

Apex court recalls its order on SC/ ST Act: It is discriminatory

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THE SUPREME COURT on Tuesday recalled its earlier direction which diluted provisions of arrest under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

In its order on March 20, 2018, a Bench of Justices A K Goel and U U Lalit had directed that no arrests under the Act could be made without prior permission—from the appointing authority in case of public servants, and from the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) for others—and a preliminary enquiry should be conducted before registration of FIR.

But the Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, M R Shah and B R Gavai, on Tuesday, said if this was allowed, "the very purpose of the

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Act is likely to be frustrated. Various complications may arise. Investigation cannot be completed within the specified time, nor trial can be completed as envisaged... delay would be adding to the further plight of the downtrodden class".

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At the Lalit Kala Akademi, a day ahead of an exhibition, 'Bapu, 150 Years', on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, in New Delhi on Tuesday. Renuka Puri

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In one Jharkhand dist, 53 booked in cow slaughter cases in 6 years, all acquitted

ABHISHEK ANGAD
KHUNTI, OCTOBER 1

BALI MUNDA cannot forget the 89 days he spent in jail after being "falsely" accused of cow slaughter. Nor can he forget the 21 trips he made from his village to the Khunti district court or the Rs 14,000 he borrowed from relatives to meet legal expenses.

The 63-year-old was acquitted in January this year for lack of evidence and now says he is just fortunate to be alive. But in this Jharkhand district, where police last week arrested three men for lynching 40-year-old Kalantus Barla on suspicion of cow slaughter on September 22, Munda is not alone.

A scrutiny of district court records by *The Indian Express* found that at least 53 people booked on charges of cow slaughter, or intent to slaughter cows under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, in 16 cases have been acquitted since 2018.

While some acquittals came after courts observed that the alleged cow meat seized was not sent to the FSL, in others, witnesses never appeared before court. In two such cases, Bajrang Dal members were witnesses. Munda was assaulted by cow



Bali Munda is among those acquitted. Abhishek Angad

vigilantes near Jaltanda Bazaar in Khunti in August 2017 and arrested soon after. Two years later, Barla was killed, and two others injured, by a mob in Suari village, barely 8 km from where Munda was attacked.

"I can imagine what happens when a mob attacks... Bajrang Dal members slapped me and handed me to police. I am fortunate to be alive," he said.

Consider some of the acquittals.

CASE: August 23, 2013, at Khunti police station
FIR: Four men accused of cow slaughter.

VERDICT: September 27, 2018: Court said no witnesses were presented and noted that it issued summons and warrants and also wrote to SP Khunti but the prosecution neither

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NO STAY ON J&K REORGANISATION ON OCT 31

Challenge on J&K: SC gives govt more time, defers hearing to Nov 14

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

THE REORGANISATION of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories is all set to proceed as scheduled on October 31 with the Supreme Court Tuesday not ordering a stay and adjourning hearing to November 14 on a clutch of petitions challenging the Constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to revoke special status granted to the state under Article 370.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice N V Ramana allowed requests from the Centre and the J&K administration seeking more time to file a written response to the petitions. "The court can put the clock back... But it cannot hear such a matter without getting a response from the government," said the bench also comprising Justices S K Kaul, R Subhash Reddy, B R Gavai and Surya Kant.

Later, hearing a separate batch of petitions questioning the restrictions on movement and communication in J&K, following the government's August 5 move on Article 370, a three-judge bench of the apex court said that "personal liberty will have to be balanced with

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144 minors were detained, J&K admits to top court

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G & ADIL AKHZER
NEW DELHI, ANANTNAG, OCTOBER 1

THE JUVENILE Justice Committee of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Tuesday told the Supreme Court that 144 juveniles aged between 9 years and 17 years and in conflict with the law were arrested — mostly preventive detentions — in the

state since August 5 when the Centre revoked the special status granted to it under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Of these, 142 had already been released and only two were still in juvenile homes, the report said, citing information provided by the police and other state agencies.

Hearing a petition by Child Rights Activist Enakshi Ganguly and Santha Sinha, the Supreme Court had asked the J&K High

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Defending telecom curbs, govt says not one bullet fired

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

IN ITS first official response to the legal challenge before the Supreme Court against the communications clampdown in the Valley, the central government argued that the restrictions were "need-based" and "were purely

temporary but had become imperative given the history of the state for being on the radar of terrorism".

"To the credit of the government, not a single bullet has been fired till date and there has not been any loss of life on account of any police firing," stated the affidavit filed under oath by

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Will bring Citizenship Bill before NRC exercise in Bengal, says Amit Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 1

ACCUSING WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of "misleading" the state on the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Union Home Minister and BJP president Amit Shah said Tuesday that the Centre will bring in the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill before implementing the NRC



'Won't force Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Christians to leave'

to identify and deport "each and every infiltrator".

Addressing BJP workers at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in

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Identify illegal Bangladeshis in UP, DGP tells districts; police say not linked to NRC

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 1

AMID THE political row over the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Uttar Pradesh DGP O P Singh has directed all district police units to start a drive to identify "Bangladeshis" and other foreigners staying in the state illegally and without valid documents. Police said Tuesday that the direc-

Slide in auto sales continues in Sept, but better than August

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

SALES OF vehicles across segments in the automobile sector continued their slide in September with leading manufacturers of passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and medium and heavy commercial vehicles, reporting a sharp fall compared with the same month last year. September's sales were, however, better than the previous month, providing some relief to auto companies.

While Maruti Suzuki reported a 27% drop in domestic car sales at 1.1 lakh units, Bajaj Auto saw a 35% drop in motorcycles at 1.77 lakh units. Ashok Leyland announced sale of 4,035 units of medium and heavy commercial vehicles in September, a sharp 69% decline compared with September 2018.

Among other passenger vehicle manufacturers, while Hyundai Motor India reported a 14.8% drop in sales in September

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Festival sales hold out hope

FACING DECLINE in sales in 14 of the last 15 months, the industry has now pinned its hope on the festive season. It, however, remains to be seen if government measures to revive sentiment has any bearing on lifting consumption demand.

at 40,705 units, sales of Honda Cars India witnessed a 37% decline in sales to 9,301 units last month. Toyota Kirloskar's car sales witnessed a 18.5% drop year-on-year at 10,203 units last month.

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'Maverick, expert on legal issues': Meet mystery man behind conflict of interest crisis in BCCI

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 1

FOR ALMOST three years now, a little-known cricket official from Indore has kept the BCCI's Committee of Administrators (CoA) and Ethics Officer on their toes.

Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA), 45-year-old media-shy businessman Sanjeev Gupta has so far sent close to 400 emails to the CoA, most of which highlight cases of non-compliance within the BCCI and its affiliated units.

It was because of his complaint that Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and V V Laxman were found to be in breach of the conflict-of-interest clause, which was introduced in BCCI's new constitution post-Lodha reforms. Gupta, a one-time university



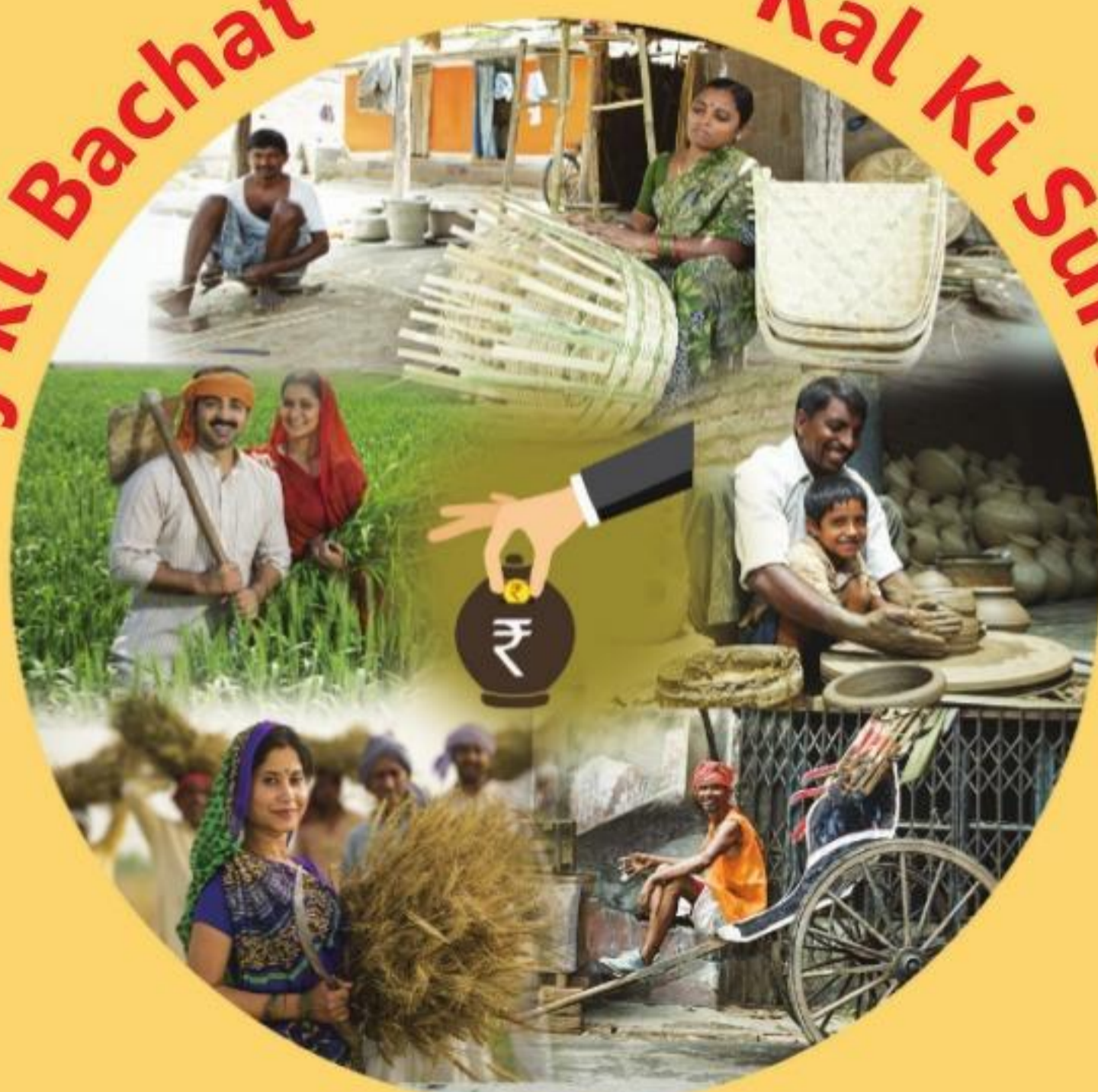
Gupta's emails have named Ganguly, Laxman, Tendulkar

off-spinner, remains in constant touch with reporters. But he has steadfastly refused to be interviewed or even share his photograph. In one of his email complaints to the CoA — he shares most of them with the media — Gupta provides the reason for his campaign: "I do not have any personal vendetta against anyone, I have nothing to attain from anybody and nothing of mine is at stake. I do not have any vested interest, whatsoever. My only

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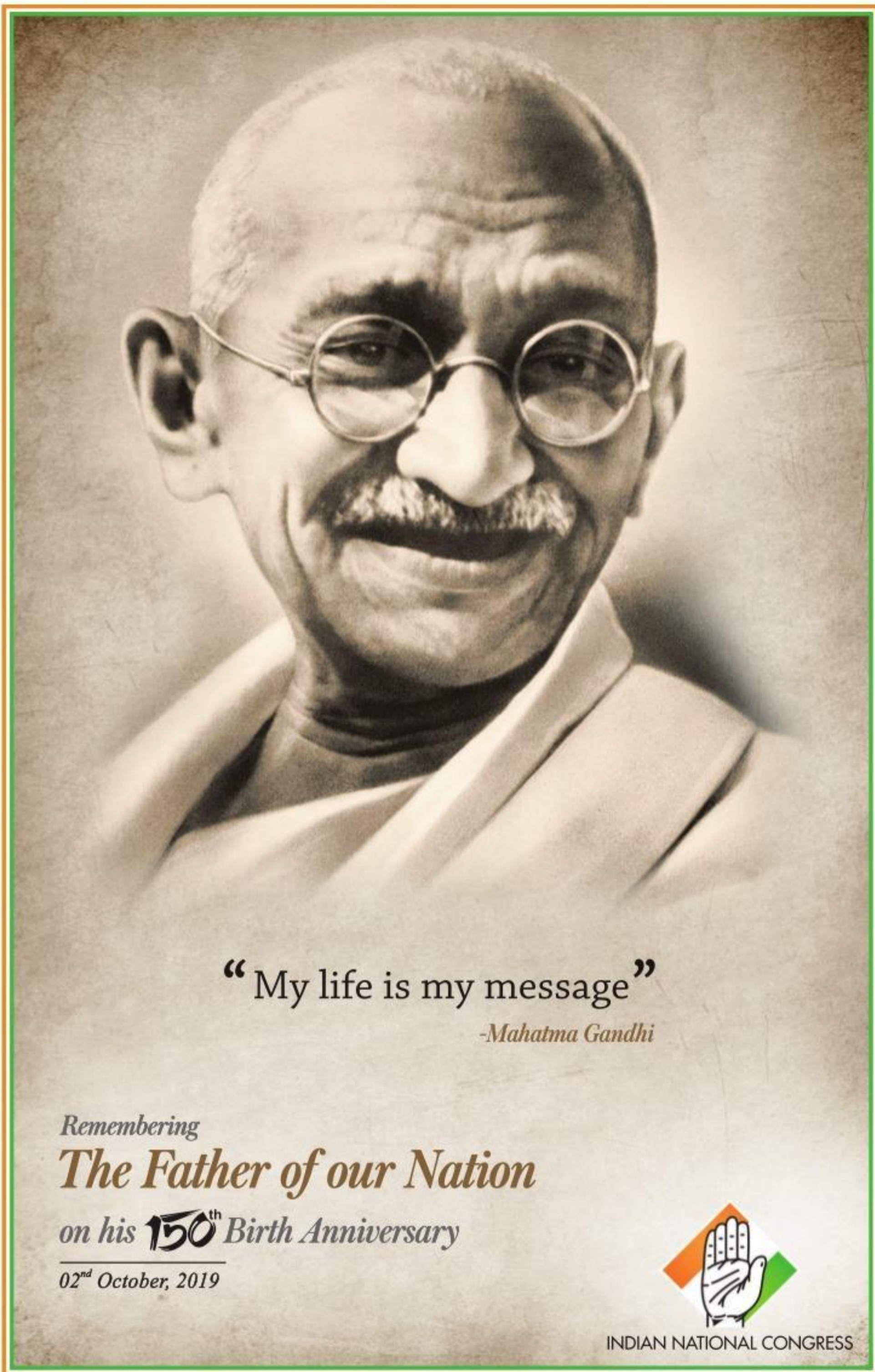
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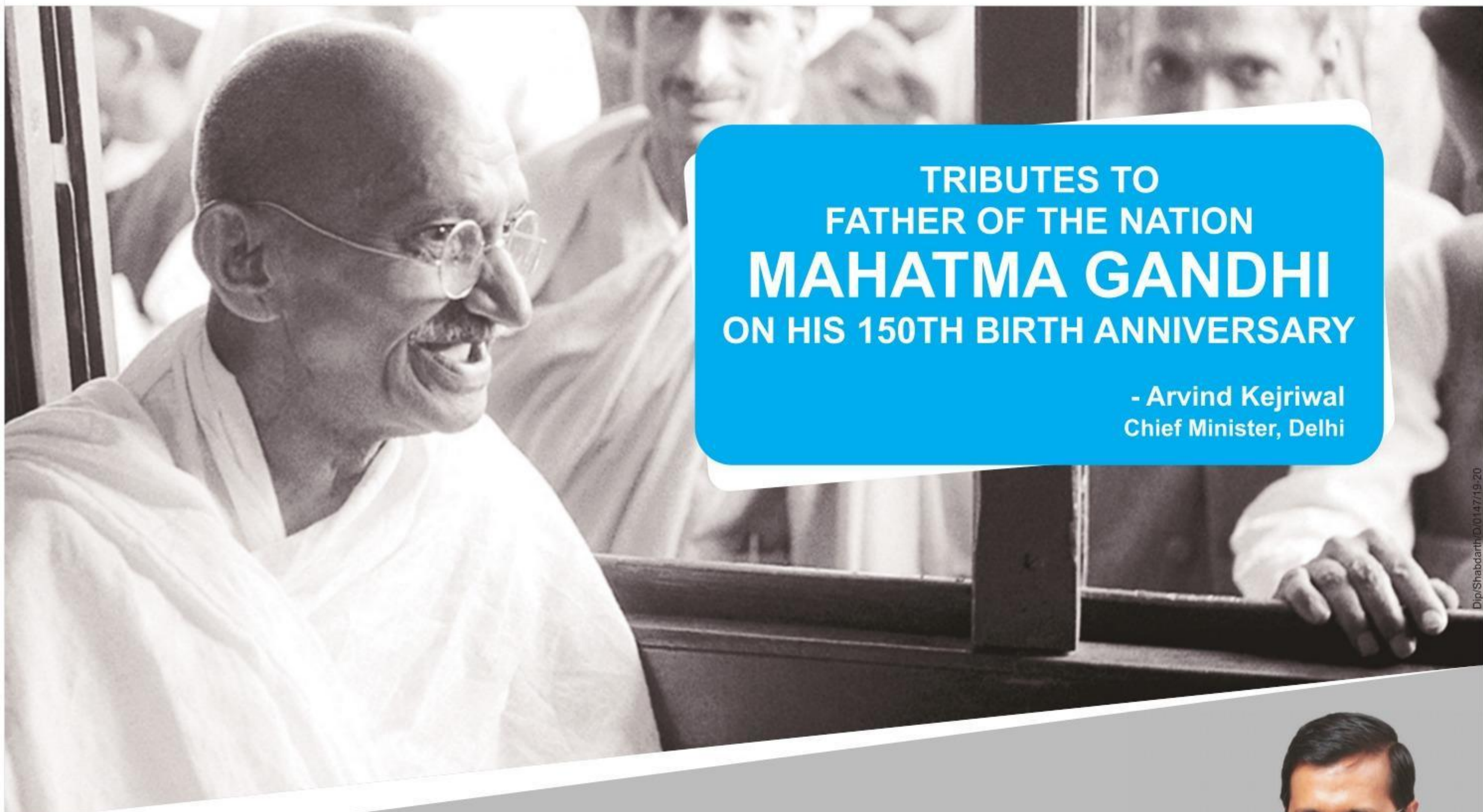
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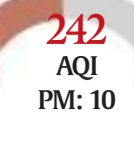
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MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE INVOLVING NEWBORN Court tells police to file FIR against Fortis Hospital

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

A DELHI court has directed police to lodge an FIR against Fortis Hospital and its management in a case of medical negligence involving a newborn, which left him with a brain injury.

The child's parents alleged that the hospital management and doctors covered up the injury, which aggravated and developed into West Syndrome.

The complaint, filed by advocate Sachin Jain, has named six directors of Fortis Hospitals Ltd, Fortis Healthcare Ltd and Fortis La Femme Ltd. Jain also named paediatrician Dr Akhilesh Singh, Dr Ritu Verma from the gynaecology department and HOD of the Neonatal ICU Dr Vivek Jain.

The complaint sought registration of a FIR under various IPC sections, including 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt), 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) and 193 (false evidence) against the hospital, its directors and doctors who performed the operation.

The boy was born on August 12, 2017, following an emergency C-section at Fortis, Shalimar Bagh. The mother, in the complaint, alleged that she was informed by doctors that her son did not cry after birth. The boy was later discharged after 12 days in the ICU, with a false fitness certificate, the complaint read.

Metropolitan Magistrate Virender Singh said the allegations against the hospital management and doctors concerned were "serious in nature" and gave the SHO three days to file the FIR. He directed an assistant commissioner of police to collect

The parents alleged the hospital management and doctors covered up the child's brain injury, which aggravated and developed into West Syndrome

evidence and said the case required scientific investigation.

As per the complaint, when the parents started noticing issues with their child, they approached Dr Vivek, who allegedly told them the boy was medically fit. They then took their child to several private hospitals, with the discharge summary, because of which the problem could not be diagnosed.

"The child... could never reveal his pain to us and kept suffering... all these months. He used to hit his head on our shoulders but we were clueless about the inside injury. Unfortunately, after six-seven months, he stopped recognising us... We rushed him to Dr Vivek Jain, who declared he has neurological problems and advised us to see a paediatric neurologist," the complaint read.

The parents then took their son for an MRI, which showed he had suffered a hypoxic brain injury during birth. He suffers from West Syndrome, characterised by intellectual disability and severe epilepsy, due to bleeding in the brain, the complaint read.

A spokesperson from Fortis Hospital said they are yet to receive an order from the court. He also said the Delhi Medical Council, in an order in August, had said that "no medical negligence can be attributed on the part of doctors at Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh".

66% DROP IN SEPTEMBER FROM SAME PERIOD LAST YR: POLICE Month after amended MV Act, city sees drop in traffic fines

Major decline in cases of riding two-wheelers without helmets: Report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

A MONTH after the amended Motor Vehicles Act came into force, the number of challans issued for traffic violations have dropped in the city.

A comparative analysis done by the Delhi Traffic Police shows that there is a difference of 3,50,898 challans — amounting to 66% — between the challans recorded in September last year and the same month this year.

According to the analysis, the number of cases recorded in September last year was 5,24,819, whereas that in the same month this year was



The amended Act came into effect on September 1

recorded at 1,73,921.

Anil Mittal, Additional DCP (PRO), said, "The drop in challans is due to cases being sent to the court. The impounding power has not been given to police so far, and magistrates are handling

the cases. Also, we have focused on strict regulation and improved compliance along with effective enforcement."

The amended Act, which came into effect on September 1, imposes stricter penalties to ensure road safety. While the fine for not wearing a helmet was Rs 100 earlier, now it is Rs 2,000. A driver can lose his licence for three months.

According to the report, there has been a major decline in cases of riding two-wheelers without helmets in the city. About 21,154 cases were registered last month for the violation, whereas more than 1,04,522 cases were registered in September 2018.

However, there cases where

drivers were caught without pollution certificates have been on the rise. The data suggested an increase of 75% of such cases, with 13,659 cases being registered for the violation in September this year.

Instances of people being challaned for driving without a licence have increased by 6,409 as compared to last year. The penalty for not having a licence under new rules is Rs 5,000.

The analysis included cases of speeding, driving without licence, drink driving, driving without helmets and pollution certificates from districts across the city. Records of fatal road accidents have not been included in the list.

Delhi zoo's oldest member, Rita, dies



The chimpanzee died of multiple organ failure. Archive

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

AFTER A prolonged illness, Rita — considered to be India's oldest chimpanzee — died at the National Zoological Park in Delhi Tuesday afternoon. It would have turned 60 on December 15, and was the only chimpanzee at the zoo.

On July 27, Rita stopped consuming solid food and only drank juices extracted from fresh fruits, water with supplements, and milk mixed with ground walnuts. Zoo authorities claimed that during the course of her illness, several vets from national parks and zoos across India visited it for treatment.

"At 12.15 pm Tuesday, Rita died of multiple organ failure. A post-mortem was conducted by a panel of five vets. Tissues of the organs have been sent to the Indian Veterinary Research Institute for further examination," said zoo curator Riaz Khan.

The chimpanzee's enclosure had been equipped with a water bed, mattresses, pillows and a TV playing videos of chimpanzees.

Due to her old age, Rita was given vitamins and minerals, liver tonic and iron supplement syrups on a regular basis. Last week, Sangeeta Dogra, who claims to be an animal rights activist, had moved the Delhi High

Court, seeking intervention into the deteriorating health of Rita. A zoo official claimed that towards the end of its life, Rita weighed 72 kg and its bent back due to old age made her look no taller than four feet.

"It was the oldest member of our zoo family... we parted ways with tears in our eyes... a garland of flowers was also placed as a token of respect," said Khan.

Most chimpanzees survive till the age of 40. Rita came to the Delhi zoo from the Amsterdam zoo on February 27, 1964, and was shifted to the Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park in Chhatbir, Punjab in 1990. It returned to the Delhi zoo in 2006.

A zoo source said, "Rita was probably the first-ever chimpanzee of the zoo. After it, another chimpanzee, Rustam, arrived from Amsterdam. Then Rita was moved and when she came back, she found company in a chimpanzee called Moni, who died of TB in 2014. Since then she's been alone." Rita gave birth to babies decades ago but none survived.

Rita occupied an enclosure in the primate section and would often hang out around an unknown heritage structure inside the enclosure — a Mughal-era structure and one of the 19 monuments inside the zoo. Due to Rita's death, the zoo has cancelled the inaugural function of wildlife week on October 2.

Delhi govt to launch anti-plastic drive

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

THE DELHI government, which does not intend to ban single-use plastic, is set to launch a mass awareness campaign Wednesday against use of plastic products including bottles, cutlery, while also gearing up to notify bylaws under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Urban local bodies and district magistrates are already carrying out extensive activities against plastic under the Centre's "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign since September 11, under which nearly 550 MT (metric tons) of plastic waste have been collected, as per official data.

In the Centre's suggested list of activities to states and Union Territories, which were to be car-

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550 MT
Amount of plastic waste collected by MCDs

14,197
eco-friendly carry bags distributed

7 markets declared plastic free

CHALLANS REALISED

Rs 5 lakh: North MCD

Rs 8.5 lakh: South MCD

Rs 12.1 lakh: New Delhi Municipal Council

(Data as on Sep 26)

ried out under the campaign, a "complete ban on usage of any single-use plastic items (cutlery, water bottles, wrappers, containers etc) during any public event / festival" had also figured.

As part of the campaign, Metro train coaches and around 1,000 autos are being wrapped with messages against use of plastic, an official said. Display panels in public places, including Metro stations, will show messages against plastic as well.

"The three Delhi Haats are set to be declared plastic-free zones. Separate kiosks will be set up where eco-friendly alternatives will be distributed. Most importantly, we have nearly finalised the plastic rules' bylaws after extensive discussions with stakeholders, including the civic bodies, which will pave the way towards the implementation of

the plastic waste management rules, three years after they were notified," a senior official said.

The bylaws will help civic bodies in making a framework for taking action against proliferation of plastic by imposing fines and penalties, while also categorising types of plastic.

"The bylaws will also lay down guidelines on recycling for domestic households and bulk users. It will also help corporations fix user charges for collection of plastic waste, like in case of solid waste," an official said.

Currently, only plastic having thickness below 50 microns is banned in the capital. Many states, including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Odisha have enforced stringent laws against the use of plastic items. "Abrupt bans will not be as productive as proper awareness," an official said.

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Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister, Delhi

* In comparison with Cities/States like Noida, Mumbai, Punjab and Bengaluru ** The bill amounts are from specific consumers. The bill from Noida of 202 units is of 4KW sanctioned load and is from April-May 2019. The bill of Bengaluru of 175 units is of 3KW sanctioned load and is from August-September 2019. The bill from Mumbai of 194 units is of 0.97 sanctioned load and is from May-June 2019. The bill from Punjab of 188 units/month is of 1.76KW sanctioned load from June-August 2019. The bill amount for Delhi is based on an assumption of 2KW sanctioned load



3-year-old girl dies after falling into open drain in Ghaziabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 1

A THREE-YEAR-OLD girl died after falling into an open drain in Ghaziabad on Tuesday afternoon, said police.

The girl, Ananya, was playing outside her house in Sahibabad's Dhanpat Colony when she fell into the four-foot-wide drain, added police. "We received information that a child had fallen into a drain in Sahibabad. A team rushed to the spot and found that the girl's relatives and other colony members had pulled her out. We are ascertaining the exact time of the accident. The drain was situated outside the lane leading to the houses, and was closer to the main road. The family has not filed a complaint so far. The body has not been sent for a post-mortem yet," said a senior officer from the Sahibabad police station.

The drain is being managed by the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation.

On being contacted, an official from the Corporation claimed that the matter will be looked into.

According to a neighbour, the minor's body was recovered hours after she fell inside.

"The incident took place at around 11 am. It seems she was walking close to the drain. For several hours, her family and locals looked for her, but she could not be found. By the time they realised that she had fallen into the drain, it was too late. She would have turned four in about two months. It is very unfortunate," said Karuna, a neighbour.

Residents claimed that the drain has been left unattended for several weeks and has become a hazard.

On August 30, two minors died after they fell into a 10-foot open ditch in Ghaziabad's Devendrapuri.

Residents had alleged that the Nagar Palika had ignored the drain for several years.

In July, a 15-year-old student fell into an uncovered drain while cycling back home from his school in Vijay Nagar.

OFFICIALS RAIDED PREMISES, CASE REGISTERED

'Call centre offering sex selection contacted lakhs'

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

EMPLOYEES OF a call centre — which was raided Monday by a central inspection team — are believed to have contacted as many as 6 lakh people to offer sex selection services in association with a fertility clinic, officials at the state PC-PNDT cell said.

A central inspection team raided the call centre, associated with Ela Woman Fertility, in East Patel Nagar for allegedly offering sex selection services. The subdivisional magistrate of the area has called for an investigation and registered a complaint with Delhi Police Tuesday.

DCP (Central) Mandeeep Singh said the case has been registered at Karol Bagh police station on the SDM's complaint. "We are investigating the matter," he said. No arrests have been made yet.

Acting on a complaint received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare against a racket operated by a company, Elawoman, in Delhi and the en-



The Indian Express report dated October 1

tire country, the team conducted a raid late on Monday night.

"This company is alleged to be running through its website, elawoman.com. They offered IVF services and promised to take couples to countries like Thailand, Singapore and Dubai for the process. As per various provisions of the PC-PNDT Act, helping in sex selection and advertising regarding the same are cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable criminal offences," said Dr Nitin Kumar, special programme officer of PC-PNDT, Delhi government, who was present during the raid.

The Indian Express tried contacting company representatives via phone numbers and email IDs provided on the website, but did not receive any response.

During the raid, the team found around 300 computer systems allegedly used to make calls to couples who wanted a child. In a statement, the state PC-PNDT cell said the call centre was started by an IIT graduate.

According to officials, on receiving specific complaint against the company, it was decided that decoys would be used for the raid.

A National Inspection and Monitoring committee was constituted by the MoHFW and 14 members participated in the raid.

"A decoy team was sent and a relationship officer of Elawoman explained the procedure... He also explained that there is a 100% chance of a baby boy through sex selection. He said that as sex determination is banned in India, the company takes a registration fee of Rs 10,000 and sends patients to Dubai, Bangkok or Singapore. He struck a deal with our decoy for Rs 8.5 lakh for getting a baby boy

through IVF in Dubai... he explained the whole procedure and fee structure in writing for patients going to foreign countries," said the statement.

The team found letterheads, bills, receipt books of IVF specialists working in different IVF centers, and modules for conversing with online clients which had a hand-written information sheet on having a male child via IVF.

During investigation, the statement said, the relationship officer revealed that the main operations of the call centre were being done from Padam Singh Road in Karol Bagh.

The statement said the owner of the call centre was an IIT graduate. "The whole setup and network was his brain child; it has also been registered as a startup... the centre has been running for two years, without displaying any signage... approximately 6 lakh beneficiaries have been contacted till now," it said.

The Pre-Conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994, was enacted to prevent sex-selective abortions.

Vijay Goel, Delhi BJP workers protest against CM's hospital remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1



Delhi BJP workers protest near ITO. Gajendra Yadav

BJP RAJYA Sabha MP Vijay Goel and Leader of Opposition at the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta, along with party workers of the Delhi BJP, staged a protest against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over his remark on people from outside the capital availing healthcare facilities here.

Workers gathered near ITO Tuesday, carrying placards and raising slogans against the AAP and Kejriwal. They tried to move towards the Delhi Secretariat, but were stopped by police.

"Kejriwal's remark hurt the feelings of the Purvanchali people. He himself came to Delhi from Ghaziabad and Haryana. If he says things like this, then we will have to take to the streets. Our children also go to other states," said Goel, adding that Kejriwal himself has visited Bangalore for treatment in the past.

While laying the foundation stone of a new trauma centre Sunday, Kejriwal had said that people from Delhi found long queues at hospitals because those from outside were also flocking to avail healthcare facilities here.

This, he said, was a testament to how much the health infrastructure had improved in the city, and how free medicines and treatment were a major draw.

Gupta said, "He should not forget that Delhi belongs to all Indians. Kejriwal is from Haryana. He has no right to consider people from Bihar, UP and other states outsiders."

Kejriwal, however, said: "We never stopped anyone from getting medical treatment and education in Delhi. People from far-reaching areas outside Delhi come here for treatment... If we can help the poor educate their children and avail health facilities, we are happy irrespective of where the person comes from. We want that the kind of facilities that exist in Delhi should also come up in other parts of the country."

Folk singer, attacked a month ago, shot dead

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A FOLK SINGER was shot dead by unidentified bike-borne assailants in Greater Noida on Tuesday.

Police said the victim, Sushma Tekpur, was returning from Bulandshahr when the accused opened fire at her. She was admitted to Kailash Hospital, where she died during treatment, police said.

"We received information that a woman had been shot outside Maitri Society in Greater Noida. As per initial investigations, she was attacked a month ago and a case of attempt to

murder had been registered in Bulandshahr. She had gone to see police for a follow-up and was returning home, when she was fatally shot. Further investigations are underway," said Vaibhav Krishna, SSP, Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to police, Tekpur was attacked after a music function in Bulandshahr on August 19. The case is under investigation, said police. The FIR in the previous attack had been registered in Kotwali Dehat police station under IPC section 307 (attempt to murder).

Police said they are investigating a link between the previous attack in Bulandshahr and the fatal shooting.

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18 arrested in snatching cases

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested more than 18 people from different districts in the city. In New Delhi district, two men involved in more than 30 cases of robberies and snatching were arrested. Other snatchers were arrested from Southwest, Rohini, Outer North, North and Shahdara districts, said police. "Following a spurt in cases of snatching, we deployed a team of policemen in civil clothes. We had already identified the vulnerable spots in the district," said Eish Singhal, DCP (New Delhi).

Four held for extortion

New Delhi: Four people involved in several cases of extortion and murder have been arrested after a brief exchange of fire in Dwarka's Chhawla area, said police. "The accused were arrested near Chhawla stand in Najafgarh after a brief exchange of fire," said Anto Alphonse, DCP (Dwarka).

22-yr-old shot dead

New Delhi: A 22-year-old man was shot dead by unknown persons in Rohini's Prem Nagar. According to police, an altercation broke out between the accused and the man over consuming liquor, following which the latter was shot dead. Police said efforts are on to nab the accused.

Two held after shootout

New Delhi: Two men, allegedly hired by a Mumbai-based criminal to kill a woman, were arrested by the Delhi special Cell after a shootout in Shahdara Tuesday morning. The incident took place when the duo was going to kill the woman. Police said the woman had ended the relationship with the criminal, following which he decided to get her murdered.

1,650-kg charkha installed

Noida: A 1,650 kg charkha was installed by the Noida Authority in Sector 94 to raise awareness against use of plastic. Union Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the installation made out of 1,250 kg of plastic waste.

Three held with drugs

New Delhi: Three men were arrested for allegedly peddling marijuana worth Rs 2 crore. "Police got a tip-off last week and laid a trap near Najafgarh," said BK Singh, Additional CP (Crime). Over 800 kg of marijuana was recovered. **ENS**

'AUTHORITIES MUST BE PERMITTED TO AUCTION, DE-REGISTER VEHICLE'

Remove vehicles abandoned in public spaces, HC tells Delhi govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

PEOPLE ABANDONING their vehicles on the roads and in public parking places and premises can face action, with the Delhi High Court ordering the Delhi government and authorities concerned to remove all such vehicles as early as possible.

Observing that it is a serious issue that needs to be addressed, a bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar further directed that the authorities responsible be permitted to take action like auctioning or de-registration, in accordance with laws and government policies applicable to the facts of the case. The bench further said that in case there is any competent court or tribunal grants a stay, it should be looked into scrupulously before removal of such vehicles.

During the hearing, the court was also informed by the



The court said the issue is serious and needs to be addressed

counsel for the authorities that the issue involves various agencies working in the city, including the municipal corporations, Public Works Department, Department of Transport, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Council, Delhi Cantonment Board and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

The counsel for the Delhi Metro contended that all abandoned vehicles in their areas have been removed, except 24 vehicles. Twenty three of these are stolen vehicles, said the counsel, adding that they are following up with Delhi Police regarding their removal.

The court's direction came on

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Abandoned vehicles

VEHICLES PARKED at a spot for several days and whose owners cannot be traced are categorised as abandoned. The MV Act states that these vehicles can be towed away. The Act states that if an abandoned, wrecked, burnt or partially dismantled vehicle is creating a traffic hazard, its immediate removal from public place by a towing service may be authorised by a police officer having jurisdiction.

a PIL seeking directions to the Delhi government to ensure cancellation of registration of vehicles that are permanently incapable of being used and have been abandoned at various public spaces.

The plea, filed by Delhi resident Umesh Sharma, also sought directions to authorities to ensure that such vehicles are not parked on pavements and walking spaces.

The court disposed the PIL after taking note of the response filed by various government agencies, and said it would suffice to give directions to them to remove the abandoned vehicles as early as possible.

As per the Motor Vehicles Act, if a vehicle is left abandoned or unattended for 10 hours or more in a public place, so as to cause impediment to the free flow of traffic, its removal by a towing service or wheel clamping may be authorised by a police officer in uniform having jurisdiction.

27-yr-old objects to men carrying gun, shot in face

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was shot dead, allegedly by three bike-borne men, in East Delhi's Kalyanpuri Tuesday morning, said police.

According to police, the victim, Jaspal Bhatti, was returning home from a gurdwara when he saw the accused carrying a pistol and objected to it. This led to an altercation between them, and the accused shot Bhatti in the face, said police.

Bhatti died on the spot. One of the accused was chased down by locals and was taken into custody.

Bhupinder Singh (45), an eye-witness, told *The Indian Express*, "I was with my friends when I saw three men on a bike harassing a man. The victim, who was passing by, spotted one of them carrying a pistol asked them about the weapon. This led to an altercation and the accused shot Jaspal three-four times. One bullet hit Jaspal's face. The men tried to flee, but the bike lost balance



Jaspal Bhatti was heading home from a gurdwara when he was shot dead

and fell. One of them was caught. Police were informed."

The arrested accused, Guddu (23), told police he had loaned Rs 2 lakh to a man. One day of the incident, the accused were looking for him to get their money back when Jaspal caught them with the weapon.

"The accused wanted to threaten the other man, but when Jaspal intervened, Guddu shot him. Guddu was caught by locals," said a senior police officer.

Jasmeet Singh, DCP (East), said, "We received a PCR call around 5 am and rushed to the spot. A team has been deployed to arrest the other accused." Bhatti is survived by his parents, wife and a five-year-old daughter.

Delhi govt will undertake repair of PWD roads, again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

THE DELHI government will take another shot at making roads under the PWD, spanning across 1,260 km, free of potholes, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced Tuesday. The CM said that the same will be done by carrying out a first-of-its-kind pre-repair survey by joint teams comprising MLAs and PWD engineers.

The government has tried carrying out post-repair surveys involving MLAs and officials several times in the past. However, the attempts did not meet with much success, hence prompting a rethink within the government, an official said.

"The deteriorating condition of roads tarnish the image of the city. We have decided repair roads coming under the jurisdiction of PWD. To that end, we have iden-

The Delhi government will form teams comprising MLAs and engineers to make roads under PWD, spanning 1,260 km, free of potholes

tified 50 MLAs, who have been given a 25-km stretch each to look into. The MLAs, accompanied by PWD engineers, will identify potholes there," Kejriwal said.

Upon finding a pothole, the teams will take pictures, upload them on an internal app, which will identify the coordinates of the spots. The exercise will be carried out in October and data will be collated by the end of the same day.

Kejriwal said the teams will also identify "bad stretches" on

these roads. "This exercise will be carried out every year. This will be a certificate telling people that PWD roads are completely fit," the CM said in a press conference, also attended by his advisor Gopal Mohan and PWD Minister Satyendar Jain.

The Delhi government will start the repair work with "immediate effect" after receiving the reports, an official statement said.

The inspection will also cover construction work undertaken by departments such as the DJB or the discoms. "People in Delhi are facing severe hardship due to rain in some places. These potholes will also be fixed under the inspection project," he said.

In November 2018, the CM had directed the PWD to repair all its roads within a month. He had also devised a plan under which teams of MLAs and local residents were to carry out post-repair surveys.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

AMONG THE roads that the Public Works Department (PWD) has to repair following the Chief Minister's orders are key stretches that see heavy traffic but are in a state of disrepair.

High traffic volume, monsoons and long-pending repairs have meant that roads such as the IIT flyover, Munirka flyover and Ashram have developed potholes and cracks.

On the Munirka Flyover, the road seems to have been carved off every two or three metres. Cracks have emerged on the top layer and the rumble strips, which are designed to slow down vehicle speed. The IIT flyover, too, is riddled with potholes.

"Because of the poor condition of these roads, average speed of vehicles has come



Potholes on road near IIT (L) and Ashram have added to commuter woes. Amit Mehra



down... Drivers and bikers are forced to swerve suddenly," said Rakesh Sharma, a resident of Malviya Nagar who uses the Munirka flyover every day.

Over the past two months, several people have complained to the PWD via online complaint system or email, officials said. "We have received complaints, but we will have to wait till the

monsoon ends. Filling up potholes and topping of both flyovers is required," said a PWD official.

At Ashram, another traffic-prone spot, the road leading to DND Flyway has been giving residents a hard time for at least three months now.

According to officials, a section of the road had caved in, after which Delhi Jal Board re-

paired a water pipeline. The pothole has been patched up, but residents of Siddharth Nagar complain that the authorities missed a section. "This is a high-volume corridor and the newly patched section is already starting to come off as the whole thing was not fixed properly," said Kirti Shah, who works in Noida.

Students must become dengue warriors: CM

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday asked school students to become "dengue warriors" and prevent the spread of the disease in their neighbourhood by participating in the government-run campaign to tackle the issue.

Addressing students through video conferencing, Kejriwal urged them to become active members of the '10 minutes 10 week' campaign, which began on September 1. Through it, the government is asking people to devote 10 minutes at 10 am every Sunday for 10 weeks to ensure there is no stagnant water in their homes, which could allow breeding of mosquitoes. The campaign will conclude in mid-November.

He said mosquito larvae take 7-10 days to hatch, and clearing the water every week would ef-

fectively prevent the spread of dengue. "I want students to be involved in the campaign. I want them to become its ambassadors in their neighbourhood to encourage everyone to check their houses, and change or remove stagnant water. If we drain the water stored in our houses on the seventh day, then the eggs will not hatch," said Kejriwal.

"If we check our house and tell our neighbour to check his or her house, I guarantee that no one in your house will get dengue," he said. For this, students will get "dengue kits," including pamphlets, stickers and 'dengue warrior' badges.

"The kits will also have stickers saying 'my house is dengue-free'. Once you have checked your houses, paste the sticker outside it. Then urge your neighbours to do the same," he said.

Kejriwal said he will interact with students once again in 15 days, to talk about pollution.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal interacted with students at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya in Kalkaji, Tuesday. In a tweet, he said: "A Cabinet meeting with government school kids was called today. All of them wanted a sports ministry."

College professor's find: New spider in Odisha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

A NEW trapdoor species of spider from Odisha has been discovered by an assistant professor of GGSIPU. It has been named 'Idiops nilagiri', after the town from which it was found during field surveys.

Assistant professor Sanjay Keshari Das, said it was a "new mygalomorph species". It has been named 'Idiops nilagiri' after Nilagiri town in the Baleswar district of Odisha.

The findings have also been published in the Journal of Asia Pacific Biodiversity.

The spider is "medium" in size, about 8-13 mm in length. Das said with the newest discovery, the genus Idiops, has gone up to 95 species worldwide, of which 12 are present in India. Overall, it takes the global spider count to 48,277 and Indian spider count to 1,910



The spider has been named after the town it was found in

species, of which 263 species are recorded from Odisha. "Among Indian spiders, only 116 species belong to 33 genera and 8 families are mygalomorph spiders. Mygalomorphs are relatively large and live long," said Das.

"The new species represent front-eyed trapdoors. Females of trapdoor spiders live in tubular burrows with their walls lined with silk. Males are smaller in size...They are nocturnal in nature," said Das.

FIVE GOLDEN RETRIEVERS BOUGHT FROM A HYDERABAD KENNEL

They're playful, can detect any explosive: Meet Delhi Police's fresh recruits

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

AFTER AN hour of "practising sniffing and detecting bombs", the Canine Squad's newest recruits ran around playing with balls and toys at the Crime Branch centre in Pushp Vihar on Tuesday. Cosby, Comat, Krissy, Congo and Zendra, Golden Retrievers bought from a kennel in Hyderabad seven months ago, have been selected by Delhi Police after 15 years and are set to be inducted into the squad. Aged around 12 to 15 months, they were trained for six months in a dog training centre run by the BSF in Tekanpur in Madhya Pradesh.

On Tuesday, *The Indian Express*

met the dogs and their trainers at the centre, which houses 10 other dogs, including Labradors and German Shepherds.

The dogs, who are getting acclimatised to Delhi's weather, follow a strict diet and training hours. Krissy is the only female at the centre.

According to the trainers, while Cosby is disciplined and obeys all orders, Congo and Comat are playful and naughty. "All of them are very disciplined during training hours but during their playtime, they run around the building and play games. The dogs are usually left to play and enjoy in the evening. We give them balls and other toys," said Chandrashekar Gautam, Assistant Sub-Inspector at the



Pushp Vihar Dog Squad.

"They can detect any bomb or explosive like RDX. Sometimes, criminals try to cover the bomb with cow dung or other substances so dogs wouldn't be able to detect it. These new dogs have been trained to tackle situations like these very well," said a senior police officer at Pushp Vihar.

Officers said the dogs are trained every day for an hour and are set to play for the same duration. As soon as the trainers take off their leashes, the five start playing with one another. While

The Golden Retrievers have been selected by Delhi Police after 15 years. They are aged between 12 and 15 months. *Abhinav Saha*

Comat tried to get the ball from the trainer, Congo ran behind Zendra and Cosby before jumping on them and rolling on the ground. After playtime, Congo's trainer instructed it to sit. "Congo takes time to listen as it wants to play more," said the trainer.

Their diet includes milk and *dalia* (broken wheat) in the morning, while a combination of eggs, mutton and rotis (flatbread) is served in the evening and night.

At present, there are 60 dogs in the Canine Squad and 10 centres to house them in the city.

"Most of our dogs come from Army Veterinary centres in Meerut. We wanted more variety and, hence, went to Tekanpur in Madhya Pradesh. The dogs

were trained in a centre run by the Border Security Forces (BSF). Golden Retrievers are rare in the canine squad and, hence, they were preferred over others. Also these dogs, once trained to perform very well, are smart and well-behaved," said Rajan Bhagat, DCP, Crime (CRO).

At Tekanpur, police officers assessed the dogs based on several factors over a week. "We checked their pedigree, physique, skills, discipline, knowledge about sniffing explosives and behaviour. After careful inspection, the five dogs have been chosen in the explosives team," said Gautam.

Officers said the dogs are ready for their induction and have been trained and medically examined.

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MENSTRUATION is a natural cycle which every single woman passes through during their years of reproductive life cycle. Despite a natural phenomenon, women when in periods continues to become victim of irrational thoughts, beliefs, taboos and stigmas even in this so called modern society. The real problems faced by a female before and during the menstrual cycle generally goes unnoticed.

Believe it or not, according to The World Bank at least 500 million women and girls globally lack adequate facilities for menstrual hygiene management (MHM). Inadequate WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) facilities, particularly in public places, such as in schools, railways, government office, workplaces or health centers, also pose a major obstacle to women and girls.

In India it is estimated that around 355 million menstruating women and girls, face barriers to effective MHM. Our country losing more than 5 lac female due to uterus, Ovary and Cervix Cancer which is highest in the world.

According to a survey, conducted by National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) in India only 42 percent use sanitary napkins, rest use cloths or locally prepared napkins. Only 58 percent of women between age group 15-24 years use a hygienic method of menstrual protection. Another report says that just 12% of women and adolescent girls in India have access to sanitary napkins.

While the world is talking about tampons, menstrual caps, reusable pads and the latest-period proof underwear, India is still really struggling to educate women on the use of sanitary pads. Menstruation and menstrual hygiene still remains a silent topic in a country which is one of the largest consumer markets. Awareness, education and access to safe products are still at very preliminary phase in the country. Keeping cost factor aside there are women who have never heard about sanitary napkin and many of those who have heard have never made efforts to try one. Accessibility is also a major concern. Partially man must be educated in same time so they can also bring health to her wife, sister, mother, sister-in-law.

Women bleed differently in different geographical areas. Buying of a sanitary napkin depends on the age, weight, flow and size of the body. But the sad part is those using are ideally unaware of this fact and end up buying whatever is available without sufficient knowledge looking to price as key factor. Proper disposal of sanitary napkins is still a far dream. Lack of separate toilets, unavailability of means to dispose used sanitary napkins also pose a bigger challenge in maintaining menstrual hygiene. Man also plays major and active part forcing his wife to use safe and hygienically made pads.

According to another report, almost 60-70% of women in rural areas suffer from diseases due to poor hygiene and lack of awareness. Lack of clean toilets and absence of menstrual hygiene is a critical element that impacts health of school girls not to mention the absence of personal hygiene practice of changing the napkins at regular intervals. Napkin must change 4 times in a day which is more advisable. 4 * 5 = 20 pads a month cost hardly Rs. 80 - 120.

Quality of sanitary napkins available in the Indian market varies to a great extent. Not all available napkins in the market give desired results. Poor absorbent capacity against claims made by the company forces women to switch

brands very often. There are some imports and stock lots inflow in India which really not good and safe for the health of Indian women. These products comes in bundles and bale form which is old stocks and kept under unhygienic conditions. Napkin must be made from nontoxic, bleach free, chemically treated free. Raw material for construction of pads& Diapers are chemical, toxin and bacteria free.

The Bureau of Indian Standards has set out standards for disposable sani-

tary pads (IS 5405) in early 1980's, but ironically these are not enforced or monitored. Low performance and low grade napkins available in the market without any standards is a major concern. Government must revise the ISI & BIS standards after studying all necessary parameters. There should a special panel for such products and government must put ban or impose clauses on many such food, health and consumable products.

On the other hand those manufacturing sanitary napkins claim that poor

policies from central government has hampered the growth of manufacturers with only around 43 Indian manufacturers catering this feminine hygiene care. No timely refund of IGST, Non supportive policy to retain market growth. Sanitary napkins is GST free whereas panty liners have 12 % GST. Poor quality pads decreases the usage of it among teens which is a big question mark. Special incentive and support must be given to women entrepreneurs.

Though environment issues are a major concern when it comes to disposal of sanitary pads (one pad thrown today takes 500 years to dispose) sanitary pads recurrently considered a hygienic option for millions of females to manage their periods.

Initiative and efforts laid down by various strata of the society to bring awareness on menstrual hygiene is laudable but more needs to be done. This is where companies like H.R Hygiene Products Pvt. Ltd are playing a significant role when it comes to health and hygiene. We did awareness through "lets_talk_about_period,proud_of_periods,bleeding_is_better,and_lal_deewar" (Man got educated on periods) programs done with help of BIGFM (92.7), MYFM (94.3) in major part of India.

The company manufactures female hygiene pads and female care products over and above adult and baby pull-up diapers, vaginal and breast care products, Intimate creams and lotions to give one step solution to woman and Baby health and hygiene. This is probably the only company in region manufacturing pads which is run by women, for women and of the women. When it comes to sanitary pads, the company aims to give best fit and comfort offering freedom of movement with optimum absorption capacity. What's more, the company is currently targeting only the extreme rural population where sanitary napkins are not easily available.

But making quality sanitary napkins is not the only goal of the company. It has engaged female field workers to first help understand the targeted mass on the use of napkins for health and hygiene reasons. The company went a step ahead by asking 300 men to speak on a radio program in Mariana and Punjab take home one year free pads for their loved ones!

Amit K B Project, product and brand consultant of the company even dared to see his wife periods for five days to understand the menstrual cycle. He keeps talking about periods with women and girls (with permission) to help understand the real problem and accordingly helps the company design the product best suited for Indian girls and women. Size, shape and wings are most important part of pads along with absorbency and strike-through top sheet.

H.R HYGIENE PRODUCTS PVT. LTD. feminine care product manufacturing unit & LUZON HEALTHCARE LLP baby care products manufacturing unit recently joined hands to share Brand, Sales, Promotion, Transportation, Distribution and POP with a common vision and mission to offer products that give value for money. This would be a key case study in management studies in future. The key profit eater in this trade is transportation and re-distribution cost. The association will help both entity to survive for better and completing the hygiene care basket as well.

■ Masuma Bharmal Jariwala



COMPLETE SOLUTIONS FOR WOMEN, MOTHERS & BABIES

Amit K B, Project, Product and Brand Consultant for H R Hygiene Products Pvt Ltd, and Luzon Healthcare LLP, is founder of H2H.com, a consulting firm. He has a wide range of experience in handling international markets. He talks to **Masuma Bharmal Jariwala** on menstrual health and hygiene, baby care products, government policies & challenges faced by Indian women

■ **On the overall scenario of the Indian hygiene market, with specific focus on the sanitary napkins market:**

The overall market is still in a vacuum, with 73 % Indian market still awaiting access to quality sanitary napkins. Market penetration is more in north, north east and south part of India. Till 2015 CAGR was 18 % but suddenly it has lower down by 9%. Market is not growing because of the few unfavorable government policies and overlook of the stock lots and loose products imports. Government must look into this matter seriously. There should be anti-dumping duty on stock lot and factory rejection coming from China and Malaysia. Importers are taking undue advantage of the prices vs genuine products available or manufactured by converters. Amit KB appeal to the government not to allow such imports and stop them to enhance local business. This business practice is estimated to be around Rs. 750 cr. for sanitary pads, panty liners, adult diapers and baby diapers.

■ **On the challenges faced by the Indian sanitary napkin industry:** Major challenge for feminine care industry is GST. It is 0 % in sanitary napkin but for panty liner it is 12 %. Internationally, a sanitary napkin comprises of 9 layers but Indian converters and manufacturers only use 7 layers for construction of sanitary napkin. This industry is suffering because of absence of IGST. Ironically, media also seems to be unaware of this issue. We have 4 & 5 tier marketing and sales distribution channel that is also one of the key factor.

■ **On market players and market potential:** There are 5 multinational companies and 43 Indian converters catering this feminine hygiene care. Indian companies rely only on imports for raw materials. Amount gets blocked so market and brand investment is not in the way it should be. There is too much of import from Malaysia and China (mainly B grade Stock and Rejection material) at thrown away price which causes damage to the local hygiene converters affecting the margin and manufacturing cost. For example these rejection stocks from China come at very cheap prices of 0.70 - 1.12 paisa per napkin. Against this, the manufacturing cost is of Rs. 2.00 - 2.50 per napkin.

■ **How an Indian firm can survive and sustain itself in the face of competition:**

Government must look into this matter very seriously by imposing anti-dumping duty on such products. The idea of the Government to promote use of sanitary napkins is laudable but Government is adopting the same practice passing tenders of those who offer cheap and light weight pads ignoring proper construction and requirement of an ideal napkin. Due to poor quality and non performing pads, teen-age girls return back to old dirty cloth, especially in tier 3 and tier 4 towns. Focus needs to be on good quality and value for money product with more benefits to existing converters to boost the industry. Ironically there is no growth in number of manufacturers since past 5 years despite huge demand.



Mr. AMIIT K B - FOUNDER MEMBER H2H.COM, a consulting firm that provides business solutions for hygiene and disposable products project and brand building services.

After serving Africa, Qatar, Syria and now India he offers his expertise services to existing Indian converters and upcoming new investors and hygiene and disposable manufacturers in India.

He launched the 1st Indian pull-up pants in India with brand - "Champs". He currently takes care of more than 3 mega projects in India.

Having 21 years of grass root experience of networking, brand building, sales training and recruitment he now offers his consultation expertise from basic to finish products.

As Indian partner & panel member of Indian Disposable and Hygiene Products Forum (IDHPF), DHPF - China & WIS CONSULTING LTD - China, he also has close association with many technocrats from Italy, Germany, USA, Korea and Japan.

His expertise lies in Fem Care products including Sanitary Pads, Maternity Pads, Panty Liners, Lady Pants and Tampons; Baby Care products comprising of Baby Open tape, Baby Pull-up, Baby pull-up with elastic fabric waste; Adult Care products including Adult Open Tape and Adult Pull-up diapers. Email - amit.bagthalia@gmail.com

■ **On the quality of sanitary napkins compared with international standards:**

In India specification on upgraded standards of sanitary pads was last done 1988 by Indian Standard Bureau. Today the world is moving 6th generation pads with shift to Tampons. But Indian and Asia standards are far behind when it comes to quality. No one really talks of quality which is a main concern for the one using it. If we talk of international standard of sanitary pads we are not even 25 % at par with the quality and performance.

■ **On the structure and size of the Indian sanitary market:** Indian sanitary napkin market reached a value of nearly US\$ 441 Million in 2017 Estimated figure year 2017 further it will go up to the market is expected to reach a value of around US\$ 631 Million by 2023. We have only 68 machine making sanitary pads V/s China have 1600 + high speed machine feeding their nation with constant innovation in sanitary napkins, 2000 + baby pull-up and open tape traditional diaper, 615 + adult and incontinence products. We have observed there is niche demand of step ahead product called panty liner which can help a woman remain fresh during the remaining 25 days of period days. Panty liner help to absorb discharge of routine days and help to prevent from many gynecological disease.

■ **On HRLUZON vs existing players in the industry:** Mission of the HRLUZON is to empower women with creating best product according to international standards. We have 53 women employees in all department of different age, class with different work profile. Under my consultancy we have produced 4.8 million pads till date and have placed in market without

any complain from our operating states of north and north east India. Same we will do in baby pull-up as well. At every level we have women involved in operation from raw material to finished product. We are also engaged in proving period care Ayurveda + Naturopathy formula based drinking powder which helps to prevent period pain and mood swings. Mission is to invest more in feminine hygiene care products, for better health of women & Mother of India.

■ **On the company's USP:** Company produces napkins from most sophisticated machine with more than 16 months R & D on weather, atmosphere, food habits and flow of periods of Indian women. We just do not claim but prove it with our standard quality of pads using all proper raw material and measurement of correct pads. These all standards we have studied from EDENA with FDA so we do not fail in performance of the pad. We do not engage ourselves in OEM and Bulk business which has no standard and low standard requirements. So in any case we do not produce any sub-standard product from our machine and technology which have paid for. Company will invest more 100 cr. By 2022.

■ **On reasons for targeting rural population:** All companies always flash their product in tier A towns and metro cities where they have to compete MNC and basket full of existing players. We do not burn our energy and money fighting against these giants. We have adopted rural penetration and market tapping strategy. It is a slow process but we get loyal and constant customers. These customers can be retailers or end users. And in real terms Indian mass lives in rural market. We need to cater them & serve them with regular services. 60 % of business lies in rural market. Low rate of competition and loyalty towards brand is the key feature targeting this segment.

■ **On a monitoring agency to keep a check on the quality of products being manufactured:** Ironically, till now India there is no such agency or panel which qualify such category products. In fact we are looking for such agency and panel who decide the perfect standards and parameters for such category. In a country when there are no proper food and safety standards, quality measures for sanitary napkins is a far dream. So, sorry to make a statement - there are un-organized companies selling their products with false claims and commitment fooling Indian half educated customers & they blind fouled believe in it.

■ **On competition:** We are a small startup company but with wide expertise knowledge and experienced staff having global exposure. We do not have any competition with any brand and players of India. We have set our benchmark to cater the nation with right product with slow and steady way. It is a time consuming process but our brand will remain for long in Indian market, as an Indian manufacturer is more important for us. When one competes they forget the basics and we do not wish to forget our basics and want to build quality consumer friendly products. There are more than 200 brands of sanitary napkins available in market which are re-packers and importers of stock lots and B grade rejection kind of material and they sell it at very cheaper rates. We do not even consider them as a competitors. Degree of competition is very high but not huge. Apart from this this industry has a very thin margin due to outsource of raw material with volatile US \$.

■ **On company's many 'firsts' in the hygiene market:** We manufacture complete period care and vaginal care products in form and stream of Ayurveda and naturopathy which can be consumed by women suffering from period problems, helping them ease their period pains. Not a single company so far has focused on period care remedies. We offer it in 3 different flavors. We will be the first Indian local to bring panty liner machine and will launch Indian manufacture product with brand name - Gleeful. We also produce sterilized hair remover disposable razor with single and double blade. It is very important to shave private part before period starts otherwise it can lead to skin infection and irritation. It is not only pads but actually private area hair that comes in contact with blood and the discharged fluid that creates problem. All this calls for proper education. Apart from feminine care we are entering into baby care segment by end of October 2019 with baby pull-up pants by launching 5th generation 3 pieces pull-up pants with 3 variants basic pull-up, double leak guard. 1st time in India we are launching ultra-thin pants which will be revolution in Indian diaper industry.

Mr. MANOJ KUMAR PANDEY - MA (Industrial Relationship & Personal Mgt.), MBA, PGDBM, LLB, started his career with Miraso Marketing Limited as a sales representative of and went ahead to build brand Fem & Oxy Bleach.

In 2008 he joined Man kind Pharma- started placing very first OEM based sanitary pads - Don't Worry where he understood the depth and length of this hygiene product. He catered PAN INDIA and nearby Asian countries. He played significant role as a product trainer for feminine care and gynecological product with his deep insight and understanding of female gynecological problems and issues faced by them due to non use of sanitary pads. His experience, observation and findings of micro details of feminine issues comes handy to construct more powerful and performance based product for menstruation. Prega news -the first Indian pregnancy kit was launched by him.

His experience with Ratan Ayurvedic Sansthan Pvt. Ltd. which focused on feminine cosmetics and fairness cream and fairness gave him in-depth exposure to personal care products. His wide experience with Safilo Healthcare - one of the first company to enter in hygiene products in 2015 and with Millennium Baby Care Pvt. Ltd Indore has come handy for HRLUZON where he offers his service as product development and training field officer. According to Pandey, lot more work requires to be done in the Indian Hygiene Industry in addition to standard up gradation - hrluzon1819@gmail.com

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Generally all traditional diapers and pull up pants are made of fluff base, making a baby feel very fluffy & uncomfortable, but in ultra-thin core it will be like inner wear of baby. Kiddysoft & Kiddero will be the brand that will be launched in the Indian market. Till now company investment is 50 cr. each.

■ **On product pricing:** Women normally look for sastawala pad Because large number of Indian women depend on their husbands income for their needs. We produce better performing pads with fair price because we are here to first help and educate women. We do have 2 variants basic and premium products and are charged according to our making cost. We market our product with taglines 'Sastanahi Sahichuno Aapni Sehat Chuno. Aapke Periods ka Sahi Chowkidar'.

■ **On government's biodegradable sanitary napkins - 'Jan Suidhah' - from Rs. 2.50 to Rs. 1 per piece:**

It is good initiative but should not compromise with quality perimeters as it can ruin the entire industry. Correct performing napkins cannot be made at this cost. If you see the price fluctuation of each raw material which we are importing are bi-products of petro chemical. Major ingredients like SAP, TOP SHEET, HAT SHEET, BACK SHEET, ADHESIVE GLUE, ADL and NON-WOVEN are not natural products. Only Fluff cellulose fiber, release paper and core wrapping tissue are from natural sources & can be made out of it. All this is very costly.

■ **On reusable and biodegradable sanitary napkins:** If the word reusable is there you will always find micro bacteria and fungus. Otherwise this product would have not in segment of disposable product. This is the era where we do not even use same syringe on same patient. I think we should avoid this terminology or go back to cloths and ashes. On your statement that some players in the industry are not creating customers but killing them? Price reduction is always fed in mind of customers. Customers buy cheap products at the cost of health. Once you make sanitary napkins of below standard they fail to perform forcing customer to resort back to the old pattern of using cotton or mull cloth. Failure of performance results to distrust. Customers instead of buying resorts to old ways which they have adopted for years.

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PM Modi with Union ministers Harsh Vardhan and Ashwini Kumar Choubey at the 'Arogya Manthan', in New Delhi. PTI

PM: Ayushman Bharat will generate 11 lakh jobs, only Rlys creates more

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that Ayushman Bharat will generate 11 lakh jobs in the coming years and only the Indian Railways creates more employment opportunities. He was addressing the valedictory session of Arogya Manthan — a two-day conference held to mark one year of Ayushman Bharat.

The Prime Minister said, "10,000 of the 18,000 hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY are private...in the coming years it will generate more employment avenues. 11 lakh new jobs will be created under Ayushman Bharat. Only Indian Railways generates more

jobs." PM Modi also interacted with select beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY and visited an exhibition showcasing the journey of the scheme over the last one year. He launched the 'Ayushman Bharat Start-Up Grand Challenge', besides a mobile app dedicated to the scheme.

"The first year of Ayushman Bharat has been about resolution, dedication and mutual learning. We are running the world's largest healthcare scheme successfully in India due to our determination," he said, adding that in the last one year, 50,000 people have availed treatment facilities outside the state of their residence. "The next step is to discuss how the benefits of the scheme will reach all and we will reach Universal Health Coverage," Modi said.

Jaishankar denies PM endorsed Trump; experts see risk of alienating Democrats

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

STRESSING THAT India has a non-partisan approach to domestic US politics, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that during the 'Howdy, Modi' rally in Houston, Texas, on September 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was merely referring to the phrase "Abki Baar Trump Sarkaar" used by the US President's supporters during his 2016 campaign, and "he did not say that" himself.

In Washington DC, Jaishankar on Monday said, in response to a question, "Please, look very carefully at what the Prime Minister said. My recollection...was that candidate Trump had used this (slogan). So the PM is talking about the past. I don't think we should, honestly, misinterpret what was said...He (Modi) was pretty clear what he was talking about. He was saying, 'this is what you said as a candidate, which showed that you were trying to (connect with India).'"

Introducing Trump to the audience at the Houston event, Modi had said, "Friends, we in India have connected well with President Trump. The words of candidate Trump 'Abki baar Trump sarkar' rang loud and clear."

Although the event was attended by about 20 US Congressmen, including Democrat and House



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in Washington on Monday. AP

Majority leader Steny Hoyer, Modi's use of the slogan was perceived by some as endorsement of Trump.

Team Trump, official Twitter account for Trump's re-election campaign, tweeted, "President @realDonaldTrump received the endorsement of Indian Prime Minister Modi!" It has been tweeted 5,000 times and liked more than 21,000 times since September 23.

Kayleigh McEnany, national press secretary for Trump's campaign, also tweeted: "President @realDonaldTrump received the endorsement of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as they shared a stage in Houston..."

Looking at the risks, a top former Barack Obama administration official who was the key player on India-

US ties, and is not part of the Trump administration, said, "It's just 14 months from now that the US may have a new President. This slogan, I am not sure, will be seen very positively by Democrats in the House."

George Perkovich, vice-president at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said: "Trump is the most polarising and erratic President of the 20th century. By appearing to align so closely with him, Prime Minister Modi risks alienating Republicans who are most knowledgeable about foreign policy as well as Democrats. This would be risky in any case..."

Eurasia Group managing director Robert Kaplan, bestselling author of 18 books on foreign affairs and travel, who participated in the Indo-US

Forum in Delhi last month, said, "Indians, like others, should invest in countries and companies based on objective criteria, and not get caught up in travails of a single personality."

Anish Goel, who served from 2008 to 2011 in White House's National Security Council as director and then senior director for South Asia and is currently senior fellow at the New America, said: "...The long-term impacts are more complicated. Foreign leaders usually go to great lengths to appear nonpartisan in their relations with the US. By invoking Trump's campaign slogan and modifying his own campaign slogan to praise Trump, Modi had thrown that strategy out of the window. Should Trump lose re-election, Modi could find it difficult to rebuild relations with his Democratic successor."

Richard M Rossow, senior adviser and Wadhvani chair in India-US Policy Studies at Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC, however, said: "I do not think Prime Minister Modi has any real risk in continuing to engage President Trump despite the US political turmoil. Most facets of our cooperation — in economic realm, security realm, or people-to-people contact — are fundamentally sound..."

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Chidambaram moves plea to get home food at Tihar

ANAND MOHAN J
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FORMER UNION minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Tuesday moved an application before a Delhi court and asked it to allow Tihar Jail authorities to permit him to get home-cooked food at least once every day.

The application was moved before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar who has issued notice to Tihar jail authorities.

Chidambaram will be produced in court from Tihar Jail on October 3, when it is expected that his counsel will argue that the court permit Chidambaram to get

home-cooked food. Chidambaram's judicial custody was extended by the court after it noted that investigation in the INX Media case was still in progress. The court had also noted that there was no change in the circumstances.

On Monday, the Delhi High court also rejected his bail plea on the ground that a possibility that the senior leader may influence witnesses while out on bail, "directly or indirectly, cannot be ruled out".

On September 12, Chidambaram had approached the High Court and requested it to allow him home-cooked food. The HC denied his request, saying that the same food was available for everyone.

When Chidambaram was produced on September 19, his counsel, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, had submitted that Chidambaram does not have a chair to sit in his jail cell and his pillow was taken away, because of which he developed a back problem. Chidambaram told the judge that two or three chairs were earlier kept outside his cell at the hall, where he would sit with the warden, but the chairs were later removed.

His counsel also submitted that Chidambaram be medically examined, as he was suffering from various ailments such as coronary artery disease, hypertension, impaired glycaemia and has lost weight in custody.

D K Shivakumar's judicial custody extended till Oct 15

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

A DELHI court has extended till October 15 the judicial custody of Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar, arrested in a money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate, after the agency submitted that many more people are expected to be summoned and examined in the case.

Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar in his order extended Shivakumar's custody considering the stage of the investigation. The court has also allowed the ED to continue with Shivakumar's interrogation for two more days in judicial custody after the agency moved an application demanding the same.

Earlier, the ED, represented by Central government standing counsel Amit Mahajan and special public prosecutors N K Matta and Nitesh Rana, asked the court's permission to interrogate Shivakumar in judicial custody, stating that when the Congress leader was in their custody, he had to be taken to the hospital due to his ill health. The ED told the court that the purpose of their custody could not be fulfilled as the material collected during investigation and the statement recorded could not be presented to the accused.

Senior advocate Dayan Krishanan, who represented Shivakumar, told the court, "We do not have issue with the remand. As far as application for further investigation is concerned, we are open to any investigation. However, in terms of the jail manual, he (Shivakumar) has to be questioned in presence of the jail superintendent. Only the Investigating Officer in the case may interrogate him and not the entire team from the ED."

Shivakumar's counsel also submitted that the time and date of the interrogation must not coincide with the time granted for meeting with the family members and counsel, as per the jail manual.

After hearing the arguments, the court directed that Shivakumar's interrogation be conducted on October 4 and 5, between 10 am to 4 pm. It also directed the jail superintendent to allow Saurabh Mehta and Ravish Bhardwaj, assistant directors of ED, and Diwakar Sharma, the Assistant Enforcement Officer, to visit the central jail to interrogate Shivakumar.

SARADHA CHIT FUND CASE HC grants Rajeev Kumar anticipatory bail

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THE CALCUTTA High Court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the Saradha chit fund case, saying it was not an appropriate case for custodial interrogation.

A bench comprising Justices S Munshi and S Dasgupta said that Kumar must be given a 48-hour notice before being summoned by the CBI for interrogation.

The bench directed that if Kumar is arrested in the Saradha case, he would have to be released immediately on bail by an appropriate court on two sureties of Rs 50,000 each. It also directed Kumar, who is currently Additional Director General of the West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID), to cooperate with the investigating officers and make himself available for questioning in the case on a 48-hour prior notice by the CBI.

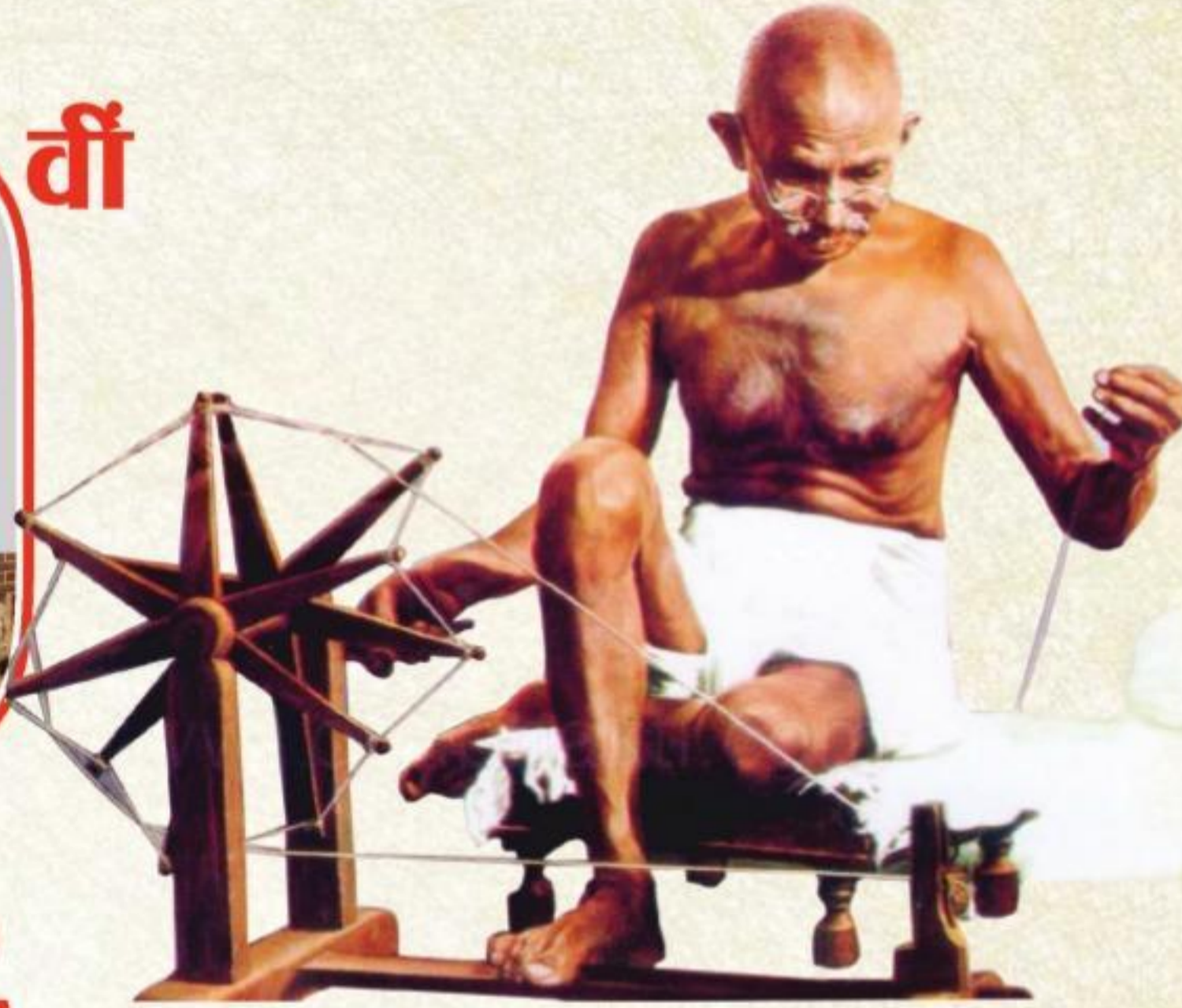
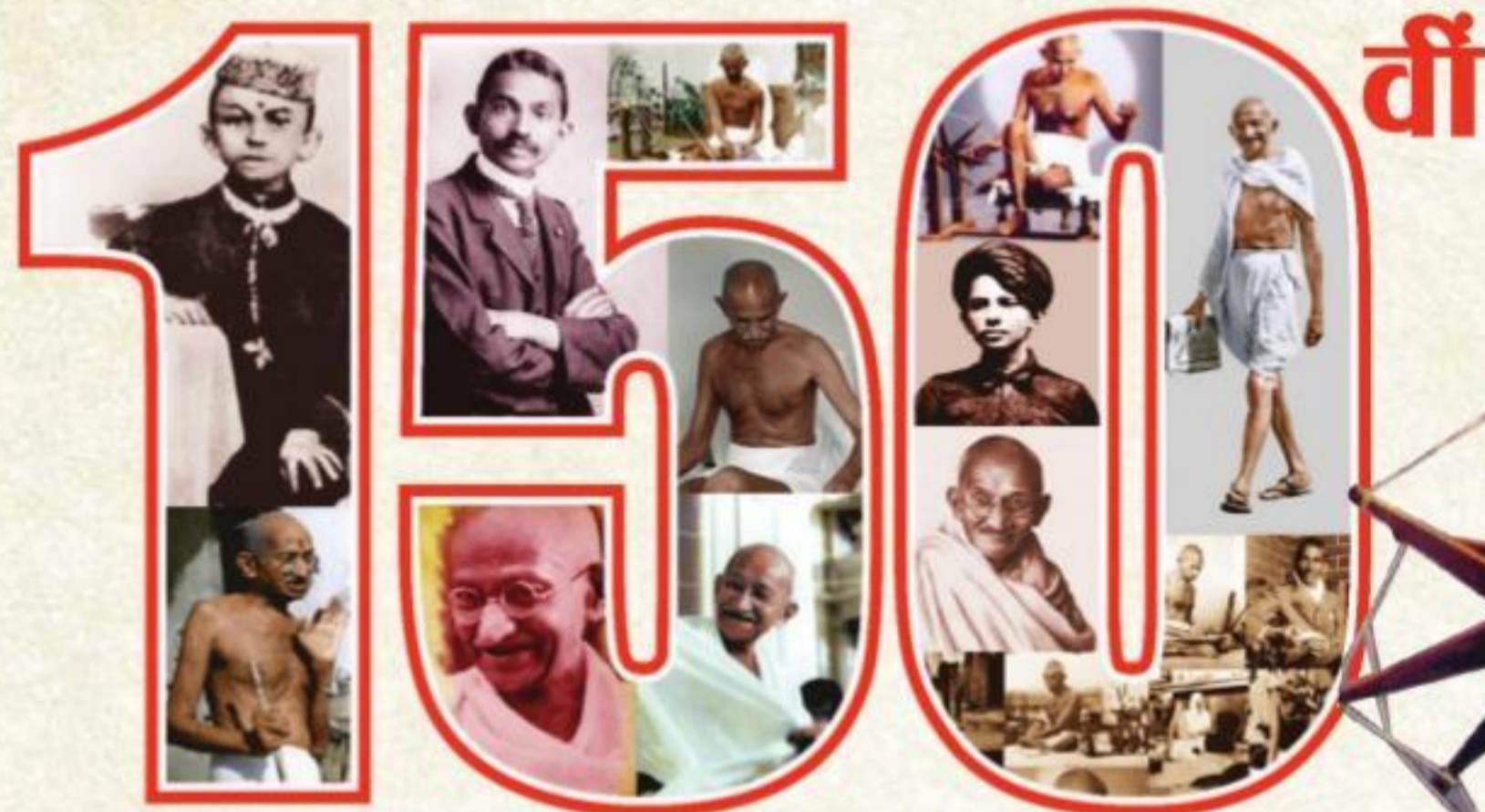
The court had reserved its verdict on Kumar's anticipatory bail plea on Monday.

Kumar was "untraceable" since September 13, when the court vacated its May 30 interim order granting him protection from arrest. It had also rejected his prayer for quashing the CBI notice that sought his appearance for interrogation in the case.

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Sd/- DGM (Mining), OMC

Illegal sand mining case: CBI searches 11 locations in UP, Uttarakhand

New Delhi: The CBI has carried out searches at 11 locations in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh in connection with a case of alleged illegal sand mining in which the agency is also probing former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav.

PLEA AGAINST 'DEFAMATORY CONTENT' HC seeks details of entity behind Instagram account

defamatory content from various URLs. Justice Rajiv Sahai Endlaw issued the above direction after Gupta's counsel informed the court that "defendant No. 2, Instagram LLC, is the platform on which defendant No. 1, Facebook Inc. is a page/handle account". It was further informed by the senior counsel for Facebook Ireland Limited that they have no control over Facebook Inc.

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Two men use a scarf to receive food items being dropped by volunteers from an overbridge in flood-hit Patna. *PTI*

In Patna, stranded people wait for water, food supply

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, OCTOBER 1

WITH MANY low-lying areas of Patna still under water, and cut off from the rest of the city, stranded and trapped residents are complaining about inadequate, or at places no supply of drinking water and food packets. At Bahadurpur area of Rajinder Nagar, one of the worst-affected areas of the state capital, many residents of multi-storey buildings and apartment blocks were on Monday seen shouting from above, some even literally crying for drinking water supply. On Tuesday, Avinash Dey, a BJP leader, shouted out to media teams, asking for drinking water. "We have been calling out to the NDRF teams for water, but no one is helping us. As there is no electricity, mobile phones are not working either," he said. A member of Dey's family said at this point, sobbing, "Bad days can fall on anyone...and they (people) expect little help from the administration and volunteers."

Heartbroken, won't participate in court proceedings: Ishrat mother

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 1

SHAMIMA KAUSER, the mother of Ishrat Jahan, who was killed in an alleged fake encounter by Gujarat Police in 2004, on Tuesday submitted a letter to the CBI court that she was "heartbroken" by the "culture of impunity", and that she would no longer participate in court proceedings as she had "lost the will to fight".

Shamima's lawyer Shamshad Pathan said the court of Special CBI Judge R K Chudawala has accepted the letter. Ishrat and three others were killed in an encounter by the Ahmedabad City Detection of Crime Branch. It was alleged that they were Lashkar-e-Toiba operatives aiming to kill then chief minister Narendra Modi. Shamima had been appearing in court and challenging the discharge pleas moved by retired IPS officers D G Vanzara and N K Amin. However, the CBI court in



Shamima Kauser

May dropped all charges against both, after the prosecuting agency said it did not get sanction to prosecute them. In July, the CBI accepted the court order while indicating that it would not challenge it in a higher forum. Another retired IPS officer, P P Pandey, was discharged in the case in February 2018. "I am heartbroken and my spirit shattered, at the perpetuation of this culture of impunity. Thus, I have instructed my counsel advocate Vrinda Grover, that presently I have lost my will to fight, and can no longer partici-

pate in the proceedings before the CBI court... it is the job of the CBI to prosecute the 11 accused police officials and others and to secure complete justice and vindicate the truth of my murdered daughter," Shamima wrote. "I found myself seeking the prosecution and punishment of some very powerful police officers of the state, who were in service and enjoyed the patronage of the state. In fact, the State of Gujarat is on record as having supported the encounter killing of my daughter... all the accused including the police officials are on bail. Some of them are reinstated by the Gujarat government..." she wrote.

"I know my daughter was murdered as a result of criminal conspiracy. I know that my daughter deserves justice, and that this culture of impunity needs to be eradicated... This, however, cannot be my battle alone. It is now up to the CBI to see that the guilty are prosecuted and punished..." she added.

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Onus now on CBI

SHAMIMA KAUSER'S withdrawal leaves the onus on the CBI to see the case to its conclusion. The agency, at the time of adjudication of discharge pleas of D G Vanzara and N K Amin, had submitted that they would leave it to the court. The other four accused, who have filed discharge pleas, will be unopposed by Shamima, leaving the CBI to oppose it, if they choose to.

NIGHT TRAFFIC BAN ON NH-766

Kerala CM seeks Gadkari's intervention

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

KERALA CHIEF Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday met Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari and Environment and Forest Minister Prakash Javadekar seeking the Centre's intervention for relaxing the night traffic ban on the Kozhikode-Kollegal national highway passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka. Vijayan said Javadekar has assured him that a committee would be set up to study the



Rahul Gandhi with Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan. *ANI*

night traffic ban. He said the minister also informed him that there were limitations for the Centre to intervene in the mat-

ter as the Supreme Court had upheld the ban. Former Congress president and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi

earlier in the day met Vijayan and discussed the issue in the wake of protests in his constituency by various organisations and an indefinite hunger strike by youth leaders from various parties demanding round the clock connectivity through the forest stretch of NH-766. He also discussed with Vijayan issues related to devastation caused due to recent landslides in Wayanad. He sought timely payment of compensation to those affected, repair and upgradation of public infrastructure and discussed the need for taking long-term flood mitigation measures.

ISRO scientist found dead in Hyderabad flat

Injury marks on head, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 1

A SENIOR scientist working with the National Remote Sensing Centre of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) was found dead in his flat in Ameerpet on Tuesday by police. S R Nagar Police Station officials said S Suresh, who was working at the National Remote Sensing Centre office at Balanagar was found dead in suspicious circumstances after they opened the door of his flat in Annapoorna Residency in Ameerpet. "There are injury marks on

his head. He appears to have been hit with a heavy blunt object. We are investigating if someone forcibly entered into the flat or the assailant was known to the victim," an official said. Suresh, who was from Kerala, was living alone as his wife Indira Suresh, a bank employee, recently shifted to Chennai. She alerted Suresh's colleagues when he did not respond to phone calls in the morning. His colleagues also tried to call him but when he did not answer. They then called the police. The couple's son lives in the US while their daughter resides in New Delhi.

KOREGAON-BHIMA CASE

Justice Gavai recuses from hearing Navlakha's plea

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

JUSTICE B R Gavai of the Supreme Court recused himself on Tuesday from hearing a plea filed by civil rights activist Gautam Navlakha, challenging the Bombay High Court order that refused to quash an FIR lodged against him in the Koregaon-Bhima violence case. Justice Gavai's recusal came a day after Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi recused himself from hearing Navlakha's plea. Navlakha's appeal came up for hearing on Tuesday before a bench comprising justices N V Ramana, R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai. The apex court said his plea would come up for hearing before another bench on October 3. The Maharashtra government had earlier filed a caveat in

the matter seeking to be heard before any orders are passed. On September 13, the high court refused to quash the FIR lodged against him in the 2017 Koregaon-Bhima case and for having alleged Maoist links, noting that there was prima facie substance in the case. The HC had, however, extended the protection from arrest to Navlakha for a period of three weeks to enable him to approach the Supreme Court to file an appeal against its order. The FIR was lodged against Navlakha and others by the Pune Police in January 2018 after the Elgar Parishad held on December 31, 2017 that had allegedly triggered violence at Koregaon Bhima in Pune district the next day. The police has also alleged that Navlakha and other accused in the case had Maoist links and were working towards overthrowing the government.

UP officer accuses Ballia DM of using caste slur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 1

AN ASSISTANT Regional Manager (ARM) of the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC), posted at Ballia, has accused the district magistrate of assault and making casteist remarks, and has offered his resignation. The purported incident occurred on Monday, when around 450 prisoners from the Ballia district jail, which was waterlogged, were to be transferred to Azamgarh and Ambedkar Nagar jails. The prisoners were to be transported via UPSRTC buses, and the district administration made a demand of 15 buses. ARM Bindu Prasad, who belongs to the Scheduled Caste community, said DM Bhawani Singh Khangarot came to his office, misbehaved and manhandled him, and also accused the DM of passing casteist remarks. "Around 12 noon, the DM came to my office... Before I could

say anything, he dragged me to his car. He talked to me in an indecent manner, forced me inside his car and made casteist remarks. I do not know what was the reason... When I asked the staff, I was told that the DM got a phone call, after which he got furious and then came to my office. As I felt humiliated, I am resigning," Prasad said. Denying the allegations, Khangarot said he went to Prasad's office after he did not answer phone calls. He has also written a letter to UPSRTC managing director Raj Shekhar, demanding action against Prasad, who has accused of not providing the 15 buses on time. "Because of his negligence, the transportation of inmates did not start till 3.30 pm. Keeping this in mind, action should be taken against him," the DM wrote. However, Prasad claimed he had already provided the buses. UPSRTC media in-charge C L Singh confirmed that Shekhar has received Prasad's resignation but said that it hasn't been accepted so far.

DEMOLITION OF MARADU APARTMENTS

Residents of one complex say unfairly clubbed with other 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOCHI, OCTOBER 1

WITH ONLY two days left for the Supreme Court-mandated deadline to evict residents of four apartment complexes in Kochi slated for demolition, the residents of one complex said that they have been unfairly clubbed with the other three buildings. On November 27, 2018, the Supreme Court set up a three-member committee to hear the affected parties and send a report on the legality of construction and to decide on their CRZ classification. Accusing the committee of "serious fraud", the petition said instead of conducting the enquiry themselves, the committee further set up a technical committee to assist it, two of whose members are members of the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority,

which is the appellant in the case against the house owners. The petitioners also accused the enquiry committee of not sending notices to the house owners or visiting the buildings. The petition also said the CRZ Regulations of 1991 are not applicable to their building because construction began in 1995, a year before the regulations were approved by the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority. Their other objections: ■ Because the court did not make them parties in the review case, they had no opportunity to be heard or present their objections. ■ Even if it is deemed illegal by the 1991 regulation, as a result of the 2011 notification, the building is on permissible area and hence cannot be demolished. When reached for his reaction to the petition, Ernakulam Collector Suhas S refused to comment, saying the case is sub-judice.



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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: 2019-20

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is implementing umbrella scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" for their empowerment through education w.e.f. 1st April, 2018. The Department provides an opportunity to the Divyangjan students for availing Scholarships under Pre-matric, Post-matric and Scholarships for Top Class Education for the year 2019-20. These three components of scholarship scheme are being implemented through **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)**. The registration of students on the NSP has started from **15th July 2019**. Apply on-line on **National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in)**. The timelines for submission and verifications of applications on the portal are given below:-

Scheme	Student	Institute	State
1. Pre-Matric Scholarships for Students with Disabilities	Last date for submission of online applications by students- 15th October 2019.	Last date for verification by Institute 31st October 2019.	Last Date for verification by State Nodal Officer- 15th November, 2019
2. Post-Matric Scholarships for Students with Disabilities	Last date for submission of online applications by students- 31st October 2019.	Last date for verification by Institute 15th November 2019.	Last Date for verification by State Nodal Officer- 30th November, 2019
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All the above scholarships are applicable to students with 40% & above disability and having a proper disability certificate to this effect issued by a competent medical authority. Disability is as defined in Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

(For further details about the Scholarship Schemes, please visit: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)

Note:-

- For Verification of applications, each Institute has to fill their Institute's Nodal Officer verification form and get it approved by District/State Nodal Officer. If the institute/school/college does not do so, they will not be able to verify the applications online.
- Name, Email id and Contact details of State Nodal Officers for scholarship for Students with Disabilities are available on the website: www.scholarships.gov.in and also available on this Department website-www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in
- The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and User Manual for institutes are available on National Scholarship Portal www.scholarships.gov.in/ as well as on the website of this Department www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in.

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Man accused in double-murder 'shoots' woman who rejected him 10 yrs ago

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, OCTOBER 1

A 27-YEAR-OLD woman died a day after she was shot at in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor, allegedly by a man whose proposal she had rejected, police said. Nitika Sharma was shot at five times in her house allegedly by Ashwini aka Johnny Dada on Monday.

Five days ago, the accused allegedly shot dead two relatives of a local BJP leader, after which he absconded.

"On Monday evening, we received information that a woman had been shot by the accused wanted in a double murder. In further investigation we found that Ashwini wanted to marry Nitika since school. Once he heard that Nitika was getting married to another person, he sought revenge by shooting her. She was admitted to hospital, but succumbed to injuries," said Vishwajeet Srivastava, SP, Rural Bijnor.

According to the police, the accused proposed to Nitika almost 10 years ago in school, but she turned him down. Nitika then went to Dubai to study and work. Meanwhile, Ashwini found odd jobs and was on drugs, police said.

Recently, the accused heard that Nitika was going to get married in December, for which she had left her job and returned home. On Monday evening, he allegedly entered her house while she was watching TV and shot at her. He then reportedly escaped in an e-rickshaw.

On Thursday, local BJP leader Bhim Singh's son Chandrabhan and nephew Krishna were shot dead allegedly by Ashwini in Bijnor. "In both cases, prima facie it appears that the motive was enmity. In the case of the double murders, there were some arguments between them and the accused years ago... Arrest will be made soon," said SP Srivastava.

Police said Ashwini's location has been identified in a jungle on the outskirts of the city. Drone surveillance is being used to ascertain his location.

Ramlalla's counsel: Is Wakf Board saying idgah razed to build Babri?

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1



CONTESTING THE Sunni Central Wakf Board's claim that a 50-metre wall discovered during excavations by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) in Ayodhya was part of an idgah, the counsel for Ramlalla Virajman, the deity of Ayodhya, on Tuesday asked whether the Board is saying that an idgah was demolished to make way for the Babri Masjid.

The counsel also said that the Muslim side had tried to drag the case, asking a witness during trial questions such as "where was the labour room where Ram was born?"

"Is it their case that the idgah was demolished to build Babri Masjid," senior advocate C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for Ramlalla, told a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 judgment of Allahabad High Court, which ordered a three-way division of the disputed area.

Vaidyanathan submitted that he was asking this since the Board had not contended anytime earlier that there was any structure beneath the Babri Masjid, and that it was built on vacant land. In contrast, Ramlalla's 1989 suit had said

that a temple was demolished to build the mosque, he said.

The submission invited sharp reactions from senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Muslim side, who said, "The question of the idgah could only have arisen after the ASI dig."

But Vaidyanathan continued and said "Muslims changed their stand" when they realised that a wall had been found as the ASI investigation progressed. He contended that not one witness "had spoken about an idgah", and added that it was mentioned first by three archeologists produced by the Muslim side.

Vaidyanathan said idgahs are built in areas away from local habitation, while the Ramkot area, where the wall was discovered, was "full of habitation".

The senior counsel said the ASI report also mentioned presence of 28 other walls, some running perpendicular to the 50-

metre wall. This, he said, indicated that it may have been walls of rooms or halls, etc.

But Dhavan and senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, also representing the Muslim parties, objected and said the ASI had not excavated the other walls, and that these did not join the 50-metre wall.

Justice Bobde then asked Dhavan to submit a drawing which show parts, if any, joined to the wall and those which were not. Vaidyanathan said it is "unfortunate" that the Muslim side is criticising the ASI. He said ASI's experts are invited even to Thailand and Cambodia, where they do a "commendable job".

Arora had sought to compare archeology with the opinion of handwriting experts. On this, Vaidyanathan said the comparison showed "erroneous appreciation of knowledge required in archeology".

J&K Cong leader's brother booked for harbouring militants

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

THE BROTHER of a senior Congress leader and former minister G M Saroori is among half a dozen people booked by Jammu and Kashmir Police on charges for harbouring militants in Kishtwar district.

Mohammad Shafi Saroori has been booked along with Masood Matto, Mohammad Muzaffar Shah, Ghulam Mohammad Kamal, Touseef Gundna and Syed Ahmed. Of them, Masood Matto has been arrested, while Gundna is already in jail in Jammu.

Shafi Saroori is the younger brother of senior Congress leader G M Saroori.

All of them have been charged with providing logistics and shelter to militants, including longest surviving Hizbul

Mujahideen militant Jahangir Saroori and Osama, a senior police officer said.

Jahangir Saroori, according to the police, conspired along with other militants, including Osama, to revive militancy in Chenab Valley region, which had been declared free of terror since 2013. Osama was among three militants killed in a joint operation by police and security forces in Ramban district on Saturday.

All the slain militants were responsible for the killing of senior BJP leader Anil Parihar and RSS functionary Chanderkant Sharma in Kishtwar town on November 1 last year.

Shafi Saroori's son Waseem Saroori claimed the house where the militants allegedly stayed was rented out by them and this fact has been brought to the notice of the police as well.

A senior police officer said investigations were in progress.

Army: Another militant killed in encounter at Ganderbal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

THE ARMY said it has killed another militant in the upper reaches of Ganderbal, four days after a militant was killed when an encounter began on Saturday.

"One more terrorist (total two Pakistanis) killed. Weapon and war like stores recovered. Operation in progress," Srinagar-based Army's Chinar Corps tweeted on Tuesday.

The encounter near Gangabal, a high-altitude lake in the upper reaches of Ganderbal, is one of the longest gunfights between militants and the Army in recent years.

Even though no further contact was established with the militants in last three days, Army teams continued searches in the area, apprehending that the militant was part of a large group that might have recently infiltrated into the Valley.

Tejas passengers to be compensated for delays

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 1

IN A first, passengers on the IRCTC-run Tejas Express plying between Delhi and Lucknow will receive a compensation if the train is delayed. The compensation will be paid by an insurance company.

The passengers shall receive Rs 100 if the train is delayed by more than an hour, and will receive Rs 250 if the train is late by more than two hours. This is over and above the Rs 25 lakh free insurance that passengers get for this train. The insurance also includes a coverage of Rs 1 lakh against household theft and robbery during the travel period of the passengers.

After the completion of the journey, the passengers will have to file their claims with the insurance company online or via a toll free number or through post. IRCTC has said it might take two

to three days to settle the claims.

The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas train, which starts operations on October 4, is to be flagged off by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. Commercial operations will begin on October 5. The second Tejas Express, which will ply between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, is to be launched later this year.

The Railways Ministry has chosen IRCTC to run the trains as an experiment, a prelude to bring in private players to run trains on selected routes in the future. IRCTC will be in charge of ticket sales and checking, on-board services, cleanliness, food and everything involved in dealing with passengers. Indian Railways will receive haulage charges from IRCTC for physically transporting the train.

The plan in the pipeline is to lease out around 150 routes across India to private train operators through competitive bidding.

Clampdown theory a vestige of a neighbour's imagination: J&K admn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 1

DAYS AFTER Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's speech at the United Nations General Assembly, the Jammu and Kashmir administration said the "clampdown theory is the vestige of imagination of a neighbour".

"By peddling half truths and deliberate lies, Pakistan was attempting to divert attention from its own terror record, including its brazen support to militants in J&K," a spokesperson said in a release. "To begin with, not only was no blanket curfew imposed in J&K, limited restrictions on movement that had been imposed by the local administration in some parts to prevent miscreants from fomenting trouble too were relaxed in less than a week's time." The spokesperson described

Khan's speech as a "story of falsehood". "Prolonged relaxations in restrictions were made in most parts of J&K and Ladakh beginning August 10 and since then the quantum and frequency of these relaxations has been progressively increasing to a point that today almost the entire state is free of restrictions," he said. Saying that a "deliberate and false narrative" is being created, the administration gave a detailed account of air traffic movement, vehicular movement on highway and "access to 200 journalists".

"The very fact that all highways remain open, all air operations are normal and traffic is plying normally is sufficient to prove the 'clampdown theory' is the vestige of imagination of a neighbour who has been dismayed to find that the situation in J&K has remained peaceful, with not a single live bullet being fired," the spokesperson said.

Missing BSF sub-inspector found dead

Jammu: A BSF sub-inspector, who had gone missing while crossing a nullah near the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district three days ago, was found dead by Pakistani Rangers on Tuesday. Paritosh Mondal's body was handed over to BSF by Pakistani Rangers at the Outpost border out-post, official sources said.

Mondal, who hailed from West Bengal's Nadia district, had gone missing while patrolling the Aik nullah on September 28. A joint search was carried out by the BSF and an SDRF team over the last three days, sources said, adding that villagers on the Indian side and Pakistani Rangers helped with the search operations. ENS

Yasin Malik trial to be held via video conferencing

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 1

A TADA Court here on Tuesday decided to hold the trial of JKLF chairman Yasin Malik, who is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail, through video conferencing in the case of abduction of then Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's daughter Rubiya Sayeed in 1989 and the killing of four Indian Air Force personnel in 1990.

Presiding Officer Subash C Gupta noticed that Yasin Malik was not present among the accused in court. The judge then referred to a communication received from Tihar jail's DSP saying that the Ministry of Home Affairs' CTRC Division has ordered that the accused shall not be moved from prison and taken out of the jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi for a period of six months with effect from April 30, or till the comple-



Yasin Malik

tion of trial in Delhi Court, whichever is earlier.

The court directed the Superintendent of Tihar Central Jail to make necessary arrangements for production of the accused through video conferencing on October 23.

After hearing CBI's Special Public Prosecutor Pavitar Singh and Public Prosecutor Vijay Dogar, the judge also issued non-bailable warrants against accused Shoukat Ahmed Bakshi and Javed Ahmed Mir for their failure to appear before the court.

Making Chhattisgarh the model state of ideals and principles of Mahatma Gandhi
New schemes of Chhattisgarh Government, to be launched on October 2, 2019, Gandhi Jayanti

Following the Footsteps of Bapu...

Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan

- For children aged 0 to 5 years, for girls and women aged 15 to 49 years
- Target to eradicate malnutrition and anemia
- Preference to local nutritious food
- Distribution of Iron tablets and Anthelmintic medicines
- Fruits, milk, poultry, soybeans, laddus, bhaji and other alternative nutritious food will be given to beneficiaries
- Nutritious meals will be distributed through Aanganwadi, schools and other distribution centre identified by District Administration
- Community consciousness and accountable administration

Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme

- District Administration will identify slums to be benefitted from this scheme
- Beneficiary centre to be opened in places situated at a distance from existing hospitals
- Mobile unit, use of portable machines
- Availability of various tests and treatment facilities including OPD to be ensured
- Distribution of essential medicines from beneficiary centre
- Referral and transportation of serious patients to bigger health centre
- Private room for women
- Responsibilities allotted to health workers

Chief Minister Ward Office Scheme

- Mukhyamantri Ward Karyalaya will act as a one stop centre to address problems of people living in various wards of urban bodies
- Redressal of cleanliness and water supply problems, environmental issues, non-working street lights as well as reservation of community buildings, license and tax related work etc. will be done under the same roof

Chief Minister Haat-Bazaar Clinic Scheme

- Expansion of scheme that started from Bastar, to entire state
- Target is to provide health facilities to the last person in remote areas especially tribal areas
- Mitanins and RHOs instructed to bring patients to Haat-bazaar clinics
- Weekly Haat-bazaars with mobile clinics in far-flung tribal and naxal-affected areas equipped with pathology services, portable X-ray and other medical facilities and essential medicines
- Private room for women
- Facility to send serious patients to large centre
- Scheme advertised in local language for the benefit of local people
- Use of mobile units and portable machines

Chhattisgarh Universal PDS

- Delivered on the promise of providing 35 kg of rice per ration card
- 6 kg extra rice per member from sixth member of the family
- Ration Cards being issued to APL families as well, distribution of rice at subsidized rate of Rs 10 per kg
- Distribution of salt, chickpeas (for protein-rich nutrition) and 2 kg jaggery in tribal regions of Bastar



सस्ता चांडर सब्बो सेती-खुसी बगरगे चारों कोती



THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY IS NOT A MECHANICAL THING TO BE ADJUSTED BY ABOLITION OF FORMS. IT REQUIRES CHANGE OF HEART. — M K GANDHI

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

The people's policy

In last five years, Swachh Bharat mission has captured people's imagination, they have owned the change



PARAMESWARAN IYER

STATES AT CENTRE

With their revenues stressed and strained, states need to focus on mobilising their own resources

MAHATMA GANDHI DREAMT of an India where no one had to suffer the indignity of open defecation. There cannot be a better tribute to him than the transformation of the country, in the last five years, from being the highest contributor to global open defecation to torch-bearer for global sanitation.

What the prime minister has managed to do, through his inspirational leadership for a cause his predecessors stayed silent about, is a testament to his connect with and understanding of the needs of our people at the grassroots. In the last five years, India has triggered a sanitation revolution. The world recognises this, and the Global Goalkeepers Award that the PM was presented with during his recent visit to the US, more than vindicates his decision to put sanitation at the front and centre of India's developmental agenda.

As the states prepare to dedicate an open defecation free (ODF) country to Gandhi@150, it is timely for us to analyse how this campaign became the global benchmark for participatory and transformative development. Team Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) has identified four key pillars of India's sanitation revolution, which can, more or less, be applied to any large-scale transformation in the world.

First, political leadership. Arguably the biggest game-changer for the SBM, was the prime minister investing his personal political capital in the mission. Inspired by his leadership and commitment, various chief ministers took up the cause, creating a domino-like effect, cascading leadership to the chief secretary and in turn to collectors, all the way down to sarpanchs at the grassroots level. Leaders at all levels are prime catalysts for large-scale transformations.

Second, public financing. Typically, no large-scale transformation can be an unfunded mandate. Over Rs 1 lakh crore was committed to ensuring universal access to sanitation, thereby backing the political will with budgetary support. About 90 per cent of the 10 crore households which received toilets were from socially and economically weaker sections of society and they received

financial incentives to build and use toilets.

Third, partnerships. The SBM (G) partnered with implementors and influencers alike — national and international development agencies, media houses, civil society, celebrities, as well as all departments/ministries of the government of India, who pledged an additional \$6 billion for sanitation in their respective sectors. This "all hands on deck" approach, making sanitation everyone's business, helped to mainstream it into the national consciousness.

And fourth, peoples' participation. The SBM-G trained over half a million swachhagrahis, grassroots motivators, who triggered behaviour change in every village of India. Ordinary people undertook extraordinary roles and inspired others to build and use toilets. Stories of sanitation champions emerged from every nook and corner of the country. A large-scale transformation can be truly successful if it captures the imagination of the people, and becomes a people's movement or a jan andolan.

While the four pillars provided the SBM-G its strategic focus, administrative disruption led to efficient on-ground implementation, which has traditionally been the Achilles heel of large programmes in India. It started with the prime minister setting a target, a sunset clause for the Mission — October 2, 2019. A sunset clause brought with it a sense of urgency and accountability. The deadline drove states to prioritise SBM-G and inspired Team SBM-G to imagine possibilities that they may not have done otherwise.

The next important step was building a team of people who believed that the goal is achievable. Younger people with fresh perspective and lesser administrative baggage believe anything is possible and focus on finding creative solutions. SBM-G brought in a unique blend of young professionals and experienced but driven bureaucrats, and each person became committed to the goal.

It was also important to think scalability during the design process. We attempted to devise solutions which are easy to implement, like the on-site twin-pit toilet systems

for rural India, as opposed to expensive networked sanitation solutions. By providing flexibility to states and implementers by design, the mission allowed them to tailor solutions to local contexts.

To build faith in the rest of the administrative system, it was important for the mission to demonstrate some quick wins. We targeted the low-hanging fruit first — the districts with the highest sanitation coverage — to become ODF on priority. This created a demonstration effect for others to learn from, and created belief in the system. Nothing succeeds like success.

Continuous engagement with implementers made the mission agile. Team SBM-G visited each state multiple times and engaged directly with district collectors through learning workshops, informal gatherings and WhatsApp groups, promoting healthy competition among implementers which spurs local innovation.

The SBM-G made sanitation glamorous by engaging extensively with the media, leveraging popular culture, and associating Bollywood stars, sportspersons and other influencers to promote the message of sanitation. And lastly, the mission kept the buzz alive throughout its lifecycle through regular, large-scale events with the PM at important milestones, helping sanitation stay on top of public recall.

The job is not over. We recently released the forward-looking 10-year sanitation strategy to move from ODF to ODF Plus, focusing on sustaining the SBM-G gains, ensuring that no one is left behind, and ensuring access to solid and liquid waste management for all villages. The next ambitious goal announced by the PM on August 15 this year is to ensure piped water supply to all households by 2024. This will be an additional shot in the arm for SBM-G's sustainability efforts. India has achieved what was unimaginable a few years ago, but the show must go on.

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As the states prepare to dedicate an open defecation free (ODF) country to Gandhi@150, it is timely for us to analyse how this campaign became the global benchmark for participatory and transformative development. Team Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) has identified four key pillars of India's sanitation revolution, which can, more or less, be applied to any large-scale transformation in the world. First, political leadership. Arguably the biggest game-changer for the SBM, was the prime minister investing his personal political capital in the mission.

MISSING CLOSURE

The low turnout elections in Afghanistan may raise more questions than they are likely to settle

THE LOW VOTER turnout in the presidential elections held in Afghanistan last Saturday is no surprise. The Taliban had openly denounced the elections. In the weeks preceding voting day, the country was witness to brutal bombings in which scores of people were killed. Voting took place only in under 5,000 polling stations out of over 7,000 due to security reasons. There was not much of an election campaign as there was uncertainty about whether an election would be held at all — the talks between the Taliban and the US, until they were abruptly cancelled, were pointing in the direction of a nominated elected government. The final voter turnout is expected to be not more than 2.5 million, out of 9.6 million registered voters. While this may well be the cleanest and least fraudulent vote in Afghanistan since 2004, the low number of voters is certain to raise questions about the legitimacy of the election, and of the winning candidates, complicating an already complex and fragile situation.

When the US called off the talks with the Taliban at the beginning of September, Afghans who believe in the democratic system were relieved that this gave the presidential elections a chance, and that the newly elected leadership could negotiate on its own with the Taliban. In fact, President Ashraf Ghani, who had been excluded from the US-Taliban talks, specifically asked voters for a strengthened mandate to open peace talks with the insurgents. But if the Taliban were contemptuous of Ghani and his government as "American puppets", saying it was better to deal with the puppet masters directly, they would find even less reason to talk to the new government. In their eyes, the new dispensation would be as much American as the last one, with the added drawback of being voted in by far fewer people.

But before all that, the result itself may be contentious, if the last election is anything to go by. The three leading candidates — President Ghani, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and former warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar — have already declared themselves the winner, though the counting is still ongoing and results are to be declared later this month. Last time, the transition to the new dispensation could not take place until the US stepped in to broker an agreement between Ghani and Abdullah, the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If the results are deadlocked again, there may be no mediator. It would give the Taliban exactly the opening it is waiting for.

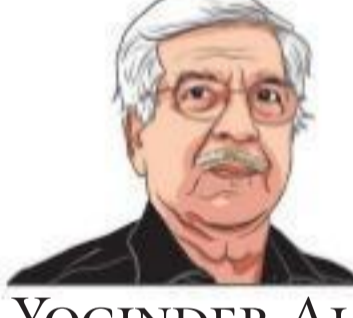
GET OUT OF HER WAY

Because when mummies race, they illustrate that it is possible to be faster, higher, stronger

FOR TOO MANY women, there comes a time, usually after professional promise shades away to euphoric motherhood and complete exhaustion, when they realise it is impossible to win the mommy race. Being on the mommy track usually involves running at full blast, without moving an inch, with maternal guilt and professional inadequacy for company. And in your ear, a diabolical question, like the crack of a gunshot as you take off: "Can you really have it all?" Well, yes, world — sometimes you can.

Even if it often remains a heroic ask, in the words of Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, "the females keep showing up" and winning. As she did on Sunday, when the 32-year-old Jamaican athlete raced to a fourth 100m gold at the World Championships at Doha, Qatar. With her, on the victory lap, was her two-year-old son, whose birth in 2017 had forced her to skip the championship. She was not the only new mom to wrest triumph, and prove a point. Chinese athlete Liu Hong, who too had taken a year off after having a child, won the 20km race walk. And to add to the "mother's day" celebrations, American athlete Allyson Felix won her 12th World Championship gold medal in the 4x400m mixed relay. For those who asked, that is one more than Usain Bolt's tally of 11.

For Felix, this is sweet revenge. She was returning to the tracks 13 months after a difficult pregnancy, and a high-profile battle with Nike, in which she and other athletes forced the company to change their maternity policies. Taken together, this trio of powerful performers, as well as athletes as varied in strength and guile as Serena Williams and Mary Kom, land a knockout punch to the perception of women as physically constrained, especially by biological destiny. They illustrate that it is possible to be faster, higher, stronger, even if motherhood makes arduous demands of the body and the mind. When mummies race, they play to win. Now, the world better get out of the way.



YOGINDER ALAGH

IN THE 90s of the last century, an outrageous idea started to emerge. It held that apart from the government agencies, corporates, the co-operative sector, and other citizens could get together for common developmental causes. In some ways this was the creative and "developmental" aspect of what is today loosely called the Fifth Estate. It began in a small way. A former IIM, Ahmedabad director, Ravi Mathai, chucked it all up one day and decided that he would spend his life in seeing if he could develop what a student of his later called 'the bottom of the pyramid'. Ravi set up a "university" for artisans — the rural university.

In Gujarat, former IAS officer Anil Shah got involved in a similar initiative. He set up the Development Support Centre at Bopal, near Ahmedabad (now a part of the metropolis). By then, the Fifth Estate was old hat. In fact, the first round of problems had begun to emerge. There were conflicts with government and corporate entities — all those who had "sanctioned budgets". There was corruption and no one to lead the well meaning when problems arose. The apocryphal story was the so-called message from Bihar that said my son is doing well and has registered an NGO. So a Magna Carta was needed.

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BOPAL IN TIMES OF NITI AAYOG

Why 2005 declaration on synergy between government and NGOs is still relevant

tionary changes, in the way rural development — particularly matters relating to the natural resources, crucial for the well being of people living in rural areas — was conceptualised. Rural communities were required to prepare and implement micro plans appropriate to local conditions and needs. Joint Forest Management (1990), watershed development (1995), participatory irrigation management (1997) and Swajaldhara (2003) are good examples.

Those working for participatory management of natural resources were hoping to strengthen and carry forward the participatory approach in 2000-2001 at the time of the formulation of the Tenth Plan. However, the trends in the 10th Five Year Plan were alarming. They point to distortions and reversals of the healthy trends of the 90s. This was forcefully brought out by Anil Shah, by now at the Development Support Centre. When his paper reached M S Swaminathan and me, we encouraged Shah to organise a national deliberation to draft the principles that should guide the formulation and modification of schemes pertaining to natural resources management by the Centre, states or donors.

This led to a national-level meeting on January 16, 2005 at Bopal. It was attended by about 30 leaders from NGO community, academics and policy makers from various parts of India. The deliberations were guided by me and the late B N Yugandhar. That meeting prepared eight declarations based on eight principles proposed by eminent leaders in their respective field.

The first proposed by MYRADA was the centrality of community-based organisations (CBOs). The second proposed by SEWA Mandir at Udaipur was about equity. The third, mooted by the irrigation department in Andhra, was decentralisation. The fourth, proposed, by the N M Sadguru Water Development Foundation, was about the need of a facilitating agency. The fifth by BAIIF at Pune pertained to monitoring and evaluation. The sixth, mooted by V B Eswaran, an IAS officer, was about training and software. Anil Shah proposed the seventh as sustained momentum of development — so that the success story is not just a flash in the pan. And the eighth was proposed by my college friend at Wharton, Pradip Khandwala — organisational restructuring.

Around each declaration is a brief text adopted at Bopal on January 16, 2005. Each principle was elaborated with examples from centrally sponsored schemes and other projects. We lobbied for the execution of these principles in Delhi, with opinion makers, including the press. They had an impact. Also failures.

If we decide to plan again with the large number of new schemes that were declared after planning was abolished, we must reinvent these principles. I have just returned from my morning walk and saw some slum dwellers doing their thing in a defecation free city. Let's do Bopal again.

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OCTOBER 2, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

NO POLL DELAY
PRIME MINISTER CHARAN Singh has denied that the government was considering putting off the elections due to drought conditions prevailing in many parts of the country. The working president of the Lok Dal was quoted as saying in Varanasi that since many workers of his party were in favour of the elections being postponed, he would discuss the matter with the Prime Minister. Raj Narain told newsmen in Delhi that personally he did not favour a postponement. The PM said in a statement that, "I would like to make it categorically clear that neither I nor my government is in favour of postponing Lok Sabha polls on this account."

GANDHI SMRITI RULES
AS THE GANDHI Samadhi Samiti has prohibited any person from carrying "Ganga jal" into the samadhi grounds, Raj Narain has modified his original programme and now plans to take a self-purifying bath tomorrow morning along with his followers on the lawns opposite the samadhi. Despite the slight alteration in the venue, trouble is expected tomorrow morning as the president of the Yuva Janata, Vikram Singh, has announced that Yuva Janata volunteers will not allow Narain to indulge in "puerile exhibitionism" which would show disrespect to Gandhiji on his birthday.

IMPEACHMENT NO ISSUE
THE JANATA PARTY will not make the impeachment of the president an election issue. Although, the party's manifesto will contain criticism of his action in denying the Janata Party an opportunity to form a government and for dissolving the Lok Sabha — This was stated during an official briefing on the second day's discussions on the draft manifesto and party's election strategy by the national executive. Not one of the nearly 50 members of the national executive made the demand for making the impeachment of president Sanjiva Reddy an election plank. Most of the speakers, however, criticised the president, according to the official spokesman.

