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BAPU, WE MISS YOU... WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU

He was there for the oppressed when they needed him most, and he rid them of their suffering with the force of belief that his frail, barely-covered body had in abundance. A 150 years hence, Babu's need is being felt again, as acutely as before. For, oppression and slavery have returned in the guise of persecution and hatred.

The Mahatma was so different, and just so much of all things good. He was at once a saint and a revolutionary, a politician and social reformer, an economist and man of religion, educationist and Satyagrahi; devotee alike of faith and reason, Hindu and inter-religious, nationalist and internationalist, man of action and dreamer of dreams. The West calls Mahatma Gandhi "a universal man... as relevant today as he was yesterday, as he will be tomorrow". They do genuinely. In Babu's own words: "After I am gone, no

single person will be able completely to represent me. But a little bit of me will live in many of you. If each puts the cause first and himself last, the vacuum will to a large extent be filled" was so haunting. The increased velocity of modern changes, we do not know what the world will be a hundred years hence. But years may go their way, yet the principles of Satya and Ahimsa, truth and non-violence are there to guide us. They are the silent stars keeping holy vigil above a tired and turbulent world.



Hello, Babu! ...
Give us the courage to follow you.

All banks to have uniform timings

HYDERABAD: All public sector banks in Telangana will transact business from 10 am to 4 pm, with a lunch break from 2.00 pm to 2.30 pm, according to the state-level bankers' committee release on Tuesday. The banks will remain closed on Sundays and on second and fourth Saturdays as usual.

Upset over 2nd child being a girl, man drowns infant

BHADRACHALAM: Annoyed over his second child being a girl, a labourer drowned the one-month-old infant in a water tank on Tuesday. This gut-wrenching incident was reported from Regubta village of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Monday.

The man, Adapa Surya Teja, was nabbed by residents and handed over to the police. Earlier, his distraught wife sought help from neighbours upon learning that he had drowned their baby.

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IRCTC to pay compensation for train delay

NEW DELHI: Passengers of IRCTC's Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express will be compensated in case of delays, the Railway subsidiary said on Tuesday. An amount of ₹100 will be paid in case the delay is for over an hour and ₹250 for delays for over two hours, it said. This latest offer is in addition to the ₹25-lakh free insurance that has been given to passengers of the train. This travel insurance also includes a coverage of ₹1 lakh against household theft and robbery during travel period of the passengers.

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ALMANAC
Month & Paksham: Ashwini & Sukla Paksha Panchangam
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Nakshatram: Swati: 02:21 pm
Time to Avoid: (Bad time to start any important work)
Rahukalam: 03:03 pm - 04:32 pm
Yamagandam: 09:07 am - 10:36 am
Varyyam: 07:36 pm - 09:06 pm
Gulika: 12:05 pm - 01:34 pm
Good Time: (to start any important work)
Amritkalam: 06:20 am - 07:48 am
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HYDERABAD WEATHER
Forecast: Isolated Thunderstorms
Temp: 28/22
Humidity: 94%
Sunrise: 06:06
Sunset: 06:05
Current Weather Conditions
Updated September 30, 2019 5:00 PM

Lord Venkateswara's name included in NASA rocket to Mars

PNS ■ TIRUPATI

The name of Lord Venkateswara of the famous hill shrine at Tirumala, stencilled in micro chips and affixed on NASA's Mars 2020 Rover, would fly to the Red Planet, former director of National Mission of Manuscripts and an ardent devotee V Venkata Ramana Reddy said here on Tuesday. "I have submitted the sacred name of Lord Venkateswara and got the souvenir boarding pass in the name of the Lord from the official website of NASA," Reddy, also formerly professor of Oriental Research Institute in Sri Venkateswara University here, said.

The Lord's name would be among 10 million names stencilled on microchips affixed on the Rover, the American space agency has said.

The submission of names at the NASA website for the "Send Your Name to Mars" campaign ended on Tuesday, Reddy said.

"I am a strong supporter of Prime Minister Narendra



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Modi and an ardent devotee of Lord Venkateswara, and I am delighted to send the name of the ancient and world famous Tirumala shrines presiding deity to Mars," he said.

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The Rover would search for signs of past microbial life, characterise the planet's climate and geology, collect samples from Mars.

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HC gives nod to go ahead with civic poll preparations

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday gave the go-ahead to the State government to carry out the entire pre-poll process for conducting municipal polls in the state.

However, it directed the State government not to issue poll notification till it delivers final orders on this issue. The court delivered these orders while dealing with a batch of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petitions filed against the issuance of notification to conduct municipal elections in the state.

A division bench of the HC, however, gave the go-ahead to the state government to carry out the entire pre-poll process pertaining to conduct of the elections.

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HC directs Govt not to demolish Secretariat

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

In a significant development, a division bench of the Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the State government to not demolish the Secretariat buildings until disposal of a batch of petitions filed against the state's decision.

In June this year, the state government decided to raze all the buildings and replace them with new ones. Subsequently, a technical panel appointed by the government also recommended demolition of the buildings. The HC passed the orders after senior counsel S Satyam Reddy brought up the issue before the division bench. He told the HC that the State government was all set to

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demolish the buildings and urged the court to take up the matter for hearing.

Responding to his plea, the division bench said that it would take up the hearing of the case after Dasara vacation, while issuing a direction to the state government not to take any steps for the demolition of the buildings. It then adjourned the matter till September 14, 2019 for hearing of the case.



GANDHI JAYANTI PM to visit Sabarmati, declare India ODF

PNS ■ AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Sabarmati Ashram here on Wednesday, on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and later declare the country open defecation-free, a BJP leader said. Several events will be organised in the city and other parts of Gujarat on Wednesday as part of the sesquicentennial year of Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Modi will arrive at the Ahmedabad airport around 6 pm, and will be greeted by BJP workers at a function organised there by the party's city unit. He will then visit the Sabarmati Ashram to pay tributes to the Father of the Nation, state BJP president Jitu Vaghani said. From there, he will go to the Sabarmati Riverfront, where he will declare the country open defecation-free (ODF) in the presence of over 20,000 village heads, he said. People associated with Gandhian institutions, high court judges, Padma awardees, students, educationists and village-level sanitation workers have been invited for the function.

50% excess rainfall during SW monsoon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fifty per cent excess rainfall during September helped the Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to register above normal rainfall during southwest monsoon period spread from June to September.

While Telangana received six per cent excess rainfall during the four month period, it was 10 per cent above normal in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, according to the IMD data on Monday. The two states may receive more rains as the withdrawal of southwest monsoon is likely to be delayed till October 7. Despite nearly 40 per cent deficit in June due to the delayed monsoon and its sluggish movement during July, the heavy rains during the sub-



sequent months helped both the states to overcome the shortfall. For the entire four-month period, Telangana recorded 805.6 mm rainfall against normal of 759.6 mm. Ten districts still have deficits ranging from four per cent to 23 per cent. During September, Telangana received 241 mm rainfall against normal of 163.9 mm, an excess of 47 per cent.

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SC sets aside its 2018 verdict on SC/ST Act

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday set aside its judgement which introduced measures like prior inquiry before the arrest of an accused under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989.

A bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said, "SC/ST have been outcasts for centuries, and untouchability has not vanished yet. They still remain 'Harijan'."

The court observed the backward classes have not been able to achieve equity and civil rights, and despite reservations, the fruits of development have not reached them. The court also cited the death of workers who died while cleaning sewers.

CPI dumps Congress, to support TRS

K VENKATESHWARLU ■ HYDERABAD

A total of 31 candidates are left in the fray after scrutiny for the Huzurnagar bye-election, making it a 'no comrades poll' as the Communist Party of India has decided to extend its support to the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti and the CPM candidate's nomination papers have been rejected by EC officials, along with those of 44 other candidates. As expected, the Communist Party of India, after its state executive meeting on Tuesday, decided to extend its support to TRS party in the Huzurnagar bye-elections. CPI state secretary Chada Venkat Reddy said: "We will stand by the side of people, though we entered into an alliance with ruling TRS party. We will continue our fight against government on behalf of people. It is not cor-



rect to think that we will stop movements on public issues as we are extending support to the ruling party. However, Congress is not an enemy to us."

Chada clarified that the alliance with Congress was confined to the Assembly elections. "The Congress has not been in touch with us after Assembly elections. We will participate in the Huzurnagar bye-elections, supporting TRS", he said. The party decided to extend its support to TRS up to bye-elections only.

Congress a sinking ship: KTR

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

TRS working president KT Rama Rao has asserted that people will never vote for the Congress, which, he believes, is "a sinking ship".

During his pep talk to the Huzurnagar Assembly constituency in-charges here via teleconference on Tuesday, KTR said that TRS candidate was getting good response from the people during his election campaign. Citing reports from the field, he said that the feedback was good and that he was optimistic of the party wrestling



the seat from the Congress with a solid majority. People would have certainly noted the disunity among the opposition parties, which had contested polls held in December last year, he mentioned.

How could a party other than the ruling one develop the constituency, KTR sought to know.

He predicted rout of the Congress in the by-elections, considering that people's support to TDP and BJP was not encouraging. Workers and leaders of Congress and other parties were switching to TRS on a large scale, he said.

Honeytrap: Lynchpin tried to sell clips for Rs 30 cr

PNS ■ BHOPAL

The two women lynchpins of the Madhya Pradesh honeytrap scandal tried to blackmail political parties with sleaze videos of veteran politicians for Rs 30 crore during the Lok Sabha elections and even had several rounds of discussions in this regard. Sources say, the change of government in the state had impacted their established links with parties and they were trying to extract as much money as they could from what they had before the tide turned for the worse. The LS polls they thought was an ideal time when political parties



and leaders were looking for dirt on each other and willing to pay through their nose to get it. A politician even agreed to buy a few videos for Rs 6 crore, but the women were not willing to part with those for anything less than Rs 30 crore. When they did not find takers for their stock,

the women sold some of the videos to individual politicians for a few crore. But by then the police had got a whiff of the racket and had started keeping an eye on their activities. Following a complaint from Indore city engineer Harbhajan Singh, they arrested five women and a man and have set up a Special Investigation Team in the case. Though the SIT hasn't made any revelations so far, the probe team sources say it has recovered a large number of mobile phones, laptops and pen drives from them. More than 4,000 video and audio files have also been recovered from the women.

Ex-Ministers, top babus, TV reporter under lens

A former MP Cabinet Minister had to resign following a sting operation by the honey-trap syndicate in 2016. After watching the two-minute video, authenticated by forensic experts, BJP central leadership paved the way for his ouster from the government.

Now, videos of two other Ministers in the erstwhile Shivraj Singh Chouhan gov-

ernment, have been authenticated by the SIT of the MP Police, probing one of the biggest sex & blackmail scandals in the state. The SIT is also probing the role of a Delhi-based Hindi television journalist for allegedly negotiating extortion deals with victims on behalf of the honey-trap syndicate.

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NDA strength in Rajya Sabha set to increase

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP-led NDA's strength in the Rajya Sabha is set to increase by at least one after the October 16 by-elections for two seats which fell vacant due to the demise of former Union Ministers Arun Jaitley and Ram Jethmalani recently.

While Jaitley's seat from Uttar Pradesh is going to be retained by the BJP, given its majority in the state Assembly, the party and its ally Janata Dal (United) are eyeing

Jethmalani's seat from Bihar, from where the late member represented RJD in the Upper House of Parliament. In the 245-member Rajya Sabha, the BJP has 80 members and along with its allies, its strength is 114, 9 short of the majority mark.

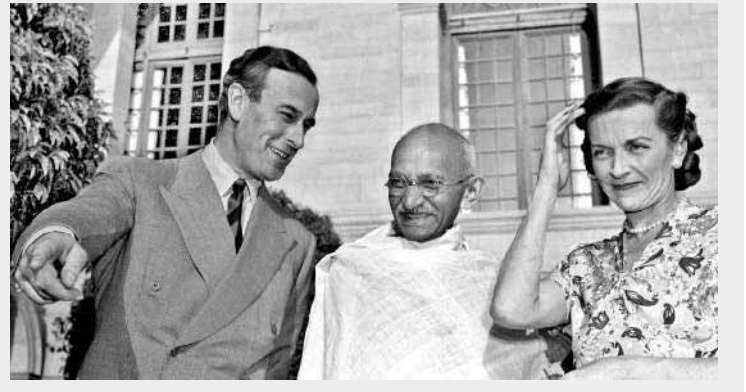
The ruling alliance has so far been helped by parties like TRS and YSRCP, which are not part of the coalition, in passing legislations in the Upper House. However, the NDA needs majority on its own in the House to make things easier for it.



‘A ONE-MAN BOUNDARY FORCE’

When India became free, Gandhi received an acknowledgement of his mission for peace through a letter from Lord Mountbatten on 26 August 1947. In his letter Mountbatten wrote: "My dear Gandhiji, In the Punjab we have 55 thousand soldiers and large scale rioting on our hands. In Bengal our forces consist of one man, and there is no rioting. As a serving officer, as well as an administrator, may I be allowed to pay my tribute to the One Boundary Force, not forgetting his Second in Command, Mr.

Suhrawardy? You should have heard the enthusiastic applause which greeted the mention of your name in the Constituent Assembly on 15th of August when all of us were thinking so much of you....
"Yours very sincerely, Mountbatten of Burma"
Mountbatten, who was clothed in military uniform all his service life, holding arms in his hands, realised the strength, courage and the spirit of compassion of a sensitive human being called Gandhi.



The Gandhi Heritage Portal, a website containing 19.30 lakh pages of content with 20,000 new pages getting uploaded every month, is a treasure trove for a student of Mahatma Gandhi's life.

It also hosts an architectural documentation of 23 of the 39 important locations associated with Gandhi's life, including "virtual tours", Virat Kothari, the IT head of the Sabarmati Ashram here, which maintains the portal, said. Soon, people would be able to have a virtual reality experience of websites related to Gandhi's life through the portal, he added. "The portal is freely accessible," Kothari said.

The Union Ministry of Culture gave Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust the responsibility to design and maintain the website, which was launched in September, 2013 by then prime minister Manmohan Singh.

This web portal on Mahatma has 19.3 lakh pages and counting



Gandhi's vision on KASHMIR

Today there is talk of war everywhere. Everyone fears a war breaking out between the two countries. If that happens it will be a calamity both for India and for Pakistan. India has written to the U.N. because whenever there is a fear of conflict anywhere the U.N. is asked to promote a settlement and to stop fighting from breaking out. India therefore wrote to the U. N. O. however trivial the issue may appear to be, it could lead to a war between the two countries. It is a long memorandum and it has been cabled. Pakistan's leaders Zafullah Khan and Liaquat Ali Khan have since issued long statements. I would take leave to say that their argument does not appeal to me. You may ask if I approve of the Union Government approaching the UNO I may say that I both approve and do not approve of what they did. I approve of it, because after all what else are they to do? They are convinced that what they are doing is right. If there are raids from outside the frontier of Kashmir, the obvious conclusion is that it must be with the connivance of Pakistan. Pakistan can deny it. But the denial does not settle the matter. Kashmir has acceded the accession upon certain conditions. If Pakistan harasses Kashmir and if Sheikh Abdullah who is the leader of Kashmir asks the Indian Union for help, the latter is bound to send help.



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Such help therefore was sent to Kashmir. At the same time Pakistan is being requested to get out of Kashmir and to arrive at a settlement with India over the question through bilateral negotiations. If no settlement can be reached in this way then a war is inevitable. It is to avoid the possibility of war that the Union Government has taken the step it did. Whether they are right in doing so or not God alone knows. Whatever might have been the attitude of Pakistan, if I had my way I would have invited Pakistan's representatives to India and we could have met, discussed the matter and worked out some settlement. They keep saying that they want an amicable settlement but they do nothing to create the conditions for

such a settlement. I shall therefore humbly say to the responsible leaders of Pakistan that though we are now two countries - which is a thing I never wanted - we should at least try to arrive at an agreement so that we could live as peaceful neighbors. Let us grant for the sake of argument that all Indians are bad, but Pakistan at least is a newborn nation which has more ever come into being in the name of religion and it should at least keep itself clean. But they themselves make no such claim. It is not their argument that Muslims have committed no atrocities in Pakistan. I shall therefore suggest that it is now their duty, as far as possible, to arrive at an amicable understanding with India and live in harmony with her. Mistakes were made on both sides. Of this I have no doubt. But this does not mean that we should persist in those mistakes, for then in the end we shall only destroy ourselves in a war and the whole of the subcontinent will pass into the hands of some third power. That will be the worst imaginable fate

for us. I shudder to think of it. Therefore the two Dominions should come together with God as witness and find a settlement. The matter is now before the UNO. It cannot be withdrawn from there. But if India and Pakistan come to a settlement the big powers in the UNO will have to endorse that settlement. They will not object to the settlement. They themselves can only say that they will do their best to see that the two countries arrive at an understanding through mutual discussions. Let us pray to God to grant that we may either learn to live in amity with each other or if we must fight to let us fight to the very end. That may be folly but sooner or later it will purify us. Now a few words about Delhi. I came to know of the incidents which took place last evening through Brijkishan. I had gone to the Camp for the evening prayer. I came away after the prayer but he had stayed over to talk to the people in the Camp. There are some Muslim houses at a little distance from the Camp. About four or five hundred inmates of the Camp mostly women and children but also some men - issued out of the Camp to take possession of the houses. I am told they did not indulge in any kind of violence. Some of the houses were vacant. They tried to take possession even of the latter. The police were near at hand. They immediately went to the spot and brought the situation under control at about 9 O'clock according to the information I have. The police have stayed on there. I understand they had to use tear gas. Tear gas does not kill but it can be pretty painful.

(The Mahatma's speech at the Prayer Meeting on 4th January 1948)



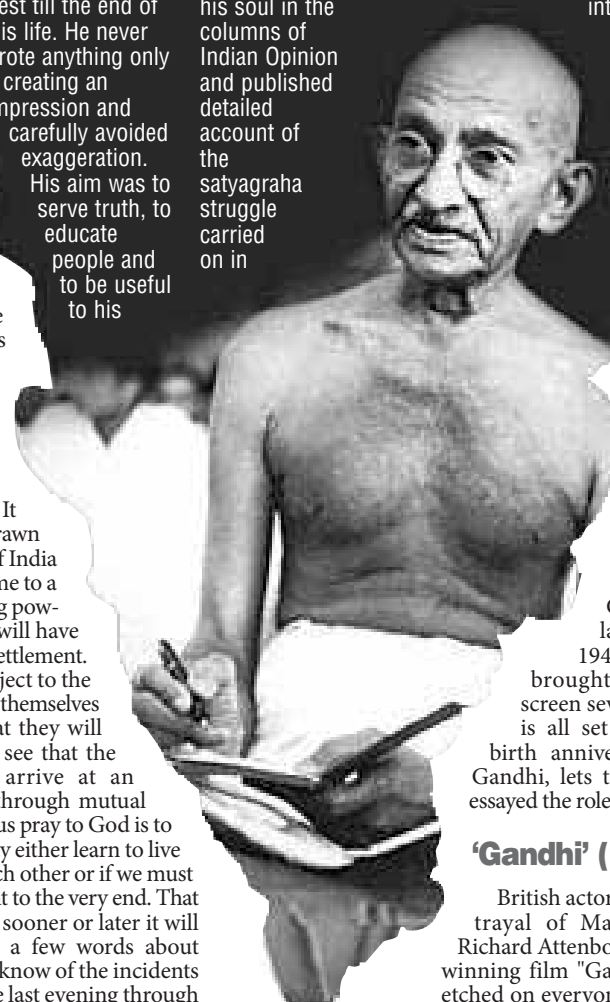
The journalist in Mahatma

10 films made on Gandhi

Gandhi became a regular reader of newspapers after reaching England at the age of 19. As a school student in India, he did not read, them. He was very shy and could not speak in a gathering. At 21, he first wrote nine articles for The Vegetarian an English weekly, on vegetarianism, Indian food habits, customs and religious festivals. His earliest writings show his capacity for expressing any idea in simple direct language. After a gap of two years, Gandhi again took to journalism. From that time onwards his pen knew no rest till the end of his life. He never wrote anything only for creating an impression and carefully avoided exaggeration. His aim was to serve truth, to educate people and to be useful to his

country. On the third day of his arrival in South Africa he was insulted in a court of law. He published an account of this incident in a local paper and gained publicity overnight. At the age of 35, he took charge of Indian Opinion and through it he guided and unified the Indians in South Africa. A Gujarati edition of this weekly was simultaneously printed at Phoenix. A series of articles on dietetics appeared in the Gujarati Indian Opinion, also the life sketches of great men and women. He wanted to educate the public opinion, to remove causes of misunderstanding between the whites and the Indians and to point out the drawbacks of his countrymen. He poured out his soul in the columns of Indian Opinion and published detailed account of the satyagraha struggle carried on in

South Africa. From his writings overseas readers could form a true picture of the happenings in South Africa. In his opinion the aim of journalism was service: "Journalism should never be prostituted for selfish ends or for the sake of carrying a livelihood. And whatever happens to the editors or the journal, it should express views of the of the country irrespective of consequences. They will have to strike a different line of policy if they wanted to penetrate into the hearts of the masses."



'Sardar' (1993)

The Ketan Mehta film on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had Annu Kapoor stepping into the shoes of Gandhi. Apart from playing the great Indian leader on the big screen, Annu also lent his voice as narrator to "Khaar" -- a docudrama on Gandhi's Dandi March.

'The Making Of The Mahatma' (1996)

Kapur, popular for playing the Bengali detective Byomkesh Bakshi on television, played Gandhi in Shyam Bengal's "The Making Of The Mahatma". His role in the film, fetched him a National Film Award as Best Actor.

'Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar' (2000)

The film didn't center around him but he managed to make his presence felt in the movie on BR Ambedkar, known mainly for helping the downtrodden and oppressed classes in India.

'Gandhi, My Father' (2007)

His performance in the critically-acclaimed film was lauded by many, including the Indian government that honoured him with a National Award for his effort. "Gandhi, My Father" happened in a curious way. Feroz Abbas Khan (director) had approached me for Gandhi's role in his famous play 'Mahatma v/s Gandhi'. I was his first choice. Unfortunately, I was preoccupied with other business interests then, and it was my misfortune that I couldn't do it. So here I am, playing Gandhi in his directorial debut, 'Darshan had said in an interview.

'Lage Raho Munna Bhai' (2006)

The Sanjay Dutt-starrer was probably one of the most commercial Bollywood films to feature. The film wasn't just about the great leader but his teachings were highlighted well in the movie by filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani. It showed why Gandhi continues to be relevant even today. Dilip was also honoured with a National Film Award for Best Supporting Actor for his act in the blockbuster. And the other films include "The Legend Of Bhagat Singh" (2002); "Veer Savarkar" (2001); "Bose: The Forgotten Hero" (2004).

'Gandhi' (1982)

British actor Ben Kingsley's portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi in Richard Attenborough's 1982 Oscar-winning film "Gandhi" is one that is etched on everyone's minds.

'Hey Ram' (2000)

The Kamal Haasan-starrer film revolved around India's Partition and the assassination of Gandhi by Nathuram Godse. Interestingly, Naseeruddin had auditioned for the role of Gandhi in Attenborough's film. The role eventually went to Kingsley. Naseeruddin's Gandhi in "Hey Ram" didn't receive the acclaim that Kingsley's effort did, but he was praised for nailing the act.

'Nine Hours To Rama' (1963)

Mark Robson's English language film is about the nine hours of Nathuram Godse's life before he assassinated Gandhi. Goidse was essayed by German actor Horst Buchholz.

Much before 'Make in India', Gandhi taught self-reliance

Though the 'Make-in-India' initiative to encourage self-reliance in the country was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, its seeds were sown several decades ago by the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi had promoted the use of 'Khadi' clothing in the 1920s as a twin-pronged approach for empowering people with technology on the one hand and for opposing the commercial interests of the British on the other, eminent Gandhians said.

The Khadi movement had the objectives of boycotting imported foreign cloth and promoting the spinning of khadi for self-employment. "Technology is a powerful tool when it is given in the hands of people. Gandhi had promoted this alternative technology in the textile sector that was affordable to people. The vision behind

the movement was to make people self-reliant which ultimately led to fearlessness. The basic philosophy behind the movement was to empower people with technology so that they became fearless. This philosophy is relevant in the present day as well because people should be economically self-reliant," A. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum said.

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Sealed Tenders are invited from the eligible manufacturers / Distributors for the supply of Medical Equipment for Next Generation Sequencing, form the eligible firms/companies to VRDL, project of Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad.

Tender along with detailed list of the equipment terms and conditions can be obtained from the office of the Principal, Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad. The cost of the Re-Tender form is Rs.1000/- (One Thousand Only) DD in favour of Principal, Gandhi Medical College, VRDL & Obtain the receipt

The Re-Tender Schedule is as follows: 1. The sale of Tender forms from Dt.3-10-2019 to 19-10-2019 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on working days. 2. The last date for submission of the Tenders Dt.21-10-2019 by 3:00 pm. 3. The opening of the technical bids at 11:00 am on Dt.22-10-2019 in the chamber of principal, GMC, Secabad. 4. The date of Opening of the financial bids of the bidders qualified in the technical bid will be intimated later.

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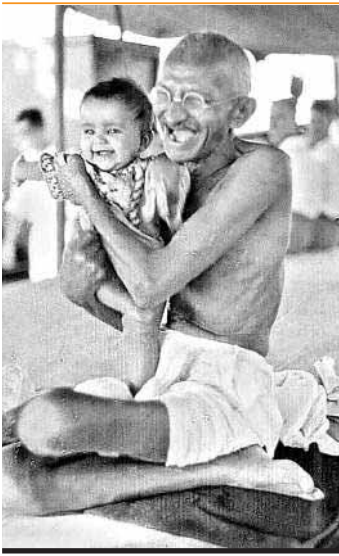
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A GENERATION OF FREEDOM-FIGHTERS INSPIRED

As the Father of the Nation and a hope for thousands of people during the first half of the 20th century, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948) was a source of inspiration for a generation of freedom-fighters to leave homes, studies, jobs and give up a cosy life to free India from the colonial yoke, fondly recalled 102-year-old freedom fighter Harohalli Srinivasaiah Doreswamy, marking the Sesquicentennial of the Mahatma.

"I had the honour and privilege of seeing and meeting Gandhiji for a couple of times in Bengaluru during the freedom struggle and joined his non-violent movement to free the country from the imperial rulers under his guidance and phenomenal leadership," a Spartan Doreswamy said.

Going down the memory lane, Doreswamy said he met Gandhiji for the first time in mid-1930s when he was a teenager at a state-run guest house in Bengaluru where he was staying to recuperate from a bout of illness at the behest of then Mysuru Maharaja Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar.

When Gandhiji gave the "Quit India" call and launched the final movement against the British Raj in August 1942, Doreswamy was arrested in December the same year and was kept in the Bangalore central jail for 14 months till March 1944 as a detainee. "I was inspired by Gandhiji so much that he had a great influence on me. In his book 'My Early Life', I was touched by his call to hug poverty and render voluntary service to the poor and needy. His words had a lasting effect on me to live a frugal life," said Doreswamy.

The last time the veteran freedom fighter met Gandhiji was in December 1947 in Mumbai after India got independence on August 15 at a Congress rally. "Gandhiji's death on January 30, 1948 in New Delhi was a shock to me because I could not believe that someone could even think of shooting him, as he was a noble soul and lived for others," added Doreswamy. Doreswamy, born on April 10, 1918 near Mysuru, about 150km northwest of Bengaluru, joined the freedom movement when he was in the intermediate college in Bengaluru during the mid-1930s. He was arrested for joining the Quit India movement along with his brother and other freedom fighters. "Though we were caned and treated badly by the British, we followed Gandhiji's ideals of non-violence and satyagraha," reminisced Doreswamy.

— FAKIR BALAJI

Mahatma Gandhi minced no words for his disdain for cinema, describing it as a "corrupting influence", but his imprint on celluloid has been indelible and varied, going from shades of black and white to TechniColour. Gandhi, whose beliefs inspired an entire school of thought, influenced films down many decades, some based on his life, others on the values he inspired in society and many in which he is the silent backdrop -- literally a picture on the wall -- to the hero's moral conflict. From "Jagriti" in 1954 to "Lage Raho Munnabhai" in 2006, the arc is long. Hindi poet Kavi Pradeep eulogised Gandhi in the "Jagriti" song, "De di azadi hamein bina khadaq,

bina dhaal, sabarmati ke sant tune kar diya kamal" (You gave us freedom without using any weapons, o saint of Sabarmati, you are great), words which underscore reverence for the man and still reverberate. Other films of the era recall the complex idealism that Gandhi represented. The 1957 Dilip Kumar starrer "Naya Daur" deals with the man versus machine debate. And V Shantaram's "Do Anken Barah Haath", released the same year, focuses on the rehabilitation of six criminals by a humane jail warden. More recently, "Lage Raho Munnabhai" gave new meaning to "Gandhigiri" through the story of a simple-hearted goon who finds guidance in Gandhi's teachings.

'Sabarmati ke Sant tune kar diya kamal' —1954 film 'Jagriti'



CBI wants Jagan to appear in DA case

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A counter-affidavit was filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday for giving an exemption of personal appearance to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in a disproportionate assets case.

The CBI, in its affidavit, said the move to exempt Jagan from putting in a personal appearance will have an impact on the case proceedings.

The central probe agency said that Jagan had hidden facts of the case from the court. "In 2011, when he was an MP, we arrested him over allegations of threatening witnesses. As a son of the then CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy, he has done all the transactions in this case. Now as chief minister, he has more chances to impact the witnesses and the case," the affidavit stated.

AMEERPET MISHAP AFTERMATH

Metro construction being micro-examined for safety

L&T's special engineering teams carrying out rectification works every day from midnight to early morning

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Soon after the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) investigated the incident in which a 24-year-old woman died after a sharp-edged piece of mortar fell on her at the Ameerpet Metro station a fortnight ago, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) officials along with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) engineers began micro-examining the overall structure.

L&T on Tuesday formed six special engineering teams equipped with boom lifts and floodlights. The teams are carrying out the rectification



works every day from midnight to early morning without obstruction to traffic. "All parts of the station areas

'We are not taking any chances, even minute structural cracks, surface plaster peel-offs, concrete chip-offs, loose concrete pieces are being addressed'

and other structures constructed by the L&T team are being micro-examined," said NVS Reddy, managing director of HMRL.

The overall position of the structure is examined by experienced structural engineering teams is said to be safe and satisfactory. "We are not taking any chance, even minute structural cracks, surface plaster peel-offs, concrete chip-offs, loose concrete pieces and loose coping stones are being addressed," he added.

"The Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Minister KT Ramarao asked us to closely monitor, identify and rectify repair works at all metro stations and also directed us to inspect other structures by Larsen & Toubro (L&T)," NVS Reddy.



A car being flagged off under the Driver Empowerment Programme

Cars given away to 667 youths under job drive

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Minister for Welfare Koppula Eswar distributed cars among 667 beneficiaries under the Driver Empowerment Programme of the Scheduled Castes Co-op Corporation at a programme held in Harita Plaza on Tuesday.

The subsidy component of the scheme is Rs 30.93 crore, while the loan component is Rs 21.65 crore.

Under the programme, an action plan has been prepared to provide livelihood to over

1500 SC youth having driving license by giving them four-wheelers linking them to the OLA. The total subsidy-component is Rs 72 crore.

During 2017-18, under the same programme cars were given to 568 beneficiaries in a tie-up with Uber. The subsidy and loan components were Rs 25.24 crore and Rs 16.83 crore, respectively.

SC welfare special chief secretary Ajay Mishra, vice-chairman and MD of the corporation L Bhukya and others took part in the programme.

NRSC scientist found murdered

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

A senior scientist working in the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) was allegedly murdered at his flat in SR Nagar on Monday evening.

The deceased, identified as Suresh Kumar, 56, was living alone in an apartment, while his wife, a bank employee, lives in Chennai, said DCP West Zone B Sumathi, adding that their son lives in US. "We found cut marks done with a sharp-edged weapon on his torso, which caused the death. It appears to be a murder," said the officer. ACP Panjagutta, Thirupathanna said Suresh had returned from his office in Balanagar on Monday evening at around 5.30 pm and was at home after that. "He was not seen by his neighbours in the morning. When they opened the door on suspicion, he was found lying dead in a pool of blood, police said.



TMREIS secretary B Shafiullah and IIT-H director Prof BS Murthy at the event

Minority institute inks pact with IIT-H

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H), which would help in the development of curriculum and teaching, establishment of advanced laboratories and conducting faculty development programmes and students workshops.

B Shafiullah, IFS, Secretary, TMREIS and Prof BS Murthy, Director of IIT-H, entered into the agreement at the IIT-H campus here on Tuesday.

The TMREIS hopes that the

MoU would help in achieving excellence and high-quality standards in academic programmes. The pact would allow IIT-H to provide mentorship to the students of TMREIS and enhance academic interest between IIT-H and TMREIS. It would also provide advice for implementation of quality education and helpful in establishment of Atal Tinkering Lab at TMREIS and promote research activities between institutions.

Shafiullah further said that the MoU will improve quality of teaching staff at TMREIS through short-term/long-term certificate courses at IIT-Hyderabad.

Upset over 2nd child being a girl, man drowns infant

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Teja, who works as a casual labourer, married Akhila after falling in love with her a couple of years ago. They had a girl child a year ago.

Akhila conceived for the second time and gave birth to the girl a month ago. Teja was upset and used to quarrel with his wife for giving birth to a girl for the second time. On Monday morning, Akhila, upon waking up, could not find the infant by her side in the bed.

Suspecting something was wrong, she questioned Teja who at first feigned ignorance but later confessed that he had drowned the child in the water tank at their house. Alarmed Akhila alerted neighbours who found the child dead in the tank and informed the police. The villagers then got hold of Teja and tied him to a tree.

Cherla CI Satyanarayana and staff visited the village and took the accused into custody and booked a case against him. The infant's body was taken to the Bhadrachalam Area Hospital for autopsy.

Ex-Ministers, top babus, TV reporter under lens

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MP Chief Minister Kamal Nath, who is personally monitoring the investigation into the honey-trap sleaze that has rattled the upper echelons of power in the state, has assured that investigation will not be a political witch-hunt.

Help of the best forensic and cyber experts has been sought to identify the 'targets' who succumbed to the blackmail and obliged the accused by granting lucrative government contracts and huge funds from the social sector schemes.

The video of the former Minister in the Chouhan government, purportedly shown in the compromising position, was recorded using a high quality hidden camera fitted with a microphone. The woman, shown in the video footage with a clear audio, has reportedly been identified by lynchpin Shweta Jain as one of her aides.

A 42-second footage of the Minister has gone viral in MP, causing panic in the state secretary corridors. Names of several serving bureaucrats too have cropped up in the scandal.

In some cases, phone calls and sex chats of 'targets' were recorded through the help of a Bengaluru-based tech company. Several VIPs 'in action' were

video-graphed at a private guest house and a flat in a posh locality of Bhopal, owned by Shweta Vijay Jain.

On the involvement in the sleaze of politicians, mostly belonging to the BJP, party General Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya reiterated that the Congress government had launched a witch-hunt to malign his party's image.

Responding to that, Congress spokesperson K.K. Mishra told IANS investigation was aimed at identifying those who granted lucrative government contracts to a criminal syndicate "in lieu of sexual favours."

"The Congress has requested Kamal Nath for a thorough probe and expose everybody, including Congress leaders, if involved," said Mishra who initially pointed to the sex scandal.

According to a leading daily published from Indore, the TV reporter who hails from MP is an central government-accredited journalist. The reporter was hand-in-glove with Shweta Jain and was allegedly negotiating extortion amount with Indore Municipal Corporation engineer Harbajan Singh, the man who filed an FIR against the syndicate and opened the can of worms and kicked up the stink of sex, sleaze and blackmail prevailing at the top echelons of the government.

50% excess rainfall during SW monsoon

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Out of 33 districts of Telangana, three districts registered deficient rainfall between 20 and 23 per cent. Five districts had excess rain-

fall while it was normal in the rest of the state.

The excess rainfall in Hyderabad during September was 116 per cent. The city once again received heavy rains on Monday, inundating low-lying

areas and affecting the normal life.

Andhra Pradesh received 10 per cent excess rainfall. The actual rainfall recorded in the state was 565.2 mm against normal 514.4 mm.

Man climbs up tower at MGBS, threatens to jump

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Anxious moments prevailed at MGBS (Mahatma Gandhi St) on Monday morning after a youth climbed up a pole in



an attempt to commit suicide. It took the cops about 30 minutes to talk him into getting down, sources said. Vikram Reddy, a 23-year-old native of Vikarabad, is an RTC contractor who had given his bus on hire to the Tandur bus depot. "He wanted to resolve an issue with the authorities and needed an NOC. When authorities delayed giving it, he tried to kill himself and climbed up a pole at MGBS," said Afzalgunj police inspector Gnanendra Reddy. He climbed down after the police assured him that the required document will be provided. Vikram Reddy was taken to police station but no case was booked against him.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA						
District Collector, Warangal (Rural)						
FORM-C Notification						
(Under Section 11 of the Act where 10A Exemption is given)						
(See rule 6/12)						
Warangal (Rural) Dist. Gazette No. 26/WGL/R/2019 Dated: 26.09.2019						
Collector, Warangal (Rural) Proc. No. G/28112019 Dated: 25.09.2019						
Where as it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector, Warangal (Rural) that a total extent of 0.38 acres, Patta land is required in the Rudragudem Village of Nallabelli Mandal of Warangal (Rural) District for public purpose. The Executive Engineer, I&CADD JCR DLIS Division 2, KC Colony Chinthagattu Warangal has filed the requisition for Acquisition of land to an extent of (0.38) acres for Excavation of 7R-Distributary of Right Main Canal from K.M. 0.000 to 0.175 K.M. of Rangaiha and Erraiah Cheruvu to create irrigation potential.						
Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in Rudragudem Village of Nallabelli Mandal Warangal (Rural) District for public purpose namely for excavation of 7R-Distributary of Right Main Canal of Package-V from K.M. 0.000 to 0.175 K.M. of Rangaiha and Erraiah Cheruvu.						
Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Village of Rudragudem Village of Nallabelli Mandal Warangal (Rural) District land measuring, more or less (0.38) acres of standard measurements, whose details description is as following is proposed for acquisition.						
[SCHEDULE]						
Village : Rudragudem			Mandal : Nallabelli			
District : Warangal (Rural)			(K.M. 0.000 to 0.175 K.M.)			
Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Type of Land	Area Under Acquisition	Name of the Pattadar and Occupant	Details of Trees, Structures etc. if any	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	91/51	Dry Patta	0.07	Pattadar Mukhisa Madhava Reddy S/o Ram Reddy Occupant Mukhisa Madhava Reddy S/o Ram Reddy		Nil
2	102/1	Dry Patta	0.30	Pattadar Morala Chinna Linga Reddy S/o Venkataiah Occupant Morala Chinna Linga Reddy S/o Venkataiah		Nil
3	102/1/4/3	Dry Patta	0.01	Pattadar Sankeppalli Nareesh S/o Venkat Reddy Occupant Sankeppalli Nareesh S/o Venkat Reddy		Nil
			Total	0.38		

This notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of right to fair compensation and transparency in land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement Act 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013), as amended by the right to fair compensation and transparency in land acquisition rehabilitation and resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Warangal (Rural) and Lead Acquisition Officer / Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsampet on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsampet and his staff / workmen to enter on and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore in to the sub soil and do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section-12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale / purchase etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector Warangal (Rural).

Objections to the acquisition, if any, and claims from all the persons interested / affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation may be filed by the person interested in the land with in 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector, Warangal (Rural) or Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsampet.

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Revenue Divisional Officer Warangal (R) Warangal (R)
Narsampet

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₹ 37,250 (10 gm)
₹ 590 ↓

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More schemes for the aged soon

Measures start getting GenY to be responsible, respect elders

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Welfare Minister Koppula Eswar has said that the state government will forge ahead by implementing many more welfare programmes for the aged, and maintained that Telangana is ahead of other states in implementing schemes for the aged.

Participating in the International Day for Older Persons held under the aegis of the physically-challenged and senior citizens' welfare department at Ravindra Bharati on Tuesday, CPI leader Narayana, who greeted CM KCR and Koppula Eswar on the occasion, noted that there are many prominent senior citizens taking shelter in the CR Old-Age Home of the CPI set up under the aegis of the CR Foundation.



A cultural performance being held on International Day for Older Persons at Ravindra Bharati

Saying that it was as the number one home for the aged in the country, he urged the government to run old-age homes in all constituencies under the charge of the MLAs.

MLA of Ramagundam Korukanti Chandar noted that younger members of families have now begun to understand their responsibility towards their elders and are holding them in high regard after CM KCR started giving them Rs 2,000 a

month towards pension. Referring to his struggle as trade union leader fighting for medical amenities to SCCL workers, he said that the Chief Minister, on being appraised by him and others, is providing medical benefits not only to coal miners and also to their families.

He put the total number of aged receiving Asara pensions at Rs 12.94 lakh at the rate of Rs 2,000 per month.

HC gives nod to go ahead with civic poll...

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It said that the stay on the conduct of the elections would continue till the pronouncement of the final orders of the court.

The petitioners in the case complained of large-scale irregularities in the pre-poll exercise carried out by the State government to conduct the municipal elections and urged the HC to direct the State government to re-conduct the entire pre-poll process as per the Telangana Municipalities Act and rules and as per the order of the HC and to conduct the iden-

tification of SC, ST, BC and women voters, along with the representatives of the recognised political parties and to issue the draft notification as per rule 12 of The Telangana Municipalities Reservation of Seats in Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchyats Rules 1995, besides enabling the voters to give their views on the reservations.

While one PIL plea was filed by K. Anju Kumar Reddy, a native of Nirmal district, the other PIL plea was filed by Dr. S. Malla Reddy, a native of Dundigal mandal of Medchal Malkajgiri district.



WHEN GANDHI SURVIVED A LYNCH MOB

Mob lynching, the scourge of India that has led to nearly a 100 hundred deaths in the past few years, is hardly a new phenomenon. Around 125 years ago, a young Indian lawyer named Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi faced a similar faceless and mindless mob in South Africa.

But unlike many in present-day India, he was lucky to have survived. Had he not, the world would have never known of Mahatma Gandhi. Barrister Gandhi arrived in South Africa in 1893 to offer legal aid to Dada Abdullah in his business and within three years established himself as a political leader fighting against

apartheid and for the interests of Indians in South Africa. For his struggle he established the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) on August 22, 1894 and returned to India in 1896 to continue his fight here.

While he was at Rajkot, a 27-year-old Gandhi wrote and issued a "Green Pamphlet", in which he exposed the con-

dition of Indian indentured labourers and coolies in South Africa and the human rights violations there. The "Green Pamphlet" was taken by the British as an anti-government publication. When Gandhi went back to Durban with his family, his ship was not allowed to dock for three days. And when he finally

deboarded, he was beaten by the "whites". He was saved by Durban Police Superintendent R.C. Alexander's wife Sarah Alexander, who was passing by the area and spread her umbrella over Gandhi to cover him from the mob. Sarah also informed her husband after which the police reached the spot and rescued Gandhi. He was taken to his friend Jeevanji Rustomji's house, where his wife and children had already reached. His clothes were torn, there were severe wounds on his body. A doctor was called and he was given first-aid.

But barely had he reached Rustomji's house, the mob too arrived there and

demanding Gandhi be handed over to it. On the advice of Police Superintendent Alexander, Gandhi disguised himself as a policeman and left the spot. The news of Gandhi being lynched reached the British government and Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlaine ordered action against the rioters. However, Gandhi requested against the action. "The attackers were young, they got confused with a wrong news published by Reuters," he wrote to the government. He continued to work for the Indian Natal Congress.

—SAROJ KUMAR

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The corridors of the Sassoon Hospital are abuzz with activity as patients come in and doctors and other staff members go about their work. Amid the bustle, a little-known anecdote about Mahatma Gandhi remains locked in a 400 sq ft room. It was a stormy day in 1924 when Gandhi had to be operated for appendicitis, a procedure that saw power supply cut off due to a raging thunderstorm, a flashlight that went out and finally a hurricane lamp that came to the rescue. Ninety-five years on, the operation theatre at the government-run hospital has turned into a memorial but

one that is not open to the public.

The room has, among things, a table, a trolley and some instruments used for Gandhi's surgery, said Dr Ajay Chandanwale, dean of the Sassoon General Hospital and B J Medical College. It also houses a rare painting depicting Gandhi being operated on. Every year on October 2, Gandhi's birth anniversary, the hospital staff offer flowers and garlands are offered at the operation theatre-turned-memorial, Chandanwale said.

Pune hospital tells tale of night when Gandhi went under the knife



Deadline set for Medaram works

PNS ■ MEDARAM

Chief Secretary Dr SK Joshi has called upon officials of all the concerned departments to make good use of the funds and create amenities for devotees visiting Medaram Jatara, which begins on February 5. At least one crore devotees are expected to throng the tribal festival. He asked all the departments to complete tasks entrusted to them by December-end.

He asked them to prepare a master plan keeping in mind needs of Medaram during the next 10 years. Reviewing arrangements for the festival with higher authorities at BRK Bhavan on Tuesday, he asked them to make foolproof

Chief Secretary asks officials to complete the works by Dec-end



arrangements for the two-day Sammakka-Sarakka festival overcoming the lacunae experienced at the time of the last festival.

He insisted on reduction of

plastic use in the festival and wanted the organisers to ensure that eco-friendly measures to prevent loss to forests should be implemented. The government will provide employment and

Medaram Jatara, touted as the Asia's largest tribal fair, will be held between February 5 and 8 in 2020

implement entrepreneurship development programmes for those who give land for the festival.

The meeting reviewed sanitation, parking facility, bus services, drinking water supply, electricity supply, traffic regulation and fire services. He

asked the officials to give wide publicity on Dos and Don'ts. Tribal welfare secretary Maheshdutt Ekka and Mulug Collector Narayana Murthy and others spoke.

Panchayat Raj principal secretary Vikas Raj, principal secretary home Rajiv Trivedi, officer from Finance Department Siva Sankar, tribal welfare commissioner Christian Chongtu, endowments commissioner Anil Kumar, fire services DG Sanjay Kumar Jain and others, including senior officials from forest and police departments, took part in the meeting.

Will Huzurnagar resurrect Congress?



PIN POINT

It would indeed be a moment to rejoice for the Congress, which is on its last legs in Telangana, if, against odds, it manages to retain the Huzurnagar Assembly seat, where by-election would be held on October 21. A victory for the Congress in Huzurnagar now would be more than a face-saving development, given the tumultuous period the grand old party is going through. It may not be resurrection of the party per se; yet, it would open a window of hope for the party which prides on having been in a crucial position to grant statehood for Telangana.

Like in many places across the country, Congress is facing decimation in Telangana, following knock-out punches it received from the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi. The Congress suffered two big blows in the 2014 and 2019 elections. Most of its key leaders, including MLAs, have shifted their loyalties to TRS. Despite getting a breather from the three victories the party registered in the Lok Sabha elections this year, the Congress is uneasy in Huzurnagar in erstwhile Nalgonda district, though it has been a bastion of the party for two decades.

The Congress' winning spree in this district began in the 1999 Assembly elections when the party bagged 9 seats out of 12. Interestingly, the present stalwarts of district politics N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkata Reddy were elected for the first time in that election. Both of them grew as leaders under the wings of Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy.

The by-election was necessitated by the resignation of Uttam Kumar Reddy, following his election to the Lok Sabha. His wife, Padmavathi, is now being fielded as the Congress nominee from Huzurnagar. That is why this by-election has become crucial for the Congress as it is related to the prestige of both Congress

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Senior Journalist

and TPCC president Uttamkumar Reddy.

The Congress does not have a smooth road ahead as TRS has excelled in election management going by its track record. Right from the formation of the new state, TRS has been pursuing its goal of decimating Congress and Telugu Desam Party in Telangana. Having been humiliated politically at the hands of YS Rajasekhara Reddy (Congress) and N. Chandrababu Naidu (TDP), TRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao had vowed to dismantle the political edifices of Congress and TDP in Telangana. He succeeded in his efforts to large extent and wreaked political vengeance.

TRS seems to be readying itself to finish the parties' vestigial parts by means of a stellar outcome in its favour in the Huzurnagar bypolls.

What issues may come in handy for major parties in Huzurnagar by-election? What is the possible plan of Congress to get an edge in the bypolls in the absence of a 'united opposition'? Is the divided opposition a trump card for ruling TRS? How can the ruling party convince the electorate in the face of its alleged failure to keep electoral promises? There can be no concrete answers

to these questions as the main players in Huzurnagar themselves do not have any clarity on various issues.

The TRS is hoping that a divided opposition will pave the way for its victory. The Congress High Command is closely watching the situation as the outcome of the bypolls may alter the party's course!

TRS leadership is ready to take any kind of extreme step to ensure victory at Huzurnagar as the outcome here could affect the entire government and its progress. Telugu Desam Party is also contesting the bypolls. This token presence of TDP would suggest that the party does exist at some places in Telangana.

The present scenario in bypolls can be compared to that of the Pathapatnam Assembly seat of Srikakulam district of erstwhile AP two decades ago during the regime of Chandrababu. The then MLA of TDP Kalamata Mohan Rao was disqualified by the Election Commission for campaigning in the name of religion in those days. Lakshmi Parvathi, widow of NTR, contested in that bypolls. TDP headed by Chandrababu made great efforts to defeat her, but in vain.

Congress strongly believes that a similar situation may emerge in Huzurnagar, following TRS' determination to crush every opponent politically. The Left parties, with considerable vote bank in Nalgonda district, would be a deciding factor in the bypolls. Janasena too could play a significant role.

All eyes are on former IAF pilot and TPCC president Uttam Kumar Reddy; for, they want to know whether he would land safely on his home turf or crash-land, allowing TRS's spirit to soar high!



Minister Errabelli at a meet with officials in Hyderabad on Tuesday

Officials told to expedite Bhagiratha works

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Errabelli Dayakar Rao on Tuesday ordered engineering officials to complete drinking water storage tanks, which are under construction in villages, immediately and said that he would not tolerate keeping in pending any work related to the Mission Bhagiratha.

Addressing engineering officials here, he said that the water resources are available in all districts and hence asked them to run the water supply system properly. He said that he would not tolerate any delay in the implementation of the Mission Bhagiratha.

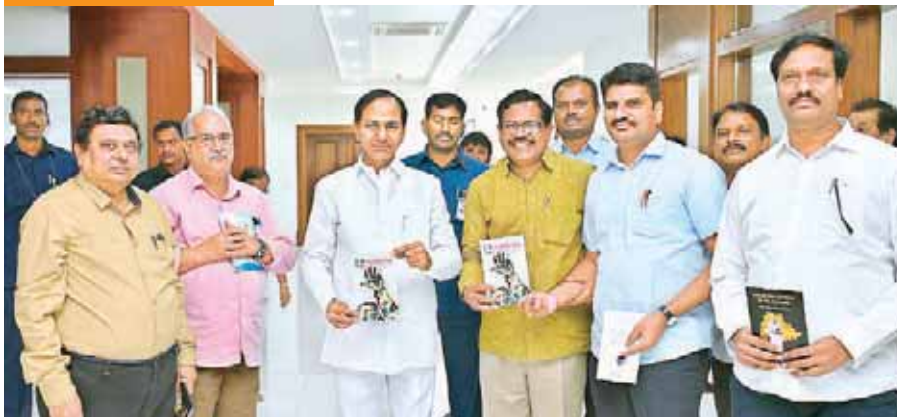
He told them to complete undertaking repairs to roads, dug up to lay the mission Bhagiratha pipelines, as early as possible. He said he has

been touring villages to inspect the implementation of the 30-day panchayat development action plan and noted that people have complained of some hiccups in the implementation of the Mission Bhagiratha.

He wanted the Mission Bhagiratha works to be completed to fulfill KCR's objective of supplying drinking water to all households in villages. He expressed dissatisfaction over some officials not visiting the villages and noted that there were some minor problems in villages because of this phenomenon. He told the engineering officials to transfer such officials to other places to ensure speedy execution of the works.

He asked them to entrust responsibilities to those who perform better and ensure that the works are completed.

BOOK RELEASE



Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao releasing the second edition of 'Jwalitha Deekhsa', a book written by Chief Minister's PRO G Vijay Kumar, on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Tuesday

'Kashmiris frustrated over graft, may lynch ex-rulers'

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Alleging corruption by some political families, which ruled Kashmir during the last few decades, BJP spokesperson Meenakshi Lekhi on Tuesday claimed that people of the region were so angry that if restrictions were lifted, they would probably 'lynch' them.

She also maintained that situation in Kashmir was normal and there was no curfew. However, she said there were restrictions on internet in view of the likely false propaganda by 'vested interests.' Lekhi was speaking to media on the side-

lines of an event by FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO).

"... I am sure that the people who are frustrated with the actions of these three families, the political maneuverability and the control they have exercised, if restrictions are removed, they will probably be lynched on the roads, because the kind of wrongs they have committed in the state," she said without naming anyone.

"They have cheated the people of the state," she added. Lekhi pointed out that the rights of minorities including Hindus and several others in Jammu and Kashmir were

impacted while many schemes could not be implemented due to Article 370 in J&K which was abrogated recently. To a query on the AAP government in New Delhi offering various sops to its citizens, Lekhi said, "they are poll gimmicks." "... People in Delhi are far smarter and they are not someone who will be bought over by consumeristic perspective," she said. On women's role in politics in the country, the BJP leader said, their participation at grassroots level such as panchayats and municipalities was higher when compared to other nations.

Konda leads by example

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

There are about 2,500 government schools in Ranga Reddy and Vikarabad Districts of Telangana. Almost all these schools have toilets, yet the toilets are not functional as they are left uncleaned and thereby unhygienic for students to use. Among these government schools, some of them do not have running water supply to clean toilets.

To solve this problem, Konda Vishveshwar Reddy, Ex-Member of Parliament, Chevella, has embarked on an innovative programme named 'Swachh Truck' that is first-of-its-kind in India. This programme not only keeps the school toilets clean but also boosts employment opportunities and ignites the idea of the dignity of labour among rural youth.

A Swachh Truck is a mini truck equipped with an engine-driven pump, a water tank, and a high-pressure water nozzle to clean the toilets. Each Swachh Truck

Launches 'Swachh Trucks', which help in cleaning toilets in schools



Former MP K Vishveshwar Reddy at a programme on Tuesday

cleans toilets in about 26-30 schools while providing 1 full time or 2 part-time jobs to the local youth. These jobs earn Rs 18,000 per month for full-time work and Rs.9,000 per month for part-time

work. Currently, 3 trucks are cleaning 75 schools in Ranga Reddy District, improving the lives of about 6500 students and providing employment to 5 rural youth.

Statue of Mahatma Gandhi lies in neglect

AVINASH DEEPAK PULI
■ MAHABUBNAGAR

On Wednesday, the country will celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The state government too has made elaborate arrangements to celebrate the birth anniversary, however, that's not the case in Nawabpet village in Mahabubnagar district. Strange it may sound but the statue of Mahatma Gandhi is languishing under a tree for the past three decades.

According to villagers, nearly four decades ago, the villagers of Nawabpet have decided to install a statue of Gandhi. However, after the completion of the statue, a school teacher, who was involved in erecting the statue met with an accident and succumbed to injuries.

Since then, the villagers felt it as a sentiment and decided not to erect the statue in Gurukunta. Later Pomaal villagers in the same jurisdiction came to install the statue in their village. However, two



The Gandhi statue left unattended at Nawabpet village in Mahabubnagar

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elders who were involved in erecting the statue suffered heart attack and expired on the day of erection of the statue, the villagers said.

Three years ago, some villagers sought the officials inter-

vention in erecting the statue and had made several representations in this regard. Village Sarpanch Gopal Goud also appealed to the Collector to take an initiative to install the statue.

Exhibition on Bapu in Moscow

PNS ■ MOSCOW

The Embassy in India in Russian Federation, in collaboration with the Leo Tolstoy Museum and Estate and the Institute of Oriental Studies organised an exhibition dedicated to the deep friendship between Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy, at the Tolstoy Estate in Yasna Polyana.

The exhibition, titled "Tolstoy-Gandhi: The story of personal transformations across continents bound by the infinite possibilities of universal love", was curated by the Gandhi scholar, Birad Rajaram Yajnik, Curator, Mahatma Gandhi Digital Museums and showcased the correspondence between the two.

The entire exhibition is also available in a digital format in both Russian and English, and includes audio and visual con-



tent which can be downloaded on the phone. The Russian version of the Exhibition will be launched on October 2 at the State Duma of Russian Federation at Moscow. This was done as part of the series of commemorative events being organised by the Embassy since October 2018 to celebrate Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. The event at Yasna Polyana was inaugurated by the Minister for Environment and Forest Prakash Javadekar along with Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation, DB Venkatesh Varma, and Ekaterina Tolstoy, Director of the Tolstoy Estate and granddaughter-in-law of Leo Tolstoy.



KHADIGRAM: A DREAM STILL ON CARDS

'Shram Bharti' Khadigram' was constituted to fulfil the dream of Mahatma Gandhi to make people self-sufficient after Independence but the organisation itself is seeking aid from others. The All India Spinners' Association established Khadigram Bhavan on a piece of land purchased from Raja Kalanand Singh Bahadur of Sultanganj in Noomer village of Jamui district of Bihar on November 30, 1943. On March 13, 1948, the Association was merged with Sarv Sewa Sangh - established under the chairmanship of Dr Rajendra Prasad on an appeal made by Mahatma Gandhi in 1948.

Gandhian thinker Prasun Latant said

that the properties of the Association were transferred to Sarv Sewa Sangh after the merger. It also had to manage the operations of the association. Chairman of All India Spinners' Association Dheerendra Majumdar became the first Chairman of Sarv Sewa Sangh. Sarv Sewa Sangh started 'Shram Bharti', its first centre under his leadership on March 12, 1952. It was on his appeal that the Sarvoday workers from

across the country developed it by planting trees and building ponds. Thereafter it became a training centre of Sarvoday workers.

"During their visit to Khadigram in 1957, Dr Rajendra Prasad and Jawaharlal Nehru advised Dheerendra Majumdar to continue working for the development of Khadi. U.N. Devar, Acharya G.B. Kriplani, Jayaprakash Narayan, Zakir Hussain

applauded the work done by the Sangh and encouraged the volunteers," Latant said.

They not only built ponds but also opened schools for married women and labourshops. Acharya Rammoorti also came here and managed the operation of Shram Bharti. Manjri Singh, a resident of Muzaffarpur who has worked with Acharya Rammoorti, said, "Things drastically changed after the death of Acharya and the current situation of Khadigram itself reveals that Bapu's dream of making people self-sufficient couldn't come true. Now, neither cotton is harvested here nor there is any brainstorming on khadi."

She said that looking at the bad administration of this area, Acharya along with a German lady Sister Mary opened up women school on April 18, 2004, so as to provide education to the girls. Manjri Singh further said that the school which has helped in making more than 1,000 girls self-dependent till 2015 is closed from last four years. Sarv Sewa Sangh wants to bring khadigram in its original form as it was during its establishment. A steering committee will be formed to manage the activities of Khadigram, he added.

— MANOJ PATHAK

It has been 72 years since Mahatma Gandhi lived in a room in the Valmiki Temple premises here, but it could well have been yesterday. His 'charkha', desk, wooden pen stand, 'aasan' and bed rest lie exactly as he had left it. The temple, where Gandhi's room is located on the left side, is dedicated to Maharishi Valmiki, who penned the Ramayana. It hosted Gandhi for 214 days between April 1946 and June 1947.

Before his 150th birth anniversary, Gandhi's room, called 'Bapu Awaas', has been given a fresh coat of white-wash, says an assistant of the temple's caretaker, Krishna Shah Vidyarthi.

Not many people know Gandhiji stayed here for more than 200 days, says Dinesh Hiteshi Valmiki, a member of the Valmiki Satsang Shiksha Kendra Mandal.

In central Delhi, a Valmiki temple preserves memories of Gandhi



NRC must for national security; will be implemented: Shah

PNS ■ KOLKATA

The NRC is "a must" for national security and will be implemented, Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared on Tuesday but made it clear that Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist refugees will be accorded Indian citizenship beforehand with the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill.

Addressing a BJP seminar on the National Register of Citizens, which has hitherto remained confined to Assam, the party president accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her party TMC of misleading the people on the issue.



The TMC has sought to project the NRC exercise in Assam as an "anti-Bengali" move after nearly 12 lakh Bengali speaking people, including a large number of Hindus, were left out of the final list of citizens published

on August 31. "People of Bengal are being misled on the issue of NRC. I am here today to clear all doubts on the BJP's stand ... Mamata Di is saying that millions of Hindus will have to leave West Bengal. There can-

not be a bigger lie than this. "I want to assure the people of Bengal NRC will be implemented but nothing of this sort is going to happen. I assure all Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain refugees they won't have to leave the country, they will get Indian citizenship and enjoy all the rights of an Indian national," Shah said in an

attempt to dispel fears over the NRC in the state.

Alarmed at the possibility of the NRC being replicated in the state, people have been rushing to government and municipal offices in droves over the last few days to obtain documents that could prove West Bengal has been their place of residence for long.

Patil battles 'outsider' tag in Pune; city BJP backs him

PNS ■ PUNE

Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrakant Patil, fielded from the Kothrud assembly seat here, is battling perception of being an "outsider", but the city unit of the ruling party has rallied behind him to ensure he wins the October 21 election with a "thumping" majority.

Patil, who hails from Kolhapur, is a senior member of the Devendra Fadnis Cabinet and is also Pune's Guardian Minister.

Currently a member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, the 60-year-old politician is contesting his maiden assembly election. His names figures in the first list of 125 candidates released by the BJP on Tuesday.

Sitting BJP MLA from Kothrud Medha Kulkarni was denied ticket this time to make way for Patil.

Amid speculation till Monday that Patil, a Marathi, may be fielded from Kothrud, a Brahmin-dominated constituency, some posters came up in the area, demanding that a local candidate be given ticket and not an "outsider".

However, once Patil's candidature was announced, the Pune city BJP said all party workers and leaders are geared up to make him victorious.

The party sought to dispel any suggestion of resentment in its ranks and maintained



Chandrakant Patil

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there was no issue of BJP workers getting disappointed over the decision of not fielding a local candidate.

"All BJP corporators, party workers and office-bearers of the city unit have decided to make (Chandrakant) Dada Patil victorious with a thumping majority.

"Even Medhatai (Kulkarni), though a little disappointed (over denial of ticket), has lent her support and assured she and her supporters will wholeheartedly back

(Patil)," said Madhuri Misal, Pune city BJP president.

Misal, the sitting MLA from Parvati here, said the BJP will sweep the polls in the city, the cultural capital of Maharashtra which has over the years emerged an IT and education hub.

She expressed confidence the BJP will retain all the eight

seats currently in its kitty - Kothrud, Khadakwasla, Parvati, Kasba, Shivajinagar, Vadgaon Sheri, Hadapsar and Pune Cantonment.

Patil, speaking to reporters in Mumbai, said Kothrud has been a BJP stronghold and dismissed any suggestion of being an "outsider".

"I am not an outsider for Pune and for Kothrud. I have been active in the city since my ABVP days and people of the constituency will not consider me as an outsider," said the revenue minister.

Abhay Deshpande, a political analyst, said there was no safe constituency for Patil in his native Kolhapur especially in view of the recent floods, which caused large-scale destruction in the district.

That's why the BJP leadership though Kothrud was the safest constituency for him, he said.

Deshpande said the current reaction and disgruntlement in some sections of the city BJP were temporary and there will not be any difficulty in Patil winning the seat.

AYODHYA

Arguments continue on whether groups disturbed peace

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hindu parties on Tuesday asserted in the Supreme Court that they never made any submission during hearing in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid land dispute which may disturb "communal harmony" and "peace" but claimed arguments of their rivals bore a communal character.

They also termed as "unwarranted" and "unfortunate", the submission of Muslim parties that the archeological report be trashed and said that now they allege that the excavated wall was of an Idgah.

Questioning the submissions, the senior lawyer for deity 'Ram Lalla' said it then meant that Mughal emperor



Babur came and demolished the Idgah and erected the masjid and it also countered their earlier stand that the masjid was built on a vacant land.

The submissions by the Hindu parties evoked sharp reactions from the Muslim side which said that they did not say anything which raises communal passion and moreover, how did the Muslims know before the digging of the site that an Idgah existed

underneath the mosque.

The arguments and counter arguments resulted in a high-pitch verbal duel between the senior advocates appearing for both the sides before a five-bench Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi which concluded 35th day of the hearing on the contentious legal matter.

"The uncalled for comments were made by them (Muslim parties) during the hearing and we never made any such submissions which were against communal peace and harmony," senior lawyer C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for the deity, said, adding that the comments like "Kaushalya's labour room" have been made by them.

ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS

Rejection of papers setback for SP

PNS ■ ALIGARH/ MAU (UP)

In a setback for the Samajwadi Party, the nomination papers filed on its behalf for bypolls in Iglas and Ghosi assembly constituencies were rejected on Tuesday.

The papers filed by Suman Diwakar, a joint candidate of the RLD-SP from Aligarh's Iglas, were rejected by the returning officer (RO) for lack of documents.

In Mau's Ghosi, the RO rejected the nomination papers filed by Sudhakar Singh as an SP candidate. However, the papers he had filed as an independent were found to be correct.

Iglas Returning Officer Anjani Kumar Singh said Diwakar had not deposited Form B and a caste certificate "within the stipulated time" due to which her nomination was rejected.

Diwakar, on the other hand, said she had reached the office of the returning officer at 2.30 pm on Monday with all relevant documents.

Diwakar said she was asked to "wait outside" the office till 2.50 pm, raising suspicion, after which she entered the office before the deadline of 3 pm.

"The person carrying Form B was deliberately prevented from entering the office before 3 pm as part of a conspiracy," she alleged.

RLD state president Masood Ahmad said the "manipulation" was symptomatic of the threat currently faced by the democratic system in the country. He said his party was "exploring" all legal options.



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The returning officer for Ghosi, Vijay Kumar Misra, said the nomination papers of Sudhakar Singh were rejected on the ground that Form A and B submitted by the leader did not carry the signature of party president Akhilesh Yadav.

"But another set of nomination papers submitted by Sudhakar Singh as an independent candidate has been found to be correct," the returning officer pointed out.

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The bypolls for 11 assembly seats in the state will be held on October 21.

Man held for 'raping' NRI woman

PNS ■ MUMBAI

A man has been arrested here for allegedly raping a 38-year-old Non-Resident Indian (NRI) woman after promising to marry her, the police said on Tuesday.

The victim lodged a complaint against the accused at Gamdevi police station in South Mumbai on September 21.

The woman, a divorcee and mother of two, has been living in London for the last 17 years.

According to the complaint, the incident took place during her visit here between July 10 to 27.

The victim knew the accused, Junaid Ansari, since 2015. Ansari, who runs a medical store, and the two got to know each other when he provided her medicines without prescription on one occasion.

The two started chatting on social media. During a recent Mumbai visit, they met and went on dates, the police official said.

On July 21, they drove to Girgaum Chowpatty in Ansari's car. After promising to marry her, he raped her inside the car, the woman claimed.

After a few days she returned to London. They kept in touch.

6 govt officials, 3 others booked in 2 Simhastha Kumbh cases

PNS ■ UJJAIN (MP)

Six government employees and three others were booked for alleged irregularities in providing LED lights and toilets at the Simhastha Kumbh Mela organised in Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh in May 2016, an official said on Tuesday.

MP Police Economic Offence Wing Superintendent (Ujjain) Rajesh Singh Raghuvanshi said the nine were booked after an inquiry into two private firms that had bagged these contracts.

In the first FIR related to LED lights, he said Ujjain Municipal Corporation Deputy Commissioner RP Shivastava, Executive Engineer Rambabu Sharma and Sub engineer

Jitendra Shivastava, along with director Rishi Seth and manager manoj Jain of Noida-based private firm HPL Electric and Power Limited have been charged. In the second FIR pertaining to temporary toilets, those charged are Siddharth Jain, director of Brick N Bond Infra Company along with Assistant Engineer Piyush Bhargava, Executive Engineer Rakesh Shivastava and Assistant Engineer Shyam Sundar Sharma, all three of the Ujjain Municipal Corporation.

Raghuvanshi said they have been charged under IPC sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant), 420 (cheating) and 201 (destroying evidence of crime).

HC to consider issue of judicial officers' without notice

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has said it will consider the issue of judicial officers taking leave without the advocates and litigants being timely informed about it, causing them inconvenience.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and C Hari Shankar was hearing a PIL seeking directions for prior intimation by judicial officers intending to take leave, as done by the judges of the high court.

The court said necessary

directions would be passed on the administrative side.

The plea said one prime hardship is that parties are not given sufficient notice of leave obtained by a judicial officer.

Petitioner and advocate Amish Aggarwal said the judges of the high court inform the registry well in advance if they are on leave and consequently when the final cause list is uploaded for the next day, advocates, litigants and other individuals are well informed about it.



"This petition merely seeks that courts of Delhi Judicial Service merely follow the footsteps of this court and timely notice of officers' leave may be intimated to the public," he

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said. The plea said though the trial courts' website Delhihighcourts.nic.in has a 'Judges on Leave section', the same is redundant.

The petitioner claimed that

he routinely checks the 'Judges on Leave section', only to observe that updated list of judicial officers on leave for a particular day is uploaded only after about 11 am on the day itself.

It sought the direction to judicial officers of the Delhi district courts to inform the District and Sessions Judge 24 hours in advance of their intention to take a leave.

It also said direction be given that 'Judges on Leave section' of the district courts' websites be updated at least a day prior.

It said advocates are already receiving automated emails and text messages from the website of the court system informing about next dates of hearings in their matters.



Sitaram Yechury

'Shah shouldn't foster divisions'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting out at Amit Shah for saying NRC is a must for national security, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Tuesday said no law that excludes any faith can exist in India and the Union home minister should stop "fostering divisions" in the country.

Yechury's remarks come soon after Shah while addressing a BJP seminar on the National Register of Citizens in Kolkata said the NRC, which till now is restricted to Assam, is essential for the security of the country and will be implemented.

The home minister made it clear that Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist refugees will be accorded Indian citizenship beforehand with the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. "All faiths means ALL faiths: Jews, Parsis, Hindus, Jehovah's Witnesses, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, non-believers & every other. No law that excludes any faith stands the test of India. HM must stop fostering divisions & attempts to damage India and hurt Indians," Yechury said in a tweet.

"India rejected the two-nation theory put forth by Savarkar and Jinnah, and that is our constitutional principle. India belongs to all Indians, irrespective of their caste, creed, gender, colour, creed, faith, eating habits, occupation or political beliefs," he tweeted.



Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart
— MAHATMA GANDHI

THIS SCHOOL REMEMBERS GANDHI EVERY DAY



The Gandhi cap may be a rare sight these days, but there is a school in Madhya Pradesh's Narsinghpur where children wear the Gandhi cap everyday in school. Not only this, the children also sing the famous Gandhi prayer "Vashno janato tene kahiyechhe..." everyday. Situated 10 kms from the district headquarter in Narsinghpur, the government secondary school in village Badha presents a different look from the rest. "We don't know exactly when this practice started. But there is a date

inscribed on a wall in the school which says that on October 3, 1945 Mahatma Gandhi had arrived at the school. There

Locals recall that Gandhi had visited the village during the non-cooperation movement. And since then, the villagers started wearing the cap, and the school followed the tradition over the decades. The locals believe that by wearing the Gandhi caps, the children develop confidence, patriotism and right values to stay away from vices

is also a message which says -- 'will follow principles of truth and non-violence, Gandhi's blessings', said Sandeep

Sharma, a teacher from the school. Locals recall that Gandhi had visited the village during the non-cooperation movement. And since then, the villagers started wearing the cap, and the school followed the tradition over the decades. Sharma says, "I also wore this cap when I was studying in this school and today I am a teacher here and everyone continues to do this."

Along with the Gandhi cap, the school sings another of Gandhi's favourite songs "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram" as the morning prayer.

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As per the records available, the school was started in 1844, and once had a loom section also where mats and caps were made to be used by the children.

The school is popular in Narsinghpur as the children and the locals take pride in wearing the Gandhi cap. The rest of the country may have given up wearing the cap but this school is continuing with the tradition.



It was one of the nerve centres of India's Independence movement and in 1930, Mahatma Gandhi led the Dandi March from here, showing the world that non-violence was the most powerful weapon of protest. Today, the Sabarmati ashram works to preserve Gandhi's heritage, legacy and ideology, and has turned into a hub for researchers to study his life, which has inspired several movements and leaders across the world. On the

banks of the Sabarmati river in Gujarat, the ashram was established after Gandhi's return from South Africa in 1917 and it used to be one of his many residences when he was not in prison or travelling.

In recognition of the significant influence that the Dandi March or Salt Satyagraha had on the independence movement, the government had established the Ashram as a national monument.

Sabarmati Ashram doubles as hub for researchers to study Gandhi's life



With Aaditya's poll plunge, Sena sees 'achche din'

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Aaditya Thackeray's decision to contest the Maharashtra Assembly polls has the potential to bring in "achche din" for the Shiv Sena, which over past few years has been forced to play second fiddle to senior ally BJP, says a Sena leader.

Aaditya, the 27-year-old elder son of Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, on Monday said he will contest the Assembly elections scheduled for October 21.

With this, he will become the first member of the Thackeray clan ever to contest an election.

According to a party source, the Yuva Sena chief is a voracious reader, has the ability to hold his own in debates about the metropolis and the state, and has a connect with the grassroot Sainiks.

"All these factors strengthen his appeal," he said. Aaditya Thackeray joined politics in 2009 and since then has been actively working in the organisation, building a cadre of new young leaders by being in the background, Harshal Pradhan, a close aide of the Sena president, told PTI.

"In the last ten years, he trav-

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elled across the state to understand and grasp the issues on the ground. Hence, he decided to break the family tradition of not contesting elections," Pradhan said.

He is the "only leader in the country below the age of 30" who has already toured the entire state through his 'Jan Ashirwad' yatra and addressed over 75 'Aaditya sansads' (a two-way communication with youth), Yuva Sena secretary Varun Sardesai claimed.

The other youth leaders (of other parties) in the country are over 40 years of age, Sardesai, who is Aaditya Thackeray's cousin, pointed out.

"All the data that he has collected during these extensive tours is being used to prepare Sena's manifesto. With Aaditya in the fray, the Sena's 'achche din' (good days) are all set to come," he said.

The Shiv Sena has been projecting him as the chief ministerial face if the party bags the highest number of seats in the next month's Assembly polls.

In the 2014 Assembly polls, the Sena won 63 out of the total 288 seats, second only to BJP's 122, with both parties then contesting separately.

The Congress and NCP had then promised support and wanted the Sena to stake claim for the chief minister's post.

But Uddhavji declined saying he wouldn't compromise on the issue of his party's Hindutva ideology for the sake of power," a source in the Sena recalled.

Senior Sena leaders like Eknath Shinde and Subhash Desai also persuaded the party president for the need to have somebody from the

family in the state Assembly, looking at the current political scenario, he said.

"(Thus) Worli was chosen as a safe seat. Inducting NCP leader Sachin Ahir, who had earlier been an MLA from Worli seat in Mumbai, into the Sena was part of the plan," the source said.

Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut last week met NCP chief Sharad Pawar requesting him not field a candidate against Aaditya Thackeray in Worli, he said.

He reminded the Maratha strongman how Sena supremo late Bal Thackeray had done such a favour during the election of the former's daughter Supriya Sule to the Rajya Sabha, the source said.

"Aaditya Thackeray has a say in all matters in the Sena, and will be the party's face in the upcoming Assembly polls," he said.



'Water-deficient Marathwada needs crop pattern change'

PNS ■ AURANGABAD

The pattern of crop sowing in parched Marathwada needs to change as per availability of water because dams in the region are not efficient with irrigation, said environmentalist and water management expert Vijay Diwan.

He said 80 per cent of water was spent on sugarcane cultivation, and claimed growing jowar (sorghum) and maize, which need less water, could give farmers as much profits.

Speaking at a lecture at Mahatma Gandhi Study Centre in Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Diwan said

Contending that dams built in Ahmednagar and Nashik were curtailing water to Marathwada, Diwan also highlighted how Jayakwadi dam, on the Godavari river, was not irrigating as much area as authorities said it would

Marathwada receives just 309 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of natural water annually against Western Maharashtra's 585 TMC.

"It is high time to change crop pattern in Marathwada as per water availability," he said, adding that simple water saving habits among people would

also go a long way in reducing woes in the region.

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SHORT READS



TMC MLA Sabyasachi Dutta joins BJP

KOLKATA: Senior TMC MLA and former Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation Mayor Sabyasachi Dutta Tuesday joined BJP in the presence of BJP national President Amit Shah here. Dutta was handed over the party flag by BJP state president Dilip Ghosh, at a seminar on NRC presided by Shah. Later on Shah hugged Dutta and welcomed him to the party. "For me the country and its interests is much bigger than personal or a party's interests. India has achieved new heights under the leadership of Prime minister Narendra Modi," Dutta said. Dutta, who was at loggerheads with the TMC leadership, resigned from his post as mayor of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation in July this year.

Pak hands over body of BSF trooper who drowned along IB

JAMMU/NEWDELHI: Pakistan on Tuesday handed over to India the body of a Border Security Force (BSF) sub-inspector who had drowned in a river along the International Border in Jammu last week, officials said. The body of Paritosh Mandal was found "deep inside" the neighbouring country's territory and the Pakistan Rangers informed the BSF about the recovery, they said. Mandal, 54, went missing in a river along the India-Pakistan International Border. Villagers joined hands with the BSF and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to trace him but to no avail, they said. As the Aik Nallah flows into Pakistan, the BSF informed their counterparts -- Pakistan Rangers about it. On Tuesday the Rangers informed the BSF that Mandal's body has been recovered, officials said. The BSF sub-inspector was a native of West Bengal's Nadia district. A spokesperson said the IG of BSF Jammu has conveyed his deep regrets for the unfortunate loss of life of the brave and dedicated soldier. The BSF, Jammu, also thanked the SDRF, villagers and Pakistan Rangers for their efforts

Stop discharging blood of pigs in drains, SDMC told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal Tuesday directed the SDMC to take steps to stop discharge of blood of the slaughtered pigs in the drains after a plea alleged that it was causing water pollution.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) commissioner to appear before asked them to file an action report within two months.

"Let the South Delhi Deputy Commissioner and DPCC look into the matter, take appropriate action in accordance with law and furnish a joint factual and action taken report in the matter within two months by e-mail.

"A copy of this order, along with complaint, be sent to the South Delhi Deputy Commissioner and DPCC by e-mail for compliance," the bench said while posting the matter for hearing on November 22.

The order came after perusing a report which said that there is no slaughter house for slaughtering of pigs in Delhi and about 800-1000 pigs per day are slaughtered in various residential areas in Delhi.

The blood of these pigs flows in the sewer lines/drains causing water pollution, the report said.

"It is thus acknowledged that blood of the slaughtered pigs is being discharged in the sewer lines/ drains causing water pollution, which situation is not being remedied," the NGT said.

DGCA to inspect 23 Boeing 737 planes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Aviation watchdog DGCA will inspect 23 Boeing 737 planes, including four freighters, operated by SpiceJet to check for any cracks in the body frame, a senior official said.

Last week, the US regulator Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) said inspections would be required for certain Boeing 737 NG (New Generation) aircraft after cracks were found in some of them, as per reports.

Domestic carriers -- SpiceJet, Vistara and Air India Express -- operate 737 planes. The senior official said Boeing intends to include 737 NG aircraft that have more



than 26,000 flight cycles.

One flight cycle refers to time period from the takeoff of an aircraft and its first landing.

As many as 19 passenger aircraft and four freighter planes of SpiceJet have completed more than 26,000 flight cycles and those would be subject to inspection. Each inspection is expected to take around one-hour, the official said.

In its fleet, SpiceJet has more than 75 Boeing 737 planes. The official also said the planes operated by Vistara and Air India Express will not be affected as their flight cycles are less than 17,000.

Vistara and Air India Express have 9 and 25 737 NG planes in their fleets, respectively.

HARYANA ASSEMBLY POLLS

CM Khattar file papers from Karnal

PNS ■ KARNAL

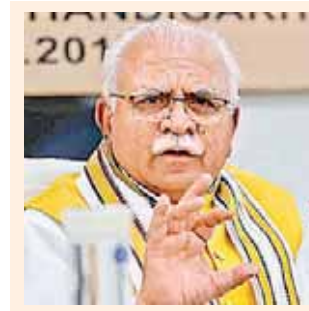
Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar filed his nominations papers from the Karnal assembly seat on Tuesday.

He was accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other BJP leaders during the submission of papers.

Talking to reporters after filing his papers, the CM exuded confidence that voters would ensure his victory with a bigger margin this time.

"I expect people will shower more love and blessings on me this time. I feel people will ensure a victory for me with more number of votes than the last time," Khattar said.

To a question on resentment among the ticket aspirants who were denied nomination, Khattar said, "It is natural that



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Haryana Chief Minister

the number of ticket aspirants goes up when the atmosphere is in favour of the party. But our party workers are disciplined. Everybody knows that one person gets ticket from one assembly seat only. If there is any issue anywhere, we are constantly in touch with them," said Khattar.

To a question on the BJP's target of winning over 75 seats in the 90-member assembly,

the CM said he had left it to people to decide to what extent they wanted their party go beyond the target.

UT Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath lauded Khattar for giving "a new direction" to Haryana in the past five years.

"Given the kind of enthusiasm among people, there is no doubt that the target of 75 plus is achievable," said Adityanath while congratulating Khattar

for getting re-nominated from Karnal.

"The BJP will form the government in Haryana again. Under the leadership of Khattar, the party will achieve the 75-plus target," Adityanath added. Earlier, before filing his nomination papers, Khattar performed a 'havan' and addressed a public gathering in the presence of Union minister Narendra Tomar and Adityanath.

The BJP had announced a list of 78 candidates for the assembly elections on Monday. Two ministers -- Vipul Goel and Rao Narbir Singh -- were among the seven MLAs denied ticket this time.

The BJP had won 47 seats in the 2014 assembly polls. After its won the Jind bypolls earlier this year, the party's strength rose to 48 in the state assembly.

Cong, JD(S) target Modi after his tweet on Bihar floods

PNS ■ BENGALURU

The opposition Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, alleging that he has adopted an "indifferent behaviour" towards Karnataka on the issue of extending flood relief funds from the Centre.

The outburst came after Modi's tweet about the Bihar floods.

"Spoke to Nitish Kumar Ji regarding the flood situation in parts of the state.

Agencies are working with local administration to assist the affected.

Centre stands ready to provide all possible further assistance that may be required," Modi had tweeted



on Monday. Retweeting Modi's tweet, former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah sought to know why there was "hatred" for Karnataka and no response

from Modidespite the severe floods that ravaged many parts of Karnataka.

"More than 60 days since parts Karnataka suffered from floods. No shelter, nothing to eat, cattle dying, crops lost - but

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response from Narendra Modi is missing.

Why this hatred towards Karnataka?", he tweeted.

He also questioned the "inaction" of the 25 BJP Lok Sabha members from Karnataka, asking them what they were doing.

Speaking to reporters in Chitradurga district, he said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa

has been saying that his government has given Rs 10,000 each to the flood hit people, but they have alleged discrimination in release of money.

"They did not give money to those who supported Congress and only BJP supporters got the money. Till now no money has been released to rebuild houses, crop and livestock losses. Not even sheds were given to

those who lost their houses," he alleged.

Former deputy Chief Minister and Congress leader Dr G Parameshwara said he appreciated the "speedy aid" extended to Bihar, but tweeted that "We cannot but think about the gross apathy shown towards Karnataka by the Centre, Karnataka, and the south, belong to India too, Narendra Modi Avaré (ji)!"

In another tweet, he said "On days like these, we cannot but wonder if Bihar's 40 seats vis-a-vis Karnataka's paltry 28 is the reason why Nitish Kumar gets a call, but B S Yediyurappa repeated efforts to talk about Karnataka floods get rejected.

Preparations on for funeral to slain US Sikh police officer

Over \$600,000 raised for family

PTI ■ HOUSTON

Thousands of Sikh community members are gearing up for a fitting funeral to trailblazing Indian-American Sikh police officer Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, who was murdered while on duty in Texas in a gruesome killing that has triggered an outpouring of public grief.

Dhaliwal, 42, the first Indian-American police officer in Texas, made national headlines when he was allowed to grow a beard and wear a turban on the job.

He was gunned down while conducting a mid-day traffic stop in northwest of Houston on Friday.

The Sikh National Center started an Akhand Path, a non-stop front-to-back reading of the Guru Granth Sahib, on Monday and it will conclude on Wednesday.

Thousands of people are expected to gather at the Berry Center in Houston on Wednesday to honour the fallen deputy's life and legacy in a ceremony open to the public. The event will start with an hour of Sikh prayer, followed by a ceremony led by the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Sikh funeral traditions will soon take place at the local gurdwara.

Police shoot protester in Hong Kong day of rage

AP ■ HONG KONG

In a fearsome escalation of violence, Hong Kong police shot a protester at close range in the chest on Tuesday, leaving the teenager bleeding and howling on the ground.

Tens of thousands joined anti-government demonstrations that spread across the semi-autonomous Chinese territory even as Communist leaders in Beijing celebrated 70 years in power.

The single pistol shot fired by the officer as protesters swarmed toward him hit the 18-year-old on the left side of his chest, police spokeswoman Yolanda Yu said. She described the protesters as "rioters" and



said the officer had feared for his life.

Hong Kong's hospital authority said the teen was one of two people in critical condition, with a total of 51 people injured as fierce clashes between protesters and police wracked China's freest and most international city.

While officers have previously fired warning shots in the air on multiple occasions during months of demonstrations in Hong Kong, this was the first time a protester is known to have been shot.

There were other instances on Tuesday when officers also drew their weapons, including two with bloodied faces who pointed pistols, as protesters determined to spoil the October 1 anniversary of Communist rule fought pitched battles with riot police.

Video that spread quickly on social media appeared to show the officer opening fire as the protester came at him with a metal rod, striking the officer's shooting arm.

Trump attacks Democrats, Giuliani subpoenaed for Ukraine documents

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump attacked the Democratic lawmaker spearheading the impeachment inquiry on Monday as congressional committees subpoenaed his personal lawyer, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, for documents related to his dealings with Ukraine.

As Trump lashed out at Democratic congressman Adam Schiff, suggesting he should be arrested for "treason,"

a new poll showed a growing number of Americans support removing the president from office for abuse of power. Trump also attacked the whistleblower whose complaint about his phone call with the leader of Ukraine led to the opening of the impeachment probe in the Democratic-led House of Representatives last week. "We are trying to find out about a whistleblower, when you have a whistleblower that



reports things that were incorrect," the president told reporters in the Oval Office.

The whistleblower, reportedly a CIA officer, raised concerns in a report to his or her superiors about the July 25 phone call during which Trump asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to investigate his potential 2020 White House opponent Joe Biden and his son, Hunter, who served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company.

China celebrates 70 years of Mao-led communist revolution

Beijing: President Xi Jinping declared on Tuesday that "no force" can shake China as he oversaw a huge military parade to celebrate 70 years of Mao Tse-Tung-led Communist revolution, shadowed by protests in seething Hong Kong that threatened to steal the spotlight.

Some 15,000 troops along with tanks, new nuclear missiles and a supersonic drone paraded down the Avenue of Eternal Peace as Xi and other Communist Party leaders watched from a rostrum overlooking Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The event was meant to

extol China's journey from a poor nation broken by war to the world's second largest economy, but Xi faces a clutch of challenges from a US trade war to months of unrest in Hong Kong.

Xi, who wore the distinctive "Mao suit", delivered a speech invoking the "Chinese dream" of national rejuvenation -- his grand vision of restoring the country to perceived past glory.

"There is no force that can shake the foundation of this great nation," Xi said from the Tiananmen rostrum where Chairman Mao Zedong proclaimed the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949.

Trump asked Australia for help discrediting Russia probe

Washington: Donald Trump asked Australia to "assist" in discrediting a Russia investigation that has clouded his presidency, with Prime Minister Scott Morrison admitting Tuesday that he agreed to help.

An Australian government spokesperson confirmed Trump asked Morrison to investigate issues raised in Robert Mueller's probe -- which concluded that Russia tried to swing the 2016 election in the Republican's favour.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001.
SALE PROCLAMATION
R.C. NO. 24/2016

ICICI BANK V/S LAEEQ AHMED PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52 (2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

CD# 1. Mr. Laeeq Ahmed R/o. 934, 3rd Floor, Sargodha Apartments, Sector- 7, Plot No. 13, Dwarka New Delhi- 110075
Also At: Flat No. Va/a 1203, 12th Floor, Professional's Hub 1/2 Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad- 201010
CD# 2. Ms. Anshu R/o 934, 3rd Floor Sargodha Apartments Sector- 7, Plot No. 13, Dwarka New Delhi- 110075
CD# 3. HRC Engineers Estate Pvt Ltd Corporate Officer At- 914, New Delhi House Barakhamba Road, New Delhi- 110001.
Also at- Registered Office at: 902, New Delhi House Barakhamba Road, New Delhi- 110001
Also At- Plot No. 1/2, Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad 201010, Uttar Pradesh.

1. Whereas as per Recovery Certificate No. 24/2016 drawn by the Presiding officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal- II mentioning a sum of Rs. 97,26,687/- (Rs. Ninety Seven Lacs Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Only) CDs are jointly and / or severally liable to pay the amount of Rs. 96,27,687/- (Rs. Ninety Six Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Only) alongwith future interest @13% p.a. from the date of filing of the O.A. i.e 01.04.2015 until recovery with cost.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e- auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.bankeuctions.com on 01.11.2019 between 03 p.m. to 04.00 pm with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon if required.

4. The sale shall be of the property of the Cd (s) Above- Named As Mentioned in The Schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. if the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder, the sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale of proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

6. No officer or other person having any duty to perform in connection with sale however either directly or indirectly bid for acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

7. The sale shall be Subject to the conditions prescribed in the second schedule to the income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions:-

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis- statement or omission in this proclamation.

7.2. The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are as under:-

Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
Flat No VSA/ A- 1203, 12th Floor, Professional Hub, 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram Ghaziabad- 201010.	36,00,000/-	3,80,000/-

7.3. The interest bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc. and in the case of company copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/ attorney of the company also, latest by 30.10.2019 before 4.00PM, in the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi. shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 01.11.2019 in case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

7.4. The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one Lacs only).

7.5. The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer -II, DRT -II, Delhi immediately on closer of the e-auction sale proceedings.

7.6. The successful/ highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft Pay order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 24/2016 By next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

7.7. The successful/ highest bidder shall deposit, though Demand Draft /PAY Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 24/2016, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, than on the first office day after the 15th day along with the postage fee @ 2% up to Rs 1000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).

7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale, The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

9. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the Property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Detail of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
Flat No VSA/ A- 1203, 12th Floor, Professional Hub, 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad- 201010 Given under my hand and seal on 18.09.2019	Not known	Not known	Not known

(Awinash Chandra) Recovery Officer-II DRT-II, Delhi

Nuclear talks with US will resume on Oct 5: North Korea

AFP ■ SEOUL

North Korea and the US will hold working-level nuclear talks on Saturday, Pyongyang said, signalling the resumption of dialogue that has been effectively stalled since the collapse of a summit in February.

The two sides agreed to have "preliminary contact" on October 4 and hold negotiations the following day, the North's vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

Boris Johnson: UK will submit concrete Brexit proposals soon

AP ■ MANCHESTER (ENGLAND)

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed on Tuesday that Britain will make firm proposals for a new divorce deal with the European Union within days, saying "this is the moment when the rubber hits the road."

Britain is due to leave the 28-nation bloc at the end of this month, and EU leaders are growing impatient with the UK's failure to set out detailed plans for maintaining an open border between the UK's Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland -- the key



sticking point to a deal.

Johnson said details would be disclosed "very soon."

The UK plans to send them to Brussels within days after the governing Conservative Party conference ends Wednesday in Manchester, northwest England.

Nepal speaker resigns over rape allegation

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

The Speaker of Nepal's Parliament resigned on Tuesday over allegation of raping a woman staffer in the federal parliament secretariat.

Speaker Krishna Bahadur Mahara tendered his resignation letter to Deputy Speaker Shivamaya Tumbahamphe, officials said.

In the letter, Mahara said he resigned to allow a fair investigation over the allegations. Earlier, Mahara had denied the allegations by the woman.

In a video released by online news portal Hamro Kura, the woman claims that she has known Mahara for years and that he has behaved indecently with her in the past as well.

The woman claimed Mahara visited her rented room on September 23 while she was alone. The woman said she tried to stop Mahara, who was in an inebriated state, from entering her home but he did not listen. She alleged Mahara forced himself on her and when she tried to stop him, he abused her.

Khashoggi son defends Saudi against critics 'exploiting' murder

Dubai: The son of murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who has denied a financial settlement with the Government, spoke out in defence of the kingdom Tuesday ahead of the first anniversary of the killing.

Khashoggi -- a royal family insider turned critic -- was killed and dismembered at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on October 2, 2018, in an operation that reportedly involved 15 agents sent from Riyadh. His body was never found.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date of Issue : 27-09-2019
Dead line of submission of Bids : 14-10-2019
Bid Identification No. e-NIT No: 37 of 2019-20 dated 25/09/2019 under endorsement No. PHEU/5454-82 dated 25/09/2019

The Employer [Executive Engineer, PHE Division Udhampur] on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir invites bids from bidders (Class-A & special class) registered with the State Governments/Central Government / MES / Railways for the construction of work as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No. 1 Items, Name of Work :- Scope of tender
Details :- Construction of Water Supply Scheme Bilaspur Deot under Languishing projects (balance work).

Construction of the following Civil works as per drawings uploaded with the SBD including testing and commissioning of the work as per scope ;

- Providing & laying of R/main & D/system
- Bid Identification No. (BIN) :- ENIT No :
- Estimated Cost of Bid : Rs 149.50 lacs
- Earnest Money (EMD) : Rs. 299000.00

Earnest Money should be in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division Udhampur payable at Udhampur and valid for 06months from the last date of submission of bid.

5. Tender Fee : Rs. 5000/- (Non refundable)
Tender fee in shape of e-challan/Treasury Receipt to be deposited in MH:0215-WSS (Revenue Head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Branch Udhampur bearing Bank Account No. 0028010200000047, IFSC code JAKA0UDMPUR in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur

6. Bid Validity : 60 days from the last date of submission of online Bid.
7. Period of Completion : 06 Months
8. Availability of Bid Document on e-Procurement Portal : From 28-09-2019 To 14-10-2019 upto 18.00 Hrs
9. Pre Bid meeting : On 05-10-2019 at 12.30 PM in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur
10. Date and Time for Submission of Bids online : On or before Date 14-10-2019 upto 18.00 Hrs
11. Date and Time for Submission of a Hard copy of Bids : Hard copy shall have to be submitted by L1 within three days after opening of Financial Bid.
12. Time and Date of Opening of Bids : Date 15-10-2019 Time 1100 Hrs
13. Place of Opening of Bids : Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur.
14. Bid Inviting Officer (BIO) : Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur

1. The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: www.kjtenders.gov.in on or before [14-10-2019 upto 18.00Hrs] The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.

Position of T.S/AAA : Accorded
Position of funds : Approved under Languishing Projects

Signed for and on behalf of The Governor of J&K State
Sd/- Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur

No. DIP/J-7012/19
Dated: 30.09.2019

WESTERN RAILWAY CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF STATION INTO GRADE-I HERITAGE STRUCTURE

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt. Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400 008. invites E-tender as per details given as follows.
Executive: Sr.DEN (Co) BCT. Tender Notice No. BCT/19-20/238 dtd. 30.09.2019. Work and location: Bandra: Conservation and restoration of station in to grade-I heritage structures. (Two packet) Approx. cost of work: ₹10,93,02,106.04. EMD: ₹6,96,500/- Date & Time of Submission: On 31.10.2019 till 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 31.10.2019 at 15:30 hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work containing cost of tender document (non-refundable), EMD, Eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions please visit www.reps.gov.in. Manual offer will not be considered.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Aanchal Kumar & Mrs. Ankita Kumar @ Zaara Kumar are the owners of Entire First Floor of N-32, Area Measuring 311 Sq. Yds., Green Park Extension, New Delhi identified by virtue of Will dated 22/6/15 executed by their mother Neena Kumar W/o Late Mr. Joy Kumar, both are about to sell the same to Mr. Ankit Jain.

All person's having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence of the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said Property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

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RESULT OF E-VOTING & POLL

It is hereby informed that in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made there under, the Company had dispatched the Notice of E-Voting on or before 10th September, 2019 for seeking approval of Shareholders as on cut off date i.e. 23.09.2019 through E-Voting and poll for Ordinary Business listed therein.

Based on the Scrutinizer (Miss Liza Sahni Proprietor- Liza Sahni & Company, Company Secretaries) Report dated 30th September, 2019, the Chairman declared the Results of E-Voting & poll as under:

S. No	Brief Particulars of the Resolution	Number of Total, Valid or Invalid votes received by the Scrutinizer			Number of Shares and % age of total Votes cast in favour of the Resolution		Number of Shares and % age of total Votes cast against the Resolution	
		Total number of Votes Resolved	Total number of invalid votes	Total Number of valid Votes	Number of Shares	% age of Total votes	Number of Shares	% age of Total votes
1	Adoption of Audited Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2019 and Profit & Loss Account for the period ended on that date together with the Reports of Board of Directors and Auditors thereon.	4919400	NIL	4919400	4919400	100%	NIL	NIL
2	Appointment of Mr. Vijay Kumar as Director (DIN:00369802), who is liable to retire by rotation	4919400	NIL	4919400	4919400	100%	NIL	NIL
3	Appointment of Mr. Manoj Gupta (DIN: 00076234), as Director who is liable to retire by rotation.	4919400	NIL	4919400	4919400	100%	NIL	NIL

Accordingly, the above Resolutions have been passed by the Shareholders of the Company with requisite majority.

For and on behalf of SVP Housing Limited
Sd/- (Vijay Kumar) Managing Director
Date: 30.09.2019
Place: New Delhi

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(Short Notice Inviting E-Bids)

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for establishing & operationalizing High-end pathology services on Hub and Spoke Model with Hub at Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Nalanda Medical College & Hospital (NMCH), Patna and spokes cum sample collection centres in all Medical colleges and Hospitals (MC&Hs) in the state of Bihar under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.

Short Notice RFP Ref No. - BMSICL/2019-20/ME-134 Dated: September 2019
(Only through e-Tendering on website - www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites RFP for establishing & operationalizing High-end pathology services on Hub and Spoke Model with Hub at Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Nalanda Medical College & Hospital (NMCH), Patna and spokes cum sample collection centres in all Medical colleges and Hospitals (MC&Hs) in the state of Bihar under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.

RFP Schedule

RFP Reference No.	BMSICL/2019-20/ME-134
Time of downloading the RFP	04 th October 2019 from 10:00 Hrs. to 01 st November 2019 till 15:00 Hrs. on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/ /BELTRON)
Pre-bid meeting (venue)	10 th October 2019 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 4 th Floor State Building Construction Corporation Limited, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar.
Last date & time for submission (upload) of online bidding document	03 rd November 2019 by 02:00 PM till 05:00 PM, on the e-Procurement Portal (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/ /BELTRON)
Last date & time for submission of cost of the tender documents and EMD in Hard/Physical Copies (Offline Mode)	05 th November 2019 by 02:00 PM, in the office of BMSICL
Time, Date of opening of Technical Bid	05 th November 2019 at 03:00 PM on the website of www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/ in the office of BMSICL
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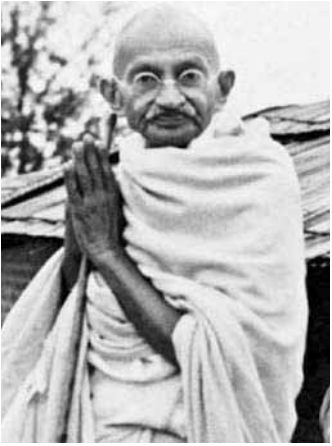
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Whither Gandhi?

Gandhian ideals seem to have been overshadowed in modern times when they can still steer not just India but the world out of chaos



One could look at celebrations of an icon in two ways. The first, literally to remember his significance in our lives and follow the tokenism of saluting that in an exalted moment of nostalgic pride, then getting on with free time a national holiday guarantee. The second is about measuring ourselves up to our past heritage and coming to terms with what we have forgotten and renewing our intended pledge to live up to it. Either way, Gandhi Jayanti these days has been reduced to nothing but a value education class whose students are eagerly waiting for the period bell. Fact is, the "father of the nation" is but another moniker for smart sells, one that now even has derivatives like "father of the country," a me-too reflection of our only global brand in the contemporary world

with politicians and thinkers across the world deifying him. His ideals and schemes are selectively chosen and quoted to suit individual goals and ambition. But as a national conscience and our spiritual core, Gandhi has long been forgotten. If anything, we are happy to confine him in the role of a spiritualist, whose quotes we read and mouth, but seldom have the will or good intention to live with. In fact, the idea of India as it exists today is an antithesis of his vision. One may disagree with his politics, which again needs to be seen in the complex context and predicaments of his time and his attempt at reconciling extremes. And since he wasn't able to heal hatred, it lurks as a ghost in our DNA. But to outrightly confine him to that periscope in the reordered history of our times is not just myopic but evasive. For Gandhi was a practicalist, not a halo. One who had a scientific temper, which he blended with the tradition he knew. One who was a realist and knew India needed its own template, simply because we have a civilisational strength to do that. What are the United Nations (UN) millennial goals if not Gandhian — sustainable growth, resource mobilisation, clean and environment-friendly development and social equity? Most important, his pilot projects showed that it was all possible by anybody. He always wanted to demystify himself, mindful about coming down to the level of the common man and elevating the latter in the process. If anything, we keep on mythologising him, for it absolves us of all responsibility of assuming charge.

Democracy, he said, "necessarily means a conflict of will and ideas, involving sometimes a war to the knife between different ideas." That binary doesn't exist anymore, the spirit of inquiry subjugated to a majoritarian will. "Freedom of a nation cannot be won by solitary acts of heroism though they may be of the true type, never by heroism so called." Heroism today is about imposed iconisation and muscular triumphalism in public life. And, of course, amid the noise of the "one India" narrative, everybody has forgotten Gandhi's definition of nationalism as it should be: "My patriotism is not an exclusive thing. It is all-embracing and I should reject that patriotism which sought to mount upon the distress or exploitation of other nationalities." So while we pursue our Swachh Bharat goals, follow the tenets of yoga and reinvent *khadi*, we need to reorient our thinking to his karma yoga, one that is the essence of the *Bhagwad Gita*. His non-violence was never passive but revolutionary, one that birthed many mass movements and was the precursor of all the candlelight vigils and protest rallies; he knew no weapons or suppression would work against the strongest tool: People. It would be a mistake to consider Gandhi as anti-industry or anti-technology. In fact, he was against industrial systems that harmed the environment and entrenched a classist social order and would actually have gone very well with the cleaner and flat-planing digital technologies of today. He advocated economically viability and encouraged local production and consumption, much before "Make in India" became a slogan. His rural empowerment was not about dole but encouraged farmers to think like any other producer of goods and engage in direct selling through cooperatives. He encouraged the use of farm waste as manure and emphasised food security. Agriculture, to him, was agri-business, enough to be the bedrock for local self-development and devolution of power to the panchayats. Be it micro-finance or self-help groups, it was Gandhi who planted the seeds. And he codified the dignity of labour, doing every chore himself. His idea of *purna swaraj* or true freedom was that of inclusive growth that was only possible when you had freedom from hunger, unemployment, fear and hatred. Ideals become heartless idols when we just put a face to them. Let us practise what we preach unthinkingly on this day.

What would Mao say?

Mao Zedong, the founder of modern China as we know it, might not recognise the country he once controlled with an iron fist



Seventy years ago, the Chinese Civil War came to an end. The nationalist forces, led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, fled from the mainland to the island of Formosa, or what we today know as Taiwan, and the rest of the gigantic country became the People's Republic of China (PRC), led by the then Chairman Mao Zedong. The Chinese had been in a state of almost perpetual conflict with themselves, European colonial powers and the brutal Japanese imperial forces for almost three centuries at this point in time. Peace was hard-won but troubles for the country were not over as Mao set off on a Soviet-inspired rush to "modernise" his country and almost took it

back to where it started centuries ago as a result.

Yet, today, the PRC stands as a shining example of how a country can, in the space of just four decades, radically transform itself from a peasant economy to a manufacturing and tech giant. The PRC, a nation very different from the one that Mao and his comrades in the Communist Party envisaged in 1949, is the success story of the late 20th and early 21st century. The Chinese economy was \$30.55 billion in 1952 and as of last year is at \$13.6 trillion. But today, it stands at the crossroads. The nation is again led by a strongman without the economic pragmatism of his forbears. It is facing a revolt in the "free" city of Hong Kong, its economic and multi-cultural hub, and brutally repressing minorities, from Tibetans to the Uighurs. It wants a new Dalai Lama to be reincarnated on its soil. It might be an economic superpower but China remains, as it has historically been, an extremely exclusivist society. Chairman Mao may not be terribly happy about some of the social and cultural changes that the PRC has undertaken. In fact, he would be shocked at the league of mega-rich entrepreneurs the booming Chinese economy has spawned as communism in China today is best described as quasi-capitalist. The party machinery might remain and has preserved the nation as an oligarchy until now but for how much longer is the question. The country has its own severe social issues. Its citizens are demanding more. The problems with Hong Kong are just a sign that things may not be moving in the direction that President Xi Jinping wants them to. They could even end up being early signs of a counter-revolution, one which will be fomented by Xi's tough rhetoric that "no force can shake the great nation." The trade war with US and the economic imperialism beyond borders are sore points with the world. However, none of these facts should take away from the basic idea that overall, the PRC has been a success. The very fact that leaders of that nation, notably Deng Xiaoping, have through their economic pragmatism lifted hundreds of millions out of extreme poverty is one of the most dramatic success stories of any modern nation.



Path to sustainable future

Those who raise the spectre of de-growth in the world need convincing on regrowth, involving nature and Gandhian principles



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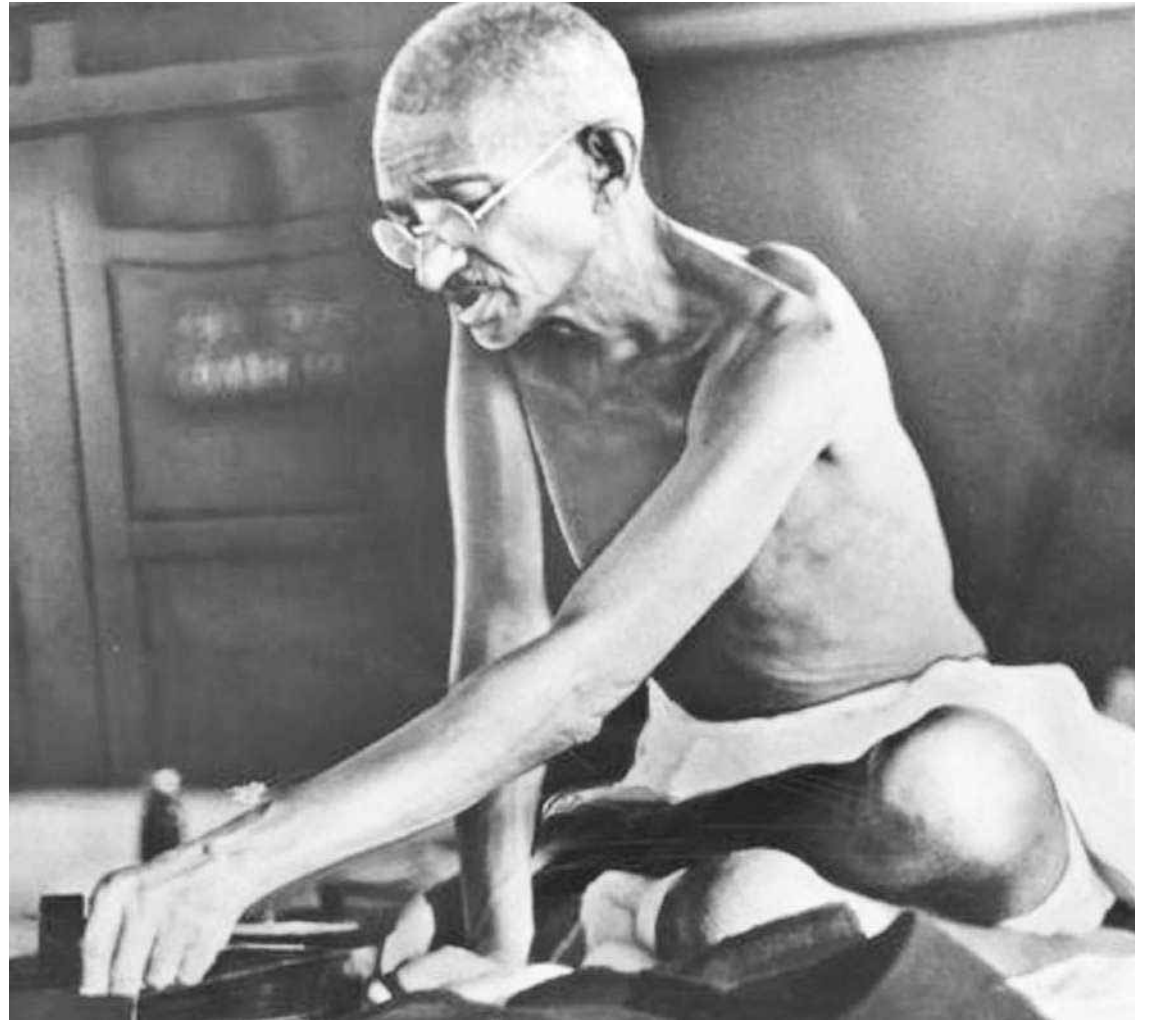
In a world that has reached unprecedented levels of aggregate wealth, we look around and find that the human condition is far from satisfactory and deviates substantially from the state of happiness that human beings normally would aspire to. We now have scientific evidence and mounting observations about human-induced climate change, the loss of biodiversity and a world population dominated by a small number of the rich exploiting a large sea of poor people, who have no access to the very basic services and facilities that would provide an individual with a dignified and secure existence. Increasingly, there is also a growing manifestation of racism and deep prejudice in several societies today.

Mahatma Gandhi's solutions for some of the ills of today acquire much greater relevance, given the growing prominence of some of the deficiencies and issues that are causing concern across the globe. Mahatma Gandhi's blend of politics, combined with ethical and spiritual dimensions, is completely absent in this day and age.

As he stated, "Democracy must in essence, therefore, mean the art and science of mobilising the entire physical, economic and spiritual resources of all the various sections of the people in the services of the common good of all." He had a deep belief in and dedication to the Panchayati Raj as he advocated governance being strengthened at the lowest level of the system. He believed "independence must begin at the bottom... It follows, therefore, that every village has to be self-sustained and capable of managing its affairs."

In the 70 plus years of independence that India has attained, we have consistently ignored the villages of this country, wherein almost two-thirds of the population still reside. The result has been the shameful existence of illiteracy, particularly of women, the absence of sanitation, healthcare, connectivity and market access. With agriculture displacing labour through technological changes, employment in rural areas has declined, leading to massive migration into cities and towns, with large slums co-existing side by side with small islands of prosperity.

Unfortunately, India has pursued the path of Western nations in a facile attempt to replicate industrialisation and urban living. Yet, the problems that we observe in our country are universal. The Oxfam report published each year reported that in 2018, billionaires' fortunes grew 12 per cent worldwide, which amounted to an increase in \$2.5 billion a day. At the same time, the poorest half of humanity, numbering 3.8 billion, saw its income decline by 11 per cent. Reflecting on these global trends, the fortunes of billionaires in India also



grew by 35 per cent last year, which amounted to an increase of ₹2,200 crore per day. Oxfam also found that the poorest 10 per cent of the country's population remained in debt since 2004. Meanwhile, India added 18 per cent new billionaires in 2018 and their wealth crossed \$400 billion.

Gandhiji was not opposed to capitalism. In fact, he stated: "Capital as such is not evil; it is its wrong use that is evil." He obviously understood the subjugation of people under a totalitarian or communist regime would only trample the rights of the poor and destroy the panchayats, which in his view should be empowered for decision-making at the local level.

Most relevant today, however, would be Gandhian solutions in the field of the environment. With the concentration of greenhouse gases (GHGs), particularly carbon dioxide, major risks are occurring from the impacts of human-induced climate change. Gandhiji's wisdom provides us with a beacon light for the future.

When the Mahatma was asked if he would like to have the same standard of living for India's teeming millions as was prevalent in England, he responded by saying: "It took Britain half the resources of the planet to achieve this prosperity. How many planets will a country like India require?" He saw the driving force for the destruction of the earth's ecosystems and the environment as a reflection

and manifestation of human greed." He said, "The earth provides enough for every man's needs but not for every man's greed."

His view was, therefore, that human beings must pursue a simple way of life, one which does not burden the earth with the weight of human activities. Pope Francis on September 1 in his message on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation also stated: "It is also a season to reflect on our lifestyles and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods can often be thoughtless and harmful. Too many of us act like tyrants with regard to creation."

One of the deficiencies of modern urban living is the complete alienation of urban societies from the beauty and wealth of nature. The fact that human beings derive the maximum amount of happiness from being close to nature has been analysed by a number of psychologists, including Paul Bloom of Yale University. Gandhiji expressed his reverence for nature when he stated: "I need no inspiration other than nature's. She has never failed me yet. She mystifies me, bewilders me and sends me into ecstasies."

There is today an urgent need to bring about a shift in the practice of what now goes under the title of economic development. The footprint of humanity on the ecosystems of this

planet has exceeded its biocapacity for well over 40 years now and human beings are today living far beyond the capacity of the earth's biocapacity.

This writer was the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) from 2002 to 2015. In this period and with recent reports of the IPCC, it has become evident that major structural and lifestyle changes are essential now, involving almost a tectonic shift to Gandhian principles and practices. The problem of climate change, loss of biodiversity and destruction of ecosystems on this planet can only be solved through a major shift, which would ensure that humanity's footprint on this planet is rapidly reduced in size and that superior substitutes, such as the beauty of nature, which we have forgotten, provide us with happiness and joy.

In Gandhiji's view, the pursuit of consumerism and the multiplication of material needs must give way to an ethic which eliminates greed, and most importantly, reduces the externalities that human society is imposing on the ecosystems and natural resources of this planet. Those who raise the spectre of degrowth in the world need convincing on regrowth, involving rural development and resuscitation of nature along with Gandhian principles.

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

SOUNDBITE

I would like to ask scientists to do research to ascertain whether there is 'manga' (well-being) in life instead of searching for life on 'Manga' (Mars)

Union Minister
—Pratap Chandra Sarangi



The fact that people stereotype me as an action hero, I love it. That tag... It's such a blessing. You need an identity. We all actors work hard to create that niche and identity.

Actor
—Tiger Shroff



Thank you Mr Jaishankar for covering up our PM's incompetence. His fawning endorsement caused serious problems with the Democrats for India. I hope it gets ironed out with your intervention.

Congress leader
—Rahul Gandhi



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ban not the solution

Sir — The country took a resolution to get rid of single-use plastic on the Mahatma's 150th birth anniversary. This was indeed a bold decision and it was expected that on this day, the citizens would give up its use completely. The Prime Minister issued an advisory to the State Governments to ban the production of certain kinds of articles of single-use plastic. Strict enforcement of the orders was ensured. But perhaps our approach to deal with the plastic problem is entirely wrong. In the past, several such bans have been ordered but nothing changed on the ground. After a few days, it was business as usual.

One of the biggest failures of the Government is that it has taken up this task without doing its homework well. An alternative to single plastics is either not available or has not yet been circulated far and wide. And this form of plastic material is used for a gamut of everyday needs. Even the Mahatma insisted on taking a holistic view of things. Piecemeal solutions were not compatible with his way. The

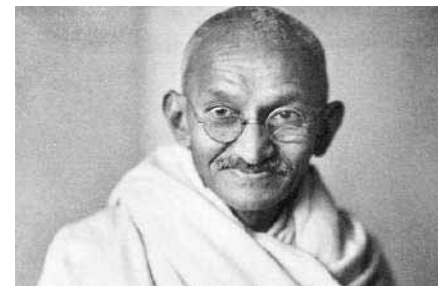
An icon who inspired the enemy

The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is an opportunity for us to reaffirm his ideals of non-violence, equality and religious tolerance. Rabindranath Tagore, who was averse to Gandhi's idea of nationalism, bestowed the title of "Mahatma" on him in a remarkable show of liberalism. It was a tribute to the incarnation of love on earth. In the Dravidian south, in his famous poem in Malayalam titled, *My Master*, poet Vallathol Narayana Menon compared the Mahatma to the sky, a pure stream, a pristine lamp, a treasure trove and the moonlight. To him, Gandhi embodied the "renunciation" as practised by Jesus Christ; the "acumen" of Lord Krishna in scheming strategy for the defence of justice (*dharma*); "resolute faith" of Buddha to carry forward his message of non-violence (*ahimsa*); the "intellect" of Sri Sankara; and the "compassion" of Rantideva.

Humanity across the globe has shown great reverence to him. In his judgement after a court trial of Gandhi, Sessions judge RS Broome said rather apologetically, "It would be impossible to ignore the fact that you (Gandhi) are in a different category from any person I have ever tried or am likely to have to try. It would be impossible to ignore the fact that in the eyes of millions of your countrymen, you are a

elimination of single-use plastic must be done in a phased manner. Bans can come later. First we need an alternative to plastic.

Shubham
Via email



great patriot and a leader." The Mahatma was sentenced to imprisonment for six years. The judge continued, "And I should like to say in doing so that if the course of events in India should make it possible for the Government to reduce the period and release you, no one will be better pleased than I." For Romain Rolland, who authored the book, *Mahatma Gandhi: The Man who Became One with the Universal Being*, Gandhi "was the dawn of a new hope for humanity." We are blessed to be born on this soil where the Mahatma lived.

Haridasan Rajan
Kozhikode

Changed times

Sir — Two days before he was murdered on January 28, 1948, Mahatma Gandhi had said: "If

I am to die by the bullet of a mad man, I must do so smiling. God must be in my heart and on my lips." This year on the Mahatma's death anniversary, some religious fanatics observed

that day by shooting at his effigy with a toy pistol. Then they put garlands on the picture of his assassin, Godse, and circulated the video clip. During such times, when people continue to deify Bapu, it is highly reassuring to listen to a speech by a schoolboy from Varanasi, Ayush Chaturvedi, who emphasised on lost Gandhian values.

He started his speech with a bang: "Ye kisme kahaa aapse aandhi ke saath hun, Main Godse ke daur mein Gandhi ke saath hun." (Who told you that I am swept up in the storm? I stand by Gandhi in the time of Godse.)" Then he spoke about how people remained ignorant about Gandhian values and beliefs. "If the Britisher, who kicked Gandhi out of the train, could anticipate that the man would overthrow the British Raj, he would have never done it," Ayush said. A schoolboy has shown that Gandhi's idea of secularism will remain at the heart of India even amidst the hailstorm of Godse doctrine.

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FIRST COLUMN

Lives of many Gandhis

Just like the Mahatma was part of the world community before his return to India, 154 of his descendants also live abroad in six different nations



V VENKATESWARA RAO

Life in the shadow of greatness is never easy. Mahatma Gandhi's four sons discovered this the hard way. The eldest son, Harilal, rebelled against his illustrious parent and died a broken man. The tension between Harilal and his father sprang from the conflict between Gandhi's twin roles as a father to a nation and to his children. Gandhi was only 18 when his first son was born and Harilal was just six months old when his procreator left his family in South Africa to train as a barrister in London. Though Gandhi understood the importance of spending time with his family later and his two younger sons benefited from that, he was absent during Harilal's growing years, which proved to be a ranker in their relationship. However, Harilal's son Kantilal and his grandfather shared a warm relationship.

The Mahatma's second son, Manilal, stayed back in South Africa to continue the civil rights crusade, while his younger siblings, Ramdas and Devadas, stayed with their mother Kasturba and their father. It's a tall order to live up to a legend, who, inspired an entire generation and continues to inspire the world even after seven decades of his demise. Gandhi's descendants, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, in their own individual ways, carry forward a difficult legacy.

After Gandhi was cremated on the banks of the Yamuna River, members of the clan gathered at the funeral site to collect his ashes. Among them was 11-year-old Ramchandra, who was sifting through his grandfather's warm ashes and helping his kin fill the copper urn. One of the bystanders gently wiped the ashes from Ramchandra's hands with his handkerchief and then took it away as a memento. Though the young boy could not comprehend the significance of this reverent gesture at that time, as he grew up, he realised what the Mahatma meant to the people of the country. Ramchandra, who was the son of Gandhi's youngest son Devadas and Lakshmi, grew up to be a noted philosopher.

His siblings were Rajmohan, Gopalakrishna and Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee. He had a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford and a doctorate in physics too. He taught at the University of Hyderabad, Visva-Bharati University, Punjab University, California Institute of Integral Studies and Bangalore University. An intellectual, he lived a frugal life and died at the India International Centre in 2007 at the age of 70.

Just like Gandhi, who was part of the global community before he returned to the land of his birth, the descendants of the Mahatma are also global citizens and 154 of them live in six different nations, other than India.

Born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa, Arun Manilal, who is the son of Gandhi's second son Manilal, is the Mahatma's fifth grandson. After working for 30 years as a journalist for *The Times of India*, Arun along with his late wife Sunanda left for the US in 1987 and is now a renowned activist and writer. The couple founded the MK Gandhi Institute for Non-Violence at the Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee. In 2008 the institute was moved to the Rochester University, New York, and they took the message of non-violence and peace to hundreds of thousands of high school and university students around America and much of the western world.

Arun's son Tushar Gandhi runs the Mumbai-based Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, an organisation involved in spreading Gandhian values and principles. Tushar recently criticised US President Donald Trump for calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi "father of India" and said, "Those who feel the need to replace the Father of the Nation with a new one are welcome. Trump may also like to replace George Washington with himself."

Another of Gandhi's grandsons, Kanu Ramdas, known to all of us as the child who walked ahead of the Mahatma, holding one end of his stick during the 1930 Dandi march, grew up to be a distinguished NASA scientist. He passed away at a hospital in Surat in 2016 at the age of 87.

The Mahatma's great granddaughter Medha, who is the daughter of Harilal's son Kantilal, was born and brought up in America and lives there with her family. She is famous not just because of her lineage but also because she herself is a glamorous TV personality and a DJ. She produced one of the most famous shows in Ohio, *The Dave and Jimmy Show*.

Most of the Mahatma's family has kept away from politics, except for Sumitra Kulkarni, the eldest daughter of Gandhi's third son Ramdas, who completed a six-year term in Rajya Sabha, Rajmohan Gandhi who had contested and lost a Lok Sabha election in 1979 and Kantilal's son Shantilal, who won an Assembly seat in Kansas in the 2012 US elections as a Republican candidate. Kantilal's son Shantilal and his American wife Susan were in politics since the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan was the US President. A doctor by profession, in 2011, Shantilal retired to enter active politics.

In retrospect, the lack of sufficient representation of Gandhi's descendants in politics might have been a big loss for Indian politics, given the way it has evolved. Rajmohan Gandhi once admitted, "Some of us may be self-effacing to a fault. We may have got lulled into the belief that to appear to be seeking leadership or position is bad. If there is a fire to be put out, you shouldn't be self-effacing. You should put the fire out."

Wherever, they are, Gandhi's descendants live life across all continents on their own terms, holding up his legacy in their own unique ways.
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Bapu's long years of trial

Though the Mahatma elicited devotion, he remained in a dialectic relationship with most of his contemporaries, including Tagore, Ambedkar and Jinnah



ANIL SINHA

Mahatma Gandhi had to struggle all his life to make people understand his ideas and beliefs. Though his devoted followers gave him unconditional support and responded passionately to his calls, a gap always remained between his ideas and their implementation. He was misunderstood all through his life and afterwards. Though the Indian National Congress (INC) accepted non-violence as its creed, it had more than once defied him. Gandhi had to put his life at risk to demonstrate the power of *satyagraha* (power of truth) to his followers.

It was in 1922 when the gap between him and his followers was the most explicit. His decision to immediately stop the Non-Cooperation Movement after the Chauri Chaura incident, in which protesters set the local police station on fire, killing all 22 policemen, baffled everyone, including his close associates like C Rajagopalachari and Jawaharlal Nehru. Some of them even took it as a betrayal and termed him a British lackey. But Gandhi stood firm, saying that the people were not yet ready for a non-violent struggle.

The disillusionment was so deep that many young people, including Ram Prasad Bismil, Chandra Shekhar Azad and Bhagat Singh, joined the armed struggle. INC and Gandhi had to counter the creed of violence during the remaining part of the freedom struggle.

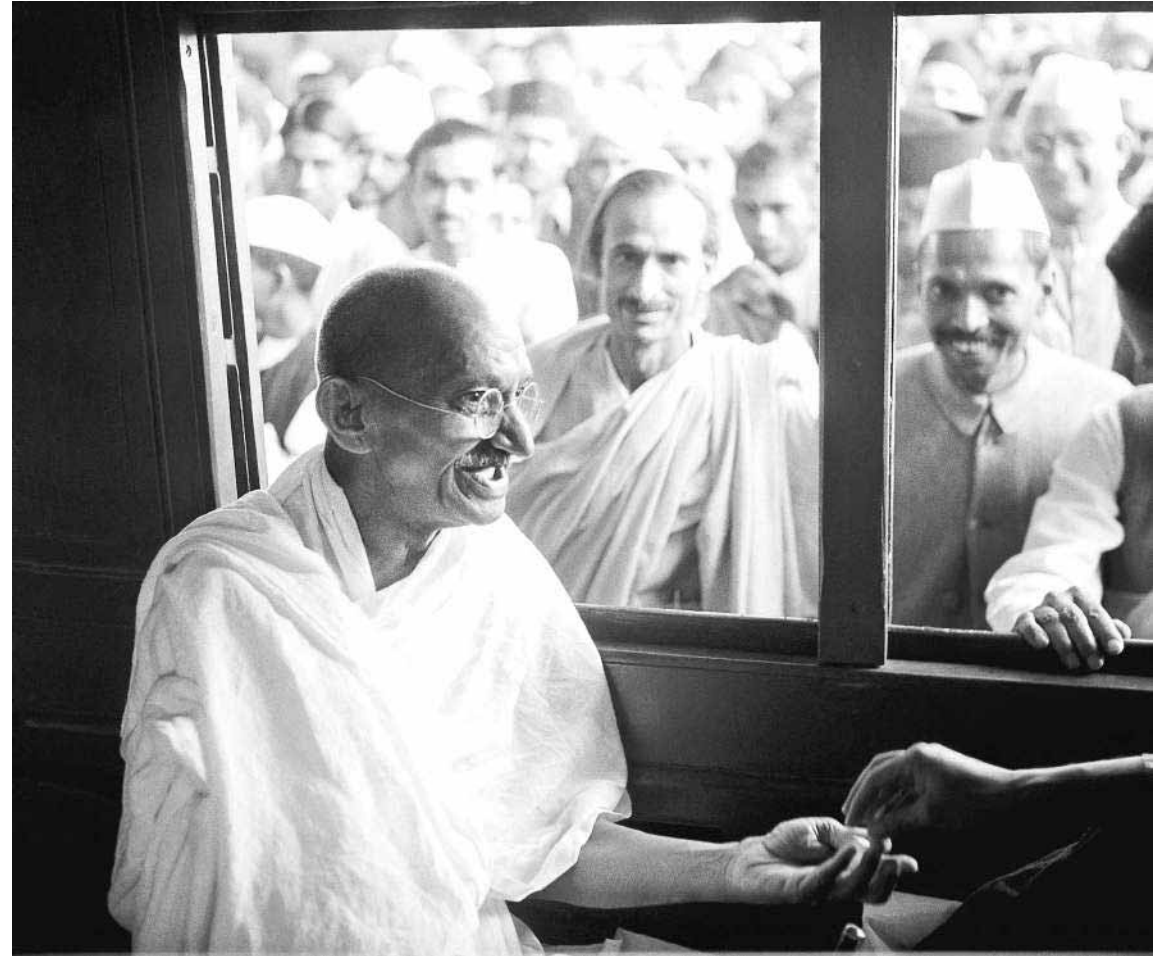
Ten years later, the same thing happened. Gandhi successfully led the Civil Disobedience Movement in 1930 that started with the dramatic Dandi march and forced the British Government to abolish salt tax and formally recognise the INC as the representative of the Indian people. The outcome in terms of social reformation and organisational penetration was also huge. The movement resulted in the Government of India Act, 1935, which provided local provincial governments to Indians. Above all, British authority was discredited and eroded.

However, it could not satisfy an influential section of Congressmen for the movement failed in gaining independence. They concluded that the Gandhian way of struggle would not yield results. These leaders, who were lodged in Nasik jail, decided to form the Congress Socialist Party to revolutionise the Congress. The group had people like Acharya Narendra Dev, Jai Prakash Narain and Ram Manohar Lohia. The Congress socialists openly opposed non-violence as the guiding principle and declared Marxism as their philosophy. However, Gandhi blessed the party and helped it grow. In later years, Narain, Lohia and most other leaders shunned Marxism as their creed and became followers of Gandhi. But by that time the Mahatma was not there to see the change.

Gandhi remained in a dialectic relationship with all his contemporaries, including Rabindranath Tagore, BR Ambedkar and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Misunderstandings between them had serious repercussions for the Independence struggle.

After returning from South Africa, Gandhi went straight to Shantiniketan and stayed with Tagore for a month. The interaction led to a life-long friendship.

GANDHI FACED A LONG AND TORTUROUS TRIAL IN THE 1940S. GENERALLY, HIS VISIT TO NOAKHALI, HIS BRAHMACHARYA EXPERIMENTS AND FAST AT KOLKATA ARE CONSIDERED AS THE FINAL TRIALS. HOWEVER, HIS TRIALS BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 1939 WITH THE DECLARATION OF WORLD WAR II AND ENDED ON JANUARY 30, 1948 WITH HIS DEATH. DURING THE PERIOD, HIS AHIMSA WAS ON TRIAL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS



Gandhi called him Gurudev and Tagore gave him the title of Mahatma. However, Tagore was a staunch critic of the *charkha* (spinning wheel) and also angry over Gandhi's ideas on the caste system.

Gandhi's relationship with Ambedkar was never smooth. He was very critical of the Mahatma's ideas of *gram swaraj*. For Ambedkar, the village system was oppressive and he believed that the only way to bring social democracy in India was to modernise the villages. He was also strongly opposed to Gandhi's ideas on removal of untouchability and never endorsed the term "Harijan" for the depressed classes. He impressed upon untouchables the importance of self-help, self-elevation and self-respect and preferred direct action against untouchability. Gandhi never supported Ambedkar's direct action programmes because he felt that they would invite backlash from caste Hindus.

Misunderstanding was at its peak when Ambedkar supported separate electorates for the lower classes given under the Communal Award, 1932. Gandhi found it divisive and went on an indefinite fast. It forced Ambedkar to sign the Poona Pact on September 24, 1932. Dalit leaders never accepted Gandhi's move and considered it treachery. They argued that the general electorate did not allow true leadership to emerge and only stooges of the upper castes got elected. Was Gandhi opposed to the cause of Dalits? When we look closely at the Poona Pact, we find that Dalits got almost double the number of seats in provincial Assemblies and the Central Assembly. They were given reservation in jobs and education. Above all, the upper caste leadership recognised their rights after discrimination and exploitation of centuries. Till date, reservation plays an important role in taking Dalits towards their rights.

Gandhi faced a long and torturous trial in the 1940s. Generally, his visit to

Noakhali, his Brahmacharya experiments and fast at Kolkata are considered as the final trials. However, his trials began on September 1939 with the declaration of World War II and ended on January 30, 1948 with his death. During the period, his ahimsa was on trial on several occasions.

Initially, Gandhi was sympathetic to the British but opposed to the war. The INC was hardly ready to accept his form of non-violence and the party was divided on supporting the British Government in its war efforts. His most trusted lieutenant Nehru was ready to join the Allied forces to defeat the fascist forces. Gandhi's other disciple, Subhash Chandra Bose ultimately joined hands with the fascist forces. One of his trusted friends Rajagopalachari was so desperate to join the Government that Gandhi had to ask him to resign from the Congress. His loyal soldiers such as Rajendra Prasad and Sardar Patel showed deviations and supported the Bardoli resolution which stated that Indians would cooperate in the war if the British Government agreed to grant them independence. The Bardoli resolution of December 30, 1941, even accepted Gandhi's request to relieve him from the responsibility of "guiding" the INC. He had made this request because he believed that supporting war efforts would mean an abandonment of non-violence.

However, the INC soon went back on its acceptance of Bapu's request to relieve him and Gandhi was again at the helm of affairs. However, Congress leaders were not ready to accept his interpretation and they viewed his insistence on non-cooperating with the British in their war efforts as support to Japan.

Nehru was extremely unhappy over it and he vehemently opposed Gandhi's resolution at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting at Allahabad in April 1942. However, Nehru did not take much time to amend his line and supported the

Quit India resolution, which was a clear opposition to the British and the allied forces.

Very few are aware of the painful events that followed Gandhi's arrest on August 9, 1942, a day after the Quit India resolution was passed by the All India Congress Committee at Mumbai. He was imprisoned at Yerawada Jail in Pune. Kasturba Gandhi was also arrested and she was imprisoned in Arthur Road Jail in Mumbai. But was sent to Pune after she became severely ill.

When Gandhi saw Kasturba in Aga Khan Palace, his first question was, "Did you ask for your transfer?" How could she ask for a favour when total non-cooperation was going on against the Government? After remaining ill for nearly 18 months, Kasturba died in the prison for want of proper medical care. Gandhi had already lost his closest associate Mahadev Desai within a week after his imprisonment at Yerawada Jail.

When the British released Gandhi on finding him in precarious health, he saw that the people had violated his principles of non-violence and most of the Quit India Movement was violent and bloody. He denounced the violence. Though Nehru and Patel took responsibility for the violence during the movement, Gandhi distanced himself from their sacrifices. It came as a shock to the heroes of the Quit India Movement but Bapu did not change his stand.

The final trial began when India's Independence was nigh. He tried hard to preserve unity but failed. Jinnah was not ready to believe him and the Congress leaders were not listening to him. Communal violence across the country shook Gandhi. He always claimed to be a devout Hindu but was killed by a fanatic Hindu who considered him as an enemy of the Hindus. Did he deserve the trial?

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Indian democracy representative, not responsive

For our democracy to be reactive, the country is in need of a political system that is committed to alter the self-seeking and shaky polity into a steady, sensible and selfless one



DEBASISH BHATTACHARYYA

Judith M Brown, Emeritus Beit Professor of Commonwealth History, University of Oxford and author of several books on Mahatma Gandhi in her recent article *4 questions Gandhi asked of himself, and of all of us* listed the following.

1. What is religion?
2. How should one live?
3. What is the nature of political identity, particularly the nation?
4. How should one conduct oneself in the practice of politics?

Brown answered the questions underlining the supreme importance of non-violence and Gandhi's radical thinking. The opening lines of the article reads: "150 years after Gandhi's birth there are many Gandhis, in

India and worldwide. Diverse people and groups have valued and used some of his ideas and practices, or used his name to grace their own projects. Sometimes he has been deployed in support of causes which he would not have recognised. In a real sense, he has become global property."

On the question of religion, Brown writes, "for Gandhi, religion was not a clearly packaged and labelled set of beliefs and practices; neither was it a communal or semi-tribal identity. It was a pilgrimage in search of truth, a lifelong searching for God as truth rather than for a divinity which could be described in any simpler way."

In response to the second question she remarked that "Gandhi pronounced the powerful aphorism that there is enough in the world for the needs of every man, but not for the greed of every man.... His own lifestyle in the last 25 years of his life back in India is well-known and Gandhi was very aware of the advertising effect of his freely-chosen poverty and simplicity in food, cloth-

ing and possessions."

In answer to the third question, Brown mentions that "India was not to be defined by language or creed or even place of birth and heritage. What mattered in making "an Indian" was living in the subcontinent, making it one's home, and valuing its ancient and complex civilisation. The identity of the nation was urgent in his time because of the imminent departure of the British rulers and increasingly violent controversies over the relationship between national and religious identity."

Answering the final question, the historian writes, "Gandhi recognised that disagreement and conflict are inevitable in human society and interaction between individuals and groups....Conversion rather than coercion was his remedy for conflict....Even though non-violent modes of public and political action often seem to have failed in his lifetime and beyond, his life and teaching raise the perennial question of the right ways to behave in the public arena."

Now, let me attempt to extrapolate

Brown's standpoint by looking at present-day India, which is marked by many contradictions. The political setting is worrisome as the world's largest democracy is contaminated by the constraints of politics — from religious hate crimes to politics of tokenism to politics of polarisation and corruption. In a sense, extreme, vocal ideologues are gaining ground on both the far-Right and far-Left parties. Incidentally, each and every political party, populated by individuals who have no moral compass, is perhaps the best explanation for the perilous state in which Indian democracy resides today. All of this makes abundantly clear something that has long been obvious about India's grimy political mess.

Whether it's religious hate crimes, let's remember that Gandhi was appreciative of India's religious and linguistic diversity and was against politics of hate. In Bapu's words, "I came to the conclusion long ago... that all religions were true and also that all had some error in them, and whilst I hold by my own, I should hold others as dear as Hinduism. So

we can only pray, if we are Hindus, not that a Christian should become a Hindu... But our innermost prayer should be a Hindu should be a better Hindu, a Muslim a better Muslim, a Christian a better Christian." Through the decades, political tokenism in our country has become not just accepted but celebrated as the leaders indulged in wearing skull cap or shawl, inflammatory advocacy of certain issues, lurch diplomacy and so on. Ironically, our political leaders look up to Gandhi for inspiration, who never wore a skull cap and yet fasted for Muslims' safety during the riots in Delhi and West Bengal at the time of Partition. It goes to show how tokenism-ridden politics has been quite successful in almost replacing Bapu's philosophy in wooing voters. After all, tokenism is what the political system sells to you and me.

We live in a paradoxical time as some political parties are getting stronger and others weaker. While the former is well-financed, well-organised that bring a mass of resources to bear on campaigns and candidates, the latter's linkages with voters have

grown weaker due to poor organisational ability to lack of leadership. Incidentally, in an era of intense political polarisation, there is hardly any party which is ideologically cohesive and is above political posturing.

It's for this reason there is a question mark over the centrality of political parties as key institutions of India and their increasing inability to perform functions seen as essential to a healthy performance of democracy. As Indian politics has acquired a darker shade, it's time to revisit Gandhi's deep ethical view of politics. According to *Spiritualizing Politics section of Mahatma Gandhi's Leadership - Moral And Spiritual Foundations* by YP Anand, Gandhi never sought a public or political office or title. He was in politics for spiritual reasons. He explained in a speech in London "...although to all appearances my mission is political...its roots are, if I may use the term, spiritual...I claim that at least my politics are not divorces from morality, from spirituality, from religion....a man who is trying to discover and follow the will of God, cannot possibly leave a sin-

gle field of life untouched. I found through bitter experience that, if I wanted to do social service, I could not possibly leave politics alone."

Now, let's talk about another reality that is political corruption. It thrives in our country. With social media and the smartphone, we can help form an opinion fast but we can't have political leaders agree that corruption funds their politics. Concluding, India has been a representative democracy but, it's yet to be a responsive democracy. And to be a responsive democracy, it needs to set right the political system. Our country is in need of a political system that is committed to alter the self-seeking and shaky polity into steady, sensible and selfless one. In columnist Steve Chapman's words, "The bad news is that our democracy does a poor job of giving the people what they want. The good news is that it's easier to fix a rotten system than a rotten people."

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CAPSULE



M&M tractor sales down 2% at 37,011 units in Sept

NEW DELHI: Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) on Tuesday reported a 2 per cent decline in total tractor sales at 37,011 units in September. The company had sold 37,581 units in the same month last year, M&M said in a regulatory filing. Sales of tractors in the domestic market was marginally up at 36,046 units as compared to 35,953 units in the year-ago month, it added. However, exports declined 41 per cent at 965 units as compared to 1,628 units in September 2018, the company said. Commenting on the sales performance, M&M President - Farm Equipment Sector Rajesh Jejurikar said, "good monsoons, reservoir levels and crop prices are all positives going into the festive season."



Yes Bank shares crack 20 pc in afternoon trade

NEW DELHI: Shares of Yes Bank went into a tailspin in afternoon trade on Tuesday despite a positive opening, tumbling nearly 20 per cent. The scrip came under massive selling pressure in afternoon trade, giving up its early gains and plunged 19.90 per cent to Rs 33.20 - its multi-year low - on the BSE. On the NSE, shares plummeted 19.92 per cent to Rs 33.15. It was the biggest loser on both the Sensex and Nifty. Meanwhile, according to the company's filing on the BSE on Tuesday, promoters have further sold 2.16 per cent stake in the bank. Yes Capital, Morgan Credits Pvt Ltd and Rana Kapoor have sold 5.52 lakh shares or 2.16 per cent stake in Yes Bank through open market transaction during September 26-27.



Suzuki Motorcycle India sales up 2.11 pc in September

NEW DELHI: Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd (SMIPL) on Tuesday reported a 2.11 per cent increase in total two-wheeler sales at 73,658 units in September. The company had sold a total of 72,134 units in the same month last year, SMIPL said in a statement. In the domestic market, SMIPL sold 63,382 units during September 2019 as compared with 63,140 units sold in the same month last year, it added. "As we step in the festive season, SMIPL is confident to add more customers to the Suzuki family as we strive to achieve newer sales milestones," SMIPL Managing Director Koichiro Hirao said.

RBI POLICY REVIEW MEET

Rate cut to rev up economy?

PNS ■ MUMBAI

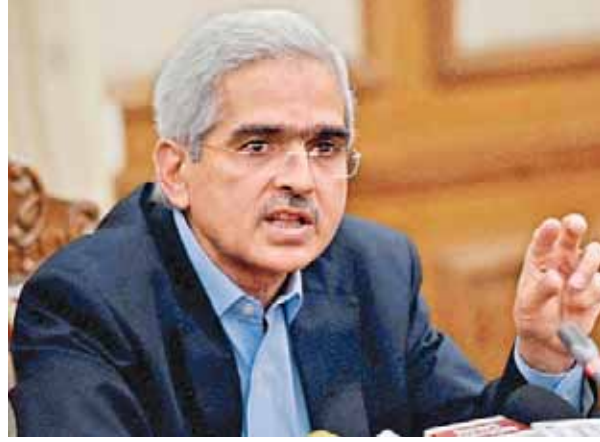
The RBI on Tuesday began its rate-setting huddle amid wide-spread expectations that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) headed by Governor Shaktikanta Das would slash benchmark interest rate to revive the sagging economy.

The Governor has already hinted that the benign inflation provides room for further monetary policy easing while space for fiscal space is limited.

The government has already announced a series of measures including steepest cut in corporate tax, rollback of enhanced surcharge on Foreign Portfolio Investors, among others to jump-start growth which hit a six-year low of 5 per cent during the first quarter of the current fiscal.

The six-member MPC is scheduled to announce the fourth bi-monthly monetary policy for 2019-20 on Friday, October 4, after a three-day meeting. There is no meeting of the panel due to national holiday on October 2, which marks birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The central bank has already slashed the repo rate four times



consecutively this year amounting to 110 basis points in aggregate.

At its last meeting in August, the MPC reduced the benchmark lending rate by an unusual 35 basis points to 5.40 per cent.

The upcoming MPC meeting comes in the backdrop of the RBI's mandate to banks to link their loan products to an external benchmark, like repo rate, for faster transmission of reduction in policy rates to borrowers, from October 1.

Ahead of the meeting, the Das-headed Financial Stability and Development Council

(FSDC) sub-committee took stock of the prevailing macro-economic situation.

Earlier, the RBI Governor had said the government has little fiscal space, giving hopes that the central bank may provide more monetary stimulus to prop up the economy.

The government's fiscal space has been squeezed on account of cut in rates of corporate tax as well as lowering of GST rate on various goods. Revenue collection too has been below the Budget estimates.

Experts opine that another rate cut is on the cards as the

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government's hands are tied and the onus of taking initiatives now rests with the central bank.

Shanti Ekambaram, President, Consumer Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said with inflation still within the RBI's medium-term target of 4 per cent, the MPC has the headroom to cut the repo rate further.

"However, the recent volatility in crude oil prices and the fiscal measures announced by the government will have an impact on inflation in the medium term and the fiscal deficit. Hence, we expect the MPC to be more measured in its response with a rate cut of 20-25 basis points in the October policy," she said.

According to NAREDCO president Niranjn Hiranandani, there is expectation of a further 50 basis points repo rate cut in the backdrop of muted inflation which stands lower than the expect-

ed 3.2 per cent. The further reduction of repo rate will not only bring down the lending rates but also incentivise investment and boost consumption, he said.

While economic activities are showing signs of sluggishness, the policy makers are drawing solace from the fact that retail inflation remains in the comfort zone of the central bank.

Retail inflation inched up to 3.21 per cent in August but remained within the RBI's comfort zone. The RBI has been mandated by the government to ensure that inflation remains below 4 per cent, with deviation of 2 per cent on either side.

Experts and industry feel low inflation provides enough headroom for the RBI to further lower the policy rate, especially when festive season has just started. People make huge purchases during Navratras and Diwali.

Sebi asks Sumeet promoters to disgorge illegal gain

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Markets regulator Sebi has directed 11 promoters and former promoters of Sumeet Industries to disgorge the unlawful gains, amounting to Rs 4.7 crore obtained through manipulative trading in the scrip of the company.

The regulator has asked the entities to disgorge the amounts of wrongful gains within 45 days along with an interest rate of 12 per cent per annum to be calculated from March 12, 2007 till the date of payment, Sebi said in its order passed on Monday.

The ruling came after the regulator carried out investigation into the suspected price and volume manipulation in the scrip of Sumeet Industries between October 2006 and March 2007.

Sebi noted that the company had made a number of positive corporate announcements and some of these were not implemented and further, the factum of non-implementation of such corporate announcements was not intimated to shareholders.

Besides, it was observed that the major counter party to the sales of promoter group entities was Purshottam Khandelwal who had placed buy orders for shares of the firm that created false appearance of trading and apparently there was no genuine intention to trade in the scrip of Sumeet Industries.

In this regard, Sebi in May 2014, restrained the entities from accessing the securities

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market and also directed them to disgorge the wrongful gain of over Rs 4.69 crore.

However, the order was challenged in Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), which upheld the regulator's order but directed Sebi to calculate the quantum of unlawful gains "in accordance with any precise norms providing a rationale for arriving at the amount to be disgorged."

Accordingly, Sebi through a detailed methodology to calculate unlawful gains, directed the promoter entities on Monday to disgorge over Rs 4.77 crore along with an interest rate of 12 per cent.

While calculating the interest amount, period between the date of SAT order, i.e. June 30, 2016 to the date of Sebi order, September 30, 2019 shall be excluded, Sebi said.

In a separate order, Sebi asked managing director of Deep Industries, Rupeshbhai Kantilal Savla, to disgorge Rs 1.74 crore of illegal gain made through insider trading in the scrip of the company.

Sensex tanks 362 pts; Yes Bank crashes 22 pc

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The BSE benchmark Sensex plunged nearly 362 points on Tuesday due to an across-the-board sell-off as financial sector woes, auto sales slump and weak macro data spooked investors.

The NSE gauge Nifty too tanked 115 points to slip below the 11,400-level.

The 30-share Sensex, which opened on a firm footing, crashed over 737 points in late afternoon trade, before finally finishing at 38,305.41, down 361.92 points or 0.94 per cent. The gauge touched a high of 38,923.78 and a low of 37,929.89 intra-day.

The broader Nifty too underwent bouts of volatility before closing lower by 114.55 points, or 1 per cent, at 11,359.90.



Yes Bank shares plummeted over 22 per cent, their fifth consecutive session of fall, as promoter Rana Kapoor and his group entities sold another 2.16 per cent stake worth Rs 510 crore.

Other major laggards were IndusInd Bank, SBI, Bharti Airtel, ONGC, Tata Steel and Reliance Industries -- falling as much as 6.30 per cent.

Among the Sensex constituents, HDFC twins, Mahindra and Mahindra, Maruti Suzuki, Kotak Bank,

HUL and Asian Paints ended in the green. The broader BSE smallcap, midcap and largecap indices underperformed the benchmark, losing up to 1.61 per cent.

Sectorally, telecom dropped 4.53 per cent, followed by realty 3.88 per cent, tech 2.20 per cent and IT 1.68 per cent.

Of the 19 sectoral gauges compiled by the BSE, 17 closed in the red.

Analysts said caution prevails among investors amid a deepening crisis at Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC) and fraud allegations against companies like Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd (IHFL).

The Mumbai Police on Monday filed a case against the former bank management and promoters of HDIL in the

Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank case and said a special investigation team will be probing the case.

Continuing their fall, IHFL shares dropped another 7.05 per cent to close at Rs 237.50 apiece. On the currency front, the rupee dropped 22 paise to 71.09 against the US dollar (intra-day). Global crude benchmark Brent Futures rose 0.51 per cent to USD 59.55 a barrel.

The country's manufacturing sector activity in September remained unchanged amid subdued demand conditions both domestically as well as externally, a monthly survey said on Tuesday. The IHS Markit India Manufacturing PMI was at 51.4 in September, unchanged from August and thereby posting its joint-lowest reading since May 2018.

WTO cuts global trade growth forecasts to 1.2 pc for 2019

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The WTO on Tuesday sharply cut global trade growth forecasts for 2019 to 1.2 per cent from the earlier 2.6 per cent, mainly due to trade tensions and sluggish global economy.

This growth projection will not augur well for India, as it is struggling to increase its exports.

"Escalating trade tensions and a slowing global economy have led WTO economists to sharply downgrade their forecasts for trade growth in 2019 and 2020," the organisation said in a statement.

World merchandise trade volumes are now expected to rise by only 1.2 per cent in 2019, substantially slower than



the 2.6 per cent growth forecast made in April, it said.

It added that the global trade growth is projected to grow at 2.7 per cent in 2020, down from the previous projection of 3 per cent.

"Risks to the forecast are heavily weighted to the downside and dominated by trade

policy. Further rounds of tariffs and retaliation could produce a destructive cycle of recrimination," the World Trade Organisation (WTO) said.

A sharper slowing of the global economy could produce an even bigger downturn in trade, it added.

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevedo said the darkening outlook for trade is discouraging but not unexpected.

"Job creation may also be hampered as firms employ fewer workers to produce goods and services for export," he said, adding "resolving trade disagreements would allow WTO members to avoid such costs".

Samsung to bring Galaxy Fold to Indian market for Rs 1.65 lakh

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Electronics major Samsung on Tuesday said it will bring ultra-premium smartphone 'Galaxy Fold' with a foldable display, priced at Rs 1,64,999, in the Indian market later this month.

The phone, which had received a lot of interest from consumers across the world, was unveiled earlier this year. The device was made available in South Korea and the US last month.

While there had been reports of issues with the display screen and hinges initially, the South Korean tech giant is said to have fixed those glitches.

"With Galaxy Fold, we are redefining the mobile phone category; this is device like no other. The 'Fold' will set an entirely new benchmark for design and innovation. Galaxy Fold is meant for those who want only the best in their lives, in terms of style, design, luxury and the latest in services," Samsung India Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President, Mobile Business, Ranjivjit Singh told PTI.

He added that customers will have access to a dedicated 24x7 concierge service to address any queries customers of 'Fold' may have as well as one-year Infinity Flex Display protection.

With a price tag of about Rs 1.65 lakh, the device is probably one of the most expensive ones in the Indian market. The 512GB variant of Apple's latest iPhone 11 Pro Max is

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priced at Rs 1,41,900, while iPhone 11 (512GB) is available for Rs 1,31,900, as per Apple's India website. Samsung's own flagships Galaxy S10+ and Note 10+ are priced at Rs 73,900 and Rs 79,999 respectively, according to the company's website.

The Galaxy Fold features a 7.3-inch Infinity Flex Display on the inside that on unfolding offers an experience similar to a large-screen device to customers. The Galaxy Fold has been developed over eight years following the debut of Samsung's first flexible display prototype in 2011.

The new hinge mechanism ensures the phone opens smoothly and naturally like a book. The fingerprint scanner has been placed on the side. The phone allows users to run multiple apps at once, as well as supports app continuity that allows content to transition seamlessly from the cover display to the main display.

Galaxy Fold features 12GB RAM, 512GB internal storage and 4,380mAh dual battery.

'Your kirana store can fight Amazon and Walmart'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

One of the most successful Silicon Valley-Asia venture capital firms is counting on the humble mom-and-pop store that dominates India's retail landscape to hold its own against Amazon.com Inc. and Walmart Inc.

Menlo Park, California-based GGV Capital, a \$6.2 billion investor in some of the biggest unicorns in the U.S. and China including Airbnb, Xiaomi Corp., and Slack Technologies Inc., is backing startups that serve the tiny, family-run businesses known as kiranas.

"It's all about powering the little guys," said Hans Tung, managing partner, in a recent joint interview with fellow investor Jixun Foo in Bangalore, where the duo was meeting a dozen entrepreneurs. "We're backing startups that provide technology and



working capital to make kiranas more efficient, so that these mom-and-pops can become e-commerce and lending enablers in their communities," Tung added.

From the poshest neighborhoods to teeming slums, typical Indian kiranas are cramped spaces that can just about fit a king-size bed but are chock-full of sacks of rice, lentils and dried

chili peppers. Their floor-to-ceiling shelves are stacked with toothpaste and cooking oil, and their shopfronts festooned with colorful bags of potato

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chips, tiny sachets of shampoo and pickles. With their personalized service, the stores usually offer door-step delivery and interest-free credit.

GGV, which has focused almost exclusively on China and the U.S. for two decades, is bullish about India. "We are seeing the same movie played out a little differently in emerging economies," said Tung. "India can be very big over the next 10 years." As much as 20 per cent of the \$1.9 billion fund raised by the VC firm last year will be allocated to India as well as Southeast Asia.

India has the market size and talent pool to make things happen and now investors are lining up with capital, said

Foo. GGV Capital will write \$5-10 million in checks in the case of very early-stage entrepreneurs and \$50 million checks for later-stage startups, he said.

The firm has built an investment strategy around kiranas based on the premise it's better to play with a model that already exists rather than building new supply chains that could take as long as a decade to materialize. GGV's first such investment amounting "to tens of millions of dollars" is in Udaan, a Bangalore-based B2B marketplace



for small businesses, the partners said. More recently, GGV has put money in Khatabook, a mobile app that's a digital version of the bahi khata, or the hand-written ledger that owners of tiny businesses traditionally use to keep track of daily accounts. It's an earlier-stage bet so the investment is "lower", Tung said.

Large global investors like Tiger Global Management, Lightspeed Venture Partners and even consumer giant Unilever's investing arm are backing technology startups that serve kiranas but GGV Capital is the first to crystallize a proposition that goes beyond India to include the neighborhood-store equivalents of kiranas in Indonesia, Vietnam and Latin America.



We visit Gandhi yet again, not just to understand why he is known as the father of the nation or as a symbol of greater good, but to know how human he was. We shall not be looking, for once, at how great he was but how he was like us, just another normal person. We look back at the man in the crowd, the similarities we shared, his beliefs and ideologies that made him known to us as the man he is. Who was Gandhi to himself? We try to understand him by going through several anecdotes and revisiting his autobiography 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth'

THE LASTING LEGACY

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Gandhi was a philosopher and his perspective of the world were way ahead of his time in more ways than one. Gandhi never deemed himself to be a man of worth, but what mattered to him was his meagre bits and attempts toward making a change in the world just because he refused to be the man, for whom injustice was normal.

He was just another man in the crowd who was reaching out to his purpose in life. A man who just like us, dealt with an incredible amount of uncertainties in the path he chose. A man who would turn into the most adamant person in the room once he'd find an anchor to base his faith on. But the 'half-naked fakir', as he was called, found his solace in his quest for truth.

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Gandhi could never truly accept his 'Mahatma' status

bestowed upon him. “Often the title has deeply pained me,” he said. We all have our moments when we are hard on ourselves and Gandhi was no different. “If anything that I write in these pages should strike the reader as being touched with pride, then he must take it that there is something wrong with my quest and that my glimpses are no more than a mirage. Let hundreds like me perish but let truth prevail.”

In his book, there is a resounding sense of uncertainty, a 'what if' which we all deal with in our daily lives. And this sense of 'uncertainty' was key in making his book and his life an example. Every word he wrote or spoke reflected a sense of responsibility he had toward the people who looked up to him.

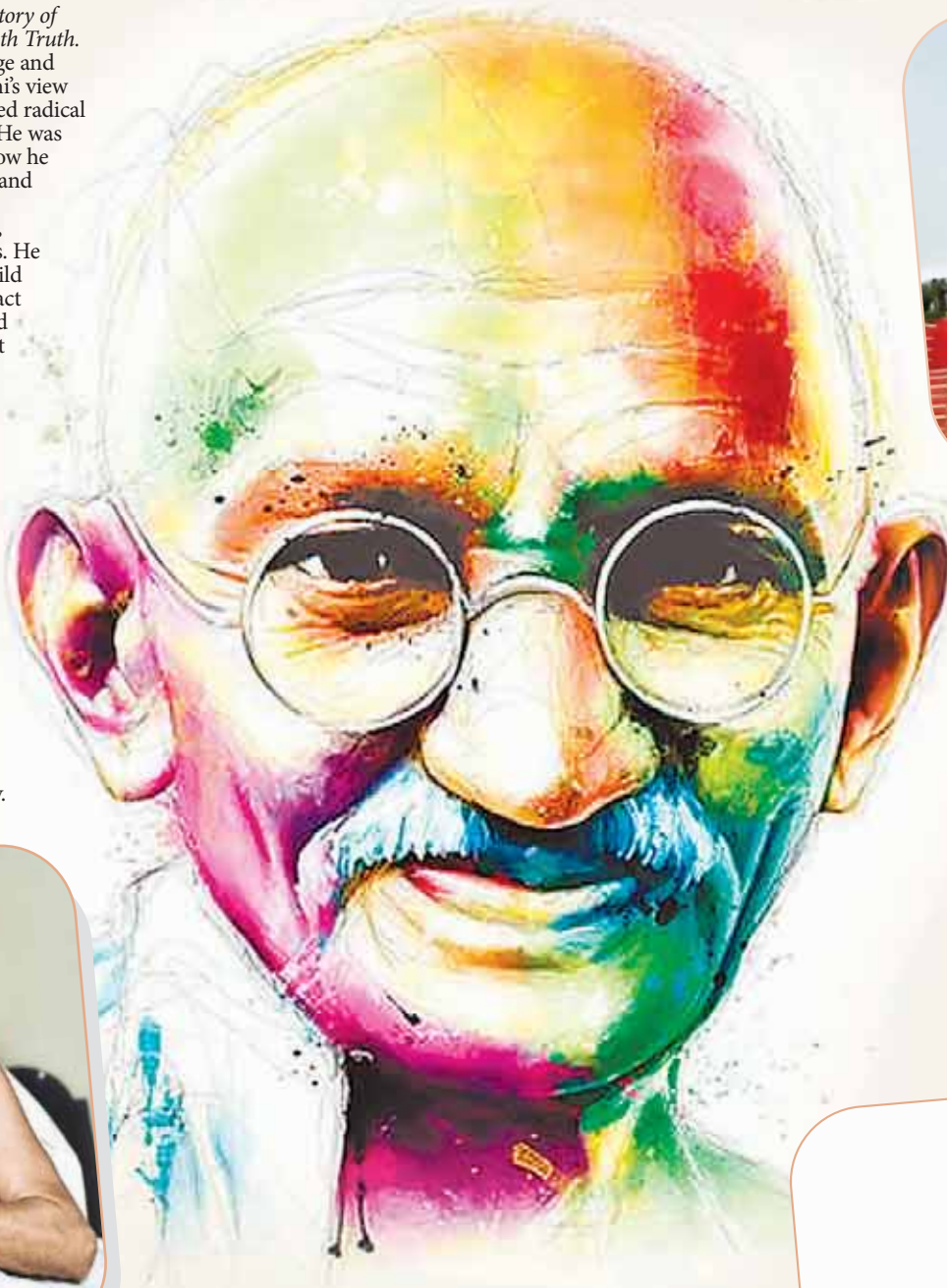
“Writing an autobiography is a practice peculiar to the west. I know of nobody in the East who has written one, except among those who have come under Western influence. And what will you write? Supposing you reject the things you hold as principles today or revise in the future the plans of today, is it not likely that the men who shape their conduct on the authority of your word, spoken or written, may be misled?”

This was the concern raised by Swami Anand to Gandhi regarding the latter's consideration towards writing an autobiography, finds pride of place in the very

first pages of *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*.

In terms of marriage and ceremonies, Gandhi's view was often considered radical just like any rebel. He was very vocal about how he considered such grand ceremonies a futile investment of time, effort and expenses. He was also against child marriage and the fact that he was married off by his parents at such an early age was something he regretted throughout his life.

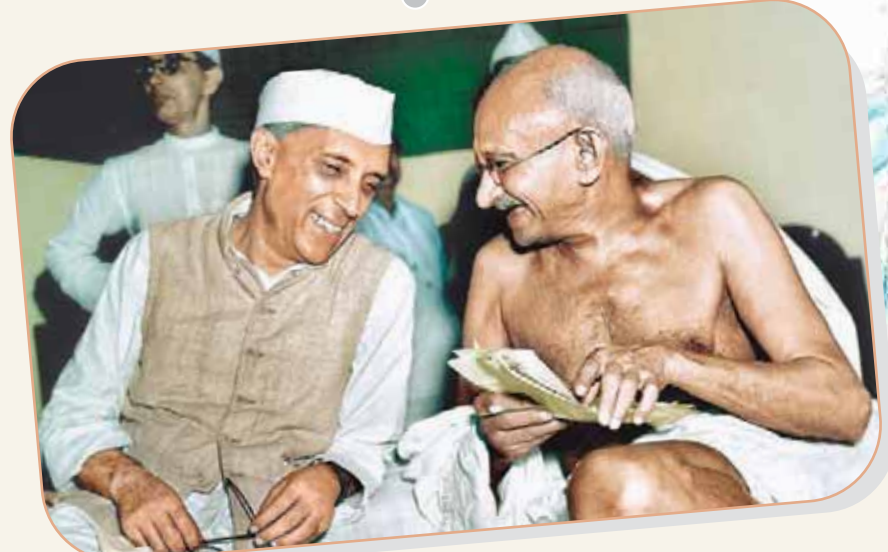
“It is my painful duty to have married at the age of thirteen. I can see no moral argument in such a preposterously early marriage,” he says. But nevertheless his relationship with Kasturbha, still remains one of the most iconic relationships in history.



Unique shrine for Gandhi

Building shrines for gods and goddess is a common sight in India, but there are a few shrines built for noble men and great leaders. Nalgonda district now has the distinction of one such unique shrine that is becoming quite popular. In a first-of-its-kind structure, Pedda Kapatthy village near Chityal town of Nalgonda district in Telangana is home to a Mahatma Gandhi temple which has been drawing attention from everywhere. The father of the nation is

worshiped here as god while devotees come here to seek blessings and offer prayers. Gandhi temple that was opened for public in September 2014, is being maintained by the Mahatma Charitable Trust. There are two priests here who offer prayers to the presiding deity, followed by special hymns written exclusively for Mahatma. The temple built on four and a half acres of land, with plans afoot to further develop the shrine complex with spiritual and peaceful attributes, also accommodates a meditation room.



When he graced Hyd during freedom struggle

The year 1929 was a big one for Hyderabad as it was when Mahatma Gandhi was received in Hyderabad railway station by the founder of the Vivek Vardhini Educational Society, Waman Ramachandra Naik. Mahatma had graced the city with his visit to raise funds for the freedom struggle and ended up raising Rs 15,000 in donations. Gandhi had said, “In order to run the freedom movement successfully, I have come here to receive donations. You have to cooperate with me to

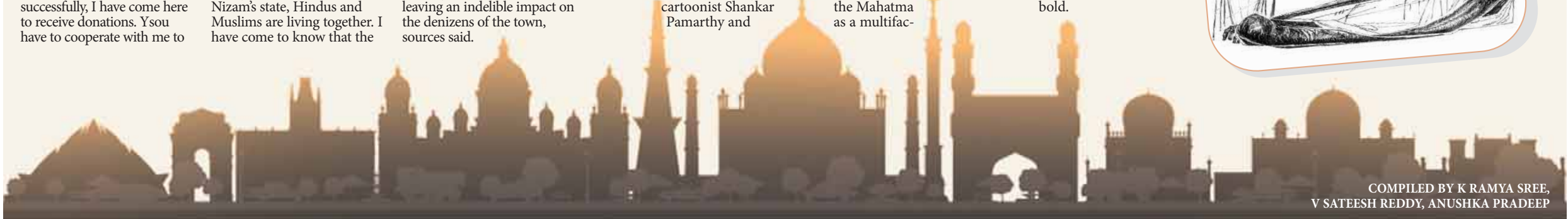
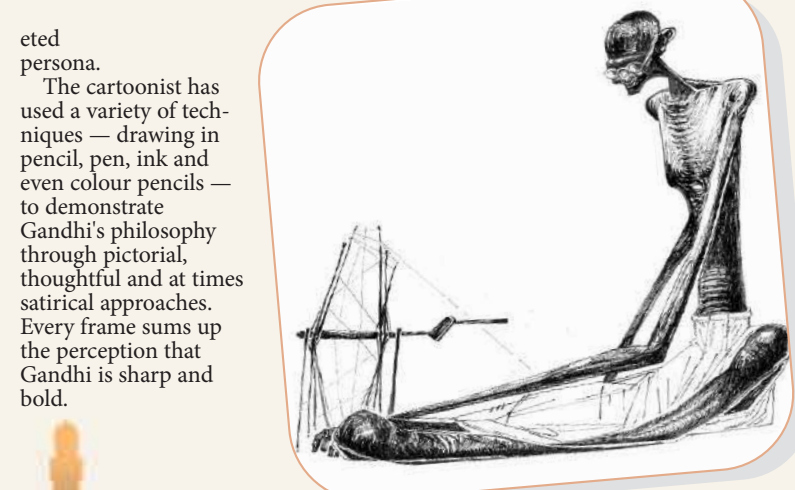
reach our goal.” A hotbed of Telangana movement in the early 1940s, the Vivek Vardhini Educational Society also played a big role in the national freedom struggle. Many leaders, including Mahatma Gandhi, visited the school in the decades leading up to the erstwhile Hyderabad state's 1948 merger with the Indian Union. Praising the communal harmony under Nizam's rule, Gandhi had said, “I am very happy to know that in the Nizam's state, Hindus and Muslims are living together. I have come to know that the

Nizam has taken steps in banning cow slaughter. The British government has created differences among the Hindu and the Muslims.” Khammam also etched its name in the freedom movement when Gandhiji visited the town on February 5, 1946. He reportedly addressed a meeting near the railway station a little later on the same day spreading the message of non-violence and Swadeshi movement as a means to achieve independence for the country from the British rule, leaving an indelible impact on the denizens of the town, sources said.

Sketching through the Mahatma's life

Paintings have always been an apt way of portraying the lives of great leaders. In the run up to Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, cartoonist Shankar Pamarthy held an exhibition of his drawings and sketches exploring Mahatma as a yogi, philosopher, leader and common man. Mahatma Gandhi is known as someone who gave up all worldly belongings to fight for the freedom of our country. To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of the father of our nation, Kalakriti Art Gallery is presenting sketches titled Mahatma 150 by cartoonist Shankar Pamarthy and

curated by Ruchi Sharma. Gandhi is a favourite subject for many artists. To name a few Nandalal Bose, K Adimoolam, Gopi Gajwani, Haku Shah, Micky Patel and many others have rendered the image of Gandhi in their individualistic styles. And on this occasion of 150 years of Gandhi, the nation is paying homage to the most lovable Indian leader. The show is a selection of over 40 sketches where Gandhi is envisioned as a yogi, a philosopher, a triumphant leader and a common man. Each pose evokes its own aesthetic quality without losing the essence of the Mahatma as a multifac-



PARTY

WELCOME BASH

Hamstech welcomed its new batch of creative minds with Hamstech Freshers' Party 2019 recently where budding artists got a chance to showcase their talents to seniors and teachers through various exciting activities. The event was held at N Convention, Madhapur.

Students pose for a photograph at the welcome event.

CITY GUIDE

» COMEDY

FUNNY BUZZNESS

● Funny Buzzness is a well known comedy gig series by Buzz Kya Entertainment and has been instrumental in bringing up artists like — Amit Tandon, Sorabh Pant, Sumukhi Suresh and Naveen Richards. October 20 at 6 pm HICC.

BAS KAR BASSI

● This is a show where comedian Anubhav Singh Bassi will tell you an honest story about his career choices and lifestyle. 'Bas Kar Bassi' is what he said to himself when he was fired from his last job. The show will be held till October 16 at Kulapati Munshi Sadan, King Koti, Basheer Bagh.

» THEATRE

PICHLI IKKIS SAAL

● Udaan Performing Arts Presents its 43rd theatre production 'Pichle Ikkis Saal', Originally written by Dharmakirti Sumant (Pune) Translation, Design & Direction by Saurabh Gharipunkar. Today at 8 pm

PISINARI / MANCHAM MEEDA MANISHI

● Samahaara Workshop Productions is coming up with two plays on October 4 and 5 titled Pisinari and Mancham meeda Manishi. Pisinari is written by Moliere and translated into Telugu by Vinayamani. While Mancham meeda Govindam is a satire written by Appalachari. Both plays will be held at Lamakaan, Banjara Hills.

BAAGH

● Baagh, a play written by Badal Sircar and directed by Malyaban Lahiri has friendship and relationships at its core. The play revolves around repressed pain, relationships, and structures that we adhere to. Today at 8 pm, Phoenix Arena

MAHABHARATA - THE EPIC TALE

● All history and mythology is based on cause and effect. Mahabharata - The Epic Tale... in-depth deals with the primary emotional and psychological causes that were the genesis of this destructive war. The planet has witnessed destruction based on the whims of a few people. Till October 6, multiple venues

» ART AND CULTURE

INDIAN PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

● The fifth edition of the Indian Photography Festival will be held till October 20 at various locations in Hyderabad. IPF is an international photography festival which showcases various events, including talks, discussions and more.

» EXHIBITION

EMERGING PALETTES

● A group art exhibition, a platform for emerging artists to display their work, has organised its 11th edition in collaboration with Goethe-Zentrum. The event will be held till October 6 at Shrishti Art Gallery, Jubilee Hills.

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FUN TIME

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- Motorist
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The challenge was to keep it grand, yet real: SURENDER REDDY ON SYE RAA...

In a freewheeling conversation with NAGARAJ GOUD, Surrender Reddy shares info about his research for the movie that helped him get ready with the script within a month



After Surrender Reddy accepted Ram Charan's proposal to direct Megastar Chiranjeevi for his 151st film, the director began working on a signature stylish action-entertainer. However, days after Chiru's comeback film *Khaidi No 150* released and its enormous success meant the Megastar wanted to revive his dream project *Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy*, the story of which was with him for the past 12 years. While Reddy jumped at the offer after a couple of weeks, he wanted to give the story his own spin-different to what was penned by veteran scenarists Paruchuri Brothers. "My research helped me to get ready with the bound script within a month. Narasimha Reddy was labeled as a bandit and a thief in the gazettes of British. There was also a mention of 9,000 people helping him in his cause for freedom and that he was prepared for death. Why would a bandit attract so many people if it wasn't for a noble cause, right? As I dug deeper, I came to know that his 250 associates were jailed in different parts of the country. The material inspired me. Unlike other freedom fighters like Jhansi Lakshmi Bai and Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Narasimha Reddy didn't command an army to rebel against British. He inspired people to come along with him and he is different in that sense," the director exults. The next stop for Surrender was to get the approval of Paruchuri Venkateswara Rao, who liked it. Later, Chiru

was narrated. "He was shocked that we completed the script within a month. I gave him a two-hour narration and in appreciation, he embraced me. The project kick-started from there and the pre-visualization alone took six months of time," the director recalls.

Set to open in multiple languages today, the costume drama also features Kichcha Sudeep, Vijay Sethupathi, Jagapathi Babu, Nayantara and Tamannaah in other key roles, while Indian superstar Amitabh Bachchan will be seen in a cameo. With so many characters, how difficult was to spin a cohesive story that did justice to their talent and not slacken the pace for even a minute? "All the characters including Narasimha Reddy's mother and wife fight for freedom. Sudeepa plays Avuku Raja, the most important supporting role. He is a king who joins Narasimha Reddy in his quest for freedom. Back then, the region from Bellary to Chennai was dubbed as Dattha Mandalam. Raja Pandi, a Tamilian (played by Sethupathi) comes to know about Narasimha Reddy and tries to do his bit. In a regular commercial film, the supporting characters roles might be chopped at the editing table to highlight the main lead. As our film is the story of a freedom fighter, it was told as it was supposed to be," he asserts.

The massive budget-close to the tune of Rs 300 crore-was least of Surrender's concerns. "Budget never made me nervous as it never crossed my mind. Rather, Charan never made me worry over it. The difficult task was to shoot with all stars by creating a comfortable atmosphere. Turns out, they were very sweet, accommodative and reported to sets whenever I wanted," he informs, adding that the biggest challenge that he had to confront was to strike a fine balance between keeping the film grand yet real. "It was the toughest job of the lot. I gave my best. Plus, India was a wealthy country in the 18th century before British plundered it. I wanted to project that richness as well."

He cherishes working with Chiranjeevi, saying that his cre-

ative inputs to the story helped the film shape up better. "The greatest quality of him is that if he has any doubts, he would simply tell it to me and ask me to think. He would never impose his will. If I can convince him, it's okay. If he doesn't, we would sit with writers and reach a common ground," he adds.

The film has been in the making for over two years and justifying the delay, Surrender elucidates. "After we officially announced the film, it took us a year to go to sets. The pre-production had to be meticulous for a film of this magnitude. The two war episodes alone were shot for 125 days, while the rest of the portions were wrapped up in 100 days. To get the right shot with a character on a horse, we had to prep for three days. We would get only one hour to get the shot right with the horse. If we get it in that time period, it's good; else, we had to wait for the next day. Such instances were numerous. Moreover, every day on sets there would be close to thousand people and to assemble them daily is an easier said than done job. Despite the best of planning, at times things don't go your way."

Surrender isn't losing sleep over the running time of close to two hours and 50 minutes. Saaho, made on a budget of Rs 350 crore, was recently criticized heavily for its run time. When asked whether he felt the need to make his film a little crisp after Saaho, he pointed out, "It's a historical film and there is content we need to tell even if it exceeds the regular run time. If this was a commercial, maybe I would've trimmed down the length."

Part of his research for the film helped him discover many unsung heroes, whose life story, he believes, hasn't been documented to that of other freedom heroes. "Taking *Sye Raa* as an inspiration, I hope other directors will bring the stories of many other heroes to life," he states, adding that next up, he wouldn't see himself associating with an epic like *Sye Raa*. "It's a big headache. It's tough to get such budgets in the first place. I'm lucky to have got a producer like Charan. If I get an offer on the similar lines next, I wouldn't be taking it up."



MAHESH on a short holiday

Superstar Mahesh Babu, who is known for his frequent trips abroad, has taken off to an undisclosed location along with his family for a small vacay. With his children getting Dussera holidays, the actor felt the need to take a small break. He isn't required for the current leg of filming of *Sarileru Neekevuru*, which is going on in



Hyderabad. However, it won't be all pleasure for the actor as we are told that he will be shooting for a commercial as well in foreign shores. He will be joining the sets of *Sarileru Neekevuru* on October 13.

Presently, director Anil Ravipudi is filming scenes on Prakash Raj who will be seen as a political leader Yeddula Nagendra in the film. We also hear that the makers have designed Vijaya Shanti's house set on a 30-acre farmland in the city outskirts. Adjacent to her house, a maize crop has also been raised artificially to give the film an authentic look.

A joint production venture between Dil Raju, Anil Sunkara and G Mahesh Babu Entertainment, the action-comedy, will fly into the cinema halls next Sankranti.

— NG

Ram makes Puri's b'day memorable

Ram, who has gifted an expensive coffee Kopi luwak to Puri Jagannadh earlier this February, has chosen to present another memorable gift to his director who celebrated his 53rd birthday last Saturday. Realizing his director's passion for music, the actor, who forged a great bond with the former on the sets of their first collaboration *iSmart* on the sets of their first collaboration *iSmart*, presented him French made Devialet Phantom Gold bluetooth speaker. The internationally renowned brand, known for superior audio delivering quality, easily costs around Rs 3 lakh in India including the stand and shipping charges. Puri's production partner Charmmee, taking to Twitter, noted that the director is pleased with the gift and is literally flying high.



RANA extends his stay in the US further

It's been more than two months since Rana Daggubati has been in the US, seeking treatment to kidney ailment. While he has denied being there over health issues, saying that he is in the US for a few weeks to research about his next and meet a few visual effects companies for special effects for one of my upcoming project, sources indicated otherwise. He was expected to touch down Hyderabad last month-end but it seems doctors who have been treating him asked him to extend his stay by another month. In a latest still of him promot-

ing a brand, it's evident, although he flashed a smile that he is not in the best of health.

With him not recovered completely, the waiting game for *Virata Parvam*, which Rana committed to, continues. Director Venu Udagula has shot a significant part of the film, which throws light on the Maoist movement in the '90s, specifically the moral dilemma that prevailed during that time, minus the Baahubali actor till now. The shoot was to resume sometime later this month but it seems the film will stare at another delay. Rana has to put on some weight before he starts filming.





DJ SHEIZWOOD, ANURADHA PAUDWAL RECREATE RAGHUPATI RAGHAV SONG

Padma Shri Anuradha Paudwal and deejay-composer DJ Sheizwood have collaborated to come up with a new recreation of the classic bhajan *Raghupati Raghav*. The song will be launched on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on Wednesday.

DJ Sheizwood has recreated the melody of the song through a symphony of flute, santoor, guitar and drums, to connect with the youth and also enhance the impact of chanting.

"*Raghupati Raghav* is a devotional song loved by all. The bhajan goes on to affirm the presence of *Sita Ram*, showering praise on them,

and concluding this simple truth: God and Allah are your names/May God bestow wisdom on all. If the Father of the Nation didn't believe in diversification of caste and religion, then why should we! On his birthday let us not only revisit his *bhajan* but also follow what he preached," Sheizwood said.

Paudwal, who has rendered the song, said, "It was an honor to record such an iconic song and launch it on the birth anniversary of Gandhiji. I hope the audience likes it."

The song is released by Apeksha Music. "What better day than Gandhi Jayanti to remember Gandhi ji by revisiting his song on



AMANDA SEYFRIED TRANSFORMS INTO CHARACTER FOR INDIE FILM

Actress Amanda Seyfried was all-energy as she continued shooting for her new indie drama film *A Mouthful Of Air* here.

The *Mamma Mia!* star was spotted filming scenes with both a real baby and a prop doll, reports dailymail.co.uk.

In between takes, she was seen talking to first time director Amy Koppelman and even kissing a puppy as her colleagues laughed. The *Mean Girls* actress flaunted her taut midriff in a white tee worn under a checked shirt and a denim jacket. She also wore a pair of washed out baggy jeans with rolled up bottoms and a pair of wedge heels.

A Mouthful Of Air is adapted from the novel of the same name by

Koppelman, who wrote the adapted screenplay and is also directing.



SANJAY BAGS AWARD FOR MOST INSPIRING INDIAN BOLLYWOOD ACTOR IN UK

Sanjay Kapoor has been in the industry for as long as three decades, and the actor has been a part of some of the best films in the past. The actor has been recognised for all the performances he has put together, and in fact, he is also relatively popular, which includes his performance in the last web series that co-starred Manisha Koirala. And for that, the actor also received an award for his performance, for which he travelled to Norway last year.

And now, he has received an award at the House of Common Parliament of the United Kingdom, for being the Most Inspiring Indian Bollywood Actor. About that, the actor said, "Every actor feels great while getting an award and when you receive awards after 25 years of being around, it's reassuring that people still love you and like your work. Last year, in September, I got an award for web series in Oslo. Now, exactly a year later, I'll be receiving an award in the UK for all the work that I have done as an actor."

He added, "It particularly recognises my work in the last two years, starting from Dil Sambhal Ja Zara, to the web series and my recent Bollywood release *Mission Mangal*. The web series has recently been nominated at the Emmys, which feels great. I've always believed that sometimes, a 30-minute short film can do wonders to your career. The kind of platform the series gave me was heartwarming."



JUSTIN BIEBER, BALDWIN GET MARRIED PUBLICLY

Singer Justin Bieber and model Hailey Baldwin are married again. The couple who secretly tied the knot last year, exchanged vows again in a larger ceremony in front of family and friends on Monday, reports people.com.

The ceremony was held at the Montage Palmetto Bluff in South Carolina by the May River.

Bieber and Baldwin said their 'I Do's' in front of 154 guests — including models Kendall Jenner, Camila Morrone and Joan Smalls.

Even Bieber's ex-girlfriend Caitlin Beadles was also present at the wedding.

She documented the festivities on her Instagram story, which show her raving over "gluten-free" cornbread at what appears to be the couple's rehearsal dinner.

Just before the wedding, the *Sorry* hitmaker took to Instagram and shared a photo of a new Audemars Piguet watch he'd apparently splurged on.

"Got myself a lil wedding gift," he captioned the image.



AISHWARYA TO LEND VOICE FOR DISNEY'S MALEFICENT

Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan will lend her voice for Hollywood star Angelina Jolie's character in Disney's *Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil* in Hindi. The central character Maleficent is voiced by Jolie in the original version of the much awaited sequel *Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil*, which is a tale of good versus evil.

Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil sees Maleficent and her goddaughter Aurora begin to question the complex family ties that bind

them as they are pulled in different directions by impending nuptials, unexpected allies and dark new forces at play.

"Looking at how Angelina Jolie fits *Maleficent's* role down to the letter, it was hard to imagine anyone else essaying the character other than Aishwarya Rai Bachchan for our local audience. We wanted to build a strong connect and bring her character to life in Hindi and felt Aishwarya's persona, which is filled with elegance and poise would be a perfect

blend," said Bikram Duggal, Head — Studio Entertainment, Disney India.

Jolie reprises her iconic role as *Maleficent* in the follow-up to the 2014 film.

Maleficent: Mistress Of Evil releases in English and Hindi in theatres across India on October 18.

Door is always open

Unbeaten in top flight Conte's new Inter travel Camp Nou to face Messi & Co



Barcelona vs Inter Milan
Live from 12:30am IST
SONY TEN 2 NETWORK

Antoine Griezmann hugs Lionel Messi after scoring against Valencia in La Liga FCB/Twitter

contrasted sharply with their domestic form. Conte — reportedly the highest-paid coach in Italy with a salary of 10 million euros (USD 10.8m) a year — believes his side are flourishing because he simplifies the game.

"I am a coach who always gives a precise idea of football to his team. I seem to set the trend in tactics," said the former Chelsea and Juventus coach. "My football has always been organised, we have an idea and work hard on a range of scenarios."

"All our performances this season have shown quality and organisation, but mentality makes the difference in getting out of tricky situations."

Helenio Herrera was the last man to lead Inter to win six straight matches from the start of a league season back in 1966-1967, the three-time

time in 53 years at the weekend with a 3-1 win at Sampdoria that came despite having to play most of the second half a man down. They are two points ahead of fierce rivals Juventus as they await a top-of-the-table clash at the San Siro on Sunday.

Meanwhile Inter head for Catalonia today off the back of a shaky start in Group F, a 1-1 draw against Slavia Prague salvaged late after a below-par performance that

having also established them as a continental force with European Cup wins in 1964 and 1965.

Conte is bidding to claim the club's first league title since 2010, the year they won an historic treble under rival coach Jose Mourinho.

"We must now press the reset button, focus on Barcelona at Camp Nou," insisted Conte, whose last trip to Barcelona with

he took over after a rollercoaster two years under predecessor Luciano Spalletti — who brought Inter back to the Champions League on the final day of each of the last two seasons — bringing in 11 newcomers in the summer.

Former captain Mauro Icardi moved on loan to Paris Saint-Germain amid a protracted contract wrangle which overshadowed last season.

Belgian forward Romelu Lukaku joined from Manchester United along with midfielder Alexis Sanchez, with young midfielders Stefano Sensi and Nicolò Barella also arriving at the San Siro.

The busy transfer window seems to have paid off with Lukaku and Sensi both bagging three league goals and Barella grabbing the late equaliser against Slavia Prague.

Sanchez then scored on his debut against Sampdoria at the weekend, before being sent off for diving.

"At the age of 26, I want a coach like this, who helps me every day and gives me motivation," said Lukaku of Conte.

But it is still early days for Conte's bid to topple his former club Juve, where he spent the bulk of his footballing career.

The former Italy midfielder won 13 trophies in as many years in Turin, including five Serie A titles and their last Champions League in 1996.

He returned to coach the club in 2011, and won the first three Serie A titles in their



Jadon Sancho in action against Barcelona AFP

Dortmund expect to lose Sancho

AFP ■ DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund expect to lose England winger Jadon Sancho to a Premier League club with both Manchester United and City reportedly tracking the teenager, director of sport Michael Zorc has admitted.

After turning down a new Manchester City contract to join Dortmund in August 2017, Sancho, still only 19, made his England debut last October on the back of stunning performances for the German club.

He has scored 18 goals with 29 assists in 64 games for Dortmund who in the current market can expect around 100 million euros (\$109 million) for Sancho having paid eight million pounds for him after he signed a five-year deal until June 2022. According to the British media, United and ex-club City are monitoring him.

Sancho has made a great start to the season with four goals and six assists in nine games and Dortmund have reportedly doubled his salary to six million euros per year.

Many fans, however, do not expect the club to hold onto the fleet-footed winger for much longer and Zorc agrees that "the really top clubs" are "not blind".

"You don't have to be a prophet to say that Jadon will certainly not be playing here for another five years," said the Dortmund boss ahead of today's Champions League game away to Slavia Prague.

current run of eight before going on to coach the Italian national team.

However Conte's thrilling start is no guarantee of Inter's first league title in nine years: Rudi Garcia led Roma to a Serie A record 10 straight wins in the 2013/2014 season but missed out to Juve, as did Napoli two seasons ago after a run of seven wins on the bounce.

SINGLES

IPL AUCTION IN KOLKATA ON DEC 19

NEW DELHI: The players' auction for the next Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held at Kolkata for the first time, on December 19. The trading window that is currently open will close on November 14. The franchises are originally allotted Rs 85 crore to build their teams for 2020. Every franchise will also have an additional purse of Rs three crore in addition to the balance in their kitty from the last auction. This year's auction is the last one before the franchises disband next year and prepare to assemble fresh squads from 2021 at a mega auction.

SANGAKKARA TAKES CHARGE OF MCC

LONDON: Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara on Tuesday took over as the first non-British President of the historic Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). The former Sri Lankan wicketkeeper-batsman will hold the post for one year. "I am thrilled to hold the prestigious position of MCC President and I look forward to working hard with the MCC to build on this incredible year of cricket," Sangakkara said in a statement. His tenure as MCC President will encompass two England Tests against West Indies and Pakistan, ODI against Australia and the launch of The Hundred competition.

DE VILLIERS TO PLAY FOR BRISBANE HEAT

SYDNEY: South African great AB de Villiers will make his debut in Australia's Twenty20 Big Bash League during the 2019-20 season after signing with Brisbane Heat, the team announced on Tuesday. The 35-year-old prolific batsman will join the Heat for the second half of the eight-team competition that runs from December to February. He said the decision to join the Heat from January was an easy one to make. "They play the kind of brand that I want to be associated with. It's quite aggressive, they go after the attack, and I'm looking forward to going to the Gabba," de Villiers said.

PELLEGRINI OUT FOR TWO MONTHS

MILAN: Italy international midfielder Lorenzo Pellegrini has been ruled out for two months after undergoing foot surgery, his Serie A club Roma said on Tuesday. "Pellegrini underwent a corrective procedure on the fifth metatarsal of his right foot," the club said in a statement. The surgery was successful and Pellegrini should "complete his recovery in around 60 days," it added. Pellegrini will miss Italy's Euro 2020 qualifier against Greece in Rome on October 12, when the Azzurri could seal their spot in next year's continental tournament.

JR SHUTTLERS SEAL 3RD CONSECUTIVE WIN

KAZAN: Mainsam Meiraba Luwang and Tasnim Mir on Tuesday led India to an impressive 4-1 victory over Australia in their Group E clash of the BWF World Jr Mixed Team C'ships. In the opening match, Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar continued their good form, overcoming Jack Yu and Kaitlyn Ea 21-17, 20-22, 21-11 to give India first point of the day. Meiraba then crushed Rio Agustino 21-17, 21-11 to secure India's second point. In the girls' singles, Tasnim Mir easy 21-11, 21-15 victory over Angela Yu give India an unassailable 3-0 lead. Manjit Singh Khwairakpam and Dingku Singh Konthoujam then made a comeback in the second game to see off Ricky Tang and De Zhao 17-21, 21-8, 21-14. The sole setback came in the last match when Aditi Bhatt & Tanisha Crasto lost to Victoria He & Angela Yu 17-21, 21-18, 15-21 in women's doubles. AGENCIES

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Antonio Conte has returned to Italian football in style with Inter Milan flying high under his back-to-basics guidance, ahead of a Champions League trip to Barcelona that will test the Serie A leaders' continental credentials.

Conte's side stretched their perfect league start to six wins from six for the first



Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang celebrates after scoring AFP

Honours even at Old Trafford

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's second-half strike, awarded by VAR, denied Manchester United a much-needed win to kickstart their season as Arsenal emerged from Old Trafford with a 1-1 draw on Monday.

Scott McTominay's stunning strike to give United the lead was a rare moment of quality in a poor first-half.

However, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's men could not hold out for all three points as Aubameyang's goal just before the hour mark was allowed to stand despite the Gabon international being initially flagged offside.

United have now won just two of their last 12 Premier League games dating back to last season and sit 12 points adrift of leaders Liverpool just seven games into the campaign.

A point is enough to edge Arsenal back into the top four on goal difference and



India register 4th win in Belgium

PTI ■ ANTWERP

The Indian men's hockey team eked out a fighting 2-1 win over reigning World and European champions Belgium to register their fourth consecutive win of the tour here on Tuesday.

Amit Rohidas (10th minute) and Simranjeet Singh (52nd) scored for world No 5 India.

Belgium's lone goal came from the stick of captain Felix Denayer in the 33rd minute.

India started the game on an attacking note and earned a penalty corner in the 10th minute, which was duly converted by Rohidas to give his side the lead.

World No 2 Belgium, however, did not sit back and tried to counter the Indian attacks.

But some last-ditch defending from the Indians coupled with some fine saves by experienced goalkeepers helped the visitors to maintain one goal lead till the half.

Belgium showed their quality in the opening minutes of the third quarter as they secured another penalty corner in the 33rd minute



Indian player battles for possession against Belgium HockeyIndia/Twitter

and Denayer scored with stunning drag-flick to level the scores.

Thereafter, both the teams seemed focused on not giving away possession cheaply.

India were happy to sit back and wait for their opportunity and the tactic bore fruit in the 52nd minute when they scored a well-constructed team goal in the 52nd minute through Simranjeet.

Down by a goal, Belgium attacked in numbers in the dying stages of the match but the Indians came up with some resolute defending to secure their fourth consecutive win of the tour.

Murray going 'in right direction'

FP ■ BEIJING

Andy Murray said his return to tennis is going "in the right direction" after the former number one claimed his biggest scalp on Tuesday since career-saving hip surgery.

The Briton defeated US Open semi-finalist Matteo Berrettini 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (9/7) in just over two hours at the China Open in smoggy Beijing.

Murray meets compatriot Cameron Norrie in the last 16 after a gutsy victory over the 13th-ranked Italian.

The three-time Grand Slam winner, said he had made big strides since the first singles match of his return, a defeat at the Cincinnati Masters in mid-August.

Last week in Zhuhai he won his first ATP singles match since January's major operation.

"I didn't really feel like I was playing at a great level," he said of his match against Richard Gasquet in Cincinnati.

"Whereas even last week (in Zhuhai), although I lost in the second round, I felt like I was playing tour-level tennis."

"I think things are going in the right direction," added Murray. Also in the men's draw, Felix Auger Aliassime set up a mouth-



Andy Murray in action during China Open ATP

watering clash with second seed Alexander Zverev of Germany.

The 19-year-old Canadian, rated one of the finest young talents in tennis, beat Albert Ramos Vinolas 6-3, 6-4.

Top seed Dominic Thiem defeated Richard Gasquet, 6-4, 6-1.

On the women's side, world number one Ashleigh Barty, reigning champion Caroline Wozniacki and Naomi Osaka all comfortably reached the last 16.

Barty, troubled by a calf problem last week in Wuhan, said she felt no ill effects in a 6-4, 6-2 win over Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva.

The 21-year-old Japanese Osaka ruthlessly blew away Germany's Andrea Petkovic, 6-2, 6-0, in just 59 minutes.

The Dane Wozniacki defeated Christina McHale of the United States, 6-4, 6-0.

Djoker returns with win



Novak Djokovic returns a shot during his opening round match at Japan Open ATP

AFP ■ TOKYO

Djokovic said it would be "a dream come true."

"It definitely is one of the greatest wishes, if I can say so, the Gold in the next season and the rest of my career," said Djokovic, a Bronze medal winner at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

"Hopefully I can get at least a step further in Tokyo. I still feel young in my body and my spirit as well. I still feel motivated to do great things on the court," he said.

Meanwhile, Djokovic was marking his 271st week as the world's number one, claiming the title of the third longest weeks in the top spot, and passing the record of American great Ivan Lendl.

The Serbian is now chasing Pete Sampras with 286 weeks, and Roger Federer with 310 weeks.

City boy Sujay brings trophy home

PNS ■ HYDERABAD



International Schools Sports Organisation (ISSO) conducted a Basketball tournament from Sep 24th till 28th where several schools across India participated. Our Hyderabad teams from Oakridge International School have won Under-17 Boys, Under-14 Boys and Under-14 Girls basketball championship this year. Sujay Kukatla, a 11th grade student from Oakridge took his team to victory in a nail-biting finish where he scored a layup

and two free throws in the final minute, amounting to a 4 point win over the opponent team - JPSI (Jaipur). An exhilarated Sujay says - "Basketball is my passion and I am glad India is picking up on the game briskly!!" His team mates Akhil Gadde, Teja Kanumuru, Antriksh Poogalia, Akshay Rupakula, Lakshman Peri, Manu Dondeti, Abhinav Vemuri, Shashank Vanga, Maurya Gutta, Rao Rithvik, Kesav Bobba along with the coach "Srinivas" have expressed their immense happiness over the hard fought victory after a

lot of practice back home. ISSO was formed with an initiative to develop and nurture across international schools affiliated to Cambridge, IB and other international boards and is an authorized body to organize and conduct sports events and competitions between International Schools in India and has over 30 international schools affiliated to the organization. ISSO Basketball is fast becoming the favorite sport for school and college youth. There is an increasing number of schools that are not just providing the



Hitman begins life as Test opener

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Limited overs phenomenon Rohit Sharma starts life as a Test opener but the embattled Rishabh Pant will not be there when India begins the experiment with the first match against South Africa here today.

At Pant's expense, Wriddhiman Saha will play his first international match in 22 months after India captain Virat Kohli confirmed that the Delhi keeper-batsman was being dropped from the first Test of India's home season. While India will be desperately hoping that Rohit replicates his limited overs success in the traditional format, the build-up to the experiment has not been ideal to say the least with the batsman failing to score in the only warm-up game before the series.

But it won't surprise many if the stylish opener scores a 'daddy hundred' here, like he is used to in the blue jersey.

Rohit is in the form of his life but could not be accommodated in the middle-order in the two Tests in the West Indies but now with K L Rahul dropped due to lack of runs, Rohit opening the innings could be a blessing in disguise for India.

In the net sessions ahead of the first Test, all eyes were on Rohit who seemed very much determined to make the most of the opportunity and improve his Test record.

In 27 Tests, he has made 1585 runs at 39.62 while he is the owner of more than 10,000 runs in limited overs cricket.

The captain also confirmed the availability of seasoned spinner Ravichandran Ashwin. Ashwin, who is yet to play international cricket since he injured himself during the Adelaide Test win last December, was not part of the Tests in the West Indies.

The rest of line-up looks settled with India fielding two pacers and as many spinners. If the wicket is turning, Hanuma Vihari will be expected to contribute as the third-spinner.

India are the overwhelming favourites against South Africa who have come here with a new-look squad. Only five players,



Rohit Sharma walks to bat at nets during India's practice session on the eve of first Test against South Africa

including skipper Faf du Plessis, were part of the squad that received a 3-0 hammering from India four years ago.

Not many are giving the Proteas a chance in the series, especially if the ball starts to turn. Aiden Markram and Temba

Bavuma were amongst the runs in the warm-up and that should give them confidence ahead of the game.

The pace trio of Kagiso Rabada, Vernon Philander and Lungi Ngidi can trouble the Indians, especially with prediction

of overcast skies and spells of rain on all five days of the game.

India, who are aiming to win a record-breaking 11th consecutive series at home, need to be wary of South Africa's potent pace attack comprising Rabada, Philander and Ngidi.



Saha in for Pant

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

Wriddhiman Saha will replace the struggling Rishabh Pant in the Indian line-up for the first Test, captain Virat Kohli announced here on Tuesday, calling the Bengal player the "best wicketkeeper" in the world.

The 34-year-old Saha was out of the team for a long time due to injury and came back into the side during the two-Test series in the West Indies. However, he did not get to play there and Pant kept wickets in both the games.

"Yes Saha is fit and fine to go. He is going to start the series for us. His keeping credentials are for

everyone to see. He has done well with the bat whenever he has got a chance," said Kohli on the eve of the first Test.

"It was unfortunate that he was out with an injury. According to me he is the best keeper he starts for us," he added.

The skipper said Saha is always going to be the first choice in the traditional format.

"...Saha was always the one we would back as a pure keeper in Test cricket. He has done well under pressure situations in the past for us, so it was just about finding the right opportunity and the moment to bring him back in."



Virat Kohli speaks during press conference ahead of 1st Test

Rohit will be given enough space to find his game: Kohli

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

India skipper Virat Kohli on Tuesday threw his weight behind Rohit Sharma, saying his promotion to the opening slot in Tests could end up making the line-up "more lethal" and the stylish batsman will be given enough "space" to find his game in red-ball cricket.

"...If he does that (succeeds in the opening role), then our batting order at the top becomes more lethal. It is difficult to have a player like that to not start every time," said Kohli on the eve of the first Test.

"...If he comes into his own then the whole batting order looks a completely different batting order anywhere in the world," added the skipper.

Asked if the management is thinking of giving Rohit at least five to six Tests, Kohli said: "We are not looking to rush him. There is a different pattern you follow in India and different abroad. Opening is a spot where you have to give a player space to understand his own game."

"He will be given space to find his game and come into his own."

The skipper said it would be great for the team if Rohit can play the role Virender Sehwag did in his prime while insisting that the team is not looking for any specific kind of approach from the stylish batsman.

"We are not looking at a certain kind of display of batting from Rohit. It is about him finding his game at the top. Yes, his strength is to take the game forward. Like what Viru bhai used to do for the team for a long period."

Kohli said whatever be the requirement, Rohit is experienced enough to improvise and deliver the goods for the team.

"He definitely has the ability. If the wicket is challenging and then obviously you won't see him smashing the ball, he knows what to do."

With the World Test Championship up for grabs, the skipper said Rohit succeeding at the top will help the team hugely.

"We have given people opportunities in the past. Mayank (Agarwal) came into the system, KL had been there for a while, (Murali) Vijay was there for a while. So there will always be room for people to come in because of their performances."

"But we feel because we have a Test championship to look forward to and Rohit's been in the Test set up for a long time it's about providing him the opportunity and find that template that he wants to in Test cricket," he said.

TEST ENCOUNTERS				
Venue	Tests	Ind	SA	Draw
In India	16	8	5	3
In SA	20	3	10	7
Total	36	11	15	10

HIGHEST INNINGS TO TAL		
Ind:	643-6 dec at Kolkata	2009-10
SA:	620-4 dec at Centurion	2010-11

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE		
Ind:	319 V Sehwag at Chennai	2007-08
SA:	253 H Amla at Nagpur	2009-10

BEST BOWLING (INNINGS)		
Ind:	7-66 R Ashwin at Nagpur	2015-16
SA:	8-64 L Klusener at Kolkata	1996-97

FAISEL FEATURES

TEAMS
India's playing XI: Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli (capt), Ajinkya Rahane, Hanuma Vihari, Wriddhiman Saha, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma.
South Africa: Faf du Plessis (capt), Temba Bavuma, Theunis de Bruyn, Quinton de Kock, Dean Elgar, Zubayr Hamza, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Vernon Philander, Dane Piedt, Kagiso Rabada, Rudi Seccord.

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

Du Plessis says he learnt his lessons from 2015 tour

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM



Faf du Plessis bats during nets session

South African captain Faf du Plessis has "learnt" his lessons from the disastrous tour of India four years ago and hopes the team's young members will emerge as improved cricketers after the current series.

South Africa had no answer to the spin duo of Ashwin and Jadeja, losing the four-match series 0-3. Du Plessis himself had a tough

time, scoring just 60 runs in seven innings.

"What Test cricket in general do to you is, if there is a flaw in your game, it exposes it. Obviously last time we came here as a batting unit and personally myself found it difficult in tough conditions. The fact is that I needed to get better from a defensive and technical point of view to adapt to play in tough conditions," Du Plessis said on the eve of the first Test. He is among the

five squad members who had toured in 2015. The other four are Kagiso Rabada, Dean Elgar, Temba Bavuma and Vernon Philander who played just one Test before getting injured.

"It was tough for everyone, but it was huge value for me. After that I started playing spin better. So I think all players have to go through tough times to make them better and understand where their potential weaknesses are. And then

either you can disappear or come back stronger."

The series against India will be South Africa's first in the World Test Championship. Following a disappointing World Cup campaign, the team is back on the road and also play England and Australia in the next six months. Du Plessis is looking forward to the challenge.

"It is a good time to be involved with a young team. A lot of senior players are out and leadership

group has changed completely. Time to grow new leaders, the next set of pacers, the next Hashim Amla. I am excited about that."

While they struggled against the spinners last time around and are expected to have a tough time again, du Plessis feels their number one spinner Keshav Maharaj can trouble the high-profile Indian batting.

"In the past teams visiting India used reverse swing and extra pace to their advantage. Last time here we felt the ball spun quite a bit and the spinner we have in Maharaj is as good as anyone in the world. He would just be much as a challenge for Indian batters, he concluded.

Lower back injury may keep Hardik out for long period

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's first-choice all-rounder Hardik Pandya is set to miss the upcoming T20 International series against Bangladesh since his acute lower-back injury has resurfaced and may force him out of action for a long period.

According to BCCI sources, Hardik will soon fly to the United Kingdom for an assessment of the injury, which was first sustained during the Asia Cup in Dubai last September.

The Baroda all-rounder is the second key member in the Indian team after premier speedster Jasprit Bumrah, who has been ruled out of the South Africa Test series due to stress fractures in his lower back.

"Hardik is also set to go the United Kingdom on Wednesday to consult the same doctor, who had treated him during the first injury post Asia Cup. He is certainly not playing the Bangladesh series but how long he will be out is still not clear. We will know after he comes



PTI ■ BENGALURU

Skipper Shreyas Iyer and Surya Kumar Yadav hit responsible fifties as defending champions Mumbai registered their first win in the Vijay Hazare Trophy after defeating Saurashtra by five wickets here.

After restricting Saurashtra to 245/9 in their Elite Group A match at the Alur cricket stadium III, Mumbai romped home with two overs to spare courtesy Iyer's gritty 75 and Surya's formidable unbeaten 85.

In the second Elite Group A game, Hyderabad defeated Karnataka by 21 runs to grab four points.

India discard Ambati Rayudu, held the fort for Hyderabad with an unbeaten 87 and later slow-left arm orthodox bowler B Sandeep grabbed four wickets.

DK STARS IN TAMIL WIN
JAIPUR: Skipper Dinesh Karthik starred with a superb

KARACHI: Satisfied with the security of the ongoing limited-overs tour of Pakistan, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Tuesday said they will take a call on playing the World Test Championship scheduled to be held here in December based on the availability of their senior players.
The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had initially invited SLC to play two Tests of the

Mumbai notch up first win



Tamil Nadu players return to pavilion after defeating Bengal in Vijay Hazare group C match in Jaipur on Tuesday

knock of 97 (62 balls, 8 fours, 4 sixes) as Tamil Nadu beat Bengal by 74 runs to notch up its fourth straight win in the Group C here.

Sent in to bat, Tamil Nadu

was in a spot of bother at 123 for 5 in the 37th over before recovering to finish with 286 for 7 in 50 overs, thanks to a splendid century sixth-wicket partnership between Karthik

and Shahrukh Khan (69 not out, 45 balls, 4 fours, 5 sixes).
In reply, Bengal was bowled out for 212 in 45.3 overs, thanks to a disciplined effort by the TN bowlers.

In other matches, Gujarat posted an easy seven-wicket win over Rajasthan and Services put it across Railways rather comfortably.

EASY WIN FOR C GARH

DEHRADUN: Left-arm spinner Gurinder Singh claimed three wickets as Chandigarh defeated Sikkim by four wickets in a rain-curtailed Plate Group match.

Gurinder returned with figures of 4-0-19-3 as Sikkim were restricted to a paltry 111 for four after electing to bat in the rain-hit match that was reduced to 21-overs-a-side affair.

In reply, Chandigarh were cruising at 65 for no loss in 61 balls before losing quick wickets to be reduced to 106 for six in the penultimate over.

Needing six runs from the last over, Gurinder hit a

Sindhu out of top 5 in rankings



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World champion P V Sindhu slipped a place to the sixth spot after a poor run in the last two weeks but former Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap continued his good run, breaking into the top 25 in the latest BWF ranking on Tuesday.

World Championship Gol medallist Sindhu, who made early exits at the China Open and Korea Open, dropped to world No 6 spot after five months and the former world No 2 shuttler will look to make amends at the Denmark Open and French Open.

Former world No 6, Kashyap was rewarded for his creditable semifinal finish at last week's Korea Open Super 500 event as he improved five places to reach the world No 25 spot.

"I am feeling good. I need to maintain fitness and keep working hard. May be, now top 20 by year end can be possible," Kashyap said.

Saina Nehwal remained static at world No 8 spot despite her opening round loss at Korea, where she had to battle a stomach ailment.

Among other Indians, Kidambi Srikanth, B Sai Praneeth and Sameer Verma improved a place each to occupy the world No 9, 12 and 17th spots respectively.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty remained at the 12th spot in men's doubles, while Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy, who had finished runners-up at Maldives, gained a spot to reach 19th.



ICC Test Championship in Karachi and Lahore but the Islanders instead opted to play a limited-overs series of three ODIs and as many Twenty20 matches.
The PCB has now invited the SLC to play matches of the ICC Test Championship in Pakistan in December.
"The security for this series has been top notch

we are playing the World Test Championship and if three or four players who are in the Test team refuse to come, we will then have to see and take a call," SLC President Shami de Silva told reporters.
Sri Lanka Sports Minister Harin Fernando and the top-level delegation of SLC including President de Silva and

Secretary Mohan de Silva are currently in Pakistan to assess the security for their team.
The Sports Minister said the Sri Lankan players who have travelled to Pakistan can vouch for the security.
"We have to respect their (the Lankan players, who refused to travel) decisions. But the players who have come on the

tour have played inside and out of national team and they could put pressure on the senior players," Fernando said.
"We initially wanted to play just three T20 matches in Pakistan but then we felt we need to support Pakistan more. We wanted to go ahead with the tour because the team has to move on," he added.