019 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 56-A** dated **22.09.2019** has been registered at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name : Roopa, **Father's Name :** Jitender Singh, **Age :** 22 years, **Height :** 5', **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Fair, **Built:** Thin **Wearing :** Red Colour Suit & Red Colour Pajami and Red Colour Hawai Chappal in feet.
If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

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absent candidates of Patna, Delhi, Dehradun, Goa, Jaipur & Port Blair at selected centres

This is for the kind attention of the Candidates of CEPTAM-09 Technician 'A' advertisement of following centres who could not appear in examination during 28-30 September, 2019. The Re-examination of Tier-I for Technician 'A' examination is scheduled on 23 October, 2019 for those candidates who could not appear for examination as per their earlier schedule of following centres/ cities..

CITY	CENTRE NAME AND DETAILS	EARLIER SCHEDULED
Jaipur	Old Centre ALPHA CYBER LAN, F-96, First Floor, Road No.-7, Sikar Road, Vki area, adjacent to Om Toyota Jaipur-302013, Rajasthan	30 Sept, 2019
	New Centre Arya Institute of Engineering & Technology (AIET), 1st and 2nd Floor, Arya first main campus, SP-40, Delhi Road, RICCO Industrial Area, National Highway-11C, Kukas, Near Hotel Le-meridian, Jaipur-302028, Rajasthan	
Goa	Old Centre MANIPAL Institute of computer education MICE, 18th June road, 1st floor, opposite Bombay bazar, Mangurish building, Panji- 403001	28-30 Sept, 2019
	New Centre Manipal Institute of computer education MICE, 3rd Floor, Virgincar Bhavan, Martinho Menezes road, Margao salcete, Margao- 403601	
Delhi	Old Centre Atharv Online Test Services, A6, Block -A, Najafgarh Road, Opp. Pillar No. 786, Bhagwati Garden Extension, Nawada, Dwarka, Delhi-110059	30 Sept, 2019
Dehradun	All Centres (Scheduled in Dehradun) but shifted to other cities/centers	28-30 Sept, 2019
Port Blair	India Computer Technology, 2nd Floor, Hira Bhawan, South Andaman, Upstairs to Vijaya Bank, Abardeen bazar, Port Blair	28 Sept, 2019 Morning shift (10-12AM) (Only for those candidates, who were present for examination on 28 Sept 2019)
Patna	All Centres	28-30 Sept, 2019

- ▶ Please note that re-examination is only for those candidates who have not appeared in the examination as mentioned above. Candidates are requested to check their registered Email id and mobile phone for the message in this regard.
- ▶ Also New Admit Card for the examination will be available from 10 October, 2019, 05:00 PM onwards.
- ▶ Please keep visiting the CEPTAM website and keep checking your registered Email id for any update in this regard till 23 October, 2019.

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Sd/-
Director, CEPTAM

Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Broadcasting Wing
Shastri Bhawan 'A' Wing
New Delhi.

Appointment of Member (Personnel) in Prasar Bharati.

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting invites applications from eligible persons for consideration for appointment to the post of Member (Personnel) in Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India), a Corporation set up by an Act of the Parliament. [The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990] and hereinafter referred to as Prasar Bharati. The post carries scale of pay equivalent to the Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

The President of India appoints a person having special knowledge or practical experience in respect of personnel management and administration to the post of Member (Personnel), Prasar Bharati Board on recommendation of a Committee headed by the Vice President of India. The person so appointed being the whole time member of the Prasar Bharati Board shall be an employee of the Prasar Bharati and shall hold office for a term of six years from the date on which he/she enters upon his/her office, or until he/she attains the age of sixty two years, whichever is earlier.

Job Description and Responsibilities

The Member (Personnel) shall be a whole time Member of the Prasar Bharati Board and in pursuance of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, will be responsible for all the personnel and administrative matters concerning the Prasar Bharati. The Prasar Bharati Board is vested with powers for overall superintendence, direction and control of the affairs of the Corporation.

Terms and Conditions of Service

The service conditions of the Member (Personnel) shall be governed by the provisions of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 and the rules notified by the Government of India, titled as the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Salaries, Allowances and other Conditions of Service of Chairman, Whole-time Members and Part-time Member Rules, 2000 and the amendments issued therein from time to time. The Act and the Rules are available in the website of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, www.mib.gov.in / Acts & Rules/Broadcasting-Acts & Rules/Prasar Bharati.

Qualification and Experience

For applicants from private sector/autonomous bodies/statutory corporation
The applicant should be a graduate from a recognized university/institution with good academic record. Persons possessing MBA qualification in Personnel Management would be preferable. He/She should possess adequate post qualification experience at a senior level of management in a large organization of repute.

For applicants from Public Sector Enterprises

Senior Executive /Board Level Executive working in reputed Public Sector Enterprises, willing to get absorbed in the Prasar Bharati.

For applicants from Govt.

Additional Secretary/Senior Joint Secretary level officers who are willing to get absorbed in Prasar Bharati on selection.

Note:

- 1) In respect of applicants from PSUs, autonomous bodies, statutory corporations and Government servants, the application should be forwarded through proper channel and should be accompanied by Vigilance clearance, Cadre clearance, Integrity Certificate and ACRs/APARs for last five years.
- 2) Applicants who had applied earlier in response to this Ministry's Advertisements No. A-22011/01/2016(BA-P) published in the Employment News dated 9th to 15th September, 2017 or 11th to 17th June, 2016 will have to apply again, if they wish to be considered for appointment for the post of Member(Personnel) in Prasar Bharati.

The applications, complete in all respects and in the prescribed proforma, should reach the Director (BA-P), Room No. 664, 6th Floor, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, within three weeks of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

PROFORMA for Application for the post of Member (Personnel), Prasar Bharati (to be furnished in duplicate)

1. Name and address in Block letters :
2. Date of Birth (in Christian era) :
3. Date of Retirement under Central/State :
Government rules, if applicable
4. Educational Qualifications :

Qualification

5. Details of Employment/ Experience in chronological order, Enclose a separate sheet, duly authenticated by your signature if the space below is insufficient.

Office/ Institute/ Organisation	Post held	From	To	Scale of pay Band & Grade pay and Basic pay	Nature of duties

6. Field of Specialisation/Write Up on Special Achievements
7. Address for communication
8. (i) Telephone Nos. :
(ii) e-mail :
9. Whether any vigilance matter or action or inquiry is going on against him/her (Yes/No) If yes, please provide details.

Declaration:

I do hereby solemnly declare that all statements made above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date :

Place

(Signature)

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MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2019

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Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency/ Day	Period	Accommodation	Stoppages
82905	Mumbai Central (Suvidha)	16.00	New Delhi	07.55	Fri, Sun, Tue	20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 10.19, 01.11.19, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 & 31.12.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier	Surat, Vadodara & Kota
09006	New Delhi (Suvidha)	14.50	Mumbai Central	06.55	Sat, Mon, Wed	21, 23, 26, 28, 30, 10.19, 02.11.19, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 12.19 & 01.01.2020	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier	Kota, Vadodara & Surat
09005	Mumbai Central	16.00	New Delhi	07.55	Fri, Sun, Tue	18.10.19, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 11.19, 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 & 17.12.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier	Surat, Vadodara & Kota
09006	New Delhi (Special train on special fare)	14.50	Mumbai Central	06.55	Sat, Mon, Wed	19.10.19, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, 11.19, 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 & 18.12.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier	Kota, Vadodara & Surat
09021	Bandra (T)	05.10	Jammu Tawi	15.30	Monday	21, 28, 10.19, 4, 11, 18, 25, 11.19, 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.12.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC Chair Car	Borivali, Vapi, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Godhra, Dahod, Ratlam, Nagda, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Hindaun City, Mathura Jn., New Delhi, Ambala Cantt., Ludhiana, Jalandhar Cantt. & Pathankot Cantt.
09022	Jammu Tawi	02.30	Bandra (T)	10.20	Wednesday	23, 30, 10.19, 6, 13, 20, 27, 11.19, 4, 11, 18, 25, 12.19 & 01.01.2020	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, AC Chair Car	Pathankot Cantt., Jalandhar Cantt., Ludhiana, Ambala Cantt., New Delhi, Mathura Jn., Hindaun City, Sawai Madhopur, Kota, Nagda, Ratlam, Dahod, Godhra, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Vapi, & Borivali.
82911	Udhana (Suvidha)	23.55	Chhapra	06.15	Sunday	20, 27, 10.19, 3 & 10.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Nandurbar, Amalner, Jalgaon, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Harda, Etarsi, Pipariya, Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Manikpur, Allahabad Chheoki Varanasi & Ballia
82912	Chhapra (Suvidha)	07.50	Udhana	13.15	Tuesday	22, 29, 10.19, 5, & 12.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Ballia, Varanasi, Allahabad Chheoki, Manikpur, Satna, Katni, Jabalpur, Pipariya, Jn., Satna, Khandwa, Bhusaval, Jalgaon, Amalner & Nandurbar
82941	Ahmedabad (Suvidha)	16.10	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06.50	Friday	25.10.19, & 01.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Palanpur, Abu Road, Ajmer, Jaipur, & Gurgaon
09414	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	15.50	Ahmedabad	07.00	Saturday	26.10.19, & 02.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Gurgaon, Jaipur, Ajmer, Abu Road, & Palanpur
09413	Ahmedabad Humsafar	16.10	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06.50	Friday	18, 10.19, 8, 15, 22 & 29.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Palanpur, Abu Road, Ajmer, Jaipur, & Gurgaon
09414	Delhi Sarai Rohilla Humsafar	15.50	Ahmedabad	07.00	Saturday	19, 10.19, 9, 16, 23, & 30.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Gurgaon, Jaipur, Ajmer, Abu Road, & Palanpur
82945	Gandhidham (Suvidha)	17.40	Bhagalpur	20.15	Friday	25.10.19 & 1.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Bhachau, Samakhiali, Dhrangdhra, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Dahod, Ratlam, Bhawani Mandi, KOTA, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bayana, Bharatpur, Achnera, Mathura Jn., Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Bettiah, Sagauli, Bapudam, Motihari, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Monghyr & Sultanpur
09452	Bhagalpur (Suvidha)	06.30	Gandhidham	08.00	Monday	28.10.19 & 4.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Sultanganj, Monghyr, Begusarai, Barauni Jn., Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Bapudam Motihari, Sagauli, Bettiah, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Lucknow, Kanpur Central, Farrukhabad, Kasganj, Mathura Jn., Achnera, Bharatpur, Bayana, Hindaun City, Gangapur City, Sawai Madhopur, KOTA, Bhawani Mandi, Ratlam, Dahod, Nadiad, Ahmedabad, Dhrangdhra, Samakhiali & Bhachau
09451	Gandhidham (Suvidha)	17.40	Bhagalpur	20.15	Friday	8, 15, 22 & 29.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Bhachau, Samakhiali, Dhrangdhra, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Dahod, Ratlam, Bhawani Mandi, KOTA, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bayana, Bharatpur, Achnera, Mathura Jn., Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Bettiah, Sagauli, Bapudam, Motihari, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Monghyr & Sultanpur
09452	Bhagalpur (Suvidha)	06.30	Gandhidham	08.00	Monday	11, 18, 25.11.19, & 2.12.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Sultanganj, Monghyr, Begusarai, Barauni Jn., Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Bapudam Motihari, Sagauli, Bettiah, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda Jn., Lucknow, Kanpur Central, Farrukhabad, Kasganj, Mathura Jn., Achnera, Bharatpur, Bayana, Hindaun City, Gangapur City, Sawai Madhopur, KOTA, Bhawani Mandi, Ratlam, Dahod, Nadiad, Ahmedabad, Dhrangdhra, Samakhiali & Bhachau
04526	Sirhind	12.20	Saharsa	19.30	Tue, Sat, Wed	22, 26, & 30.10.19	AC 2 Tier-Cum 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Sleeper & General	Ambala Cantt., Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Cantt., Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Khagaria & S Bhakhtiyarpur
04525	Saharsa	20.30	Ambala Cantt.	05.30	Wed, Sun Thu	23, 27, & 31.10.19	AC 2 Tier-Cum 3 Tier, AC 3 Tier Sleeper & General	S Bhakhtiyarpur, Khagaria, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Sitapur Cantt., Bareilly, Moradabad & Saharanpur,
04092	New Delhi	09.20	Jaynagar	11.15	Wed, Sat Tue, Fri	23, 26, 29, 10.19 & 01.11.19	Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn., Raxaul, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga & Madhubani
04091	Jaynagar	15.30	New Delhi	19.30	Thu, Sun Wed, Sat	24, 27, 30, 10.19 & 02.11.19	Sleeper & General	Madhubani, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj Jn., Gorakhpur, Basti, Gonda, Lucknow, Bareilly & Moradabad

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I, Vinay Kumar S/O Balraj Kumar R/O T-318/14C, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi-110008. Have Changed My Name To Vinay Anand. 0040515514-6

I, Bhuda Rani W/O Rajpat Singh R/O Flat.No.002, Tower-10, NRI City, GH-01, Omega-II, Greater Noida, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Bharti for all future Purposes. 0040515688-4

I, Anju W/O Rajeev Chauhan R/O D-3/175, Railway Colony, Basant Road, New Delhi-110055, have changed my name Anju to Aarti Chauhan. 0040515688-2

I, hitherto known as NEETA D/O Jawla Prasad W/O VINOD KUMAR residing at H.No. B-237, D.D.A flats, New Ranjeet Nagar, Central Delhi-110008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANITA. 0040515627-1

I, Vipin Arora alias Vipin Kumar S/O Harbans Lal Arora R/O Flat.No.196, GH-5&7, Paschim-Vihar, N.Delhi-87 have changed my name to Vipin Kumar Arora. 0040515685-3

I, Vinay Kumar S/O Shiv Kumar Mehra R/O B-346, First Floor, Back Side, B-Block, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Vinay Mehra for all purposes 0040515645-1

I, Vijay Kumar Gupta S/O Prem Chand Gupta R/O L-12B, Sector-9, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Vijay Gupta. 0040515718-5

I, Veer Singh S/O Om Prakash R/O WZ-197/4, SF, Gali No.2A, Virender Nagar, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name as Veer Singh Anand for future purposes. 0040515623-1

I, Veena Bhan W/O Tej Krishan Bhat R/O B-574, MIG DDA Flat East of Loni-Road Shahdara Delhi-93, changed my name to Veena Bhat. 0040515718-8

I, Vedanta Yadav S/O Shailesh Kumar Yadav, R/O H.No.1201 A, G-2Tower, Plot No. 11, Golf City, Sector-75, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301, India, have changed my name to Vedant Yadav for all future purposes. 0040515743-1

I, Titu S/O Megh Singh R/O khasra No.965, G/F, Pipal-wali-gali Near Shiv-Shakti Mandir-Village Rithala North, West Delhi-110085 to have changed my name to Titoo. 0040515718-1

I, Swetha Johnson W/O Abhishek Daniel H.No.89-B, New Lahore, Shastrri-Nagar, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Swetha Abhishek Daniel. 0040515709-5

I, Simrandeep Singh S/O Sukhpreet Singh Sethi R/O EXB-21, Gali No.1, BE-Block, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Simrandeep Singh Sethi. 0040515635-1

I, Sweta Bagaria W/O Vikas Agarwal R/O E26, 2nd Floor, Jeevan Park, Som Bazaar, Road, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed my name to Sweta Agarwal for all purposes. 0040515738-1

I, Sushma Kodan D/O Mahtab Singh Kodan R/O House No.68, Vill.Tikri, Sector 48, Gurugram have changed my name to Sushma Kodan Beniwal for all purposes. 0040515720-1

I, Subhash Kumar S/O Om Prakash R/O BM-122, Salimar-Bagh West, New Delhi have changed my name to Subhash Gupta. 0040515671-7

I, Simrandeep Singh S/O Pritpal Singh Sarna R/O-19, Second Floor, Jangpura-Extension, NewDelhi-110014, have changed my name to Simrandeep Singh Sarna. 0040515671-3

I, Sneh Lata Gupta W/O Subhash Gupta R/O BM-122, Salimar-Bagh West, New Delhi have changed my name to Sneh Gupta. 0040515671-8

I, Shabnam Manchanda W/O Manoj Kumar Manchanda R/O 194A, New Colony, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Shabnam for all purposes. 0040515708-1

I, Saba Azam Shaheen W/O Mazhar Ahmed Shaheen R/O 14, Park End, Vikas Marg Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name to Saba Azam. 0070678327-1

I, Rupesh Kumar Kohari S/O Late B.R.Kothari R/O B-703, Tariqa Apartment, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana. Have changed my minor Son's name from Gavi Kohari To Gaavi Kohari for all purposes. 0040515656-1

I, Mohammad Tamiuzzuddin S/O Abdul Quddoes R/O H.NO.52A/2, Buddha-Vihar, Munirka, New-Delhi-110067, have changed my name to Tameezuddin. 0040515685-10

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Madan Singh R/O 194A, New Colony, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Manchanda for all purposes. 0040515745-1

I, Manjeet Sawhney D/O Sh.Rajendra Singh Sawhney R/O-Plot no.111A Meenakshi-Garden Tilak-Nagar West Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Bindiya Gosain, for all purposes. 0040515685-9

I, Manisha Sharma W/O Mr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma R/O D-801, Aditya Mega City, Vaibhav Ghazi, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014, have changed my name from Manisha Sharma to Manisha Ranjan Sharma for all future purposes. 0040515640-1

I, Love Joy Dhaniet S/O Daniel Yunas H.No.89-B, New Lahore, Shastrri-Nagar, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Love Joy Daniel. 0040515709-3

I, Lata Sharma D/O Mahesh Anand Sharma R/O M-7/C-6 Second Floor Jhulelal Apt Pitampura Delhi have changed my minor son's name from Divyansh Dhillion to Divyansh Sharma permanently. 0040515698-1

I, Ram Nandan Sharma S/O Sh. Bajrang Sharma R/O E-32, Sec-25, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Kundan Sharma for all purposes. 0040515638-1

I, Rakesh Aggarwal S/O Kailash Chandra Aggarwal R/O A-06, Tigri Extension Delhi-110062 Have Changed My Name to Rakesh Kumar Aggarwal. 0070678322-1

I, Kanika Dasgupta, D/O Lt.Khetra Mohan Senroy W/O Saroj Kumar Dasgupta R/O-K-1/57, First-Floor, Chittaranjan-Park, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Sipra Dasgupta, for all purposes. 0040515671-9

I, Kanchan Bisht W/O Yogesh Prasad Bisht R/O:PG-80, Posangpur, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58-Have Changed My Name to Kamla Bisht for all Purposes. 0040515671-6

I, Jothi Kumari P W/O Shri Pankaj Goyal D/O Late Shanti Prasad Parasrampuria R/O H.No.2, Block 22, 2nd Floor, Spring Field Colony, Sector 31-32, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 have changed my name to Jyoti Goyal after marriage for all purposes. 0040515668-1

I, Rajat S/O Madan Lal R/O-H.No.1449/15a, Gali.No.8, Durgapuri, Shahdara, Delhi-93 Have Changed My Name To Rajat Singhal. 0040515685-4

I, Priti Bagga @ Priti D/o Sh.Joginder Singh R/O A-118/G-4, Keshav Nagar, Mukti Ashram, Ibrahimpur, North West, Delhi have changed my name to Priti Bagga for all purposes. 0040515625-3

I, Preeti Rajagopalan Menon W/O Pradeep Balagopal R/O-135-C, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Preeti Pradeep Nair. 0040515709-6

I, Praveen Jain S/O Jawahar Lal Jain H.No-14/17 Shakti-Nagar Delhi-110007. Have Changed My Name Praveen Jain To Praveen Kumar Jain. 0040515671-2

I, Prainay Singhal S/O Ashish Singhal R/O-39-B Madhya-Marg DLF Phase-II Gurgaon HR-122002, changed my name to Parinay Singhal. 0040515718-2

I, Prahlad Verma S/O Chander Verma R/O E-171, Kusumpur Pahari, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, inform that my name wrongly written in my minor son's (Vishal Verma) school record as Prahlad Rai Verma. But my correct name is Prahlad Verma for all future purposes. 0040515666-1

I, Paras S/O Gulshan Arora, Flat No.403, Tower C-5, Cleo-County, Gh-05, Sector-121, Noida, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P-201301, changed My Name Paras Arora. 0040515709-8

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/O Ajit Pal Singh residing at P-29, Guru Harikshan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi. I also known as Parmjit Kaur but in future I shall be known as Paramjeet Kaur only. 0040515622-1

I, Paramjeet Kaur D/O Jeet Singh R/O-Block 107 Aruna-Nagar Majnu-Ka-Tilla Delhi-54 Inform That Name Of My Has Been Wrongly Mentioned As Pramjeet Kaur In My Pan Card And Adhar Card.The Correct Name Is Paramjeet Kaur.For All The Future Purposes. 0040515694-10

I, Nisha W/O-Sanjay Kumar R/O:B-1/329, SecondFloor, Janakpuri, NewDelhi-58. Have Changed My Name to Nisha Patel for all Purposes. 0040515685-2

I, Naipal Singh S/O Mangant Singh R/O G-302, Beta-2, Greater Noida, Gautambudh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name to Nepal Singh for all future purposes. 0040515688-3

I, Mubshir Ahmed S/O Irfan Ahmed R/O-T-82-A, Third-Floor, Gali No.07, ZakirNagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Mubasshir Ahmed. 0040515718-3

I, Mohd Shuaib S/O-Mohd Shafi R/O-2082/7, Katra Chote Lal, Turkman-Gate, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohd Shoab, for all purposes. 0040515685-5

I, Manju Dhaniet W/O Love Joy Daniel H.No.89-B, New Lahore, Shastrri-Nagar, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Manju Daniel. 0040515709-4

I, Manish Gupta S/O Dharamveer R/O-645, Gali No.19, Joshi-Road, KarolBagh, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Manish Kumar. 0040515709-1

I, Balvir Singh S/O Indira Singh Negi R/O M-36B, Soudrabh Vihar, Jaitpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Balvir Singh Negi for all future purposes. 0040515637-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Sangeta Rani / Sangeta Sharma Dio Late Dwarika Nath Wadhawan now W/o Dr.Vinod Kumar Sharma Ro L-41, DLF, Capital Greens, 15 - Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015 state that in some documents my name is mentioned as Sangeta Rani (before marriage) and in some documents my name is mentioned as Sangeta Sharma (after marriage). I state that both the names are of same person. This is for all record and future purposes.

I, Arvind Kumar S/O Sh.Sakhtu Mal Dhir, R/O 363, ST No-6, Durga puri Extn Shahdara, Delhi-110093. Have lost my Original Marksheet & Certificates of Xth Class Roll No-410061(1988) & XIth Class Roll No-310561(1990), findermy contact on:- 9971230657. 0040515633-1

Notice is here given that the share certificates by Folio Number-075927428, of Reliance Industries Limited standing in the name of Sudhir Joshi residing E-119 East of Kailash South Delhi-110065, 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

I, Harjeet Kaur D/O Sh.Joginder Singh Jolly R/O E-160, Ground Floor, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, Delhi-110024 have lost my original property documents i.e. GPA, Agreement to Sell, Receipt at U-53-A, Upadhyay Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092 relating to Sh.Ramphal S/O Naadrey given to Savitri Devi. Finders may contact at Mobile No. 9818116861. 0040515625-4

Lost my original 10th class certificate and marksheet Roll No.20380. Finder pls contact: Gurcharan Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh, 24 Third Floor, State Bank Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063. 0040515688-5

I, Sarfaraz Ahmad S/O Abdul Hameed R/O H-50, Fourth Floor, Muradi Road, Batla House, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have been lost my Original MA Arabic Degree, Year 1996, Roll No.95ARM3, Enrolment No.910647, issued by Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi. If found please contact 9570029629. 0040515639-1

WED)Yogesh Madan (2)Mukesh Kumar both S/O Satish Kumar lost our property Original Paper, of Prepetual-Lease, Deed of, Property No.C-127, Prashant Vihar Delhi-85 and Lodged FIR L.R.No.171145/2019, Finder Contact-9910850513. 0040515718-10

PLOT FOR SALE
DIWALI Investment opportunity. Trans Harbour Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai, Sector-4, Behind Police Station. Clear Title Plot (Land) approved in CIDCO Tender for Row-House Construction, available for sale. Station within 4 Mins., on crowded locality, road. In market garden-facing, best for residential commercial use. Ground + 3 + Terrace, Construction possible. Area 66 sq.m./ 660 sq.ft. Price 1.66 Cr. Not negotiable. Complete & interested persons can contact: 9324760369/ 8359605340. 0070678215-2

FLAT FOR SALE
Duplex DDA Flat, 3 Bedrooms, 7 Double terraces, 2nd Floor, Siddharth Enclave, (Ashram Chowk) Metro Station. Buyers Only. (98114 18182, 98499 09712) 0050156412-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Ankita Sethi (having Aadhar No. 843618443141) aged about 38 years D/o Sh. Brij Mohan Bhandari R/O B-26/G-4, B Block, Dilshad Garden, Jhilmili, Delhi-110095 have changed my present name to my maiden name i.e. Ankita Bhandari after obtaining decree of divorce passed by the Court of Additional District Judge (Matrimonial Cases) vide its order dated 07.06.2019. I shall henceforth be known by my maiden name as Ankita Bhandari for all future purposes/references.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Vandana Sabharwal W/O Mr. Vipul Sabharwal R/O DLF Phase-IV Galleria, Street Garden, Villas Colony, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana-122001 do hereby inform public at large the original copy of general power of attorney (GPA) issued by my brother Mr. Rohit Malik through American Embassy in my favour dated 07.06.2017, has misplaced/lost. The public at large would not misuse the said GPA, if found, returned to the original Gpa holder. Please contact 8802999339.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is informed that my client Sh. Vinod Kumar S/O Jai Bhagwan Jain Director of M/s. J.V. Industries Pvt. Ltd. situated at Kharsa No. 29, Saboli, Residential Area, Delhi-110053 has lost the following original documents of the below mentioned properties:
1. Agreement to Sell, Will, Affidavit and Receipt all Dated 17/04/1989 executed by Sh. Yash Pal S/O Late Sh. Ram Dev, Sh. Raja & Sh. Rakesh both sons of Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal son of Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal S/o Roshan Lal Goyal for the Property land measuring 4.8 Bigha 19 Biswa, bearing khasra No. 29 etc. Saboli, Shahdara, Delhi.
2. Agreement to Sell, Will, Affidavit and Receipt all Dated 17/04/1989 executed by Sh. Yash Pal S/O Late Sh. Ram Dev, Sh. Raja & Sh. Rakesh both sons of Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal in favour of Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal S/o Roshan Lal Goyal with regard to Area Meas. 4500 Sq. Yds. Kh No. 29, Saboli, Shahdara, Delhi.
3. Agreement to Sell, Will, Affidavit and Receipt all Dated 06/04/1995 executed by Sh. Yash Pal S/O Late Sh. Ram Dev, Sh. Raja & Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal S/o Roshan Lal Goyal in favour of Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/O Late Sh. Ram Dev, Sh. Raja & Sh. Rakesh both sons of Sh. Sushil Kumar Goyal S/o Roshan Lal Goyal for the Property land measuring 4.8 Bigha 19 Biswa, bearing khasra No. 29 etc. Saboli, Shahdara, Delhi.
My client has made every effort, to trace out these documents and he has also reported the matter to the Police Branch, Delhi on dated 09.10.2019 vide LR No. 1702324/2019. My client is unable to trace out these documents, henceforth, the present notice is given to general public for return of the documents, if found by someone. These documents may be returned to undersigned at the documents, if found. It is further notified that whoever will misuse the documents of my client, will liable to be prosecuted.

Himanshu Srivastava (Advocate)
House No 20A, Pocket-E-15, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform public at large that my client Ms. Krishna Kumari W/o Late Mr. Tara Chandra Gupta R/O C-18, Sector-4, Distt. Gautambudh Nagar U.P. & her family members have severed all relations with her elder son Mr. Anil Kumar & his wife and their sons Anurag & Mohan as they have gone out of control & have been absconded. They have been discovered & debarred by our client from all her properties (Immovable & Movable) & assets & also debarred from her business & debarred from any person dealing with them shall be liable for all their past & future debts. My client & her family members shall not be liable responsible in any manner for their assets & liabilities. Mr. Anil Kumar & his family members.
BRJESH KUMAR (Advocate)
A-7, Gali No. 4, Sector 20, Part 1, Anand Bar, Delhi-110029

PUBLIC NOTICE
FREEHOLD MIG FLAT NO. F-81-C, SECOND FLOOR, RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI
Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property, subject matter of Equitable / Registered Mortgage with State Bank of India or other Bank/NSFC/FIDC, the said Owner of the captioned property has declare the end of (1) Original/Registered/Over of Possession dated 08.05.1981 (2) Original No Objection Certificate dated 08/05/1981 & (3) Court Possession Slip issued by DDA in favor of Shri P.P. Bhardwaj @ Shri Ram Prakash Bhargava in respect of the captioned property and informed as missing as per the Court Order in favour of Shri Anil Kumar & his wife. My client is unable to trace out these documents, henceforth, the present notice is given to general public for return of the documents, if found by someone. These documents may be returned to undersigned at the documents, if found. It is further notified that whoever will misuse the documents of my client, will liable to be prosecuted.

NIRMAL KUMAR (Advocate)
Mobile-86288197, Email- nirmal@rediffmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to public at large that my client Sh. Tejpal S/o Late Sh. Man Ram and his wife Smt. Krishna Devi both R/O 443, Near GOLF School Road, Multanpur Pur, Delhi-110036, have debarred and disowned their sole namely Sh. Kuldeep Mann, S/o Sh. Tej Pal, his wife Smt. Hari R/o Plot No.30, Kawana Road Extn, New Delhi-80 and their son Sh. Tejpal S/o Tej Pal and his wife Smt. Banwari R/o 1170 Gali No.29A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi and his wife Smt. Mani R/o 1170 Gali No.29A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi from all their immovable and movable properties. My client Sh. Tej Pal also revoke the nomination in the NDMC records in respect of Kuldeep Mann and Jai Mann. They have no concern whatsoever with whomsoever they shall be doing in future or whatever they have done in past. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at their own costs and risk and my clients shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever.
Sd/- DEVINDER CHOWHARY (Advocate)
Ch.No. 318, Western Wing, Sector-13, Okhla, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to public-at-large that my client Sh. Lalit Sindwani, So Late Sh. Ram Narain Sindwani, R/o 78, Upper Ground Floor, Rajdhan Enclave, New Delhi has debarred and debarred his son namely, Mohd Sindwani from all his movable and immovable properties situated in New Delhi and have severed his relations from his forever due to his attitude, torture and molestations to the said Mohd Sindwani. Mohd Sindwani shall be financially or otherwise he/she shall have no say in his/her own risk cost and consequences and my client shall not be responsible regarding any acts of omissions, commissions and transactions made by my client's said son in the past or present or future.
SANDEEP MISHTRA (Advocate)
WZ-987, RNC Complex, Preeti Nagar, Delhi-110092

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to Inform the Public At Large That My Clients Intend To Purchase The Property Being Number S-10, Janta Market, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 And That If Any Person Has Any Substantial Interest In The Same Or Has Any Objection To The Sale Of The Subject Property, Then Such Person May Send/submit His/her Objections To The said Property of The Subject Property Within 07 Days From This Public Notice To The Undersigned, Failing Which If Any Objection Is Raised At Any Later Point Of Time, Then The Same Shall Not Be Considered And Entered By My Clients. Who Intend To Bonafidely Purchase The Said Property.
Vipin Nandanki
Advocate
Email No. D96897
M. 9892929404

PUBLIC NOTICE
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT My Client Sanjay So Ch. Lekhram r/o 31, Taimoor Nagar, New Delhi-110065, is discrediting, disassociate and debarred his son Pankaj, aged 22 years, from all rights, liens, titles and interest in his all properties, filed assets, liquidate, bank accounts, LIC, Pension, Share, jewellery etc. etc. from today. He has no rights, interest, liens and titles in respect of all movable and immovable properties & assets and he will never make any claim, dispute, court case in respect of properties and assets.
SANYOGITA (ADVOCATE)
R-16, Kalkaji Main Road, New Delhi-110019

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is informed that **Seth Sunder Lal Jain Charitable Eye Hospital Society, Ashok Vihar, Phase-II, Delhi - 110052** had lost the Original Property Document of Mollia Khan properties like Allotment letter, NOC issued by DDA, D-Form and other miscellaneous documents. In this regard a police complaint being LR No.170260/19 dated 10/10/2019 has already been lodged.
Any person(s) who has found these documents or is claiming right, title or interest in said documents/properties may kindly write to or contact the undersigned with their/her/their objections within 10 days of publication of this notice. After lapse of said time, neither any claim(s)/objection(s) shall be entertained.
S. K. Narula Secretary

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Sachin Sehgal S/O Late Mr. A. C. Sehgal, R/O App. # 113, DLF Park Phase, DLF Phase 5, Sector 54, Gurgaon - 122009 in the name of DDA Flat at K-137, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi - 110076 and has lost the Original Allotment Letter of the said flat dt'd 31 March, 2003 issued by DDA, vide File No. 3/355(154)/2003/SDH/G/SV. A police complaint has been filed vide LR No. 1693498/2019. That flat is now being sold to Mr Aarun Jain (9871552880) and if anyone has any information supported with documents in relation to the contact at 9122222225 within 15 days after which any claims raised shall be considered as null and void or waived.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Sh. Subash Kumar Aggarwal & Smt. Vinita Aggarwal residents of BU-210, Pitampura, Delhi being anguished and aggrieved by the misdeeds & misbehavior of their youngest son - Nitish Aggarwal & his wife-Jyoti do hereby disown & debar him and his family (currently occupants of the ground floor of my clients said house No. BU-210, Pitampura, Delhi) from all the movable & immovable properties. Nitish & Jyoti have been out of control of our clients and living separately since April 2018. They have caused not only losses of reputation & money but also mental agony to our clients. My said aggrieved clients have, therefore, decided to sever all of their ties and relations with Nitish Aggarwal and his family viz. the said wife and their child viz. Darsh. I have permanently and debar them from hereinafter. Hence, anyone dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk, cost & liability.
Vikrant Mittal (Advocate)
Ch.No.235, Western Wing, Tia Hazari Courts, Delhi-110052

NOTICE
Public at large are hereby informed that my clients Shri. MUKUL JAIN son of Shri. D.K. JAIN & Shri. SHAKTI KUMAR son of Shri. RAJ MAL, both residents of WZ -33, Street No. 7, Shiv Nagar, Janakpuri-61, NEW DELHI, have debarred and disowned their son Om Prakash & Smt. Daya Devi wife of Shri. Om Prakash both residents of Plot No. 24, Second Floor, Gali No. 5, Jain Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi (Buyer) against consideration. Any person who has got, rights, interest, title, claim, encumbrances, charges of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above said Property or any part thereof, can send their objections with their documentary evidence at below address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that the said Property is entirely free from all such claims, interest, charges, encumbrances etc.
This notice published on 12th October 2019
Ravi Sachdeva (Advocate)
JRS Associates, B-48, Sector-48, Noida-201301, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (UP)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Department	Electrical (TRD)	Electrical (TRD)
Name of Work	T-10-TRD-MB-18-19-III	T-12-TRD-MB-19-20
Provision of modified antifalling device with associated fitting in 3-pulley type ATDs over Moradabad Division.	Provision of modified antifalling device with associated fitting in 3-pulley type ATDs over Moradabad Division.	Energy Audit of Railway Traction Substation as per energy Audit norms prescribed by BEE and IE Act, rules under PAT scheme over Moradabad Division.
Tender Closing Date & Time	04.11.2019 (15:00)	04.11.2019 (15:00)
Advertised Value (₹)	32,30,719.98 (Incl. GST)	12,88,560.00 (Incl. GST)
Earnest Money (₹)	64,600.00	25,800.00
Tender Document Cost (₹)	3,000.00	2,000.00
Validity of offer (Days)	45 Days	45 Days
Period of Completion	150 Days	90 Days
Website particulars & Address of office	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.

No.- ElectTRD/MB/2019-20/TN-08 Date: 10.10.2019 3266/19
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (E), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TS
EOI No: 01/CGM(E)/Rev. Cir/Non-Domestic-Meters/EOI/2019-20 Date : 11.10.2019

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOTIFICATION

The HMWSSB desires to invite Manufacturers/Agencies of AMR and RFID Consumer Water Meters to manufacture, supply, delivery and installation of water meters on existing Non-Domestic connections of HMWSSB with a view to measure the accurate quantity of water consumption and increase the Revenues.

The Manufacturers / Agencies have to submit their price bids for Manufacture, Supply, Delivery & installation and the meter should be warranted for 5 years including battery life and maintenance. The meters should be compatible to remote reading through Radio Frequency or through GSM / GPRS or Electro Magnetic to SCADA / Web Based Data Acquisition system and any other Remote Reading Technologies. They should also submit their willingness to supply, installation and integration into the Revenue Billing System (RBS) of HMWSSB including the necessary hardware and software.

The RFID meters shall conform to IS779/ ISO 4064 with ISI / MID marking and module shall be fitted on the meter wirelessly and shall be with IP 68 protection.

The AMR meters shall conform to ISO 4064 - 1:1993 with MID marking and module shall be fitted on the meter wirelessly and shall be with IP 68 protection.

The Ultrasonic water meters / Electro Magnetic flow meters ISO9001:2008 and ISO17025. All the meters shall be conforming to life cycle tests conducted at FCRI.

SCOPE OF WORK :

The tentative numbers of meters to be installed are as follows:

S.No.	Dia (in mm)	Quantity
1	15	32,055
2	20	4,566
3	25	6,430
4	40	775
5	50	470
6	63	4
7	75	75
8	80	8
9	100	200
10	150	103
11	200	48
13	300	22
14	450	2
15	500	1
16	600	5
Total		44,776

1. The meter Manufacturing firms / agencies shall supply & install the meters of diameters ranging from 15mm to 600mm within 4 months by engaging suitable required number of man power to fix on to the connections.

2. The Manufactures/Agencies shall provide the required hardware and software for remote reading of data from the meters and shall be integrated to RBS of HMWSSB.

3. The meters including the related hardware and software shall be maintained for a period 5 years.

4. The Manufacturers/Agencies have to fix the meters:

- By replacing the existing non-functioning meters.
- By replacing the existing mechanical meters with multijet water meters with RFID module.
- On connections having no meters.

The Manufacturers/Agencies shall quote the rates inclusive of Manufacturing, Supply, Delivery, Software, and any incidental charges during fixing and maintenance for a period of 5 years.

The Manufacturers/Agencies shall submit the sealed quotations offering their price bids in Seven (7) working days, i.e., on or before 22-10-2019. The firms shall submit to the **Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad** duly enclosing copies of their details of manufacturing facilities, company profile, experience and other relevant documents, certificates & under taking letters if any for the subject work.

Further details can be obtained from **O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana State**
Mobile No : 9898995310

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg),
Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, Telangana State
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19 ECONOMY

GOLD ₹39,160 **RUPEE** ₹71.02 **OIL** \$58.40 **SILVER** ₹46,900
*Indian basket as on October 10, 2019

SENSEX: 38,127.08 ▲ 246.68 NIFTY: 11,305.05 ▲ 70.50 NIKKEI: 21,798.87 ▲ 246.89 HANG SENG: 26,308.44 ▲ 600.51 FTSE: 7,218.81 ▲ 32.45 DAX: 12,421.75 ▲ 257.55

International market data till 1900 GMT

SECTOR WATCH AVIATION

Inform passengers about flight delays every 30 minutes: DGCA to airlines

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

FOLLOWING A meeting with top airline officials on Thursday, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) asked operators on Friday to send text messages after every 30 minutes to passengers whose flight has been delayed, cancelled or whose boarding gates have been changed.

So far, in 2019, a total of 7,916 passenger-related complaints have been received by scheduled airlines, according to the data compiled by the DGCA. Speaking with *The Indian Express* about Thursday's meeting, a senior DGCA official said: "We had a very cordial meeting and all of us resolved to improve things further. The desire is to improve things further".

In the letter written to the airlines on Friday, the DGCA stated: "Prompt redressal of passenger complaints should be the top most priority and must be attended to as per the relevant provisions of the CARs (civil aviation requirements)".

"The airlines should make all efforts to send SMS in case there is a delay in flight beyond 30 minutes or a boarding gate change has taken place at the airport," it said. The regulator has also asked the travel agents to share the mobile number of passengers with the airlines for ease in sending flight information updates.

DGCA chief Arun Kumar on Thursday held a meeting with the appellate authority and nodal officers of all scheduled domestic airlines to discuss matters related to passengers' grievance redressal, following several complaints by passengers on social media regarding practices adopted by various airlines in case of flight delays and cancellations.

In the letter, the DGCA

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noted that "airlines must send repeated SMS after every 30 minutes to keep the passengers updated for the flight delay/cancellation/boarding gate change". "The airlines must keep close coordination with their travel agents. The travel agents must share the mobile numbers of the travelling passengers with the airlines for flight information updates," it added.

If a ticket has to be refunded through a travel agent, the airlines must ensure that it happens in a timely manner, the DGCA pointed out. The regulator also said that airlines must give all necessary assistance to the passengers for their connecting flights.

"Airlines must ensure proper conduct and behaviour of their employees towards passengers," it said, adding that complaints on social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook should be attended to promptly and, to the extent possible, must be resolved.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in November 2016, launched the AirSewa portal and mobile app for passengers to file complaints related to flights and airports. In February this year, the government also released a charter of passenger rights detailing various scenarios of passenger grievances and defined specific liabilities of airlines in case of issues such as flight delays, cancellations, diversions and loss of baggage.

DOMESTIC CAR SALES WERE DOWN 33.4% IN SEPTEMBER

Passenger vehicle sales fall 23%; decline for 11th straight month

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

ONSET OF the festive season failed to lift buyer sentiment and pull the automobile industry out of a prolonged slowdown, as passenger vehicle wholesales in India declined for the 11th consecutive month in September, with passenger vehicle sales — considered to be a proxy of urban demand — dropped 23.69 per cent year-on-year to 2,23,317 units.

However, with buoyant demand witnessed during this year's Navratri, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), which released the data on Friday, said, "green shoots are visible now" and hoped that various steps taken by the government to boost the economy will help sustain it.

Passenger vehicle (PV) sales witnessed the worst fall in over two decades in August, slumping by 31.57 per cent to 1,96,524 units from 2,87,198 units a year ago. In September, domestic car sales were down 33.4 per cent to 1,31,281 units last month, as against 1,97,124 units in the year-ago month, SIAM said.

The month saw motorcycle sales dropping to the lowest-ever level in over two decades, while commercial vehicle sales declined the worst since January 2009,

EXPLAINED No respite for auto sector, signs of slowdown intensify

THE SITUATION for the automobile sector does not seem to be improving as the industry witnessed sales decline for the 11th straight month.

As automobile companies now hope for a revival in the festive season, October sales figure will determine whether the consumer sentiments turned positive following a host of measures announced by the central government, including increase in dearness allowance for government employees and cut in corporate tax rates. SIAM president Rajan Wadhwa said the PV segment was impacted due to a slowing economy and floods in key markets.

when sales declined 67.6 per cent. Motorcycle sales in September declined 23.29 per cent to 10,43,624 units as against 13,60,415 units a year earlier.

In September, total two-wheeler sales, which are reflective of rural consumption patterns, declined 22.09 per cent to 16,56,774 units compared to 21,26,445 units in the year-ago month.

Similarly, sales of commercial vehicles were down 39.06 per cent to 58,419 units in September as compared with 95,870 units in the same period of last year, SIAM said. Vehicle sales across categories registered a decline of 22.41

RCEP should not lead to job losses: SIAM

New Delhi: The proposed mega trade deal RCEP should not lead to job losses, and hurt the government's Make in India initiative, auto industry body SIAM cautioned on Friday ahead of the trade ministers' meeting of the bloc in Bangkok.

Trade ministers of RCEP countries will discuss issues in a meeting in Bangkok on October 12. **PTI**

per cent to 20,04,932 units from 25,84,062 units in September 2018, it added.

SIAM president Rajan Wadhwa said the PV segment was impacted due to a slowing economy, floods in key markets and low demand in rural markets.

He, however, expressed hope that with the government announcing various measures to lift the economy, the auto industry may see things improving over the next few months.

"We believe this could be that fly wheel that the industry was looking forward to and I think on the small base of last year's second

half, this year's second half could probably give us little bit growth," he added.

On the other hand, September retail sales data showed a better picture, pointing to inventory correction taking place in the industry.

According to the retail sales data, total automobile sales were up by 6.48 per cent at 17,32,617 units, compared to 16,27,138 units in September 2018.

Similarly, PV sales stood at 2,53,012 units last month, compared with 2,34,012 units in the same month of last year, an increase of 7.98 per cent.

CBDT DATA FOR AY19

Total taxpayers rise 14% to 8.45 cr, those with income over ₹1 cr up 19%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

THE NUMBER of taxpayers disclosing gross total income over Rs 1 crore rose 19.1 per cent year-on-year to 1.67 lakh in assessment year (AY) 2018-19, income-tax statistics for assessment years released on Friday by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) showed.

Of the 1.67 lakh total taxpayers disclosing gross income over Rs 1 crore, individual taxpayers stood at 97,689 — an increase of 20.1 per cent over the previous year.

Overall, the number of total taxpayers (including corporates, firms, HUFs, individuals, AOPs and BOIs) for AY2018-19 increased 13.8 per cent to 8.45 crore, the data showed.

Seven individuals paid tax exceeding Rs 100 crore but less than Rs 500 crore in AY2018-19 (about Rs 151 crore), as against four individuals (tax paid Rs 166 crore) in the same category in the preceding year, the income-tax statistics by the CBDT showed. No individual paid tax of over Rs 500 crore in AY2018-19.

The number of individuals who paid tax between Rs 50 crore and Rs 100 crore increased to 24 from 16 in the preceding year.

Of the total 5.52 crore returns filed by individuals in AY2018-19, 2,849 individuals filed for salary income over Rs 5 crore, as against 2,254 individuals in the previous year. Thirty five individuals filed returns for income between Rs 50 crore and Rs 100 crore, and nine for income more than Rs 100 crore but less than Rs 500 crore, as

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against 23 and two individuals in the respective categories in the previous year.

In AY2018-19, 2,039 individuals filed returns for salary income between Rs 5 crore and Rs 10 crore, as against 1,615 individuals in the previous year.

The maximum number of returns were filed for showing zero salary income at 2.62 crore returns, followed by 81.55 lakh returns filed for salary income between Rs 5.5 lakh and Rs 9.5 lakh.

The CBDT on Friday released Income Tax Returns Statistics for the assessment year 2018-19 (financial year 2017-18). It has earlier released similar data for assessment years, beginning 2012-13.

A closer look at the number of tax returns filed by companies reveals that 1,443 companies filed returns for business income over Rs 100 crore in AY2018-19, higher than 1,194 companies in the previous year.

The number of companies paying taxes over Rs 100 crore also registered an increase of 12.7 per cent to 525 in AY2018-19 from 466 in 2013-14. Of the total 8.41 lakh tax returns filed for business income by companies in AY2018-19, the highest number of returns of 4.57 lakh were seen for the zero business income category.

Bank credit posts single-digit growth first time this year

For the first time this fiscal year, bank credit growth slowed to single digit — a low of 8.79 per cent at Rs 97.71 lakh crore in the fortnight to September 27, according the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India

₹89.82 lakh cr Advances in the year-ago fortnight period

10.26% growth to Rs 97.01 lakh crore in the previous fortnight ended September 13

6.8% rise in loans to agriculture and allied activities in August, compared to an increase of 6.6 per cent in the same month of last year

13.3% deceleration in credit growth to the services sector in August, from 26.7 per cent



DEPOSIT GROWTH slowed to 9.38 per cent at Rs 129.06 lakh crore from Rs 118 lakh crore a year ago, the RBI said,

adding deposits had grown 10.02 per cent in the fortnight to September 13

NON-FOOD CREDIT GROWTH decelerated to 9.8 per cent in August 2019 from 12.4 per cent in August 2018 on an annualised basis, as per the RBI data

PERSONAL LOAN growth moderated to 15.6 per cent in August 2019 from 18.2 per cent in August 2018

ADVANCES TO the industry accelerated during the reporting period — more than doubling by 3.9 per cent in August from 1.9 per cent in August last year

INCOME-TAX RETURNS STATISTICS FOR AY2018-19

	AY2018-19	Growth (%)
Number of taxpayers	84,521,487	13.8
Individuals with gross income over Rs 1 crore	97,689	20.1
Taxpayers with gross income over Rs 1 crore	1,66,860	19.1

Source: Central Board of Direct Taxes

GST may have flaws, but it's the law now: FM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, OCTOBER 11

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday that the government was committed to bringing in deep structural reforms and the decision to cut corporate tax last month was evidence of its commitment.

She also said that she is in touch with representatives of the automobile industry and is taking efforts to accommodate their demands.

Sitharaman addressed a press conference in Pune as part of the BJP's Assembly election campaign. She also interacted with

businessmen, industrialists and chartered accountants.

"We are committed to deep structural reforms. After the Budget, every week or once in 10 days, I have made important announcements. They are not just for temporary easing of issues. For example, the corporate tax cut was not just a tax cut but it came with a complete structural overhaul. We gave a system through which you will join in a tax, and pay a certain level of tax without any exemption complicating the process," said the FM.

"I am interacting with the automobile sector players from all over the country. They have met me twice in Delhi. It is true that



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at a press conference in Pune on Friday. *Ashish Kale*

consumer demand has not revived for the automobile sector. If any sector wants anything in particular, they can always talk to

me," Sitharaman said.

At the interaction, Sitharaman was asked a question by a cost accountant who sought her time for

a meeting in Delhi with a few colleagues to offer 'five suggestions' to simplify the GST. He said that in the present form "everyone was cursing it", to which the Finance Minister replied: "... We can't suddenly say what a god damned structure is this... It's only been two years. I wish from Day 1 it had met your satisfaction. But I'm sorry it has not. But all of us were a party to it. Let's own it up. On GST, I want each of us to give us solutions for better compliance. I will hear all views but we can't just damn it. It's been passed in Parliament. It's been passed in every state assembly. It might have its flaws... But it's a *kanoon* of this country."

DIPAM invites advisors for strategic sale of BPCL and four other PSUs

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

RACING AGAINST time to conclude strategic sales, which will play a pivotal role to achieve the Rs 1.05 lakh crore-disinvestment revenue target in FY20, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) on Friday invited requests for proposals from eligible parties to work as transaction and legal advisors, and asset valuers for five PSUs.

Besides its 53.29 per cent stake in BPCL, the core group of

secretaries on disinvestment has recently approved the sale of its 63.75 per cent stake in Shipping Corporation, 30 per cent in Container Corporation of India (Concor), 100 per cent in NEEPCO and 75 per cent in THDC.

While the stakes in first three companies are to be sold to private parties, the stakes in NEEPCO and THDC are likely to be sold to another PSU, possibly NTPC.

The current market value of the government's stake to be offloaded in these companies is estimated to be about Rs 90,000 crore — 86 per cent of the disinvestment revenue target for this fiscal year.

While inviting proposals from advisors, DIPAM named the administrative ministries but skipped naming the PSUs as Cabinet approval is still awaited for these sales.

The strategic disinvestment of BPCL would be crucial for the Centre to garner a record disinvestment receipt in FY20, up from Rs 85,000 crore in FY19 (helped by PFC purchase of the government's stake in REC) and Rs 1 lakh crore in FY18 (thanks to ONGC's purchase of the Centre's stake in HPCL). **FE**

Oil prices rise after reports of Iranian tanker attack in Red Sea

REUTERS
LONDON, OCTOBER 11

OIL PRICES rose as high as \$60.65 a barrel on Friday after Iranian media said a state-owned oil tanker had been struck by missiles in the Red Sea near Saudi Arabia, but bearish oil demand forecasts soon pulled crude off session highs.

The Iranian Suezmax crude tanker Sabiti was ablaze and suffered heavy damage after being hit by two missiles, Iranian media reported. Both oil benchmarks recorded their biggest daily rise since Sept. 16, the first trading day after the attacks on Saudi installations knocked out more than half of the kingdom's crude output and temporarily pushed oil prices up by about 20 per cent.

International benchmark Brent crude futures were up 98

Brent crude futures were up 98 cents at \$60.08 a barrel by 0936 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose 95 cents to \$54.50

cents at \$60.08 a barrel by 0936 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose 95 cents to \$54.50.

Iranian oil exports are under US sanctions that have diminished Iran's impact on the global supply picture. "The market still has fresh memories of the Saudi Arabia attacks and the very quick price reversals afterwards. The price results of attacks this year have not been sustained in terms of risk premium," said

Petromatrix analyst Olivier Jakob. "In terms of oil prices, the impact is limited unless you think Iran is going to retaliate in the Strait of Hormuz... It's going to be more supportive in the freight market. Potentially it can increase insurance premiums (on tankers)."

The United States has issued sanctions on units of Chinese shipper COSCO, alleging involvement in ferrying crude out of Iran, which has boosted rates for oil tankers. Tensions in the Middle East have escalated in the wake of attacks on tankers and US drones in the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping artery for global oil trade.

The International Energy Agency on Friday said that global oil markets had recovered quickly from the Saudi attacks and even face oversupply next year as global demand slows.

THE JOINT AUTHORITIES TECHNICAL REVIEW WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE FAA

'FAA failed to properly review 737 MAX's anti-stall system'

DAVID SHEPARDSON & JAMIE FREED
WASHINGTON/SINGAPORE, OCTOBER 11

A PANEL of international air safety regulators on Friday harshly criticised the US Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) review of a safety system on Boeing's 737 MAX airliner later tied to two crashes that killed all 346 people aboard.

The Joint Authorities Technical Review (JATR) was commissioned by the FAA in April to look into the agency's oversight and approval of the so-called MCAS anti-stall system.

The report also faulted Boeing for assumptions it made in designing the airplane and



Boeing 737 MAX aircraft at Boeing facilities at the Grant County International Airport in Washington. *Reuters File photo*

found areas where Boeing could improve processes.

"The JATR team found that the MCAS was not evaluated as a complete and integrated function in the certification docu-

ation of the system function and its safety analyses, combined with the extensive and fragmented documentation, made it difficult to assess whether compliance was fully demonstrated."

Boeing did not directly address the report's findings but said it "is committed to working with the FAA in reviewing the recommendations and helping to continuously improve the process and approach used to validate and certify airplanes."

Regulators around the world continue to scrutinise proposed software changes and training revisions from Boeing aimed at returning the Boeing 737 MAX to service.

Boeing's top-selling airplane has been grounded worldwide

since a March 10 crash in Ethiopia killed 157 people, five months after a Lion Air 737 MAX crashed in Indonesia, killing 189 people on board. Major US airlines including Southwest Airlines Inc and American Airlines Inc currently do not expect 737 MAX flights to resume before January.

The JATR draft recommendations, obtained by *Reuters* ahead of their release on Friday, also said the FAA's longstanding practice of delegating "a high level" of certification tasks to manufacturers such as Boeing needs significant reform to ensure adequate safety oversight.

"With adequate FAA engagement and oversight, the extent of delegation does not in itself compromise safety," the report said. **REUTERS**

RK SINGH AT BI-ANNUAL STATE POWER MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

'State discoms inefficient ... need to open up power sectors to others'

PRABHARAGHAVAN KEVADIYA (NARMADA), OCTOBER 11

STATES NEED to make their power supply systems more efficient in order for India to utilise the infrastructure it has set up, said Minister of State for Power and Renewable Energy RK Singh Friday at the bi-annual state power ministers' conference. This includes improving losses of state-owned electricity distribution companies (discoms) through measures like setting up franchisees where the discoms will act as wholesalers of electricity to private providers, the minister said. He added that states needed to step up and take stem measures against electricity theft, and, contrary to popular belief, locking up offenders would not make them lose votes in the next elections. "Even if you lock people up for not paying their bills, people will still vote for you. It is wrong to think that if you do something for the welfare of the state and the

country, that you will not get votes," said Singh. He said "efficiency would prevail when citizens get choice of selecting their own discom," adding that shifting the role of state-owned discoms and allowing other players to distribute to individual households would ensure "upfront" payment to discoms. He added that discoms were "inefficient structures" and that the country could not increase jobs in the power industry "unless we open up the distribution sector and allow more companies to compete with each other." "It (state-owned discoms) is good with wholesale," he said, adding that it was "difficult" for governments to operate retail systems. "Right to good service and right of choice are enshrined in the constitution," Singh added. The minister also stressed the need for states to repay dues to discoms, adding that state government departments owe Rs 47,000 crore to discoms. He also rapped them for "overcharging" industrial consumers

for power that they procured much cheaper. "How can states get investments when you are charging Rs 8-9/unit to the industry?" he said, adding that their cost was much lower at Rs 3-4/unit. "You are overcharging (consumers)," he said. Demand for electricity grew seven per cent in the first quarter of this financial year, and is expected to grow further, said the minister. "Demand is going to triple, so we need investments," he said, adding that states needed to value the "sanctity of contracts". Referring to Andhra Pradesh's decision to review its power purchase agreements (PPAs), he suggested the move leads to uncertainty and stalls foreign investments in this sector. "In one state, the sanctity of contracts had been violated... five ambassadors got in touch with me," he said. "Ease of doing business is necessary to attract investment... and sanctity of contracts is warranted for that," he said.

ECONOMIC SITUATION, GLOBAL AND DOMESTIC CHALLENGES ALSO REVIEWED

RBI Central Board meet: Regulation of cooperative banks, NBFs taken up

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

A DAY after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government is looking at bringing in necessary regulations and amendments for better regulation of multi-state cooperative banks and the possibility of a hike in insurance cover for bank deposits, the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday discussed the regulatory and supervisory architecture of commercial and cooperative banks against the backdrop of the Rs 6,200 crore scam at the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC Bank). Besides, the board reviewed the current economic situation, global as well as domestic challenges, and various areas of operation of the Reserve Bank.

Forex reserves spurt \$4.24 bn

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves surged by \$4.24 billion to touch a record high of \$437.83 billion during the week October 4, according to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). With this, forex reserves had surged by \$9.25 billion in two weeks amid capital inflows. In the previous week, the reserves had surged by \$5.02 billion to \$433.59 billion. The rise in reserves in the reporting week was on account of rise in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves. FCA increased by \$3.99 billion

to \$405.61 billion in the week ended October 4, the RBI said. Expressed in US dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and the yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. In the week, gold reserves rose \$232 million to \$27.17 billion. Special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund was up by \$1 million to \$1.43 billion during the week. The country's reserve position with the IMF also increased by \$9 million to \$3.61 billion, the data showed. ENS

and supervisory architecture of commercial and cooperative banks as also NBFs," the central bank said in a statement. While the PMC Bank fraud has unnerved depositors in co-operative banks, the NBFC sector has been facing liquidity woes and other headwinds for many months following the IL&FS fiasco last year. Sitharaman had said the Finance Ministry has set up a committee that will be chaired by two secretaries of the Ministry of Finance and will also have a Deputy Governor level RBI official participating in it. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had recently said the central bank will "review all the regulations" of cooperative banks and discuss with the government if required. The Central Board meeting, chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, also discussed the role of payments banks and

small finance banks in enhancing financial inclusion. The annual activity reports of local boards, various sub-committees of the board and functioning of a few central office departments were also deliberated upon at the meeting. A strategy sub-committee of Central Board of Directors has been formed, the statement said. RBI deputy governors N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and Mahesh Kumar Jain attended the meeting. Other directors of the Board — N Chandrasekaran, Bharat Doshi, Sudhir Mankad, Manish Sabharwal, Ashok Gulati, Prasanna Kumar Mohanty, Dilip S Shinghvi, Satish Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer and Sachin Chaturvedi — also attended the meeting. Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar and Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakrabarty too participated at Friday's meeting.

BNP Paribas Asset Management India, BoB MF arm to merge

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 11

BARODA ASSET Management India Ltd, a subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, and BNP Paribas Asset Management India Private Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas Asset Management Asia, have agreed to merge to form a new mutual fund entity. The new entity will have a combined assets under management of around Rs 18,000 crore. "The strategic alliance allows both companies to leverage each other's strengths to offer products specially designed for retail and institutional clients in India. This demonstrates their ongoing commitment to introducing new products to cater to the increasing investment appetite of investors," the two mutual fund firms stated. "We are pleased to partner with a global organisation such as BNP Paribas Asset Management. We value their expertise and the robust investment and risk man-

Baroda Mutual Fund has an AUM of ₹10,675 crore and BNP Paribas AUM reported an AUM of ₹7,300 crore as of September this year

agement processes they have to offer. This joint venture will allow us to create a stronger, more competitive asset management company in the Indian mutual fund industry with the large distribution network of Bank of Baroda and the expertise of BNP Paribas coupled with the benefit of the firm's ability to source offshore funds," said P S Jayakumar, managing director and CEO, Bank of Baroda. The merger will be subject to regulatory approvals and other legal approvals. Currently, Baroda Mutual Fund has an AUM of Rs 10,675 crore and BNP Paribas AUM reported an AUM of Rs 7,300 crore as of September this year.

DoT Secy says FinMin not in favour of closing down BSNL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 11

ATOP telecom department (DoT) official on Friday indicated that the Finance Ministry is not in favour of closing down state-run BSNL. When asked whether the Finance Ministry has favoured shutting down of the telecom PSU, DoT Secretary Anshu Prakash said, "This information is incorrect." He was speaking on the sidelines of the annual general meeting of mobile tower industry body TAIIPA. A group of ministers headed by Home Minister Amit Shah has approved a revival plan proposed by the DoT. The Group of Ministers had approved a revival package for the loss-making public sector telecom firms in mid-July. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, telecom minister Ravi Shankar Prasad were part of the GoM that approved the plan.

Infosys Q2 revenue rises 9.9% y-o-y in dollar terms

ENSECONOMICBUREAU MUMBAI/BENGALURU, OCTOBER 11

INFOSYS ON Friday reported double-digit revenue growth for the fourth consecutive quarter, with revenues growing by 9.9 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in dollar terms and 11.4 per cent in constant currency in the September quarter. The firm's performance is in stark contrast to its larger peer Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), which reported weak numbers for the second quarter running. Infosys' current growth trajectory is expected to sustain, given that the firm has also revised the lower end of its revenue guidance upwards to 9 per cent from 8.5 per cent earlier. Its revenue guidance stands at 9-10 per cent now, against 8.5-10 per cent given in the previous quarter, which itself was bumped up from the earlier guidance of 7.5-9.5 per cent. The firm has also signed large deals worth \$2.8 billion, which is the highest so far. The management conveyed that the large

deals not only accounted for new contracts, but also renewals. Infosys had exited FY19 with total contract value of \$6.28 billion. Infosys' operating margin in the quarter under review was 21.7 per cent, a sharp 120 basis points higher compared to 20.5 per cent in Q1FY20. Its performance on revenues and net profit was in line with market estimates, while it beat expectations on operating margins. Analysts believe the margin beat will drive up current consensus estimates for FY20. Digital revenues — which now account for 38.3 per cent of total sales — grew by 38.4 per cent y-o-y and 10.6 per cent sequentially in constant currency terms. Commenting on the September quarter performance, Infosys CEO Saiil Parekh, said: "Infosys has delivered another strong quarter and double digit revenue growth for fourth consecutive quarter. Our performance was robust on multiple dimensions: revenue growth, digital growth, operating margins, operational efficiencies, large deal signings and reduction in attrition". FE

Trade talks: Trump sees 'good things', Beijing proposes partial deal

ECHO WANG & YAWEN CHEN WASHINGTON/BEIJING, OCTOBER 11

U.S. President Donald Trump sounded an optimistic note on Friday as high-level trade talks with China entered a second day, while Beijing indicated it was open to a "partial" deal that would avoid a planned hike in tariffs on its goods this month. The two sides have been locked in on-again, off-again talks to resolve a 15-month trade war that has roiled financial markets, uprooted global supply chains and stoked fears of a global recession. Officials, including U.S. Secretary of State Steven Mnuchin and Chinese Vice President Liu He, resumed the negotiations in Washington early on Friday. Liu is scheduled to meet Trump at the White House at 2:45 p.m. EDT (1845 GMT), according to the White House public schedule.

"Good things are happening at China Trade Talk Meeting. Warmer feelings than in recent past, more like the Old Days" DONALD TRUMP ON TWITTER

"Good things are happening at China Trade Talk Meeting. Warmer feelings than in recent past, more like the Old Days. I will be meeting with the Vice Premier today. All would like to see something significant happen!" Trump wrote on Twitter. Mnuchin, arriving for the negotiations in Washington, told reporters the talks were "going well." A Chinese state newspaper said on Friday that a "partial" trade deal would benefit China and the United States, and that Washington should take the offer, reflecting Beijing's aim of cooling the row before more tariffs kick in. REUTERS

BRIEFLY

Allahabad Bank cuts MCLR by 5 basis points

New Delhi: Allahabad Bank Friday cut the marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis points, with effect from Monday.

GeM signs pact with Union Bank of India

New Delhi: Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Friday said it has signed a pact with Union Bank of India under which the bank will offer several services to it including transfer of funds. PTI

Renault ousts Bollore; Delbos is interim CEO

Paris: Renault's board voted Friday to oust CEO Thierry Bollore, as the French car-maker and Japanese partner Nissan seek a fresh start following the scandal-hit tenure of Carlos Ghosn. Renault added that financial director Clotilde Delbos would succeed Bollore on an interim basis. REUTERS

Prasad among top 100 in digital governance list

New Delhi: Union Minister for Electronics & IT, Communications and Law & Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad has been named among the world's 100 most influential people of digital governance by UK-based NGO Apolitical. Other political personalities, who feature on the list with Prasad, are US Congressman from California Ro Khanna, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Canadian Minister of Digital Government Joyce Murray. ENS

Government of Rajasthan Office of Director, Archaeology & Museums Department, Rajasthan, Jaipur (Phone No. 0141-2820360, Email-dirarchraj@gmail.com) SHORT TERM E-Bid Notice for Operating & Managing the Existing Sound & Light Show at Amber Fort, Amber, Jaipur

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA SAG WSC : ALAPPUZHA RE-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenders in Two Bid system (Technical & Financial) are invited from reputed suppliers for supply of Mess Items (Groceries, Vegetables & Fruits, Fish, Poultry Items and Dairy Items) from reputed agencies to the Mess of SAI Water Sports Centre, Punnimada, Alleppey.

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UK seeks to label Uber as a transportation provider

REUTERS LONDON, OCTOBER 11

UBER TECHNOLOGIES Inc says the UK is seeking to classify the company as a transportation provider, potentially opening it up to new tax charges that could weigh heavily on its business, according to UK accounts filings in recent days. It is the latest headache for the US ride-hailing company, which is also facing reg-

ulatory problems in London, one of its largest markets. Uber says it could be charged 20 per cent VAT on gross booking fees — the amount passengers pay — or on service fees charged to drivers, typically about 20-30 per cent of the fare. The tax could eat into Uber's margins or force it to increase fares, making it less competitive against rivals, who have previously complained about Uber's non-payment of VAT.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice Tender No : 22/19-20/SE/PHC/CPKD. KIIFB-17-18-CWSS to Malappuzha constituency-Design and construction OHSRs of 8L, 7L & 10.5 L.L. Supplying and Laying CWP/M, Motor pumpset, Construction of pump house and railway crossing. EMD : Rs. 500000. Tender fee : Rs. 16800. Last date for submitting Tender : 14-11-2019 03:00:pm. Phone : 04912544927. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Government of Rajasthan, Department of Tourism Sanjay Marg, Opp. Vidhayakpuri Police Station, Jaipur-302001 Telephone- 0141-2822847/52, email- cotraj@gmail.com, mktg.rajasthan@tourism@gmail.com Online open competitive E bid (NIB No. 121) Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan as part of its tourism promotion strategies takes part in various domestic travel marts such as TTF, IITM, ITM, Tourism Fair, IITT, SATTE, TTB, IITF, Craft Mela and Expos and overseas / foreign travel marts such as PATA Travel Mart, Top Resa, WTM, FITUR, ITB, Pure Life Experiences, ATM, COTTM, JATA, CITM etc. The Department hires bare spaces ranging from 9 to 120 sq. m. at these events for construction and setting up of Rajasthan Tourism pavilion/stand to showcase tourism products of the State along with seating arrangement for the co-exhibitors from private sector partners.

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD. (A Government of India Undertaking) NOTICE INVITING TENDER Tender Notice No. KR-CO-PD-NTPC-KDG-FOB. Construction of four numbers of Steel Foot Over Bridges (FOB) at STPP, Kudgi for Railway Siding Yard at Kudgi - Vijayapur District - Karnataka State. Total Estimated Cost of Tender : ₹ 17.67 Cr. (Excl.GST). The Closing Date & Time: 01/11/2019, up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online offer/bids.

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21 BODY & MIND

Relief for children's migraine headaches

New guidelines for therapies for children and adolescents can reduce or eliminate attacks of migraine and greatly shorten their duration



Gracia Lam/NYT

JANE E BRODY

MY GRANDSON Stefan was about 8 years old when he began to get migraine headaches. As soon as he could after getting home from school, he would lie down and go to sleep, waking up an hour or two later, usually with the headache gone. But before the pain abated, he sometimes vomited, prompting him and his relatives to keep barf bags handy at all times.

Then as Stefan approached puberty, these debilitating headaches stopped as mysteriously as they had begun.

Though Stefan's headaches were disruptive and disabling, he was luckier than his grandma. My migraine attacks (misdiagnosed as sinus headaches) began around puberty, usually occurred three times a month, each lasting for three days, and didn't end until menopause. Even though sleep can often terminate a migraine attack, nothing I tried brought relief, and there were no prescription medications at the time to treat or prevent them.

Attention parents, teachers, coaches, doctors and anyone else who interacts with children and teens: Too often, adults tell them to "suck it up, it's just a headache." A migraine is not "just a headache," nor is it something they can ignore. A migraine makes you feel sick all over, often acutely sensitive to light and noise, nauseated and unable to concentrate on anything but the desire for relief. Very young children with migraine may be spared the head pain and instead get only gastrointestinal symptoms like vomiting and stomach pain.

Migraine is a disease with a genetic component and often runs in families. The pounding, nauseating headache is a symptom of that disease. Before puberty, the disorder affects boys and girls equally, but after puberty, when testosterone kicks in to suppress migraine attacks in boys, the incidence among girls becomes very much higher.

Happily, for the more than six million children who suffer frequently from migraine headaches, the prospects for relief are now very much better than when I was a teen and premenopausal adult. In August, the American Academy of Neurology and the American Headache Society issued new guidelines for therapies for children and adolescents that can both reduce, if not eliminate, attacks of migraine and greatly shorten their duration.

Since 2004, when the organisations published the first set of guidelines, "a lot more studies have been done of acute and preventive therapies that have been approved for children and adolescents by the Food and Drug Administration," said Dr Andrew Hershey, professor of pediatrics and neurology and director of the Headache Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

For youngsters with chronic migraine who have headaches for about 15 or more days a month, there is now at least one effective preventive: a combination of cognitive behavioural therapy and an antidepressant called amitriptyline (Elavil), Hershey said. Treatment options for an acute headache run the gamut from an over-the-counter NSAID (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug like ibuprofen) to a prescribed triptan like Imitrex, Maxalt or Zomig that are safe and effective for young sufferers, he said.

Interestingly, with respect to preventives, the main randomised study of 361 young patients, called CHAMP, found that a reduction of 50 per cent or more in the number of headache days occurred in both groups taking

either the drug amitriptyline or topiramate (Topamax, an anti-seizure drug), as well as those in the placebo group, and the active drugs caused more side-effects.

The findings suggest to Hershey, "It's not so much what we do but how we do it. We offer options: 'Do headaches bother you enough to take a preventive medication every day?' We give patients the choice, and the expectation of a response drives a clinically positive result."

"We can use that expectation clinically, telling patients they don't have to be on medication very long. When the frequency of headaches declines to two or three times a month and the headaches go away in an hour, they can stop preventive medication and use an acute therapy to treat the headache when it occurs."

Based on the results of the CHAMP trial, Christina I. Szperka, paediatric neurologist and director of the paediatric headache programme at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, suggests that clinicians first try a nutraceutical like magnesium or riboflavin (vitamin B2) to reduce

headache frequency, along with lifestyle measures like staying well hydrated, eating regular meals, not skipping breakfast, getting enough sleep and getting some exercise.

She told NeurologyLive: "If the act of taking something like a pill every day and believing it is likely to help you and is part of what triggers the body's response to heal itself, then we feel like it makes sense to think about using something that's pretty harmless to start the process. If they don't respond to those nutraceuticals, then that's when we bring in the

other prescription medications."

Dr Amy Gelfand, director of the child and adolescent headache programme at the University of California, San Francisco, has found that taking melatonin along with riboflavin can also help to reduce the frequency of migraine attacks. Melatonin is the body's natural sleep-inducing hormone and is available in pharmacies without a prescription.

"Too often kids and families are told nothing can be done about migraine," Gelfand said. "That's the wrong message. The kids who are being treated are doing really well."

One often overlooked contributor to attacks of migraine is stress. Szperka told me, "Stress is a huge factor in migraine. Kids have told us, 'I'm worried about something, that's when I have my headache.' Kids today are under so much pressure to do well in school and in sports if they want to get into a good college. They push themselves and suffer. Sometimes the best suggestion to them is to ease up academically."

Although it has long been thought that certain foods — like chocolate, aged cheese, processed meats, citrus fruits and artificial sweeteners — can act as triggers for a migraine headache, experts say this has yet to be proven. The chocolate myth may have arisen, Gelfand suggested, because the premonitory phase before a migraine attack often induces a craving for sweets.

Still, for those who suspect a particular substance or circumstance may be acting as a migraine trigger, it can help to keep a diary, recording under what conditions the headaches seem to occur. A woman I know used a food diary to discover that her headaches followed consumption of corn in any form, even cornstarch as an ingredient.

If a child's primary care doctor is unable to deal successfully with migraine, the experts urged parents to consult a paediatric neurologist or headache specialist. **NYT**



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SHORT COURSE

[20-30 YEARS]

Pregnant? Try not to sleep on your back



DURING PREGNANCY, sleeping on your back may be a bad idea. Previous studies have found that sleeping in a supine position causes compression of veins and arteries that can lead to a reduction in blood flow to the placenta severe enough to double the risk for stillbirth after 28 weeks of gestation.

Now a new study, in *JAMA Network Open*, concludes that supine sleeping is also associated with low birth weight in full-term babies.

Of 1,760 pregnant women in the analysis, 57 went to sleeping on their backs. (The initial sleep position is the one maintained for the longest time during the night.)

After controlling for age, body mass index, previous pregnancies, hypertension, diabetes and other factors, they found that compared with those sleeping in other positions, women who slept on their backs had babies who were three times as likely to be in the lowest 10th percentile for birth weight. **NYT**

[30-40 YEARS]

Income drops tied to cognitive deficits



A DECLINE in income in young adulthood may lead to poorer cognitive ability in middle age. Income reductions are also linked to changes in brain structure that suggest premature aging, researchers report. The study, in *Neurology*, included 3,287 men and women, ages 23 to 35, whose income was tracked from 1990 to 2010. At the end of the study, the participants took tests of mental ability and underwent MRI examinations.

About a third of the group had one drop of 25 per cent or more from their average income, and 399 had two or more. The more income declines a person had, the worse his or her performance on tests of processing speed, planning and organisation. After adjusting for sex, race, body mass index, blood pressure, smoking and other health and behavioural characteristics, they found that compared with no income drops, having two or more was associated with smaller total brain volume and lower white matter volume. **NYT**

[40+ YEARS]

Statins may affect your bone health

CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING statin drugs may have an added benefit, or risk, depending on the dose. New research suggests that a low dose of statins may protect against osteoporosis, but that high doses may increase the risk for the bone-damaging condition.

Austrian researchers searched a database of patients hospitalised over two years and found 3,53,502 who used statins. Of these, 11,701 had a diagnosis of osteoporosis. They compared them with

7,543,947 people who had not taken statins, of whom 68,699 had osteoporosis. The study is in the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*.

Osteoporosis was more than three times as common in people who took statins. But taking 10 mg a day or less was associated with as much as a 60 per cent reduced risk of osteoporosis, depending on the type of statin.

Yet for five of the six types of statins tested, the risk of osteoporosis increased with the size of the dosage. **NYT**

DIET DIARY

Intermittent fasting and its health benefits



BY ISHI KHOSLA

THESE DAYS, fasting is gaining popularity. From intermittent fasting to Navratra fasts, people are increasingly adopting fasting as a part of their lifestyle. While traditional fasts are associated with religion and changing seasons, these days it is being done more for weight loss. Mahatma Gandhi, too, believed in the concept of fasting. The reason cited by him was not weight loss, but rather to achieve a balance in life and good health. Historically, fasts have been prescribed as a means to detoxify the body and eliminate harmful byproducts of our metabolism which accumulate over a period of time. It is also a form of digestive rest.

During the resting period, the waste accumulated in intestines is naturally processed through body fluids, blood and the lymphatic fluid. The cleaning results in an energised, refreshed body and mind. One of the mechanisms that the body uses is called autophagy. Not eating is actually the key to turning on autophagy, which is the body's intracellular recycling mechanism.

The term "autophagy" was in existence from the middle of the 19th century and is derived from the Greek *auto*phagos, meaning self-devouring. It is the natural, regulated mechanism of the cell that removes unwanted or dysfunctional components.

When the body is faced with the possibility of starvation, it activates autophagy. Dr Noboru Mizushima of Tokyo Medical School has demonstrated in his research that the body, during a short period of starvation, stimulates the switch on autophagy.

In the 1990s, several groups of scientists independently discovered autophagy-related genes using the budding yeasts.

The name ATG was used to denote autophagy genes. The field of autophagy research experienced fast growth at the turn of 21st century. Knowledge of ATG genes provided scientists knowledge of the relevance of autophagy in human health. In 1999, a landmark discovery connected autophagy with cancer by publishing.

Several animal studies have shown that diets severely restricted in calories but nutritionally adequate reduced the risk of chronic disease and increased life span. A possible explanation is that when the body is under the stress of starvation, defective proteins are decomposed by autophagy and recycled as necessary nutrients for cells. Waste and toxins are shredded and cleaned up by autophagy. This explains why the longest living people in the world eat less, high-nutrient diets and are lean.

This strengthens the case in favour of intermittent fasting. This form of fasting is more about modification of diet rather than giving up on food. Raw fruits and vegetables are essential for optimal results. Fluids are integral to fasting for removing waste. Fasting is better done under supervision, especially if you are on medication.

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Chronic stress can make you sick, take steps to reduce it

At a time when we never switch off, a new book offers advice on countering damaging effects of stress

ANAHAD O'CONNOR

NOT LONG AGO Dr Rangan Chatterjee had a patient with Type 2 diabetes who was struggling to lower blood sugar levels despite following an intense diet and exercise programme.

Chatterjee counselled him to focus on the root cause of his problem: chronic stress. The 53-year-old businessman had been putting in long hours at the office, working late into the night and skimping on sleep. Chatterjee told him that constant stress can wreak havoc on blood sugar levels, and urged him to practice yoga and meditation and to shut off his computer 90 minutes before bed each night. Six months later, the patient's blood sugar levels were close to normal.

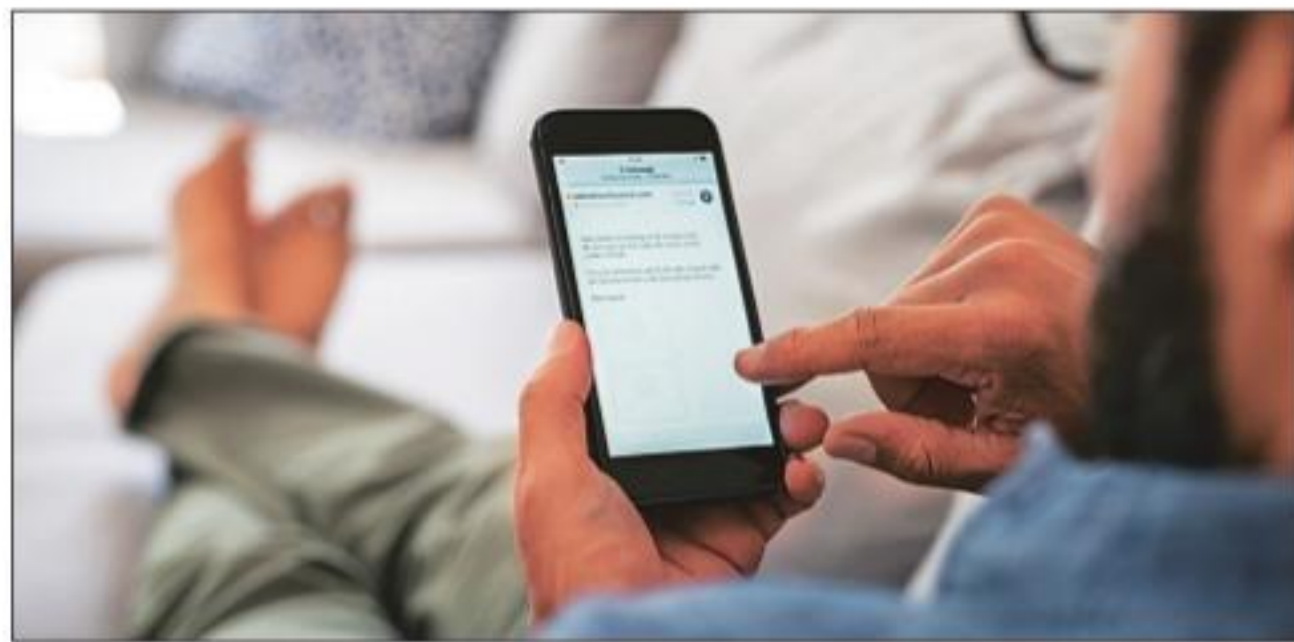
Chatterjee, an author, television host and British doctor, believes the role of stress in chronic disease is far too often overlooked. He estimates that 80 per cent of problems he sees in his clinic — conditions like high blood pressure, insomnia, depression, metabolic disease

and weight gain — are in some way related to stress. "A lot of people are oblivious to the effects of stress," Chatterjee said.

Stress is an inevitable part of life, and in small doses it can be beneficial. But in recent years a growing body of research has shown that persistently high levels of social and emotional stress — the kind brought on by a high-pressure job, a divorce, financial worries or strained relationships, for example — can dampen the immune system and promote inflammation, heart disease and premature ageing.

In his latest book, "The Stress Solution," Chatterjee explores the many ways that persistent stress can lead to disease, along with strategies to protect against its toxic effects. Some of his techniques are easy to adopt, like simple breathing exercises and calming morning routines. Others require significant lifestyle changes, like optimising sleep and diet, cutting back on phone and social media use, and fostering friendships and purpose to build resiliency.

"One of the reasons I wrote this book was to give stress the airtime that it deserves,"



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Chatterjee said. "The public needs to be more aware of how prevalent and damaging it is, and doctors need to be aware of some simple things to help people."

Chatterjee has long championed the benefits of lifestyle changes to help counter chronic disease. His popular BBC television programme, "Doctor in the House," featured him visiting overweight and chronically ill people in their homes and transforming their diets, exercise and relationships.

One thing he noticed early on was that asking his patients to cut back on bad habits like eating junk food or drinking to excess was often bound to fail unless he addressed the underlying reasons for those behaviours.

"They'd be motivated for one or two weeks, but it turned out that their sugar or alcohol consumption was their way of coping with all the stress in their lives," Chatterjee said. "Unless we tackled the stress, they were always going to revert back to what they were doing."

Another thing that struck him was how technology is creating a potent new source of stress. Many people wake up and immediately look at their smartphones and check their email or social media. Then they remain glued to their phones throughout the day, staring at them while they eat, sit at their desks, socialise and lie in bed at night. Chatterjee saw a growing number of patients complaining of anxiety and mental health issues, and a high proportion of them were spending vast amounts of time on their smartphones. In his book, he explains that studies have linked constant exposure to social media to depression, especially in adolescents and young adults.

"Now more than ever before, we're starting to recognise that we're leading these lives where we can never switch off," Chatterjee said. "There's always something to do. I'm not pro or anti technology, but I think for many of us we're using it in ways that are harming us."

While everyone's circumstances are unique, there are some things most of us can do to minimise daily stress levels. Studies show that controlled breathing exercises reduce stress, increase alertness and strengthen the immune system. One simple exercise Chatterjee recommends is called the "3-4-5

Breath," in which you breathe in for three seconds, hold it for four seconds, then exhale slowly to the count of five. "Any time your out-breath is longer than your in-breath, you help to switch off your body's stress response and promote relaxation," he said.

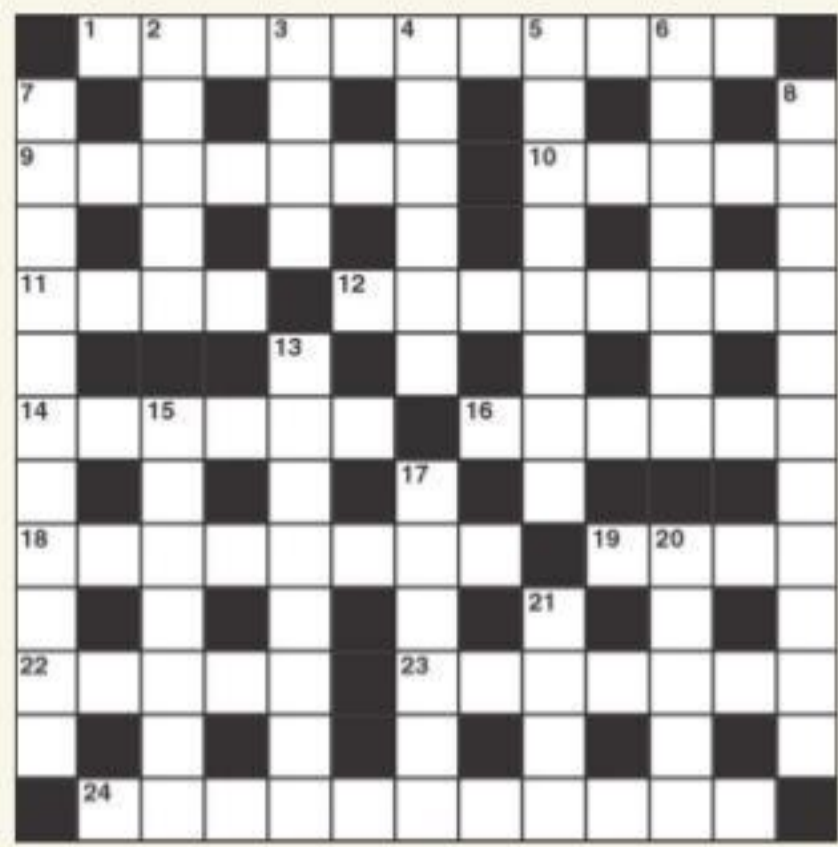
If you stare at a screen all day, try taking a tech-free lunch break. Put your phone down for 15 minutes and go out for a walk. Research shows that simply being outside in a park can ease anxiety.

A calming morning routine can also help set the tone for your day. Instead of rolling out of bed and looking at your phone, try the three M's: mindfulness, movement and mind-set. Take at least 15 minutes to do something that puts you in a good mood, like drinking a cup of tea or reading a few pages of a good book.

Lastly, do at least one activity a day that gives you pleasure, and make it a priority.

"It could be coming home and going for a walk, playing with your kids, or watching five minutes of your favourite comedian on YouTube after work," Chatterjee said. "Some people have jobs that are busy and stressful. I can't reduce the stress in your work. But I can make you more resilient, and having a bit of pleasure in your life makes you more resilient." **NYT**

CROSSWORD 3935



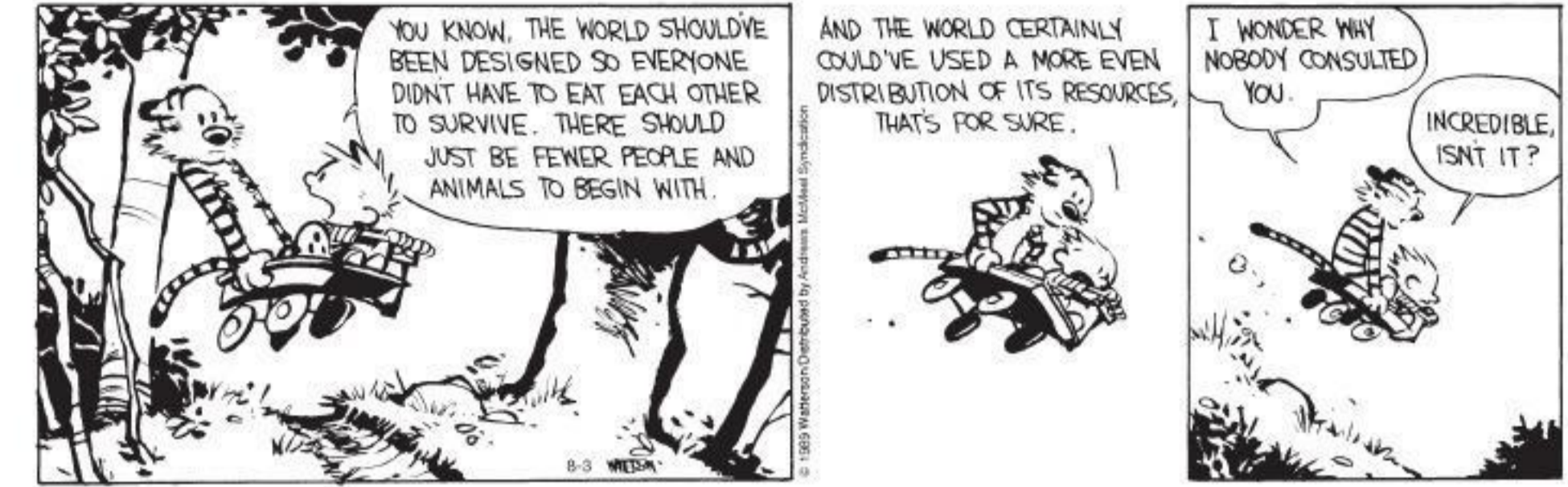
- ACROSS**
- It's a mistake to kiss; one may be fired (11)
 - Kind of entrance that confuses singers (7)
 - Such a cut may be seen in a ring (5)
 - It's purely symbolic (4)
 - Element may be Athenian in any case (8)
 - A young crab? (6)
 - I have found it in a Greek dictionary (6)
 - What scores of young people are in? (8)
 - It's a mixed drink (4)
 - Mother has a look back for a girl (5)
 - Joke about girl being very moral (7)
 - Hailing distance? (6,5)
- DOWN**
- Lawful time up in the fifties (5)
 - When a division is called for, they won't agree (4)
 - Adjustment in ages for review (6)
 - Bouquet I ordered from this shop? (8)
 - Speculate about quiet spouse (7)
 - Hunting season problem for the easily bored? (7,4)
 - Provisional allowances for serving men (4,7)
 - Control shown as others fall (8)
 - Report rewritten about one comic character (7)
 - Politician in new test case appeals (6)
 - Start to fight (3-2)
 - A span of roguishness (4)

Solutions Crossword 3934: Across: 1 Purely, 4 Odd types, 9 Encash, 10 Tutorial, 12 Ally, 13 Fable, 14 Teak, 17 Exercise book, 20 Black and blue, 23 Adam, 24 Slide, 25 Bell, 28 Trial run, 29 Allight, 30 Dormouse, 31 Spiced. Down: 1 Prepared, 2 Recalled, 3 Lost, 5 Double brandy, 6 Took, 7 Primer, 8 Saluki, 11 False colours, 15 Scale, 16 Rowdy, 18 Allergic, 19 Deflated, 21 Baited, 22 Rapier, 26 Also, 27 Slap.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLER WORDS

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

The ___ for ___ has always been half of health - Seneca (4,7)

BDAEI **COHHN**

EWILS **EGILGW**

SOLUTION: ABIDE, WILES, HONCHO, WIGGLE. Answer: The wish for healing has always been half of health - Seneca

Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

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

Difficulty Level

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



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AWARD - GGSIP UNIVERSITY

Dr Yash Agarwal of IP University has been conferred with the coveted Hindi Academy Award for the year 2019 - 20 for his outstanding contribution in the field of knowledge & science and technology. The Award was given by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia. Recipient of numerous prestigious national and international awards in various capacities as an academician, researcher, author, editor and science communicator; he is author of 48 popular health and medical science books, which have sold more than two million copies and have been translated into a number of languages.



COMPETITION - VIPS

VIPS organized 6th Moot Court International Law Competition in association with SAARC -LAW, India. Rakesh Munjal, Sr Advocate, President, SAARC-LAW, India inaugurated the competition on 27 Sept. He congratulates the VIPS organising moot event. Prof Venkata Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, NLSIU, Chairperson, VSLLS, VIPS emphasized on the need of moot exercise to be carried out by Law Schools. Prof Rashmi Salpekar, Dean, VSLLS thanked the guests as also Dr. S.C. Vats, Management, VIPS for supporting to organize the moot competition. Faculty -Dr Deepthi, Mr Aaditya and students, Yash, Abhishek and Vansh convened moot competition.



MoU-ICAI

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on historic day of October 2, 2019 at London, UK to recognize the qualification, training of each other and admit the members in good standing by prescribing a bridging mechanism. The renewal of this MOU demonstrates the strengthening ties and further commitment of ICAI and ICAEW to work even more closely to build a World of Strong Economies with the best professional skills.

EVENT- IGNOU

On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU urged IGNOU employees to eliminate single-use plastic and use cloth and jute bags instead. Prof. Nageshwar Rao said that it is a step towards the Prime Minister's call to the nation to make the country free from single-use plastics by the University. He paid floral tributes to the "Father of Nation" by offering flowers to the portrait of Mahatma. IGNOU also has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Delhi Municipality Corporation to keep plastic items such as polythene bags, thermocol plates and cups, plastic spoons and straws away from the campus. IGNOU faculty members and employees also took the pledge to eliminate single-use plastic and make the IGNOU campus plastic-free. Indra Gandhi National Open University organized number of activities to observe Gandhi Jayanti and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



SPECIAL EVENT-SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, NOIDA

Somerville School Noida conducted a special assembly for students of Middle School recently to enlighten them on the harmful effects of plastic especially 'single-use plastics'. The students were informed about the government's decision to ban single-use plastic. Students came to know the hazards of plastic and various ways they can be replaced. A poem was recited and an interesting video was shown on how some cities have started using plastic to build roads in order to get rid of the plastic waste. They were urged to avoid any kind of plastic use and carry cloth bags, water bottles etc when they are going anywhere.



PERFORMANCES- DPS RK PURAM

D.P.S.R.K. Puram hosted a variety of cultural performances and competitions to "Commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi". The event began with the unveiling of a relief painting of Mahatma Gandhi by the Principal, Vice Principals, Headmistresses and School appointments. As part of the "Swachh Bharat Mission", a cleanliness drive was undertaken by the teachers and students. This initiative was a step further to achieve Mahatma's vision of hygiene and health. This was followed by tree plantation outside the school premises. The SDMC schools from sector 4 and sector 5 were invited to be a part of this celebration.



EVENT- KANGAROO KIDS PRESCHOOL

The school organized a two day event-Kangaroo Kids Carnival-We are one world recently, wherein children went on a learning spree with activities like Chinese calligraphy, boomerang painting, koala balloons, Carp kites, aboriginal patterns and fishing flags all educated us about how we are different yet all one.150 students from various preschools participated in the event. The event had activities that encouraged thinking skills in learners and exploring different cultures, people from different countries have inherently unique histories, families, way of living, etc.Selfie corner with the dragon boat was a big hit amongst the kids.



COMPETITION-IMS, GHAZIABAD

IMS, Ghaziabad organized an inter-institute Summer Internship Project Presentation Competition "Vaataayan - 2019" for Graduate and Post Graduate Management students recently. The objective was to provide a platform for discussion on high-quality summer internship reports in management areas of Finance, Human Resource, International Business, Marketing and Operations Management. The competition aimed to provide a platform to the students for showcasing their real life learning and experiences of summer internship. Participation was received from reputed business schools and universities in the NCR region.



CONFERENCE-THE NORTHCAP UNIVERSITY

The School of Management organized the conference with the theme 'Winning in a VUCA World' recently. The conference witnessed 500 faculty delegates, experts, practitioners and students with Dr Swaranjeet Arora and Dr Poonam Arora as the conveners. Hon'ble Prof. Prem Vrat, Pro-Chancellor, Professor of Eminence and Chief Mentor and Prof (Dr) Hemant Trivedi were the keynote speakers.



WORKSHOP- AKGEC

A two-days workshop for the Resource Persons of Student Induction Program (SIP) to contemplate and strengthen the processes and contents of SIP was organized by the institute. Eminent functionaries from AICTE, Prof Rajlve Kumar, Member Secy and Prof Rajneesh Arora, Chairperson NCC-IP inaugurated the workshop. Dr. RK Agarwal, Director AKGEC welcomed the dignitaries and delegates from various colleges and emphasized value based education.



FUNDRAISER- SUNSHINE SOCIETY

Sunshine Society showcased a fundraiser 'Musical Ramayan' on recently where the participants were seniors, who once again proved that change has nothing to do with numbers but mind. The entire evening was an amalgamation of power, poise and charisma emanating in the form of cosmic vibrations with senior wonder performing on this greatest mythological saga of love, sacrifice and virtue.

AJAY KUMAR GARG ENGINEERING COLLEGE, GHAZIABAD
Infosys conducted placement drive at the college recently for final year B. Tech., M.Tech. & MCA students and selected 240 students. Also, 32 students of final year CSE & IT got selected in Infosys at a package of Rs. 8 Lakhs per Annum & 5 Lakhs per Annum respectively through HackWithInfy Contest. Infosys is the first company to visit AKGEC for placement of final year students. This is the highest placement number ever selected by a single company in the College.

IGNOU has extended last date of submission of online examination from for December, 2019 Term End Exams till 20th October, 2019 without late fee. Online submission to Indira Gandhi National Open University's POST BASIC BSc NURSING PROGRAMME has ended on 10th October, 2019. The Entrance Test, to be held on Saturday, the 09th November, 2019 all over the country.

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You could soon be ready to make your move at last. Your stars are adopting a position which is frankly more favourable than for some weeks, and the best thing you can do is to be young-at-heart, spontaneous and ready to take off at a moment's notice.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Sun and the Moon have both recently come to your aid, and you should be set up for a very positive future. Today's stars put the accent on domestic affairs, so family relationships should come first, and people you live with will be hogging the limelight.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Short journeys beckon, so you may accept any invitations that take you away from home. Mind you, they are as likely to be for business as for pleasure. If you are waiting for someone to get in touch, wait no longer. Take the initiative, make the first move and never doubt yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You may feel the need to be a little more secretive than usual, yet without being deceptive or manipulative. Your romantic stars are at a height, and even the slightest change will find you feeling much more sensitive. Still, it's good to be in touch with your emotions.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is certain to be a time of emotional ups and downs, with an emphasis on the ups. However, only determined action will shift a log-jam to do with work, or resolve deep-rooted irritations at home. First of all, though, you need to work out what partners really want.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Dream on. Your imagination should be at its peak, which means that there could be extra worries, but that you should also emphasise all the positive angles in your life at the moment. Concentrate on the ethical issues, and raise moral standards all round.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Some sort of financial crisis is looming, so fancy footwork will be necessary if you want to avoid bad feeling and save yourself some of your hard-earned cash. If you're in the housing market, or otherwise contemplating large domestic purchases, follow a hunch.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Watch out for emotional squalls and be aware of the extent to which you may be responsible for any ructions. This doesn't mean that you've done anything wrong, but there may be things which you have left undone which, in their turn, have left someone else high and dry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Your imagination may lead you to a merry old dance, and feelings like resentment, jealousy, anger and the desire for revenge are lurking. However, first you should make a fair and reasonable assessment of the situation. Let the facts speak for themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Seldom have your stars looked more passionate - at least not for a month or so. Such feelings will of course have intense repercussions for your romantic affairs, but will also influence other areas of your life. Adopt a bold and colourful approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You are much stronger than you think, and even apparently disastrous developments will turn out in your favour. You must pay special attention to partners who are swept away by feelings they can't understand and don't tangle with authority, either.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You are likely to get very wound up about moral questions, but you're also liable to jump to conclusions and misunderstand what is really going on. Say your piece, but be a good listener. If partners know that you're giving them your attention, they'll respond in kind.

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Mr & Mr Smith



GEMINI MAN
★★

Director: Ang Lee
Cast: Will Smith, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Clive Owen

SHALINI LANGER

IT TOOK 22 years, Ang Lee and Will Smith for this film, first conceived in 1997, to see the light of day. One reason is that the central basis of it, Smith vs a younger Smith, would not have been possible without the “de-ageing” technology available now (to be next applied on Robert de Niro in Martin Scorsese’s *The Irishman*). There are pluses and minuses in that sum, and the remainder is an uneven picture that tries too hard to be sombre when it could have a lot of fun. *Gemini Man* is also dragged down by the fact that elements which might have been novel two decades ago — from government-trained assassins who are now State targets, to secret experiments and off-the-books soldiers — are stale from overuse now.

That is a pity because Smith still remains a delight on screen. We meet him pulling off an impossible kill, from 2 km away, through the window of a racing train. But soon after, his Henry, a veteran of “72 kills”, decides his conscience is telling him to take a permanent break — predictably in a cottage located in the wilderness, besides a lake. A secret that people in high places don’t want revealed

tumbles out, setting Henry on the run, a trail of his friends’ bodies behind him, and a string of new allies such as an undercover agent, Danielle (Winstead).

The chase spreads from the US to South America to Hungary, and back. And one gorgeous day, in a colourful street lined by graffiti, in Colombia, Henry meets the assassin sent to kill him. It is he, himself, at the age of 23, with that recognisable crop of hair, smooth cheeks, and big ears.

Lee, a veteran of both action films such as *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, and thoughtful ones such as *Brokeback Mountain*, lets his protagonists take things sometimes too leisurely for such a high-risks game; and at other times, races through events. Owen, for example, is a mere cipher as the main villain, being the brains behind the secret clone programme that has rendered Henry’s double, among others. The mention of shadowy forces used by regimes for dirty works like “making 12 Saudi princes disappear” is the closest the film comes to indicating a world beyond where Russia was “the Enemy”.

The conflict-of-the-clones is also unconvincing, with the film not sure how to treat the younger Smith. Its half-heartedness shows in its long-winded attempts at establishing him as a proxy son of the jaded Henry, without explicitly saying so.

In the small bits that she gets in the entire drama, Danielle sees the picture more clearly than the whole lot.

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THE SKY IS PINK ★★★

Director: Shonali Bose **Cast:** Priyanka Chopra, Farhan Akhtar, Zaira Wasim, Rohit Saraf

Half a Heart on its Sleeve

SHUBHRA GUPTA

TO WITNESS a beloved child struggling with a debilitating disease is the most devastating thing in the world. *The Sky Is Pink* is about one such couple who stand guard, with extraordinary courage and resilience, over their daughter, as she hovers between life and death.

The film is based on a real-life story, and the opening credits tell us that director Shonali Bose has pieced the film together from the collective remembrances of the Chaudhary family. Aditi (Chopra) and Niren (Akhtar) have already faced a similar

tragedy with their first daughter; now, Aisha (Wasim) takes them by the hand, and is about to lead them down the same thorny path again.

I really liked Bose’s previous film *Margarita With A Straw* (2014), a bracing, funny, yet deeply affecting look at disability and sexuality. I was hoping for more of the same with *The Sky Is Pink*, but the new film is a disappointing follow-up: barring some passages, it feels both constructed and sentimental. With the material at hand, you expect a legitimate heart-breaker (how else can you look at a young life threatening to be cut short?) but this one left me mostly unmoved.

The film is told through the perky voice-over of Aisha, who muses out loud about the state of her parents’ “sex-life”, and other complicated family matters, including her illness, which has destroyed her ability to fight off infections. We see Aditi’s lonely, hard battle in inimical conditions in London where Aisha is being treated, with Niren back home with their older child Ishaan (Saraf), who is dealing with being the neglected sibling.

Occasionally, the combined charm of this foursome does lift the film, especially when they are goofing off in their fancy farmhouse-type home, keeping in sync with the family’s rise in fortunes. Wasim is

winsome, Saraf lends solid support. It is the thing between the good-looking pair of Chopra and Akhtar which is patchy, the former going at a manicured version of a tiger mom with great intensity, the latter being a tad more relaxed. But the cuteness works only in places: I kept wanting to feel more.

To confront the fact of a truncated life changes both the person counting down as well as the family keeping vigil, in fundamental, moving ways. The sky can indeed be any colour you want: there’s lovely whimsy in the title. It needed to have seeped into the film.

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Ode to a Fallen Hero

DIEGO MARADONA
★★★★

Director: Asif Kapadia
Cast: Diego Maradona, Claudia Villafane, Corrado Ferlaino

DAKSH PANWAR

HALFWAY THROUGH this long but gripping documentary, there’s a line that could have been used as the film’s tagline. Diego Armando Maradona has won Napoli the maiden Italian league, and the whole of Italy is delirious. On the wall of a cemetery, a banner has been put up that reads: “*E non sanno che so perso*”. “They don’t know what they missed.”

With the median age of the world being a shade less than 30, it’s safe to assume that most of us haven’t seen prime Maradona, one of the biggest stars of the 20th century, and a man who continues to capture the imagination of millions around the world. After watching Academy award-winning director Asif Kapadia’s *Diego Maradona*, it can be said that we know now what we have missed.

Diego Maradona is the final installment of Kapadia’s trilogy of documentaries, which includes *Senna* (2010) and *Amy* (2015). Like those two acclaimed films, this

one, too, exclusively uses archival footage, with slick editing, dramatic background score, and long silences interspersed with occasional real-time conversations between the characters, to drive the narration. This style is profoundly effective as it creates a sense of hyperreality with the viewer taking a deep, intimate dive into the subject’s lives.

Unlike the previous two films, however, the spectre of death doesn’t hang over this one. With *Senna* and *Amy*, the audience knew the story would end in tragedy. That sense of foreboding added depth to those two documentaries. We know, on the other hand, that Maradona survives the end of the documentary. The absence of the macabre is liberating in its own way as it allows one to enjoy the movie.

And there’s plenty to enjoy. Visuals of Maradona, culled from 500 hours of previously unseen footage (the discovery of which is itself worth a documentary), weaving his magic on the football field and then losing his grip away from it.

The movie keeps going back to the theme of Diego, a vulnerable boy from the slums of Buenos Aires, vs Maradona, the king of the football world. This internal conflict seem to give Maradona a pass for many things he does at Naples — from snorting cocaine to hobnobbing with the mafia. In that regard, the film seem a shade hagiographic.



It also gives context for the infamous “Hand of God” goal against England in the quarter-final of the 1986 World Cup. There are shots of aggression against Maradona by the English defenders, including an elbow to the face. When you jump cut from there to the shot of the pint-sized striker rising against the hulking English goalie and deflecting the ball with his raised left hand, suddenly it feels more poetic justice than cheating.

However, what adds substance to the film is the 1990 World Cup, and the intrigue surrounding the semifinal match between the home team and Maradona’s Argentina in — of all places — Naples, the city that worships Maradona. In one of the missteps that led to his swift fall from grace, Maradona, tries to exploit the north-south

divide of the country by asking Naples to support Argentina. His once-adoring fans turn on him after Argentina knocks out the home team, and soon, law enforcement goes after him for drug use, tax evasion and mafia connection.

It’s difficult to overstate the influence of Maradona on Naples, and vice versa. For Argentina, Peak Maradona means a total of two months of football at the 1986 and 1990 World Cups. But it was in this corner of Italy’s Alfi coast that this “Umano Dios” or “Human God” lived and breathed and played like he never did before or since. In two hours and ten minutes, Kapadia brings back those seven years.

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Hello, Sunshine

WEATHERING WITH YOU
★★★

Director: Makoto Shinkai
Voice of: Kotaro Daigo, Nana Mori, Shun Oguri, Tsubasa Honda, Sakura Kiryu

JAPAN’S ENTRY for the Oscars is a little bit of everything: a story of childhood and romance, a fairytale about magic and mythology, a parable for climate change.

That is not necessarily a good thing, because even as you are trying to hold on to one appealing thing about *Weathering With You* — and there are, admittedly, many — director Makoto Shinkai moves on to something else. Shinkai is best known for *Your Name*, one of the highest-grossing anime films of all time.

At the heart of this feature is Hina (Mori), a girl who can literally summon the sun on a rainy day. A crazy streak of weather has left it pouring in Tokyo for days on end, and people would give anything for a sunny day. The feature makes you realise, quite nicely, how uplifting a clear blue sky, a ray of sunshine, or a parting of the clouds, can be. Hodaka (Daigo) stumbles upon Hina and her little brother (a charming Kiryu) by chance. A runaway, he has found refuge with the proprietor of a small magazine that does stories on crazy stuff like the legend of “the sunshine girl”, Suga (Oguri). Having realised Hina’s powers, especially in a soaking, drenched



Tokyo, Hodaka finds a way for them to monetise it. But it’s all good-natured, with the two helping cease the rain for people such as a father who wants a day in the park with his daughter, shopkeepers hoping to do good business at the flea market, an old woman who wants to contact her late husband etc.

There are some ideas that stand out, in the rather lengthy film: a cumulonimbus cloud holds as much water as a lake, so could it hold an entire ecosystem of its own? What if the ground and sky are one, and our existence a temporary passing? At what cost are we tinkering with the weather? Can things go back to what they were? Finally, even, are things as bad as they seem?

Make of it what you will.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

To Say or Not to Say

On Trumpian remarks and their power to cause ethical upheavals in news studios



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

DONALD TRUMP continues to test the press, the norms of decency and the limits of the art of the possible. Sometimes, he sets a delay fuse: a xenophobic remark that he had made in July caused the BBC, in late September, to contemplate the middle distance and its navel at the same time. While the long tail of that incident, involving an anchor partly of Indian origin, is still twitching, Trump has overturned policy at the edge of Nato and the Middle East. He has

withdrawn troops from Syria and allowed a Turkish attack on the Kurdish militia in the north of the country, who are long-time US allies in the war against IS. And then on Friday, after the ironically-named Operation Peace Spring had begun, he offered to play honest broker between them.

The US media were initially in a confusional state like everyone else. There were even US soldiers returning from Syria freely admitting that they were “ashamed” — an action which would have normally invited a court martial, but at a time when the political moral compass is swinging wildly like in an electrical storm, it seems kosher. Perhaps the most cogent opinion was given to Christiane Amanpour, chief international anchor of CNN, by retired general John R Allen, former US envoy to the Global Coalition to defeat ISIS: “This is just chaos. We don’t do strategy, we shouldn’t be doing foreign policy by tweet,

and this is what you get when you have single phone calls between world leaders, and when they put the phone down, there is no further coordination within the US government.” He said that the US intelligence apparatus was taken by surprise, as much as the Turks were, by Trump’s threat to destroy their economy.

Trump’s latest remark was in the course of a rambling press conference about history, geography and “bad people” on the loose across space and time. Of course, he struck a chord with his constituency — and others across the world — with his commitment to withdraw troops from everywhere, and insisting that Europe and Russia, along with affected countries like Iraq, must shoulder the burden of keeping the peace in their neighbourhoods. Indeed, America was never supposed to play the solitary globocop that it became under the Bushes and Clintons, and this has been resented locally for decades. Permit me to wax anecdotal for a moment: not far from Istanbul, where the Bosphorus meets the Black Sea, local villagers spit ritually on the ground after they take the name of America, as if to rid their mouths of something unpleasant. It takes

years to develop such a visceral response, and Trump’s instinct to withdraw troops is long-headed. But the manner in which he went about it was so wrong-headed that even Fox News reported that, in his call to Erdogan, which preceded the withdrawal, he “went off-script”. Which is a gentle way of saying that he went off the rails.

But let us return to the incident at the BBC, which shows how much the rapid pace of change in the media has destabilised newsrooms. In the past, the BBC was the pre-eminent broadcaster in a thinly populated playing field, and had the room to think through ethical norms and protocols for applying them. The first challenge came from Ted Turner’s CNN in 1991, when Peter Arnett brought round-the-clock coverage of the Gulf War to screens everywhere. Now, convergence on the phone and the collapse of media ethics across the industry due to revenue crises seems to have knocked its breath out. That’s visible in its handling of a complaint against its anchor Naga Munchetty, occasioned by a remark on a chat show that is rather unexceptionable. In July, Trump had tweeted that his opponents Ilhan Omar, Alexandria

Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley should “go back to the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came.”

In September, Munchetty said that, from personal experience, she recognised the racism inherent in the statement, but added that she was not there to pass judgement on anybody. That’s about as careful as you can get in reacting to an enormity, but the BBC took serious note of a complaint to the effect that while her view on racism was all right, she should not have imputed a motive to the US president. The fact that Munchetty was reprimanded for speaking her mind, while issuing a caveat, was extremely odd. Racism should be called out wherever it is seen, even if it briefly violates principles of journalistic neutrality. BBC chief Tony Hall had to step in to overturn the reprimand, but there are still demands for an apology to Munchetty. Wonder what would happen if such stringent norms were applied to Indian studios. Almost all the familiar faces we see working their mouths every night would be struck mute.

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Kohli, rinse, repeat

Virat registers his highest Test score yet — 254 not out — while making the breathtaking look routine; overtakes giants of the game during the knock

On 91

Virat Kohli overtakes Sachin Tendulkar's Test batting average of 53.78.

100

Registers his 26th Test century. He equals former Australia captain Ricky Ponting's record of the most centuries (19) as a Test captain. Kohli is now joint second, with former South Africa captain Graeme Smith, leading the list with 25 centuries to his credit.

150

He surpasses Don Bradman's record of eight 150+ scores.

173

Virat Kohli eclipses Sanath Jayasuriya, Steve Smith (6,973) in the list of the top run-scorers in Tests.



196

Goes past Bradman's tally of 6,996 Test runs.

200

Registers his seventh double century in Tests, overtakes Tendulkar and Sehwag, who had six double-centuries each.

■ The 32 Indian Test captains preceding Kohli combined have scored only 4 double centuries.

■ Kohli's seven double centuries have come in the last 40 Tests. Since June 2016, only Azhar Ali, Alastair Cook and Steve Smith have scored two two double tons.

■ He races to 7,000 runs in his 138th innings, making him the third-fastest Indian behind Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag, and overall the joint-fourth fastest to reach this milestone.

244

With 7,054 runs, Kohli is now the highest run-getter amongst all active Test cricketers.

■ Second in this list is England Test captain Joe Root with 7,043 runs.



248

Kohli overtakes Tendulkar's 248*, which was his highest individual Test score.

250

Becomes the fifth Indian batsman to register a 250+ score in Tests, and the first captain to do so.

254*

This is also his highest Test score, bettering his previous best of 243 against Sri Lanka in 2017.



Virat Kohli's 254* was his seventh double hundred in Tests. Kohli is currently fourth in the list of most double tons, behind Bradman (12), Sangakkara (11) and Lara (9). Hammond and Jayawardene also have seven each. PTI

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NUDGING SENURAN Muthusamy beyond square-leg for a couple, sprinting fiercely hard for those runs as he had his entire career, Virat Kohli completed his seventh Test double hundred, the most by an Indian, surpassing childhood heroes Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag. An hour and 54 deliveries earlier, a streaky boundary had steered him past the great Donald Bradman, as the owner of the most 150-plus scores as a Test captain. In between, he also picked the comparatively non-descript distinction of the third-fastest Indian to collect 7,000 runs and climbed to the seventh rung among India's all-time run-getters.

But when talking about Kohli, or for that matter any great batsman, numbers only have an embellishing value. They are regarded great not merely by the magnitude of runs or records, but by the sheer majesty of stroke-play, transcendence of conditions, circumstances and bowlers, their sheer crease-presence and the radiating halo. It's perhaps the reason the likes of Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara inhabited a rarefied space while Jacques Kallis and Alastair Cook dwelled a space beneath them. Statistically, the disparity is negligible, if any, but the yardsticks of measuring greatness are more intangible and unquantifiable.

Incredible as their stats are, their greatness lies elsewhere, perhaps in their ability to transform watching them into a singular experience that can't be explained with numbers, with spectators flocking like pilgrims for a mere glimpse of their deity. Perhaps when numbers fail to capture a sportsman's essence, his greatness manifests.

Like it's with Kohli. You can flip through his numbers and feel awed, only that it leaves you with an emotional and visual vacuum if you haven't watched him rack up those numbers. It's not like he bats differently every time. Regular Kohli fans know the pattern: a spirit-sapping stream of singles, risk-free flicks through the leg side, firm-footed drives, a crack-down on wayward deliveries, the bowlers' weaknesses teased out, bursts of acceleration, and the constant impression that the pitch is five yards longer when he is on strike.

Even his celebrations these days are muted, unless there's an instigation. He has made his batting almost risk-free, like Tendulkar in the last decade of his career. So in case you have missed his 254 not out, his highest Test score, you haven't essentially missed much. Even the highlights package wouldn't leave you fully satiated, like reading the abridged version of a classic, the climax of which you already know.

In fact, the highlights reels will make Kohli

look ordinary, doing the usual Kohli things. This is where another strand of Kohli's greatness kicks in, the ability to make even the extraordinary stuff look normal. For example his straight-driving, which was remarkable, especially off Kagiso Rabada. It's perhaps not his signature shot — it's difficult to pinpoint a particular Kohli-esque shot, for there are several — but it made one feel ethereal in isolation. Stripped to the basics, it's simple — a mere push, without flexing a single muscle. Yet, even great batsmen swear the shot is the most difficult one to execute.

But then, haven't one seen all these before? However, even after a hundred repeats, the shot leaves one entranced. For all the repetitiveness, there's no strand of boredom. The more he plays, the more one wants to see it again.

But as much as Kohli conformed to his usual template of run-making, the stream of regular strokes, he pulled out a few outlandish ones too. Like a pulled boundary off Anrich Nortje. Judging the shortness of length, Kohli was quickly into the shot, before realising the ball hadn't bounce as much as he had anticipated

If some batsmen have two shots for the same ball, Kohli has two shots of the same shot. Fundamental to this ability are his wrists, steely yet supple, his balance and steadiness at the crease and, underneath all of these physical gifts, a ticking, ever-processing brain.

and was coming slower at him. So he deliberately froze in his swivel — an incredibly difficult thing to do, as anyone who has played this stroke would admit — and instead of flaying it through mid-wicket, slapped it wide of mid-on. The wrist-snap at the last moment gave the shot direction. It's an area of the ground more accustomed to his flicks, not pulls.

Soon after, Rabada was powerfully flicked through square leg, almost taking out the umpire. In his rare extravagant flourish when flicking, he was almost like Tendulkar.

Another eye-catcher was a drilled straight drive off Vernon Philander. The wicketkeeper standing up to the seamer naturally inhibits the drive, batsmen being wary of leaning into the shot, unless it's full and on the stumps. So when Philander bowled one really full on the off-side,

Kohli didn't lean into the drive, rather stood where he was and bludgeoned it straight down the ground. If his usual straight drives are all grace and timing, this one was sheer power and precision, so flatly hit that the follow-through was non-existent. All wrists and bottom hand.

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As soon as Kohli entered the 90s — which he hasn't in Test cricket since the hundred in Perth before Christmas last year — Faf du Plessis summoned Senuran Muthusamy for the first time in the morning. If Kohli didn't get the motive of the move, 'keeper and RCB mate Quinton de Kock piped in a reminder. Muthusamy had dismissed Kohli the only time he has been dismissed this series, to an unseemly return catch.

But far from getting needed, Kohli dwelled on the funny side of it and showed him the exact location of the bat's edge, from where had ballooned a simple return catch. The two kept chuckling.

Realistically, introducing Muthusamy was a sign that the visitors' plans were wearing thin. For, they'd tried everything to snare Kohli. In the morning, they tried the usual first-up-the-sleeve trick, to lure his outside edge. So Philander and Rabada probed the fourth-stump line, interchanging between good length and short-of-good-length. They were getting marginal away seam movement, and if they could drag him into a drive or a push, they could tickle his edge.

It nearly worked, as Philander drew an edge off a feeble defensive push. It was a cross between a poke and defensive push, Kohli's front foot half forward, his back foot static, his hands feeling for the ball. It was the length that confuses him, whether to press fully forward or meet it on the back foot. The marginal away movement was enough for the edge. But it died and bisected first slip and de Kock. A few balls earlier, Kohli's edge was beaten by a similar delivery, and a few overs later, a similar indecisive defensive flow fetched another edge, a thicker one that flew between gully and second slip.

Philander can brood on those moments and curse his luck. So can Maharaj, on whose bowling three half-chances went begging. He could blame himself for the first, when he was slow to react to a low airy drive. Later, much after Kohli had crossed his hundred, Maharaj encouraged him to cut before slipping in one slightly fuller and wider. Twice in the space of eight de-

liveries, he edged it, though Du Plessis couldn't cling onto either. The slices of fortune didn't end there — it seemed like thanksgiving day — as Kohli was caught off a no-ball after he had passed his double hundred.

In between, the Proteas tried to lure Kohli into airy flicks, placing a straight short-mid-wicket and a mid-on. They also briefly flirted with the short ball, but stopped once Kohli started murdering those. They tried to suck him with the odd nip-backer, as he has a tendency to plant his left leg a trifle across. But none of these worked on a day Kohli was not only fortunate but also ruthless in latching onto anything that was marginally loose. Soon, the field spreadeagled and Kohli could bring out his tip-and-run game.

In effect, Kohli did what great batsmen often do — make the most of their luck, take it as a sort of entitlement — and make the audience want more. Even after he scored 254, blazed 33 fours and two sixes and broke a spate of records, the audience were left craving for more. As it's when sporting greatness manifests in flesh.

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INDIA 601/5D IN 156.3 OVS

M Agarwal c Faf b Rabada 108 (195b, 16x4, 2x6)
R Sharma c de Kock b Rabada 14 (35b, 1x4)
C Pujara c Faf b Rabada 58 (112b, 9x4, 1x6)
V Kohli not out 254 (336b, 33x4, 2x6)
A Rahane c de Kock b Maharaj 59 (168b, 8x4)
R Jadeja c de Bruyn b Muthusamy 91 (104b, 8x4, 2x6)

■ Extras: (lb 6, nb 6)
■ FoW: 1-25 (Rohit, 9.6 ov), 2-163 (Pujara, 50.6 ov), 3-198 (Agarwal, 60.6 ov), 4-376 (Rahane, 117.2 ov), 5-601 (Jadeja, 156.3 ov)

■ Bowling: V Philander 26-6-66-0; K Rabada 30-3-93-3; A Nortje 25-5-100-0; K Maharaj 50-10-196-1; S Muthusamy 19.3-1-97-1; D Elgar 4-0-26-0; A Markram 2-0-17-0

SA 36/3 IN 15 OVS

D Elgar b Yadav 6 (13b, 1x4)
A Markram lbw b Yadav 0 (2b)
T de Bruyn not out 20 (38b, 4x4)
B Bavuma c Saha b Shami 8 (15b, 1x4)
A Nortje not out 2 (22b)

■ FoW: 1-2 (Markram, 1.2 ov), 2-13 (Elgar, 3.5 ov), 3-33 (Bavuma, 9.1 ov)

■ Bowling: J Sharma 4-0-17-0; U Yadav 4-1-16-2; R Jadeja 4-4-0-0; Mohd Shami 3-1-3-1

On India comeback, Umesh shows Suffers how to bowl

DEVENDRA PANDEY

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IT WAS an extremely "frustrated" Umesh Yadav who turned up to meet Pritam Gandhe, former Vidarbha captain and a junior selector in the past, after the World Cup snub earlier this year. The pair has known each other for long but if he expected some placebo, Yadav was in for a shock.

"I told him, 'you can't have Bajrang Bali (Hanuman) fielding for you. You can't bowl four good balls and then one down the leg for four.' The whole pressure on him (batsman) comes down because of the fact there is no consistency in his lines. He needed to understand this. I just advised him to bowl at the stumps," Gandhe recalled the conversation for *The Indian Express*.

It was this advice that slam-dunked the tired South Africans late on the second day. Spare a thought for openers Dean Elgar and Aiden Markram. In the field for nearly two days, they were suddenly pressed into an unenviable task in the last half hour, and were stung by Yadav's accuracy and pace.

The South African seamers, too, could take a leaf out of Yadav's 'bowl at the stumps' tactic in Indian conditions as it proved to be simple and deadly. Markram couldn't drag himself forward and was trapped by a pacy in-dipper and Elgar was too late in withdrawing his bat and inside-edged onto his stumps.

When Yadav replaced Hanuma Vihari, who is highly rated for his guts and team spirit by the likes of Ravi Shastri, there was a murmur of disapproval in certain quarters. Were three seamers needed for this Indian track — such questions have always tailed Yadav through his career. Here is a man who took a 10-wicket haul in his last Test in India, against West Indies, and in some ways, is perfect for these conditions when he gets his act together. But that was the criticism against him: could he consistently get his act together?

Hostile spell

In a brief but hostile spell, Yadav showed why he should be in the Test squad. Even if Jasprit Bumrah is fit. On current form, the battle for the third seamer's slot should be between Ishant Sharma and Yadav.

As a digression, this is surely the golden age of Indian pace bowling as we can't forget

that Bhuvneshwar Kumar too is hovering around for a spot in the squad.

Gandhe remembers how disappointed Yadav was after the World Cup rejection. "He was frustrated as he was picked and dropped easily. He was the first seamer to be dropped, mostly. He was hoping for a long run after his 10-wicket haul but he was dropped soon. But I realised that there was no use blaming the selectors. He had to make sure that he did everything possible to make it difficult for them to do so. Get more consistent in his lines."

It wasn't just Gandhe who felt this way. Yadav also spoke to former India pacer Subroto Banerjee, who too had the same advice. Yadav also had a chat with former India pacer Ashish Nehra, who shared his own mistakes from his career. During an interaction with *The Indian Express* earlier this year, Yadav recalled what Nehra had told him. "When we didn't get our chance, we at times were reluctant to train and when we got matches, we were not as focused as we should have been, so don't let that happen."

Abundance of patience

In January this year, Yadav was asked to give a pep talk to a group of Uttarakhand pacers on the sidelines of a Ranji Trophy game. He stressed on the importance of having proper bowling plans and remaining patient to be successful.

Patience is an easy word to throw at others but an extremely difficult trait to display in troubled times. Which Yadav was in as the year wore on. He was out of the Test team, not considered for ODIs, and was never a serious T20 proposition. Then the likes of Bumrah and Shami stepped up remarkably well and Yadav would have begun to wonder about the direction his career was taking. Here is where Gandhe's blunt words proved a trigger for positive change.

On Friday, Yadav ensured he didn't need Bajrang Bali to field for him, and also produced his best: at the stumps, fast, and with a hint of movement. Now he has to follow it up with more consistent good work in the remainder of the match. His immediate future would depend on how well he does.

He has the skill to reverse swing the old ball, is fitter than most and India would love to have the best version of Yadav at their disposal.

Dutee stoops to conquer, breaks 100m national record again

ANDREW AMSAN
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IT'S ALMOST a year since Dutee Chand has been working on perfecting a tweak to her running technique, under the watchful eye of coach Nagpuri Ramesh.

The 23-year-old's efforts have helped her make significant improvements in her sprint timings and Friday's national record-breaking run was one such instance. The Odisha runner re-wrote her own 100m national mark of 11.26s with a 11.22s run in the semi-finals of the Senior Open National Championships in Ranchi. She returned to win the gold medal clocking 11.25s.

Ramesh points out that the most significant change the runner has made is in the way she tackles the first 30 metres of the race. The key is to "stay as low to the ground" as possible in the initial phase of the sprint. According to the seasoned Sports Authority of India coach, most top runners maintain the forward lean position till the first 30 metres but Dutee had the habit of getting upright within the first 15-20 metres itself, hindering her acceleration.

"The closer you are to the ground, the better the acceleration. It's as simple as that. If you look at her older races, after the initial lean she would switch to the upright posture much earlier than other competitors. I noticed this and had a word with her. So we devised a training technique to rectify the flaw and have made huge progress. Today's result proves it," a joyous Ramesh told *The Indian Express*.

Dutee has always had an explosive start but not pacing the lean perfectly was denying her better timings. When Ramesh approached her with this feedback in September last year, she knew back-breaking training was coming her way. Ramesh felt that the best way to sustain the lean position and improve acceleration was by focusing a great deal on resistance running — a training method widely used across all sports. Dutee uses a 10-kilogram weight attached to a harness on her shoulders as resistance. She does the intense workout twice a week now, a change from the earlier once-a-week routine.

"When you have to pull weights, you naturally lean forward to get as much momentum as possible. This high-intensity training strengthens the ankles and calves which leads to better strides," explained Ramesh.

Dutee's gold-winning effort in Ranchi has helped her brush off the disappointment of not being able to make it to the semifinals of the recent World Championships in Doha. It has also instilled in her the confidence of achieving the Olympic qualification mark of 11.15s.

"All runners keep making minor changes to their techniques. I started running barefoot at a riverbank back home in Odisha. I began running just to secure a government job and help my family lead a better life. I had no clue about all these techniques back then but I have learnt quickly," Dutee told *The Indian Express* after her triumph.

She feels that runners should constantly update their training methodology as well as the Doha Worlds was an eye-opener for her. Her "good friend" and Jamaican sprint legend Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce too gave her a few tips.

"In India, you warm up 20 minutes be-



Dutee Chand on way to breaking the national record in the 100 metres at the Open Nationals in Ranchi.

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fore the race but I saw Shelly-Ann warm up for two hours for a race that barely lasts 11 seconds. I have picked that up from Shelly-Ann this time. She is a good friend and whenever I meet her at any event, she comes up to me to have a chat. There's so much to learn," Dutee said.

Coach Ramesh believes Dutee is on the cusp of qualifying for Tokyo and one good race is all she needs.

"By February or March next year, she will definitely qualify for the Games. We have missed our previous personal deadlines but then she is not a machine," he said.

Amiya shines

PTI adds: Dutee's state-mate Amiya Kumar Malik, who has been struggling for rhythm the whole season, won the bragging rights as the fastest man at the National Open. He won the men's 100m in 10.46 seconds, finishing a hundredth of a second ahead of Malaysia's Jonathan AnakNyepa. Gurindervir Singh (Punjab) took home the bronze medal by a margin of 0.0044 seconds from team-mate Harjit Singh. MP Jabir rewrote the men's 400m hurdles meet record, winning the final in 49.41 seconds.

He improved on the mark of 49.67 seconds set by Dharun Ayyasamy (Tamil Nadu) last year. Dharun himself, running only his third hurdles race after recovering from a shin injury, will be pleased that he clocked 49.50 seconds for second place, leaving T Santhosh Kumar (Services) in third place.

INTERVIEW: DIANA EDULJI

'Why are we (COA) spoiling it in the end? We are not being fair'

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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WITH BCCI elections just days away, Diana Edulji, a member of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA), has criticised the panel's functioning for the way three government organisations — Railways, Services, and the Association of Universities — were not given voting rights, and for having different yardsticks for different member units. EXCERPTS

Are you happy with the way CoA's functioning regarding elections in associations?

No, I'm not happy at all. We are not very open or transparent. We are seen as favouring certain states and (biased against) certain other states. That is not the idea of CoA, even today Justice Lodha said too much dilution (of his recommendations). Doesn't it send wrong signals? We have done all the hard work in the last three years. Why are we spoiling it in the end? We are not being fair. I said in one of my mails that Caesar's wife should be above suspicion.

You disagree with the way the three government associations have not been allowed to vote in the BCCI election?

Why were these government associations not allowed? I have brought this to the notice of the previous amicus (Gopal Shankararayanan) that no government organisation will allow players' association. I have been a Railway employee myself. Where will the All India Universities get players? Maybe they (referring to CoA members) think of me as too junior a person who doesn't know much about cricket administration, but my views are always in the minority. Now, since there are three members in the CoA, 2-1, 2-1, 2-1 is the norm of the CoA. You cannot have a union in Services, players will be court-marshalled for this. Even in Railways, there are official unions, recognised unions are there. You can't have players' union there too.

Eight units have been disqualified from voting, what's your view on it?

The CoA were disqualifying associations for non-compliance of the constitution. We received many complaints against Baroda, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh that they have violated qualification norms. If you are non-compliant and have not registered the constitution as per the requirements, CoA is justified in taking action.

But at the same time, what have you (CoA) done when some states promised to follow the new constitution but when they held elections, they allowed disqualified people to participate. Some allowed MLAs in the association. You (CoA) banned Manipur because there was an MLA but why didn't you ban DDCA (Delhi and District Cricket Association) when they also have an MLA there?



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There are complaints against MPCA (Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association) that there are people holding three posts. These things should have been brought before the electoral officer way before, not now. These states who are now changing constitutions and submitting them late should be debarred; else every other association should be given more time to change.

Three states — Bihar, Uttarakhand and Odisha — were allowed to submit their constitution late? Why?

Why isn't there a uniform rule that CoA follows to hold elections?

That is what I am saying: why different

rules? The same yardstick should be used for everybody. You can't have different yardsticks for different states.

You think CoA is being selective in dealing with complaints?

It looks like it. The Rajasthan state unit has many complaints against it but it is not being looked into. There are 25 complaints against DDCA and nothing has been happening, no show-cause notice has been issued to them.

What happened with DDCA? There were several complaints made to CoA and electoral officer.

I'm told they were not given a hearing, which is very strange. I'm not sure but this is the feedback I have got from media people. Their association is also not proper, I was saying this from day one - that their election was not held properly.

Wasn't it the duty of Indian Cricketers Association to form and conduct election of players in the state associations?

It was ICA's job. Tell me, where is the constitution of these three government organisations? There is no constitution because it's a different body completely. They stopped them playing Ranji Trophy, stopped giving jobs. The Supreme Court bought them from associate members to voting members and now we have done the opposite.

Do you think these moves are done with some ulterior motive?

I don't know, the optics are going wrong. The perception of people is going wrong. Perception is very important.

Are you upset with 2-1, 2-1 within CoA meetings?

Yes, I'm (upset) because this is not the way the CoA is supposed to function. People have different views and we must be able to accept certain views of the minority also. When we were 1-1, the other opinion was taken and now it's always 2-1. I am very clear that a level playing field should be there for all states. I don't care for Tamil Nadu, I don't care for Haryana, I don't care for Baroda, Railways. I have no friends or foes.

Who goofed up in Rahul Dravid's appointment when the conflict of interest issue came up?

I think he was misguided by the management. I made it very clear that whosoever comes in should be cleared by the ethics officer. You can give a timeline to the ethics officer in case of emergency.

What about the ad-hoc Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), weren't they paid?

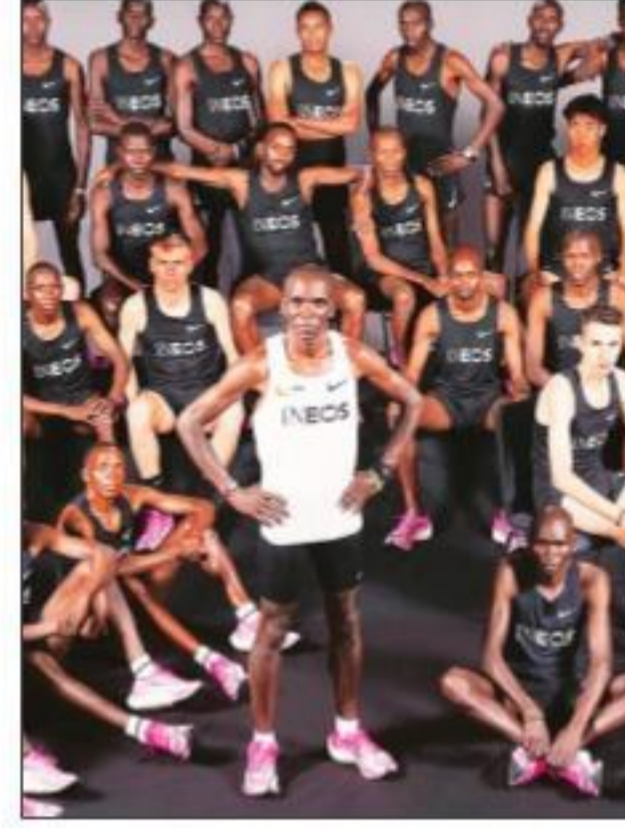
There was talk of payment, there is nothing on email though, nothing in writing. It's possible that the management is doing something about it.

Sub-two hour marathon like moon landing: Kipchoge

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KENYA'S WORLD record holder Eliud Kipchoge has compared running a sub-two-hour marathon to going to the moon before his unofficial attempt in Vienna on Saturday to become the first athlete to break the barrier. "I am running to make history, to show that no human is limited. It's not about money, it's about showing a generation of people that there are no limits," Kipchoge, who will make his second attempt to break the two-hour mark, told reporters.

The 34-year-old Olympic champion set the world record of 2:01.39 at the Berlin marathon last September, smashing the previous one by 78 seconds, but said Saturday's race is a completely different challenge. "Running Berlin is for winning and running a world record, Vienna is like going to the moon," he added.



Eliud Kipchoge with his team of pacemakers. AP

A 41-man pacing squad will support Kipchoge, who missed out by 26 seconds in Monza, Italy, in May 2017. Kipchoge said he had chosen Vienna as it was a "sporting city", the course was fast and because of the Prater park. "It's a natural environment," he said.

"I am feeling well. I have run on the course and it is a good course. It is flat and very fast and in the park where we can enjoy the environment. I am ready for Saturday," he said.

The sport's governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), will not recognise the run as an official record because it is not in open competition and it uses in and out pacemakers. In Monza, Kipchoge also received drinks from a moving motorbike rather than having to collect them from a table.

But IAAF president Sebastian Coe told Reuters in an interview last month the milestone would still be important. "If there's an exciting attempt for getting under two hours for the marathon I'm not sure that most people are going to be sitting there going, 'Well,

it wasn't sanctioned as a world record because it wasn't in open competition," said Coe. "I just don't think it matters. It's just a big milestone being met and our sport has space for all sorts of things and I think it will appeal and add value."

Organisers of the event, dubbed the INEOS 1.59 challenge, said the exact start time would depend on the weather forecast and would be announced on Friday.

"The current conditions are looking to be optimal for temperature, humidity, wind and precipitation for this Saturday morning," said Robby Ketchell, who leads the weather analysis. He said the temperature was expected to be between five and nine degrees Celsius between 0500 and 0800 local time on Saturday when the run is likely to take place.

"After 0800 the temperature is looking like it will rise slightly, and humidity will drop slightly. For the Challenge we need a 24-hour window of no rain to keep all the surfaces dry and that is currently looking to be the case for Saturday too."

CROUCHING LONGER, GOING FASTER

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Dutee earlier would forgo the forward lean at around the 15 to 20-metre mark — this used to hinder her acceleration in the 100 metres.

According to Dutee's coach N Ramesh, most runners maintain the forward lean till the first 30 metres of the sprint. Now, Dutee also does the same.

LOKSATTA GAPPA

People call Sachin a genius but forget the hard work behind it: Bhogle

RUCHIKA GOSWAMY
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"WE WATCH batsmen and bowlers on the cricket field but we fail to see the human (being) behind the batsman or bowler. You realise that Sachin (Tendulkar) or (Rahul) Dravid have such unique personalities," said Harsha Bhogle, cricket commentator, speaking at *Gappa*, a talk show organised by *Loksatta*.

Bhogle said every cricketer endures tremendous pressure not only related to playing the sport but also in their personal lives. "Tendulkar had a lot of support from his family. I remember when I had asked him what goes inside his mind before he goes onto the field, he told me that he does not think of anything and keeps his mind blank. However, due to vigorous training, all

the techniques and aspects related to the game is programmed in his mind in such a way that he plays on instinct. So when you asked him why he played that way... that is instinct, an outcome of his prior programming in his mind. People call him a genius. He did not, however, attain his talent due to God's grace only. We often forget the hard work behind it."

When asked about the pressure young cricketers face, Bhogle said, "Each and every one of them have worked hard to reach where they are. Imagine having a failure in front of millions watching you on their television sets. The pressure becomes high. Additionally, most of them come from humble backgrounds wherein the sudden fame adds to this pressure."

Speaking about Rahul Dravid, Bhogle said that he was always open to challenges — whether when asked to open the innings or

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HARSHA BHOGLE

when asked to keep wickets. "Anil Kumble, VVS Laxman, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar... I was very lucky to have entered during their time. Their best time coincided with my time," Bhogle said.

Commenting on when MS Dhoni will

take a call on his retirement, Bhogle said: "Dhoni is a very private person so we might not know when he will take that decision. Some people dislike being in the limelight. We won the 2011 World Cup and Dhoni was not even in the pictures. He knows what his capability is and he also knows he cannot be the player he was before."

On the spectator interest in Test matches in comparison to T20, he said Test matches will retain its charm among both the players as well as the audience since it is the only sport that offers a second innings to redeem the mistakes made in the first.

Answering a question about Imran Khan the captain versus Imran Khan the prime minister, Bhogle said, "He was brilliant as a captain. As far as his current position is concerned, it is surely difficult to cope with subjects like economy and defence. However, I stay away from politics in general."



Cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle at the Loksatta Gappa in Pune. Arul Horizon

The four in the last four

India has got an unprecedented number of boxers in the semis of the Worlds. Here's who they are up against

MARY KOM (51KG)
OPPONENT: BUSE NAZ CAKIROGLU (TURKEY). Cakiroglu is a very cagey boxer, who likes to hang back and catch her opponents on the counter. But while she begins slow, the reigning European Games and Championships gold medallist ratchets up the tempo as the fight unfolds. In her quarterfinal, she kept former professional world champion Zongju Cai of China at bay with her lightning quick lead overhand. In short, the 23-year-old southpaw has all the ingredients required to out-Mary Mary.

The Indian has the experience to switch up her gameplan on the fly, and has been tested by both an ultra-aggressive and a cautious counter-attacking boxer in her run to the semis. The Indian has never lost a Worlds semifinal and looks good to continue the run on Saturday.

MANJU RANI (48KG)
OPPONENT: CHUTHAMAT RAKSAT (THAILAND) The unheralded Manju has been in sensational giant-killing form in Russia, and toppled top seed North Korean Kim Hyang-Mi on Thursday. Up next for the 19-year-old is an opponent who has dispatched her own share of favourites this week.

A very loose striker with a penchant for heated exchanges, the unseeded Raksat defeated third and fifth-seeded contenders to ensure her second Worlds medal. After an unsuccessful move up to the flyweight division, the 26-year-old has returned to the 48kg category, in which she won the medal at the 2014 Worlds. Taming a carefree Manju, though, would be a tall ask for the Thai boxer.

JAMUNA BORO (54KG)
OPPONENT: HSIAO-WEN HUANG (CHINESE TAIPEI) It will take something special for Boro to take out the top seed on Saturday. In



Mary Kom is chasing her seventh World Championship gold medal. BFI

fact, Chinese Taipei look all set to retain the gold medal in the 54kg category through Hsiao-Wen Huang, who exchanged weight categories with last year's gold medallist Lin Yu-ting (who is now tormenting the 57kg competition). Huang, the Asian Championships silver medallist, has recorded two 5-0 wins this tournament. At 5'7, she is an absolute beast in the bantamweight category, and the massive height advantage is only accentuated by her lanky frame and long reach.

LOVLINA BORGHAIN (69KG)
OPPONENT: LIU YANG (CHINA) China's gambit to sit out last year's

finalist and current Asian champion Gu Hong in favour of the relatively unknown Liu Yang has paid dividends. Yang, 27, defeated defending welterweight champion and top seed Chen Nien-chin via a split decision in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

The Indian could choose to look at the brighter side, as Yang's march to the semis means Borgohain avoided a Worlds semifinal rematch with Chen, who won the contest handily in the last edition. The 22-year-old frequently switches off in high-profile clashes, but the desire to improve on the bronze from last year could spur Borgohain on to the final.

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HK row: NBA scraps media access to teams in China

REUTERS
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THE NATIONAL Basketball Association said on Friday it won't make the Brooklyn Nets and the Los Angeles Lakers available to media for the rest of their China visit, amid a furore over a tweet by a Houston Rockets executive supporting Hong Kong's protesters. The teams had been scheduled to address news conferences on Friday afternoon in Shenzhen, ahead of Saturday's exhibition game in the southern Chinese city on the border with Hong Kong that the league says will proceed as planned.

"We have decided not to hold media availability for our teams for the remainder of our trip in China. They have been

placed into a complicated and unprecedented situation while abroad and we believe it would be unfair to ask them to address these matters in real time," the league said in a statement.

No players or executives were made available for official briefings this week in China as the league grappled with the backlash from the quickly deleted tweet by Rockets general manager Daryl Morey last weekend in support of Hong Kong anti-government protests. The China market is estimated to be worth more than \$4 billion for the NBA.

China has accused the West of stirring up anti-Beijing sentiment in Hong Kong, and Chinese state media has characterised Morey's tweet as the latest example of meddling in China's affairs. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver defended

Morey's freedom of expression in a statement issued on Tuesday, further angering Beijing. Fan events were cancelled this week and partners have cut ties with the NBA, underscoring the severity of the situation for the league. Athletes such as Lakers star forward LeBron James and league figures have also declined to answer questions when spotted by reporters at various venues in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

The first of the two exhibition games scheduled in China took place on Thursday night, which the Nets won 114-111. It was well-attended and saw little in the way of patriotic protest. The crowd waved Chinese flags in the arena before the game started, but the packed stands gave the players huge welcome on court and shouted enthusiastically throughout the game.

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Masters handed shock defeats in Shanghai

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ROGER FEDERER and Novak Djokovic went from perfectly unbeatable to unbelievably beaten in the quarterfinals of the Shanghai Masters. Federer and Djokovic had been a combined 13-0 in Shanghai with a spot in the semifinals on the line, but both lost Friday.

Federer saved five match points in the second set and received a point penalty in the third in the 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-3 loss to fifth-seeded Alexander Zverev. Djokovic, the defending champion, lost to sixth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. "He deserved the victory," Djokovic said of the 21-year-old Tsitsipas. "He was the better player in the second and third sets. I started well in the first set, but I wasn't sharp enough."

Djokovic had been 8-0 in quarterfinal matches at the Shanghai Masters, and won four titles. Federer had been 5-0. Federer received a code violation for hitting a ball into the stands, and then received a point penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct after flicking a ball into the air when trailing 3-0 in the third set.

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The 22-year-old Zverev now leads Federer 4-3 in career meetings. "I mean, they're knocking on the door big time, the young guys," Federer said. "It's exciting. They're great. It's really open now, I think, for the finish of this tournament." Zverev will next play Matteo Berrettini, an 11th-seeded Italian who defeated fourth-seeded Dominic Thiem 7-6(8), 6-4. Until Friday's match, Djokovic had won 24 straight sets in Asia, a run that included last year's Shanghai Masters

and the title in Tokyo last week.

Tsitsipas has now beaten Djokovic twice in three matches. The Greek player defeated Djokovic in their first meeting at the 2018 Toronto tournament and Djokovic won their match in Madrid this season. "It's the best comeback that I have ever had probably," Tsitsipas said of Friday's victory. Tsitsipas also earned a place at the year-end ATP Finals for the first time on Friday. But that was guaranteed when third-seeded Daniil Medvedev beat Fabio Fognini 6-3, 7-6(4) in another quarterfinal match.

Medvedev, who will face Tsitsipas in Saturday's semifinals, is one match away from reaching a sixth consecutive tournament final. He reached his first Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open, and then won titles in Cincinnati and St. Petersburg. Medvedev leads the tour with 57 match wins this season and is 40-1 on hard courts when winning the first set. The only time he lost a hard-court match after winning the first set was against Gael Monfils in Rotterdam. Prior to Friday's match, Fognini said Medvedev was one of the most dangerous players to face.

"If some top players like Fabio can say this about me, shows that I'm on the good way, I'm playing good, and it's not easy to play against me," Medvedev said.

Rugby WC: Tensions rise as typhoon looms over Japan-Scotland showdown

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TENSIONS HAVE risen ahead of the final Rugby World Cup pool match between Japan and Scotland in Yokohama on Sunday, with Typhoon Hagibis still threatening to scupper the tie. The unbeaten tournament hosts lead Pool A on 14 points and are within sight of their first World Cup quarter-final spot, while Scotland are in third on 10 and need to beat Japan to give themselves any chance of advancing to the knockout phase.

Second-placed Ireland are on 11 and play the already eliminated Samoa in Fukuoka on Saturday in their final pool game. The Japan-Scotland match, which is scheduled to kick off at Yokohama Stadium, however, could still be abandoned, with Hagibis expected to make landfall on Saturday and bring destructive wind and rain.

Should the Yokohama match be cancelled, Scotland and Japan would receive two points each, meaning Japan and Ireland would finish as the top two in Pool A and reach the quarter-finals, providing the Irish beat Samoa. Scotland coach Gregor Townsend, who resorted to his first-choice line-up for the game by making 12 changes from the side that beat Russia 61-0 on Wednesday, made no secret of the fact that he thought the game should go ahead, no matter what. That could mean postponing it until Monday, or even shifting it to another venue, he said, something World Rugby said it was not prepared to do. The Scottish Rugby Union, however, have gone on the attack against organisers and SRU chief executive Mark Dodson said their side was not going to be "collateral damage for a decision that was taken in haste."

Scotland have never lost to Japan in seven previous matches, but the gap between the two sides is reducing with their last game producing a 21-16 victory in Tokyo in 2016. It is that improvement by the Brave Blossoms and their performances at the World Cup that prompted coach Jamie Joseph also to launch a blistering attack about the match. "The media reports that I've read, I feel they undermine the achievements of the Japanese national team," said Joseph, who restored the inspirational Michael Leitch to the captaincy after trying to take some pressure off him over the last two games.

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