Aggressive on

Bengal law & order front, BJP team meets Kovind

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

ON A day West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar said that he felt insulted at the Durga Puja carnival organised by TMC government in Kolkata on October 11, a BJP delegation led by party general secretary and state in-charge Kailash Vijayvargiya met President Ramnath Kovind on Tuesday to apprise him about what the party calls is a deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

Sources said the state unit, eager to unseat Mamata Banerjee's TMC government in the next Assembly polls, due in 2021, is "unhappy" with the Governor for acting "too gentle" with the state government, while party leaders have serious objections with the way the government is dealing with the Governor.

The BJP team is learnt to have appealed to the President to seek a report on the law and order situation in West Bengal. This, sources said, would create an opportunity for the Governor to "show his power."

The BJP delegation included party leader Mukul Roy and MPs Swapan Dasgupta and S S Ahluwalia. Vijayvargiya later said, "We have apprised the President of the situation in Bengal. We have not asked for President's Rule but informed what our cadres are going through."

A party leader familiar with the developments told *The Indian Express* that the RSS, which has been active in the state, has recently urged its cadre and BIP workers to be "aggressive" against the TMC government. Sangh leaders in the state feel the party will not be able to reap the expected results in next year's Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections, considered a mini-Assembly polls, if the government has its way.

The BJP state unit has thus stepped up its protests against the government, accusing TMC workers of attacking its members in the state. A party leader

EXPLAINED **Looking for** proactive Raj Bhavan

WITH THE BIP intensify-

ing its political activities in West Bengal, despite Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee ostensibly softening her criticism of **Prime Minister** Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the party's West Bengal unit wants Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar to be more proactive and keep the law and order situation in the spotlight ahead of civic body elections, scheduled early next year. The party hopes a more 'proactive' Raj Bhavan will ensure "free and fair elections" in the

said the cadre and the communication cell have been asked to keep the spotlight on the law and order situation.

civic polls.

On Tuesday, party leaders and BJP's national social media head Amit Malviva met communication cell members from West Bengal and discussed strategies for this, it is learnt.

Meanwhile. Dhankhar told the media in Kolkata that at the carnival, he was seated on a dais from where he "could not see a single live programme without being blocked by 20 or 25 people". He said, "I felt insulted.... (I) was blacked out. You cannot have that kind of intolerance... Someone said this is reminiscent of Emergency."

MARADU APARTMENT DEMOLITION

Builder, two ex-officials held over CRZ violation

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

OCTOBER 15

THE KERALA Police on Tuesday arrested a builder and two former officials of the local self-government department in connection with the criminal case pertaining to the construction of four apartment complexes in violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms at Maradu near Kochi.

Legal action against the builders was part of the action plan submitted by the state government before the Supreme Court last month.

According to police, builders conspired with panchayat offiin the 2005-06 period, which were issued without mandatory clearance from the Kerala Coastal Zone Management

Francis, the managing director of Holy Faith Builders, which constructed the Holy Faith H2O apartment complex in Maradu, along with M Asharaf and P E Joseph, the then Maradu panchayat secretary and office su-

Ventures managing director Paul Raj, has moved the High Court over a case against him for con**WEST BENGAL TRIPLE MURDER**

Neighbour held, fight over insurance premium: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, OCTOBER 15

EIGHT DAYS after Bandhu Prakash Pal, his wife and their five-year-old son were murdered in Murshidabad triggering a political row between the BJP and the ruling TMC, the West Bengal Police Tuesday arrested a mason, Utpal Behara (20) for the killings.

Police said Behara, a resident of Sahapur in Sagardighi, killed the family because Pal failed to give him a receipt for an insurance policy premium of Rs 24,167 and that Pal had verbally abused him when Behara demanded his money back. Pal's wife and child were killed, police said, to eliminate witnesses. Behara and Pal were neighbours in Sagardighi village before the latter shifted out.

Pal (40), his wife Beauty (30) and son Angan (5) were found murdered at their home in Jiaganj last Tuesday. Police sources said that Bandhu Prakash and his wife were hacked to death, while their son was strangled and his head hit with a heavy object to ensure that he died.

Orissa HC

issues 136

notices over

SAMPAD PATNAIK

CUTTACK, OCTOBER 15

THE ORISSA High Court on

Tuesday issued suo motu con-

tempt notice to bar associations

across the state, citing obstruc-

tion of court work through the

ongoing strike by lawyers

against decisions by the

Supreme Court collegium on the

appointments of judges, and for

the establishment of regional

Orissa High Court Bar

Association (OHCBA), Tuesday

was the first time when the full

bench of 14 judges assembled in

a matter. A total of 136 notices

made to the bench on the basis

The court cited the reference

were issued by the court.

According to members of the

benches in the state.

lawyers strike

The incident triggered a po-



Utpal Behera worked as a mason. Express

litical row with BJP central and state leaders targeting the TMC government over the deterioration of law and order.

Murshidabad SP Mukesh Kumar said: "We have arrested Utpal Behera and he has confessed to the crime. We will produce him to court and seek police remand of 14 days." "Apart from working as a

teacher in a primary school, Bandhu Prakash was involved in various chain marketing and insurance companies as an agent. Behara got into an 11-year-term policy through Bandhu Prakash where the yearly premium was

According to Kumar, Behara got the receipt for the first year, but not the second year though he had paid the premium. "When he called Pal to ask for his money back, Bandhu Prakash abused him and Behara felt insulted. That is why he decided to kill him. His wife and son were killed because they knew Behara and could have identified him," he said.

"We questioned many people including friends and family of the victim. We also questioned people who had monetary links with the victim. Behara had monetary links. We found his mobile tower location during the time of the incident at Jiaganj but Behara lied to us that he was in Sagardighi 25 km away."

According to police, before Durga Puja, Behara called Pal and demanded his money back. During questioning, police claimed, Behara alleged that Pal verbally abused and insulted him, after which he decided to exact revenge.

Utpal worked as a mason in East Midnapore district, police said, and returned to Sagardighi during the Puja holidays. Sources said he bought the murder weapon, a chopper, from a shop near the Azimganj railway station.

"On Dashami, around 10.30 pm Behara called Bandhu

Prakash saving he wants to visit him and talk about the money. Bandhu Prakash gave him directions. Behara was allowed in since everyone in the family knew him. After entering, he immediately attacked Bandhu Prakash and killed him on the spot. He then went into the next room and attacked Pal's pregnant wife and son and killed them...," said SP Mukesh Kumar.

According to police, Behara wore two sets of clothes and dumped the first set. He then threw the murder weapon near the house and fled to his own house. Police have seized the murder weapon and the clothes which were dumped. "I cannot believe that my son

could do it. We were all very sad that Bandhu Prakash took our money but never gave us a receipt. I had asked my son not to get into such monetary dealings," said Madhab Das, Behara's father.

Meanwhile, police are also taking legal action against Souvik Banik, Pal's friend and business partner. During investigations, many in Birbhum and Murshidabad had complained that Banik duped them of money in various money marketing and insurance schemes.

Ink thrown at Union minister over Patna water-logging, spike in dengue cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, OCTOBER 15

UNHAPPY OVER the recent water-logging in Patna due to heavy rains and rising cases of dengue in the city, a youth on Tuesday threw ink at Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey as a mark of protest.

The incident occurred around noon, as Choubey was leaving the Patna Medical College and Hospital after meeting patients in the dengue ward. The youth, identified as Nishant Jha, approached the minister from behind and threw ink at him.

Choubey was not injured in the incident, which he blamed on "politics". "There are some people who have been out to defame the government. It is all politically motivated. The government has been doing its job with all intensity," he told the media.

The police have not booked the youth, who is associated with the Jan Adhikar Party (JAP), headed by former Madhepura MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav. Yadav, however, has distanced himself from Jha's actions.

For his part, Jha claimed he threw the ink at the minister to protest against the rising cases of dengue in water-logged areas of Patna. He said, "When I lodged protest about the Patna waterlogging on Twitter, Deputy Chief mit its report within a month.

Minister Sushil Kumar Modi blocked my account. We have to find some ways to lodge a protest... There has been a spread of dengue, mostly in areas which had been water-logged."

The incident comes two days after Deputy CM Modi's house was gheraoed by people affected

by water-logging in the city. This monsoon season, Bihar has reported 1,630 cases of dengue as of October 15, of which Patna alone accounts for 1,137 cases. In contrast, Bihar reported 2,002 cases of dengue for the whole of 2018, with Patna reporting about 1,300 cases.

Meanwhile, the Bihar government, in an attempt to fix accountability, has issued a showcause notice to 11 engineers of the Bihar Urban Infrastructure **Development Corporation Ltd** (BUIDCO). A showcause notice has also been served to 22 drainage system employees, and their payment has been also

In addition, a four-member committee headed by the state's **Development Commissioner** has been formed to suggest corrective steps to check further instances of water-logging. The committee, which also comprises the principal secretaries from the Disaster Management, Road Construction Department, and Urban Development and Building Department, will sub-

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[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest

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Plea in HC to speed up probe against Jay Panda, associates

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

Panda, his wife and associates. Hearing the matter on

to MAG and the Finance Ministry



Baijayant 'Jay' Panda

and sought their stand on a plea that also sought a probe into complaints of money laundering and black money against a politician, and some of his associates, who allegedly received funds from companies named in the 'Bahamas leaks'.

The companies — Finlay Corporation Ltd, Messina Corporation Ltd and Pikika Limited — were incorporated in the Caribbean tax haven and fig-

pose reported by The Indian Express with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in 2016. These leaks revealed information on thousands of offshore entities and their suspected connections to companies and individuals in various countries. The MAG, comprising offi-

Direct Taxes, the Reserve Bank of India, ED and Financial Intelligence Unit was set up in April 2016 by the Centre to investigate the Panama Papers leaks. The court has now fixed the

cers of the Central Board of

matter for further hearing on October 22.

The petition by Bhupendra Singh Patel, who claims to be an active social worker, said he complained against the politician and some of his companies and associates in January this year.

13 of the Act, in respect of time, available to redeem the secured assets Name of Borrower / Guarantors & Description of Immovable Properties Date of Demand Notice /

rule 8 of the said rules.

Date of Possession / Amount Outstanding Shri Avinash Kumar **Demand Notice:** 13.03.2018

Date of Possession: 10.10.2019 **Amt:** ₹7,51,107.32 (Rupees Seven lac fifty one thousand one hundred senven and piase Thirty two only) as on 12.03.2018 + Int.

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Description of the properties

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Plot No.10, Mauza-Chauram, Thana

charges & expenses. B. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khata No. 165, Plo No.10, Mauza-Chauram, Thana-Daudnagar and District-Aurangabad Area-2 decimals (bearing Sale Deed No.4536 dated 12.08.2013) in the name of Avinash Kumar. Bounded: North-Rasta 10ft, South-Brijnandar Singh, East-Madan Sao, West-Nij Vendor.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma S/d building having Khata No.23/64 Late Mangru Sharma **Demand Notice: 29.12.2015** Date of Possession: 14.10.2019 **Amt:** ₹9,99,575/-

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Branch: Gourakshni Shailendra Kumar property consisting of Plot No.2143 Srivastav, M/s Baba Poultry Feed & 2144 in survey No.44/City or Town and Chicks Centre

Demand Notice: 01.07.2019

Amt: ₹72,85,364/-(Rupees Seventy two lacs eight five thousand three hundred sixty M.S. Plot No.2132 & 2133, Eastfour only) as on 14.10.2019 + Int. charges & expenses.

Branch: Sasaram

Date of Possession: 14.10.2019

M/s Nav Durga Mini Rice Mill (Prop. Sri Raj Mohan Pathak) and bearing Khata No.90, Plot No.432 Shri Raj Mohan Pathak Prop.-M/s area 16 decimal in the name of Mr Nav Durga Mini Rice Mill, Guarantor: 1. Mr. Ram Singhasan Bihari Pathak, Boundary: North-Chat Pathak S/o Late Awadh Bihar South-Ganga Dayal Kuswaha, East Pathak, 2. Mr. Tej Narayan Pathak Plot No.432 Gopal Lal, West-Plo S/o Late Awadh Bihari Pathak and No.432, Sujit Kumar Gupta.

3. Mr. Rajendra Pathak S/o Late 2. Mauza-Panchpokhari, Awadh Bihari Pathak. **Demand Notice:** 01.07.2019 **Date of Possession:** 11.10.2019 area 12.5 decimal in the name of Mi Amt: ₹94,91,707.50/-

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order said. The HC has also issued notices to the Odisha Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and Law Secretary, along with various office bearers of the OHCBA, district bar associations, Orissa Bar

The next hearing has been scheduled for October 21.

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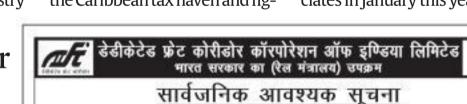
A PLEA has been filed in Delhi High Court seeking direction to the Union government and Multi-Agency Group (MAG) to speedily investigate allegations of money laundering and tax evasion by BJP leader and Odisha industrialist Baijayant 'Jay'

Tuesday, Delhi High Court Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice CHari Shankar asked the ministry concerned about the constitution and powers of MAG, set up to probe companies and individuals, including politicians, named in the 'Bahamas leaks' and 'Panama Papers leak', and the progress made in its investigation.

The bench also issued notice

TMC local leader dies in attack

Kolkata: A TMC leader of West Bengal's East Midnapore district was attacked with sharp weapons, which led to his death late on Monday night. The TMC has blamed the BIP for the murder of Basudeb Mondal (52), which the saffron party denied, saying it was outcome of his feud with some villagers from whom he had taken money "promising favours". **ENS**



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

ERASING THE SLATE

J&K needs full democracy, noisy and chaotic as it may be. Not a bonsai pruned and stunted in North Block and/or Raj Bhavan

HE COMEBACK OF mobile phones in the Valley, with the restoration of postpaid connections, more than two months after a communication blockade was imposed, is welcome. But listen closely to the murmurs of officialdom in J&K and there is reason to worry. As this paper has reported, plans are being drawn up of a political engagement even as the top brass of all major and minor parties remains in detention — Home Minister Amit Shah has now said that the Public Safety Act has been invoked against even Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, not just Faroog Abdullah, setting any possibilities of their early release to rest. So, the question is: Who will be part of this political initiative, choreographed by Delhi? Will it skip the top rung of parties altogether and go straight to mid-level leaders, some of whom have been released over the past few weeks? Who will be in, who out? Much more troubling, however, than even the glib talk of bridging the trust deficit amid continuing lockdown and detentions, is the suggestion of the emergence of a new political class in the Valley, which will presumably fill the political void that has been created by Delhi, and be part of its new solution for Kashmir.

The Centre's belief that to script a "naya Kashmir", it needs to erase the slate and start with a blank page goes against the story of India's politics so far — of a country that has subsumed so many of its rebellions, by turning rebels into stakeholders, and where areas of insurgency have seen the politics of anger and grievance give way to one of aspiration and hope. Of course, this is not a rosy or neat trajectory, there have been spectacular missteps and incomplete transitions. In some trouble spots, the insurgencies have simply been tired out, or have been bent to excessive force applied by the Centre. Yet, it has mostly been a narrative, tortuous and turbulent, of negotiation and bargaining, between the Centre and the protagonists on ground zero, such as they are. In the current moment, however, the Centre's will to clear the political board in Kashmir, to wipe it clean, all the better, presumably, to repopulate it in its own image, stands out for its staggering ambition — and hubris.

The only way out is for politics, democratic politics, and not just mobile services, to resume in the Valley. This can only happen if the leaders of Kashmir, with all their strengths but also their flaws and inadequacies, are given the space and freedom that is their right. To mobilise for and against, to make criticisms and offer alternatives, on the teeming issues — abrogation of Article 370, the sense of humiliation of a people who have not been involved in a critical decision that affects them, demilitarisation, development. Kashmir, even with its troubled past and present, and especially because of it, deserves full democracy, noisy and chaotic as it may be. Not a bonsai democracy, choreographed in North Block and/or Raj Bhavan — constrained, stunted and pruned.

RUNNING THE GAME

Sourav Ganguly takes charge of BCCI when its functioning needs to be streamlined. He will have his hands full

OURAV GANGULY BECOMING the BCCI president presents an arresting image for Indian cricket. It's in sync with the Lodha committee reforms that called for cricketers in cricket administration. With Ganguly set to assume top office, Indian cricket will have one of its finest captains to helm the affairs of the game. He became captain in a time of upheaval, when match-fixing rattled Indian cricket at the turn of the century. Ganguly's first priority was to end regionalism, which he did successfully. He also introduced professionalism by bringing in a foreign coach, John Wright, and initiated a fitness culture. Ganguly is taking charge of the BCCI at a time when the cricket board's functioning needs to be similarly streamlined.

Over the past few years, India has significantly lost clout at the ICC. A cricket board that contributes over 70 per cent of the global body's revenue, its money has been taken away on the pretext of creating a more equitable revenue distribution system. The ICC also browbeat India to change the scheduled 2021 Champions Trophy to a World T20. Indian cricket, at this moment, needs someone of stature as its representative to the ICC. As a captain, Ganguly always put emphasis on winning overseas. His team came close to winning a Test series against Steve Waugh's all-conquering Australia in their lair. Fans would expect that the Indian team will shed the "poor travellers" tag under his presidentship.

According to the BCCI constitution, Ganguly has just 10 months to implement his vision before he goes to a three-year cooling-off period. There will be challenges. There is speculation that the BCCI under its new dispensation will carry more of a political undertone. But as a player, Ganguly knew how to get his way. As a captain, he dealt with formidable personalities like Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble and Rahul Dravid. He persuaded Dravid to keep wickets in the ODIs despite the latter's reluctance. Man-management has always been Ganguly's forte. He managed to get his way even with a heavyweight administrator like Jagmohan Dalmiya. Also, he is a survivor, who played 113 Tests. As the BCCI president, however, he will have to learn to be more guarded. As a Cricket Association of Bengal office-bearer, he faced conflict-of-interest issues. But the BCCI office won't allow him to wear many hats.

BENGAL'S PRIDE

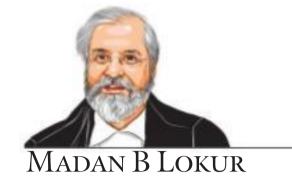
The state has scored two smash hits in one day. But there's a lot more going on in that corner of our meaningless universe

NCE MORE, A son of Bengal has won a Nobel prize in economics, while another has cleared the field of competition for the post of chairman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. This is broad-spectrum world dominance — brain, brawn, prefrontal cortex, motor cortex, limbic system, gluteus maximus, everything that makes us human. Bengal is celebrating, and the City of Joy is having a ball. After a span of years, there is a good reason for Bengali exceptionalism to come out and take the air of the "dying city" that just goes on living, regardless of Sharada, Narada and Dilip Ghosh-da. It is an uplifting moment.

The Didis and Dadas of West Bengal are frequently accused of being cultural supremacists. This is excessive, because they are only exceptionalists. And who can deny that the state that gave India Marx, Mao and machher jhol is exceptional? Whether it is the prevalence of hyperreality or hypochondria, no other state comes even close to the one that invented mutton rolls and permanent revolution. West Bengal leaves the competition far behind in indices as diverse as the population density of amiable lunatics and the number of streets named after poets and scientists who lived or worked in the neighbourhood. Plotting the consumption of kosha mangsho against antacid sales could reveal something of the soul of the state. Who knows, a Kuznets curve might emerge, signifying a reckless lust for life, even after Gelusil falters under the gastric onslaught.

While we admire West Bengal for mass-producing Nobel laureates (the Bengalis lay claim to Sir Roland Ross, CV Raman and Mother Teresa, too), we are only looking at a sliver of life. There's a lot more going on over there. Look beyond the cultural supremacists, and exceptional things shall be in your midst.

Govt calling the SC shots?



Collegium's actions show that the NJAC which was struck down four years ago is back, with a vengeance

FOUR YEARS AGO, on October 16, 2015, the Supreme Court (SC) struck down as unconstitutional an amendment to the Constitution establishing the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC). The amendment and the corresponding law were challenged by the Supreme Court Advocateson-Record Association (SCAORA) believing, rightly, that the amendment would violate the basic structure of the Constitution by depriving the judiciary of its independence. SCAORA engaged Fali S Nariman, a doyen of the Bar, to argue the case on its behalf. The SC agreed with his submissions and struck down the amendment. At law, the independence of the judiciary was preserved. But is it, in fact? Judge for yourself. Try and remember, for instance, that

barely a few months after the NJAC decision, a sobbing Chief Justice of India (CJI) sought outside help to resolve the institutional problem of getting the government to move on increasing the judge strength. Nothing happened. A few months later, the same CJI complained, in open court, that the government was not implementing the recommendations of the collegium for the transfer of some judges. Nothing happened, except a response given in November the same year by the Attorney General reminding the SC of its Lakshman Rekha and by the law minister of its historic failure during the Emergency. The seeds of the NJAC striking back were sown around that time and the judiciary is today reaping the harvest.

What was the proposed composition of the NJAC? The CJI was the chair, ex officio, and along with him were the next two senior judges. The Union Minister of Law and Justice was an ex officio member along with two eminent persons. They were to recommend persons for appointment as judges of the SC and high courts and the transfer of judges of the high vourts (including chief justices). Notwithstanding the declaration of unconstitutionality of the NJAC, I believe its core functions are now being performed by a body minus the two eminent persons. So, the recommendation and appointment of judges has been taken over by a "new NJAC" and without any apparent protest. Why do I say this?

The collegium cut off its hands when it reversed a signed and sealed (but not delivered) resolution on January 11. To an outsider, it appeared that a resolution of the collegium lacked sanctity — and this seems to have been exploited by the "new NJAC". Let me cite a few glaring instances. As recently as in late August,

Justice Akil Kureshi, the senior-most judge of the Gujarat High Court, was recommended on May 10 to be the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court after considering all relevant factors and being found suitable in all respects. Guess what? The government sent two communications to the CJI on August 23 and 27 along with some material. On reconsideration of the communications and the material, the collegium modified its recommendation on September 5 and recommended his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court. Again, the contents of the communications and the accompanying material are not known. Is there something so terribly secret about them that it would not be in the interest of the institution to make a

disclosure?

the Economic Times reported that the CJI had written to the law minister that 43 recommendations made by the collegium were pending with the government and the vacancies in the high courts were to the extent of about 37 per cent. Also, the collegium could not consider the appointment of 10 persons since some information was awaited from the government for varying periods. Who is calling the shots — the government? Some more questions. On April 8, the col-

legium recommended the appointment of Justice Vikram Nath, the senior-most judge of the Allahabad High Court as the chief justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. Sometime later, the government referred back the recommendation for reconsideration. On August 22, the collegium reconsidered the recommendation "for the reasons indicated in the file" and recommended his appointment as the chief justice of the Gujarat High Court. The reasons indicated in the file are not known and it would certainly be in the interest of the institution if they are disclosed. If the judge was unfit or unsuitable for appointment as the chief justice of Andhra Pradesh, how did he become suitable for Gujarat?

On September 5, the collegium recommended that Justice Irshad Ali be made a permanent judge of the Allahabad High Court. The recommendation was made after considering (i) the opinion of judges of the SC conversant with the affairs of the Allahabad High Court, (ii) report of the committee of judges to evaluate his judgments, (iii) possible complaints against one of the judges under consideration (could also be Justice Ali), (iv) additional information received from the chief justice of the Allahabad High Court and (v) observations of the Department of Justice and (vi) an overall assessment. What did the government do? It rejected the recommendation (without furnishing any reason or justification) and on September 20 extended his term as an additional judge by six months. Did anybody protest?

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ommended his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court. Again, the contents of the communications and the accompanying material are not known. Is there something so terribly secret about them that it would not be in the interest of the institution to make a disclosure? As in the case of Justice Vikram Nath, it would be worth asking how Justice Kureshi is fit or suitable for appointment as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court and not of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. Have we not often heard the SC say that sunlight is the best disinfectant? And then, electric light the most efficient policeman? More than a month has gone by and even this recommendation has not been acted upon by the government. Any

Finally, the transfer of the Chief Justice from Madras High Court to the Meghalaya High Court — whether it should have taken place or not is not the question. It could have been achieved more gracefully, like the manner in which a former CJI dealt with a delinquent judge of the Delhi High Court. After a brief discussion with the CJI, the judge quietly resigned. But some other more important questions arise in the context of the independence of the judiciary. Was she spied upon by the Intelligence Bureau (IB)? The Times of India reported on September 30 that the CJI had asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to "take further action in accordance with law" on a five-page report of the IB on financial and other irregularities alleged against her. Should the IB be blindly believed — there is a well-known incident of a teetotaller being called a "boozer" by the IB? Was the CJI kept in the dark about her being kept under surveillance? How many other judges are being spied on? Isn't it somewhat unusual and frightening that judges, expected to render judgment without fear or favour, are subject to surveillance by the IB? Can their independence be guaranteed under these circumstances?

It seems to me that the unconstitutional NIAC is rearing its head and is now Frankenstein's monster. The advice of the two eminent persons postulated by the NJAC is no longer required. Actually, there is now no need to amend the Constitution to bring back the NJAC — it is already in existence with a vengeance. At the present moment, silence on crunch issues is not golden.

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THE PEOPLE'S ECONOMISTS

This year's Nobel laureates shone the light on ways to address poverty

SHOBHINI MUKERJI

AS A YOUNG research associate, I stopped at a dhaba with my boss, me armed with handsanitiser and a spoon, while my boss dug in to a plate of fish with her hands. My boss was Esther Duflo, director and co-founder of J-PAL, and we were on a field visit in a village in Odisha in 2008. J-PAL was in its early years then, set up globally at MIT in 2003 and in India by 2007. Despite the expansion and recognition of its work worldwide, Esther remains the same person, down to earth, no frills or fuss, who says exactly what she means in a precise five words or less. And much can be written about Abhijit's Banerjee's fantastic cooking skills.

Working with Esther and Abhijit for more than a decade has given me immense appreciation for these brilliant yet unpretentious people. They have always been open to hearing the ideas of research associates and field staff. They devise elegant solutions to complex development challenges, turn unwieldy ideas into actionable plans, engage with colleagues and bureaucrats, and return home to review a 250-page journal submission — all as part of a day's work.

For them to join the ranks of Jan

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Tinbergen, Milton Friedman and Amartya Sen is one thing, but to attract global attention to the powerful methodology in which they, along with their co-laureate Michael Kremer, have been pioneers is another thing entirely. They have led the charge to mainstream the application of a rigorous and scientific lab methodology — the randomised evaluation — outside the laboratory, amidst the complexities of the real world, in order to derive precise measures of the impact of poverty alleviation programmes. In their own words, back in the late '90s and early 2000s, Abhijit and Esther, together with their early partners, took a leap of faith and used randomised evaluations in the field — at the time not a widely-used practice in development economics. Their intention was to do research which was hands-on, solve real problems, and also learn, with greater precision, how the world works.

Under their leadership, and with the efforts of J-PAL's network of 181 affiliated researchers, we have moved the frontiers in the fight against poverty and inequality in cost-effective and measurable ways. Whether we are thinking about innovative ways to bring women out of extreme poverty, improve educational attainment or increase immunisation rates for children under the age of five, our work fills critical evidence gaps. This research is then brought to policymakers in a manner that is globally informed, by pooling the best insights from randomised evaluations in 83 countries, as well as grounded by local conditions and implementation feasibility, to enable contextspecific policy decisions. J-PAL's scientific evaluations have debunked commonly held beliefs, and have resulted in evidence-based policy decisions.

As the news broke, my 79-year-old grandmother called to congratulate me, and to ask me specifically what it is that we at J-PAL do. Therein lies the significance of this moment. Not only have these Nobel laureates spent their careers bringing rigorous research to play in important policy decisions, but their work, and this recognition, have brought a powerful approach for fighting global poverty into our everyday conversations.

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OCTOBER 16, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

FUEL FOR TARAPUR THE JIMMY CARTER administration does not seem to have taken any firm stand yet on the pending Indian applications for fuel for Tarapur. The scenario sketched by observers is as follows: Very soon the state department will reply to the nuclear regulatory commission. In the context of the general friendliness of the US administration to India and the desire of the Carter administration to utilise the two-year grace period for diplomacy, it is almost certain that the state department will recommend further supply. What the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will do is anybody's guess. The chances are dissolution of the Assembly was not disprobably slightly against continued supplies. cussed, he added.

CONG-CPM TALKS THE CONGRESS AGREED to join hands with the Marxists during the Lok Sabha poll as the latter only too readily resiled from the firm postures they had adopted earlier. This was the net outcome of the 90-minute long meeting of the leaders of the Congress, the CPM and the CPI held in New Delhi. The Congress general secretary, Yunus Saleem, emphasised that his party will continue to support the Koya Ministry in Kerala and vote for the controversial land gift bill even when they reach an understanding with the CPM for the Lok Sabha election. The question of

PAK NOBEL WIN

THE 1979 NOBEL prize in physics was awarded to two Americans and a Pakistani and the chemistry prize to an American and a West German. A total of four of seven laureates selected for the three 1979 science prize are Americans, the same number as last year. The physics prize was awarded to professors Sheldon L Glashow and Steven Weinberg, both 46, of Harvard, and Abdus Salam, 53, a Pakistani physicist working in London and Trieste, Italy — for studies aimed at unlocking the mystery of forces that hold matter together. They believe their work may eventually find a single force underlying the universe.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The decision by the Trump administration to quit Syria stands apart because the status quo was entirely sustainable. American forces were not taking high numbers of casualties. The region under control of the Kurds was largely quiet.

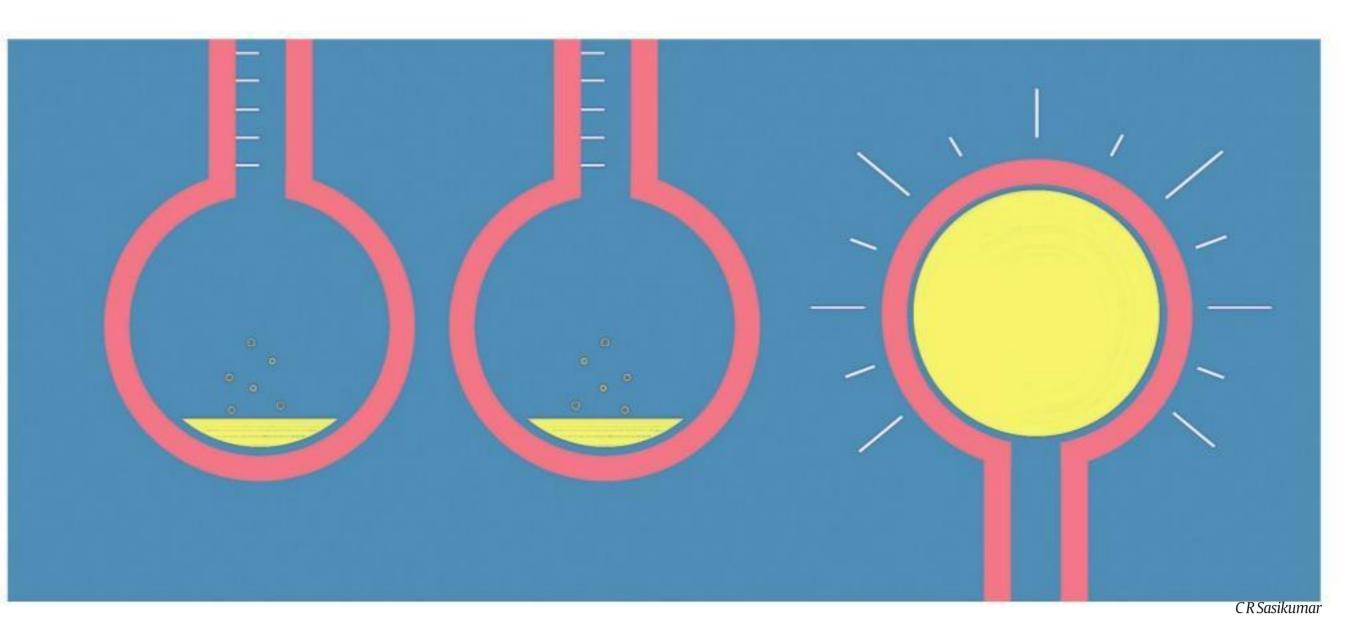
The return of

al Qaeda

The outfit's recent activities point to dangers

closer home. India must exercise caution

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



A need to democratise science

Research in elite institutions must focus on the problems of their surrounding environment



IT IS GOOD to hear that the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Government of India has engaged in a review of its State Science and Technology Councils (SSTC) Programme. The SSTCs were formed to spearhead the use of science and technology (S&T) for regional problems and to foster "scientific temper" within states, and the DST programme was mandated "to provide core support". Sadly, this was neglected and most SSTCs are now intellectually adrift. The second review meeting is being held this week in New Delhi, and is led by notable bureaucrats, scientists and educationists. This provides an opportunity to reform our scientific institutions and align them with the interests of the people.

As a developing country, India faces many challenges. Managing floods and droughts, designing better timetables for city buses or developing biodegradable paints for Ganapati idol makers, are all extremely challenging tasks. The systematic study of such problems and their solutions will lead not only to better development outcomes, but also new science, enterprises and jobs. The primary responsibility of solving them lies with our scientists and bureaucrats, not politicians. Unfortunately, this is not fully appreciated by our society or accepted by our elite institutions as their mandate.

The result is that our industry imports much of its sophisticated machinery. Our state agencies call on expensive international consultants even in traditional areas such as irrigation. International companies fill our pot-holes with cement, and foreign universities prepare our smart city plans and assess our drinking water systems. These universities know that solving hard real-life problems is the road to "world-class" research and international rankings.

Many of the development problems, for instance, water or public health, are on the State List. Most state departments do not make any provision for research in their budget simply because it may be too disruptive, or that they do not find viable partner institutions. The SSTCs are well-placed to enable problem discovery, identify higher education institutions to work on these prob-

EXPLAINING BHAGWAT

the same" and "underscores the need for or-

ganising the Hindu society for national reju-

venation". It mentions "a set of people" who

are "hell-bent on proving Bharat as a

'Lynchistan'". It says that many researchers

find the "roots" of the lynching "phenome-

non" in Christian Evangelism and Racial War

in the US". The US-based media, it says, "ap-

plied their experience to the Bharatiya con-

text and some intellectual picked up the nar-

lems and engage with state agencies.

However, there are three hurdles. The first is funding. From the DST kitty of Rs 3,000-4,000 crore, barely Rs 100 crore makes it to the SSTCs put together. State funding is scarce. For example, the Maharastra SSTC has an annual budget of about Rs 60 crore. Compare this with the Rs 200 crore research grants that IIT Bombay alone receives from central agencies, with little to show. Second, much of the SSTC budget is disbursed in the same patronising "project proposal and approval" method of the DST, rather than in sectoral engagement and people-driven problem identification. Chronic issues in rural electricity or public health or disasters such as the recent Sangli floods are never analysed since they are not seen as scientific problems but social, political or implementation problems to be undertaken by NGOs or the concerned state agency. Finally, there is the imagination, peculiar

to us, of a "world-class" science, of gifted scientists working on new discoveries at the frontiers of science. However, the more informed paradigm is that science is about empowering people, and not merely about few our public transport, analyse the droughts of Marathwada or manage the sea of solid waste which drowns us all. The above hurdles primarily arise from

the largely unaccountable "babu science" of the DST, and other central agencies, the venerable sarkari science of nuclear, space and defence scientists — a science of "national priorities" rather than social comprehension, and the fiction of global "cutting edge" science of our elite MHRD institutions.

So what is to be done? The DST should disburse about Rs 2,000-2,500 crore directly to SSTCs with precise guidelines on problem area selection, publicly available reports as research outcomes, identification of regional institutions, strengthening of universities, and working with regional agencies. The DST should be a clearing house for data from central agencies such as the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA).

The SSTC should become the nodal center for research in and for state agencies and administrative units such as forests lands, watersheds, districts or cities. This will enable

sectoral research, funds, logistical support and access to state-level data. There should be innovative funding mechanisms, for example, providing Rs 10 per capita or Rs 1 crore per district per year as research funding for work on regional problems. This will enable rolling out a citizen's right to science, for a community to seek scientific analysis of the problems it faces. For example, Nasik city may choose to develop a public transport plan, or a village may want a study of its disappearing groundwater and advice on installing an RO plant.

The SSTC should work with the state higher education department to evolve curricula and research frameworks for the state's development requirements and provide academic space for SSTC projects, and evolve a network of regional institutions to work with district-level agencies.

There should be better alignment of research and development with existing programmes at the national and state level. For example, the SSTC may offer a programme for institutions or enterprises to prepare air quality action plans for cities as required by the National Clean Air Programme or district irrigation plans as a part of the national PMKSY programme. The elite MHRD institutions can play an important role since they are largely above the hurly-burly of statelevel politics. They must anchor research on regional problems, develop suitable curricula and mentor and collaborate with regional institutions. A beginning would be for each Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) to identify a thrust area of regional interest. The SSTC should help in ensuring this. Finally, there should be a Model State Science and Technology Council Act to ensure the above agenda to prevent capture by venerable scientists or elite institutions, and to allow people and their representatives to initiate studies on problems which

bother them. This is, of course a decentralisation of the agenda of science and democratisation of access to science and its methods, which is long overdue. This will bring real science closer to schools and colleges and allow the community to participate in its own development. This approach is certainly in line with the spirit of science, and certainly what was intended by Bharat Ratna C Subramaniam, who initiated the SSTC programme and was a key figure in both the Green Revolution and the White revolution.

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had been killed in a US-Afghan raid on a Taliban compound in Helmand on September 23. Till date, the AQIS official media or their known social media accounts have neither confirmed nor accepted this claim. Taliban termed the report as "fabricated propaganda" making no comment on AQIS or Umar. It is highly likely that Umar, India born, has been killed. However, his death is not going to halt concerted efforts by AQ/AQIS network to recalibrate its activities in South Asia, especially in India. Åfter the killing of Osama Bin Laden in

ANJU GUPTA

On October 8, the Afghan Intelligence, the National Directorate of Security (NDS), de-

clared that the chief of Al-Qaeda in the

Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), Asim Umar,

Pakistan in 2011 and with the rise of AQ In Iraq (which morphed into ISIL) around early 2013, most experts believed that the AQ network had lost its capability to mount a global jihad. ISIL became the principal challenge to international security worldwide. The AQ top leadership, which included chief Ayman al Zawahiri, continued to operate from the Af-Pak region. However, AQ media also started churning out audios, videos and online magazines on South Asia. The key faces of such propaganda were Umar, then an unknown cleric, and Ustad Ahmed Farooq, a Pakistani of solid standing amongst jihadis of the region.

Their sermons targeted India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, US and, to some extent, Pakistan. This group had already started identifying themselves as AQ in "Barre Sagir" (South Asia), suggesting a South Asia-focused AQ branch, which was exhorting Muslims of these countries to wage jihad in their own countries against pro-West governments.

The AQIS was formally declared on September 3, 2014, through a video in which Zawahiri declared Umar as the chief, offering him bayat (allegiance) which had never been offered in the past by any AQ leader to any of its regional branches. Further, a senior al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, Usama Mehmood, was also declared the spokesperson of the group.

Soon, the group started claiming the killing of prominent intellectuals in Bangladesh and participating in Afghan jihad along with the Taliban. In a US-Afghan raid in Shorabak in Helmand province in October 2015, many AQIS operatives were reported killed or arrested, including many Punjabi Pakistanis.

The arrests of a Sambal resident, Mohd Asif, and Cuttack-based Maulana Abdul Reham, by the Delhi Police special cell in late 2015, established that Umar was originally from Sambhal and his name was Sanaul Haq. He studied at Deoband for sometime with Rehman and later fled to Pakistan where he joined Harkat ul Mujahideen. The arrests pointed out that

AQIS was trying to recruit cadres in India for training in Pakistan and Rehman was aiding the process.

The Delhi police chargesheet stated that Rehman disclosed how, after his training in an LeT camp in Muzaffarabad (Pakistanoccupied Kashmir), he was taken by LeT operative Farhatullah Ghori to Rawalpindi Jail. There he met LeT operational chief Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi. The LeT link of Rehman made it very clear that AQ- LeT-Pak ISI link was intact. AQIS was a new name for the same set of jihadis focussed on targeting Indian interests apart from that of West, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Afghanistan.

The AQ media network has been churning out substantial propaganda for the past many months, including bringing out ISILstyle updates of its daily actions against its enemies. Their channels are now reporting activities of all branches together, including the old and new propaganda by AQIS, under the brand name, As Sahab media And the recent additions on these channels is Kashmir: AQ chief Zawahiri posted a video on Kashmir in July this year calling for jihad in Kashmir, and asserting that Pakistan had prevented Arab Mujahideen from coming to Kashmir after the withdrawal of Russia from Afghanistan. And just two days prior, in an AQIS video, Usama Mehmood did some Pakistan bashing for them betraying Kashmiris, but called for attacks on Indian interests. Portraying killed-Kashmiri commanders, such as Zakir Musa and Safdar Ahmed Bhatt, as heroes the video clearly aimed at radicalising and recruiting cadres not just within Kashmir but also in mainland India and South Asia. Through a clip of Pakistan PM Imran Khan preventing Pakistanis from joining jihad in Kashmir, it tried to show him as a traitor of the Muslim cause.

The principal challenger to security in South Asia has always been the AQ network which includes the Afghan Taliban, factions of the TTP, LeT, JeM, HUJI. On the one hand, the Taliban was posturing to give counterterror assurance to the US with regards to severing its ties with the AQ. On the other hand, the AQ network has become more aggressive with its propaganda, and is calling for attacks across South Asia, including in Afghanistan. The group has reposted a lot of old propaganda, including those showing the Pakistani army in poor light. This seems to be a design to mask the connections of the group with the deep state in Pakistan.

especially those focussed on Kashmir, suggest that the group is making all-out efforts to recruit cadres from not just within Kashmir but, using the issue of Kashmir from across South Asia. The call for a tehreek from Kashmir unifying the jihadis of South Asia may be an over-reaching construct, but it does have the potential to exploit an emotive issue. It has called for attacks on Indian interests, not just in India, but also beyond India. The intensity of its propaganda and the current strength of the group across many parts of the world, makes it a potent network — with a long history of patient planning of spectacular attacks.

All recent activities of the AQ and AQIS,

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fashionable research areas. It is about the practice of observation, analysis, reporting and argumentation, which may happen within a laboratory or outside it, and which speaks not only to scientists, but to administrators, people, their representatives and the civil society at large. Thus, "why is my bus late" is as much a question for science to address as "why does a solar eclipse happen". Only such an approach will enable us to fix

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The editorial also explains Bhagwat's ideas of Swadeshi and the Hindu Rashtra, mentioned in his speech. About the latter, Organiser says Bhagwat "provided the most inclusive and clear understanding" of it. It VIEW FROM THE RIGHT adds that "Hindu is the national identity of Bharat with the essential characteristic of ac-

one should protect and promote the same". BOTH PANCHJANYA AND Organiser have re-Organiser has also listed out 20 takeaways ported on RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat's from Bhagwat's speech. Some of these are: Vijay Dashami speech in their cover stories. Nullification of Article 370 will come to The Organiser editorial also discusses fruition only when justice denied under the Bhagwat's address to the RSS cadre. It notes influence of Article 370 is restored; success of that "most of the narratives build against Chandrayaan 2 in its first attempt; surveil-Bharat. Especially in English language, crelance along maritime border and islands has ate intellectual confusions with the divisive to be increased for national security; "the efapproach, are the direct outcome of not setfort to create disaffection towards civil discipline and law of the land has to be countling our terms right with the cultural contered": "lynching is alien to Bharat" and RSS text" and adds that Bhagwat's speech "did stands against social violence; "Bharat is The speech, it says, "generally outlines the Hindustan, Hindu Rashtra" and "media shall challenges before the nation and contextucome out of sensationalism, focus on creatalises the role of the organisation to mitigate ing a constructive atmosphere".

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GANDHI AND RSS

IN THE BACKDROP of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, an article in *Organiser* speaks about "Gandhi's tryst with RSS" trying to counter the idea that the two were against each other. The article states that "despite concerted malicious attempts to mislead him against the RSS, Mahatma Gandhi firmly reiterated his strong belief in the organisation's vision and ideals,

notwithstanding his differences". It says that the "available archival sources reveal that the crusader of anti-colonial struggle Mahatma Gandhi was never a stranger" to the RSS and that the organisation "had been well-aligned with some of the constructive programmes of the Indian National Congress under the leadership of Gandhiji". The article mentions that KB Hedgewar, who founded the RSS "commended that Gandhiji was a man who was always willing to sacrifice everything for his ideals".

There were some misgivings between some members of the Congress and RSS though, the article states, but adds that Gandhi "expressed that he was well impressed by their discipline, complete absence of untouchability and rigorous simplicity".

The piece later adds that "shockingly, Gandhiji revealed that all the misgivings in the recent past had come to him from Congressmen like Dhebar Bhai" and he "understood that the Hindus were not happy as Dhebar Bhai was (trying to) protect the Muslims and their properties". Also, it says that the "repeated allegations by the Congress, and the Muslim League about the RSS shunted Mahatma Gandhi into a state of utter confusion and bewilderment".

LAWLESS BENGAL

THE "BARBARIC KILLING" of RSS volunteer Bandhuprakash Pal along with his eightyear-old son and his pregnant wife in the

Kashiganj area of the Jiaganj thana of Murshidabad district reveals that the "law and administration in West Bengal are out of control," Panchajanya writes in its latest editorial. It says that it is not yet clear why the family was murdered, but the attitude of the police shows that even such "heinous incidents" cannot break the laziness of the administration.

A series of such incidents, the editorial says, are witness to the violent intolerance thriving under Mamata Banerjee's government, which starts sharpening its knives at the mention of "Bharat-Bharat Mata, Ram-Durga, Sangh-BJP". It asks if it is a mere coincidence that the state whose chief minister challenges kids who are taking Ram's name, is the same state a 24-year old was killed for shouting "Jai Shree Ram". The editorial then mentions several other incidents in which it alleges that people have been killed for openly wearing Hindu symbols. It says that the local media reports on such incidents with some apprehension, but those "who call themselves the mainstream media" are hesitant to question the deteriorating situation

The editorial asks that while there are nation-wide protests on mob-lynchings, but when such an incident happens in West Bengal then "why are the lips of the secular community sealed? Why is only that community questioning mob lynching that is continuously victimised by it?"

Compiled by Krishn Kaushik

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEIJING'S CHALLENGE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No zero sum' (IE, October 15). China is trying to ring fence India by reaching out to our neighbours. Its avowed support to Pakistan despite India's displeasure and now its new-found love for Nepal is aimed to hit India on economic front. China has not taken India's spurning of the Belt and Road Initiative well.

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

PRIVACY FIRST

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Privacy rights and wrongs' (IE, October 11). The government's move to intercept people's activities and conversations on social media violates the Right to Privacy that was guaranteed by the Supreme Court in 2017. It could make India a surveillance state. The government should not pressure companies to hand over consumer data to them. This measure will impact the freedom of expression of the people who use social media to air their views. Free speech cannot be sacrificed.

Sauro Dasgupta, Kolkata

VIEWS ON QUOTA

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In his company' (IE, October 14). I recall a scene from the British television series, Yes Minister, in which a quota for women was put forward to bring gender parity in bureaucracy. The secretary advised the minister to make quotas at

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THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After Mamallapuram' (IE, October 14). China is known to protect its interests. That is why there has not been much progress in Sino-Indian ties for decades in the problem areas of defence, security and terrorism. China's share in trade between the two countries is almost 75 per cent. This enormous difference should be narrowed.

Subhash Vaid, Noida

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exactly" that.

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TELLING NUMBERS

Blindness and visual impairment in India, district by district

THE NATIONAL Blindness & Visual PREVALENCE OF BLINDNESS, Impairment Survey India 2015-2019, released last week, looks at districtwise prevalence of blindness and visual impairment. The survey randomly identified 31 districts with a sample size of about 93,000, among whom 18,000 were less than 50 years of age. Among those aged 50 and above, the focus of the study, prevalence of blindness is lowest in Thrissur district of Kerala (1.08%) while that of visual impairment is lowest in Thoubal in Manipur (7.3%). Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh has the highest prevalence in both categories, at 3.67% and 21.82%, respectively. In low prevalence of blindness, Thrissur is followed by North Goa, Khera (Punjab) and Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu).

The report found that the prevalence of blindness is highest among those who are at least 80 years old (11.6%). Untreated cataract is the main cause of blindness, at 66.2%. and also the foremost cause of severe visual impairment, at 80.7% of all cases. Corneal opacity, cataract surgical complications and some posterior segment disorders are some of the other causes of blindness. As per the survey, prevalence of blindness has reduced by 47.1% compared to the baseline levels of 2010.

The survey, planned by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, was released by Health Minister Harsh Vardhan. The Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AI-IMS, New Delhi, planned and executed the field work, analysis and report writing.

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All figures in per cent. Impairment Survey India 2015-2019

THIS WORD MEANS

MICROBIAL FUEL CELLS

The technology that enabled a fern at London Zoo to take its own selfies. How does it work?

AT THE London Zoo, a fern has started taking its own selfies, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) announced on Tuesday. ZSL scientists had laid the groundwork for the feat earlier this year, with the ultimate aim of using plants to power camera traps and sensors in the wild. This they achieved by installing microbial fuel cells in Pete, a maidenhair fern.

Microbial fuel cells are devices that use bacteria as the catalysts to oxidise organic and inorganic matter and generate current. A research paper from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology earlier this year explained that electrons produced by the bacteria are transferred to the negative terminal and flow to the positive terminal.

In a statement on the ZSL website, Conservation Technology Specialist Al Davies explained: "Plants naturally deposit biomatter as they grow, which in turn feeds the natural bacteria present in the soil, creating energy that can be harnessed by fuel cells and used to power a wide range of vital conservation tools remotely, including sensors, monitoring platforms and camera traps."

Among conventional power sources, batteries must be replaced while solar panels rely on a source of sunlight. On the



Pete the fern with equipment installed.

Source: Zoological Society of London

other hand, plants can survive in the shade, naturally moving into position to maximise the potential of absorbing sunlight.

The ground-breaking solution was enabled by ultra low-powered technology created by US AI company Xnor.ai. It works around the clock on any device while consuming such low energy that it can be powered by a small plant.

Pete's delicate leaves and shiny stalks are clearly visible in the images. "Pete has surpassed our expectations and is currently taking a photo every 20 seconds he's been working so well we've even accidentally photobombed him a few times!" Davies said.



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Source: National Blindness & Visual

An old culture, stateless people The Kurds are the world's largest stateless ethnic group. There are an estimated 25

Kurds, Assad, and Erdogan.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ON SUNDAY, Kurdish forces who had until re-

cently been America's allies against both the

Islamic State and President Bashar al-Assad of

Syria, announced an agreement with the

Damascus regime, which is backed by

Moscow and Tehran, the United States' two

great rivals in the region. This happened after

President Donald Trump abruptly pulled US

forces out of Syria, leaving Turkey's President

Recep Tayyip Erdogan to simply cross the bor-

der into Syria, pummel Kurdish positions, and

turn in the long-running conflict in Syria.

Trump's action, seemingly an effort to end

America's overseas wars ahead of his 2020

re-election bid, greatly helps Turkey, Assad,

Russia and Iran — and possibly, the battered

but still-potent Islamic State. With the US out

of the picture, the Kremlin is now seen to be

the major player in negotiations between the

Kurds? Who are the Kurds to begin with, and

why are the crucial to this complex war?

Why is Turkey attacking the Syrian

The developments mark a remarkable

take over Kurdish-held territory.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

million to 35 million of them – numbers that are broadly comparable to those of Assam, Jharkhand, Kerala, and Telangana, as well as of Canada and Australia. They live in the highlands of southern and eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, the northeastern Syria, northwestern Iran, and parts of south Armenia, and are a minority in each of these countries. Small communities live in Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, and eastern Iran as well. Kurdish nationalists claim a history go-

ing back 2.500 years, but they became identifiable as a distinct community only in the 7th century, when most tribes in the area adopted Islam. The majority among the Kurdish people today are Sunni Muslim, but there are adherents of other faiths too, including Sufism and other mystical practices.

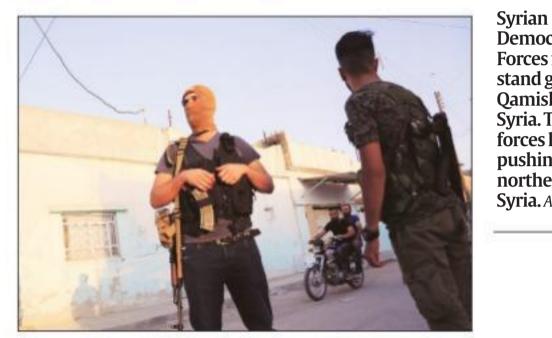
They speak a language that is related to Persian and Pashto, although local dialects differ. Kurmanji, which most Kurds in Turkey speak, uses the Latin script; the other widely spoken Kurdish dialect, Sorani, is written in the Arabic script. Kurds have long had a reputation for being fearless fighters, and they

play in the complex war in Syria, and what are the ramifications of US troops' withdrawal from the conflict? MAIN KURDISH AREAS IN MIDDLE EAST **ARMENIA AZERBAIJAN TURKEY** Diyarbakir Caspian Sea **PKK headquarters Qandil Mountains** Qamishli **IRAN SYRIA**

SIMPLY PUT

In Syria, the Kurdish question

Who are the Kurds, and why is Turkey attacking them in northern Syria? What role did Kurdish fighters



IRAQ

Damascus

Democratic Forces fighters stand guard in Qamishli, Syria. Turkish forces having pushing into northeastern **Syria.** AP

have served as mercenaries in many armies over the centuries. The mediaeval warrior Saladin, founder of the Ayyubid dynasty that replaced the Fatimids in Egypt and ruled over large parts of the Middle East in the 12th and 13th centuries, was of Kurdish ethnicity.

Quest for a elusive homeland

Their numbers, and distinct cultural and ethnic identity notwithstanding, the Kurdish people have never had their independent national homeland. At the Versailles peace conference after World War I, the Kurdish Ottoman diplomat Mehmet Sherif Pasha proposed borders of a new Kurdistan that covered parts of modern Turkey, Iraq, and Iran; however, the Treaty of Sèvres (1920), which partitioned the old Ottoman domin-

ions, marked out a much smaller territory. entirely in what is now Turkey. Turkey negotiated with the Allied powers and, in 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne overtook Sèvres and ended the idea of a self-governing Kurdistan Over the decades that followed, the Kurds

made repeated attempts at establishing a de facto Kurdistan with defined national borders — and in the process attracted massive Turkish repression, including bans on the Kurdish language, names, songs, and dress. In Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Chemical Ali attacked them with chemical weapons, and in Iran, their uprisings of the 1980s and 1990s were crushed.

In 1978, the Marxist revolutionary Abdullah Öcalan formed the Kurdistan Workers' Party (Partiya Karkerên Kurdistanê or PKK in Kurdish) with the aim of setting up an

independent Kurdistan. PKK guerrillas fought the Turkish army from 1984 until Öcalan's capture in 1999, during which some 40,000 Kurdish civilians were killed. Sporadic terrorist attacks continued until 2013, when the PKK declared a ceasefire. This collapsed when Turkey joined the war against the Islamic State in 2015 and started to bomb PKK targets in Iraq.

Islamic State, Assad, the US

As the Islamic State swept across Syria and Iraq, the only fighters who were able to resist the onslaught were the Syrian Kurdish militias, the most powerful of which was the People's Protection Units, known by its Kurdish initials, YPG. The Kurds, who lived mostly along Syria's border with Turkey, had begun an armed defence of their areas after the civil war started in 2011-12. In 2014, as the US joined the war against Da'esh, it found in the YPG a helpful regional ally. From the US perspective, the Kurds also served as a military counterpoint against the Iranians and Russians, and provided some leverage in a future deal to end the war.

Once the Kurds, backed by the Americans, had forced Daesh out of northern Syria, they took over the re-captured land along the Syria-Turkey border, home mainly to ethnic Kurds, Arabs, and some other groups. The YPG has close links with the PKK, and for Erdogan's regime, this seemed like a serious security threat. For the US, the problem was of balancing decades-old hostilities and suspicion between its two allies — Turkey was part of NATO and an ally against Assad; the Kurds had just helped defeat the Islamic State at the cost of losing over 11,000 fighters.

On the nudging of the Obama administration, the Syrian Kurdish militia sought to cover its links with the Turkish guerrillas, changed its name to Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), and started to enlist larger numbers of non-Kurdish fighters. By 2016, the Americans were guessing that some 40% of SDF fighters belonged to non-Kurd ethnicities. The US also worked to keep the peace on the Turkish border, carrying out patrols both on its own, and jointly with the Turkish army.

withdraw forces from Syria — an idea he had had in 2018 as well, but had been thwarted. He informed Erdogan on October 6, and within three days, on October 9, Turkey and its Syrian Araballies launched an assault on Kurdish-held territory in Syria. Americans troops are now on the way out, and even though Trump has issued dramatic warnings to Erdogan, the Turkish attacks on the Kurds continue.

But earlier this month, Trump decided to

The link ED alleges between Praful Patel, Mirchi

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAL OCTOBER 15

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has alleged financial links between the family of Dawood Ibrahim aide Iqbal Mohammed Memon (popularly known as Igbal Mirchi) and NCP leader Praful Patel.

What is the link alleged by the ED?

Patel's firm Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd developed Ceejay House in Worli, Mumbai, in 2006-07. The ED has alleged that the third and fourth floors, about 14,000 sq ft, were transferred to Igbal Mirchi's wife Hazra Igbal Memon in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land". It has alleged that the sale of the land to Millennium was "through dubious means" and the proceeds were "laundered" by Mirchi through "fake" bank accounts. Praful Patel and his wife Varsha Patel are shareholders in Millennium. On Tuesday, Praful Patel denied any deal with Mirchi.

How did Hazra Igbal Memon come to own the property?

In the early 1970s, a person named M K



Ceejay House in Mumbai. Nirmal Harindran

Mohammed had illegally occupied about 1,799.36 sq yards (1,504 sq m) out of the 1,823.53 sq m land — Ceejay House was earlier known as Shriniketan — and built a restaurant called Gurukripa, records show. In 1980,

the co-owners of the land filed a case against Mohammed in the Bombay High Court, which appointed D B Khade as the court receiver to institute a suit against Mohammed, seeking the title and possession of the land. In 1988, Mohammed and the receiver reached a settlement. Mohammed was ordered to pay Rs 7 lakh to the co-owners as full and final payment for the property. In return he was to be declared sole owner of the disputed portion of 1,504 sq m. Interestingly, even as the case was on, Mohammed in 1986 sold the rights to the land to Hazra Iqbal for Rs 9 lakh.

While the ED suspects that Mohammed had links to Mirchi, it has not been established yet, The ED is investigating this and officers said they are in the process of obtaining documents and witness statements.

What happened after the settlement?

In 1999, one of the co-owners of the land Lalben M Patel, filed a case against Hazra Iqbal Memon, challenging the High Court order that had made Mohammed the owner of the disputed portion. Subsequently, a settlement was reached between Lalben M Patel and Hazra Igbal Memon, who paid Rs 7 lakh to the court receiver as per the High Court order of 1988 and gave an undertaking to vacate the property. In return, the co-owners agreed to create a tenancy in favour of Hazra Iqbal Memon for 14,000 sq ft carpet area on the third and fourth floors, at a monthly rent of Rs 10,000. The co-owners also agreed before the court that if the building was ever converted to ownership after the formation of a co-operative society, Hazra Iqbal Memon's tenancy would be converted into ownership too, as applicable with other existing tenants.

In 2006, the co-owners of Shriniketan

Building entered into a development agreement with Millennium Developers. Millennium accepted the liability of the coowners to give 14,000 sq ft carpet area including parking spaces in Ceejay House to Hazra Iqbal Memon. In February 2007, Millennium executed a registered deed of confirmation with Hazra Iqbal Memon and her sons. For payment of stamp duty and registration charges, the valuation of the 14,000 sq ft, which was transferred to Hazra Igbal Memon, was shown as Rs 1.13 crore.

Currently, while Hazra Iqbal Memon owns 60 per cent rights in this area, she has given 20 per cent each to her sons Asif Igbal Memon and Junaid Igbal Memon. All of them live abroad.

Why is there no mathematics Nobel? The theories, the facts, the myths

KABIR FIRAQUE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

EVERY NOBEL season, which has just ended with the award of the Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, one question keeps popping up. Why is there no Nobel Prize for mathematics?

Researchers have looked for answers, and the generally accepted theory is that the idea of such a prize never occurred to Alfred Nobel. One popular myth they discount is that Nobel disliked mathematicians because one of them had an affair with his wife — for. Nobel never married. Others claim that Nobel kept mathematics away from his list for fear that it would be awarded to the Swedish mathematician Gösta Mittag-Leffler, who allegedly had an affair with Sophie Hess, a Viennese with whom Nobel himself had a relationship. Scholars dismiss

this too; the evidence does not add up.

How he chose the five fields

In 1888, a French obituary described Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, him as the "Merchant of Death". The newspaper had made a mistake: the man who had died was Ludvig Nobel, brother of Alfred (1833-1896). It upset Alfred Nobel, who hoped his real obituary would not include the words "Merchant of Death" — and thus the idea of setting up the Prizes, University of Michigan mathematician Lizhen Ji wrote in the journal *Notices* of the *International* Congress of Chinese Mathematicians in 2013.

Nobel chose Physics and Chemistry because he was a scientist himself. Physiology or Medicine, because he was a healthy man and valued progress in medicine, Ji wrote. Literature, because he himself had written plays and poems in his youth. And Peace, because, according to Ji, he hoped the Prize

would one day be awarded to the Baroness Bertha von Suttner, another woman with whom Nobel once had a relationship. Eventually, she did win the Peace Nobel for her novel Lay Down Your *Arms* — in 1905, some years after Nobel's death.

Awards for maths

"For natural reasons, the thought of a prize in mathematics never entered Nobel's mind," wrote the mathematicians Lars Gording and

Lars Hörmander in one of the definitive research works on the subject, published in Mathematical Intelligencer in 1985. Ji referred to their findings that Nobel did not use much mathematics in his work or business, and did not enjoy mathematics either.



Alfred Nobel

There are other prizes that honour achievements in mathematics. The Fields Medal, named after a Canadian mathematician, is awarded by the International Mathematical Union to mathematicians under age 40. The Abel Prize, named after the genius Neils Henrik Abel, is awarded by the Norwegian government. Other awards, such as the Shaw Prize, King Faisal International Prize, and Wolf Prize, include mathematics alongside other fields.

The Nobel Prize in various fields has recognised mathematicians and mathematics-related work on some occasions. Bertrand Russell won it for Literature in 1950, Max Born and Walter Bothe won the Physics

Prize in 1954 for statistical work in quantum mechanics, and the legendary mathematician John Nash shared the 1994 Economics Prize for his work on game theory.

Busting the myth

Ian Stewart, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of Warwick, writing of theories about the absence of a mathematics Nobel in Professor Stewart's Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities, noted that there is no evidence to connect the mathematician Mittag-Leffler with Sophie Hess.

"Other suggested reasons for enmity between the two men (Nobel and Mittag-Leffler) also fall apart when confronted with reality," Stewart told The Indian Express, by email. In his book, he referred to the work of Gording and Hörmander, who had noted that in 1965, when Nobel left Sweden to live in Paris, Mittag-Leffler was a young student, which would mean that there was little opportunity for the two men to interact. "The truth is that although Mittag-

Leffler was a competent mathematician, he wasn't good enough to have a chance of winning such a prize. He would have been competing against a star-studded field. Nobel might not have known that, but his advisors would surely have told him," Stewart told *The Indian Express*.

"In any case, it's a silly question. Nobel didn't set up a prize for geology, archaeology, engineering, painting, sculpture, music — or football, for that matter. Not to mention hundreds of other areas of human activity. It would have bankrupted even him to cover everything," he said.

Stockholm has an institute for mathematical research named after Mittag-Leffler. One of its first employees was the Russian Sonya Kowalevski who, according to Ji's paper, had many admirers, including Alfred Nobel. She happened to be a mathematician.

THE WORLD



FIRST MAN TO WALK IN SPACE

Russia Bids Farewell To Leonov

Hundreds of people including Russian and US astronauts and top officials bid farewell Tuesday to Alexei Leonov, a legendary Soviet cosmonaut who was the first man to perform a spacewalk.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Imran Khan with **Prince William and** his wife Kate Middleton in **Islamabad.** AP

PAKISTAN William, Kate meet Imran

Islamabad: Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton on Tuesday met Pakistan PM Imran Khan and President Arif Alvi as they began their visit to the country, described as the "most complex" royal trip to date. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, both 37, were received by Khan at the Prime Minister House, where a lunch was hosted for the guests. Dawn News reported. The royal couple appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the Pakistan government to combat climate change and to alleviate poverty, a statement said.

John Bolton called Giuliani a hand grenade, says ex-White House aide

AGENCIES WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 15

NATIONAL SECURITY adviser John Bolton was so alarmed by Rudy Giuliani's back-channel activities in Ukraine that he described President Donald Trump's personal lawyer as a "hand grenade who is going to blow everybody up," according to a former White House aide.

The aide, Fiona Hill, testified for more than 10 hours on Monday as part of the Democrats' impeachment probe into Trump's dealings with Ukraine. She detailed Bolton's concerns to lawmakers and told them that she had at least two meetings with National Security Council lawyer John Eisenberg about the matter at Bolton's request, according to a person fa-



Fiona Hill testified for more than 10 hours as part of the **impeachment probe.** Reuters

miliar with the testimony who requested anonymity to discuss the confidential interview.

Those meetings took place in early July, weeks before a July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, in which Trump urged

that Zelenskiy investigate political rival Joe Biden's family and Ukraine's own involvement in the 2016 presidential election.

Giuliani is Trump's personal lawyer and was heavily involved in the effort to pressure Ukraine on the investigations. Hill said she had strongly and

repeatedly objected to the ouster earlier this year of the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch, according to the person familiar with the testimony. Yovanovitch testified to the impeachment investigators Friday that Trump pressured the State Department to fire her.

Hill's interview, like the others conducted by House impeachment investigators, took place behind closed doors. On Tuesday, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent was testifying.

GIULIANI ADMITS \$500,000 FROM **PARNAS' FIRM**

Washington: President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani has acknowledged he earned \$500,000 for work for a company run by a business associate who has been charged with federal campaign finance violations. Giuliani said he received two payments totaling \$500,000 related to the work for Lev Parnas' company, Fraud Guarantee, which is based in Boca Raton, Florida.

TRUMP SANCTIONS FAIL TO SLOW TURKEY ASSAULT

Russia moves to fill US void in northern Syria

LEFTERIS PITARAKIS& BASSEM MROUE

CEYLANPINAR, OCTOBER 15

RUSSIA MOVED to fill the void left by the United States in northern Syria on Tuesday, deploying troops to keep apart advancing Syrian government forces and Turkish troops. At the same time, tensions grew within NATO as Turkey defied growing condemnation of its invasion from its Western allies.

Now in its seventh day, Turkey's offensive against Kurdish fighters has caused tens of thousands to flee their homes, has upended alliances and is redrawing the map of northern Syria for yet another time in the 8-year-old war. Russia moved quickly to further

entrench its role as a power broker after President Donald Trump ordered the pullout of American forces in northeastern Syria. The American move effectively abandoned the Kurdish fighters who were allied with the U.S. and cleared the way for Turkey's invasion aimed at crushing them.

Desperate for a new protector, the Kurdish administration struck a deal with the Russiabacked government of Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose forces on Sunday began moving into Kurdish-administered areas to shield them against Turkey.



Turkey-backed Syrian opposition fighters target Kurdish forces, in Syria's northern region of Manbij. AP



Syrian troops waved flags in the streets after they rolled into Manbij, a flashpoint town west of the Euphrates River that Turkey had been aiming to capture and wrest from Kurdish

control. Video by Russian journalists with the troops showed what appeared to be an abandoned outpost where U.S. forces had been stationed.

"No one is interested" in fighting between Syrian government troops and Turkish forces, said Alexander Lavrentyev, Moscow's envoy for Syria. Russia "is not going to allow it," he told Russian state news agencies.

Despite the Syrian and Russian deployments, Turkey insisted it would capture Manbij. Asked on Sky News if Turkey's military was willing to fight Assad's army, Vice President Fuat Oktay said, "We hope it's not going to happen, but again we are determined to get control over Manbij."

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NIGERIA

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Columbus statues defaced

Providence: Several Christopher Columbus statues were vandalised with red paint and messages against the 15th century Italian navigator Monday when the US holiday named for one of the first Europeans to reach the Americas was being celebrated. Native American advocates have pressed states to change Columbus Day to **Indigenous Peoples Day** over concerns that Columbus spurred centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas. Nearly 10 states observed some version of Indigenous Peoples Day. **AGENCIES**

visit since 2007

Vladimir Putin has arrived in the United Arab Emirates on his first visit to the oil-rich nation in over a decade. Putin landed Tuesday in Abu Dhabi after earlier visiting Saudi Arabia. He was met at the airport by Abu Dhabi's powerful crown Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. While in Saudi Arabia, one topic of discussion was oil production. Russia is now working with OPEC, as are other nations not part of

ergy prices.

Buhari orders crackdown

duction to help raise en-

Kano: Nigeria's president on Tuesday ordered a crackdown on abuse at Islamic schools, after a second police raid in less than a month revealed men and boys subjected to beatings, abuse and squalid conditions. Nearly 300 had been held captive area of Katsina, the home of President Muhammadu Buhari, where police said they discovered "inhuman and degrading treatment" following a raid on Monday to free the remaining students. Late last month, police freed hundreds from similarly degrading conditions in neighbouring Kaduna state.

USA



A rally in Barcelona after 12 separatist leaders were convicted of illegally promoting Catalonia region's independence. Reuters

Catalans keep up pressure for split from Spain after leaders get jail terms

JOAN FAUS BARCELONA, OCTOBER 15

DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKED a train station and several motorways in Spain's Catalonia region on Tuesday, a second day of protests over Monday's jailing of nine separatists by the supreme court over their role in a failed secession bid.

Police intervened to remove the protesters, who had turned out in smaller numbers than on Monday, while a rally in central Barcelona closed a main thoroughfare to traffic and pro-independence leaders vowed to keep pushing for a new referendum.

Various other rallies were planned for later in the day and pro-independence labour union confederation IAC announced a

general strike in Catalonia on Friday against labour laws which unions say infringe workers' rights.

Oriol Junqueras was given the longest sentence, of 13 years, for his role in organising the 2017 referendum, which was ruled illegal. He told Reuters in his first interview after the sentence that it would only galvanize the independence movement.

"We're not going to stop thinking what we think, ideals can't be derailed by (jail) sentences," he said, asserting that a new plebiscite was "inevitable". The head of the regional gov-

ernment, Quim Torra, defended the mass protests over sentencing he described as unacceptable.

"A new stage begins where we take the initiative and put the implementation of the right to self-determination back in the

centre" of our proposals, Torra said, urging Madrid to pay heed and start talks to that effect. On Monday, demonstrators

blocked railways and thousands descended on Barcelona's international airport, where some clashed with police, after Junqueras and eight others were convicted of sedition and jailed for nine to 13 years. A spokesman for the airport said it had cancelled 110 flights on Monday and a further 45 on Tuesday due to Monday's disruption.

Acting foreign minister Josep Borrell acknowledged the issue will not end with the sentencing: "Yesterday, today and tomorrow, it remains a political problem that has to be solved," he said, calling for dialogue within the framework of the constitution. **REUTERS** EXPLAINED

Defining factor for Nov 10 polls

THE VERDICT is likely to be a central issue before the vote on November 10 and politics for years to come, with very different views emerging in Madrid and Catalonia. It will be difficult for Spain's caretaker PM Pedro Sanchez to balance political equations considering attacks from his rivals on the left and right over the verdict.

Can't recognise UNHRC deal: Rajapaksa on pact to probe war crimes

ASSOCIATED PRESS COLOMBO, OCTOBER 15

A FORMER Sri Lankan defense chief who is a front-runner in next month's presidential election said Tuesday that if he wins, he won't recognise an agreement the government made with the UN human rights council to investigate alleged war crimes during the nation's civil war.

If Gotabaya Rajapaksa wins the November 16 election and follows through with his comments, it would be a severe setback to Sri Lanka's post-war reconciliation process. "We will always work with the United Nations, but I can't recognise what they have signed" with past Sri Lankan governments, Rajapaksa said at a

news conference. "We have already rejected that, as a party we have rejected that agreement and in public we have rejected that. ... On this issue, our

EU: Brexit deal still possible this week,

UK must act now to seal agreement



Gotabaya Rajapaksa talks to the media in Colombo. AP

policies and the present government policies are far apart," he said.

Rajapaksa was the top defense official during the last few years of the long civil war, which ended in 2009, serving under his brother, then-President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Abraham Sumanthiran, a lawmaker from the Tamil National Alliance, the main political party representing minority Tamils, said Rajapaksa's stand can't be accepted. "Whichever party, it is bound by the undertaking," he said.

Tuesday conducted nationwide raids on the offices of opposition politician Alexei Navalny's anticorruption foundation, part of a criminal investigation that Kremlin critics say is designed to thwart his activities.

Searches were conducted in relation to investigations taking place in 30 different regions, including in Moscow, into suspected money laundering Russia's **Investigative** Committee, the state body that

Investigators opened the money laundering case in August after Navalny called for people to demonstrate in central Moscow over the exclusion of opposition candidates from a local election that took place last

investigates major crimes, said.

month. Those protests grew into Moscow's biggest sustained protest movement in years before appearing to fizzle out.

REUTERS

Unfounded to suggest Hong Kong becoming police state: Carrie Lam

JOHN LEICESTER HONG KONG, OCTOBER 15

HONG KONG'S leader said Tuesday that "it's totally irresponsible and unfounded" to suggest the semi-autonomous Chinese territory is becoming a police state as her government

grapples with protests now in

In a spirited defense of Hong Kong's 30,000-strong police force and her handling of the protests in response to criticism from visiting U.S. senators, Carrie Lam challenged the notion that

their fifth month.



During a protest in Hong Kong on Tuesday. Reuters

the territory is losing its freedoms, unique in China, as police battle demonstrators in the streets.

"I would challenge every politician to ask themselves if

the large extent of violent acts, and all those petrol bombs and arson and deadly attacks on policemen, happened in their own country, what would they do? What would their policemen do?" Lam said. "So my simple response is: To describe Hong Kong as a police state is totally unfounded."

Her comments came as a Hong Kong court addressed one of the most startling cases of violence so far, involving an 18year-old charged with intentional wounding for a slashing attack on a police officer Sunday.

RAFCASERT& **JILL LAWLESS** LUXEMBOURG, OCTOBER 15

EUROPEAN UNION officials were hoping Tuesday that — after more than three years of false starts and sudden reversals — a Brexit deal with Britain might be in sight within hours.

The bloc said that it might be possible to strike a divorce deal by Thursday's EU leaders' summit, which comes just two weeks before the UK's scheduled departure date of October 31.



Anti-Brexit protesters outside parliament in **London.** Reuters

One major proviso: The British government must make more compromises to seal an agreement in the coming hours. Britain and the EU have been here before — within sight of a

deal only to see it dashed — but a surge in the British pound Tuesday indicated hope that this time could be different. The currency rose against the dollar to its highest level in months. Even though many questions

that both sides were within touching distance of a deal for the first time since a UK withdrawal plan fell apart in the British House of Commons in March.

remain, diplomats made it clear

Martin Schirdewan, a

German member of the European Parliament's Brexit Steering Group, said an agreement is "now within our grasp' following a breakthrough in negotiations.

Sick of Brexit: Sturgeon Meanwhile, Scottish National

Party (SNP) leader Nicola Sturgeon said Scotland must hold another independence referendum in 2020 and will soon request the powers needed to hold it legally. Sturgeon, who is also Scotland's First Minister, said she was "sick of Brexit".

BRITISH WRITER BECOMES FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WIN THE AWARD

Jury breaks rules, Booker Prize awarded jointly to Atwood, Evaristo

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, OCTOBER 15

CANADIAN AUTHOR Margaret Atwood and British writer Bernardine Evaristo jointly won the prestigious 2019 Booker Prize on Monday after judges broke the rules by declaring a tie, the first since 1992.

British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie's tragicomic Ouichotte was among the six

books shortlisted for the prize. Atwood, 79, is the oldest ever Booker winner, while Evaristo. 60, is the first black woman to win the award since its creation

in 1969.

The Booker rules say the prize must not be divided, but the judges insisted they "couldn't separate" Atwood's *The* Testament and Girl, Woman, Other by Evaristo.

The rules were changed after the last tie in 1992, and organisers told this year's judges that



Judges declared a tie between Canadian author Margaret **Atwood and British writer Bernardine Evaristo.** Reuters

they were not allowed to pick two winners.

But after five hours of deliberations, Peter Florence, the chair of the five-member judging panel, said: "It was our decision

to flout the rules."

The judges said they strongly wanted both the authors to split the GBP 50,000 award at a gala ceremony at Guildhall here.

"The more we talked about them, the more we found we loved them both so much we that you're here too," she said. Evaristo said, "We black wanted them both to win,"

Florence said.

Atwood expressed her joy at sharing the award with a younger writer.

Atwood joked to her co-winner: "I would have thought I would have been too elderly, and I kind of don't need the attention,

so I'm very glad that you're getting some." "It would have been quite embarrassing for me... if I had been alone here, so I'm very pleased

The others shortlisted included Lucy Ellmann for Ducks. Newburyport, Chigozie Obioma for An Orchestra of Minorities, and Elif Shafak for 10 Minutes 38 *Seconds in this Strange World.*

British women know that if we

don't write ourselves into litera-

with Margaret Atwood, who's

such a legend and so generous,'

she said, after the shock joint win

"It's so incredible to share this

ture no one else will."

was announced.

18 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Chirutha Spursh Sahdev D/O Shri Manvender Babber R/O F-136-F, Ground-Floor, Laxmi Nagar, Near Bal Bhavan School, Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Chirutha Babber For **Future All Purposes**

0040515533-5

It is for general information that I, Pradeep Kumar Garg S/o Manak Chand Garg R/o-9/5689 Main Road, Old Seelampur Delhi-110031, inform that name of mine hasbeen wrongly written as Pradeep Garg in my minor son Yash Garg(14-Years) School Record & Pradeep in Birth Certificate. The actual name of mine is Pradeep Kumar Garg which may be amended accordingly

0040516079-2

It is for general information that I, Meenu Jain W/o Parvesh Jain R/o-P-42/7G, F/F Street No.10, Shankar Nagar Extn., Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, inform that name of mine hasbeen wrongly written as Monika in my minor son Vansh Jain(14-Years) School Record. The actual name of mine is Meenu Jain which may be amended accordingly 0040516079-3

I,Service No JC 594610L Rank Sub.Mohd Shafi Khatana, S/O -Gh Din Khatana ,R/O Haihama Trumnar, Tehsil/District-Kupwara .In my service records name of my wards has been wrongly mentioned as Firdous Ahmad and Akash Ahmed instead of Firdous Ahmad Khatana and Akash Ahmed Khatana as per school records respectively. It needs correction. Objections be filed JAKLI RC within seven days.

0020394639-1 I,Roshan S/o Sanjay Kumar R/o-H.N.1891, Malerna Road, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Harvana-121004, have changed my name to Roshan kumar for all purposes. 0040516066-3

I,Panmeshri W/o Kanajhya Lal R/oH.No-A-115 Gali.NO-3 Near Ram-Ram Mandir A-Narth Block, West Vinod Nagar-Shakarpur, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Poonam 0040516094-1

I.Nirmala Sharma W/o-JC-373962L.Subedar Major Amin Chand Sharma, R/o-Village-Bainsh,Toon via Dhami, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, have changed, my name, from Nirmala Sharma to Nirmla Sharma and, my actual Date of birth is-22/01/1971, for future, purposes. 0040516094-2

I,Gopesh Chandra Chandola S/o Mohan Chandola R/o-M-405, Ajnara Grand Heritage, Sector-74, Noida, U.P., have changed my name Gopesh Chandola for all purpose.

I, Varughese Mathew Melethil S/o Melethil Thomas Mathai

0040516066-1

R/o DG-3/147, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Varughese Mathew. 0040516084-5 I, hitherto known as Sandeep

Kumar @ Sandeep Kumar

Khaiwal S/o Sh.Tejpal Singh R/o B-17, S.F. Sanjay Nagar, Sector-2, Mangol Pur Kalan, Delhi-110085 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sandeep Khaiwal. I, Zubaida, D/o-Sher Ali, R/o-

House no.871/E, Chand Masjid Gali, 100-Feet Road, Babarpur, Shahdara, North-East Delhi-110032, have changed my name from Zubaida to Zubaida Ali for all purpose. 0040516137-2

I, Vimal Kumar/Vimal Kumar Jain S/o Kailash Chand Jain R/O-P-22/B, P-Block, Near-Mother Dairy-Booth, Naveen-Shahdara, Delhi-110032, changed My Name To Vimal 0040516084-8

I. Sunil Kumar. R/O H.No D. 1/21, Palam Extn, Sec-7, Dwarka, Delhi-110045, have changed my minor son's name from Ashvin Kumar Khatri to Ashvin Khatri for all purposes.

I, Sonia Verma W/o Sh. Sanjay

0040516067-1

Kumar Verma R/o 11206, Gali No.5, Doriwalan Manakpura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-5, hereby informs that my son Aryan Verma's correct date of birth is 26/8/2003, (MCD Birth Certificate No.6318 dated 1/9/2003), whereas in School records, it is mentioned 26/8/2002, which has to be rectified. 0040516116-1

I, Shivam S/o Sh. Hari Ram R/o H.No.114. Double Story. Near HDFC Bank, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Shivam Singh for all purposes. 0040516049-1

I, Shimla W/O Hari Dutt R/O Hno.49, Pandit Wali Gali, Tikri Khurd, Delhi-110040, Have

Changed My Name To Simla. 0040516111-3 I, Shamsher Miya S/O Usman

Miya, Residing At-A-34, (Kumhar-Wali-Gali), Azadpur, Delhi-110033. Have Changed The Name Of My Shamsher Khan Aged 43-Years And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shamsher Miya.

I, Mohd Uwais S/o Nabeel Ahmad R/o C-41. Gali No.2. R.K. Marg, Chauhan Banger, Gardhi Mendu, North East Delhi, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mohd Humam Husain for all purposes. 0040516036-1

I, Shalu Gulati W/o Deepak Gulati, R/o H.No.8, Road No.63, West Punjabi-Bagh, New Delhi-

I. Satvapal Singh Add-C-9, South-Extension Part-1, New-Delhi-110049, Changed My Minor Daughter Name Prapti To Prapti Singh.

110026 have changed my name

to Shalini Gulati. 0040516075-2

0040516077-6

I, Satya Kumar Goels/O Laxmi Narayan Add-343/D Street.No.14, RS.Block Maniram Mandir Road Bhola Nath Nagar Shahdara Delhi 110932., Changed My Name To Satpal Goyal. 0040516077-2

I, Sadab Khan S/o Akbar Sah R/o-D-31/3, Vijay-Vihar Phase-II, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Md. Saddam for all purposes.

I, Rambeer S/o Balveer R/o-

0040516075-9

H.No-34A, Gali No-3, Lal Kuan-Road, Near Gayatri Public School, Jharoda-Kalan, South/West Delhi, Delhi-110072. have changed my name to Rambeer Kataria. 0040516075-3

I. Rai Kumar S/o Sh.Sultan Singh R/o H-5/54, Block-H, Pkt-5, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 is also known as Rajkumar

0040516036-5

I, Rahul Kumar S/O, Avdhesh Kumar R/o Sector-7, H.No. 991 R.K.Puram, have changed my name to Rahul Kumar Srivastav for all purposes. 0040516091-1

, RENU SHARMA Wife of Late

Dahiya.

Shri.RAJESH KUMAR, Residing at-WZ-375 Madipur Village New Delhi-110063, have changed the name of my minor daughter ROZALI SHARMA, aged-07 Years and She shall hereafter be known as AADYA SHARMA 0040516045-1

I, Prabhjeet Singh Sethi S/o Gurjeet Singh Sethi R/o-K-25 Krishna Nagar Delhi-51 have changed my name to Prabhjeet Singh. 0040516079-1

I, RAJU, S/o Akhtar R/o K-512, G/F, Nardan Basti, LalKuan, Jaitpur, South Delhi-110044 have changed my to SEKH MUSTAKIM ALI for all purposes.

0040516058-

I, Pushpa Devi W/o Satish Kumar Vashistha R/o Flat No.1C, CC-Block, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Pushpa Vashishtha for all future purposes.

0040516041-1

I, Phool Kanwar S/o Sh. Sultan Singh R/o H-5/54, Block-H, Pkt-5, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 is also known as Phool 0040516036-4 Kumar. I. Padma Vati W/O Sanjay

Kumar Singh R/O-FlatNo-144, Pocket-3, Indraprastha-Appt, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, Changed My Name To Padma Singh. 0040516084-9

I. Nidhi Malhotra W/o Dilip Malhotra R/o G-2/75 G.F Sector 11 Rohini Delhi-110085 inform that Nidhi Malhotra and Radha Malhotra are same and one 0040516111-7 person.

I, Naveen Rana S/o Dharm Singh R/o-House.No.522A, Gali.No.2.Block-J-1.Sangam Vihar.New Delhi-110062,have

changed my name to Naveen Kumar for all future purposes.

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I, Naveen Rai R/o-18, New Rajdhani Enclave, New Delhi-110092, inform that my son's name Vikrant Rai and Virat Rai both name are one and same person. His correct name is Virat Rai. 0040516093-

I, Natig Khan S/o Abdul Wahab Khan R/o FA-38-B, 5th Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Abul-Fazal-Enclave, Part-2, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Mohd Natique Khan. 0040516084-2

I, Murslin S/o Niaz Mohammad R/o Aliwardipur Kulesra. Gautan Budh Nagar, Noida, UP-201306 have changed my name to Mursalin. 0040516111-6

I, Manoj Swami S/O, Late Shri Nath Sharma R/o B-71, vijay Vihar Phase-2, Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Manoj Sharma for all purposes. 0040516088-1

I, Mohammad Mansoor S/o Taj Uddin R/o Vill & Post:Kamahria, Distt-Hamirpur U.P.-210507 have Changed my Name to Mansoor Ahmad for All future

0040516044-1 purposes I, Mangesh Lata W/O Balwant Singh R/O-5273 2nd-Floor, Street No.7 Krishan-Nagar Karol Bagh NewDelhi-110005.

Have Changed My Name To Mangesh. 0040516077-1 I, Maneesh Singhal R/O-E-2, Ansari-Nagar West, AIIMS-Campus, N-Delhi-110029,

Changed My Minor Son Name Adwik Singhal To Krishna Singhal. 0040516077-7 I, Mahendra Pratap, R/o-AIR

H.Q.,Viyu Bhawan,Air-Force, New Delhi, have changed the name of my minor son from Master Mohit Pratap Sharm to Mohit Pratap Sharma, for all purposes. 0040516137-1

I, Laxmi Sharma W/o Vishnu Sharma R/o-H.No.3, Street No.5. Nimla-Avenue. Naraingarh, Amritsar-1 Punjab-143105, have changed my name to Laxmi., for all purposes.

0040516075-6

I, K.G.Kalra S/o Ram Lal Kalra, R/o Plot No.5, Road No.63, West Punjabi-Bagh, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Krishan Gopal Kalra.

0040516075-1

I, Jasmine Kaur D/o Sh. Jasvinder Singh Kukreja R/o 26, Model Apartment, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Jasmine Kaur Kukreja for all purposes.

0040516036-2

I, Jambunathan Sundar Raman, S/o A Jambunathan, R/o H.No.389/4, Defence Officers Enclave, Near Taj Palace Hotel, S.P. Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021, have changed my daughter name from Priyanka Sundar Raman to Priyanka Raman. 0040516111-5

I. Gurdarshan Singh S/O Gurnam Singh R/O-C-86/A, Netaji-Gali, Near-Police-Thana, Bhajanpura, Delhi-53, Have Changed My Name To Gurdarshan Singh Saini.

0040516077-9

I, Gugan/Guggan S/O Fateh Singh R/O-48, Main-Bus-Stand, Ranhola, Nangloi, Delhi-41, Have Changed My Name To Gugan Singh. 0040516077-8

I. Firdos W/o Tanveer Rahi R/o-C-451, Sector-Alpha-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Firdos Tanveer for all future purposes. 0040516066-2

Natique Khan R/o-FA-38-B, 5th-Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Abul-Fazal Enclave, Part-2, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Farhat Javi. 0040516084-3

I, Farhat Jahan W/o Mohd

I, E.T. Bigi D/o Thomas E.C. W/o Paulson Punneliparambil Rappai R/o Plot No.A-2, Flat No.B-2, Kiran Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Biji Paulson for all purposes.

I. Diksha D/O Mahender R/O H.No-5139, Sector-03, Ballabhgarh, Faridabad Haryana-121004, Have Changed My Name To Diksha 0040516084-4

I. Devesh Varyani S/o Chandra Prakash Varyani R/o.G-783rd Floor Greater Kailash-3 Masjid Moth New Delhi-110048 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Vishita Varvani to Varnika Varyani

I, Devendra S/o Khushi Ram R/o.H.No.365, Gali No.11, B-

0040516084-6

Block. 16Foota-Road, Sarkari-Rasta, Kaushik-Enclave, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Devender Singh.

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I. Balwant Sagar S/O Late Mohan Lal R/O-5273 2nd-Floor, Street.No.7 Krishan-Nagar KarolBagh New Delhi-110005., Have Changed My Name To Balwant Singh.

0040516075-10

I, Babita W/o Jatinder Kumar Aggarwal R/O-WZ-283/89, Upper Ground Floor, Vishnu Garden, N.D-110018 Have Changed My Name To Babita Aggarwal. 0040516111-1

I, Azeem Ismail Add-A-9/2, Lane.No-06, Shaheen Bagh. Abul-Fazal-Enclave-II, New-Delhi-110025, Changed My Minor Son Name Mohammad Ibrahim To Ibrahim.

0040516077-5

I. Archana Udaychandra Tiwari W/O, Om Dutt Sharma R/o 880, Vikas Kunj, Vikas Puri, ND-18 have changed my name to Archana Sharma for all future 0040516085-1 purposes.

I. Archana Krishnan W/o-Raveen R Krishnan R/o-Navaragam, Kollayil, Madathara Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, have changed my name, from Archana Krishnan to Archana. A.L. for future 0040516103-2

purposes. I, Anuradha W/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o 81/31, Street No-1, Mahalaxmi Garden, part-1, Gurgaon (HR) have changed my name to Anuradha Kumari for all purposes. 0040516111-11

I, Amit S/o Sh.Uddhav Bhagwan Kadam R/o-D-115, Tagore-Gali, Jagjeet-Nagar, Delhi-53., have changed my name to Amit Kadam., for all future 0040516075-7 purposes.

I, Akhilesh Kumar S/o Anant Prasad Gupta R/o-A-2/19. Gandhi-Chowk Mohan-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, changed my minor daughter name Aditi to Aditi 0040516075-8 Kashyap.

I, Ishaq Mohd S/o Hazi Chhida R/o B-199, B-Block, Resettlement Colony, Khyala Delhi-18, have changed my name to Mohmmad Ishaq 0040516034-1

I hitherto know as Saheeba Ansari S/O Bhim Bahadur R/O-Village-Jalpura, Kuleshra, Kulesara, Gautambuddha-Nagar, Uttar-Pradesh-201306 have changed my name and shall hereafter be know as Gudiya Bahadur. 0040516075-4

Kapoor R/o C-88, FF, Naraina Vihar Delhi-28 have changed my name to Shaunaq Kapoor. 0040516111-2

I Shaunak Kapoor S/o Harish

ISonia W/o Sh.Rohit R/o WZ-491, Naraina Village, South West Delhi, Delhi-110028 have changed my name to Sunita Tanwar for all purposes.

0040516036-3 I Pankaj Grover S/o Om Prakash

Grover R/o H.No.2-C/53, N.I.T. Faridabad have changed my name from Pankaj Kumar to Pankaj Grover for all future Purposes. 0040516111-10 I Kavita Kumari D/o Madan Lal, R/o-Flat No. 2C, 2nd Floor, Citizen Enclave Apartment, Near DDA Sports Complex, Sector-14 Extn., Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name after marriage to Kavita Kansal W/o-Dinesh Kumar Kansal for all purposes.

0040516096-1

I Anju Vaishley W/O Satyapal Singh R/O-C-9, South Extension Part-1. New Delhi 110049. Have Change My Name To Anju Singh. 0040516077-4

Abhisek Gupta S/O Biplab Gupta R/O-R-18, First-Floor Front-Side Khirki-Extn Malviya Nagar New Delhi-110017 changed my name to Abhishek Gupta. 0040516084-7

I, Kanishk Vikram Singh S/o WO Arvind Kumar Singh Resident of J-306 Aig park avenu, Gaur City-I. Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) have changed my name from Kanishk Vikram Singh to Kanishka Vikram Singh Vide Affidavit of date 9th oct 2019 before Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)

LOST & FOUND

I,Kritika Sharma D/o Sandeep Kishan Sharma R/o-47-C,Pocket-4,Mayur Vihar-1,Delhi-91,have lost my all three years (2011-to-2014) Original Mark-sheets of BBA from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. My Roll.No.is-9195607.

0040516066-4

It Is notified that my original qualifying examination certificate of main Secondary Examination of Year 2018 and Roll no 8236700 issued by C.B.S.E. Has been actually lost. Devosri chatterje R/o 6/26, Vasant Vihar, 1st Floor, New Delhi-110057, Mobile 7011615559 0040516046-1

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying **Examination Certificate of** main Secondary Examination ofvear 2019 and Roll No-8612853 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Nasrat Khatoon D/o Mustafa R/o C-543 BrijVihar, Ghaziabad U.P-201011. 0040516052-

Jatin Minocha S/o Late Sh. Harish Chander Minocha R/o Plot No. 18A/4, 11176, Doriwalan, New Rohtak Road. Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005. Have lost my Original Lease Deed between Delhi Improvement Trust vide Serial Number 704 dated 23th Feb 1942 registered on 13th Aug 1942 in the office of Sub Registrar, New Delhi.

0040516037-1 **Notice** is here given, that the share-certificate by, Folio. Number-001378422, of Reliance-Industries Limited, standing in the name of Chand Rattan Bagri, residing at-House.No.4318,Bagri-House, Gali. no-03, Ansari-Road, Darya-Ganj, Central, Delhi-110002, have been reported.lost/stolen and that transactions, if any, shall be null and an application for issue of duplicate-certificate in respect

thereof has been made to, the company, objection, if any against, issuance of such, Duplicate Sharescertificates 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. 0040516141-1

I, Ravi Kumar Harjai S/o Kundan Lal Harjai R/o-AD-24B Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-88, Lost my original-Possession letter-Shop No.C-662 Block-C, New-SubziMandi Azadpur, Delhi finder contact above address.

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I. Annu Priva W/O Anmol Rattan Dang. Lost my Original-Perpetual Lease-Deed of Property A-61/3, GTK-Road, Industrial Area, Delhi-110033. 9810033408. 0040516077-10

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby nformed that I Bachchu Lal S/o. Matoli R/o. House No. 1278 Block-B. Transit Camp, Govind Puri, Kalkaii, Delhi -110019 have disowned my son Debendra and his wife Rinki along with their family from all our movable and immovable property. I shall not responsible for their actions. TUSHAR THAREJA-ADVOCATE 30/44, OLD RAJINDER NAGAR

NEW DELHI -110060 M:9899324444

PUBLIC NOTICE e it Known to all including General Public that Mient Sh. Rishi Ram Jindal, S/O Late Sh. Ra Swaroop Jindal, and his wife Smt. Gita Jindal, bott R/O B-1, II Floor, Bhagwan Das Nagar, Eas Punjabi Bagh, Delhi- 110026, has hereby declare servered/broken all their relations with his so namely Sh. Sushil Jindal, his wife and family an disowned them from all their moveable an novable properties. The aforesaid Sh. Sus indal and his family shall have no right, title an terest in the present and future properties. A body dealing with the aforesaid Mr. Sushil Jind and his family, shall be doing so at their own ris and conquences and my client shall not b responsible for any of the acts, deeds and things of Mr.Sushil Jindal and his family. My client ha

Mr. Sushil Jindal and his family were living with

hem and requested them to vacate aforesa property. My client in his old age do not want

pose his peace and comforts at the instance M sushil Jindal and his family.

RAVINDER KUMAR GUPT Ch. No. B-22, B.G.S. BLOCK, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -54

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby informed/ intimated to the publi at large that my sh. Ramesh Chand S/o Lat Sh. Kishan Lal, and Smt. Asha Rani @ Ash W/o Sh. Ramesh Chand, both R/o. D-2A 10D, Janakpuri, New Delhi has severed a

kinds of relations with their son name Himnashu Sharma and his wife Smt. Sadhn Sharma. Since they do not have any respe or my clients and my clients have debarr them from their all kinds of movable an nmovable properties. If any person dea with them, he shall be doing so at his own risk sponsible for any act or deed committed I

> SATISH KUMAR TOMAR (ADVOCATE) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -5

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mohan Singh S/o Late Sh. Lakh Chand R/o H.No- 249, Ashram Road, Ne

Mata Boshni Devi Public School 20 Poi olony, Village Budh Pur, Ali Pur, Delh 110036, do hereby disowned/ debarred the son, daughter-in-law and grand-daugh namely Kamal Kant, Sonu Rani a Chitrangda @ Princy both are R/o H.No-24 Ashram Road, Near Mata Roshni Devi Publ School, 20 Point Colony, Village Budh Pur, A Pur Delhi-110036 from all his movable a immovable properties for being disrespectful uarrelsome and disobedient towards r lient and my client has henceforth severed heir relation with them. If the son a daughter-in-law of my client mentioned abordis found involve in any illegal activities/ civ criminal cases etc. at any time, my client sha not be responsible for the same in an manner whatsoever and anybody dealing w them will do at his/her own cost and risk.

VIPIN (Advoca Ch. No. 731, Rohini Courts, Delhi-8

PUBLIC NOTICE Sh. Shamsher Singh Saini S/o Sh

Ran Singh Saini and Smt. Munn Devi W/o Sh. Shamsher Singh Sain both R/o WZ-607A, Gali No. 2, Shi Nagar, Shankur Basti, Saraswat Vihar, S.O. North West Delhi, Delh 110034 have breakup all the relationship with their son namel Sh. Preetpal Singh Saini and daughter in law Smt. Monika Sain and disowned them from all their movable and immovable properties due to their disrespect and bad conduct towards my clients. Anybody dealing with Sh. Preetpal Singh Saini and Smt. Monika Sair shall do so at their own risk and consequences. My clients would not be liable for their conduct. Jitender Mehta, Advocat

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ch. No. 270, Civil Side, Tis Hazar

Courts, Delhi-54

Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my client Sukhpal S/o Suri R/o WZ-334, 80 Yards, Harijan Colony Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 de hereby disown and debar his son Amit Kumar & daughter in law Preeti (W/c Amit Kumar) from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because they are out of control of my client. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk cost and responsibility.

Sd/- DAYA NAND, ADVOCATE

S.R.II,B Coumpus, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58

सार्वजनिक सुचना मेरे मुवक्किल अजय कुमार शर्मा पुत्र डी.पी. शर्मा निवासी-4/1138, शालीमार पार्क, भोला नाथ नगर, शाहदरा, दिल्ली-32 ने अपने पुत्र शिवम शर्मा व पुत्रवधु ताशु उर्फ प्रिया के अभद्र व्यवहार के कारण इनसे सभी सम्बन्ध-विच्छेद कर अपनी चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल कर दिया है. अपने कार्यौं/लेनदेन के वे स्वयं जिम्मेदार होंगे, मेरे मवक्किल उनका परिवार जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा। पवन चौधरी-एडवोकेट

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NOTICE Kishore & Smt. Neha Goel wife of Shri. Ankur Nagar, Loni Ghaziabad-201102 intends to purchase property bearing No. D-20, Balram Nagar Extn. 2, Loni, Tehsil & Distt Ghaziabad 201102 (Property) from Mr. Mukesh Jain & Pankaj Jain son of Shri. Sri Pal Jain resident o No.2, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 respectively (the Legal Owners), against Consideration Any person, who has got, rights, interest, title laim, 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

free from all such claims, interest, charges This notice is published on 16" October 2019 Ravi Sachdeva (Advocate) JRS Associates, B-88. Sector-40. Noida-201301, Dist: Gautam Budh Nagar (UP)

publication of this notice, failing which, it shall

be presumed that the said Property in entirely is

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public th my client Shri Ved Prakash Sharma S/o late Shri Raghu Nath Sharma, R/o XV/10063, Multani Dhanda, Pahar Gani, New Delhi is the recorded owner of property bearing No. XV/10059-64 Multani Dhanda, Pahar Gani, New Delhi and he is empowered to deal with the said property in absolute terms. An one dealing with the said propert regarding the sale and purchase negotiation of any nature in respect of any part or portion of the said propert shall be illegal and void. Any persor dealing with the same, shall do at his own risk & my client shall not be

> **VINAY GUPTA (Advocate** 827, GALI KUNDEWALAN, AJMERI GATE, DELHI-110006

Letter No: 136/2019-20

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PR 219811 Agriculture (19-20)_D

Date & time of opening of technical proposal

EOI has both technical & Financial bid/proposals.

एचएलएल लाइफकेयर लिमिटेड HLL Lifecare Limited (A Government of India Extension) CIN: U25193 KL 1966 GOI 002621

> Telefax: 0124 4030949 Expression of Interest (EOI)

Plot No.71. Sector-7, IMT, Manesar -122051, Gurugram (Haryana)

HLL Lifecare Limited invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of manufacturer(s) for manufacture & supply of In Vitro Diagnostic kits on contract manufacturing / under loan license. The bid submission date is 11th Nov 2019. For full tender details and further updates / amendments, the bidders are advised to visit company website www.lifecarehll.com regularly

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BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO :- PR 411/2019

With reference to Tender Notice No. PR-411/2019 issued in various Newspapers on 26th September 2019 for "Procurement and installation of cloud infrastructure for hosting Online Facilitation System for Students and various services of Bihar School Examination Board", the 2nd Pre-Bid Meeting has been scheduled to 19/10/2019 at 12:15 PM & Tender submission date has been extended to 25.10.2019 at 15:00 Hrs. The Updated Tender document is uploaded on e-procurement

HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI Tender Notice No. DHC/Genl.-II/Housekeeping/2020-21 **TENDER NOTICE**

website https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

Sealed tenders, with 90 days' validity from the date of opening of tenders, are invited for providing conservancy/housekeeping services in the entire High Court Complex as per Annexure 'A' attached with the Terms & Conditions upto 16.00 hours on 07th November, 2019, which will be opened at 15.00 hours on 16th November, 2019, in the room of Registrar General. Tenders received after the abovementioned date and time will not be accepted. The eligibility criteria for parties to respond to the tender is as

(a) Should have ESI Registration along with Registration for EPF. (b) Should possess up-to-date Income Tax Clearance Certificate, PAN &

(c) The firm and company must have their Registered Office/ Principal Office within the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(d) The intending tenderer should also have successfully completed at least two similar works during the last five years in a Government Department/ (e) The intending tenderer should have successfully completed three similar

'Similar works' means work of providing entire House Keeping work including cleaning of main façade, glass etc. and must have carried out works of cleaning, washing and dusting, etc. with dusters, disc scrubber machines, vacuum cleaners, auto scrubbers, jet high pressure, bag cleaner, wet and dry machine and road sweeping machines.

works each of not less than 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Only) per

annum in their own name during the last three years ending 31st March,

(f) The intending tenderer should have mechanised facilities. (g) The intending tenderer must submit attested copies of TDS Certificates

so as to ascertain the cost of the completion of work executed by it. (h) Experience certificate submitted by the intending tenderer must certify that there has been no breach and the work of house-keeping has been carried out satisfactorily by the intending tenderer.

(i) The intending tenderer must have an average financial turnover amounting to minimum ₹ 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Only) per annum during the last three consecutive Financial Year ending 2019. It should be duly audited and certified by a registered Chartered Accountant. (j) Certificate must have been signed by the owner of the company or by an

Officer not less than a General Manager and the completion certificate must clearly indicate i. the date of completion of the work;

ii. the nature of the house-keeping work performed/ schedule of work;

iii. whether the work has been performed satisfactorily. THE TENDER OF ANY VENDOR NOT FULFILLING THE ABOVE STIPULATED ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Copy of the terms and conditions of the tender may be obtained on payment of ₹ 5000/- (Rs. Five Thousand only) (non-refundable), in the form of pay order/demand draft (no cash) drawn in favour of "Registrar General, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi" from the Administrative Officer (Judicial), General-II Branch, Room No. 6, Ground Floor, Administrative Block, Delhi High Court in person on any working day between 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm upto 06th November, 2019. Delhi High Court shall not be responsible for any delay in obtaining terms and conditions of the tender or submission of the tender document.

Copy of the terms and conditions has also been uploaded on the Website of this Court, which can be downloaded and used by the vendor. In case, terms and conditions are downloaded, the vendor must enclose a demand draft of 5000/- in addition to EMD, failing which the tender will straightaway be rejected.

(Mukesh Kumar) **Deputy Registrar (Genl.-II) Administrative Block** Delhi High Court, New Delhi www.delhihighcourt.nic.in

Date: 15.10.2019

Integrated Livelihood Support Project (ILSP)

Central Project Coordination Unit (CPCU) 216, Panditwari, Phase 2, Dehradun-248006. Ph.: 0135-2774800

Request for Proposals from Interested Agencies with proven experience and credentials of Producing Documentary Films

Integrated Livelihood Support Project (ILSP) funded by IFAD and State Government of Uttarakhand is being implemented in 44 blocks of 11 Hill districts of Uttarakhand from 2012 to 2021 in coordination with Central Project Coordination Unit (CPCU) set up under the Rural Development Department. CPCU is interested to invite proposals from interested and competent agencies for the

Production of Short Documentary Video Films featuring High Impact Case Stories across project divisions of ILSP and Interviews with Senior Government of Uttarakhand officials and Selected Development Partners stakeholders. A detailed Request for Proposal defining the qualification & eligibility of firms, terms and

conditions/formats for preparing and submitting the proposal can be downloaded from

RFP download Proposal Submission Date of Pre Proposal RFP download Start Date and Time End Date and Time end date Conference 04.11.2019 21.10.2019 16.10.2019 03.11.2019 11.30 AM 10.00 AM upto 06.00 PM upto 01.00 PM

The duly filled application in the prescribed format may be submitted along with all the required documents in sealed envelops to The Chief Project Director, CPCU, Integrated Livelihood Support Project (ILSP), 216, Panditwari, Phase 2, Dehradun, 248006 on or before November 04, 2019 till 1.00 PM by hand / speed post/ Courier.

Chief Project Director, ILSP

ORGANIC FARMING AUTHORITY OF JHARKHAND Room no- 319, 3rd Floor, Krishi Bhawan Campus, Kanke Road Ranchi -834008, Jharkhand Email id:- organicjharkhand2012@gmail.com

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Very Short)

WITH REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT SANCTION LETTER No 106 DATED ON 23/09/2019 AN "INVITATION OF APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF MANUFACTURERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ORGANIC FARM INPUTS (BIOFERTILIZERS/ BIOPESTICIDES/ SOIL CONDITIONER/ PLANT GROWTH ENHANCERS / OTHER APPROVED BIO-PRODUCTS IF

Cost of EOI **EOI No** Date No. form EOI/OFAJ/OFI/2019-03 12-10-2019 Rs 10,000 1. Commencement & sale of EOI documents :12-10-2019 Date of Pre-bid Meeting :17-10-2019 (2.30 PM - 3.30 PM) Last date & time of submission of EOI : 24-10-2019 up to 2.00PM

submission of EOL The Application forms, Terms of Reference can be obtained from the Organic Farming Authority of Jharkhand, Krishi Bhawan Campus, Kanke Road-834008 on all working days (Monday to Friday) 11:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs by payment of Demand Draft of Rs. 10,000 (Non refundable) in favour of Chief Executive Officer, "Organic farming Authority of Jharkhand" payable at Ranchi. It may also be downloaded from the website www.organicjharkhand.in. In case of downloaded form DD of Rs. 10,000 has to be attached with the form.

: 24-10-2019 at 4.30 PM

The agency shall deposit an Earnest money of Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lacs only) in form of Demand Draft in

favour of Chief Executive officer, "Organic farming Authority of Jharkhand" payable at Ranchi at the time of

Envelope of application for EOI should duly subscribed "Expression of Interest for supply of organic farm inputs in jharkhand state". EOI should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Organic Farming Authority Of Jharkhand, Room no. 319, 3rd floor- Krishi Bhawan campus, Kanke Road, Ranchi-834008. Chief Executive Office बंद – बंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बंद को तरसेंगे

OFAJ, Ranchi

E - TENDERING **PRESS NOTICE**

Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. I Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M. Bund Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with of Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM S. No. 1 to 9 dated or 19.10.2019 for the works:

16.10.2019 and No10 to13 dated or H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhat 1. NIT No.131/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181842_1) Name of work: Making arrangement for Chhat

puja Ghat at D/s of I.S.B.T Bridge Lef

bank of river Yamuna. Estimated Cost

of Rs 6,81,079/- Earnest Money Rs 13,622/- period of completion 10 days H.O.A.: 471 Development of Chhat 2. NIT No.132/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181844_1) Name of work: Making arrangement for Chha puja Ghat at U/s of wazirabad from RD-1950m to RD 2375 m of L.F. Bund at Lef bank of river Yamuna. Estimated Cost of Rs 7,14,538/- Earnest Money Rs

14,291/- period of completion 10 days

H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhar

Ghats

3. NIT No.133/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181846_1) Name of work: Making arrangement for Chha puja Ghat at U/s of wazirabad from RD-1400 m to RD-1950 m of L.F. Bund a Left bank of river Yamuna. Estimated Cost of Rs 6,92,057/- Earnest Money Rs 13,841/- period of completion 10 days H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhat Ghats NIT No. 134/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20

(ID No. 2019_IFC_181848_1) Name of

work: Making arrangement for Chhat

puja Ghat at 5th Pusta Gamri at Lef bank of river Yamuna. Estimated Cost of Rs 5,97,427/- Earnest Money Rs 11,949/-period of completion 10 days H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhar NIT No.135/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181850_1) Name of work: Making arrangement for Chhar puja Ghat at D/s of wazirabad at Lef

24,558/- period of completion 10 days H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhar 6. NIT No. 136/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181899_1) Name o work: Making arrangement for Chha Puja Ghat at Phase-I, A-Block, Shive Vihar in Mustafabad Constituency Estimated Cost of Rs 4,20,981/ Earnest Money Rs 8,420/- period of

bank of river Yamuna. Estimated Cost

of Rs 12,27,919/- Earnest Money Rs

completion 10 days H.O.A.: 4711 Development of Chhat 7. NIT No. 137/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20

(ID No. 2019_IFC_181876_1) Name of

work: Improvement of Chatt Pooja Ghat

at Ambedkar park D-Block in Gokalpur

and Tilla (Mandoli) in Goaklpur

Constituency. Estimated Cost of Rs 62,798/- Earnest Money Rs 1,256/period of completion 10 days H.O.A. 4711 Development of Chhat Ghats 8. NIT No.138/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019 IFC 181875 1) Name of work: Making arrangement of Chhat Puja Ghat in C-Block (Ram Lila Road) o Harsh Vihar in Gokalpuri Constituency (AC-68). Estimated Cost of Rs 2,28,946/- Earnest Money Rs 4,579/period of completion 10 days H.O.A. 4711 Development of Chhat Ghats 9. NIT No. 139/ EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019 IFC 181873 1) Name of work: Improvement of Chhat Puja Ghat on right side bank of Escape Drain No.1 at D/S of RD 980m in Gokalpul Constituency (AC-68). Estimated Cost of Rs 4,89,754/- Earnest Money Rs

UNDER IDRUV 10. NIT No.126/EE/ CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019 IFC 181868 1) Name of work: - Renovation of Raiesh Pilo Chaupal at Mahali Mohalla in Ghonda Constituency AC 66. Estimated Cost of Rs 30,77,693/- Earnest Money Rs 61.554/-period of completion 150 days

9.795/- period of completion 10days

H.O.A.: VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

H.O.A.: 2711 NON PLAN (REVENUE) MAINTEANCE DRAINAGE 11. NIT No.128/ RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181862_1) Name of work: - Removal of obstructions and floating materials from Biharipur drain between RD Om to RD 1000m For the period of six months.(October 2019 to March 2020). Estimated Cost of Rs

17,56,537/- Earnest Money Rs 35,131/-

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER

period of completion 180 days

DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 12. NIT No.129/ /EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181857_1) Name of work: - Providing and fixing SBR tiles or platforms for Open Gym in various Parks in Gandhi Nagar Assembly Constituency AC-61(Balance work). Estimated Cost of Rs 83.79.476/- Earnest Money Rs 1.67.590/ period of completion 90 days H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT 13. NIT No.130/ /EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181855 1) Name of work: - Renovation & construction of one floor above the chaupal building including provision of parking at ground floor in village Garhi Mendu extn. of Ghonda Assembly Constituency AC-66. Estimated Cost of Rs 90,02,151/ Earnest Money Rs 1,80,043/- period o

Note: 1) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlist ment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

2) The following Scanned copies are

required to be uploaded: - (i) Copy of

GST Registration /upto date file returned

proof (ii) Registration of enlistment in the

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EMD.(iv) Scanned copy of ESI and EPF registration.(v) Copy of Pan Number. (vi) Valid Mobile Number, WhatsApp Number and E-mail ID. (3) EMD's in the form of DD/FDR in favour of EE, CD-IV may be submitted in the Olo of EE, CD-IV physically upto 3.00 P.M.in the date of opening tender. the same shall not be deposited physically, the tender shall be treated as cancelled. The Detail of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from

website

delhi.gov.in

4) No manual tender shall be accepted only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered. **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

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GOING THROUGH THE RECORDS, SAYS BANK'S ADMINISTRATOR, JB BHORIA 'Trying our best to stabilise PMC Bank; have already hiked withdrawal limit to ₹40,000'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

EVEN AS two harried depositors passed away in the last two days, Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Administrator JB Bhoria has said the bank is making all efforts to stabilise its operations and the cash withdrawal limit has already been hiked to Rs 40,000 per account.

"With the above relaxation, about 77 per cent of the depositors of the bank will be able to withdraw their entire account balance," the RBI had said on Monday while increasing the cash withdrawal limit to Rs 40,000 per account from Rs 25,000 earlier.

"We are trying our level best for normalcy. We will do whatever is possible ...," Bhoria told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday.

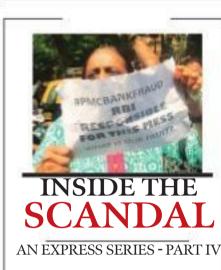
When asked whether the bank will relax the withdrawal limit in the case of two depositors who died in the last two days and other needy customers, Bhoria, who was earlier Regional Director and Chief General Manager with the RBI, said, "We will strictly fol-

to decide about any relaxation." When contacted, RBI spokespersons did not respond to

email and telephone queries. PMC account holder Fattomal Punjabi, a resident of Mulund, suffered the cardiac arrest on Tuesday. On Monday, Sanjay Gulati, an account holder at the PMC Bank who had deposited over Rs 90 lakh with the troubled bank. suffered a heart attack hours after he attended a protest by dis-

On the issue of non-performing assets and HDIL group exposure, Bhoria said, "We are going through the records ... it's yet to crystallise." The bank's exposure to the HDIL group is estimated to be around Rs 6,200 crore.

said if customers resort to large scale withdrawals from the bank, it will be difficult for the bank to function. "A bank operates on depositors' money. If depositors pull out everything, it can't function. In PMC's case, it will be tough for the bank to attract fresh deposits in the near future. The options before the RBI may be merger with another bank or winding up," said low the RBI directions. The RBI has an official of a nationalised bank. The RBI had on Monday, after raising withdrawal limit to Rs 40,000, said that about 77% of depositors will be able to withdraw their entire account balance. Experts say that if depositors pull out everything, bank



On Monday, the RBI had said forensic auditors have been appointed by the Administrator of transactions. "The Administrator and the 3-member Advisory Committee appointed by the RBI are working for speedier resolution of the various issues being faced by the bank in conducting its operations," it said. The RBI Annual Report says 1,542 urban co-operative banks were operating in the country as of March 2019. Out of these, 46 UCBs had negative net worth and 26 UCBs were under directions — with curbs on their operations — of the Reserve Bank.

for mergers of UCBs were

While slapping restrictions on the bank for six months on September 23, the RBI had allowed withdrawal of only Rs 1,000 for the bank's depositors, creating panic on September 26, following a spate of complaints from depositors, the RBI relaxed the curbs and allowed depositors to withdraw a sum not exceeding Rs 10,000 (including the Rs 1,000 already withdrawn) of the total balance. This was further increased to Rs 25,000 on October 3. "The financial position of the bank has been substantially impaired due to fraud perpetrated on it by certain persons," it said on Monday. "The Reserve Bank is closely monitoring the developments and shall continue to take necessary steps in the interest of the depositors of the bank," the RBI said.

perseded the board of the bank and appointed JB Bhoria as administrator of PMC Bank to take appropriate measures to bring the bank back on the rails. PMC Bank, which has a deposit base of Rs 11,617 crore, has 137 branches spread across seven states with 81 branches in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar regions, 10 branches in Pune and 12 branches in rest of Maharashtra. The bank reported total advances of Rs 8.383.33 crore as on March

INTERVIEW WITH REVENUE SECRETARY AJAY BHUSHAN PANDEY

'GST rationalisation can be done in many items, but rate stability is also important'

ANY TAX rate rationalisation has to be balanced and calibrated activity and the revenue requirement of states and Centre have to be kept in mind, REVENUE SECRETARY AJAY BHUSHAN PANDEY said. In an interview with AANCHAL MAGAZINE, Pandey said more needs to be done in GST: more simplified, easier to operate. "And also, if there are certain sections of people, of course, very small in number, but who are trying to misuse the system and trying to take an undue advantage, then can we do something to fix such things". Edited excerpts:

Revenue shortfall is being anticipated for both direct and indirect taxes. How are you going to manage the revenue targets?

Very soon, we are going to start the Budget exercise for the next year and while preparing the revised estimate, we will see the revenue trends and try to reconcile the numbers. So far as the current trend is concerned, for the first six months, (in) direct tax we have seen growth of around 10 per cent, and in the corporate tax, we are at lower, but the overall growth is at 5 per cent. In case of GST for the first six months, the overall growth is 5 per cent. It has been a trend in the direct taxes that the revenue collection picks up in the later half of the year and which we are hopeful that it will pick up. Because of the corporate tax cut, there will be some impact. So we'll have to work on those numbers and see as to what extent it impacts us.

are experiencing a slowdown? After having completed two years, a need was felt if we can look at further suggestions that were received from various quarters, States, Centre and also from various experts, users and taxpayers to take a holistic view; whether something more needs to be done to make the system more simplified and easier to operate. And people, of course, very small in number, but who are trying to misuse the system and trying to take an undue advantage, then can we do something to fix such

things. With these objectives, this committee has been formed and tasked to look at all these things in depth and come out with concrete recommendations within the next 15 days. And then we will take it to the GST Council. You said after two years of GST. more needs to be done. So all

the ideas of a merger of slabs or doing away with a slab. Earlier the opposition to a single rate was that flip-flops and premium cars cannot be taxed

at the same rate, certain items need to be kept at a lower rate.

We have introduced the GST system with certain tax slabs, and various items as per requirements have been put into different slabs. Now, as we go along, depending upon the revenue position of the states and Centre, the items could be moved from one slab to another, or maybe some slab could be eliminated. To some extent, we have done this exercise in the last two years, various items have been moved on to the lower slabs. So we'll have to watch the revenue trend and then arrive at a decision.

But the frequent changes might lead to some issues in

the online GST returns system? The system is broadly stable and we also have learned in the last two years that whenever we make a change, we follow a set protocol. So, there is a lot of testing that goes into this, and then there is a beta version released, the people are made aware and then we bring that change... So, we have said that from the 1st day of the next financial year, we will introduce the new system. However, during the interim, if there's some minor tweaking that can be done without causing great amount of inconvenience or instability, we must try and quickly do that to im-

So what are the options you are exploring? This GST committee has been

tasked with this job and . . . they've been given 15 days. Within 15 days, they will make certain recommendations, some of which will be short term; some will be for the medium term, some for the long term. We will deliberate these recommendations and will take them to the GST Council. So far the rate part is concerned, while working on any rate rationalization, the revenue has to be seen, and the revenue collection part is very very important, because we don't want to do anything which will put the revenue of the States and the Centre under stress.

There are many items where certain rationalization can be done. However, there is also a point that how frequently you should go and change the rates, some stability to settle down is also very-very important. Industry must be sure that this is the kind of a tax rate which should be there, and should prevail over a certain time, so that they can plan their business accordingly. So any rate rationalization has to be balanced and calibrated activity and keeping in mind, the revenue requirement of the states as well as Centre.

All the giveaways so far have been on the supply side, what about the demand side. A lot of talk about giving more money in the hands of people, about income tax cuts. What do you have to say on that? So far as giving more money in

the hands of people is concerned. vou see this targeted disbursement of government spending by way of benefits and subsidies, and various other social welfare schemes... Beyond that, again, I would say that any decision about any tax relief has to also be seen in the context of the revenue position and budgetary requirements of the Centre and the states and only then a decision has to be arrived. Usually these measures are taken at the time of budget because at that time we have a fairly good idea of what is the revenue position in the current year, and then what will happen during the next year and that is the time when the entire stock taking takes place and

So, any income tax-related decisions should be expected at the time of Budget?

certain decisions are taken.

That is what usually the practice is.

Wipro Q2 net jumps

Insurers beat slowdown, post healthy premium growth in first half

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

THE ECONOMY may be slowing down but the insurance segment, both life and non-life, has recorded a substantial growth rate in premiums, at least till the sixmonth period ended September 30 of 2019-20. However, insurers are keeping their fingers crossed about the prospects for the sector in the next six months.

Despite the slowdown, particularly in auto sales that contribute the largest amount of premiums for the Indian general insurance sector, the industry has maintained a healthy growth rate of 16 per cent in the first half (H1) of the current financial year.

According to the Life Insurance Council, life insurance premium of all 24 players rose 35.11 per cent during the April-September period of the current fiscal to Rs 125,758 crore. The new premium collected by LIC in the first six months of 2019-20 jumped 42 per cent to Rs 89,980 crore. For the rest of the private sector players, the cumulative premium till September 2019 rose 21 per cent to Rs 35,778 crore.

"If the economic slowdown continues, insurance will be impacted. Individual APE (annual premium equivalent) has already declined in September for the life segment," said an official of an insurance firm.

Available initial figures show that the gross premiums of 34 general insurance companies, including four public sector general insurers, have grown by 16 per cent to Rs 77.453 crore in the first half of 2019-20 from Rs 66,573 crore in the same period of 2018-19. However, slowdown seems to be catching up with the life segment. "Individual APE declined 3 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in September, compared to 11-27 per cent growth in April-August 2019. Overall APE was up 3 per cent YoY on the back of stronger group business," said a Kotak Securities report. ICICI Prudential Life's APE declined for the third month, albeit at a lower pace. Even the highgrowing HDFC Life declined after five months of consistent high growth. SBI Life and Max Life continued to moderate for the second consecutive month, it said.

For September, the general insurance industry has grown by almost 40 per cent at Rs 19,047 core. The public sector insurers have mopped up a premium of Rs 8,873 crore, up 43 per cent while the private sector companies have mobilised a premium of Rs 10,174 crore, up 37 per cent during September.

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Good news, **but worries** still remain for industry

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cause of two reasons: the increase in motor third party insurance rate and the hefty spot penalties by traffic police as per the new Motor Vehicles Act for failure to possess vehicle insurance. In life insurance, one of the reasons could be retail pension (or savings) products with guaranteed returns which are more attractive than bank deposits," said former Irdai member KK Srinivasan.

Public sector general insurers, led by New India Assurance, have made a remarkable turnaround by recording growth of 12 per cent during H12019-20. Despite lacking basic solvency, even the merging companies like National Insurance Company, United India Insurance and Oriental Insurance Company have done well and recorded good growth in the reporting period. "We have got a very clear plan in place to grow our business. Due to certain practices of certain players, it is now difficult to compete in motor insurance business. That's why, we are concentrating in other segments like marine, hull, aviation, property and engineering which constitute now more than 50 per cent of our portfolios," said Atul Sahai, CMD, NIA.

The NIA's motor insurance business has remained flat, he said, adding: "In health portfolio, we will soon bring down claim experience to double-digit figures by the fiscal-end."

The private general insurance industry, led by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, has mobilised a premium of Rs 41,048 crore, up 20 per cent, in H12019-20.

'2 in 3 firms may shift to new corporate tax regime immediately' RESULTS OF CRISIL SURVEY ON UTILISATION OF TAX SAVINGS The reduction in

Discounts

Promotions

Retain In Biz

Debt Reduction

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corporate tax rate by the government has made firms optimistic, but a bit cautious, said Crisil in a report. The rating agency says most companies that it surveyed were interested in shifting to the new structure

HALF OF those shifting may use tax savings for ongoing capex or to strengthen balance sheet

SAVINGS ALONE may not lead to an immediate pickup in fresh capex, given the weak demand

environment NO CLARITY ON HOW TO UTILISE TAX SAVINGS

COMPANIES SHIFTING to the new regime are likely to see close to 700 bps of tax savings

ABOUT 37% firms are yet to decide on utilisation of savings though raising dividends found least preference

ONLY 10% said they will pass on the benefit through higher discounts and sales promotion

IMF revises India growth forecast for FY20 to 6.1% from 7% projected earlier

The tax cut provides a much-needed impetus to firms to

press the capex button once demand stages a comeback.

India Inc's credit outlook remains contingent upon this

pick-up in demand, noted the report

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday sharply revised downward India's GDP growth projections by 90 bps to 6.1 per cent for FY20 and by 20 bps to 7 per cent for FY21.

The IMF in April said India would grow at 7.3 per cent in FY20. However, in July it projected a 7 per cent growth rate, a downward revision of 0.3 per cent. On Sunday, the World Bank had slashed India FY20 growth estimate to 6 per cent from its original call of 7.5 per cent.

"In India, growth softened in 2019 (FY20) as corporate and envi-

ronmental regulatory uncertainty, together with concerns about the health of the non-bank financial sector, weighed on demand," the fund bank said ahead of the IMF and World Bank annual meetings

this week in Washington. "Growth will be supported by the lagged effects of monetary policy easing, a reduction in corporate income tax rates, recent measures to address corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty, and government programmes to support rural consumption." the Fund said.

"The strengthening of growth in 2020 and beyond in India as well as for these two groups (which in some cases entails continued contraction, but at a less severe pace) is the driving factor behind the forecast of an eventual global pickup," it said. The two groups refer to smaller emerging countries such as Argentina and Iran and bigger emerging nations such as Brazil and Russia.

Moody's Investors Service had last Thursday cut its forecast for India's FY20 GDP growth by 40 bps to 5.8 per cent, in what reflected a continuing trend of such downward revisions by prominent domestic and foreign agencies. In its latest bimonthly monetary policy statement on October 4, RBI also cut its growth projection for the domestic economy by a sharp 80 bps to 6.1%, citing that the slump in real GDP growth to 5 per cent in the first quarter of FY20

has been followed by "generally weaker high frequency indicators for the second quarter".

Meanwhile, the IMF warned on Tuesday that the global economy is in a "synchronised slowdown" amidst growing trade barriers and heightened geopolitical tensions. It downgraded the 2019 growth rate to 3 per cent, the slowest pace since the global financial crisis.

"This is a serious climbdown from 3.8 per cent in 2017, when the world was in a synchronised upswing," Gita Gopinath, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in the foreword to the latest World Economic Outlook, **FE WITH PTI**

35% to ₹2,552 crore

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA BENGALURU. OCTOBER 15

prove the system.

IT SERVICES major Wipro Ltd on Tuesday posted 35 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,552.7 crore for the second quarter ended September 30.

The company had registered a net profit of Rs 1,889 crore in the year-ago period.

Its total income for September quarter stood at 15,875.4 crore compared to 15,203.2 crore a year ago. The Bengaluru-based company's revenue came in 4 per cent higher year-on-year at Rs 1,51,25.6 crore. Wipro has guided for 0.8-2.8 per cent sequential growth in IT service revenue for December quarter, saying revenue from that business is expected to be \$2,065-

2,106 million. For the just concluded quarter, the company's IT services segment revenue was at

\$2.048.9 million, an increase of 2.5 per cent year-on-year, Wipro said. The operating margin for IT services in the quarter improved year-on-year to 18.1 per cent. The net income at Rs 2,552.7 crore, translated into a 35.1 per

cent increase. Abidali Z Neemuchwala, Wipro's CEO and MD said: "We had a good in-quarter execution on revenues and margins, considering the slow start to the fiscal year. Overall, the growth was broad based with 6 of the 7 industry verticals growing on a year on vear basis..."

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cludes aircraft turnaround and

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aircraft fuelling, pushback, han-

dling of arrival and departure of a

plane, as per the communication.

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The DGCA official said the au-

tional airports in the country.

Safety checklist not being followed: DGCA to airlines, ground handlers

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 15

ON MONDAY, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) held a meeting with senior officials of ground handling agencies and airlines managing their own ground operations to give them a rap on the knuckles. The reason: two months after the ground handlers were issued a comprehensive safety checklist by the regulator, a two-day audit at the Delhi airport revealed serious lapses.

Among the most common observations made for all ground handlers during the audit at Delhi airport on October 9 and 10 were:

foreign object debris not being cleared before arrival of an aircraft at bay, equipment being parked inside the safety area, chocks being placed inside safety lines during arrival of aircraft, luggage dollies parked in designated areas did not have brakes, lack of driver permits for specific equipment and lack of emergency safety response drill being conducted. According to sources present

at the meeting — attended by officials from Celebi, Air India-SATS, GoAir, SpiceJet and BWFS (Bird Group) — DGCA chief Arun Kumar asked the ground handlers to immediately address the concerns and said that more frequent spot checks would be done to ensure The most common observations for ground handlers were: foreign object debris not being cleared before arrival of an aircraft at bay, equipment being parked inside the safety area, and lack of emergency safety response drills

compliance with the prevalent norms. During the inspection, 10 observations were made in case of BWFS, nine for GoAir, eight for Celebi and three each for SpiceJet and Air India-SATS.

In the backdrop of rising ground incidents at airports across India, including one at Delhi where an aircraft engine was hit by a toilet cart, the DGCA had in

August issued a detailed checklist benchmarking safety standards, based on which regular audits of airside activities at aerodromes were to be conducted. "It was observed that since the publication of the August circular, all ground handling agencies have not carried out preparation regarding

compliance of the checklist points. Thus, most ground handling well as drivers. The knowledge of

records of manpower and equipment operators," a senior DGCA official told The Indian Express. The checklist details the ground facilities checks, which include ground servicing equipment, passenger boarding bridge, condition of apron, lighting, and availability of foreign object debris bins. It also includes knowledge of

agencies failed to show standard

operating procedures, training

personnel pertaining to aircraft turnaround and general safety procedures such as aircraft fuelling, pushback, and towing.

To regulate movement of vehicles on the airside, there would be checks on fitness of vehicles as

dit has also been conducted at Kochi airport and will be done at three more airports this month, including Mumbai and Lucknow. Over the next few months, inspection of ground handlers at 30 airports will be conducted.

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tressed customers.

However, banking experts

won't function

During 2018-19, six proposals

processed by the RBI. Of these, two merger proposals were approved and are awaiting final approval of the concerned Registrars of cooperative societies and one was rejected. The remaining three merger proposals are presently under process. The licenses of 4 weak UCBs were cancelled during the period of review, according to the RBI Annual Report.

the bank to look into the related among the depositors. However, 31, 2019.

On September 23, the RBI su-

Dividend

Undecided

37%

Capex

On the expenditure for the welfare programmes, the capital expenditures, the government will be committed to make those expenditures. The government has also announced disinvestment. That also will be a source of revenue.

In GST, the recent order says that there will be some consideration for reforms. What could be the reform? Isn't it too hurried to think of reforms at this stage when you

also, if there are certain sections of

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'Keep off firms

after promoters'

Mumbai: State Bank of

India Chairman Rajnish

Kumar on Tuesday said the

Enforcement Directorate

and other central law en-

forcement agencies should

restrict to attaching per-

sonal assets while investi-

gating a promoter and

keep off the company that

is under the insolvency

under IBC, go

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Goyal: No trade disputes with US, only few disagreements

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

COMMERCE MINISTER Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said India and the US do not have any trade disputes and both nations have huge bilateral trade and investment potential.

Speaking during a ministerial panel discussion at India Energy Forum here, Goval said, "There is no (trade) dispute (with the US). We had certain disagreements, but I don't think that there is... any relation where there are no disagreements at all. I think we welcome some 'nok jhok' (argument). Little bit of uncertainty helps in taking things forward."

Goyal's comments assumes significance in view of recent withdrawal of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) or trade tariff incentives on Indian products by the US, especially when both countries are negotiating a trade agreement.

Goyal was of the view that his discussion with his US counterpart helped improve the bilateral relations further.

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The Congress government in

Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday ap-

proved a slew of policies to de-

velop MSMEs, startups and real

estate, among other sectors, to at-

tract investment and create job

opportunities. This comes days

before the state hosting an in-

by Chief Minister Kamal Nath ap-

proved MP MSME Development

Policy, 2019, which provides spe-

cial package for concessions to se-

lect sectors like pharmaceuticals,

textile, power looms and grants

on plant and machinery, along

Additional grants will be given

The meeting also approved

to units run by SC/ST and women

MP Start-up Policy, which will

come into effect from April 1,

2020, under which facilities will

be provided to incubators and

startups to attract new entrepre-

neurs who wish to establish start-

The Cabinet meeting chaired

BHOPAL, OCTOBER 15

vestors' meet.

with building.

entrepreneurs.

Days before investor

meet, MP govt unveils

new policies for industry

Court extends police custody of Malvinder and Shivinder Singh by 2 days

ANAND MOHANJ NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

A DELHI court has extended the police custody of brothers Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh, former promoters of Religare Enterprises Ltd (REL), for two days, after the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) told the court they wanted to investigate transfer of Rs 1,000 crore from the accused persons to various other

The Singh brothers were arrested by the EOW for alleged diversion of funds and causing a loss of Rs 2.397 crore to Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL).

The EOW had also arrested Sunil Godhwani, former chairman and managing director of REL, Kavi Arora and Anil Saxena, who held "important managerial positions in REL and RFL", for alleged diversion of public money "in clandestine manner for their own benefit".

While Godhwani's police custody was also extended,

Arora and Saxena, were sent to two-day judicial custody.

The IO in the case, Inspector Sanieev Dhodi, submitted to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepak Sehrawat that "during the course of the investigation, it has been disclosed by the accused persons an amount to the tune of Rs 1,000 crore approximately has been transferred to various persons from the entities linked to corporate loan book and finally the said amount was siphoned off".

The IO submitted that he required two days custody to "identify those person to whom the said amount was transferred, and to ascertain the purpose of transfer, to ascertain the purpose of cheating the aforesaid shell companies and to confront the directors of these shell entities with the accused persons".

The EOW also submitted before the court that police custody was required to ascertain the trail of money and role of co-conspirators.

RBI issues guidelines for 'on tap' authorisation

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The RBI on Tuesday issued guidelines on 'on tap' authorisation of payment systems, including minimum networth criteria for different players, with an aim to encourage innovation and competition.

In a circular, the RBI said it has been decided to offer on-tap authorisation for Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) and White Label ATMs (WLAs). "The payment system opera-

tors should ensure interoperability among different retail payment systems," it said and added the authorisation would be given based on merits of the proposal, and RBI's assessment of potential for additional entities in that segment. For entities desirous to function, operate, or provide platforms for BBPOU, the RBI said they should have a Rs 100 crore net worth and should be maintained

at all times.

Services exports up 10% in Aug

Mumbai: India's services exports rose by 10.4 per cent to \$18.24 billion in August in the current financial year, data from Reserve Bank showed on Tuesday. The services exports or receipts were \$16.53 billion in the same month of 2018. It was at \$19.08 billion in July

TRADE DEFICIT NARROWS TO \$10.86 BILLION

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS con-

tracted by 6.57 per cent to \$26.03

billion in September over the

same month in 2018 on account

of significant drop in shipments

of engineering goods, gems and

jewellery, petroleum products

and chemicals. In September

2018, the country had exported

in the negative zone for the sec-

ond consecutive month in

September, the country's mer-

chandise imports dropped over

13 per cent, leading to the goods

deficit narrowing to \$10.86 billion

in September from \$14.95 billion,

according to data released by the

Commerce Ministry on Tuesday.

ucts dropped 6.2 per cent to \$6.55

billion from \$6.99 billion, while

shipments of petroleum products

reduced nearly 18.60 per cent to

currency, officially signed on 21

charter members on Monday at

the organization's inaugural

Association had 27 potential

members, but several compa-

nies dropped out in recent days,

including Visa, Mastercard and

Originally the Libra

meeting in Geneva.

Gems and jewellery exports,

\$3.44 billion.

Exports of engineering prod-

While the exports remained

goods worth \$27.87 billion.

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

Exports drop 6.57% in Sept

on weak key sector shipments

now valued at \$3.59 billion, had recorded shipments of \$3.80 billion in September 2018. Organic and inorganic chemical shipments declined 3.50 per cent to \$1.85 billion from \$1.92 billion in the same month last year.

Only eight out of 30 products saw an increase in exports last month. This includes products like electronic goods, which grew 33.11 per cent to \$928.95 million in shipments from \$697.89 million in September 2018. Exports of drugs and pharmaceuticals, valued at \$1.66 billion in 2018, rose 8.72 per cent to

The services imports or payments were valued at \$12 billion during the month, up by 16 per cent from \$10.35 billion in the year-ago period, as per the RBI monthly data on India's International Trade in Services. PTI

\$1.80 billion.

"All other major sector of exports including almost all labourintensive sector of exports besides petroleum were in the negative, showing a decelerating trend," said FIEO president Sharad Kumar Saraf. Domestic issues like access to and cost of credit remain a problem area for MSMEs, he added.

India is estimated to have reduced its overall merchandise and services trade deficit over 25 per cent to \$44.95 billion between April and September 2019 compared with \$60.16 billion during the same period in 2018.

India asks **OPEC** not to cut production

process.

New Delhi: In a meeting with **OPEC Secretary-General** Mohammad Barkindo, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan urged the organization not to undertake deeper crude oil production cuts. **PTI**

Sebi asks for cybersecurity report

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday asked stock brokers and depository participants to submit quarterly reports, containing information on cyber-attacks and threats experienced by them, in 15 days after the end of the quarter. **PTI**

'On same page withUStoend trade war'

Beijing: China said on Tuesday that it was on the "same page" with the United States on trade as it confirmed that the two countries are likely to sign a "phase one agreement" soon to end their trade war. **PTI**

Rupee falls 31p to nearly 1-month low

New Delhi: The rupee on Tuesday dived 31 paise to end at a nearly one-month low against the US currency due to heavy dollar buying amid fresh concerns over the progress of China-US trade talks. Crude oil prices dropping more than half a per cent and gains in the equity markets. **PTI**

'Flipkart to set up food retail unit'

ups with new products and innovative ideas.

The new real estate policy cuts down on red tape by reducing the number of documents required from 27 to just five. It provides for better coordination among revenue, town and country planning and urban bodies: ensures one state one registration for colonizers; eliminates two hectare limit for housing projects and removes three phase permission for projects among other things.

The Cabinet also cleared MP Electric Vehicle Policy, 2019, to strengthen public transport, to reduce air pollution in cities and to promote non-petroleum products. It will provide concessions to infrastructure development and exemptions in manufacturing of electric vehicles and components. It will provide 100 per cent exemption from motor vehicle tax and registration tax on purchase of EVs. Parking in facilities run by urban bodies will be

free for first five years. The policy envisages creation of jobs by training engineers and techni-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

E-RETAILER FLIPKART will soon join BigBasket, Amazon, Grofers and others for a share of the \$500billion food and grocery market in India, of which the online piece accounts for just 0.2 per cent.

That business may be worth just about \$1 billion today but experts reckon it could grow at a blistering 50-60 per cent compounded and be worth \$4-5 billion in a few years.

Flipkart has registered a new entity—Flipkart FarmerMart—to undertake retail trading of food products in the country, according to the company's regulatory filings sourced from business signals platform *paper.vc*.

The entity will carry on the business of retail trading of food products manufactured and produced in India through offline and online distribution and other sales channels. It will invest in and set up infrastructure throughout the country and provide all other ancillary services for seamless business operations, according to the firm's memorandum of association filed earlier this month. **FE**

Despite defections, FB officially launches Libra The Libra Association, the **ASSOCIATED PRESS** nonprofit that will govern the

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 15 FACEBOOK OFFICIALLY moved

forward with its plans Monday to create a new digital currency called Libra, despite several high-profile defections from the project and intense criticism from US regulators and politicians.

Google unveils Pixel 4 phones

PayPal.

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OCTOBER 15

ALPHABET INC'S Google unveiled new Pixel smartphones with higher quality cameras, a radar sensor to track hand gestures and faster virtual assistant on Tuesday, but the devices had no surprise features to set them apart from rivals and nix concerns about price.

The Pixel 4 phones, in two sizes, headlined a New York event at which Google announced its first moderately priced laptop, first wireless earbuds and upgrades to its to wellreviewed Wifi router and burgersized smart speaker.



vice president of devices and services, at the Made by Google '19 event in **New York.** Reuters

showcased in front of global standards agency communications Union (ITU) **KARISHMA MEHROTRA** meeting to be conducted in

'5G India version' to be

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

India will present to a global standards agency its own version of 5G technology that is adapted for its villages, said the National Cyber Security Coordinator in the Prime Minister's Office, Rajesh Pant. "What we are saying for those

standards is that in the rural areas we want high-speed. We don't want that latency, so we want larger cells in our rural areas," Pant said on Tuesday at the Observer Research Foundation's (ORF) CyFy conference. Small cells refers to the significantly smaller coverage area of each cell tower that is a well known feature of 5G's infrastructure.

"Why I am saying larger cells is because in 5G, the cell size is going to become about 100 meters since the frequencies are higher. So we are saying that in the villages, you have an Indian version, you have a larger cell size of say, three to five kilometers. Only then will some income come from 5G in India," he said.

India is making its standards called "5G India version" for the next International Tele-

December, Pant said. He told The Indian Express on the conference's sidelines that the agency heading the initiative is at IIT Madras and will be routed through the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). IIT Madras Professor V

Kamakoti is a part of the National Security Advisory Board and has collaborated with the PMO on 5G development. He was also roped in by the Delhi High Court to submit a report on WhatsApp traceability. Pant was discussing the need for coordinated patents and standards so that India "doesn't miss the bus" of this next revolution. The monetary value of technology will only come with patents and standards, Pant said.

Pant said that global discussions such as the Bhudapest Convention on Cybercrime or the Tallinn Manuel on cyber conflict have divisive fault lines and "Geo-Tech wars" with Russia and China on one side and US and Europe on the other. The way to solve this is to for India to form strategic alliances so no one company, like Huawei, dominates 5G, he said.

OSBI State Bank of India

Enterprise & Technology Architecture (E&TA) Department. State Bank Global IT Centre, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614

Request for Proposal for Procurement of DevSecOps

Automation Platform

State Bank of India invites proposal from reputed companies registered in India for procurement of "DevSecOps Automation Platform". For further details, please visit "Procurement News"

section at the Bank's website https://bank.sbi/

Place: Navi Mumbai Date: 16.10.2019

Head (E & TA)

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separately. Already registered firms may also submit their additional product list, if any.

E-Tenders are invited from reputed Firms/Contractors for the following work:-Short Description of Work: Cooling Water Treatment Units of

Stage-I (2x210 MW) & Stage-II (2x250 MW), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat a) Supply of Cooling Water Treatment (CWT) Chemicals, Erection &

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Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024. Tel: 080-23415679 Fax: 080-23415672 Website: www.karnatakastatewarehosing.in

No:KSWC/TECH/Tender-03/2438/2018-19 Date: 14.10.2019

SHORT TERM 'e' -TENDER NOTIFICATION The online e-tenders are invited from the manufacturers of

lorry weighbridges for Installation of 60 Mts Electronic Lorry Weigh bridges at State warehouse (1) Doddaballapura unit-II (2) Kalburgi (Kothnur), (3) Bidar (KIADB) & (4) Kuppanahalli (Bangarpete). Tenders are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 & Rules 2000. The Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender through online: 23.10.2019 upto 4.00 p.m. The interested tenderers may download tender documents from website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & www.kswc.in The help desk No.: 080-23010900/23010901 or this office for more information. Managing Director, KSWC.

DIPR/DDU/1455/2018-19



Name and Address of the entity seeking EOI: Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) BIAL Project Office. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru Bengaluru 560 300 Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

BIAL intends to undertake the construction of a central warehouse in a plot size 75m X 75m, approximately (5,625 Sgm) at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (the "Project") to meet its storage requirements.

BIAL invites interested applicants to submit their EOI to carry out the construction of the central warehouse and successfully hand over the Project.

Consortium/joint venture participation is not permitted. Information on the EOI can be obtained from the BIAL website www.bengaluruairport.com (http://www. bengaluruairport.com/ourBusiness/tender.jspx). Bidding for this Project is through e-tendering. Applicants shall register on https://www. bialtenders.com/ as per the e-Tendering instructions provided with the Information Document.

Applicants shall view/ download the EOI document from https://www.bialtenders.com/ from 1400 hrs IST on October 26, 2019.

Addendum, if any, to this EOI shall be made available on the BIAL website and https://www.bialtenders.com

Rajkot Smart City Development Limited (RSCDL) e-Tender Notice (Tender No. RSCDL/SMART CITY/25/19-20) RSCDL, a subsidiary company of Rajkot Municipal Corporation invites bids

for "Selection of Financial Institution (FI) for Implementation of Rajkot Mitra Card", A Pre-bid meeting is scheduled on 22-10-2019 at 11:00 Hours. The milestone dates for downloading and submission of online e-Tender at www.rmc.nprocure.com are **16-10-2019 to 05-11-2019** up to 18:00 Hours. (Sd/-) Municipal Commissioner & Chairman (RSCDL)

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), TAMILNADU

361, ANNA SALAI, TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI – 600 018. Request for Proposal (RFP)(No. AG(A&E) TN - Digitization 2019)

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RFP document can be downloaded from the official website of the office at www.agae.tn.nic.in.

Interested and eligible bidders may submit their bid either personally or by post (registered or speed post)/courier to Shri. R. Jambunathan, IA&AS, Senior Deputy Accountant General (Admn.), O/o. The Accountant General (A&E), Tamil Nadu, 361 Anna Salai, Chennai-600 018 so as to reach this office on or before 13.11.2019 by 5.00p.m.

Senior Deputy Accountant General (Admn.

From dt. 21.10.2019 to 17:00

Dt. 06.11.2019 at 11:30 AM

Hours of dt. 05.11.2019.

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA NIRMAN SOUDHA. UNIT-V. BHUBANESWAR 221-B

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) File No. B-IV-H-(H&D)-15/2019 Lr. No. 42078/ Bhubaneswar, the 11th Oct, 2019 **Invitation for Bids**

Bid identification No. CE (B) - 12/2019-20 1. The Chief Engneer (Buildings) Odisha Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for Construction of Building works

as detailed below. 2. Name of work **Building work** 3. No. of work 01 nos 4. Bid Cost ₹ 10,000/- (each) 5. Class of Contractor 'A'/ Special

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersorissa.gov.in Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Chief Engineer (Buildings), Odisha, Bhubaneswar BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division.

Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 No.: EE/P-W/TEND/08/2019-20 Date: 15.10.2019

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) Tender Notification (Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites short term tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Approxi. Amount

90.00

1,80,000/-

Si. No.	(0)	put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of Ward Office and Multipurpose building in Shivanagara, Ward No. 107 . Standrard Bid Document : KW-4	145.00	2,20,000/-
2	Construction of Indoor Game Building in Shivanagara, Ward No. 107. Standrard Bid Document: KW-3	70.00	1,40,000/-
3	Establishment of Dialysis Centre in Azadnagar, Ward No. 141. Standrard Bid Document : KW-4	220.00	3,30,000/-
4	Improvement and Development work to Ramasharma Park in Ward No. 120. Standrard Bid Document: KW-3	88.00	1,80,000/-
	Construction of Multipurpose Building Opposite to Khalee		

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 25.10.2019. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 18.11.2019 and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on 22.11.2019 at 3:30 p.m. at above mentioned address. (4) Technical bids will be opened on the website https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer Project (West) Division on 25.11.2019 after 4:30 p.m. (5) Financial bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka. **gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer Project (West) Division on 30.11.2019 after 4:30 p.m. if possible. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

5 Building in Ward No. 109.

Document: KW-3

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on October 16, 2019 to 1600 hrs IST on October 26, 2019. The EOI must be submitted online at https://www.bialtenders.com/ on or before 1700 hrs IST

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6. Availability of Bid Documetns

in the website

7. Date of Opening of Bid

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POLISH DEFENCE

A firmer fort

America pours a thousand more troops into Poland



US soldiers arrive to the welcoming ceremony near Orzysz in Poland in 2017. Five years ago the American troops in Poland could all fit on a bus. Now thousands will be spread across six sites. Reuters

LAST YEAR Poland made an audacious bid to coax Donald Trump into permanently placing an American armoured division on its soil, offering \$2bn and naming rights. "Fort Trump", as it became known—jocularly at first, then more formally—is now firming up. In June America said it would send 1,000 troops to join the 4,500 already in Poland. On September 23rd Mr Trump agreed with Andrzej Duda, Poland's president, where these would go.

It is not quite the mammoth tank force that Poland wanted, but it is a win nonetheless. Five years ago the American troops in Poland could all fit on a bus. Now thousands will be spread across six sites. "Poland has joined today the small group of countries where US troops are permanently stationed," boasted the country's defence ministry. There will be a division headquarters in Poznan, a squadron of Reaper drones in Lask, a helicopter brigade and special forces in Powidz and more special forces in Lubliniec.

The troops in Poland serve as a tripwire. If Russia were to invade, it would have to kill Americans first, quickly pulling in the superpower. But the new forces will also be useful in circumstances short of all-out war. Lieutenant-General Rajmund Andrzejczak, Poland's army chief, says that the drones and "low profile" special forces are especially helpful for spotting and countering murkier "hybrid scenarios" — a reference to techniques Russia has honed in next-door Ukraine, such as the use of cyber-attacks, disinformation and soldiers who don't wear identifiable uniforms.

Mr Duda hopes this is just the start. America and Poland are now haggling over a seventh site for another American armoured brigade combat team, a unit that can include over 100 tanks and armoured vehicles. America would like it to sit west of the Vistula river. Poland would prefer it in the south-east of the country,

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pointedly closer to Russia. The "real deal" would be a full-blown defence co-operation agreement, says Michal Baranowski, head of the Warsaw office of the German Marshall Fund, an American think-tank.

Mr Duda has honed the art of speaking to Mr Trump in the languages he understands best: flattery, money and loyalty. Poland has gone on a spending spree for American arms, signing over \$11bnworth of deals for rocket launchers, Patriot air defence systems and F-35 warplanes. On September 3rd it asked to buy 185 Javelin anti-tank missiles and five Hercules transport aircraft. Poland is not only one of the handful of allies that hits

the NATO target of spending 2% of GDP on defence, but also plans to raise that to 2.5% by 2030.

For Poland, the purpose of this buildup is clear. Russia is "definitely very, very aggressive", says General Andrzejczak. He points to its military exercises and challenges to Polish airspace using drones. For Mr Trump, it is more personal. Why, he was asked, had he sent troops? Was it because of the Russian threat? "No, I don't think so at all. I think it's just because we have a president of Poland who I like, who I respect."

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Traffic, jammed

Blame Silicon Valley hype — and the limits of AI

FEW IDEAS have enthused technologists as much as the self-driving car. Advances in machine learning, a subfield of artificial intelligence (AI), would enable cars to teach themselves to drive by drawing on reams of data from the real world. The more they drove, the more data they would collect, and the better they would become. Robotaxis summoned with the flick of an app would make car ownership obsolete. Best of all, reflexes operating at the speed of electronics would drastically improve safety. Car- and tech-industry bosses talked of a world of "zero crashes".

And the technology was just around the corner. In 2015 Elon Musk, Tesla's boss, predicted his cars would be capable of "complete autonomy" by 2017. Mr Musk is famous for missing his own deadlines. But he is not alone. General Motors said in 2018 that it would launch a fleet of cars without steering wheels or pedals in 2019; in June it changed its mind. Waymo, the Alphabet subsidiary widely seen as the industry leader, committed itself to launching a driverless-taxi service in Phoenix, where it has been testing its cars, at the end of 2018. The plan has been a damp squib. Only part of the city is covered; only approved users can take part. Phoenix's wide, sun-soaked streets are some of the easiest to drive on anywhere in the world; even so, Waymo's cars have human safety drivers behind the wheel, just in case.

Jim Hackett, the boss of Ford, acknowledges that the industry "overestimated the arrival of autonomous vehicles". Chris Urmson, a linchpin in Alphabet's self-driving efforts (he left in 2016), used to hope his young son would never need a driving licence. Mr Urmson now talks of self-driving

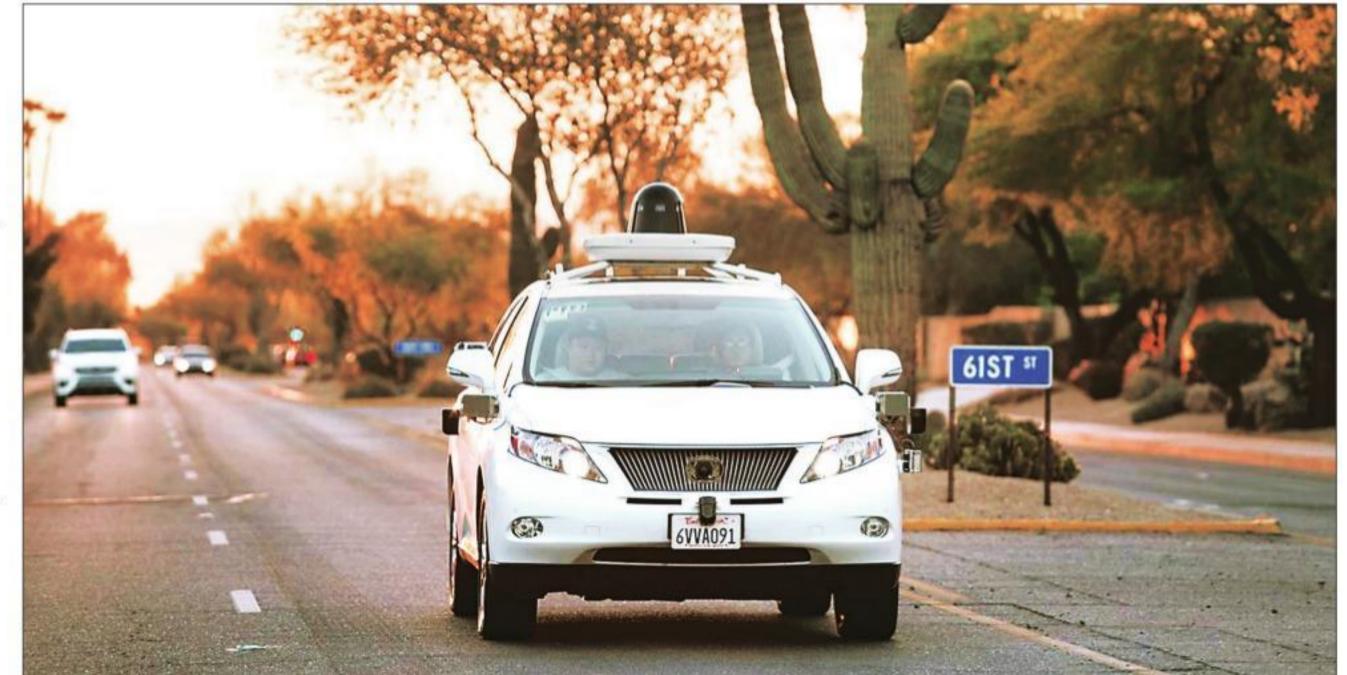
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cars appearing gradually over the next 30 to 50 years. Firms are increasingly switching to a more incremental approach, building on technologies such as lane-keeping or automatic parking. A string of fatalities involving self-driving cars have scotched the idea that a zero-crash world is anywhere close. Markets are starting to catch on. In September Morgan Stanley, a bank, cut its valuation of Waymo by 40%, to \$105bn, citing delays in its technology.

The future, in other words, is stuck in traffic. Partly that reflects the tech industry's predilection for grandiose promises. But self-driving cars were also meant to be a flagship for the power of AI. Their struggles offer valuable lessons in the limits of the world's trendiest technology.

Hit the brakes

One is that, for all the advances in machine learning, machines are still not very good at learning. Most humans need a few dozen hours to master driving. Waymo's cars



Test drivers use a Lexus SUV, built as a self-driving car, to map the area prior to a journey without a driver in control, in Arizona, US, in 2016. Reuters

have had over 10m miles of practice, and still fall short. And once humans have learned to drive, even on the easy streets of Phoenix, they can, with a little effort, apply that knowledge anywhere, rapidly learning to adapt their skills to rush-hour Bangkok or a gravel-track in rural Greece. Computers are less flexible. AI researchers have expended much brow-sweat searching for techniques to help them match the quick-fire learning displayed by humans. So far, they have not succeeded.

Another lesson is that machine-learn-

ing systems are brittle. Learning solely from existing data means they struggle with situations that they have never seen before. Humans can use general knowledge and on-the-fly reasoning to react to things that are new to them — a light aircraft landing on a busy road, for instance, as happened in Washington state in August (thanks to humans' cognitive flexibility, no one was hurt). Autonomous-car researchers call these unusual situations "edge cases". Driving is full of them, though most are less

dramatic. Mishandled edge cases seem to have been a factor in at least some of the deaths caused by autonomous cars to date. The problem is so hard that some firms, particularly in China, think it may be easier to re-engineer entire cities to support limited self-driving than to build fully autonomous cars.

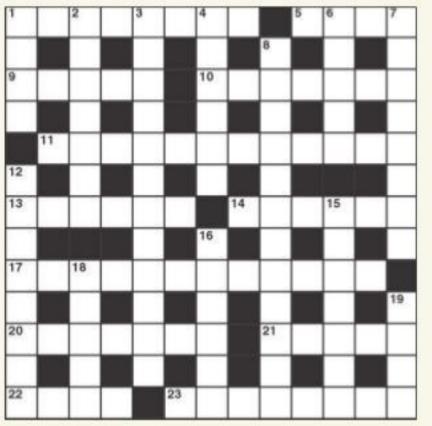
The most general point is that, like most technologies, what is currently called "AI" is both powerful and limited. Recent progress in machine learning has been transformative.

At the same time, the eventual goal—the creation in a machine of a fluid, general, human-like intelligence—remains distant. People need to separate the justified excitement from the opportunistic hyperbole. Few doubt that a completely autonomous car is possible in principle. But the consensus is, increasingly, that it is not imminent. Anyone counting on AI for business or pleasure could do worse than remember that cautionary tale.

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22 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 3938



Down

It's worn to order perhaps (4)

2 Offensive rumour about an

upcoming doctor (7)

perhaps (12)

meeting(8)

surprise (8)

Not good value for a bun

6 A team giving confidence to

7 Attempt to get smart at the

8 How a chap's amusement

may be killing? (12)

12 Here's hoping I spring a

15 Yearn to have an attempt in

swallowed by a snake (6)

18 Subject those people to the

ultimate in abuse (5)

the distant past (4,3)

16 Napping, the general is

Girl Colin goes out East to see

those watching the play (5)

ACROSS

- 1 Turn buns when cooked and
- well-browned(8) 5 Craft lacking a prow? (4)
- Pop music, with the French missing the boat (5)
- 10 Tolerance in judging others makes us cautious about it
- 11 Study perfume of the valley
- that's getting better (12)
- 13 Accelerate promotion (4,2) 14 Capacity to get on after
- bitterness?(6)
- 17 Nine starting in an uncompromising way (12)
- 20 Sheet that doesn't stay put it's cold! (3,4)
- 21 Vehicles making a stylish comeback(5)
- 22 Turns and leaves (4)
- on debts (8)

JUMBLED WORDS

Silent___isn't much use to anyone - Gladys Bronwyn Stern (9)

the answer for the given quip.

HMAER

JOSIT

- 23 False encouragement given
 - 19 Is cited twice in divinity (4)

Solutions Crossword 3937: Across: 1 Separates, 8 Tenor, 9 Prelate, 10 Writhe, 11 Static, 12 Redeemer, 15 Regattas, 18 Taoism, 20 Hangar, 21 One-step, 22 Niece, 23 Dust storm. Down: 2 Egret, 3 Allots, 4 Autocrat, 5 Starve, 6 Anatomy, 7 Green room, 11 Searching, 13 Distinct, 14 Agonies, 16 Traced, 17 Posset, 19 Sneer.

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

IMNYTU

AAOPDG

Answer: Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone - Gladys Bronwyn Stern

SOLUTION: HAREM, JOIST, MUTINY, PAGODA

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis





CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







Difficulty Level 4s

SUDOKU 4001

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

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DAY TODAY

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) If relationships with children or younger relatives have been complicated, put the past behind you and concentrate on having a simple and fulfilling time from here on. There will be more tension, but

everything depends on how you handle it. Remember, restraint impresses people.

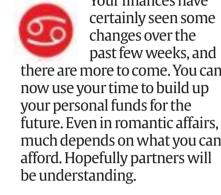
TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Sun is now about to start shedding new light on matters which have been buried for far too long. If you're smarting after recent family disputes, then you now have two weeks to deal with all underlying problems. Start by asking partners what they think — and how they feel.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you have ever wondered why other people are so very strange, but have been unable to find the answer. you may have been looking in the wrong place. Your planets now suggest that the answer lies with you as much as with anyone else. Perhaps your actions have even had unintended consequences.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Your finances have



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) The Moon

commences a new relationship with your sign, so it's now a special time for Leos. You're therefore entering a cycle which favours personal resolutions for the future: do yourself a favour and make a wish. But will it come true? You'll never know unless you try.

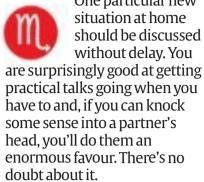
VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Friends and rivals

agree over what needs to be done. Yet it is possible that what is now begun will be completed in a very different form from your current expectations. In love, take it easy and play it cool. Oh, and don't forget a promise you made some time ago.

Your social life is about to be revived and reinvigorated in a rather surprising manner. You may be aware of new possibilities as early as tomorrow, but it may be as long as two weeks before the desired invitations arrive. Perhaps it's just that partners are impossibly slow.

BY PETER VIDAL

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) One particular new



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You'll soon spend a

little extra time mulling over the financial situation. There are of course shopping trips to make, but such routine matters seem to be but the tip of an iceberg which at its depths touches all that is most fundamental in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Happily, the Moon is

in a helpful position. You can afford to embark on the day's schedule with supreme confidence, but you will also have to be honest and upfront about your true feelings. Nobody will respect you if you

attempt to pull the wool over their eyes. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) No matter how hard other people try,

don't let them prise any secrets out of you. And, if you have any spare time, do spend a few moments by yourself in quiet contemplation, free from the responsibilities and distractions of the modern age. You need to work out exactly what you really think.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) That passionate pair,

Venus and Mars, encourage intense desires, but somehow make you feel a little inhibited at the same time. Just how you are going to pick your way through this emotional dilemma is a question which is at present as clear as mud.

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संक्षिप्त निविदा आमंत्रण सचना

पत्रांक-997/स्था.अभि., नई दिल्ली दिनांक- 15/10/2019 बिहार भवन एवं बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली हेतू निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए समुचित श्रेणी में बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों भवन निर्माताओं से बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग एफ-2 एकरारनामा में होने वाले कार्यों के लिए मृहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

1 विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता - स्थानिक अभियंता, बिहार भवन, चाणक्यपरी, नई दिल्ली 2 परिमाण विपत्र के बिक्री की तिथि एवं समय - 30-10-2019 (कार्यालय अवधि तक)

3 निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय 30-10-2019 (अपराहन 3.00 बजे तक) 4 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 31-10-2019 (अपराहन 3.00 से 5.00 बजे तक)

- 1. स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास

चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली।

2. उपस्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय, बिहार निवास,

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1	Painting & polishing work of 1 srt. 2 nd & 3 rd floor rooms of Bihar Niwas	319123	6500	750	एक माह
2	Repair and painting & polishing work of all rooms of Bihar Bhawan.	193709	4000	750	एक माह
3	Repair and painting & polishing work of staircase and corridor old & new wing of Bihar Bhawan.	138411	3000	500	एक माह
4	Repair and painting & polishing work of doors of rooms, bath-rooms and saft of Bihar Niwas	700000	14000	1250	एक माह
5	Repair and painting work in out house of Bihar Bhawan	343122	7000	750	एक माह
6	Repair and painting work of exterior surface of old wing of Bihar Bhawan.	288112	6000	750	एक माह
7	Repair and painting work of all parapet of Bihar Niwas.	202127	4500	500	15 दिन
8	Roof treatment with cico plastering work of east side roof of	267004	6000	750	15 दिन

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9 Roof treatment work with cico plasterin of west side roof of 267004 5600

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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DESIGN & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT (NCDPD) Hall No. 1 (3rd Fl.), Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan, Baba Kharak Singh Marg Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001, Email: ncdpd@ncdpd.in, Website: www.ncdpd.ir

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NCDPD invites EOI from the reputed agencies/firms/companies for beautification/facelift work of front facade of Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan. Interested agencies having experience for the similar job may submit their EOI. The detailed TOR for the same can be obtained from the website: www.ncdpd.in. The last date for submission of EOI shall be within 3 days from this publication.

GOVT. OF BIHAR OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, **BIHAR BHAWAN, NEW DELHI**

NO. 997/Dated 15/10/19 Short notice inviting quotation

The reputed firms/registered contractor are requested to submit sealed quotation for following work in Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas Chanakvapuri. New Delhi for the year 2019-20. Quotation will be submitted up to 28-10-2019 till 3:00 pm and opened on 29.10.2019 at 3:30 pm at the office of the Resident Engineer, Bihar Niwas Chanakyapuri, New Delhi undersigned office has right to cancel quotation without any further information. Registration, Tin No., Pan No. and authorization of firm/Registration paper here enclosed. Details information paper can be obtained from the office of the Resident Engineer Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi. Man power and cab registration certificate issue from Excise department

must be enclosed. S. No **Particulars** 1 Replacement of treadmill in gymanagium of Bihar Niwas.

Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20

2 Changing damage with rain water pipe severage pipe etc. for Bihar Bhawan 3 Construction of grees chamber at Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20 4 Supply of 29 Nos Sony make large size 43" T.V A3W 672 g at Bihar Bhawan and

5 Providing fitting and fixing 2 Nos Mane gate of Bihar Bhawan for the year 2019-

6 Providing fitting and fixing 2 Nos Mane gate of Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20

Supply fitting and fixing small size fridge 10 Nos at Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas for the year 2019-20

Renovation and changing tiles, bathroom fitting, Electrical work of Room No. 304. 305, and 306 at Bihar Bhawan for the year 2019-20

Executive Engineer-cum-Resident Engineer Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi

Office of the Ex. Engineer (Pr.) City & SPZ

Room No. 300, 3rd Floor, Old Hindu College Bldg., Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006 Tel No.: 011-23988845 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No.: EE(Project) CSPZ/TC/2019-20/09 Dated: 15.10.2019 Request of Tender Document: 21.10.2019 18.00 PM to 05.11.2019 18.00 PM, Issue of Tender Document : 21.10.2019 18.01 PM to 05.11.2019 18.10 PM, Tender Closing Date and Time: 06.11.2019 15.00 PM, Opening Date: 07.11.2019 15.00 PM.

Sealed percentage/item rate tenders are invited for the execution of the following works by the North DMC from approved and eligible contractors as per schedule. Name Estimated Earnest Time of

No. of Work Cost (Rs.) Money (Rs.) Comp. 1. Construction of Community Hall, 2540 at Baradari Balimaran in City-2.24.34,738/- 4.48,700/-2. Improvement/Strengthening of carriageway and footpath at Nayi Sarak, Chawri Bazar, Fasil Road (Mohalla Niyarian to Lohari Gate),

Singara Chowk to Qutab Road and adjoining Roads in City-S.P. Zone.

1,95,09,200/- 3,91,000/-06 Months Head of A/c: XL-VIII-S (MLALAD) for both the above works; Tender Amount: Rs. 1,50,93,076/- for Part 'A', Item Rate for Part 'B' & Item Rate for Part 'C' for S.No. 1, Rs. 1,80,42,430/- for S.No. 2, Rate hold good for: 05 Months each, for both the above works; Cost of Tender: Rs. 1,500/- for S. No. 1, Rs. 1,000/- for S. No. 2.

Note :- Detailed information including Addendum/Corrigendum of the NIT would be uploaded on the website www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER only. R.O. No. 123/DPI/North/2019-20 Ex. Engineer (Pr.) City - S.P. Zone

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General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) Namely: Josephkutty Thomas, S/o: AJ Thomas, R/o: JD-13A, Hari Enclave, Hari Nagar, New Delhi, Aged: 48 years, has been reported missing from his house, since 24.09.2019 at 11.00 AM. Vide DD No. 93-A. Dated 25.09.2019. has been lodged at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.



His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Physique/Build: Medium, Clothing: Orange Colour Silk Shirt and Black Pant.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Hari Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

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Josephkutty Thomas

S.H.O P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi

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that one girl namely Neetu, D/o Lt. Tirloki Nath, R/o Gali No.26, Mangal Bazar Road, Samta Vihar, Mukund Pur, New Delhi, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Identification Mark: A Tattoo Mark on left hand Om, wearing White Top and Jeans has been missing/kidnapped since 11.09.2019.

from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 107-A, dated 11.09.2019 has been registered at

P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform

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Website: www.osmcl.nic.in, e-mail: rec.osmcl@nic.in Advertisement for recruitment

Date: 15.10.2019 Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd (OSMCL), Bhubaneswar invites online applications from eligible candidates for filling up

the following vacant posts of the Corporation. For details of the post like scale of pay, eligibility criteria seleciton modalities, general instructions/ information, guideline for filling up of the online application form, mode etc., the applicants may visit the "online recruitment" section of OSMCL website- www.osmcl.nic.in. SI. Name of the Post | Total | Reservation Scale of Pay (Pay Band) & Grade Pay

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3	Biomedical Engineer	8 UR-4 (W-1) SEBC-1, As per ORSP 2017: Rs 56100/-, Level 12 SC-1, ST-2 (W-1)			
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5	5 Jr. Consultant - Finance Operation		1 no. (Unreserved)	Rs. 40,000/- per Month	
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before 15.11.2019, 5.30 PM. Last date of receipt of applications and documents by speed post / registered post is 15.11.2019, 5.30 PM. Any application received by speed post / registered post after 15.11.2019, 5.30 PM will be rejected. Envelops must be superscribed with the name of the post applied for along with the applicants application number,

Managing Director

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The Story Gets Better

The MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival will showcase new voices and stories that enrich Indian cinema

New Beginnings

Actor Zoe Kravitz will play Catwoman in the upcoming DC superhero film The Batman. The actor will play the antiheroine, and the love interest of the superhero, being played by Robert Pattinson. The film is slated to release in 2021.

SNAP SHOT

Author Kaveree Bamzai and Union Minister Smriti Irani; (below) book cover

'Disagreement is a sign

Union minister Smriti Irani spoke about being a

of right upbringing'

guilt-free working mother at a book launch

TANUSHREE GHOSH

TRUTH BE told, "guilty" is a woman's "default

setting". At the Delhi launch of her book, No

Regrets: The Guilt-Free Woman's Guide To A

Good Life (HarperCollins), former journalist

Kaveree Bamzai regaled an episode from the

days when politics in Smriti Zubin Irani's life

was confined to a family drama of an Ekta

Kapoor TV production — Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi

Bahu Thi — whose face was Irani as the prover-

bial Tulsi. After a triple-slap-se-

quence shot, when Irani went home to her three-day-old child,

she was not overcome with guilt.

With Irani that day, Bamzai felt she

could relate to this woman.

Experiences like this, nudged

stigma attached to the fact that a woman does not feel guilt," said

what makes me have no regrets."

"I don't know why there's a

the Union minister for Textiles, and Women

& Child Development, at the launch this week-

end. She added, "I belong to me, not to a rela-

tionship, to a work ethic, to a city, and that is

53, a journalist for over three decades and

mother of two boys, "between a lifetime of

therapy or joining a mental asylum", is the non-fiction book, replete with references from

high literature to pop culture, studies and re-

ports. It is peppered with tips and tricks — for

that elusive guilt-free work-life balance —

from Irani and other working mothers, includ-

ing Twinkle Khanna, Farah Khan, Kiran Rao,

The result of a "dire choice", says Bamzai,

Bamzai to build her book.

Chronicling the Past

AN EXPLORATION into the corporate excesses during the last days of the Mughal Empire, author and historian William Dalrymple's new book, The Anarchy: The East India Company, Corporate Violence, and the Pillage of an Empire, delves into the rise and fall of the

Company rule in India.

Published Bloomsbury, its launch in Delhi, recently, had Dalrymple introducing the book to the gathering through slides of rare historical images of the Mughals, British officers, and the East India Company

officials. These included Robert Clive, the Company's accountant who helped build its supremacy in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa; Warren Hastings, the de facto first Governor General (1732-1818) of India; Mughal Emperor Alamgir Aurangzeb, under whom the Mughal dominion was

the widest, and then collapsed; and the Nawabs of Bengal. "One of the first words to enter the English language from India was loot," Dalrymple said at the beginning of the talk, quoting from the book. **Evoking British politician Edward**

Thurlow, Dalrymple said, "Corporations have neither bodies to be punished, nor souls to be condemned; they, therefore, do as they like." Talking about the process of writing the book, the Delhibased author shared that he spent five years on it. "I plotted every single page," stated

the co-director of the Jaipur Literature Festival. He added that in India we don't have leading academics writing history books for general readers. "It's possible to write a well-researched book that reads like a novel," he added. The lesson of history, he said, was that it's relearnt in every generation.

Shobhaa De, former IBM chairman Vanitha

children can never play one parent against the

other." She added, "Have a conversation with

them, about your work, what's happening in society, in the country, the world. It makes for

A mother of three, Irani has, at times, found

her children having a view "diagonally oppo-

site" to hers. "I'm a giant-killer at home who

gets swatted every day. But your upbringing

has been correct when they

learn to argue, debate or disagree

with you, respectfully, and not

just walk away," said Irani, who

doesn't want her children to en-

ter politics, though it is from

them that she's learnt her polit-

ical-negotiation skills: "The

minute you get angry, you've lost

the battle," she said. When asked

whether she would accept if her

children adopted the Congress party's ideol-

ogy, she said, "That is next to impossible. I have

Padhao campaign, she spoke of a young doc-

tor in Maharashtra's Beed district, who fed the

female fetuses he delivered to six dogs in his

clinic. She said, "While the government has

brought into existence Beti Bachao Beti

Padhao and laws such as the Pre-Conception

and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act,

1994; while the government will ensure that

girls get education, Mudra loans, startup sup-

port, a miracle can only happen when there's

On being asked about the Beti Bachao Beti

full faith in my upbringing."

a healthy relationship."

"Consensus," Irani said, is key. That "the

Narayanan, and banker Naina Lal Kidwai.



A still from Gitanjali Rao's Bombay Rose

ALAKA SAHANI

IN Bombay Rose, Gitanjali Rao's debut animation feature, a young girl who escapes child marriage makes a living as a flower seller on the streets of Mumbai, and also dances, reluctantly, in a club. Nirmali, a married pediatrician in her late 30s, in Bhaskar Hazarika-directed Ravening (Aamis), forges an unusual bond with a young PhD student as they discover a shared love for food — specifically, meat and that changes her world forever. Gurvinder Singh's third feature, Bitter Chestnut (Khanaur), explores a 17-year-old's dilemma over whether he should live a predictable life in his remote Himalayan village or migrate to the city. Prateek Vats-directed Eeb Allay Ooo! is the story of a young migrant battling monkeys in Delhi as a contractual monkey repeller.

ACHAL MISHRA, DIRECTOR OF GAMAK GHAR

'I want my film to be a remembrance of old times'

How did the idea of setting the movie in your ancestral home come about?

Our ancestral house, like so many other houses in the village, was in talks to be renovated into a modern double-storey building. Before that happened, I wanted to make a film to preserve it. At the same time, I am also documenting the rich culture of our region, Mithila, which is also slowly eroding.

How much of it is scripted? We had a structure and a few dialogues when we started out. It was mostly improvised on the set by the cast, dominated by non-actors. Even the scripted bits came from my memory, and some of the scenes are based on our old family photographs. We shot in different seasons over a span of eight months to incorporate the passage of time.

story set in India, along with six others — Director, MAMI, says: "The aim is to dis-Archana Atul Phadke's *About Love*. Achal Mishra's Gamak Ghar, Saurav Rai's Nimtoh (Invitation), Kislay's Just Like That (Aise Hi), Pushpendra Singh's Pearl of the Desert (Maru ro Moti) and Yashaswini Raghunandan's That Cloud Never Left will compete for top honours in the 'India Gold' segment of Jio MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival with Star, which opens on October 17.

Expected to host screenings of nearly 190 films from across the world, the festival promises to bring into the spotlight Indian narratives that offer fresh cinematic voices, innovation and original content. The 10 movies in the 'India Gold' section reflect India's diversity. This apart, the 'India Story' section features 13 movies and 'Spotlight' has seven films.

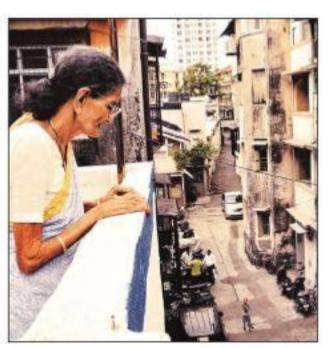
Talking about the selection in the 'India Gold' category, which receives nearly 200

These movies, each telling an exciting entries every year, Smriti Kiran, Artistic cover the tremendous filmmaking talent across India and get the sun to shine on them." She lauds the fact that "Indian filmmakers have been consistently getting more fearless". She also points out that they have been coming up with "deeply personal stories told by honest, immersive and bold storytellers".

The 'Spotlight' section will show Tanuja Chandra's Aunty Sudha Aunty Radha, Arati Kadav's Cargo, Seema Bhargava Pahwa's Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi. RV Ramani's Oh That's Bhanu, Deepti Gupta's Shut Up Sona and Goutam Ghose's The Wayfarers (Raahgir), among others. The 'India Story' section offers a rich experience of Indian narratives with Sapna Moti Bhavnani's Sindhustan, Siddharth Tripathy's A Dog and His Man, Nicholas Kharkongor's *Axone* and Pradip Kurbah's *Market (Iewduh)*, among others.

ARCHANA ATUL PHADKE DIRECTOR OF ABOUT LOVE

'Hopefully, the audience will be able to reflect on their own family'



A still from *About Love*: (below) Archana Atul Phadke

Why did you think of turning the camera towards your own family?

I have always had an affinity for personal subjects. About Love is my debut as a director. It was very natural for me to turn the camera towards a subject that was closest to me – my family.

The film showcases the excitement around a wedding in the family. The story is very Indian, vet universal.

The upcoming wedding in the family becomes a tool in the film to string time together. Though the



the wedding itself. It paints an intimate portrait of three couples — real yet strange in equal parts, all living under one roof to understand the workings of love, and how

film is hardly about

it changes over time. 'Phadke building' home to three generations of the Phadke family, becomes a psychological model of its inhabitants. Hopefully, with this quirky yet realistic approach, the audience will be able to reflect on their own family.

Was the process of filmmaking easier for you, since you were directing, co-producing and co-editing?

I like observing small ecosystems and the rhythms within them. As an intimate portrait, it was important for me to keep the crew small and non-intrusive. Which also meant I have to do everything myself. I had two co-editors on the film, which helped me look at my material objectively. Abhay Kumar (editor and producer) and Rikhav Desai (consulting editor) became key members in this process, as they dealt with the film and the characters very sensitively.

How intimate is this documentary,

While filming, I was always playing a dual role — as a family member and a filmmaker. As a family member, I had access to this space and the people inhabiting it, and as a filmmaker, I was in a constant battle with myself to not let personal feelings affect the truth and cinematic language. Three months into shooting, I found the right balance between the two roles I





(left) Achal Mishra

A still from

Gamak Ghar;

What has been your discovery while making the movie?

I recently discovered my grandfather's old diaries and photographs lying in a corner of our village house. He was a playwright and an actor, and passed away long before I was born. Looking at the pictures and reading anecdotes from a bygone era made me aware of the better days that the house had seen. I wanted my film to be a remembrance of those times.

What are the kind of stories you plan to tell as a filmmaker?

I wish to make films about the ordinary, everyday life, relating to — but hopefully not restricted to – my personal experiences and memories. I have lived more than half my life away from my hometown, Darbhanga, but now I find myself drawn to it. I want to keep exploring stories there as well.

considering this is your family?

was playing.

The Grass That's Strongest

a conscientious effort by everybody."

Architect Neelam Manjunath on working with bamboo that's tougher than steel, fractal geometries and experiments with materials

SHINY VARGHESE

NEELAM MANJUNATH began her presentation in Delhi showing homes of early humans, when caves made way for teepees and then wooden huts with thatched roofs. She showed three types of homes, which used different local materials, and a steel-and-glass building, which could have been anywhere in the world. This journey of 30 minutes across materials and time was her way of saying how we have become a civilisation of one size fits all. She was at the WADE Asia conference held in Delhi recently.

A member of the National Governing Council, Bamboo Society of India, and Chairman of its Karnataka Chapter, Manjunath says, "We plan to compile an International Bamboo Code to better promote the material. Politicians make policies about affordable homes; they should look at this material." She recalls a recent trip near Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, where she saw

homes built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana used as cow sheds. "Concrete makes a building too hot in summer and too cold in the winters. People keep their cattle in these

homes and sleep in their mud and thatch ones," says the 52-year-old. Her first project at

Manasaram Architects in 1999 came from Karnataka's only female governor, VS Ramadevi. In Raj Bhavan, Manjunath had to remodel a dilapidated brick building, which would become a space to entertain VIPs. She saw it as an opportunity to evangelise the use of bamboo, even if she got no fees for the job.

"I grew up in a family where frugal living was encouraged. We didn't waste any resources or time, and that idea permeates my architecture. A graduate from the Government College of Architecture. Lucknow, her marriage to a bureaucrat from

Karnataka took her to Bangalore. "At the time, I was working on solar passive architecture. Now it's given marketing names like sustainable and green. Architecture is supposed to be

> climate centric. You must know about soil, economics, sociology and geology, all of it. We have diluted our own definition of who an architect is. Earlier, the architect used to be at the head of the table and now, builders and engineers sit there. Today, to be an architect, you need 3D printers and software, that's not how it should be," says Manjunath,

who was nominated as World Bamboo Ambassador at the World Bamboo Organization in 2018, in Mexico.

While exploring material engineering, she found options in terracotta blocks and bamboo. "I began looking at fractal geometry, how a polyhedron works, how space and functions can work around it. I'm keen on grid-shell





(From left) Neelam Manjunath; her house in Bengaluru; the Cocoon project in Trichy

structures," she says. Her engagement with these complexities shows up in her Cocoon project for the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Trichy, where a multi-utility area became a teaching and exhibition space. Various experiments with mud and bamboo found place at her own home in Bengaluru, A House of Five Elements. Her office, close to her house, is another example in experimentation.

"In mud constructions you get only threemetre-wide windows. I worked with structural engineer MR Yogananda to get four-metre windows in my house. Since we were

using stabilised mud blocks and wanted wider windows, we had to change the mix for every wall, so each wall was differently designed. The house also has a 175-ft long curved beam and two-way dome shell, which even 10 years ago was unheard of," says the award-winning architect.

Manjunath's advocacy has taken her across the country and the world, where she has presented papers on the efficiency of bamboo as an architectural material. "I believe in using less bamboo to do work more. I have presented proposals to the Bangalore

Metro, where bamboo can be used in construction," she says. Dispelling myths that bamboo warps in external use, Manjunath says, "Can you keep steel outside without it begin treated? It's the same with bamboo. A research done on fire rating for concrete, steel and bamboo, showed each is equally susceptible. In extreme heat, steel loses its strength, concrete will collapse, but bamboo and wood will only char," says Manjunath, adding, "When you buy cement, the money goes to a corporation. Who will sell you mud and bamboo?"

PAINE BACKS SMITH'S RETURN TO CAPTAINCY

Australian captain Tim Paine has addressed speculation over whether Steve Smith will again lead the team once a ban ends in March, saying he would be fully supportive if it happens "one day".

CoA suggests dilution of 'conflict' clause...

players — both current as well as former".

Players will, however, have to make full disclosures at the outset, after which relaxations can be granted and they may be allowed to hold

A wide number of former players, includ-

ing Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar, VVS Laxman,

Rahul Dravid and BCCI president-elect Sourav

Ganguly were found to be in violation of the

conflict of interest clause in the last few

months. BCCI's Rule 38 (4) barred individuals

from holding more than one post at the same time. This applied to players, selectors, mem-

bers of cricket committees, team officials, fran-

become necessary in light of the realisation

that this was a crucial time in the revamp of

BCCI and it was important that the Indian board "engaged with former players since

the cricket reforms process requires cricket-

ing activities to be managed only by cricket

committees, exclusively comprising of for-

The CoA suggested that former international players, who are not in long-term con-

tract with the BCCI or in positions of gover-

nance in the BCCI or its member associations.

be exempt from 38 (4)'s restrictions. So those contracted by BCCI for less than two years, may

now be allowed to occupy more than one post

so long as fulfilling this role or conducting that

duty isn't compromised or prejudiced by don-

were only few available individuals with the

required superior cricketing skillset and ex-

pertise in the game. "Therefore restriction of

their involvement to merely one post will ad-

versly impact the utilization of the best crick-

eting expertise available for filling up cricket-

ing positions and the overall improvement of

in multiple capacities where none of the roles

are hit by conflict, so it won't limit employ-

ment of former players, who can work with

the BCCI on part-time basis. Several cricketers

and their legal representatives had stressed

that the conflict rules were imposing undue

restriction on their right to earn a livelhood in

to conflict of interest are too rigid and prohibit

holding of two unrelated or remotely-related

posts as listed by 38(4). It prohibits even for-

mer players and current players, who do not

The report further read, "Rules pertaining

the Indian cricketing ecosystem.

The CoA now wants to involve individuals

the game," the report stated.

According to the status report, the CoA felt that though vacancies needed to be filled, there

The CoA has now urged for a case-by-case discretion from the Ethics Officer. This had

chise managers or commentators.

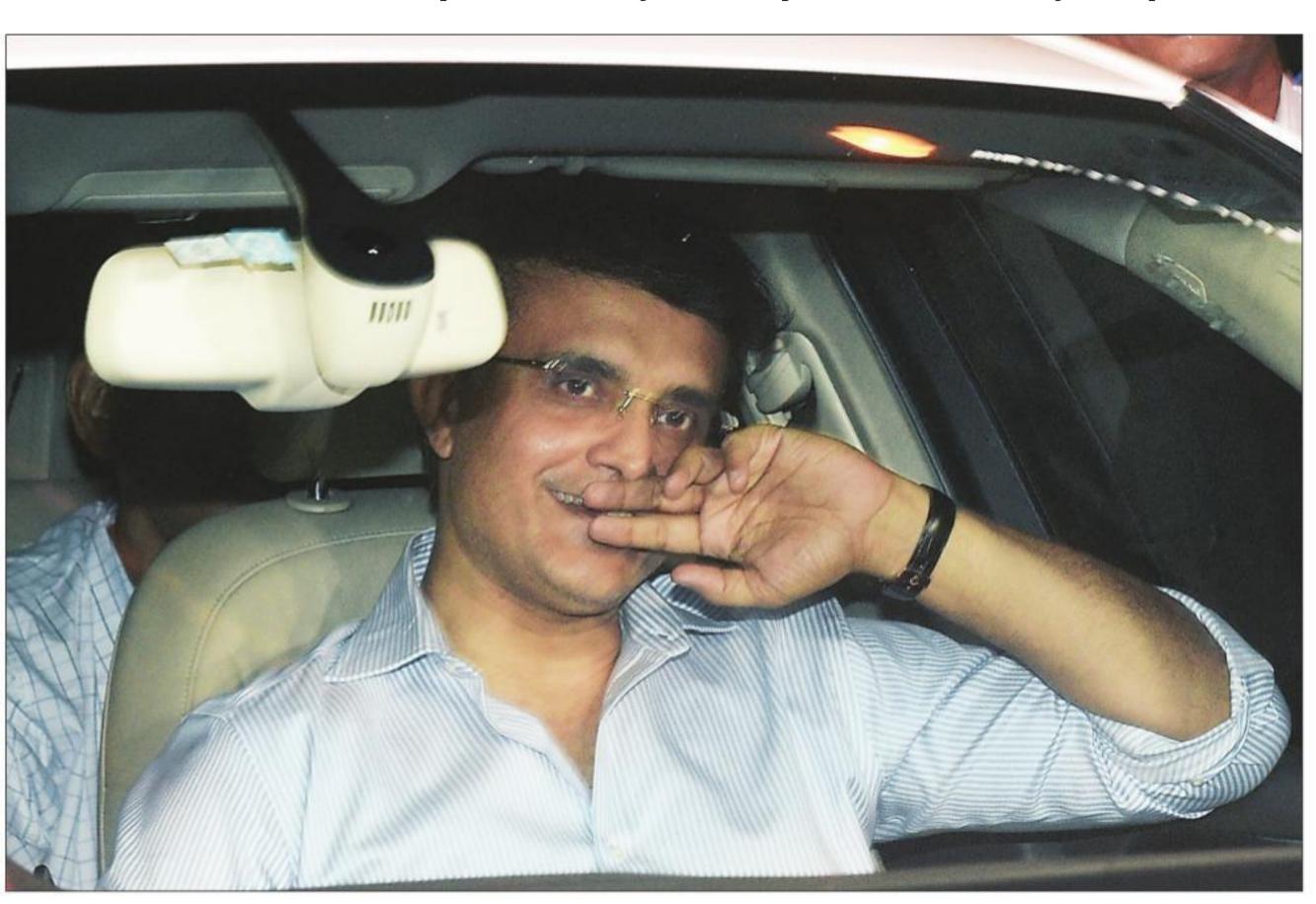
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Back at Eden, Ganguly talks cricket

Kohli's men need to win ICC events, pink ball Test way forward, spinners love SG ball, says BCCI prez-elect



Driver's seat

BCCI president-designate Sourav Ganguly arrives at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Tuesday. PTI

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

KOLKATA, OCTOBER 15

RED CARPET was rolled out at Eden Gardens for Sourav Ganguly as he returned from Mumbai after filing his nomination for the BCCI president's post. And as the BCCI president-elect arrived at the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), things became chaotic. It felt like a throwback to 1996, when the 'Prince of Calcutta' had returned home after scoring back-to-back hundreds in his debut Test series. Ganguly, however, described his century at Lord's on his Test debut "30 times bigger than this".

He took charge of the Indian team as its captain at the turn of the century, when Indian cricket was going through an upheaval in the wake of the match-fixing scandal. His leadership changed the Indian team. Along the way, Ganguly had put huge emphasis on winning overseas. As the BCCI president, is he satisfied with the way the current team performs away from home? According to him, India not winning an ICC tournament for the last six years is an area that needs to be addressed.

"I think it's (India's performance abroad) satisfactory and we have a very good side. My only thing is that we need to win big tournaments. I'm not saying they will win every time. It's not possible. But they have gone through seven big tournaments without winning one; they are much better side than that. That's the only area where they need to get themselves ready mentally. Talent is enormous, otherwise they couldn't have played so well in the World Cup till the semifinals. So that's an issue which Virat needs to address. And that doesn't happen in the boardroom," Ganguly said.

India won the 2013 Champions Trophy but they have faltered in the knockouts at the ICC events since. Between the lines, there was a message to the team management.

Ganguly also had a message for Wriddhiman Saha, who wowed the pundits and fans alike with his 'keeping in the Pune Test against South Africa. Kohli called his stumper the best in the world and few would argue. But Ganguly wants the Bengal 'keeper-batsman to be equally good in front of the wicket, if he wants to play 100 Tests.

"I'm extremely happy that he (Saha) does well behind the stumps. But my suggestion to him is that in front of the stumps he should score a lot many runs. His wicket-keeping will never be doubted. (But) if he wants to play 100 Tests, he will have to score a lot more runs. He is our own boy. I wish him the best. Hopefully, in the third Test he will get a hundred.'

An emergency-like situation

He is taking charge of the BCCI at a time, when the cricket board's functioning needs to be streamlined after nearly three years of the CoA rule. The former India captain called it an emergency-like situation.

"When I became the India captain, the team was going through a difficult phase. Now also, the administration is going through a major crisis for three years. It's actually an emergency, as I have said before, and I'm happy to get the responsibility to turn it around. That's what matters. When it is tough, people believe that you are good enough to do it. That's my biggest responsibility.'

Last year, when West Indies came here, the

BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary wanted the first Test at Rajkot to be a day-night affair. The Committee of Administrators (CoA) vetoed it, as according to them, players were reluctant. Ganguly, however, has always been a supporter of day-night Tests. After taking charge of the CAB, he brought in pink-ball games in local cricket. With him helming Indian cricket now, is there a chance that India would finally embrace day-night Tests?

"Let's see. Before talking to the team management, this needs the approval of the BCCI members. But I always believe that's the way forward in Test cricket. Games are being played before empty stands," Ganguly said.

Last year, Kohli had criticised the quality of the SG ball, that is used for home Tests. "To have a ball scuffed up in five overs is not something that we have seen before," the India captain had said. The MCC's cricket committee, with Ganguly on board, proposed standardisation of the red ball. The BCCI president-elect, however, dropped a hint that India would continue to have the SG ball for home Tests.

"When I was the India captain, the SG ball came in. The spinners wouldn't let the SG ball get off their hands. And Virat Kohli will face the same problem. Ravi Ashwin, Jadeja and

questions before, when I met Mamata Didi, the chief minister, and you have seen the results. I met Amit Shah for the first time ever. The questions were different Neither was I asked a question on what's going to happen to the BCCI; whether I'm going to get a post or not. Neither was there any discussion of that sort (joining BJP) happened; that you only get this if we agree to that."

I have heard these political

SOURAV GANGULY

ON IF HIS MEETING WITH AMIT SHAH HAD ANY POLITICAL UNDERTONE

Kuldeep will not let him change the SG ball." Ganguly reiterated his stand on the conflict-of-interest and how it is important for Indian cricket to have legends like Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid contributing to the game. He also mentioned how the BCCI is struggling to fill up the IPL governing council posts, because members are "reluctant" to give up their positions in their respective state associations.

The question with regards to his meeting with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and if that had any political undertone, with an eye to the 2021 Assembly polls in Bengal, came in due course. "You must have seen Amit Shah's tweet yesterday and he has said very rightly. Not once has he said we will do this for doing that... You have got to give respect to that," Ganguly contended, adding: "I have heard these political questions before, when I met Mamata Didi, the chief minister, and you have seen the results. I met Amit Shah for the first time ever. The questions were different. Neither was I asked a question on what's going to happen to the BCCI; whether I'm going to get a post or not. Neither was there any discussion of that sort (joining BJP) happened; that you only get this if we agree to that."

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have long term contracts with the BCCI to hold other positions not only in the BCCI but within the entire Indian cricket ecosystem. The current players, not on an annual contract with the BCCI, and participating in limited number of cricket tournaments for limited part of the year are being unduly restricted from being gainfully employed even outside the BCCI during off season."

BCCI's Ethics officer DK Jain.

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Tendulkar had to recuse himself from CAC (Cricket Advisory Committee). Later, Jain ordered Laxman and Ganguly to choose between their IPL teams and their respective positions in state associations and BCCI. Kapil Dev resigned from his post of ad-hoc CAC chief whereas Dravid's hearing is still under process.

"The Committee of Administrators has come across various instances where the rules pertaining to conflict of interest have been applied to positions and scenarios which in its view did not warrant such application. Possibly this is result of straightjacketed applications of the rules on the basis of certain illustrations given in the conflict rules which seem to cover within its ambit a wide range of scenarios and individual irrespective of their level of proximity or association within the BCCI administration," the status report read.

The CoA had held meetings with a number of past and current cricketers who were adamant that the BCCI needed to relax few clauses. Cricketers had argued how coaching two teams (franchise, state or national) could fall under conflict, or how playing cricket and commentating in IPL could possibly be seen as conflicting when the Indian board wasn't even offering a full contract to each cricketer, falling under their umbrella. The players had felt that it was too harsh on them as all their life they had "only known cricket".

The BCCI will however demand full disclosure within 15 days of potential problem areas. These may be deemed as tractable or intractable, and will then be acted upon by the Ethics Officer. It is suggested that players past or present, who are handed full-time contract shall strictly come under conflict of interest rules. Whereas those who are engaged on annual basis, or two-three years contract should be allowed to hold multiple positions except in Apex Council and Governing Council.

...Recommends independent committee to pick Ombudsman

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

AIMING TO ensure effectiveness and impartiality of the office of ombudsman and ethics officer, the Committee of Administrators has made a recommendation to the Supreme Court that the BCCI should constitute an independent committee that will pick candidates for the two watchdog posts. In its final status report, the CoA suggested that the committee should have a former Chief Justice of India and two international cricketers, one male and one female, nominated by the Indian Cricketers' Association.

This committee will recommend names for the posts of ombudsman and ethics officer at the BCCI's AGM on October 23. The same process should be undertaken for the state units. Under the current structure, as per the CoA, the ombudsman and ethics officer are selected by the BCCI and state associations itself. This has raised apprehensions that com-

plaints that come up for consideration, may not be dealt with in a manner that is fair, expedient and reasonable.

The CoA, during the course of implementing the Lodha Committee's reforms had found how vested interests in some state associations had managed to remove and replace the ombudsman when faced with orders not in their favour. "This was observed particularly in the case of Bihar Cricket Association, which was fraught with factionalism and in-fighting. Representation were received from the Association alleging that two Ombudsmen were removed by the Office-Bearer of the Association when faced with orders against them," the CoA status report reads.

The CoA also wants to amend the part of the rule that requires the Apex Council to be kept in the loop while seeking redressal of grievances. It was suggested that those aggrieved could directly approach the ombudsman. This was deemed necessary after concerns of the Apex Council refusing to forward complaints.

the game's governing body's proposed

had told reporters how time has come for the BCCI to assert itself at the ICC. with India's revenue share being considerably reduced by the global body. There's a bigger challenge at hand, as Futures Tours Programme (FTP) could significantly hit Indian cricket board's revenue stream.

Kolkata: On Monday, Sourav Ganguly

Under the proposal, the ICC plans to have World T20 every year and 50-over World Cup every three years, apparently to highjack the BCCI's share of revenue from potential broadcasters for the 20232028 cycle. With the BCCI looking forward to regain its might under its new dispensation, sparks are expected at the next ICC meeting. The BCCI presidentelect showed restrained, when he was asked about the ICC's proposal.

Scheduling: Ganguly not on same page as ICC

"(I'm) not in a position to comment. But sometime less is more in life. So we got to be careful with that. And the football World Cup happens every four years and you see the madness. That's a decision the ICC has to make. I'm not in a position to talk or comment on it. As in, when I get an opportunity to be a part of the discussion. I will speak." Ganguly said.

> cricket and cricketers. He has had been the CAB president for four years. So he knows what to do and what not to do. So we can request him and the BCCI to help the cricketers. We have a start. We have a meeting on October 16, where the directors of the ICA will sit and there will be a lot of brainstorming. Then, we have our spokespersons in Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy, who will be putting our words across to the BCCI.

Are you satisfied with the way the ICA elections happened?

Absolutely. It was e-voting. So, whosoever voted, everybody has his/her own mind. But for us, the eight of us (directors), to satisfy now the demand of these 1,250 cricketers is not going be easy. And we are going to open the membership for the rest of the people. So it's a huge responsibility and I will only request the fellow cricketers to be a little bit patient. Because, it's not going to be an overnight job.

What does it mean to you that you are the ICA president?

Honestly, I'm surprised to say the least. I'm also surprised that I was elected unopposed.

I have been given the responsibility to look after the welfare of the cricketers. So I will try to do it to the best of my ability. I have played cricket for 24 years. I have been a selector. I have been a coach for a few years. So I have 30-35 years of cricketing experience behind me, and I know the grassroots-level cricket and cricketers. I can tell you that the first three-four months are going to be very, very vital. Because, most of the cricketers are going to expect something from us. Every cricketer has his/her own picking and his/her own agenda. To satisfy everybody, it's not going to be (possible). But we will try to work for the benefit of the majority of the cricketers.

How significant it is that two ICA representative nominees would be at the BCCI apex council?

Up till now, no cricketer was there in the BCCI. Now, we got two cricketers in every state association. Thirty-eight state associations have two cricketers (each) in their respective apex council. So, 76 cricketers in state associations, plus two in the BCCI. And they will be our spokespersons. And what Justice Lodha has done, he has given the voting rights to former international cricketers in every state association. That means we go to the associations with the right to vote. That's the biggest plus for us.

What's your take on conflict-ofinterest?

See, I'm doing an honorary job for the ICA. I have to earn my bread and butter. You can't expect me to do an honorary job and stop working as a commentator. I have to earn my livelihood. I have to run my house. So, conflict-of-interest is a lit bit of a funny kind of thing and I'm sure, as Sourav said, he will look into this and definitely good sense will prevail. I think the current conflict-of-interest clause carries things a little bit too far.

Do you support the ICA's affiliation to

the FICA? Why not? Once there's a cricketers' association. I'm sure we will have interaction with the cricketers' associations of the other countries. The FICA is recognised by the ICC and the BCCI comes under the ICC. I think the BCCI should be OK with that, now that they have decided to have a cricketers' association.

ting the same kind of pension for the last SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY seven-eight years. Plus, people who have KOLKATA, OCTOBER 15 played less than 25 Ranji Trophy games don't get pensions. Youth internationals should be THE INDIAN Cricketers' Association (ICA) paid at par with the Ranji Trophy players. president Ashok Malhotra spoke to The Women (international) cricketers should be paid at par with the Ranji Trophy players.

Indian Express, touching upon issue like conflict-of-interest and whether the ICA should be part of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA). Excerpts:

What does it mean to you that for the first time a cricketers' association has the BCCI's recognition?

The most important thing is that the ICA is for the cricketers' benefit. For the first time a cricketers' body has the BCCI's recognition. Before this also, cricketers had associations. But those associations were made by the top-level players. They had their own kind of agenda. In this association, there are already 1,250 members. We aren't talking about the elite ones. We are talking about first-class cricketers. We are talking about those former cricketers who aren't probably financially well-off. I will try to definitely talk with the elite cricketers also, but they are already very well-off. We aren't getAge-fudging is a serious problem in junior cricket. Will the ICA try and look into the matter?

There's a huge difference (in wages) between

the international men cricketers and the inter-

national women cricketers. That also some-

where we try and work.

At junior levels, there is a lot of age-fudging. We saw that in Bengal cricket also. We will try and curb that. If a 19-year-old is playing at U-16s, then he will dominate the U-16 guys. And good talent would be left behind. And ultimately the U-19 guy will be found out, when he plays the Ranji Trophy.

Does it help that Sourav Ganguly is going to be the new BCCI president?

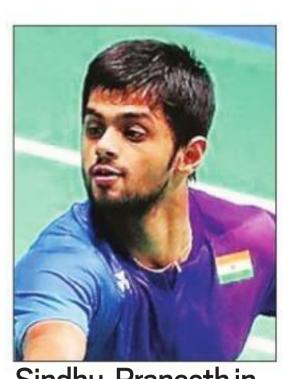
It's a great thing for us that we have got a cricketer president. Sourav knows about



Ashok Malhotra. Express File

ICA chief Malhotra aware of high expectations: 'Not possible to satisfy everyone'

BRIEFLY



Sindhu, Praneeth in Denmark Open RD 2

World Champion PV Sindhu made an impressive start to her campaign at the Denmark Open, claiming a straightgame win over Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung in the women's singles competition here on Tuesday. Fifth seed Sindhu, who had made early exits in China and Korea, got back her bearing as she overcame former World Junior Champion Gregoria 22-20 21-18 in 38 minutes to keep her 5-0 record intact against the Indonesian. The Olympic silver medallist will now face Korea's An Se Young next. World Championships bronze medallist B Sai Praneeth also made it to the second round beating the legendary Lin Dan 21-14 21-17 in a 35-minute opening round clash. The Hyderabad shuttler is likely to meet world no 1 and two-time world champion Kento Momota of lapan next. He had lost to Momota at the Worlds in Basel, Switzerland. Thailand Open champions Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also made a good start to their men's doubles campaign, beating Korean pair of Kim Gi Jung and Lee Yong Dae 24-22 21-11 in 39 minutes.

India lose to Japan in Sultan of Johor Cup

India went down to Japan 3-4 in a high octane game for their first loss at the Sultan of Johor Cup on Tuesday. It was Japan who took an early lead in the game, their very first attack earning them a first penalty corner. From the resultant drag flick, Wataru Matsumoto converted to give them the lead. India didn't let their heads drop though, and almost drew themselves level with a penalty corner of their own in the third minute. But, Pratap Lakra's effort was saved by Takumi Kitagawa. India's attacking efforts were constant and through the first quarter they were a threat going forward, but were unable to apply the finishing touch to their play. At the back, Prashant Chauhan pulled off a succession of great saves right at the death to ensure India went into the break down by just one goal. **PTI**

Simmons recalled to coach Windies

Phil Simmons has returned to take charge of the West Indies three years after being dismissed in controversial circumstances, Cricket West Indies has announced. The CWI said that Simmons would be head coach for the next four years. He led the Windies to the 2016 Twenty 20 World Cup before being booted out amid tensions with his paymasters. "Bringing Phil Simmons back is not just righting a past wrong, but I am confident that CWI has chosen the right man for the job at the right time," said CWI president Ricky Skerritt. Simmons was sacked in September 2016 for "differences in culture and strategic approach" between with the cricket hierarchy despite their remarkable T20 World Cup triumph, won in the last over of a dramatic final against England when Brathwaite hitting four consecutive sixes.

AITA once again reluctant to travel for Pak Davis Cup tie

SHAHID JUDGE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 15

THE ALL India Tennis Association (AITA) has again written to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to request for a change in

the venue for India's upcoming Davis Cup tie in Pakistan. The Group 1 Asia/Oceania clash is scheduled to take place on November 29-30 in Islamabad, but the national federation has cited security concerns and asked for the tie to be held at a neutral venue instead. "We have made a further request for a

change in venue yesterday," says AITA secretary general Hironmoy Chatterjee to The Indian Express. "So far we haven't heard from the ITF, but we did forward to them

the security report we received from the Davis Cup committee for consideration."

The draw for India's upcoming tie was made back in February, and the AITA had announced a strong Indian team to travel for the tie which was to originally be held in September. But with the political relations between the two countries breaking down following the Kashmir issue that arose in August, the AITA had requested the ITF to either shift the tie to a neutral venue or postpone it by two months. After initially rejecting both pleas, the ITF decided to delay the tie to November.

The new dates however render India's no 1 singles and no 2 doubles players, Prajnesh Gunneswaran (ranked 82) and Divij Sharan (ranked 43) respectively, unavailable for tie due to prior commitments.

Since the tie was shifted from its initial date in September, relations between the two countries have not improved. As a result, the players have written to the AITA asking for it to approach the world body for a shift in venue.

"Prajnesh will be getting married, and Divij will be having a wedding reception around the same time. So there's nothing that can be done there," Chatterjee says.

Despite the AITA writing to the ITF for a change in venue, the national body, at the behest of the ITF, has started the visa process for the players.

"The ITF had asked us to start working on getting the visas for the trip," Chatterjee adds. "So we have begun that process with

a broader group of players. Since Prajnesh and Divij are out, we will have to figure out who we can send."

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"The players are also looking for a change in venue so that they can feel com-

fortable when playing the tie," Chatterjee says. "We will first have to see where the tie will be held, in Islamabad or elsewhere. Then we will see who is available and willing to play. Accordingly we will select a

team." The ITF meanwhile, had stated that it would conduct a security review of the

venue in Islamabad on November 4. The last time an Indian team did travel to Pakistan for a Davis Cup tie was back in 1964. Since then, the team was again slated to travel across the border for in 1973, but as it was still fresh after the 1971 Indo-Pak War, the tie was shifted to neutral Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Forty-six years later, the Indian team is again hoping for the tie to be shifted to a neutral venue.

Bangla slap before Viking clap

Failing to record win against opponents 83 places below them, Igor Stimac's team faces troubling questions

MIHIR VASAVDA OCTOBER 15

TWO MINUTES remained, India – trailing by a goal – earned a corner, and Adil Khan headed it home. The 31-year-old defender sprinted towards the corner flag, thumping his chest and engaging the crowd. A few minutes later, Khan and rest of the Indian players lined up in front of a section of fans behind the goal of the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata and performed the Viking Clap, the loud chant of 'huh' accompanied with a single clap. Looking at those celebrations, one could've been forgiven for assuming India had rolled over their opponents, ranked 83 places below them, when actually it was the other way round.

Bangladesh did not exactly rollover India, the match ended 1-1, but they very nearly pulled off a seemingly impossible result. When the groups for the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifiers were drawn, it was widely assumed India would pocket six points from the two matches against Bangladesh. It was a prediction based on form, reputations – on paper at least – and past results.

Apart from a win over Afghanistan in 2008, Bangladesh hadn't beaten any of the Group E teams - India, Oman and Qatar. Their chief coach, Jamie Day, was the assistant manager of a club in the fifth tier of English football. A majority of their players in the starting 11 were aged 19 or 20 – and without much experience of playing at this level.

Ragtag unit

Goalkeeper Ashraful Rana's body of work, as per his Wikipedia page, is making debut in 2015, making 10 against UAE in a friendly in 2016 and being anointed as the captain in the same year. Forward Mahbubur Rahman's biggest achievement to date was leading his former club Arambagh KS to its first-ever local league title in Dhaka.

Surely this ragtag bunch of players did not stand a chance to beat a team coached by a World Cupper who played a vital role in helping Croatia qualify for the 2014 edition, and comprising players who play 'Asia's fastestgrowing' league?

Well, they almost did. Khan's late equaliser made sure India did not lose the match. But they did lose face. The 1-1 draw means India are still in search of their first win of the qualifiers. The two draws and a defeat from their first three matches leaves them fourth in the five-team table, a point ahead of Bangladesh and a point behind Afghanistan, whom they face next on November 14 at a neutral venue in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. India have been on a high ever since holding 2022 World Cup hosts and Asian champions Oatar to a goalless draw at their home in their previous match a month ago. On Tuesday, though, Igor Stimac's side were a shadow of what they have been in the opening two matches. There wasn't a single redeeming feature in India's performance – they were fragile and unsure at the back, absent in the middle and toothless upfront. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu failed to collect a harmless cross from a freekick, which was headed in by Saad Uddin in the 41st minute. Khan and his Anas Edathodika – playing in place of Sandesh Jhingan who is out



Indian players seemed ecstatic with the draw against lower-ranked Bangladesh as they performed the Viking Clap in front of the Salt Lake crowd. PTI

for six months with an injury – left the goal exposed so frequently that Bangladesh had a couple more shies at the Indian goal. If they were a little sharper – and if not for Khan's goal-line clearance midway through the second half – they could have pulled off a coup.

When India had the ball, they were slow and sluggish. They tried attacking from the wings, as is their style, but Udanta Singh and Ashigue Kuruniyan weren't having the best of the nights. And the strategy to hoick the ball forward towards Sunil Chhetri and Manvir Singh, ineffective as always, meant Anirudh Thapa and Sahal Abdul Samad could not impact play.

Captain's off-day

Chhetri was off-color, which is never great news for India given that no other striker is reliable. Bangladesh didn't dominate possession, but they did just enough every time they had the ball. India, on the other hand, had a lion's share but conjured up precious little.

The players lacked energy and looked fatigued. The poor fitness is partly attributed to the lack of match practice – the league got over seven months ago and the players have largely been in national camp with a match or two in between. While that is a major issue, you'd still expect India to beat Bangladesh, who have played fewer competitive matches than India.

GROUP E STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Qatar	4	3	1	0	9	10
2 Oman	3	2	0	1	3	6
3 Afghanistan	3	1	0	2	-8	3
4 India	3	0	2	1	-1	2
5 Bangladesh	3	0	1	2	-3	1

■ India's next two matches are away Afghanistan on November 14 and Oman on November 19.

■ The draw all but ends their hopes of finishing in the top two of the group, which would've given them a chance to compete in the next round of World Cup qualifiers.

The 1-1 draw goes against the recent run of the national team, which has seen them notch up respectable performances against some of the continent's heavyweights. How the team reacts to this setback against a tricky Afghanistan next month will be crucial. It might not be a defeat, but this result will throw up troubling questions for the coach and players.

Coach Stimac rues wards' inability to score goals

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INDIAN FOOTBALL head coach Igor Stimac on Tuesday rued his players' inability to score goals as his side settled for a 1-1 draw against Bangladesh in their World Cup qualifying round match here.

India missed their star defender Sandesh Jhingan sorely as a judgmental error from Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saw Bangladesh go 1-0 up in the 42nd minute through a Saad Uddin header. It was defendfer Adil Khan who saved India the blushes with his 88th minute header on a day inspirational skip-

per Sunil Chhetri was not at his best. "Our scoring incapability was the reason why we didn't win. We conceded very silly goal. We can't expect to win the game if you concede such a goal. Their goalkeeper was my man-of-the-match," Stimac told reporters in the post-match media interaction.

"We deserved to win this game. We pushed until the end and created enough chances to win the game. But our scoring was not good enough. "I'm not happy with first 45 minutes. Our

players in the back were not passing well. When you play against a team like Bangladesh who put more in defence you need to pass well from behind," the Croatian said. Stimac said his side "absolutely' changed in the second-half by executing the passes from the sides as the channels started opening up.

"But we were not aggressive enough Many more things we need to work on."

India thus failed to notch a win against a team who are 83 places below them to settle for a successive draw. In their previous game, India fought valiantly to hold Asian champions Qatar to a goalless draw in a match Gurpeet Singh Sandhu made 11 saves.

Stimac, however, refused to blame any player.

AIBA WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Worlds campaign delivers four medals, and points to dwell on

GAURAV BHATT

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 15

A SECOND successive four-medal haul at the World Championships speaks of the health of women boxing in India, but there remains a need to tweak and improve ahead of next year's Olympic qualifiers. Head coach Mohammad Ali Qamar broke down the good and the bad of the campaign in Russia during Tuesday's felicitation ceremony.

Technique and strategy

The good things first. Indians go into the bouts technically and strategically equipped. "We have superior technique. Most other countries stand and trade," said Qamar. "Our girls move much better, with coordination."

Take for example Jamuna Boro's 54kg semifinal against the freakishly-tall-for-thedivision Hsiao-Wen Huan of Chinese Taipei. The lanky 5'8 boxer, who's been going through massive weight cuts to drop down from her native 60kg division, had the height and reach advantage to overwhelm Boro. But the Indian

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put up a fair fight. "I thought I won. The coaches were telling The Indian women's contingent with coach Raffaele Bergamasco. PTI me I won," said Boro, who lost the fight 5-0 to the eventual gold-medallist. "The judges who are watching from below, they usually favour the taller boxer. If someone has the height, even if she is keeping distance and only try-

ing to punch from the range, makes a good impression on the judges." The 5'4 Boro had dispatched taller opponents in the earlier rounds, and thus had the

prototype to counter Huan. "She was staying at a distance, but she wasn't able to connect properly. I was moving well, slipping in and out. I used the 3-2, 4-5 combinations to go inside, even the hooks were landing," said Boro. "I will see her again, and probably this time I will use my left hand to block instead of slipping and punching. Will try to be more aggressive too."

Oamar said: "The strategy was there. She was playing from a range. Jamuna tried to go in and stop her from extending her punches. It's all about going all out for her."

Strategies are good, executions could be better. But Indian boxers also need to adapt to the situation, Lovlina Borgohain had prepared for Chinese number 1 Gu Hong, last year's finalist and 2019 Asian champion. In the preparatory camp in Italy, Borgohain dominated Hong and felt good about her chances in Russia. The Chinese camp then switched Hong with unheralded Liu Yang, who defeated Borgohain to make the final.

"They completely switched up their planning, and sent her," said Borgohain, who was down with fever thanks to the sub-zero temperature in Ulan-Ude. "In the hall, sparring and all was fine. But I couldn't practice outside because of the fever."

Strength

"Boxers from other countries are stronger," shared Oamar. "You can see it in their muscles, very strong. Italy, Netherlands, Germany. Most of the European teams focus a lot on strength."

Qamar shares that going forward, the

Indian contingent would look to opt for open gym sessions and increased strength training. "Increase the amount of weight, maximum strength training will be the focus."

Video analysis and nutrition

Ali also spoke of the importance of video analysis, and how India could spend some more time scouting opponents. While the women's contingent has a video analyst at disposal, the boxers as well as coaches could do more to draw up battle plans.

"I think we need to focus on it more. Watch three-four bouts, maybe coaches could sit down with the boxers," said Qamar, who added that nutrition remains a key issue as well. "We are not being able to make the boxers get rid of oily food. Doodh, ghee. You tell them to drop it and they go 'this is what we've grown up on.' Nutrition is paramount and that's another thing we will focus on."

Pressure

"Often we would wonder, why are our boxers so exhausted after a practice session. We realised that they are taking a lot of pressure," said Qamar. "Nowadays, the draws are readily available. Online, via WhatsApp. They start looking too far ahead. 'Tomorrow I am facing her. My final can be against this one. That is the another thing they need to mentally improve about."

But while pressure could make straightforward fights difficult — "I was so scared before my first round match because I was opening India's campaign" shared Boro — others could rise up to the moment.

"My first fight was easy, but the second was against number 1, top seeded boxer," said Manju Rani, who beat North Korean Kim Hyang-Mi in the 48kg quarterfinal. 'There was a little nervousness. But I realised that if I win this fight, my life will change. I fought with everything I had then."

Scoring

Majority of the Indian contingent returned from Russia with the feeling of being wronged. And one has been more vocal about perceived partiality against Indian boxers than Mary Kom, who lost in the semifinal. "I don't want to say I am right. I am not happy with the decision, that is all," said Mary, who added that she is not worried about facing Chinese boxers in China at the Olympic qualifiers because "it will be organised by the IOC, not AIBA."

The rude, bad and the ugly

Bulgarian football chief steps down after racist chants mar England game

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BULGARIAN SOCCER chief Borislav Mihaylov resigned on Tuesday after fans taunted England's black players with Nazi salutes and monkey chants during a Euro 2020 qualifier in Sofia, prompting match officials to halt the game twice.

Prime Minister Boyko Borissov had called earlier for Mihaylov, a former goalkeeper and Bulgaria international, to go.

The fallout from what English FA chairman Greg Clarke described as "probably one of the most appalling nights I have seen in football" also triggered calls for urgent action from anti-racism campaigners and politicians. A spokesman for British Prime

Minister Boris Johnson said European governing body UEFA -- the tournament organisers -needed to do more to tackle "vile" president racism.UEFA Aleksander Ceferin said, however, that soccer could not solve the problem on its own, and politicians must play a greater role.

"The football family -- everyone from administrators to players, coaches and fans -- needs to work with governments and NGOs to wage war on the racists and to marginalise their abhorrent views to the fringes of society," the Slovenian said in a statement.

"Football associations themselves cannot solve this problem. Governments too need to do more in this area. Only by working together in the name of decency and honour will we make progress."

Monday's match was temporarily halted by the Croatian referee under a three-step UEFA protocol, but the stoppage did not go far enough for some anti-racism activists who felt the England

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England's Sterling (left) tweeted that he felt sorry for Bulgaria "to be represented by such idiots in their stadium." Reuters

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Bulgaria on a number of charges

including racist behaviour and the

disruption of the national anthem

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cusations of racism and criticised

England for what he saw as a "fix-

ation" on potential incidents that

His departure came just

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Mihaylov had previously de-

throwing of objects.

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Anti-racism organisation Kick It Out said UEFA's existing sanctions were not fit for purpose and called for Bulgaria to be booted out.

"There can be no more pitiful fines or short stadium bans. If UEFA care at all about tackling discrimination -- and if the Equal Game campaign means anything -- then points deductions and tournament expulsion must follow," it said.

UEFA said it had opened disci-

Executive Committee on Friday. "His position is a consequence of recent tensions; an environment that is detrimental to Bulgarian football and the Bulgarian Football Union," it said.

hours after a Bulgarian Football

Union (BFU) spokesman said Mihaylov would not resign be-

cause the state had no right to in-

Mihaylov's formal resignation

would be presented to the

A later statement said that

terfere in football.

Reuters was not able to reach Mihaylov by telephone on Tuesday. More than 20 police officers swept into the (BFU) headquarters on Tuesday afternoon.

But the Bulgarian chief prosecutor's spokeswoman said that the operation was part of an investigation conducted by the Specialized Prosecutor's Office, and so not directly related to the racism row.

Ron hits milestone

Cristiano Ronaldo has lost count of the number of records he has broken, the Portugal forward said after scoring the 700th goal of his career during a 2-1 defeat to Ukraine on Monday.

"The records come naturally, I don't look for them, the records look for me," he told reporters after scoring his 95th goal for his country. "It's not for anyone to reach this number and I thank everyone, team mates, colleagues, coaches and everyone who helped Cristiano become the player that he is."

However, Ronaldo said that and an insufficient number of the defeat to Ukraine in a Euro 2020 qualifier took some of the shine off the achievement.

> "It's a nice moment in my career but there was a bitter taste because we didn't win," he said. "We played well, but we didn't win. We did everything we could and we had plenty of chances."

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