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Arrest PC if needed: Court to ED

Judge allows agency to quiz Chidambaram in Tihar jail today

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The trial court on Tuesday permitted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to interrogate and arrest, if necessary, former Finance Minister Chidambaram in the INX Media bribery case. Armed with the order, the ED is expected to take Chidambaram in its custody on Wednesday.

After this development, even if Chidambaram's bail petition in the Supreme Court in the CBI case is favourably disposed, he might end up spending Diwali behind bars.

Trial court judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar on Tuesday evening passed the order allowing the ED to interrogate Chidambaram in Tihar jail on Wednesday and arrest him if necessary. The court said three ED officials can interrogate Chidambaram on Wednesday after 8.30 am and asked the jail superintendent to make arrangements in this regard.

The former Finance Minister's judicial custody in the INX Media corruption case, which was filed by the CBI, ends on October 17. Since his arrest on August 21, he has till Tuesday spent 54 days in custody — both of the CBI as well as judicial — in nine spells.

After the court passed the order, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Special Public Prosecutor Amit Mahajan, appearing for the ED, sought permission to question



Senior Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram after being produced in the Rouse Avenue Court in connection with the INX Media corruption case in New Delhi on Tuesday

PTI

Chidambaram in some space available on Rouse Avenue court premises. The court, however, said, "It's not in the dignity of this person that you interrogate and arrest him here in public view." The court also rejected Chidambaram's petition against the production warrant.

Chidambaram on Tuesday sought bail from the Supreme Court in the INX Media corruption case saying the CBI wants to keep him in custody to humiliate him. The court

will hear on Wednesday the arguments of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI. Citing his attempts to meet to two crucial witnesses, the agency reiterated that Chidambaram should not be given bail. Justice R Banumathi headed Bench will resume hearing on this petition on Wednesday morning and the ED is expected to make arrest early in the morning.

After the trial court's permission to the ED, Chidambaram's bail petition in

the apex court has literally become useless. The ED will get maximum 15 days custody of Chidambaram following which he may be remanded in judicial custody till he gets bail in the ED's case.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Chidambaram, told a 3-judge bench headed by Justice R Banumathi that there were no allegations against their party colleague or his family members of having ever tried to

approach or influence any witness in the case.

Sibal told the Bench, also comprising justices AS Bopanna and Hrishikesh Roy, that Chidambaram is in custody for last 55 days and the Delhi High Court had rejected his bail plea in a "strange way".

Chidambaram, 74, was arrested by the CBI on August 21 and is lodged in Tihar jail under judicial custody in the corruption case.

The CBI had registered an FIR on May 15, 2017 alleging irregularities in a Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance granted to the INX Media group for receiving overseas funds of ₹305 crore in 2007 during Chidambaram's tenure as the Finance Minister.

Thereafter, the ED lodged a money-laundering case in this regard in 2017.

Chidambaram moved the top court challenging the Delhi High Court's September 30 verdict denying him bail in the INX Media case lodged by the CBI.

Sibal told the Bench on Tuesday that earlier the ED had argued before the apex court that they want custodial interrogation of Chidambaram, but later they opposed his application filed in the trial court to surrender in the money laundering case.

"Bail should be granted to him (Chidambaram). They (CBI) want to keep me in jail to humiliate him," Sibal argued before the apex court.

Praful summoned over deal with Mirchi's wife

ED to question NCP leader on Oct 18; Patel claims case 'unsubstantiated'

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Another senior Minister from the earlier UPA Government landed in trouble on Tuesday as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned Praful Patel for questioning on October 18 in connection with an alleged property deal between him and Hajra Iqbal, the wife of late Iqbal Mirchi, an erstwhile close aide of Karachi-based underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

As it readied itself to arrest former Union Minister P Chidambaram on Wednesday for custodial interrogation in the INX Media case, the ED prepared the ground for the questioning of former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel on allegations of quid pro quo in a property deal with late Iqbal Mirchi's wife Hajra.

Official sources said that at its office in Mumbai on October 18, the ED would record Patel's statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a deal between a real estate company promoted by him, his wife and late Mirchi's wife.

The ED documents have revealed that Millennium



Developers Pvt Limited, a company promoted by Patel and his wife, constructed Ceejay House and transferred its third and fourth floors to Mirchi's wife Hajra Iqbal in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land on which the structure is built". Patel and his wife own a significant number of shares in Millennium Developers Private Limited.

However, Patel dismissed the case, saying, "It is an old case and since I am on election tour, I am not privy to the documents. But I can tell you that the allegations against me are false and unsubstantiated."

Talking to mediapersons here, he said, "Documents may have been leaked to media. Obviously, you are in possession of some papers which may have never been brought to my attention."

The ED is investigating several property deals, including Ceejay House at Worli in south-central Mumbai, which

was reportedly owned by Mirchi's first wife Hajra Memon. Ceejay House is constructed on a plot allegedly owned by Iqbal Mirchi. The ED's contention is that Patel redeveloped Ceejay House in 2005. The ED considers the property as "proceeds of crime".

The ED's move to question to Patel comes in the wake of the grilling of Mukhtar Memon, an alleged key person who handles various properties of Mirchi in Mumbai. Memon is the brother-in-law of Mirchi.

In his interaction with the media, Patel said that the matter was under investigation and the issue is if the "person at Ceejay House is linked with me". The building, according to Patel, was there in 1970. "After my father's death, there was dispute in the family among 21 co-owners. The Mumbai High Court was asked in 1978 to take charge and look after the property," Patel said.

According to the list of Mirchi's properties located in India and the UK, Ceejay House was constructed in 2006-07 as a joint venture (JV) between Mirchi and Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd.

The ED probe has revealed Mirchi had bought/developed several properties in India and abroad from the proceeds of crime generated through various illegal offences.

The NCP is seeing the action against its leader as "political vendetta" in the run up to the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

CAPSULE

MODI ACCUSES CONG OF BAD-MOUTHING INDIA
Thanesar/Charkhi Dabri: Slamming the Congress over its stand on Article 370 and the Rafale deal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday accused its leaders of bad-mouthing India and showing negativity on matters that bring joy to the people of country. P4

INDIA RETAINS FASTEST GROWING TAG: IMF
New York: In the gloomy global economic picture painted by the International Monetary Fund, India retains its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy, tying with China, with a projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for the current fiscal year, despite an almost one per cent cut in the forecast. P10

WILL WIN WAR WITH DESI ARMS, SAYS ARMY CHIEF
New Delhi: Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on Tuesday pitched for greater inclusion of indigenous technology in the armed forces and asserted that India will fight and win the war with home-grown solutions. P5

UZBEK NATIONAL HELD WITH DOZEN PARROTS
New Delhi: An Uzbek national was apprehended by CISF personnel at the Delhi airport on Tuesday for allegedly trying to smuggle out a dozen parrots.

Odd-even fine doubled, no curbs on 2-wheelers

Scheme violators to cough up ₹4K

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After women commuters, two-wheelers have been exempted from the odd-even scheme which will be rolled out from November 4 to 15, Transport Department officials said on Tuesday, adding that the penalty for the scheme violation has been hiked from ₹2,000 to ₹4,000.

Unlike last year, the private CNG vehicles will not be exempted from the car rationing scheme this year.

"The Delhi Government will engage 2,000 private buses during the odd-even period to bear the additional load at ₹50 per kilometre. We have also met with Uber and are going to meet other cab operators and strictly warned them for not indulging in indiscriminate surge pricing. Uber has committed to us that they will not permit more than 1.5 times the regular fare during the period," Transport Minister Gahlot said.



Besides, the Government will deploy civil defense employees to make commuters aware about the scheme.

According to the scheme, vehicles will ply on the road on alternate days as per the last digit of their number plates. Vehicles with number plate ending with even numbers: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 0 will ply on "even" dates, while vehicles with odd numbers 1,3,5,7,9 will play on "odd" dates.

Earlier, on Saturday, the AAP Government had exempted women from the odd-even scheme.

"Keeping the security of women in mind, we have decided to exempt women from odd-even scheme. All women driving cars or and those with women drivers carrying children below the age of 12 will be exempted," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said earlier.

Bharat Ratna for Savarkar in Maha BJP manifesto

Sankalp Patra wants highest national award for Phule also, promises 1 crore jobs

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The bestowal of "Bharat Ratna" upon social reformers Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, and freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, creation of one crore jobs in five years, making Maharashtra "drought-free" in five years and ₹5 lakh crore investment in infrastructure sector are among the promises made by the ruling BJP in its manifesto for the State Assembly polls.

In its manifesto "Sankalp Patra" released three days after its ally Shiv Sena released its manifesto "Vachan Patra", the BJP has also promised houses to all the homeless in the State by 2022, pure drinking water to each household, to set up a grid for Marathwada to solve water problem in the region and to provide job opportunities to one crore women by bringing them under "Mahila Bachat Ghatak" scheme.

Releasing "Sankalp Patra" along with the party's working president JP Nadda, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, "On our return to power in the State, we will recommend to the Centre a proposal to bestow 'Bharat Ratna' upon social reformers Jyotiba



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, BJP working president JP Nadda, State BJP president Chandrakant Patil and other leaders release BJP's manifesto ahead of Maharashtra Assembly elections in Mumbai on Tuesday

Phule, Savitribai Phule, and freedom fighter Veer Savarkar. These three great leaders deserved to be honoured with Bharat Ratna as they spent their whole lives for social activities. The Shiv Sena has also for some time been demanding bestowal of Bharat Ratna upon Veer Savarkar."

The promise to bestow Bharat Ratna upon the Phule couple and Veer Savarkar is being seen as a move to attract Dalit and Hindu votes.

"The focus of our manifesto is three-fold — to address drought, increase availability of water and employment," the

CM said. The project to link various rivers, uninterrupted power supply, education, economic development, health, agriculture, social welfare, air transport, port development, water supply for irrigation and rural development are the BJP's other focus areas.

In its "Sankalp Patra", the BJP also promised to seek financial assistance from the Centre to invest to the tune of ₹1 lakh crore on infrastructural facilities, to generate solar energy in next five years that is enough to supply electricity to farmers for 12 hours in a day

and to set up a solar power grid. In a first of its kind initiative, the BJP has promised to set up an independent authority to repair all kinds of roads. The ruling party said it would connect the entire Maharashtra by internet through Bharat Net and Maha Net.

"We will register all kinds of labourers at one place and bring them under the ambit of the social security... We will undertake a special rehabilitation programme for the retired soldiers, families of martyred soldiers and officials who died during the call of duty," the BJP manifesto said.

RBI stopped printing 2K notes from Apr 1 to prevent hoarding

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The Reserve Bank of India has not printed a single ₹2,000 note from April 1 onward this year. The move is seen an attempt to curb stockpiling of black money.

The RBI confirmed this in response to an RTI reply in which it said that soon after the demonitisation, the Central bank printed 3,542.991 million ₹2,000 notes to match with the demand after the existing ₹1,000 and ₹500 notes were cancelled in October 2016.

As per the RTI reply, the volume of printing of ₹2,000 notes came down drastically in the following year as the bank



went in fast gear to print currency notes of other denominations. In 2017-18, only 111.507 million notes were produced, which was further reduced to 46.690 million notes in 2018-19, said the RBI.

Earlier, the RBI had refuted the reports of withdrawal of ₹2,000 notes but many experts feel that the stopping production in the financial year will lead to withdrawal of the high value note in near future.

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Farooq's sister, daughter detained for protest sans order

SMS services in Valley suspended after terrorists kill truck driver

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The police on Tuesday detained a small group of women led by daughter and sister of National Conference president and sitting Member Parliament Farooq Abdullah in Srinagar when they tried to stage an "unauthorised" sit-in protest against the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of State into two Union Territories.

Farooq Abdullah's sister Suraiya Mattoo, his daughter Safiya Khan, former J&K High Court chief justice Bashir Ahmad Khan's wife Professor



A paramilitary woman detains a Kashmiri woman who was among the protesters in Srinagar on Tuesday

AP

Hawa Khan and others were detained by the police from Pratap Park area.

The women arrived at the busy Lal Chowk area on Tuesday morning wearing

black arm badges and holding several placards. Safiya Khan was seen car-

rying a banner reading "Kashmiri brides not for sale", apparently implying to the statement made by some BJP leaders of Haryana and UP after the abrogation of Article 370. Other protesters were seen holding placards which demanded the release of detainees and restoration of civil liberties.

As they started assembling inside the Pratap Park, women cops, along with paramilitary forces, prevented them from staging sit-in dharna. The cops also demanded them to produce permission letter, if any, issued by the office of District Magistrate.

When these women refused to call off the dharna, women cops pushed them inside the police vans before escorting them to the nearest police station.

In a written statement, these women said, "We the

women of Kashmir disapprove the unilateral decision taken by the Government of India to revoke Article 370 and 35A and downgrade and split the State of Jammu & Kashmir. We feel betrayed, humiliated and violated as people."

"We demand immediate release of detainees. We express our outrage against the national media for their false and misleading coverage of ground realities in Kashmir," reads the statement.

Meanwhile SMS services were withdrawn by the State administration barely hours after the postpaid mobile phone services were restored across the Valley on Monday. The decision was taken after review of the prevailing security situation arising after the killing of a truck driver hailing from Rajasthan by a group of terrorists in Shopian late on Monday evening.

Govt waives fitness fees for taxis, autos

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major relief to the taxi and auto-rickshaw owners, the Delhi Government has decided to waive fitness fees and will reduce all other charges such as fitness penalty fee, duplicate registration certificates (RC) permit and others by more than three times from existing ₹2,000 to ₹500. The new rates will be implemented from November.



taxi. An amendment would be required to be made in Rule 59(1) (b) & (c) to give effect to this proposal.

In August, the Government had waived the fitness test fee and significantly scaled down various other charges, including penalties for autos.

He also said, with the implementation of this scheme there will be no GPS and SIM charges for taxis and auto rickshaws. Modifies charges will be applicable from 1st November.

Delhi Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

has also approved the modifications in the MV act and gave nod to make it effective from first of November.

Once the modifications will be implemented, the charges for late fitness penalty fees for taxis will be reduced from ₹1,000 to ₹500, registration and re-registration vehicle fee has been reduced from 1,000 to 300, transfer of ownership and duplicate RC from ₹500 to 100.

Besides, other fees such as PS Tracking Charges (Presently being charged @₹100/- per month plus GST) charged from the Light Motor Vehicle (Taxi) owners/drivers and the same shall be paid by Transport Department. Further, Presently SIM is being procured by owner from open market. Now it is proposed that the same shall be provided by DIMTS free of cost in parity with TSR (Auto)," said an official.

ESCALATING POLLUTION IN CAPITAL — Share crop fires data to curb pollution: Gehlot to Vardhan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Sharing National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s image of latest incidents of stubble burning in neighbouring States — Haryana, Punjab and Pakistan, Delhi Environment Minister Kailash Gehlot has written to Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences (MoES) Dr Harsh Vardhan to share MoES's data so that Delhi Government can study about the total contribution of biomass burning in escalating pollution in Delhi and its adjoining areas to curb air pollution.

Evidently, Delhi's air quality was put under 'very poor' category on the third consecutive day while System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR)'s forecast said that air quality in the city will remain 'poor' for the next three days.

The stubble burning activity in Haryana, Punjab and nearby border regions have shown a slight increasing trend over the last 24 hours.

Citing stubble burning activities a major reason, Gehlot said pollution in Delhi, especially winter months, has always remained a cause of concern for the Delhi Government. "Various steps have been taken during the last years which have yielded positive results, I am happy to inform you that pollution level in Delhi has come down by 25 per cent as compared to the previous years," letter stated.

"As you are aware stubble burning in neighboring states of Delhi during the month of November has always contributed significantly to the higher PM 2.5 level in Delhi," Gehlot wrote to Dr Vardhan.

Quoting SAFAR's observation on crop burning in

Haryana and Punjab, Gehlot said. "Stubble burning contribute six percent in Delhi's air and as SAFAR has the technology to monitor the pollution caused by the burning of crop residue, we a request to MoES share the data," he said.

Meanwhile, SAFAR also cited slow surface winds as primary reasons for low dispersion of pollutants, SAFAR said that the overall air quality of Delhi is in the higher end of the poor category and touched very poor category on Monday night for a brief period, as PM 2.5 the lead pollutant, had spiked.

SAFAR in its forecast stated, "The surface winds are slow and variable with wind direction at the surface and transport height (the first one-kilometer boundary layer) are south-westerly. Which is not quite favorable for the efficient transport of the fire plume towards Delhi".

Plastic burning on farm land polluting air, says EPCA



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While Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has been initiated in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) to minimise the impact of pollutants, Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) chairperson, Sunita Narain said illegal godowns, each spanning across more than two acre have come up on agricultural land in Bahadurgarh district of Haryana, adjoining Asia's largest wholesale junk market in Delhi's Tikri Kalan. They burn plastic in the open which causes pollution.

"Plastic segregation and recycling are important for the city. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has given land for it at Tikri Kalan and Ramky Enviro Engineers Limited lifts the waste that cannot be recycled for controlled burning in waste-to-energy plants," Narain said.

The problem is that it is overflowing outside Tikri. There are illegal segregation units that burn the waste that cannot be recycled. Internal factors like vehicular emission and construction dust both contribute in pollution, Delhi Government should also work on these factors, Narain said.

"Incidents of external biomass burning cannot be ignored. These are exacerbating pollution in Delhi-NCR. But the fact is local sources of pollution are massive. Biomass burning is contributing 10 per cent, which means local sources account

for the rest 90 per cent of the pollution. Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi are all to blame," Narain said.

Notably, as Delhi's air quality has deteriorated and anti-air pollution measures kicked from Tuesday, EPCA has asserted that local source of pollution in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana are the primary reasons for poor air quality that plagues the national capital every winter. Stack (chimney) and dust pollution as well as open burning of plastic and rubber scrap are a major cause for concern, member of the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) Narain said.

While Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has blamed stubble burning in the neighbouring states for deterioration of air quality in the city, SAFAR, the ministry of earth science's air quality and weather forecast service, has said the share of stubble burning in the PM 2.5 concentrations in Delhi has remained less than 10 per cent so far. Narain said stack and dust pollution as well as open burning of plastic and rubber scrap are a major cause for concern.

This year, GRAP will witness the return of Delhi government's odd-even car rationing scheme from November 4 and the extension of the ban on diesel gen-sets to NCR cities of Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad, Sonapat, Panipat and Bahadurgarh.

Online module to sanction building plan for up to 500 sqm OK'd

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Anil Bajjal on Tuesday approved 'online module' to sanction building plan for up to 500 sqm for low-risk residential buildings under 'Unified Building Bye Laws 2021'. With the move, the residents of the national Capital are no longer needed to visit offices of the civic agencies to submit their applications for building plan. The building plan is in the form of digitally signed letter which can be downloaded by the applicant or the architect through online mode also.



L-G Anil Bajjal chairs a meeting attended by Mayors of three municipal corporations and commissioners in New Delhi on Tuesday

the existing processes, minimising human interface by automating the frontend and backend processes and identifying and implementing Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions in municipal functions to improve services delivery to the citizens. The L-G advised the municipal corporations to

strive for modernising their operation using technology for different municipal functions like waste disposal, parking management, property tax collection, town planning, etc.

Bajjal said that by reinventing and modernising their systems using latest technology, corporations would be able to

provide better civic services to the citizens of Delhi. At the same time students or faculty of IIT-Delhi will get to solve problems of citizens by working out technical solutions. This will be a perfect example of symbiotic relationship, he added. He advised the corporations to minimise human interface by automating processes wherever possible to deliver citizen centric services in line with Prime Minister's clarion

call to promote digital delivery of services — 'Maximum Government, Minimum Governance'.

The construction permits can be applied on line by using 'Common Application' form and no personal interaction with the MCD offices and officers concerned will be required in any case, a senior SDMC official said.

"The SDMC has developed a dash board to provide the latest status of each case in order to make sure that the things are moving in the right direction, hence, there is no scope of any delay. Even all payments can be made on line and calculations can also be done with the help of on line calculator," he added.

The initiative led by SDMC in order to ensure the transparency and more ease to the public for issuance of construction permits by the three Municipal Corporation of Delhi under ease of doing business has further been strengthened and suitably eased. Commissioner of SDMC Gyanesh Bharti, said that at present about 1491 archi-

tecs are assigned to look after the process. Residents will get their plan sanctioned same day, the official said.

Under this portal the building sanction plan process has been simplified and made completely online with integrated payment gateways for issuance of sanction of building plans, Bharti said, adding that this process does not require any physical interface of MCD and the registered Architects will be able to generate their sanction automatically through the system by completing the requisite formalities online and digitally signing the sanction letters.

The official further informed that in this system, all the inputs submitted by the registered architect will be checked automatically by the software based Rule engine of the system, which has been made in line with the building bye-laws, Master Plan 2021 and relevant Acts. Earlier the permitted limit for building sanction plan on self certification was 105 sqm which now has been extended up to 500 sqm.

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CM to launch 'AK app' today to stay in touch with volunteers

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Ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will launch "AK" mobile app on Wednesday to stay in touch with the party volunteers across the country.

AAP senior leader Gopal Rai said that Kejriwal will also hold closed-door meetings with Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) volunteers in different parts of the city besides addressing a series of jansabhas in Delhi.

"Last month, we did 'Jan Samvaad' campaign across Delhi. As part of preparations for Delhi assembly election, chief minister will interact with party volunteers in Delhi from tomorrow," he said.

Addressing media persons, AAP nation-

al spokesperson Dr Ajoy Kumar slammed the BJP for the increasing numbers of crimes in Delhi. "The number of crimes is increasing day by day in the city."

Accusing the BJP for being apathetic towards public safety and security, he said the BJP has never even raised any question on the law and order situation of Delhi in the Parliament. BJP leaders have also never met the Police Commissioner of Delhi on the issue of law and order, he added.

Kumar said that nearly 700 police were involved in solving the snatching incident of PM's niece but they do nothing about the other such cases. On the other hand, police have registered cases against 52 AAP MLAs, he said, adding that a total of 140 cases were registered against AAP and 70 were dropped later.

Civic bodies intensify efforts to combat pollution

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In the wake of the rising pollution in the National Capital, civic agencies in Delhi have started a series of measures to combat air pollution. All the three corporations have intensified mechanical road sweeping and deployed water sprinkles in large numbers to settle down dust which is considered one of the major pollutants.

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) and North Delhi Corporation (NMC) have deployed 152 water sprinklers to settle down dust. SDMC has issued 660 challans under 'Solid Waste Management' (SWM) rule of National Green Tribunal (NGT) for various violations and collected a fine of Rs 23, 76,100.

The North Corporation has deployed 18 mechanical road sweepers for cleaning roads. It has also issued 887 challans this year to owners of various properties for contributing dust pollution and realised ₹17 lakh for the same.

Talking about other pollution control measures, a senior SDMC official said that action is being taken against burning of solid waste, garbage, dry leaves, plastic, and rubber. Besides, areas under SDMC jurisdiction are being regularly checked to monitor construction activities, he said, adding

that apart from this, the civic body will also constitute three teams in each zone to check burning of leaves and other related violation as part of the measures.

In Central zone, five water sprinkles have been deployed and during 1st Oct 2019 to 12th October 2019 around 112 challans were issued for under SWM by laws and construction and air pollution under NGT Act resulting in an amount of ₹5,000 as fine, he said, adding that more than 111 sites have been inspected to check burning of garbage and dry leaves.

The official further said that in Najafgarh zone, nine water sprinkles have been deployed and one water sprinkle is also deployed for the areas around air pollution hot spot at Dwarka Sector 8. Besides, it has deployed total of 24 water sprinkles in all its four zones.

The air quality turned "very poor" with the overall Average Air Quality Index (AQI) touching 318 micro grams per cubic (µgm-3) on Tuesday. The measures were taken to curb air pollution in the view of Graded Response Action Plan to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR came into force on Tuesday, rolling out stricter measures depending on the need to discourage private vehicles on roads, stop entry of trucks, use of diesel generators, and closing brick kilns and stone crushers.

Mobile phone snatchers on prowl! Metropolitan Magistrate latest victim

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In yet another case of snatching, a metropolitan magistrate's mobile phone was snatched by two bike-borne men in North Delhi's Kamala Nagar area on Monday night.

According to a senior police official, the incident took place on Monday at around 8 pm when the victim was speaking on his phone; two bike-borne assailants snatched his phone and fled from the spot.

"The magistrate then informed the police about the incident following which a police team was immediately sent to the crime scene. The police team after recording the

statement of the magistrate lodged a case under sections 356 (assault or criminal force in attempt to commit theft of property carried by a person) and 379 (punishment for theft) has been registered at the Civil Lines police station," said the senior police official.

"Police teams have been formed who are analysing the CCTV footage of nearby areas to nab the accused," said the senior police official.

There has been a sudden increase in the snatching cases in the recent past. The Delhi Police have claimed that they have managed to curb cases of snatching and more than 4,000 criminals have been put behind the bars.



Water being sprinkled in SDMC area

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“ I LAY BLEEDING ON THE ROAD. PRADEEP WAS A *FARISHTA* WHO TOOK ME TO THE HOSPITAL. AND DELHI GOVERNMENT PAID FOR THE ENTIRE TREATMENT ”

- Krishan Kumar
Najafgarh



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DELHI GOVERNMENT BEARS COMPLETE EXPENSES FOR TREATMENT OF ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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- Delhi Government will bear the complete expenses of the victim's treatment, since every life is precious
- Victims of any road accident that happens within the boundaries of Delhi will be eligible for this scheme
- The person who takes a victim to hospital will be rewarded and felicitated with a Farishtey Certificate.
- Road accident victims will be admitted for treatment in any hospital without any questioning.

“ I salute you - *Dilli ke Farishtey* ”

- Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi



MAHARASHTRA POLLS

PM diverts attention from issues: Rahul

PTI ■ YAVATMAL/WARDHA, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "loudspeaker" of certain industrialists, and said his strategy was like that of a pick-pocket who diverts attention to steal.

long as the Modi Government is in power, the issue of joblessness will continue to haunt the country. The problem of joblessness will grow in the next six months," he claimed. Criticising the Government's decision to "waive" (slash the rates of) corporate tax, Gandhi said such benefits were extended to certain industrialists, but not to the poor.



While the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Right to Food, land acquisition and laws for tribals were being amended, amendment to the GST act was not acceptable to the Government, he said. "When the poor person gets money, he starts purchasing, when the demand increases, manufacturing gets a boost," he said, adding that the NYAY minimum income scheme, proposed by the Congress before the Lok Sabha elections, would

ists. Your money is given to the media so that they publicise Modi," he alleged. Maharashtra has the opportunity to solve all these problems by voting for the Congress and NCP, he said. "We will install a government which will work for the poor, farmers, labourers, and small and medium businesses," he added. At a rally at Arvi in Wardha district, Gandhi accused the Modi Government of weakening all pro-poor schemes of the UPA regime, including the MGNREGA, RTI Act, Right to Food and the land acquisition bill. "BJP made fun of MGNREGA which had given a boost to the economy," he said. The GST's purpose was to finish off small and medium businesses, the Congress leader claimed. "Don't let this happen in Maharashtra. Let's stop this here," he said.

Maha BJP manifesto repetition of old promises, says Cong's Deb

PTI ■ MUMBAI The All India Congress Committee women's wing president Sushmita Deb called the BJP manifesto released on Tuesday for the Maharashtra Assembly polls as a repetition of old promises. Creation of one crore jobs in the next five years, providing houses for all by 2022 and ushering in USD 1 trillion economy are the key promises made in the ruling BJP's "sankalp patra". "It is a classic case of repetition of old promises. The reason is simple. Promises of 2014 remain unfulfilled. This explains why after five years, BJP-Shiv Sena Government has no concrete achievement to showcase," she said at a press conference here. Deb said agriculture sector had worsened, unemployment had risen sharply, crimes

against women had seen a severe spike and promise of clean drinking water remain unfulfilled. While the BJP-Sena Government promised double-digit growth in agriculture, the actual rate was a meagre 0.4 per cent, which had led to eight farmers committing suicide every day, she claimed. "The BJP's manifesto promises one crore jobs over the next five years. This is yet another jumla given sharp rise in unemployment which has tripled under this Government. In fact every third young person in urban areas is today jobless," Deb said. She said 2000 factories had shut down and Maharashtra was no longer the preferred destination and lagged behind Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand in ease of doing of business. Crime against women were rising sharply, including a 300

per cent increase in cases of abduction besides 11 rapes registered every day, Deb stated, adding that the Devendra Fadnavis government had not used a single rupee from the Nirbhaya Fund.

Rane-led MSP merges with BJP, Sena miffed

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI In what came as a snub to the Shiv Sena, the Maharashtra Swabhimani Party (MSP), headed by former Chief Minister Narayan Rane, merged with the ruling BJP, in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

While Nitesh had joined the BJP and filed his nomination from his new party early this month, Sr Rane, his another son and former MP Nilesh and their supporters formally entered the BJP. Speaking at Nitesh's campaign rally, Chief Minister Fadnavis heaped praise on Sr Rane saying: "Narayan Rane has a special place in Maharashtra politics. He is well-versed in many subjects. In way, he has been a part of the BJP ever since he went to Raja Sabha early last year with the BJP's support". "All were waiting for this (merger) for a long time. It has

finally happened today. There is hardly any competition here. The BJP will benefit hugely with the Ranes' entry to the party," Fadnavis said. Meanwhile, the Shiv Sena leadership has not taken kindly to the MSP's merger with the BJP. Sena President Uddhav Thackeray, who will be campaigning in Kankavli and Savantwadi constituencies, is expected to spell out his stand on the MSP's merger with the BJP. On its part, the Sena - notwithstanding its alliance with Sr Rane - has put up its candidate against Nitesh Rane. In sence, the fight would be between the Sena and BJP in Kankavli constituency. Fadnavis said that Nitesh would win the Assembly polls with a thumping margin. He, however, advised Nitesh, known for his losing his cool on some pretext or the other, to restrain himself and learn to remain calm. There had been speculation in the State political circles that he would join the BJP along with his two sons Nitesh and Nilesh. His entry to the BJP was being resisted by its ally Shiv Sena for a very long. He had earlier announced that he would join the BJP on October 2. Rane made an announcement about merging

NCP MLC, ex-MLA join BJP

PTI ■ MUMBAI Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLC Ramrao Wadkute and former party MLA Bappu Pathare joined the BJP on Tuesday, ahead of the next week's Maharashtra Assembly polls. Wadkute, a prominent Dhargar (shepherd) community leader from Marathwada region, was appointed member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council in June 2014 from the governor's quota. He submitted his resignation on Monday evening to Legislative Council Chairman Ramraje Nimbalkar who

immediately accepted it. Pathare is a former MLA from Pune. Both Wadkute and Pathare were inducted into the BJP in Mumbai on Tuesday in the presence of the party's working president J P Nadda. Wadkute, a native of Parbhani district in Marathwada, was earlier chairman of the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Sheli-Mendhi Vikas Mahamandal (Goat and Sheep Rearing Development Corporation) before being appointed as the MLC.

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Won't allow Bharat to become 'Hindu Rashtra': Owaisi

PTI ■ THANE AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has said Bharat is "not a Hindu Rashtra" and they will also not let it become so. His comments came after RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat last week said the Sangh is firm on its vision that "Bharat is a Hindu Rashtra". Addressing an election rally on Monday night in Kalyan town of Maharashtra's Thane district for party candidate Aiaz Moulavi, Owaisi said a section of society wants to paint the entire country in one colour, but "we see Hindustan in multiple colours, it is the beauty of Hindustan". "Bharat is not a Hindu Rashtra, and Inshallah, we will not allow it to become so," he said. Alleging that the Shiv Sena was against the green colour, he said, "Change your spectacles and you will see the green colour in the National flag also." He said Bharat is unique because of its secularism and pluralism. There is no other country in the world as Bharat and "we are proud of it". "I want to tell those in the RSS that we are not living here on your sympathy. If you want to measure the index of my happiness or sorrow, you and we should see what the Constitution has given to us," Owaisi said.

Opp claims trees felled for PM's Oct 17 Pune rally



PTI ■ PUNE Opposition parties in Maharashtra have alleged that some trees located on the campus of Sir Parshuram (SP) College in Pune were chopped on Monday for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's October 17 rally, which will be held on the college ground. The college authorities on Tuesday denied the allegation saying only certain branches hanging dangerously were cut for the safety of students who play there, which has nothing to do with the PM's event. NCP MP Vandana Chavan alleged some 'subul' trees around the ground, where the rally will be held, were felled by the college administration. "As per the information with us, trees were cut from the stems which is unacceptable," alleged Chavan. She demanded stringent action against those responsible for the "cruel act". Maharashtra Navnirman

After Savarkar, BJP may propose Bharat Ratna for Godse: D Raja

PTI ■ MUMBAI Slamming the BJP for moot- ing Bharat Ratna award for V D Savarkar, Communist Party of India general secretary D Raja on Tuesday said the ruling party may even propose the honour for Mahatma Gandhi's killer Nathuram Godse. The election manifesto of Maharashtra BJP, released on Tuesday said the party will ask the NDA Government at the Centre to confer India's highest civilian award on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar. "This is biggest irony of our times that while we are all celebrating the birth centenary of Gandhiji, the BJP is seeking Bharat Ratna to Savarkar, who was an accused in his assassination case," Raja told PTI here. "The day may not be far off for BJP to demand Bharat Ratna to Gandhiji's assassin Nathuram Godse. This is part of their agenda," the CPI leader said.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that one unknown male person was found dead at Bawana Kanjhawala Road, Bawana, Delhi on Dated 09.10.2019 Time 03:14 PM. In this regard a DD No. 06-A Dated 09.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Outer North Distt. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unknown S/O: Unknown R/o Unknown Age: Approx 40-45 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion- Sallow, Built: Thin, Wearing-Dark Blue Colour T-Shirt and Pant. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO P.S. Bawana Outer North Distt Ph.: 011-27752534 8750870321 DP/704/ON/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Pratesh, W/o Shri Prem Bhaskar, R/o Sukar Bazar Road, Begumpur, Delhi, Age 26 years, Height 5'2" Complexion Wheatish, Round Face, Wearing Pink colour suit & salwar has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Begumpur, Delhi since 06.10.19. In this regard a vide No. 11-A dated 07.10.19 has been lodged at PS Begumpur, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped lady may kindly inform to the following. E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in SHO P.S. : Begumpur, Delhi Ph.: 25489080 254890839 DP/3361/RD/19

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 50 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of Governor of J&K State, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:- S. No. 1, Name of Work :- Fabrication, providing, installation, testing and commissioning of LT control panel for 50 HP motor and allied works at tube well no. 21. Name of Division :- PHE Mech. Division North Jammu Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.) :- 200/- Earnest money :- 02% of quoted rates Validity of Rates :- 180 days Bid validity :- 180 days Position of funds : Demanded Date of Publishing : 12-10-2019 06.00 pm. 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 12-10-2019 (06.00 pm). 2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 12-10-2019 (06.00 pm) to 22-10-2019 (04.00 pm). Sd/- Executive Engineer PHE Mech. Division North Jammu No. DIP/J-7629/19 Dated: 14.10.2019

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Arun Kumar S/o Amar Nath R/o Shop. No. 5, Furniture Market, Near Krishna Nagar Mandir, Najafgarh, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 617/17 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act has been lodged at P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi, punishable and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Arun Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Arun Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Arun Kumar of case FIR No. 617/17 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS, Sultan Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.11.2019. By Order Ms. Upasana Satija Metropolitan Magistrate-01 Room No. 102, 1st Floor Rohini Distt. Courts, New Delhi DP/2769/OD/19

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NIT No. EE-[M Shah(N)-II/19-20/20 Dated 14.10.19 Executive Engineer M-II/Shah(N) invites tender on behalf of the Commissioner, EDMC from registered contractors of MCD. S. No. Item/Name of work Tender Amt. (in ₹) E/M (in ₹) Time of Compl. Cost of Tender Tender No. 1. Providing and Laying Rising main of Bhajanpura Pump House at Bhajanpura main market to Gokalpur drain (Wazirabad road) in ward no. 45-E, Yamuna Vihar, Shahdara (N) Zone. Item Rate 1,90,450/- 5 Months 1,000/- 316802 2. Improvement Dev. of gali no. 5 from Rubber factory road to Gamri road in K-Block Gangotri Vihar by pdg. RMC in ward no. 46-E, Ghonda, Shahdara(N) Zone, Item Rate 73,500/- 6 Months 500/- 316803 Note: From Sr. No. 1 to 2 for above mentioned each work Validity: 6 Months and H/A : TYADB Last date & time of Download of tender document 25.10.2019 upto 14.00 P.M. The detailed documents can be seen and downloaded by the registered contractor from website http://mcdetenders.com The tender will be opened in the office of E.E.-M-II/Shah(N) on 30.10.2019 RO No. 66/DPI/East/2019-20 E.E.[M Shah(N)]-II EDMC's Citizens Helpline No. 155303

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Babli D/o Sohan Lal R/o R-71, Vikas Nagar Phase-II, Delhi has been missing/Kidnapped since 31.07.2019 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 28-A dated 01.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under: Name: Babli, Father's Name: Sohan Lal, Age: 19 years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Red Top White Jeans Pant and black shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned. SHO P.S., Ranhola, Delhi Ph.: 011-28363001 28363002, 28363003 DP/2723/OD/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Vedpal S/o Sh. Mahendra R/o H.No.F-21, Village Gazipur, Delhi has been missing since 22.09.2019 from the area of P.S. Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 26A dated 30.09.2019 has been lodged at PS, Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi. The description of missing person is as under: Name: Vedpal, Father's Name : Sh. Mahendra, Age : 22 years, Height : 5'3", Face : Round, Complexion : Shallow, Wearing : Yellow colour check Shirt & Blue colour Jeans Pant. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers. SHO P.S., Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi Ph.: 011-22146490, 22146491 DP/7074/ED/19

Pakistan slips up

Though it may not be blacklisted, it does slide further on compliances required for countering terror at FATF

Pakistan may not be blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the inter-governmental forum that links terror funding to freezing international aid, but India's persistent campaign against it nursing terror hubs has clearly paid off. It now appears that Pakistan could slip into the "dark grey" list, a severe warning to take correctives, as it has but fulfilled only six of the 27 conditions of compliance to evade curfew altogether. Besides, the common cause on terror hubs impacting domestic politics that India has managed to drum up around the world, particularly winning US endorsement on this effort, means Pakistan has few friends. In August, the FATF's Asia Pacific subgroup placed it in the "enhanced blacklist" for its failure to meet global standards. Yet its Prime Minister Imran Khan has been lobbying hard for the overall FATF vote, diverting attention from the terror factory at home to Kashmir, forging a new Islamic alliance with Turkey and Malaysia for a crusade-like stance against the Western world, still dangling the Taliban sword to keep the US invested in its relevance for Afghanistan and playing on Chinese anxieties about the Indo-US axis. And while Pakistan may scrape through this time, requiring just three members' support to escape a funding ban, it has still got away by being a strategic counterweight for others' geo-political concerns rather than attempting any course correction at home. What else explains the renewed push for militancy in Kashmir? That problem continues and can only be beaten by now normalising life in the Valley. Discontent cannot be allowed to fester under lockdown for Pakistan's no-risk benefit schemes.

So what are India's obstacles? The recent incremental push in bilateral relations with China has meant that it has come around to agreeing with our viewpoint of combatting terror without referencing Pakistan. How else could it justify its own clampdown on Uighur Muslims? And though it dragged its feet at the UN, it did assent to designating Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. But as the new president of the FATF, China isn't expected to ignore concerns of its all-weather friend Pakistan. It has wriggled a bit here and there but cannot abandon its ally given its strategic interests in the region. Direct transactional benefits with China will frankly take a long time to mature as significant tradeoffs on Pakistan. Of course, there are two more nations, Turkey and Malaysia, to deal with. Both are now spearheading a new-Islamic axis as India has stepped up diplomatic engagement and is building on mutual understanding with the UAE and Saudi Arabia. In fact, India has made significant inroads in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which has traditionally been opposed to it on Kashmir. But with the UAE and Saudi Arabia inviting India as an "observer" in its last edition, the OIC has warmed up a bit albeit Malaysia and Turkey continue to support Pakistan. In fact, Khan is now advocating a trilateral forum for a neo-Islamic world distinct from the traditional pan-Islamism. This leadership challenge to religious legacies has not gone down well with even Saudi Arabia of late. India, too, has now given up the charm offensive with both Turkey and Malaysia and is hitting back economically. It is reviewing imports of palm oil and other products from Malaysia in response to its Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed's United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) speech on Kashmir. With that country hosting radical Indian Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, there are some creases of discomfort. Reports say that following Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's address on the Kashmir issue, India pulled out of discussions with Anadolu Shipyard, which intended to tie up with us for building a 45,000-tonne fleet support ship. Simultaneously, India is also building bridges with the ring states around Turkey and Malaysia — Cyprus, Armenia and Greece around the former and Indonesia around the latter. India is now pegging its diplomacy on sound economic sense and that's delivering results, particularly in one-on-one negotiations in a multilateral world. It is demanding that sensitivities be shown to it in return, considering some of these nations are defaulting on rights records too — Turkey in Syria and China in Hong Kong, Tibet and in Uighur-dominated Xinjiang. In fact, India has stayed away from commenting on these issues until now, when it has condemned Turkey's action against Syria. Smart reasoning and corresponding posturing might change the way the world perceives our concerns.

Wild chase

The aberrant behaviour by a lion at a wildlife park in Karnataka shows why we need a tourism protocol



As if the existing threats to wildlife in the form of illegal poaching, encroachments and culling were not enough, a new provocation comes from intrusive tourism. Unknowingly or out of curiosity, tourists are heckling animals so much during safaris that the latter are now displaying aberrant behaviour. The latest such instance was captured by one of the passengers aboard a jeep at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park in Bellary, Karnataka, in August, which went viral this week. An aggressive male lion is seen chasing a jeep full of visitors until the driver accelerated enough to outpace him. It was sheer luck that the tourists managed to escape the wrath of the lion, who was hellbent on pouncing upon them. Now the king of the jungle is usually gentle when not on the hunt, even unperturbed by human behaviour. Besides, by virtue of park tourism, lions have become quite immune to human attention. So it was quite strange that Keshri, the lion in question, would become hostile unless he was teased or provoked. Turns out he had just been brought to the park and was yet to settle down. Clearly, he was not used to tourist behaviour and should not have been exposed to visitors either. Particularly, when he was yet to demarcate his territoriality and be sure of his limits, he was but expectedly insecure. In the age of daring selfies and their virality, tourists are not just happy taking routine shots but want a dramatic film sequence. And when they cross limits of admissibility, they run the risk of a chase or attack. Be it big cats or elephants, several videos of them raging after tourists have circulated on social media. In July, a similar video was captured as bikers were chased by a tiger at the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary in Wayanad, Kerala.

Our big cats are stressed in their fragmented habitats, some of which do not have enough roaming stretches, prey bases or transit corridors to deeper forests. Human encroachment and development have resulted in frequent man-animal conflicts. Hemmed in from all sides, such aberrant behaviour is being reported all too frequently now, even from reserves like the Kruger National Park. Tourist behaviour, therefore, should be respectful of protocol and mindful of the peace any sanctuary guarantees the wild. For example, protocol calls for the visitors to maintain a certain distance from the animals during an encounter, which is definitely not followed either by them or unscrupulous tour operators hellbent on selling a "sighting." With greater interest comes greater responsibility.

The great wall of nature

The proposal for a 1,400km-long green corridor along the Aravalli range, which is still in the planning stage, is a remarkable step forward in greening the country



RK PACHAURI

Former Prime Minister of India IK Gujral was one of the most scholarly and well-read leaders we have had. At a public function organised by this writer, he mentioned that the battle of Panipat took place at that location only because it was the southernmost location, which had an open area suitable for warfare. According to him, right from the Khyber Pass to Panipat, the entire terrain was heavily forested where conventional warfare of that period was not possible.

A recent news report mentioned that the Government is planning to build a 1,400 kilometre-long "great green wall" of India. If this project receives official sanction and is backed by innovative institutional arrangements for its implementation, it would mark a remarkable step forward in greening India because we, as a nation, have failed to seize the importance of greening our degraded and deforested land.

The Green India mission was one of the eight key missions included in the National Action Plan on Climate Change. The purpose of this operation was to protect, enhance and restore India's decreasing forest cover and act on the growing extent of climate change through a combination of mitigation and adaptation measures. Unfortunately, the mission has been grossly under-funded. A report by the Parliamentary Committee, titled, "Performance of the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) pertaining to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)", quotes MoEFCC as stating that the "budget allocation of ₹47.80 crore for FY 2017-18 is grossly insufficient. The committed liability of FY 2015-16 and 2016-17 is ₹89.53 crore, which is more than the budget allocation of FY 2017-18."

Expansion of population and encroachments by humans on forest land and the habitat of other species have not only reduced forest cover since independence but has also led to poor forest density even in those areas, which are regarded as forest land. The proposed "green wall" of India is planned to establish a green belt from Porbandar to Panipat and would help restore degraded land through afforestation, particularly along the Aravalli hill range, which covers Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi.

It is well-known that the Aravallis have been heavily degraded in several areas, particularly in Haryana, as a result of the nexus between politicians and the builders' lobby. The establishment of the "green wall" would provide an effective barrier for dust coming from the deserts in Western India and Pakistan. It is now well-established that dust from deserts can travel large distances as has been seen with dust from Saudi Arabia travelling to northern parts of Europe. This writer has always advised officials in the Middle East, including a former Saudi Oil Minister, "Please convert your oil wealth to soil health."

Recently, the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) of the United Nations Convention



to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held in India and as a follow-up to that event, India can and should set an example for other countries that are threatened with desertification.

The UNCCD is an agreement to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought, based on long-term strategies and national programmes, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements. It was in 2006 that in order to gather support for the convention, the UN declared that year as the "International Year of Deserts and Desertification."

The convention has thus far been ratified by 190 States and the European Union (EU). However, on March 28, 2013, Canada became the first country to withdraw from it but reversed this arrangement on March 21, 2017.

In hosting COP14 of the convention, India made a major impact on this expanding problem in different countries of the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to this conference stated: "I call upon the leadership of UNCCD to create a global water action agenda, which is central to land degradation neutrality strategy."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recently published a special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security and greenhouse gas

fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems. The report states, "The level of risk posed by climate change depends both on the level of warming and on how population, consumption, production, technological development and land management patterns evolve. Pathways with higher demand for food, feed and water, more resource-intensive consumption and production and more limited technological improvements in agriculture yields result in higher risks from water scarcity in drylands, land degradation, and food insecurity."

It further states: "Many activities for combating desertification can contribute to climate change adaptation with mitigation co-benefits as well as to halting biodiversity loss with sustainable development co-benefits to society...Preventing desertification is preferable to attempting to restore degraded land due to the potential for residual risks and maladaptive outcomes."

The UN system, as is widely known, is currently underfunded and is actually facing a serious crisis. For several years now, there has been a growing realisation that the UN system needs to be restructured and reformed, starting, of course, with the composition of the permanent members of the Security Council, of which India should have been admitted as a member years ago.

In the case of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),

the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UNCCD, there are distinct overlaps. Clearly, actions under one convention would have implications for the other two. The drivers of change underlying these three conventions are common, namely the increase in human society's ecological footprint as Gandhiji had warned us about all his life. It is to be considered whether a comprehensive convention, which covers climate change, loss of biodiversity and desertification, may be far more effective than fragmented actions being taken under each of these conventions.

As far as India is concerned, the advance of desertification has negative implications for the country as a whole. To that extent, therefore, the "great green wall", which is being considered, would be an excellent initiative. However, just as in the case of acid rain in North America, which crosses national boundaries and, therefore, required a regional solution, it would be important for South Asian nations to cooperate on activities, which involve similar initiatives in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh as well. Given that nature respects no political boundaries, we need to promote common solutions to problems that are regional in nature. Terrorism should give way to terra-ism.

(The writer is former chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2002-15)

IT IS WELL-KNOWN THAT THE ARAVALLIS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY DEGRADED IN SEVERAL AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN HARYANA, AS A RESULT OF THE NEXUS BETWEEN POLITICIANS AND THE BUILDERS' LOBBY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 'GREEN WALL' WILL PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE BARRIER FOR DUST COMING FROM THE DESERTS

SOUNDBITE

It is biggest irony of our times that while we are celebrating Gandhiji's birth centenary, the BJP is seeking Bharat Ratna for Savarkar, an accused in his assassination case.



CPI general secretary —D Raja

Professionally, it has been a very special year for me. Both the successes have only motivated and encouraged me to keep following my instincts and work hard.



Actor —Hrithik Roshan

The global security situation is in a flux. There is concern over the inherent dangers in nuclear brinkmanship pursued by countries as a cover for cross-border terrorism.



Indian diplomat —Pankaj Sharma

When a ship sinks in the middle of a sea, the captain evacuates everyone safely but Gandhi is a captain who himself left after seeing the Congress sinking.



AIMIM chief —Asaduddin Owaisi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Together, we can win

Sir — A large number of climate strikes have recently erupted around the world, directing attention to issues such as climate change and global warming. It is also interesting to note that many indigenous tribes have been praying for the protection of the Amazon rainforest as thousands of wildfires continue to destroy it. People often turn to prayer in difficult times. Such prayers not only lead to positive results but also strengthen relationships among people. The prayers for the Amazon and the protests have attracted the attention of the global population. One hopes that such admirable activities continue to inspire people around the world.

P Senthil
Via email

Misleading policy

Sir — Economists have forever been negotiating between the twin poles of wealth and poverty. In 1776, Adam Smith postulated that the existence of economic prosperity, more than the persistence of poverty, must be

The historic China connect

This refers to the editorial, "Finding an old connect" (October 14). The second informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping was historically significant. The choice of Mamallapuram as the venue of the meet was important on account of its historical links with China, which dates back to the seventh century. Mamallapuram, named after Narasimhavarman I of the Pallava dynasty, is an ancient port town that has a strong mercantile history with China. It was also part of China's silk route and India's spice route. In fact, the origins of Kanchipuram's silk industry can be traced back to the import of raw silk from China via Mamallapuram. Sino-India links in the region can be traced back as far as 2,000 years. Chinese coins discovered in the region further establish the age-old link between the two nations. This rich history made Mamallapuram a befitting venue for this summit.

China has seen an exponential growth in cutting-



edge technology, leaping far beyond India. Electronic goods manufactured by it, which were once frowned upon, have now become much sought after. As India is a big market for Chinese goods, it is unlikely that Xi will take a harsh stand against India on the issue of Kashmir.

TK Nandan
Kochi

move away from a trite GDP to even grasp the concept of creation and distribution of happiness.

R Narayanan
Navi Mumbai

Challenges ahead

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Bangla pride" (October 15). The appointment of former cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly as the head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is welcome. In fact, he may just be the person the cricket administration needs right now to set things right. It's good to learn that on his priority list are first class players, who are the foundation for a strong pool of talent for the national team. Other issues like the absence of an Indian empire in the elite panel of ICC and reducing the gulf between women and men in cricket should be given importance. Ganguly must also ensure that financial management in the BCCI becomes more transparent. He has his task cut out.

Bal Govind
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FIRST COLUMN

Fight pollution collectively

Carpooling, using public transport, segregating waste to reduce burning, choosing not to burst firecrackers at Diwali can make a big difference



NAVDHA MALHOTRA

The Diwali season comes with many debates: Does a ban on firecrackers make a difference? Could we have prepared better? Has the national Capital's air pollution decreased? What can Delhiites do to help bring it down?

This year the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government announced a series of measures to tackle air pollution, including the odd-even vehicle rationing scheme; distribution of masks to prevent PM10 intake; a community pyrotechnic show for Diwali; mechanised road-sweeping; a tree plantation drive and a pollution plan for 12 hot spots. In September, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that according to the air quality data of the last four years, the pollution levels in Delhi had reduced by 25 per cent. While the data is still being examined, this indicates a positive step in the fight for a cleaner Delhi.

In the past, there have been many claims and counter-claims over the impact of the odd-even scheme implemented in the Capital. While some studies indicated that it was a success, others claimed that there was no impact, and still others contended that it was impossible to isolate vehicular pollution from Delhi's data sets. However, the one thing all studies agree on is that the odd-even scheme will not succeed without a robust public transport system and without restrictions placed on heavy vehicles and two-wheelers, which make up the majority of Delhi's vehicular traffic. In the past, the scheme provided exclusions for two and three-wheelers, trucks, taxis and cars used by VIPs. These exemptions, and the limited hours of the odd-even scheme, made it harder to define the success of the project, especially as two-wheelers have the highest emissions levels. At the moment, the Delhi Metro and bus fleet are not equipped to keep up with the existing demand from commuters, let alone the demand that will be generated during vehicular rationing days. However, the undeniable benefit of the scheme is decreased congestion on the city's roads. This cuts down the number of hours citizens spend in their cars and the pollution caused by congestion. The scheme is a step in the right direction but it alone cannot solve the problems of vehicular pollution.

Given these concerns, the next logical solution would be to consider electric vehicles (EVs) and particularly electric public transport. Several cities around the country have committed to electric bus fleets and feeder buses and should these measures be implemented, they will certainly have a positive impact on air pollution. However, cutting down on tailpipe emissions is only half the battle. As long as EVs are powered by traditional electricity, they still contribute to fossil fuel emissions, just perhaps not in the same city they are driven in. EVs are a step in the right direction but not enough to tackle the air pollution crisis, unless they become solar powered in the future.

Like the different sources of the problem, the solutions to our air quality issues are also varied and complex. Pollution does not acknowledge State or city boundaries and our solutions must transcend these as well. Central and State Governments must work together to ensure heavy industrial and vehicular activity is kept outside cities; equitable and environmental solutions for stubble burning are implemented as quickly as possible; industrial activity is heavily regulated and fuel emission standards for vehicles continue to advance. Most importantly, this Government needs to ensure that air quality is monitored adequately and that the data is shared so that the benefits of schemes like odd-even can be evaluated.

At the moment, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has a woefully incomplete monitoring network, with data gaps for many pollutants and locations. The newly-released National Clean Air Plan (NCAP) fails to include many of the Indian cities that require policy action and doesn't give local authorities the enforcement power they need to penalise offenders. As citizens, it often feels like there is little we can do beyond voting for the right candidate every few years. Installing air purifiers, limiting physical activity and wearing masks outside allows those who can afford it a break from the air pollution but it does not solve the issue. Each individual can take certain proactive actions: Carpooling and using public transport cut vehicular emissions. Ensuring that waste is segregated before it is discarded cuts down waste burning as does limiting open garbage and leaf burning in the winter. During Diwali, choosing not to burn firecrackers can make a massive difference, as we have seen in the last decade in New Delhi.

However, it is clear that only stringent policy can create the kind of widespread change that is needed to tackle air pollution. To make this happen, citizens must encourage their representatives to take action through their votes and their voice. Elections will be held in several States soon, including Delhi. We must make our priorities known to our leaders by raising our voices and demanding a better standard of air quality from our representatives.

(The writer is a social campaigns manager)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

CONGRESS NE KHODA PAHAD, NIKLI CHUHIYA. WOH BHI MARI HUI. (THEY DUG A MOUNTAIN, ONLY TO FIND A MOUSE. THAT TOO A DEAD ONE).

—HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER
MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR



THINK IN WHAT LIGHT DO THESE REMARKS SHOW WOMEN. BECAUSE OF PEOPLE WITH YOUR MINDSET, HARYANA IS KNOWN AS THE CRIME CAPITAL.

—HARYANA CONGRESS PRESIDENT
KUMARI SELJA

A double-edged sword

While cities that experimented with free public transport achieved positive results for a while, sustaining them beyond a few years proved to be a problem



MEGHA KUMAR

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's announcement on offering free public transport to women has sparked off a debate across the country about the financial performance and pricing of public transport. As cities across the world struggle to keep the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) and other modes of public transport financially viable, scholars and operators alike are trying to arrive at an economically sound formula for operations.

According to an estimate by the Delhi Transport Corporation and the Delhi Metro, women constitute around 30 to 35 per cent passengers in both buses and the trains. This comes to about 14 lakh women per day on the buses and 800,000 women per day on the metro. The Delhi Government is assuming that the scheme will see a rise of 50 per cent in female ridership, resulting in a decrease in the number of vehicles on the city's roads and improved safety for those vulnerable sections who cannot afford public transport otherwise.

Impact studies in cities that have experimented with a free public transport policy indicate tangible benefits such as higher ridership, less traffic congestion, better air quality, savings on printing, ticket-punching technology and the people engaged in ticket sales. Free public transport promises intangible benefits, too, such as a stronger democracy, higher citizen participation, better liveability and a vibrant economy.

However, it is easier said than done. Cities like Tallinn in Estonia and Chateauroux and Aubagne in France experimented with free public transport in the past and achieved positive results for a while. Sustaining the results beyond a few years, however, proved to be a problem. Also, while the combined effect of free service and happier commuters can significantly increase ridership, public transport can also experience a rebound effect, resulting in crowding and poor service quality due to a large demand response. Such a response can result in a higher tax burden for the transport agency.

The key to operating a free public transport is to identify alternate sources of revenue to finance it. Sustaining a free transport policy in the long-term, especially during times of economic volatility, can be highly strenuous. The city of Chateauroux, France could generate returns on public transport in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007. However, 2008 onwards, the returns declined. The city of Hasselt in Belgium had to wind up its free public transport policy after a few years as the Government could no longer support its financing.

So, the big question is, can Indian cities afford free transport for their citizens, given the burgeoning population of the country?

Cities in India face a severe shortage of public transport. City peripheries and low-income neighbourhoods often remain unserved and even if a network of buses and local trains and so on exists, the frequency of service is low, rendering it ineffective. Free or otherwise, the absence of public transport results in last-mile connectivity problems for the poor. Addressing the inadequacies of the country's public transport network will require huge capital investments and considering the amount of expenditure it entails, it could



be too much of a burden on the State Governments to then generate funds for operating expenses.

However, the good news is that, though it appears impossible at present, there are solutions worth exploring. Given that State Governments are finding it difficult to provide even partial support in the form of subsidies and grants to public transport agencies, relying on budgetary support to fund a free transport policy seems very difficult at present. Running free public transport may or may not be possible but every city must have at least an affordable transport system. There are a few strategies for long-term funding and cost-cutting that could be explored for achieving this.

Cross-utility subsidy: Although it's not very popular in the country, cross-utility financing is prevalent in many parts of the world, including Europe and North America.

There are many ways to enforce a cross-utility subsidy like imposing a levy on utility use or cross-subsidising a loss-making utility by a profit-making one. The loss-making transport department of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport (BEST), for instance, was, for a long time, cross-subsidised by revenues generated by the profitable electricity department. If implemented in a prudent manner, cross-utility subsidy can offer a long-term solution for funding public transport.

Targetted subsidy: Grants often fail to benefit the desired user groups. So, the solution lies in introducing selective subsidisation for carefully identified beneficiaries. It is a difficult thing to pull off but one can take heart from the fact that over 10 million customers in India gave up their Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) subsidy in response to the Government's plea. If people are made aware about the purpose of a subsidy, there will be many who will give it up if they don't require it. At any rate, the Government should explore targeted subsidies to offer affordable pub-

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lic transport to the needy and the vulnerable.

Dedicated transport fund: Many experts have emphasised the need to exempt public bus transport corporations from the motor vehicle tax. For many bus corporations, the operational losses are almost equal to what they pay as motor vehicle tax. While there is a sound rationale behind taxing vehicles that generate huge negative externalities like emissions and congestion, imposing a similar tax on public buses is draconian. On a "per passenger kilometre" basis, public transport is more efficient and causes lower emission and congestion than private vehicles. Moreover, the tax gets directly passed on to the commuters as part of the fares they pay. Foregoing the tax will also make fares more affordable and improve the financial accessibility of public transport.

New performance indicators: There is also a need to develop new performance indicators for evaluating public transport corporations. These indicators must mainstream social and environmental goals. Currently, public transport operations in the country are guided primarily by financial parameters like earnings and cost-per-kilometre. Now, more emphasis needs to be placed on the intangible socio-economic benefits such as time savings, improved productivity, lower congestion and improved livelihood opportunities that public transport enables. Changing the way public transport corporations are assessed will also change the manner in which they operate and the goals they prioritise in service delivery.

While financial performance is critical for operating public transport, increasing the fare is not the best solution. The approach to the problem will change once it is realised that the objective of operating public transport is not to generate revenue but to offer affordable services to citizens. The need of the hour is to find innovative solutions to make public transport affordable for all.

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Will the Thackeray clan see a s(o)nrise?

The timing is perfect for Thackeray scion Aditya to make his electoral debut with the BJP-Sena alliance poised to win the Assembly polls. The young Thackeray represents the changing political scenario and the Sena's evolving culture



KALYANI SHANKAR

How would the late Sena chief Bal Thackeray have reacted to the idea of his grandson Aditya entering electoral politics when the Thackeray clan had scrupulously kept out of it for decades? He would have chuckled.

So far, the family has run a powerful political party in Maharashtra without contesting elections. The youngest Thackeray, Aditya breaks that tradition in the forthcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections by contesting from the Worli seat in Mumbai.

Balasaheb had once told me he had taken three decisions — he would not contest elections, would

not write his autobiography and would not take any Government post and he had stuck to them till the end of his life.

After the first Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party Government (BJP) was formed in 1995, Balasaheb often quipped that he ruled the State via "remote control". Balasaheb's son Uddhav Thackeray surprisingly not only kept the party alive but also followed the "remote control" policy of his father.

However, the 29-year-old Aditya is different in this sense and he represents the aspirational Maharashtra youth. His image-makers are trying to project him as a suave, English-speaking Sena leader. Nine years ago, Balasaheb himself introduced his grandson to the political world in October 2010 and also named Aditya the head of the party's newly-created youth wing.

The timing is perfect for the Thackeray scion to make his electoral debut, with the BJP-Sena alliance poised to win the Assembly polls this month.



Aditya stated the obvious in an interview recently, "I chose this election because I thought this was the right time." There is a vacuum in the youth leadership in Maharashtra, which he hopes to fill.

As a child, Aditya used to travel with his father and grandfather and became interested in politics from then on. "If you have to do something good for society, politics is the way. I have been thinking of my journey for the last five years. We did several agitations. How to serve Maharashtra better, Shiv Sena style? I have always thought that I should join my party legislators", says Aditya.

Prior to this electoral contest, he had undertaken a *Jan Ashirwad*

yatra in July to thank the voters for the 2019 success but his real intention was to gauge the public mood for his own debut.

The young Thackeray represents the changing political scenario and also the evolving culture of the Sena. Much has changed since the days of Balasaheb. The party's clout in Maharashtra politics has certainly diminished. Politics has changed, the voters have changed and the Sena, too, has become a junior partner in the coalition, as compared to the earlier days of dominating the Sena-BJP alliance.

Aditya is experimenting with a different kind of politics, trying to change the old narrative. The Sena's image has been that of a muscular political party and he would have to change this if he wants to succeed. The Sena is no more a rabble-rousing party.

In the past it used to launch agitations against the South Indians, Gujaratis, Biharis and Muslims. Today, in a bid to woo non-Maharashtrian voters, his campaign

has multi-lingual posters. He does not mention religion or Hindutva and instead prefers to raise bread and butter issues like employment and development.

He talks about the ban on plastic, beach cleaning and the environment. Aditya is more cosmopolitan, modern and open to new-age electoral politics. He is accused of being comfortable with the Page 3 set but he is also trying to appeal to the ordinary youth.

Second, Aditya is emulating his grandfather by building a base among the youth. The senior Thackeray had a devoted youth following all his life. As long as he was alive, every *Vijayadasami* day, thousands of youth had attended his meeting at the Shivaji Park. Now, Aditya is targeting the millennial voters. He is being projected as a sensitive, modern, young leader, who is flexible and open to new ideas.

Third, it was the family's considered decision to support Aditya's electoral plunge. Bal Thackeray could run the Government through remote

control. Uddhav, too, managed to do that but Aditya, encouraged by his mother Reshmi, believes that the days of "remote control governance" are over and one needs to be in the system.

Above all, the Sena wants to strengthen itself on the ground fearing that the BJP might subsume the party. The family feels that the junior Thackeray's presence in the next Cabinet would give them some control.

Aditya is poised to win the Worli seat, if Dame Luck smiles at him, he might even become the Deputy Chief Minister. Though Uddhav says now, "The first step in politics doesn't mean that you have to become the Chief Minister of the State. He has just entered politics, this is just the beginning." He would push for his son when the time comes.

Aditya wants to prove that he is not just another son of a powerful political family but a grassroots leader in his own right. The Assembly contest will be his acid test. (The writer is a senior journalist)



FOREIGN EYE



A TIME OF RECKONING

Though some fossil fuel companies now promote renewable projects, they continue to expand their operations in the face of overwhelming evidence that their actions will drive ecosystem collapse and make much of the planet uninhabitable. It is difficult to confront the full implications of irresponsibility on such a monumental scale. But we, and our politicians, now have no choice but to try. (The Guardian editorial)

India retains fastest-growing rank: IMF

IMF revises India's growth projection to 6.1% in 2019

IANS ■ NEW YORK

In the gloomy global economic picture painted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India retains its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy, tying with China, with a projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for the current fiscal year, despite an almost one per cent cut in the forecast.

However, the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) released on Tuesday projected India's economy to pick up and grow by 7 per cent in the 2020 fiscal year.

The WEO cut India's

growth rate by 0.9 per cent from the 7 per cent made in July and by 1.2 per cent from the 7.3 per cent in April.

In contrast to the dark view of the economy within India, when viewed globally, the nation's picture seems brighter despite the cuts.

The world economy is projected to grow only 3 per cent this year and 3.4 per cent next year amid a "synchronised slowdown", according to the WEO.

Explaining the cut in growth projection for India, the WEO said: "India's economy decelerated further in the second quarter, held back by sector-specific weaknesses in the automobile sector and real estate as well as lingering uncertainty about the health of non-bank financial companies."

It added that "corporate and environmental regulatory uncertainty" were other factors that weighed on demand.

IMF's projected growth rate of 6.1 per cent for 2019-20 is consistent with the Indian Monetary Policy Committee's forecast.

About the international

scenario, IMF's Chief Economist Gita Gopinath wrote in the foreword to the WEO: "The global economy is in a synchronised slowdown, with growth for 2019 downgraded again — to 3 per cent — its slowest pace since the global financial crisis (in 2007-08). This is a serious climb down from 3.8 percent in 2017, when the world was in a synchronised upswing."

WEO projected China's economic growth to slow down to 5.8 per cent next year.

Global economy is in a synchronised slowdown: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

"This is a serious climb-down from 3.8 per cent in 2017, when the world was in a synchronised upswing," Indian-American Gita Gopinath, chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in the foreword to the latest World Economic Outlook.

"With a synchronised slowdown and uncertain recovery, the global outlook remains precarious. At 3 per cent growth, there is no room for policy mistakes and an urgent need for policymakers to cooperatively deescalate trade and geopolitical tensions," she said.

Besides supporting growth, such actions can also help catalyse needed cooperative solutions to improve the global trading system, Gopinath said.

Released ahead of the annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank, Gopinath in the World Economic Outlook said that this subdued growth is a consequence of rising trade barriers; and elevated uncertainty surrounding trade and geopolitics.

BUSINESS CORNER

PNB, OBC, UBI HOLDS TOWN HALL MEETING

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India held its Town Hall meeting on 14th October, 2019 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. The meeting was presided by current MD's of the respective Banks which includes Ch SS Mallikarjuna Rao, MD & CEO Punjab National Bank, Mukesh Kr. Jain, MD & CEO Oriental Bank of Commerce & CEO Ashok Kr. Pradhan, MD & CEO United Bank of India. The theme of the meeting was "Amalgamation — Embarking On a New Journey Together To Create A Promising Future". Speakers of the event addressed around 2000 staff members of the all the three Banks.

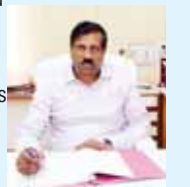
AIR INDIA BECOMES FIRST AIRLINE TO USE TAXIBOT



New Delhi: Air India has had the distinction on Tuesday of becoming the first airline in the world to use a TaxiBot on an Airbus A320 aircraft operating a Commercial flight with passengers onboard. A TaxiBot (Taxiing Robot), a pilot controlled semi-robotic towbar-less aircraft tractor used as an alternate taxiing equipment. History was created when Air India CMD Shri Ashwani Lohani flagged off AI665 from Delhi to Mumbai at Terminal 3 on Tuesday.

SM CHOUDHARY TAKES CHARGE AS DIRECTOR IN SECL

New Delhi: SM Choudhary, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost and Management Accountant and Company Secretary with over 3 decades of experience in coal industry has taken charge as the Director (Finance) in South Eastern Coalfields Limited. Prior to taking charge at SECL, Shri. Choudhary was the Director (Finance) in Western Coalfields Limited since 3rd March, 2016. During this period, he also had additional charge of Director (Finance), SECL from 28/12/2018 to 04/04/2019.



CIVIL AVIATION SECY INAUGURATES ICAO PBN WORKSHOP

New Delhi: Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation today inaugurated the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Performance Based Navigation (PBN) Workshop for ATCOs at the Indian Aviation Academy, Vasant Jun, New Delhi in the presence of Shri. Anuj Aggarwal, Chairman, Airports Authority of India; IN Murthy, Member (Operations) and Shri. Vineet Gulati, Member (Air Navigation Services), AAI. Assisted by PBN experts of AAI: Raphael Guillet and HuHo Ha from ICAO Sub-Regional Office Beijing, are imparting training. This workshop is being attended by delegates from CAA Nepal, DGCA India and Air Traffic Controllers from 44 airports in India. The workshop is scheduled to be held between 15th-18th October 2019.

CLW PRODUCES 200 ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES



New Delhi: Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has produced 200 electric locomotives (32595) upto 15th October of the current financial year 2019-20. 163 nos of WAG-9H, 26 nos of WAP-7 & 11 nos of WAP-5 series locomotives were produced till 15th October 2019. On 15th October 2018 itself, 184 locomotives were made. It shows an overall increase of about 10 per cent over the same corresponding period. With this trend in production, it is expected that, CLW will be able to achieve yet another highest production figure in the annals of Indian Railways in manufacturing of record numbers of latest technology electric locomotives in a year.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:		
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that (1) Sangeeta W/o Ravi Kumar (2) Bindiya W/o Arbey, both R/o H. No. 1343/C, Street No. 9, Govind Puri, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Gulkheri, P.S. - Pachor, Distt.-Rajgarh, M.P. (3) Seema W/o Shyam Babu R/o H. No. 1343/C, Street No. 9, Govind Puri, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Kathiya Sansi, P.S. - Pachor, Distt.-Rajgarh, M.P. (4) Nisha @ Varsha D/o Kamal R/o Vegabond Sarai Kalekhan, New Delhi and 2nd Address Vill - Jatkhari, P.S. - Pachor, Rajgarh, M.P. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 820/17 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accuseds (1) Sangeeta (2) Bindiya (3) Seema (4) Nisha @ Varsha of FIR No. 820/17 u/s 379/411/34 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.11.2019.**

By Order,
Sh. Atul Krishana Agarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 25,
DP/8465/WD/19 - (Court Matter) Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi

Benchmark indices log gains for third day; auto stocks drive rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Nifty rose over 87 points, or 0.77 per cent, to settle at 11,428.30.

The market rally was mainly driven by auto and metal stocks.

Top gainers in the Sensex pack were Vedanta, M&M, ONGC, Hero MotoCorp, Maruti Suzuki and HUL rising up to 3.79 per cent.

On the other hand, Bharti Airtel, Infosys, Tata Motors, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra and Bajaj Finance fell as much as 2.53 per cent.

Of the 30 scrips on the Sensex, 24 shares closed with gains and 6 with losses.

Similarly, the broader NSE

MORE BAD NEWS

Jewellery industry stares at a dark Diwali

PTI ■ MUMBAI

"Gold prices have soared to ₹40,000 per 10 gram last month, just in the beginning of the festival season and still remains high. This has further dampened the already weak consumer sentiment."

"But if prices continue to correct during this week there may be some improvement in retail demand. However, the overall business will still be 30 percent lower than last year," All-India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council chairman Anantha Padmanaban told PTI on Tuesday.

World Gold Council man-

aging director for India Somasundaram PR said this Diwali is not going to be very shiny following very high prices and already poor consumer sentiment dented by the deepening all-round gloom in the economy with every key indicators contracting or plunging month after month for nearly a year.

"Buying is still happening at the very high-end, but bulk of purchases, that is the low-to-mid range, are affected badly. Looking at the current trend we may have to revise the overall 2019 demand target, which was earlier predicted at 750-850 tonnes," he said.

Somasundaram said imports were much higher than demand over several quarters since Q1 of 2017, but July and August saw imports plunging 60 per cent, reflecting the already weak trade sentiment.



SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this lady (depicted in the photo) namely: **Sandhya with her two daughters (1) Name: Khushi, (2) Name: Priya, W/o Ramesh Chand R/o H. No. D-103, Hanuman Mandir, J.J. Colony, Camp No. 2 Nangloi, Delhi** is Missing/Kidnapped from the PS. Nangloi since 10.09.2019. In this regard a DD No. 60-A dated 18.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 4'10" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Unknown.

Sex: Female, **Age:** 8 years, **Height:** 3' ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Unknown.
Sex: Female, **Age:** 5 years, **Height:** 2'5" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Unknown.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing lady & daughters may kindly inform to the following:-

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001

O.A. No. 204/19 Date: 30.09.2019

U.C.O BANK Applicant

Versus

POONAM & ORS. Respondent

To,
DEFENDANT

- POONAM W/o. RAVI KUMAR SINGH, R/o. B-104, F-2, Shalimar Garden Extension-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad. Also at: Yamuna Puram, Near DPS School, Bulandshahar, U.P.-203001.
- RAVI KUMAR SINGH S/o. FATESH SINGH Shalimar Garden Extension-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad. Also at: G-62, Yamunapuram, near DPS School, Bulandshahar, U.P.-203001. Also at: ENSOL Power Pvt. Ltd., 14/3, Mathura Road, Faridabad, Haryana.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 76,66,141/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **02.12.2019 at 10:30 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL,
SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

Exports decline 6.57% in Sep; trade deficit at 7-month low

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's exports remained in the negative zone for the second consecutive month in September contracting by 6.57 per cent to \$26 billion mainly on account of significant dip in shipments of petroleum, engineering, gems & jewellery and leather products.

Imports too declined by 13.85 per cent to \$36.89 billion in September, narrowing the trade deficit to a seven-month low of \$10.86 billion, according to the government data released on Friday.

Gold imports plunged 62.49 per cent to \$1.36 billion in the month. Imports during the month slipped the most after August 2016, when inbound shipments had contracted by 14 per cent. The trade deficit stood at \$14.95 billion in September 2018.

India's services exports up 10% in Aug at \$18.24 bn

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. PTI

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely **Asha Devi W/o Uday Prakash R/o C-293, Inder Enclave, Ph-II, Kirari, Delhi Age: 35 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 5'6", Face : Round, wearing yellow green colour suit and red colour lagging has been missing/kidnapped since 10.09.2019** alongwith her daughter's namely

1. **Angel : Age : 5 years, Complexion : Wheatish, Height : 3'5", Face : Round, wearing grey & white colour checkdar shirt and skirt**
2. **Somel : Age : 3 years, Complexion :Wheatish, Height : 3', Face : Round, wearing blue colour T-shirt and blue colour jeans, from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 86-A dated 14.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman and her daughter's may kindly inform to the following.

SHO : P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Ph. No.: 011-25489080
Fax: 24368639
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/3354/RD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. Pc

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Bharat @ Mirchi S/o Dalip, R/o H.No. 8030, Gali No. 09, Multani Dhanda, Paharganj, Delhi,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence in case FIR No. 009793/17 at Police Station Janak Puri, Delhi, which is punishable under section 379/411/34 of Indian Penal Code. A warrant of arrest issued thereupon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said **Bharat @ Mirchi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Bharat @ Mirchi** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Bharat @ Mirchi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.11.2019.**

By Order,
DP/8455/WD/19-(Court Matter) Sh. Deepak Vats
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 9, Ground Floor,
Dwarka Distt. Courts, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl named **Kajal Kumari, D/o Surender Podhar R/o H.No. Z-430, Gali No. 4, Prem Nagar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 22.09.2019 from the area of Prem Nagar. In this regard, **FIR No. 322/19 dated 24.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/ Kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Kajal Kumari, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black colour jeans and black colour top.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/ kidnapped Girl, kindly inform SHO/ Prem Nagar, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-25489080



SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Durga, D/o Hira Lal, R/o: Kashmiri Colony, Village-Hiranki, Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, wearing White Suit & Salwar and Pink Hawai Chappal in feet,** has been missing from the Area of P.S. Alipur, since 25.08.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 19-A, dated 26.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Alipur, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/607/ON/19 Ph.: 011-27202290, 27202265

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one Boy namely **Surjeet Kumar, S/o Mahesh Tanti, R/o 176, Karan Vihar-II, Kirari, Prem Nagar, Rohini, Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height: 5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, wearing White Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans,** has been missing/ kidnapped since 14.09.2019 from the area of PS Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR No. 529/19, dated 26.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.**

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

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DP/3335/RD/19 Ph.: 011-25489080

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Naiyam, S/o Jahoor, R/o Budh bazar, Mohalla, Sarai Allo, Khurja, Dist. Bulandshahar U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence, in case **FIR No. 89/19, u/s 420/468/471/120B/34 IPC, at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of Arrest issued there upon (unexecuted) stating that the said accused **Naiyam** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Naiyam** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Naiyam** accused in case **FIR No.89/19, u/s 420/468/471/ 120B/34 IPC, at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **4th Day of December 2019.**

By Order,
Sh. Rakesh Kumar Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.131,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

POLLUTION SEASON IS SET TO BEGIN LET'S GEAR UP DELHI!

FREE MASKS FOR PROTECTION FROM POLLUTION



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प्रयास,
ताकि दिल्ली को
मिले हवा साफ

Dip/shabdarth/d/0138/19-20

STEPS TO COMBAT POLLUTION FROM STUBBLE BURNING:

1. ODD-EVEN:

Delhi Government will implement the Odd-Even rule from 4th-15th November, a time when pollution from stubble burning is at its peak.

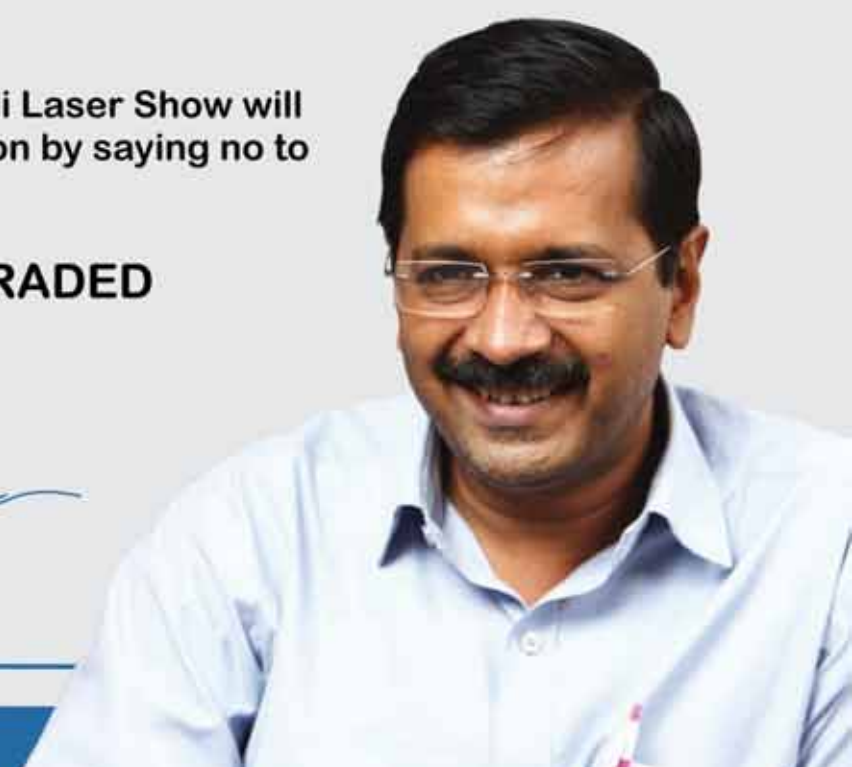
2. FREE MASKS:

Delhi government will distribute free masks as a precautionary measure. Such masks may be used when the pollution level rises.

3. DIWALI LASER SHOW:

Let's come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion. A grand 4-day Diwali Laser Show will be organized at Connaught Place in Delhi. Join hands with us in fighting pollution by saying no to crackers.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT'S 'GRADED RESPONSE ACTION PLAN'



ERDOGAN ON TURKEY'S SYRIA OFFENSIVE Op to continue until 'objectives achieved'

Istanbul: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Tuesday that Turkey's operation against Kurdish militants in northern Syria would not stop until "our objectives have been achieved".

China urges Turkey to 'stop military action' in Syria Qatar defends Turkey's action

Beijing: China on Tuesday called on Turkey to stop its military action in northern Syria and "return to the correct way of political resolution", with Ankara's operation against Kurdish militants in its seventh day.

US imposes sanctions on Turkey

Washington: Protesting Turkey's military offensive in northeast Syria, US President Donald Trump has announced sanctions against Turkish officials, raising of steel tariffs and ending negotiations on a \$100 billion trade deal.

Syria Kurds defend key town as Turkey ignores US

Tal Tamm (Syria): Kurdish forces held out in a key border town Tuesday seven days into a deadly Turkish invasion of northeastern Syria that has caused mass displacement and reshaped the political map.



Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate interact with students during their visit to a school outside Islamabad, Pakistan on Tuesday

85 civilians killed, 373 wounded during Afghan election campaign: UN

Kabul: Hundreds of people were killed or wounded in violence related to Afghanistan's recent presidential election season as the Taliban sought to undermine the democratic process, a UN agency said on Tuesday.

HRW warns against mass transfer of ISIS suspects to Iraq

Human Rights Watch warned European countries on Tuesday against transferring foreign jihadist suspects from prisons in war-torn northeastern Syria to Iraq.

Territory not becoming a police state: Lam

Hong Kong: Hong Kong's leader said on 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 their fifth month.

CHINA CHEMICAL PLANT EXPLOSION KILLS 4

Beijing: An explosion at a chemical plant in southern China has killed at least four people and injured six. The Guangxi regional emergency rescue service said on its official microblog that an investigation was underway into Tuesday morning's accident in the plant that made the commonly used plastic Bakelite.

ZUMA FILES LAST-MINUTE APPEAL AT TRIAL COURT

Pietermaritzburg: South Africa's embattled former president Jacob Zuma will appeal a court ruling that he stand trial on corruption charges, his lawyer said on Tuesday, in a last-minute move delaying a case over bribery allegations dating back to a 1990s arms deal.

AFGHAN ARMY CHOPPER CRASHES, 7 KILLED

Kabul, Oct 15 (AP) Officials say an Afghan army helicopter has crashed in northern Balkh Province, leaving at least seven army personnel, including the crew members, dead.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: WARRANT AGAINST EX-PM

Port Moresby: An arrest warrant has been issued for former Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neill on charges of corruption, authorities announced on Tuesday. The country's acting police commissioner David Manning said a district court had issued the warrant on Friday for the former leader, who was forced out of office in May after eight years in power.

PUBLIC BUSES RETURN TO TRIPOLI AFTER 30 YRS

Tripoli: Parked in a hangar in downtown Tripoli, some 35 buses awaited this week's launch of a new urban public transport scheme — the first in the Libyan capital in three decades.

JAPAN TYPHOON TOLL REACHES 70, 15 MISSING

Tokyo: Nearly 70 people have been killed in Japan by Typhoon Hagibis, national broadcaster NHK said Monday, as the search for survivors continued for a third day. The broadcaster said 15 people were still missing after the deadly storm, which slammed into Tokyo and surrounding areas Saturday night.

Advertisement for PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited. Includes details about E-Tender Enquiry No. 238/P-2/EMP-W 11648 dated: 10-10-19 & ID: 46400.

Advertisement for SBFC Small Business Fincredit India Pvt. Ltd. Includes details about public notice regarding the auction of pledged Gold Ornaments.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Vijay Kumar, S/o K.S. Narendra Nathan, R/o H.No. 386, Sec-3, R.K. Puram, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 183/12 u/s 363/364 IPC, P.S. South Campus, New Delhi...

Advertisement for बिहार सरकार (Bihar Government) regarding the recruitment of 998 staff members. Details include the exam date (15/10/2019) and the number of vacancies in various posts.

GOVT. OF BIHAR OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, BIHAR BHAWAN, NEW DELHI. Short notice inviting quotation for the replacement of treadmill in gymnasium of Bihar Niwas.

Advertisement for ICICI Bank Limited regarding a public notice for the tender cum auction for sale of secured assets. Includes details about the auction process and the assets being sold.

Brexit deal 'possible this week': EU's Barnier

Luxembourg: EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said on Tuesday that a deal with Britain could be reached this week, but warned more tough talks are still needed.

INDONESIA ARRESTS TWO DOZEN AFTER MINISTER ATTACK

Jakarta: Indonesian police said they have arrested more than two dozen suspected militants after members of a network linked to the Islamic State (IS) group tried to assassinate a Government Minister.

PUBLIC NOTICE: It is notified to General Public that our clients Sh. Sumit Kakkar, S/o Anur Kakkar, r/o T-1 Palika Nilay Building, RK Ashram Marg, Delhi-1 are purchasing First Floor of Built-up free hold property No. D-14-B/ addressing area 100 sq. yards without roof/terrace rights situated at Vijay Nagar, New Delhi-110009...

ICICI Bank Limited PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET. Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that Special General Body meeting of Paradise Multi State Cooperative Housing Society Limited will be held at its registered office No. Chamber - 1, NDM - 2, D - Block, 3rd Floor, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034 on 10th November, 2019 at 10.30 AM to transact the following business:-

CORRIGENDUM: ICICI Bank Limited. Regd. Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodra - 390007. Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051.

MBA in Information Technology Business Management is an extensive course with specialised streams, designed to inculcate and amplify the necessary skills within students, which will help them understand the business requirements and devise potential technology solutions for the successful execution of the same. The programme aims at developing professionals with excellent leadership, management and entrepreneurship qualities. MBA in IT Business Management is a two-year post-graduate programme. It is one of the most advanced courses present in the education world today.

MBA (ITBM) trains the students to lead their organisations with proficiency and with caliber. This course gives them an opportunity to transform themselves into multifaceted experts in the Information Security industry. MBA (ITBM) has an extremely comprehensive scope as it offers various specialisations to the students and lets them select the field they would like to explore. This opens a plethora of professional doors for a fresh graduate to enter. The specialisation streams of MBA (ITBM) include systems, information security management, software solutions management, IT infrastructure management & data science.

The systems specialisation provides insights, knowledge, and practice on the vital amalgamation of business and technology, and builds the mastery it demands to manage and balance both. This programme focuses on equipping tech into business processes through the application of innovative strategies. The industry-centric course content covers all the essential aspects, including enterprise resource planning, service-oriented architecture, requirements engineering, enterprise performance management, six sigma for process optimisation and more. The career prospects in this specialisation include functional consultancy, requirements engineering, process optimisation, business development, ERP planning and implementation, business analysis, quality management and business process management.

Information Security Management specialisation emphasises on the management of risks associated with operating systems, databases, applications, routers and firewalls and others in organisations that are evolving and expanding each day. Alleviating these risks on each level has become an absolute necessity of a growing business. The Information Security Management specialisation aims at developing professionals who are capable of understanding information workflows and the risks associated with them so that they can form strategies for an information secured business environment. Prospective career profiles for this specialisation are information risk management, IT security consulting, IT advisory services, information security audit, identity and access management, BCM & ISMS implementation, HIPAA auditing and implementation,



TAKE AN ADVANCED ROUTE

A specialised MBA opens a plethora of doors for fresh graduates, says DR DHANYA PRAMOD

compliance and due diligence, IT project advisory.

Software Solutions Management specialisation teaches students the art and process of fetching effective solutions to the problems concerning the business of an organisation. They learn about management information systems, principles of marketing, finance, HRM, data warehousing & the concepts related to business intelligence. MBA SSM students comprehend how to han-

dle technology, along with possessing standard managerial skills. They also gain knowledge about different and diverse domains like manufacturing or logistics and banking or finance. Prospective career profiles for this specialisation are IT sales and marketing, business process analysis, software solution development, quality verification, enterprise solutions architecture, techno-functional consultancy, software architecture and devops.

SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS SPECIALISATION TEACHES STUDENTS THE ART AND PROCESS OF FINDING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE BUSINESS

IT Infrastructure Management specialisation gives students a detailed overview of emerging technologies like unified communications, enterprise-wide networks, and next-generation intelligent network solutions, which are needed collectively to fulfill the growing needs and demands of an organisation. Professionals who can plan, design, deploy and monitor large and complex networks, it is a distinctive role that demands a strong understanding of business and technological domains.

Prospective career profiles for IT infrastructure management are network security and audit, data centre management, IT advisory services, network infrastructure sales, IT infrastructure management services, BCP/DR consultant, business development IMS, network solution and design, infrastructure project management.

Data Science specialisation will provide intensive training to build the required skillsets for a successful career in the big data & business analytics industry. Students of this specialisation will procure the skill needed to offer customised solutions for the contemporary data problems surfacing in the business sphere. Prospective career profiles for this specialisation are big data analysis, market analyst, behavioral analytics, social network & sentiment analysis, business development, business process analysis, consumer analytics, business process management, business analytics.

The writer is Director, Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him

— Maya Angelou

IN BRIEF

INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The KIIT College of Education organised the Induction programme for its BEd programme students. The objective of the event was to give the new students information about their chosen design discipline and familiarise them with the various resources at the institute that will enhance their academic experience at KIIT.

The occasion included an inspirational speech by Prof (Dr) M Sen Gupta, Director, KIIT College of Education, who elaborated on the role of Educators and the moral, ethical and academic responsibilities of sincere learners. She also spoke about the importance of teaching as an integral element of our existence and how it has the power to bring about immense change in the world.

NEW CAMPUS ON BOARD

Symbiosis International (Deemed University)'s new state-of-art Noida Campus was inaugurated on September 24, 2019 by Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Minister of Human Resource Development at Sector 62, Noida.

Headquartered in Pune, Symbiosis started its Off Campus Centre at Noida with two schools viz — Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS) and Symbiosis Law School (SLS) in 2010. Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA and Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, NOIDA have moved to this newly built infrastructure. Located at SIU, Block A, 47/48, Sector 62, Noida, this modern spectacular campus boasts of international faculties and world class facilities for education, promising the students a world class environment to embark on their careers.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

The Irish-based Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) in conjunction with Lufthansa Technik Shannon Limited (LTSL) have launched a dynamic new course in aviation open to students all over the globe. The new Bachelor of Science in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering is a full-time QQI Level 7 accredited course that will run for 28 months.

Expressing her interest in the affiliation, Cliona Campbell, Director of International Affairs, Limerick Institute of Technology said: "Collaborating with Lufthansa Technik Shannon helps us to create an extraordinary teaching programme that will boost a student's career in aviation."

The training programme is divided into three stages, which will equip students with the skills, expertise and confidence to begin a career in the global aviation industry. Students will gain experience across every area of the aircraft and will experience modules such as, electric fundamentals, inspection techniques, basic aerodynamics and many more to bolster their knowledge.

IIIT-DELHI WEBSITE LAUNCHED

In line with the target of making Delhi a global destination for World Class education, Manish Sisodia, Deputy CM kick-started the process for international students admissions to more than 21 programmes at IIIT-Delhi by launching the website.

The Institute offers undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes in computer science, electronics and communications, computational biology, human centered design, mathematics and social sciences.

The admissions for International students will happen in three phases. The early action application deadline for B.Tech admissions is November 7, 2019. Regular application deadline is January 1, 2020 and late action deadline is March 1, 2020. Similarly, early, regular and late application deadlines for MTech admissions are December 1, 2019, February 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020.

TIPTOP Ace UPSC IES interview

It is vital for engineering aspirants to crack the interview round. AKHAND SWAROOP PANDIT tells you about the tips and tricks that will help students

Qualifying for the interview of UPSC engineering services, which is the final stage of selection has always been a dream for its aspirants. Everyone wants to perform their best at this stage. After all, the selected candidates are among the 0.5 per cent who manage to crack the IES examination. Nearly 1 lakh students compete for around 600 vacancies every year for different engineering branches. While the written test evaluates the technical knowledge of the candidates, the IES interview gauges their personality combined with their field-related knowledge. The interview also tries to bring out qualities like intuitive powers, spontaneity, practicality, soft skills, leadership qualities, confidence level and team spirit of the finalists. That said, it is the 200 marks and a set of rigorous questions that ultimately decides the fate of those 0.5 per cent candidates whether they can manage to get through one of the most sought-after engineering recruitment examinations. Sounds gruelling? Fret not! All you need is a well-defined plan and some extra efforts to tackle all your apprehensions and give your best shot. Here is a list of preparation tips and tricks for the upcoming IES interview:

Pay attention while filling the Detailed Application Form (DAF):



Prior to your interview, the most crucial thing is to fill the DAF very carefully. Because, a lion's share of the interview questions will be based on your own profile such as your previous job experience, hobbies, your hometown, college and others. You cannot afford to go wrong while answering those questions and stick to the information while you are talking at the interview.

Focus on current affairs: The candidate must stay updated with the latest national and international affairs. So flip through the news-

papers, surf the current affairs blogs and news pieces and take quizzes as much as possible.

Keeping the knowledge about your subjects and the final year college project in place: The interview board pays a lot of attention to a candidate's technical and subject know-how. So make sure you get your basic concepts right and prepare two/three of your favourite technical subjects and their practical applications as you will be asked questions about your understanding of the subjects

Emphasise on the tricky ques-

tions: The interviewer might ask questions related to your state/city and its historical importance, your hobbies, your weaknesses, the reason behind joining IES and much more. These questions should be answered tactically to avoid creating any negative impression on the panel. For instance, while talking about your weaknesses, direct your answers smartly towards your strengths.

Never create answers: Not sure about your answer to a particular question? Say it clearly to the interviewer. Never try to say anything negative or create answers to something you are not sure about. It will only create a negative impact and confusion.

Groom yourself well on the Day: We all must have heard the saying, the first impression is the last impression. So, make sure you are formally dressed and well-groomed for the interview as this will create a lasting impression on the interviewer from the time you enter the interview room.

Remember, it is the selection day so give your best shot at the interview with patience, confidence and clarity. This will increase your chances of getting through the interview with utmost success.

The writer is CEO & Founder, Catalyst Group

'Need for engaging education mores'

Experiential learning enables children to organise their pattern of thought and transform them into action more effectively, says MANDAR NATEKAR

Knowledge is believed to be transcending international boundaries overcoming regional barriers more widely and quicker than ever before. People along with their children are travelling the globe providing the young ones an enhanced exposure to experiences and more opportunities to learn new things. Educators believe that there is a need to scout for more innovative ways for children to gain relevant knowledge and skills in an easy and impactful way.

Experiential education is one such well-structured methodology of learning. It enables children to organise their pattern of thought and transform it into action more effectively. It helps them understand their existing environment and be better prepared to deal with real-life scenarios, as they grow older. Being a parent or guardian, one would observe that when children return from school they are more likely to initiate discussion about what all transpired that day rather than sharing what was actually taught in the classroom. Such is the power of an experience that allows more retention and can leave an ever-lasting impact on a child's mind, over and above any traditional method of learning.

The benefits of experiential learning are embedded deep within



the core of a child's learning process. This methodology helps breakdown complex knowledge into simpler content that is engaging and quick to learn. As we know, in a traditional classroom setup the dominant mode of learning is listening, however, in an experience based environment learning goes beyond the classroom and forces a child to use cognitive abilities in combination with physical skills to take a desired action. This brings out various aspects of a child's personality to the forefront and helps them recognise their skills and interests in unique ways.

When a child is rewarded for taking a particular action, it encourages them to further undertake those tasks repeatedly, therefore becoming better with each play.

Experiential education starts

with a basic visit organised by the school to a Museum, voluntary work in the local community, or project oriented visits to National parks and so forth. These experiences were widely used across the globe as a part of the curriculum to make real-life scenarios informative and fun for children.

Later we saw that there truly was a need for more engaging means of learning for children. This gave rise to digitalisation of classrooms, educational toys, show events, and edutainment or theme-based parks with newer attractions. To complement these means, technologies like recorded audio headsets, audio books, simulated games can also be used to give on-ground learning a new dimension altogether.

The writer is CEO, KidZania India

Conference on de-stressing exams

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the aim of creating strong strategies and roadmaps to make school examinations less stressful, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, USA (NWAC) hosted a conference titled De-stressing Examination organised by Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) last week. The conference was inaugurated by former UGC Chairman Professor Ved Prakash. The event gave special focus on De-Stressing Examination on the lines of Draft National Education Policy 2019.

Director General of National Testing Agency (NTA) Vineet Joshi also attended the conference and spoke about the importance of coordination among all the boards and NTA,

to enable proper verification of students at the application stage of exams conducted by NTA.

Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj, Controller of Examinations, CBSE gave a detailed presentation on the way CBSE is bringing about a change in the evaluation and examination process to reduce the stress.

"The biggest challenge in front of educators today is to come up with a curriculum that has a futuristic orientation. The education boards do not only have the responsibility of certifying students, but they also have the responsibility to prepare the children for tomorrow's world. Students must not be educated on age-old patterns rather they should be made future-ready," Ved Prakash said on the occasion.

Science & technology expo

Around 1000 students from over 10 schools visited the Techno Blizz, an open house and science and technology exhibition at the Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering (EIE) at Tech Park in SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur Campus.

A total of around 14 labs were set up with various kinds of instruments, prototypes and equipment to help students understand the intricacies of electronics and instrumentation engineering. A few of these dis-



Faculty briefing the students about projects

plays were developed by the students and faculty of the EIE Department.

This Techno Blizz was done in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam.

A team of scientists and engineers from the Nuclear Research Centre displayed scientific models and explained to students the basic functioning of the center. Speaking about the Open House, Head of the Department, Dr A Vimala Joseph said: "The two-day event provided information about the department and SRMIST at large. The children also got hands-on experience and insight into the different aspects of Electronic and Instrumentation engineering through orientation and working models."

IEEEEC conference kicks off

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 28th IEEE Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN 2019), which kicked off on Monday here, hosts a series of technical talks, special sessions, workshops, tutorials exhibitions and awards function during the four-day-long event. With the theme "Responsible Robotics and AI for the Real World" — experts and delegates underlined the importance of developing responsible technology in an era where robotics and AI are

intruding various aspects of our social as well as private lives.

The four-day conference from October 14-17, 2019 brings in all dimensions of research and development in Robotics and AI.

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Grow professionally

Banking sector puts a lot of emphasis on development of skills. This is the reason why it attracts the best talent, says PROF AMIT GOYAL

The banking and financial services have always been the most preferred employment sector for the best students across the world. Over 10 international banks like Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and American Express and 30-plus Indian banks like ICICI, Yes, Axis, IDBI, Kotak, HDFC and Citi are regularly seen scouting for talent at Indian campuses. The tradition of IIMs shows that top students have always had a bias towards working in the banking sector.

A Deloitte survey on Popularity of working in Banking conducted in 2013 found that students seeking banking jobs are motivated by learning and earning prospects of banking sector. Top factors that are attached to banking sector jobs which make it a career of choice are:

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

We are living in the knowledge society and the real talent of today values continuous learning and development. Inherently, finance and banking are information driven industries. People working here are always learning and dealing

with new and innovative practices that make the jobs interesting for them. Also, being a people oriented sector, banks put a lot of emphasis on developing professional skills of its people. This makes it the foremost reason why banking sectors attracts the best talent across the world.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH

The huge capital norms and the backup of central banks make banking and financial service companies very strong and stable.

The fact that they are dealing with the public money gives them a lot of Government protection. Strong regulations block the entry of non-serious or weak players in the sectors. These factors put together make banking jobs a lot more secure and stable.

GOOD FUTURE REFERENCE

A student who once becomes a banker is able to reap benefits for his entire career. A banking job of a few years in the beginning of an individual's career makes it a good career reference for the future. Experience as a banker helps a

THE BANKING SECTOR IS GROWING AND SO ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES. BANKS OFFERING DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES RECRUIT CANDIDATES WITH VARYING SKILLSETS

candidate both professionally and socially.

PRESTIGE

Bankers or anyone else dealing with money have always commanded a higher social status in all cultures and societies, since time memorial. The prestige that is attached with a banking job both global and

rural. The respect and prestige of being a banker is therefore a strong intrinsic reason for a lot of talented candidates to seek a banking career.

WHAT WILL YOU BECOME?

The banking sector is growing and so are the opportunities therein. There is no one size fits all profile in banking. Banks offering different types of services recruit candidates with varying skillsets. The role of a clerk in a fully computerised branch has already become redundant.

Most people are recruited in office profile and are required to have specialised domain knowledge. The curriculum and pedagogy is carefully designed to prepare our students for these profiles. During the course of study, the corporate relations department helps a student in identifying the most suitable profile according to their strengths and aptitude.

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

There are many categories of Banking Financial Services and Insurance companies in India where one can work like Wealth Management, Bank &

NBFC, Asset Management, Fintech, Brokerage, Insurance, Accounting & Taxation, and Rating Agencies.

Students have many designations like Trade Finance Manager, Trade Desk Manager, NRI Banking Officer, Financial Planning, Service Delivery officer, Relationship Manager, Management Trainee, Business Banker, Credit officer, Forex Officer, Credit Analyst, Risk Analyst and Operations Executive to name a few.

HIGH FUTURE EARNINGS

The average salary of a fresher in BFSI sector is ₹2-₹2.5 lakh per annum, with three-five years of experience can earn ₹5-₹6 lakh per annum and with 10-plus years experience one can get ₹10 lakh per annum.

The trends show that after making a ground hold for about two-three years in banking industry people tend to grow faster in this sector.

It is notable that good students are usually forward looking and prefer jobs which give them higher future growth than immediate salary.

The writer is Director, TKWS Institute of Banking and Finance

'Soft skills are just as essential at workplace'

Having an edge over the others can go a long way in building a successful career. Hence, human skills are important, says RACHIT JAIN

In a professional world of cut-throat competition and performance-based assessments, soft skills might appear to be an understated requirement. However, one cannot do without them. A candidate might be programmer, an engineer, a writer or a sales person, but he is first a human being with an emotional quotient. Human skills are technically not considered a part of professional talent; yet even the best professional talent is futile without essential soft skills. You might be the best developer in the organisation, but if you are insincere, unable to communicate well with the team, lack the ability to collaborate and fail to maintain a good equation with your clients, your technical ability or hard skills is going to get you only so far.

Increasingly, organisations are realising that without the necessary human skills, professional talent too has its limitations. If an employee lacks technical skills, training and experience can help improve it. However, when it comes to attitude and aptitude, these are soft skills that can't be taught or ingrained.

Why soft skills matter?

Between two employees who are equally good at their work, which one will you choose to service a client? One who is approachable, doesn't lose patience easily, communicates seamlessly and greets everyone with a smile or the one who often turns irritable?

It is not difficult to understand why soft skills are important than hard skills. Soft skills include a series of personality traits that enable an individual better navigate his environment and handle difficult situations with grace. These human traits include social and communication skills, sincerity towards commitment, emotional intelligence, negotiation, conflict resolution as well as people to people skills. Empathy, patience, flexibility, tolerance and an ability to communicate in difficult situations without arousing tempers are very important skill sets.

Can soft skills be quantified?

It is difficult to quantify or judge soft skills in an individual at the time of recruiting. There aren't many tests to judge skills like communication or even sincerity. However, if you accord the due importance to soft skills, there are subtle ways in which you can assess these during recruitment.

This includes keeping a close eye on the way the individual communicates, the sincerity and maturity he displays throughout the process. If a candidate takes more than a week in responding to your requirement of submitting some documents, you get gauge a lackadaisical attitude behind it. Also important is



Rachit Jain
Founder and CEO, Youth4Work

to watch for the written communication with the candidate that gives a fair idea about the maturity of expression and sensibility of thought of the individual.

As a recruiter, nobody wants to be flooded with resumes from a job portals listing non-human or mechanical skills like years of experience, this degree or that course. What I am looking for are the people who are actively searching jobs in the job position offered and are able to show some passion towards it. This is why we have tried to design innovative Talent Boards that display list more than just the technical skills of an individual.

Our algorithms do not just rank candidate profiles based on a series of technical skill tests but also try to extract exceptional insights into a candidate's skills, attitude, pro-activeness and sincerity by analysing the smart data behind the candidate's activity on the algorithm. Combining the human element with data creates a smart data pool of talent that is much more representative of a candidate's skill set than a simple resume is.

As there arises a greater shift in organisational attitudes towards analysing soft skills during recruitment, we will witness a greater proliferation of similar algorithms and psychometric tests that lay equal value on quantifying soft skills and aptitude. We will also have more organisations investing in building soft skills among their employees through psychological skill training and team building activities.

There was a time when data-based predictions powered decision-making for marketers and financial analysts on the back of detailed insights, be it regarding demand forecasting or predicting defaulters in loan repayments.

Today, Predictive Analytics (PA) is becoming a trend. In HR it means a technology which learns and draws insights from existing data and uses it to map future trends and behavior to enable effective and efficient HR management and decision-making.

By identifying relevant trends and patterns, PA empowers organisations to understand what they do not yet know and gain insights on various aspects of management. The PA-

led human resource management can, thus, enable HR managers to make better strategic decisions while dealing with various incumbent challenges faced by the workforce.

The importance of this technology can be illustrated through some HR problems which managers face daily. One of them is that of absenteeism and typically costs organisations a huge amount of money. Identifying excessive absenteeism, diagnosing the reasons, and predicting the same for the future becomes critical.

Another example is the process of analytics-driven recruitment. Businesses across industries look not only for talented, qualified, and experienced candidates but also those who will make a great culture fit in

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their organisation. The PA can help determine which candidates are a better fit along with delineating various factors involved in such decision-making.

Predictive social media analytics and sentiment analysis are some of the solutions that can look at non-numeric data, such as feedback surveys, social media content and others to gauge the engagement level of employees. Leveraging the insights collected from these systems, organisations can come up with relevant strategies to bolster employee engagement while delivering superior employee experience.

All organisations incur recruitment cost and it goes waste when the selected candidate does not join the workforce. In addition to losing money, it can also negatively affect an employer's brand. The PA will assess historical data to unearth possible renege and help managers take the necessary decisions. It also helps in predicting the attrition before it happens. It will also look at an organisation's data to identify factors that have the most significant influence on an employee's flight risk. Managers can then use this data and address these issues before they cause an employee

to leave. Google is one of the first companies to effectively utilise predictive analytics in its hiring process.

The above examples of predictive analytics are not limited to predicting the future trends but also predicting the category — whether the candidate is suitable to be hired or not. The PAs are used to classify the performance of employees as high, medium and low. HR managers analyse a large number of variables and with the help of technology are able to predict the performance of employees. This way HR managers can use statistics and technology to make better decisions. The PA where classification is done, may use past known outcome and derive rules for prediction or group the employees with similar behavior

when the outcome is unknown.

Thus, HR managers can classify the performance of employees in three categories: high medium and low performing, without resorting to the traditional normal curve.

The companies who have started using PA in HR use one or more statistical procedures like Regression-Linear and Logistics, Decision tree, Random Forest, Cluster Analysis, Neural nets etc.

In view of this, there is no doubt that analytics can be a powerful data-driven tool for organisations to anticipate performance outcomes and develop pro-active strategies in Human Resource Management.

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The Faculty of Engineering at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow has a number of scholarships available for new self-funded, international (non-EU) fee paying students with excellent academic qualifications for the MSc in Civil Engineering with Industry programme starting in January 2020.

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For more information - <https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/scholarships/engineeringscholarships/faculty-of-engineeringexcellence>. One can contact: eng-scholarships@strath.ac.uk
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STUDY ABROAD

'One of the best ranked programmes globally'

Professor Avril Robertson, Director of Biotechnology programmes, University of Queensland talks about important of the course

What makes the course on Biotechnology at University of Queensland (UQ) so special?

The programme is consistently ranked best in Australia and top 10 globally according to the prestigious Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (2017-2019). The course is founded on excellence in both teaching and in research. It spans Bachelors, Masters and PhD levels. It is taught by scientists who have commercial expertise and industry experts into the classroom.

Why should Indians pursue this course?

The Biotechnology sector in India is forecast to grow tenfold to around \$100 billion by 2025. Growth will be in the areas of bio-pharmaceutical (prediction, diagnosis and treatment of disease), agricultural biotechnology and the biotechnology service industry. This demands a workforce skilled in cutting edge science and knowledge.

What about fee and scholar-

ships?

The indicative annual fee for Master of Biotechnology in 2020 is AUD \$41,040. A standard full-time study load is 16 units per academic year. All fees are reviewed annually.

The School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences offer exciting scholarships; the value of the scholarship is 50% of the tuition fees payable for the minimum number of units required to complete the programme by the student.

What about jobs and placement?

A biotechnology qualification can launch careers in area of science or technology like synthetic biology, health data analytics, agricultural science and drug design and development. One can pursue a career as directors and founders of technology start-ups, product development experts, consultants, clinical trials management, research team leaders to name a few.

How to apply?

Students in India are encouraged to submit their applications through an authorised UQ representative in India can help with information about entry requirements, the application process and studying.

IN BRIEF

ZERO WASTE PATTERN AT ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

The Indian Institute of Art & Design recently conducted a series of origami Workshop for Students of Interior Architecture and Design and Fashion Design by Aditi Anuj alumni of (National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad) at the college campus.

The aim of the workshop was to help students explore the endless opportunities of incorporating origami folding techniques in solving design

problems. The workshop also offered the students an opportunity to practice zero waste pattern making.

The workshop helped the students practically comprehend the importance of dimensions and perspectives as they played with space and shape through this paper folding technique. The process of creating through a single medium acted as a means for innovative ways to ideate and design.

PTE ACADEMIC 79 PLUS LAUNCHED

In their endeavor to make the preparation more effective, Pearson, has launched PTE Academic 79, a practice resource to aid effective preparation for the test. PTE Academic 79 Plus is a step by step guide to all task types in PTE Academic that empowers test takers to achieve their dream score.

The company also introduced the PTE Academic Official Practice

app as a digital resource that will assist learners and test takers to prepare for the language proficiency exams, especially Pearson Test of English (Academic), to pursue education abroad.

It is a user-friendly guide with simple and lucid language, comprising of more than 150 examples along with detailed explanations as well as two full-length practice Tests. This comprehensive book is mindful of the various needs of PTE Aspirants and is a stepping stone to achieve their study abroad objective.

The app includes a Q&A section with detailed, section-wise information about the test, the process and criteria for score. The content available on the app is a combination of item/question information, practice and key information for test prep.

TAKE AN UNCONVENTIONAL PATH

Can poker become a career option? The answer is yes. It may seem easy to learn but it needs a whole lot of hard work and skill to master the game. And with an increased number of Indians showing interest in card games, it becomes important to make sure players are well educated with the tips and tricks of it.

"It is a serious jigsaw and there are loads of strategies that one has to learn to be a professional poker player. Education in poker is extremely necessary for a country like India, where

people consider all card games to be bad." Varun Mahna, CEO, Poker Dangan says. In the case of poker, as it involves hours of learning, analysis of hands and observing your opponent's body language and strategy, it becomes more of a skills game. Hence developing more knowledge on the sport of poker will definitely help in accentuating its position as a skill.

"Educating the youth about the game of poker will also lead to responsible gaming which is a serious concern and is the need of an hour," Mahna says.

No politics behind my selection as BCCI chief: Ganguly

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as Board of Control for Cricket in India president designate Sourav Ganguly returned to Kolkata amid a grand welcome the former Cricket India captain said there was no politics to be read into his getting nominated as the boss of Indian cricket.

Soon after landing at the NSI Airport the cricketing south-paw said, "there was no political pressure on me; neither is there any political deal" behind his getting the priced post. When asked as to whether he saw a shining political future ahead of him particularly after the 2021 Bengal Assembly elections, he remained non-committal saying "there was no talk with anyone on my political future."

Incidentally hours before being tipped off to be the first cricketer to become a BCCI president Ganguly had a brief meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah which many critic saw as a prelude to his becoming the Board president.

On whether there was any offer from any political bench for



him he said "there is nothing wrong if any politician wants good people to join politics. There is nothing wrong if Mr Amit Shah or Mamata Didi want good people to join their parties."

On his future chemistry with BCCI secretary designate Jay Shah he said "Jay and I have been very good friends.

Both of us are young and both of us have experience and both of us want to do something for the Indian cricket. So it will be a great inning for both of us. There will not be lack of any

'Want to reverse losing trend in knock-out games of ICC events'

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly, who is set to be the new BCCI president, wants the Virat Kohli-led national team to reverse the trend of losing the knock-out games in ICC events.

"India are a good team. I know they have not won a big tournament. But they play well in big tournaments except the semi-finals and the final. Hopefully, Virat can change it around. He is a champion player," Ganguly told reporters here on Tuesday.

India have not won an ICC event since the 2013 Champions Trophy. The team finished runner-up in the 2017 Champions Trophy final after losing to Pakistan.

In the World Cup earlier this year, India were one of the favourites to win the title but ended up losing the semifinal to New Zealand.

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Smriti loses top spot

PTI ■ DUBAI

India opener Smriti Mandhana has lost her number one status after being topped by New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite in the batting chart of the latest ICC ODI rankings.

Mandhana, who has 755 points, slipped to the number two spot after she missed India's recently concluded ODI series against South Africa due to injury.

The 23-year-old suffered a fracture in her right toe after being struck by a ball during a net session before the start of the ODI series against South Africa which India won 3-0.

Among others batters, skipper Mithali Raj moved down to the seventh spot while her Harmanpreet Kaur rose in the rankings to the occupy the 17th place.



Smriti Mandhana in a file picture PTI

In the bowlers' rankings, Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey and Poonam Yadav moved down to be placed sixth, eighth and ninth respectively.

Among the all-rounders, Deepti Sharma has moved down to the third place while Shikha Pandey broke into the top 10.



Don't know if we can be put under more pressure: Rabada

PTI ■ RANCHI

The demoralising defeats at the hands of India in the first two Tests has forced South African paceman Kagiso Rabada to think if his side can be put under more pressure.

India's top-order fired in unison to bury South Africa under a mountain of runs in both the Tests, where they amassed 500 and 600 in the first innings in Visakhapatnam and Pune.

"We've been put under immense pressure. I don't know if we can be put more pressure than that," Rabada told reporters.

The 24-year-old pacer acknowledged that not only Indian batsmen but their bowlers also outsmarted them. It's been a long time when South Africa took 20 wickets in

a Test match and Rabada, who is South Africa's leading seamer, only has four wickets from two matches in this series.

"They got the ball to reverse and they bowled well as a collective. Their whole attack put pressure on us in every single aspect. Their spinners bowled well and when the ball was reversing their seamers could exploit that. We didn't really get the ball to reverse and that's a major weapon of ours," he explained.

Rabada is hoping that this phase will be over soon.

"It's never nice to lose, especially in the manner we're losing right now but we're going through a transition period. Our team is fresh and young, so the best thing we can do is look at where we can improve and remember our strengths and build on them."

Simmons reappointed WI coach

ST JOHN'S: Phil Simmons has returned to take charge of the West Indies three years after being dismissed in controversial circumstances, Cricket West Indies has announced.

In a statement CWI said on Monday that Simmons would be head coach for the next four years. He led the Windies to the 2016 Twenty20 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.

Former West Indies all-rounder Simmons, 56, was sacked in September 2016 for "differences in culture and strategic approach" between him and the cricket hierarchy despite their remarkable T20 World Cup triumph.

Simmons' success in the T20 arena however was not mirrored in Test cricket. During his reign the West Indies won only one of 14 Tests.

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India fight hard to draw

Adil's 88th minute header cancels Saad Uddin's opener to earn point for India in WC qualifier

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Last-gasp Adil Khan header saved the blushes for India, who played their worst game of the campaign, as the home side played out a 1-1 draw against Bangladesh in their World Cup qualifiers match here on Tuesday.

Saad Uddin gave Bangladesh the lead in the 42nd minute and the visitors looked like going back home with all the three points in the Group E match of World Cup qualifying second round match.

Adil Khan, however, ensured that India at least secure a point from the home match as he rose highest to nod home a Brandon Fernandes corner kick in the 88th minute. A defeat at home would have severely dented India's hopes of advancing in the next round.

India had lost to Oman 1-2 in their opening match before holding Asian champions Qatar to a goal-

less draw in their previous match. They now have two points from three matches, while Bangladesh stay at the bottom with one point from three games.

Bangladesh were the more organised and penetrating side as they put up a spirited show against India who were backed by a full-capacity crowd at the Saltlake Stadium.

Inspirational captain Sunil Chhetri was not at his best as also goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu who kept at bay the marauding Qataris in the memorable drawn game in Doha.

Gurpreet misjudged the flight of the ball to let in the Bangladesh's goal to the stunning silence of the packed 65,000-plus crowd.

It was Rahul Bheke who conceded a freekick on the left and Bangladesh captain Jamal Bhuyan curled it in to the far post where Gurpreet missed the flight com-

pletely and Saad Uddin finished it with a diving header.

Ranked 83 places below India, Bangladesh looked more threatening and could have easily doubled the lead in the 54th minute when the right winger Mohammad Ibrahim's shot hit the crosspiece.

India woke up from their slumber only late in the second half, making a flurry of chances but then Bangladesh defence gave a good account of themselves with Ibrahim making a goal-line clearance from Anas Edathodika's header.

In the 88th minute, Adil Khan equalised, a minute after Chhetri's shot was deflected. Brandon set it up with an accurate corner and Adil found it near the post to find the goal.

The Igor Stimac-coached side paced up their attack but it was too little too late then as Bangladesh proved a point, opening their account in Group E.

Earlier in the first-half, India had their share of chances. One such chance was in the 18th minute when Bheke's powerful header zoomed over the crosspiece.

India had their first shot on target in the fifth minute when Manvir Singh floated in a long-ball with Ashique Kuruniyan leaving it for Chhetri but the Indian captain volleyed it straight to the Bangladeshi goalkeeper Ashrafur Islam Rana.

Bangladesh also looked to penetrate early and came close in the 31st minute when Adil Khan made a mess of a back pass as Biplo Ahmed took the control of the ball but thankfully Anas Edathodika averted the danger.

The 104-ranked India thus are yet to win against Bangladesh since 1999 when the Blue Tigers had won 1-0 in the SAFF Games.

Bangladesh stay unbeaten from three matches against India.



Sunil Chhetri shake hands with B'desh skipper PTI/File Photo

Stimac rues his players' inability to score goals

PTI ■ KOLKATA

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. India missed their star defender Sandesh Jhingan sorely as a judgmental error from Gurpreet Singh Sandhu saw Bangladesh go 1-0 up.

"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, however, refused to blame any player. "Sometimes you have a great day, sometime you have mistakes in making judgment. We are not here blaming anyone. I defend my players with my heart.

"Today we dominated for 90 minutes and proved we can change our game in regard to opponents. This team is rising up."

India played in front of 65,000 fans at the Saltlake Stadium and the Croatian World Cupper said he would remember this forever.

"This was amazing day for Indian football, many of them will never forget the ambience, the support they received in Kolkata. I had many big names in my career. I will remember this as one of the biggest ones," the 52-year-old said.

"It was a very exciting match. All the people who came could enjoy the beauty of football."

Bangladesh head coach Jamie Day hailed his side's performance and said they frustrated India. "I thought we played exceptionally well. We frustrated India. Boys stuck to the game plan. Disappointed that we conceded in the end. We never expected to win coming here and play in front of 70,000 people. I am pleased to get a point," said Day.

"India had a lot of possession. We had to play differently and frustrate them. If your shape is good, then your are hard to beat. Indian had 80 per cent possession but did not create many chances. We had to defend in numbers today and counter attack with pace, had to frustrate them. That was the plan. It caused India a bit of problem."

He said he was disappointed not to have secured three points from the match but at the same happy to have got a point from an away game.

"We are 83 places behind India so getting a point against such a country is great. It is actually bigger than India's draw against Qatar as the difference is higher in our rankings."

ENGLAND 6 RACISM 0

England players suffer shocking abuse; Monkey chants at Sterling & Rashford; Bulgaria fans make fascist salutes; Match stopped twice & almost abandoned



Raheem Sterling, right, celebrates after scoring his side's fourth goal during the Euro 2020 group A qualifying match AP

AFP ■ SOFIA

England manager Gareth Southgate said his side made a statement by deciding to complete a 6-0 Euro 2020 qualifying win over Bulgaria after the match was twice halted by racist chanting.

The visitors led 2-0 through early goals from Marcus Rashford and Ross Barkley when play was first stopped and an announcement made to supporters that the game could be suspended if offensive chanting continued.

Once restarted, England quickly made it 3-0 through Barkley before a second stoppage as Croatian referee Ivan Bebek held discussions with players and coaching staff from both sides.

Raheem Sterling then netted twice either side of half-time before Harry Kane rounded off the scoring to take England to the brink of qualification.

"We know it is an unacceptable situation," Southgate told British broadcaster ITV.

"I think we've managed to make two statements really by winning the game, but also we have raised the awareness of everybody to the situation.

"The game was stopped twice and I know for some people that won't be enough, but I think we were as a group on board with that process."

In a statement, The English Football Association said their players "were subjected to abhorrent racist chanting" and called on UEFA to investigate immediately.

Tyrone Mings was one of those targeted on his England debut. The Aston Villa defender believed that stopping the game did have the desired effect of reducing racist abuse in the second half.

"The correct steps that were taken definitely helped," said Mings.

"We made the decision at half-time to come out and play the game which we thought was



Bulgarian fans gesture as they stand in the stadium to watch the Euro qualifier AP

the right decision. If anything else happened, we would have taken appropriate action."

A comprehensive victory was the perfect riposte for Southgate's men to their shock 2-1 defeat at the Czech Republic on Friday and opens up a three-point lead at the top of Group A.

However, the focus was again on the stands as another England match blighted by racism from opposition fans.

After several English players suffered racist abuse in a qualifier away to Montenegro in March, Southgate had prepared his side to follow UEFA's three-step protocol for reporting racist incidents that can lead to matches being abandoned.

A section of 5,000 seats at the Vasil Levski National Stadium was already closed for the game after racist incidents during games against Kosovo and the Czech Republic in June.

"I have to say the officials were onto everything very quickly," added Southgate.

"We reported everything immediately when we heard things, we had constant communication with the fourth official and the referee."

On the field, Southgate's decision to make five changes from the side beaten in Prague on Friday was fully vindicated.

Rashford was one of those recalled put his Manchester

United woes behind him by smashing the opener into the roof of the net after just seven minutes before Barkley tapped home a second at the back post.

The first stage of UEFA's protocol followed as the game was temporarily stopped and a warning played over the loud-speaker in both Bulgarian and English that the match could be suspended after monkey chants were aimed at England players.

That warning was not heeded as after Barkley headed home Kane's cross, there was a second, longer stoppage in play. A number of Bulgarian ultras were then ejected from the stadium.

When play did get back underway there were six minutes of stoppage time added and the visitors used it to increase their advantage when Kane crossed for Sterling to this time apply an easy finish.

Southgate's men could have scored plenty more in the second-half against the dispirited hosts on a terrible night all round for Bulgarian football.

Sterling's second arrived midway through the second-half with Kane again the creator before the England captain finally got on the scoresheet himself five minutes from time.

England now need just a point from their final two qualifiers against Montenegro and Kosovo next month to seal their place at next year's Euros.

700 & counting

Cristiano scores 700th career goal in Portugal's 1-2 defeat against Ukraine

AFP ■ KIEV

Ukraine beat Portugal 2-1 on Monday to clinch a place at Euro 2020 despite Cristiano Ronaldo scoring his 700th career goal.

Roman Yaremchuk and Andriy Yarmolenko put Ukraine two goals up after 27 minutes.

Although Ronaldo scored his landmark goal from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute and Taras Stepanenko was sent off, Ukraine held on to secure first place in Group B.

Ukraine join already qualified Poland, Russia, Italy and Belgium at next summer's finals, while second-placed Portugal, who are eight points behind Ukraine, have Serbia just a point behind them with two matches remaining after they beat Lithuania 2-1.

"There are days like these, when the ball just doesn't want to go in," said Portuguese midfielder Danilo. "No need to do the maths now: we just need to win the next two games to reach Euro 2020."

Yaremchuk pounced from close range in the sixth minute. The centre forward reacted fastest after Rui Patrício dived to parry Serhiy Kryvtsov's header from a corner, and poke the ball across the line.

Yarmolenko added the second when outpaced the Portuguese defence to finish a swift counter attack with a low,

crisp first-time shot.

Portugal dominated the second half and finally achieved a breakthrough when Stepanenko blocked a shot with his arm, receiving his marching orders before Ronaldo blasted home the penalty to make it 700 goals for club and country.

The goal was his 95th for Portugal.

The 34-year-old is now just 14 goals behind the all-time international record of 109 held by former Iran striker Ali Daei.

While the exact number of goals scored by some of the game's legends is the subject of debate, Ronaldo is agreed to be the sixth player to reach 700 after Austrian Josef Bican, Brazilians Romario and Pele, Hungarian Ferenc Puskas and German Gerd Muller.



Lakshya wants to break into top 30

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A maiden BWF World tour title pushing him closer to top 50, Dutch Open champion Lakshya Sen says he will look to put up a good show in the remainder of the season to break into the world's top 30.

The 18-year-old on Sunday clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open title, beating Yusuke Onodera of Japan 15-21, 21-14, 21-15 in the summit clash.

"This is the biggest title of my career so far. I have reached quarters and semifinals in the past, so it is good to finally win a super 100 tournament. It will boost my ranking and give me a chance to play the super 500 tournaments," Lakshya, who rose to world No 52 this week said.

"At the beginning of the year, my target was to reach the top 50 and after this win I would be close to that. I still have few events left in the year. If I can do well there, I can go further up. Hope I can break into top 30 early next year."

Lakshya will play the Saarlouis Open Super 100 (Oct 29-Nov 3) next, before participating in two International Challenge events at the Irish Open (November 13-16) and Scottish Open (Nov 21-24). He will also play the Syed Modi International Super 300 (Nov 26-Dec 1).



Lakshya Sen in a file picture BWF/Twitter/File Photo

It was an impressive week for the teen shuttler, who displayed superb temperament and skills to outwit his opponents.

"The first round against Nhat (Nguyen) was tough, the second match was okay but again playing (Ygor) Coelho was difficult. I had played him before so I was ready for a big match," said the 2018 Asian Junior Champion.

"The finals was also a long match and I am happy how I performed overall in the week," he said.

Sindhu starts with win

PTI ■ ODENSE

World Champion P V Sindhu made an impressive start to her campaign at the Denmark Open, claiming a straight-game 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 Japan next. He had lost to Momota at the World Championships 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.



Former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap, who had reached the semifinals at Korea Open, failed to cross the opening round after losing 13-21, 12-21 to Thailand's Sittthikom Thammasin in the men's singles.

National champion Sourabh Verma, who had clinched the Hyderabad Open and Vietnam Open this year, also made an early exit after going down 21-19, 11-21, 17-21 to Mark Caljouw of the Netherlands.