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NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

artillery shelling.

This was in retaliation

for the Pakistan Army's truce violation on Saturday night to push terrorists into India, in which two Indian soldiers

and one civilian had died

in the Tangdhar sector of

Kupwara district in the

Kashmir Valley. "According to reports

which we have received,

there has been heavy damage to the Pakistan Army and the terrorists

who were in these terror camps. At least six to 10

Pakistani soldiers died

and a similar number of

terrorists were also killed," said Army Chief

Gen. Bipin Rawat. He said

unconfirmed reports sug-

gest that the terrorists'

casualties were much

silence on the other side

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SHOPIAN, OCT. 20

SRINAGAR/BARAMULLA/

Narendra Modi govern-

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200 officials in the board

It will be reduced to 150 with 50 officers of direc-

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railways. This was long

overdue as it was felt

that too many people

were doing similar jobs and senior officials were

needed in zones to incre-

ase efficiency," said a

The plan would be implemented shortly, he

The move was part of

railway minister Piyush

Goyal's 100-day agenda

and a top priority for

present Railway Board chairman V.K. Yadav.

Restructuring of the

Railway Board was also

recommended by the Bibek Debroy Commi-

ttee on Railways in 2015.

- PTI More on Page 4

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said.

'Currently, there are

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There is a kind of radio

higher.

Rohit Sharma celebrates after scoring a double century during the second day of last Test between India and South Africa in Ranchi on Sunday. **Report on Page 14** — PTI

8,000-yr-old pearl, the world's oldest. found in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi: An 8,000-yearold pearl that archaeologists say is the world's oldest will be displayed in Abu Dhabi, according to authorities who said on Sunday it is proof the objects have been traded since Neolithic times. The natural pearl was found in the floor of a room discovered during excavations at Marawah Island, off the capital of the UAE, which revealed the earliest architecture found in the country. - AFP Full report on Page 11

UP murder: Yogi promises all help

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath on Sunday met here at his official residence the family members of slain Hindutva leader Kamlesh Tiwari and sought to assure them of all help and justice but failed to win the trust of the killed man's mother. – PTI

destroys 4 terror launchpads In a major counter-attack, the Indian Army early on Sunday morning killed at least six Pakistani soldiers and destroyed four terror launchpads along the Line of Control opposite the Tangdhar sector with heavy targeted

■ 6 Pak soldiers, many terrorists killed ■ 2 jawans, civilian die

Army hits back across LoC,

Houses and property damaged due to firing and shelling by Pakistan Army in Gundi Shath village in J&K

heavily damaged.

terror

attempts from different

sectors to infiltrate terror-ists. "We have been able

to destroy 4-5 terrorist

camps. Each such camp

has around 10-15 terror

ists in them. It is difficult

right now to give exact fig-

ures of how many terror-

ists have been killed,"

said a senior Army offi-

cer. He said the number of

Pakistani soldiers who

have been injured is much higher. However,

were repeated

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We have been able to destroy 4-5 terrorist camps. Each such

camp has around 10-15 terrorists in them.

— Gen. Bipin Rawat Army Chief

and we are not even able to pick up any mobile communications from across," said the Army Chief. He said at least three terrorist camps were completely destroyed and a fourth terrorist camp was also

the Indian Army firing. in the Tangdhar sector. "It was decided that we camps across. We had the coordinates of these camps, said Gen. Rawat. He said in the past one month,

Army initiated uation.

Pakistan Army spokespe-rson Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor in a statement said only one Pakistani soldier was killed and two soldiers were injured in The Indian Army, in a statement, said its artillery hit terror launchpads, Pakistan Army posts and Pakistani Pakistan gun positions along LoC

One civilian, Mohd Sadeeq, 55, was killed in Gundi Shath village in Tangdhar in the Pakistan Army firing. Also, three civilians from the same Mohd Maqbool, 70, Mohd Shafi, 50, and Yusuf Hamid, 22. "Last night Pak unprovoked ceasefire violation to assist infiltration by terrorists into Indian territories," said a senior Army officer. He said that the Indian Army retains the right to respond at a time and place of its choosing in case the Pakistan Army continues to assist terror activities across the Indian border. Defence minister Rajnath Singh also spoke to Gen. Rawat over the sit-

Haryana, Maha to vote today; BJP hopes high

Bypolls to 51 Assembly seats to be held across nation

Mumbai/Chandigarh, Oct. 20: Polling will be held on Monday to elect Maharashtra and Haryana assemblies with the BJP and its allies seeking to retain power in the two states on the back of the recent Lok Sabha polls victory, while the opposition is hoping to turn the tide by taking advantage of any anti-

incumbency. Bypolls will also be held to 51 Assembly seats and two Lok Sabha con-stituencies spread across 18 states.

18 states. In Maharashtra, where the "Mahayuti" alliance of BJP, Shiv Sena and smaller parties is against the "Maĥa-agadhi" led by the Congress and the NCP, a total of 8,98,39,600 people, including 4,28,43,635 women, are eliincluding gible to vote.

As many as 3,237 candidates, including 235 women, are contesting in 288 seats and 96,661 polling booths are in place with 6.5 lakh staff for the voting exercise.

The ruling BJP is locked in a contest with the Opposition Congress and the fledgling JJP for the

I dies, tension in Dibrugarh Mobs attack Hindi speakers in Assam, many houses burnt

MANOJ ANAND GUWAHATI, OCT, 20



Polls officials collect EVMs and other election materials at a distribution centre in Hisar on Sunday, the eve of the Haryana Assembly polls.

PAGE 3 Rapid change in favour of Cong, will form next govt in Haryana: Selja

in Maharashtra, while over 75,000 security per-sonnel have been mobilised in Haryana. 90 Assembly seats in Counting of votes will be Haryana which has over on October 24. The high-voltage elec-tioneering by the BJP saw participation of a galaxy 1.83 crore voters, includ-ing 85 lakh women and 252 transgenders, while 19,578 polling stations of leaders led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Cabinet colleagues Amit Shah and **Turn to Page 4**

have been set up. Polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm. Tight security arrangements have

EC to probe video 'threat' in Karnal by **BJP** nominee

been made with deploy-

ment of more than three

lakh personnel from state

police and central forces

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

The Election Commission on Sunday named for-Commission

J&K: Has the trust of 70 yrs gone? TROUBLE IN PARADISE-1

Otherwise, the reaction Perhaps the only set of people in the Kashmir Valley pleased with the journalist in the north Kashmir town of Baramulla: "We are back at 1947". (Identities have been kept secret to avoid

With Sheikh Abdullah marshalling popular opin-ion, in 1947 Kashmiris put their faith in secular India rather than Islamic Pakistan, although the latter continued to attract the allegiance of a small section since then. With

month elicits nothing but praise. A young woman lawyer said: "The Pakistan PM spoke about the crisis that hit us after August 5 — the jailing of thousands, the communications blackout. He is the

only one who spoke about us. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the other hand, spoke about In what has created tension and panic among north Kashmir

Full report on Page

Zubin Mehta leaves Israel Philharmonic

Jerusalem: Superstar conductor Zubin Mehta, 83, takes to the Tel Aviv stage on Sunday for his final performance as music director of the Israel Philharmonic, retiring after 50 years with the orchestra. — AFP Full report on Page 11



Why can't the EC change the poll timing... evening 6 pm to till the wee hours!





Vikari: Dakshinayana Tithi: Ashwayuja Bahula Saptami till 6.43 am, Ashtami till 5.24 am (Tuesday) Star: Punarvasu till 5.27 pm Varjyam: 5.37 am to 7.12 am, 1.09 am to 2.41 am (Tuesday) Durmuhurtam: 12.24 pm to 1.10 pm, 2.42 pm to 3.28 pm Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am SUNSET TODAY 5.46 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.25 AM MOONRISE TOMORROW 11.47 PM **MOONSET TODAY 1.02 AM** Islami, an influential religio-political outfit which believes in merging with Pakistan, and which is now expected to command greater attention than before.

And now they are asking whether the choice that they had made in 1947 needs to be revisited. "It has been an illusion," they say.

dire consequences.) the revocation of Article 370, this section has now come alive.

The speech of Pakistan PM Imran Khan at the UN General Assembly last

'shauchalya' (toilets) at the UN! He could have talked about peace, but didn't.'

A north
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A mountaineering team of 2nd Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army poses for a photograph with the tricolour after scaling Mount Trimukhi peak, situated at an altitude of 6422m, in Uttarkashi. – PTI

India halts registrations, no Kartarpur pact yet

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

In the absence of any agreement signed between India and Pakistan the on Kartrapur Corridor, the Indian government postponed the registration process of pilgrims for Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur, which was due to begin on Sunday. However, with

Pakistan adamant on charging a \$20 fee from pilgrims Kartarpur Sahib via the corridor, the Indian side is not keen to hurry in signing the pact. India



and Pakistan were to

are part of the negotiations are continuing to engage with the Pakistanis to convince them to remove the \$20 fee.

Sources close to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made it clear there was no question of Dr Singh attending the Kartarpur Corridor inauguration in Pakistan.

Sources said he will go as part of a jatha as a normal pilgrim. More on Page 4

Hindi-speaking people in Upper Assam's Dibrugarh district, a mob of more than 100 people belonging to Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK), a local organisation, attacked a village of milkmen and set their houses on fire. In the attack, one person was killed while six others been critically have injured. More than 20 people who are suspected to have fled to nearby forest areas to escape the assault, are still missing. The mob, armed with sticks and sharp weapons, set more than 20 houses on fire. While senior district

and police officers could not be contacted, the local police said the incident took place at Charkholia Ramsing Sapori village on Saturday.

Saying that the villagers were served extortion notices to pay amounts ranging from

notices to pay amounts ranging from ₹20K to ₹50K by Takam Mising Porin Kebang, a local organisation

served extortion

The villagers were

₹20,000 to ₹50,000 by TMPK, security sources said the attack took place as the villagers, who mostly earn a living selling milk, said they were unable to pay the extor-

The police said one Murli Yadav, who was critically injured, was shifted to the Assam College and Medical Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. Six others are reported to have been treated in different private hospitals, the sources said, pointing out that tension was escalating in the area for a few weeks.

The villagers had informed the police and submitted the demand notes issued on the letterhead Turn to Page 4

mer deputy election commissioner Vinod Zutshi as special observer for the Assembly polls in Assandh, in Karnal district of Haryana after a video went viral in the social media. The BJP candidate in Assandh is seen in the video threatening voters that they will know easily who had voted for them and who has

not through EVMs. "For a mistake of five seconds you will suffer for five years. We will come to know who voted for whom. Nobody should be in any kind of illusion. We deliberately do not say this, but if someone asks then I can also tell you who voted where because Modiji and Manohar Lal Khattar have very sharp eyes. Wherever you may vote, it will register with flower (lotus, the BJP sym-bol). Whichever but-ton you may press, the updet will go only the vote will go only to the BJP. We have fitted a chip in the electronic voting machines," said Mr Bakshish Singh Virk, the outgoing BJP MLA and the party's candidate from Assandh. The EC has not made it clear whether

London insists UK leaving EU on Oct. 31, despite delay plea extension, but refused to sign it. The Conservative London, Oct. 20: A defiant Late Saturday, UK PM British government dou-bled down on Sunday, Boris Johnson relucleader sent a second, signed letter insisting he tantly sent European insisting it would leave **Council chief Donald** the European Union in 11 was not seeking an exten-Tusk a letter legally days' time despite parliament forcing a reluctant

imposed on him by Parliament requesting an extension, but refused to sign it

prime minister to request another delay. In a day of high drama on Saturday, MPs in the

House of Commons passed up the chance to

decide on the revised withdrawal agreement that Prime Minister Boris

Johnson had negotiated

with the European Union.

Johnson under mounting

pressure to find a way out

of paralysing impasse on when and how Britain

That defeat leaves Mr

would leave the EU bloc after Britons narrowly voted to exit in a 2016 referendum.

Saturday, Mr Late Johnson reluctantly sent European Council president Donald Tusk a letter legally imposed on him by Parliament requesting an

sion to the Brexit deadline, which has already been postponed twice, warning that "a further extension would damage the interests of the UK and our EU partners". Having failed to back a divorce deal, which Mr Johnson had secured on

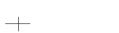
a law requiring him to write to EU leaders asking to delay Brexit, to avoid the risk that Britain crashes out in less than a t's time. — AFP More on Page 8 fortnight's time.

notice to Mr Virk for making such threats to voters and claims against the sanctity of EVMs. However, it said Mr Zutshi was appointed to keep an eye against harassment of voters and to ensure there was no fear over voting. Thursday, they triggered "Mr Zutshi has been requested to proceed

immediately to the constituency to take necessary corrective Turn to Page 4

it has issued any







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sign the pact on Saturday, that did not happen. It is learnt that the Indian officials who





Prabha Rao, fmr. Addl. Sec. Cabinet Secretariat. Gol

Economic growth will meet security concerns

ase of doing busi- ness, stresses Niti
 Aayog Chairman, Amitabh Kant, is vital here in India. The nation, he says, is home to the largest population of youth, a factor we could use to our advantage. India also needs to be a more vital cog in the global supply chain. "Over the last five

years, India has achieved sseveral of these goals. The nation has opened up vast sectors, FDI has grown significantly and new technology has entered the fray. India will grow on the back of this."

India is the only country with over a billion biometrics, accounts and mobiles, making the nation a powerhouse of data. "Every digitised financial transaction can be tracked with ease and GST has given this another boost."

All this has resulted in an ecosystem where the private sector can innovate. "There are 30,000 startups in India that span various sectors, from nutrition and health to education."

In December, the **United National Climate** Change Conference, will meet for the 25th time. "We have been talking about climate change, the science has confirmed it and now we're seeing manifestations on

FUTURE TENSE, IT WILL BE WAR OF TECHNOLOGIES NEXT'

THE ASIAN AGE

DARSHANA RAMDEV BENGALURU, OCT. 20

The turn of the 21st century has brought with it a new range of challenges and security con-cerns, many of which have not been imagined throughout the history of intelligence and defence. For once, the world has seen the rise of a new brand of leadership, dramatically different from the democrats and dictators who led nations through the 1900s.

The 21st century has seen the rise of radical Islamic terrorism and the advent of cyber secu-rity threats. Former National Security Adviser, M.K. Narayanan, who delivered the keynote address at the start of the three-day Synergia Conclave, apologized, at the outset, for turning into a "prophet of doom," for the world is chang-ing in ways that hadn't so far been imagined, making the future that much harder to predict. The Conclave, which took place on October 17, 18 and 19 here in Bengaluru, was arguably the foremost platform of its sort in the country, with an unparalleled gathering of intelligence, security and defense experts from around the world. The "premature death" of liberalism and com-

munism, says Narayanan, who has also served as the head of the Intelligence Bureau, beginning in the 1960s, has given rise to "leaders who practice a kind of personalised authoritarianism." Hitherto unforeseen innovations, in the hands of unpredictable leaders makes forecasting the future "rather difficult," he says. "Ideas and ideologies seem to be given short shrift and the vacuum is rapidly being filled by nationalism. How will this impact the future? That's purely a matter of conjecture but what is certain is that the future is likely to be startlingly different from the past.

Military strength and economic power are no longer the sole factors that dictate leadership, as IT, biotechnology, nanotechnology and cyber take on increasingly important roles, even as the threats of military conflict and nuclear war grow more unlikely, Narayanan says.

Space Wars



Former National Security Adviser, M.K. Narayanan and Niti Ayog Amitabh Kant at a conclave in

Military conflict might seem unlikely but that's no cause for complacence. "Space wars," says Narayanan, "have come to replace nuclear proliferation. Both China and India have joined the ities in outer space and testing Anti SAT satellites with lasers that can jam enemy signals and Russia is known to be experimenting with proximity operations, connected to an orbital outer space is a now a reality."

Terror

Bengaluru

fray with gusto, rapidly expanding their capabilweapons. "Countries are capable of building weapons programme. The weaponisation of

"Existing threats from previous centuries, like terrorism, are likely to continue," says Narayanan. "They will be clothed in new garb and asymmetric threats are said to grow. Non-state

actors will play a major role in these." Islamic terrorism, he says, is also unlikely to be halted any time soon. But the worst is yet to come."

Cyber Age

The leaps and bounds in technology should have made the world a better place. Instead, they have given rise to a hybrid system of warfare and security threats, "where the lines between the physical, digital and biological reams are being highly blurred." Technology, like big data, modern analytics, machine learning and quantum computing can do immense damage in the hands of an opponent, "one unrestrained by any notions of law or morality."

The monetary value of data, he points out, has surpassed that of fossil fuels and much of this data is "what we voluntarily share, including on

our innermost thoughts, desires and fears." Big data, he explains, is both an enemy and a friend. The internet, once seen as a great liberator, now precipitates cyber criminality, and has become a surveillance engine that induces users to trade

privacy for entertainment and distraction." Cyber attacks have grown more sophisticated too, targeting both operational and informational infrastructure.

Artificial Intelligence

"AI has the potential to solve the problem but it doesn't provide an all encompassing solution." Badly designed AI, believes Narayanan, can cause more harm than anything else. "Decision makers don't possess adequate knowledge of AI processes, as attackers tunnel effortlessly through digital networks, penetrating our defenses

AI-enabled warfare, he says, will be a game-changer and "an extremely dangerous cyber arms race is already on the anvil."

Quantum Computing

"The rise of quantum computers could be even more radical." Existing cryptographic algorithms can be broken in realistic time periods. These computers will also be able to produce "hyper realistic images," making veracity a scarce resource. "Passwords are easier to crack, even biometric devices that use fingerprints, facial recognition or retinal signatures can be bypassed.

Articifial Intelligence algorithms are dangerous also because they are opaque and as they learn on their own, "learning from bad data could wreak havoc.

Where, then does that leave the future of secu-rity? "The existential challenge," says Narayanan, "that the data age poses to society will be a matter of utmost concern as the century progresses. There is a need to innovate faster, fuse traditional human skills with technological innovations with a mindset that enables diversity and empowers the people.

China talks up tech prowess, takes a swipe at US on trade

Wuzhen (China), Oct. 20: China on Sunday said it aims to become a 'great power" in the online world and took a swipe at Washington on trade, kicking off its annual con-ference promoting the Communist Party's controlled and censored version of the Internet. US-China rivalry is increasingly playing out in the digital sphere, as Beijing pursues dominance in next-generation technology while Washington takes measures to



Trump great at a party... but unfit to be Prez: Uzi



the ground. But are we any closer to a solution," said Suresh Prabhu, India's Sherpa to the G20. "Do we have what it takes to deal with the emerging challenges?" **Representing nearly 80** percent of the world's GDP, the G20 could be pivotal in tackling issues that dog the world as a whole, from terrorism to climate change.



Gopal Hosur and Suresh Prabhu at the conclave in Bengaluru

ipple Chinese tech firms like Huawei.

China heavily monitors and censors its Internet, with US titans Facebook, Twitter and Google all hidden behind a so-called "Great Firewall" that also blocks politically sensitive content.

At the yearly World Internet Conference, held in the pictur-esque ancient canal town of Wuzhen since 2014, Chinese officials talked up the country's tech prowess. "We have become a cyberspace

power of 800 million netizens," the head of the Communist Party's propaganda department, Huang Kunming, said in a

keynote address. Huang added that in the future, China "will unceasingly expand the fruits of Internet development and forge ahead from a cyberspace 'big power' to a cyberspace 'great power'

The propaganda chief also denounced "cyber-hegemony and bullying" by other countries using language typically reserved for the United States — which he said were behind confrontation in the high-tech world.

The US is threatening crippling sanctions on Huawei, which is expected to be a leading player in the advent of ultra-fast 5G communications that will make many

A young woman walks next to a screen during the 6th World Internet Conference in Wuzhen town in the city of Tongxiang in Zhejiang province on Sunday. – AFP

new technologies possible.

"Some countries have placed restrictions on and suppressed other countries and companies, escalating uncertainty and even antagonism in cyberspace," Huang said, without naming the United States directly.

The US commerce department also earlier this month said it will blacklist 28 Chinese entities it says are implicated in rights violations and abuses in China's Xinjiang region, where an estimated one million mostly Muslim minorities are held in internment camps.

President Xi Jinping has previously sketched out plans for China to gain dominance — with heavy assistance from the government — in key future technologies by 2025, a strategy that has caused US alarm.

The conference has faced foreign criticism as an attempt to white-

wash the Communist Party's cyberspace controls in the name of "Internet sovereignty" rather than viewing the web as an open global resource.

In the past, the event has drawn leading US tech CEOs such as Apple's Tim Cook and Google's Sundar Pichai.

But with the US-China tensions simmering, this year's conference lacks any high-profile US figures. Silicon Valley has also been embroiled in recent efforts by Beijing to step up pressure on foreign companies deemed to be in support of Hong Kong's prodemocracy movement.

Earlier this month Apple removed an app criticised by mainland China for allowing Hong Kong protesters to track police, a move which sparked fierce criticism and accusations of bowing to China.

-AFP

FLY & FORGET: INDIA AIMS AT SMARTER UAVS

AKSHEEV THAKUR BENGALURU, OCT. 20

he recent drone attack on oil facilities in Saudi Arabia has put the spotlight on this new form of warfare and now it appears that India too is working on unmanned drones going on autonomous missions inside enemy territory. Speakers at a session on 'Future of combat-

innocuous drones and lethal standoff weapons' revealed the country's progress on using drones for combat during a three- day conference by the Synergia Foundation in the city on Saturday.



The audience learnt that the country has the capability of sending its Indian Air Force (IAF)

fighters accompanied by unmanned wingman flying in formation to destroy enemy targets.

Speaking of the solar powered high altitude pseudo satellite (HAPS) UAV, developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), squadron leader, Sameer Joshi, CEO, New Space Research, said, "HAPS fly at 20 plus kilometers in the stratosphere. They are a game changer. They could be used in Humanitarian Assistance **Disaster Relief (HADR)** operations as well."

The unmanned wingman developed by HAL with medium and small scale industries (MSME) playing their part, is connected to a fighter aircraft and is assigned speof losing a pilot.

cific tasks by the pilots through the data link. "We have demonstrated this to the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Pokhran. An unmanned wingman flies in a formation and is controlled by a fighter aircraft. It has capabilities similar to a fighter aircraft but is smaller. It flies upto the border and a fighter stays behind by about 50 to 100 kms on

whatever mission he is on," said group captain H.V. Thakur, experimental test pilot at the HAL, explaining that the drone has the advantage of flying deep inside enemy territory without the risk



Former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon (centre) with former advisor to Israeli PM Netanyahu and Krishnan Srinivasan former foreign secretary

DARSHANA RAMDEV

problems, unprecedented leaps in science play personalities that are described as and technology that have redefined the secu- "flawed," Arad remarks. landscape, blurring geographical ritv boundaries, revolutionising access to data Erdogan, Putin and Assad and surveillance, could prove either a boon or a destructive force unparalleled in the history of mankind. "It all boils down to intent," savs

Israeli strategist Uzi Arad, former National Security Adviser to the government of Israel, foreign policy advisor to PM of ISrael, Benjamin Netanvahu, has served in Mossad for over two decades. Once a loyal supporter however, is very much a factor in the game.' of Netanyahu, Arad has more recently emerged as one of his harshest critics. Advancements that could make or break the Anyone who can order the use of chemical world are now in the hands of "charismatic leaders who use authoritarian methods and copath!" Syria has witnessed one of the most populist measures" to secure their own power. brutal civil wars in history. In Israel, where

Problems are becoming bigger and more complicated, but the performance of the leaders who are supposed to address them has declined," said Arad. Populism has found them. A weapon of last resort, perhaps, if the immense support across the world but the ruling regime faced certain defeat? Or an advent of charismatic leaders - and their followers - has also led to the politicisation of certain administrative systems. "The politicisation of government procedures has placed greater reliance," says Arad, "On political positioning and posturing, at the expense of professionalism and empirical approaches. This is evident in the way governments are decisions are dictated by temperament and now staffed, in the West, primarily." The political concerns, but never the good of the approach to certain matters, he says, "could be defined as sheer negligence."

Looking through the internet, he says, he finds "the one that has been on the rise is a Role of intelligence sense of good humour. I'm choosing this because it was in the news - we have all seen a cumstances? Will they be run by people who copy of the letter written by President Trump wish to speak truth to power? "No. They will to Turkish President Erdogan. Such a letter, remarked one user on social media, I have never seen in my life! This is one of a kind!!"

ner," he says. "He was great fun, because I never expected him to run for office! Talking over drinks, he was great fun." Years later, when Donald Trump became a contender, ing the future very hard to predict. But the Arad decided to watch one of his debates. "I real complicating factor, says Arad, "is the turned to my friends and said - totally unqual- relationship between the followers and the ified!" Arad, despite his years in government, leader. Another factor is foreign interference never fathomed that Donald Trump, "great in the electoral processes. Election processes fun" though he was, stood a chance of being are being abused." elected. "Clearly, I was wrong. So much for me.

cies," as Arad describes the President of the United States, win such overwhelming favour pare for surprises all the time but the way with the American electorate? It was the rise things look now, it's only getting worse. of another phenomenon - social media. "The Particularly in the form of the greater use of direct impact those technologies made was violence."

instantaneous and stronger than anything in the past." Leaders have become more power-"If it wasn't sad, it would be funny." Complex ful in terms of effect, but many of them dis-

"This is a crisis of the weak." Erdogan, "clearly a flawed character, tends to resort to force. Also a character," remarks Arad. Erdogan, like other nationalist leaders who have taken the world by storm, displays certain character traits which don't necessarily make him a good leader, but which strike a chord with the public. "His temperament,

As for Assad, Arad provides a rather clipped summary: "He is a certifiable psychopath." weapons on his own people, he says, "Is a psy-Syria's proclivity for chemical weapons has been closely observed for some time, experts would ponder what use would be found for opening strike in a war context, perhaps to disrupt Israeli mobilisation? "Never did we imagine them being used on their own peo-

Putin, Arad says, with an imperceptible sigh, "is consistent. Thank God for that!" Again, he is a leader prone to violence. Here, state. "The prevalence of such leaders in the world poses a serious problem."

How does intelligence respond in such cirbe politicised, because that is what these leaders do," says Arad. "Look at the way the American President is leading the war Arad has "met Donald Trump once, at a din- against his own intelligence agencies! Never before have we seen this!

Where does this all lead? The world is witnessed continual, accelerated change, mak-

At the moment, Arad's view is bleak. "I don't see multi lateralism gaining ground, electoral How, then, did "a person with such deficien- processes being corrected, or protection from foreign influences. We have to be agile to pre-

Unsafe UP



Akhilesh asks UP CM Yogi to meet kin of those killed due to 'bad law and order situation' in UP.

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We should learn decent ways to disagree with one another. — Jagdeep Dhankar, West Bengal Governor



Army commander

visits Siachen Jammu: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh on Sunday visited forward posts in Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield in Ladakh, a defence spokesperson said. Accompanied by General Officer Commanding of Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Harinder Singh, the army commander complimented the troops deployed in the sector for their dedication and perseverance, the official said. "The nation is proud of the valour and sacrifices of the 'Siachen Warriors'," the northern commander told the troops. - PTI

BJP MLA booked

for poll violation Bhopal: BJP MLA Ramesh Mendola was booked on Sunday for being present in Jabhua Assembly seat, which goes to polls on Monday, even after the campaign period ended. Mendola is an MLA from Indore-II seat and Election Commission rules specify that political functionaries/party workers, who have been brought from outside or are not list-ed as voters of a poll-bound constituency, have to leave the place once the campaign period is over. Campaigning for the Jhabua bypoll ended at 5pm on Saturday. —PTI

MUNDE IN SOUP FOR REMARKS ON **COUSIN SISTER**

Beed: An FIR has been lodged against NCP leader Dhananjay Munde for allegedly making obscene comments



In a marked break from the China-leaning politics of the past which gave Beijing primacy in the island nation, former Sri Lankan defence chief Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, widely seen as the front-runner in the upcoming presidential polls this November, has told advis-Amid ers that he will pursue a foreign policy that maintains "equidistance" from India and China. Speaking on the side-lines of the Synergia already reached out to the

Conclave 2019, that concluded on Saturday, terror expert, Prof. Rohan Gunaratna, said that the younger Rajapaksa's call

"seek neutral status" and craft an "equidistant foreign policy" unlike foreign policy" unlike when his older brother Mahinda Rajapakse was president and had all but ceded a string of ports in Colombo and his hometown of Hambantota to the Chinese, "this will be a significant departure from the foreign policy of the earlier Rajapaksa regime." unconfirmed reports that Gothabaya, the architect of the May 2009 obliteration of the Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam (LTTE), had

security studies at Singapore's

University, said that the secret tip-off from India's Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW) days before the Easter attacks may have been the turning point. Narendra Modi govern-"There was a time when ment, with assurances that he would not play India armed, trained and financed the Tamil Tigers. Beijing off against Delhi, But that time is over. Today, India has provided Prof. Gunaratne, professor

Nanyang

There was a time when India armed, trained and financed the Tamil Tigers. But that time is over. — ROHAN



This intelligence demonstrates that India is willing to cooperate and col-laborate with Sri Lanka and other countries in the region to fight the global expansion of the Islamic

State," he said. 'The vilayats have been declared in Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and SL. IS and Al Qaeda have a sig-

presence Mujahideen Bangladesh faction that became Islamic State in the Maldives too. This region is a very significant territory for IS to take root and grow," Prof. Gunaratne said, his remarks pointing to the growing alarm within the Sinhala community of the new threat to peace posed by the Muslim minority, post the Easter bomb attacks last April that claimed the lives of 254 people, Christians. mainly

As polls grow close, many believe the previous Maitripala Sirisena-Ranil Wickremesinghe government's complacency to the growing home-grown ter-

Bangladesh. The Jamaat Islamic State had all but given the election on a platter to the Rajapaksa challenger.

"Since 42 Sri Lankans travelled in January 2015, from Sri Lanka to Syria and Iraq, the threat was known to Sri Lankan intelligence and security serv-Prof Gunaratna ices," said.

A Rajapaksa return will see a government that works "very closely with the Muslim community, strengthen relationships with them and protect them from becoming radi-

calised," he said. Religious leaders and educators must come together to address the challenge.

Claiming that attempts are being made to create an atmosphere of fear by demonising technology, the Prime Minister on Sunday cautioned against such efforts. Addressing a gather-ing at his official resi-

dence at the launch of a book, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said 'major effort is being made to demonise technology. Attempts are being made to create an atmosphere of fear".

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PM: Attempts

being made

to demonise

technology

New Delhi, Oct. 20:

Specially in the context of India, technology is being presented as a challenge to the coun-try's demographic divi-dend, the prime minis-ter was quoted as saying by organize

by agencies. He said the debate should not be on the dan-gers of artificial intelli-gence or when will robots robots outsmart humans. "But the debate should be on how to create a bridge between artificial intelligence and human intentions." The Prime Minister stressed on the need to understand that technology is a bridge and not a divider. "Technology divider. "Technology builds bridge between aspirations and achievement, demand and delivery, government and governance in order to achieve sabka saath, sabka vikas," he said.

-PTI



BJP did not raise key issues of state' Selja confident Cong will form next govt in Haryana

NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

to Assembly polls, state Congress unit chief Kumari Selja said that there has been rapid change on the ground in will form the next govern-

diverting attention. They according to its own will. We raised those issues and people have responded to that."

Earlier, too, the Congress had alleged that the BJP



Police Commemoration Day 21st October, 2019

want to bring it back.

Asked if the Congress has

been successful in counter-

ing the BJP's nationalism

pitch in the assembly polls

campaign and the raising of

Veteran Communist leader and former Kerala chief minister V.S. Achuthanandan being offered a piece of cake by his wife Vasumathy on his 96th birthday at their residence in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.

UP failed to control crime, says Priyanka

New Delhi, Oct. 20: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday slammed the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the state's law and order situation, alleging that it had failed to rein in crime. The Congress general secretary also shared a

snapshot of news headall help and justice but lines of major crime failed to win the trust of

mom dissatisfied Lucknow, Oct. 20: Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday met at his official residence the family members of slain Hindutva leader Kamlesh Tiwari and

sought to assure them of

•Cops forced us to meet him'

Yogi meets kin of

Hindutva leader,

Yogi Adityanath

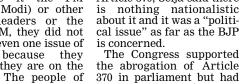
AGE CORRESPONDENT A day before Haryana goes

favour of the party and the ment in the state.

Addressing a press confer-ence she said, "Haryana's people have seen through their (BJP's) game of talked about Article 370, National Register of Citizens (NRC). But as of today, the BJP has not been able to change the narrative They tried but there are so



Kumari Selja has only one point agenda to talk about the abrogation of Article 370 and Pakistan. Kumari Selja further added "Be it the PM (Narendra Modi) or other top BJP leaders or the Haryana CM, they did not talk about even one issue of Haryana because they know that they are on the back foot. The people of Harvana said that first, you should give your report and then ask for votes. They could not give a report and



its reservation on the way it was done. The ninety member Haryana assembly goes to tried to divert attention polls on October 21st.

against his estranged cousin and Maharashtra minister Pankaja Munde at an election rally, a police official said on Sunday. The NCP leader, how-ever, said the clip was edited and fake, and his remarks were "distorted" to project him as a "villain" by his rivals to win elections. A video purportedly showing the NCP leader making the remarks against the minister went viral on social media, following which a BJP functionary from Parli in Beed district filed a police complaint against him on Saturday, he said. Both the cousins are locked in a battle from Parli segment for Monday's state Assembly polls. Pankaja Munde, the sit-ting BJP MLA from Parli, is the daughter of late party veteran Gopinath Munde "Acting on the co plaint filed by Parli BJP president Jugal Kishor Lohiya, the FIR was lodged late Saturday night against Dhananjay Munde under Indian Penal Code Sections 500 (defamation), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult modesty of a woman) and 294 (obscene act in public place)," Parli police station in-charge Purushottam Chobe told PTI. Lohiya in his complaint said the NCP leader allegedly made the obscene remarks against the BJP minister at a public meeting. - PTI incidents in the state Among the headlines was a reference to the killing of Hindu Samaj Party chief Kamlesh Tiwari.

The collage of news headlines had the caption, "Har din apraadh ke naam, bhajpa sarkaar puri nakaam (everyday criminal incidents, BJP government a complete

failure)". The Congress on Saturday had hit out at the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over the law and order situation in the state, alleging "jungle raj" was prevailing there. - PTI

the killed man's mother. Despite sounding sat-

direction that police isfied with the chief men forced us to meet minister's assurances immediately after meethim. So we were compelled to come (to Lucknow)," she said. ing him, Tiwari's dis-

traught mother Kusum "Had I been satisfied (with the chief minislater said she was not ter's assurance), my satisfied and vowed to blood would not have "take up the sword" herself, if she did not get boiled," she told mediapersons later when She also blamed the asked if she was satispolice for forcing the fied with the meeting.

family to venture out of "If we do not get justice, I myself will take their house to meet the up the sword," Kusum distraught mother chief minister, despite customs forbidding a Kusum Tiwari told family to get out of the reporters some time the after meeting "It was at his (CM) Adityanath. -PTI

FIR AGAINST BJP LEADER OVER SPEECH

circle

house during mourning period.

the justice.

AGE CORRESPONDENT PATNA OCT 20

An FIR has been registered against BJP state which president Sanjay Jaiswal for allegedly violating the model code of con-duct while addressing businessmen in Kishanganj ahead of byelections which are scheduled to be held on tions. October 21.

Officials said that the case was lodged following a written complaint on the dais while he gave by the Kishanganj Sadar the controversial speech.

officer Sources said that Mr. on Jaiswal allegedly made Saturday evening. The the remarks during a complaint was lodged on the basis of a video showed Mr. Jaiswal urging local businessmen and party workers to shut their offices and pay a sum of ₹500 to each of their staff video on the day of the elec-Sweety Singh, the party's candidate from Kishangani assembly. seat was also seen sitting

meeting of the local businessmen held on Thursday at the residence of one of the party workers. "We have registered an FIR after the surfaced on Saturday. Further action against all those who violated the model code of conduct can be initiated only after the investigation in the case", Sadar SDM Shahnawaz Ahmed Niyazi said.

Goyal a bigot blinded by hatred, says Rahul

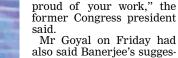
New Delhi, Oct. 20: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday hit out at Union minister Piyush Goyal for his remarks that Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee is "Left-leaning", saying "these bigots are blinded by hatred" and have no idea what a professional

Mr Goyal, at a media briefing in Pune, had described Banerjee as a "Left-leaning" person. The Nobel laureate on Saturday told a TV channel that the commerce minister is "questioning my professionalism"



Rahul Gandhi

"Dear Mr Banerjee, These Gandhi said in a tweet tagging the media report on Banerjee's response to bigots are blinded by hatred and have no idea what a professional is. You cannot Goyal's comments on him. explain it to them, even if you tried for a decade," Mr millions of Indians are



also said Banerjee's suggestion of a minimum income scheme was rejected by Indian voters and there was no need to "accept what he thinks"

On Saturday, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had also hit out at BJP leader Piyush Goyal for his remarks and said the government's job is not to run a "comedy circus", but improve the "collapsing" economy. -PTI

Every Day We Fight Crime.

Today, We Fight Our Tears.



Our heads bow today In the memory of colleagues Who laid down their lives In the line of duty. Their supreme sacrifice makes us Proud to wear the khakhi.





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Kashmir tourism J&K chief secy chairs high-level meet to review tourism promotional campaign

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The Army has always kept India's borders safe. We are proud of our Army — Kumari Selja,

Congress leader

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24 cages placed to trap leopard Vadodara: The Gujarat forest department has placed 24 cages near a village in Junagadh district to trap leopards, a senior official said on Sunday. The move follows the death of a 60-year-old man in a leopard attack in Visavadar village in the district, some 390 kilometres from here, said Saurashtra chief conservator of forest D.T. Vasavada. "After the death of Valabhai Manandabhai Maru on Saturday, we decided to set 24 cages with bait to trap leopards. We have placed the cages after study-ing pug marks in the village and adjoining areas. Each cage has a goat or a dog in a partitioned enclosure to lure leopards," he said. - PTI

Naxals surrender in Dantewada

Dantewada: Twenty-eight Naxals, including four with rewards on their heads, surrendered on Sunday in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, a senior police offi-cial said. They laid down arms in front of senior police and CRPF officials in the newly-established Chikpal police camp in Katekalyan area, some 340 kilometres from the state capital Raipur, said Dantewada Superintendent of Police Abhishek Pallava. Among those who surrendered, Manglu Madkami and Baman Kawasi, had rewards of Rs 2 lakh each on their heads, Mr Pallava said.

4 of family found dead in Karnataka

Belagavi: In a suspected case of suicide, four members of a

KARTARPUR CORRIDOR Pak adamant on charging \$20 per pilgrim **Online registration process** postponed over fee demand

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

on Sunday.

Kartarpur

Will open corridor on Nov. 9: Imran In the absence of any agreement signed by India and Pakistan on the Kartrapur Corridor, the Indian government has

November 9, Prime postponed the registration process of pilgrims for Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Minister Imran Khan announced on Sunday The proposed corridor Kartarpur. The registrawill connect Darbar tion process was to begin Sahib in Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine However, with Pakistan adamant on charging \$20 fee from pilgrims visiting in Gurdaspur district of Puniab and facilitate visa-free movement of Indian pilgrims. Sahib Gurdwara using the corri-

dor, the Indian side is not cials who are part of the negotiations are continukeen to hurry in signing the pact. India and Pakistan were to sign the ing to engage with their agreement on Saturday Pakistani counterparts to which did not happen. It is convince them to remove learnt that the Indian offithe condition of \$20.

DGCA takes measures after SpiceJet code confusion AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT, 20

In a bid to avoid confusion in future as it happened against Spicejet plane when it flew over Pakistan recently, the Director General of

Civil Aviation (DGCA)

has set up a committee

of senior officers to

check each entry of

mode-S transponder and

put in place systems to

safeguard against any

Mode-S transponder is

an electronic address

which is unique to a country and each plane

and helps in identifying

military, civil and cargo

planes. A Spicejet plane

was flanked by Pakistan

Air Force due to mistake by a DGCA official who

gave the civil plane a

military code leading to

The DGCA had sus-

pended the official who

made this mistake. "We

conducted an internal

enquiry and fixed the responsibility. We can-

not have double stan-

dards. Our people have made a mistake and it is

confusion in Pakistan.

such mistake.

Lahore: Pakistan will open the much-awaited Kartarpur Corridor on

taken by India to com-

"Since some issues are yet to be resolved, the online registration for the memorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji. After several Kartarpur pilgrimage could not be started on rounds of discussion with Pakistan, we have reached Sunday," said an official. an agreement on all other India has been constantissues, except the matter ly objecting to the \$20 fee which Pakistan claims it of Service Fee. Pakistan insists on levying a fee of will use for infrastructure \$20 (approx. ₹1,420) on all pilgrims. We have urged maintenance and providing others facilities to the Pakistan not to do so in pilgrims. The Indian side the interests of devotees, maintains that any amount charged is against and also because this is a P2P (people to people) initiative" spokesperson for ministry of external affairs Raveesh Kumar the spirit of the goodwill that Pakistan is trying to create by opening the corridor. India also feels that had said on Thursday. this can lead to charging higher amount from Meanwhile, sources close to former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Indian pilgrims in future. "The Kartarpur Sahib Singh made it clear that Corridor is an important there is no question of Mr people to people initiative Singh attending the inauguration ceremony.

Iffi 2019 will focus on regional cinema **15 films from 20 nations** competing for top award

held between

tries with Russia

being the partner

film *Romang* by Lee Chang-geun, Romanina film *Monsters* by Marius

Olteanu, US film My Name is Sara by Steven Oritt, female filmmaker Eva Cool's *Cleo* are the

films which made it to

Debut Competition this

year. The National Award

winning film Hellaro by

Abhishek Shah and Malayalam film *Uyare* by

Manu Ashokan are the

Indian films competing

country

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

While showcasing the international and Indian commercial cinema, the 50th International Film Festival of India will also be a boon for language and regional cinema. To mark the golden jubilee the festival will be showcasing language cinema at the international film festival. The IFFI on Sunday announced Films in Debut Competition sec-tion of the festival. The festival which has been launch pad to several filmmakers over the past 50 years aims at bringing the best first time filmmakers of the year in this section. Algerian film Abou Leila directed by Amin Sidi-Boumedine, Korean

ANANYA SENGUPTA

The railways has decided

NEW DELHI, OCT, 20

for the Award for the Best The festival, to be Debut feature film of a director at 50th IFFI. November 20-28 in Sources states selection of Goa, will screenthese films signifies to about 250 films provide them with a platform compete with interfrom various counnational cinema.

The Golden Jubilee edition of IFFI has the best lot of 15 films representing 20 countries compet-ing for the coveted Golden Peacock Award.

The selection has been made from over 700 entries. The golden jubilee year of this presti-gious film event is expected to be one of the biggest ever celebration. The festival, to be held between November 20-28 in Goa. will screenabout 250 films from various countries with Russia being the partner country.



Singh said on Sunday that Jammu and Kashmir would get "true" self-rule and autonomy under the Modi government, and it would be quite different to the "frivolous slogans" of such demands raised by Kashmir-centric political parties.

Addressing a meeting of BJP candidates contesting the block develop-ment council (BDC) election, Mr Singh said it is important for party workers to understand and also make others understand that this is for the first time after Inst time after Independence the concept of three-tier grassroots democracy comprising panchayats, BDCs and district councils and is being introduced in the state. "Jammu and Kashmir will get true self rule and true autonomy under the Modi govern-



President Ram Nath Kovind arrives to unveil the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at a college campus in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday.

proposal to shift cops to Ladakh AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT, 20 In wake of Jammu and

MHA clears

Kashmir and Ladakh being divided into two

October 31, more than

380 police personnel from Ladakh region but

deployed in different parts of J&K will be transferred to Ladakh

The home ministry has

already cleared a propos-

al to transfer these

police personnel who

are presently posted with different depart-

ments of Jammu and

A senior Ministry offi-cial said, "We have cleared the proposal to transfer 385 police per-sonnel of Ladakhi ori-

gin and they will be part

of the Ladakh police

after October 31 and not J&K Police. They will be part of the Ladakh UT

Police, which will be

Kashmir Police.

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separate Territories

very soon.

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Jitendra Singh

ment, and that will be quite in contrast to the frivolous slogans of selfrule and autonomy raised by Kashmir-centric political parties, which have been befooling the people of the state for decades, only to perpetuate their dynasty rule generation after generation," the BJP leader said.

Mr Singh said the question to be asked to the "champions of so-called autonomy" is whether they have any moral authority to "fool" the people of Kashmir. – PTI

under the direct administrative control of the Union home ministry. The police personnel of the new UTs, from the rank of constable to inspector, will also get the pay and perks in the same grade that is given

and

family, including two children, were found dead in their house at Hosur village nis district li police said on Sunday. Bhimappa Channappagol (32), who worked as a security guard at an ATM, his 25year old wife and two sons, aged eight and five, were found hanging from ceiling on Saturday evening, District Superintendent of Police Laxman Nimbargi said. No suicide note was found and the cause of the extreme step was under investigation, he said. – PTI

Govt to 'right size' Rail Board, transfer 50 officials "Currently, there are 200

officials in the Board. It will be reduced to 150 with 50 officers of director and

Board

The move was part of Railway Minister Piyush Goyal's 100talisation was adversely

"Lack of adequate politiaffecting the railways' cal will in the past has also work culture and narrow-ing its approach to depart-ble progress being to their counterparts in other UTs like being Chandigarh achieved with respect to right sizing of railways, Andaman and Nicobar the official said. Islands. Police and law Restructuring of the and order in the UT of Railway Board is just the Ladakh will be under the direct control of the beginning of an overhaul of the ministry, sources Lieutenant Governor, indicated. In a recent who would report to the meeting with senior offihome ministry like the cials of the ministry, Mr Goyal instructed Yaday, situation in Delhi. Board members and gen-

J&K: Has the trust...

eral managers of zones to

review staff and to use the

surplus only in opera-tional work. -PTI

incumbent on us to punish the one found responsible and make amends," said a senior official of the DGCA. The incident took place

on August 30 but came into light only recently. The DGCA official while registering the recently acquired new aircraft by the Spicejet, which was earlier with Jet Airways, by mistake gave it a code of military aircraft AN-32.

prune the Rallway above level being trans-Board by 25 per cent, cutferred to the zonal railting down its strength ways. This was long overfrom 200 to 150 by transferdue as it was felt that too many people were doing similar jobs and senior ring director-level officials and above to zonal railofficials were needed in ways in a long pending zones to increase efficienmove to enhance efficiency, sources said on Sunday. The plan was first mooted in 2000 by the Atal Behari Vajpayee govern-

cy," said a source. The plan would be implemented shortly, he said. The move was part of ment, which recommend-Railway Minister Piyush ed right sizing of the apex Goyal's 100-day agenda decision making body of and a top priority for present the national transporter. Railway

day agenda and a top priority for present Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav

> Chairman V.K. Yadav. Restructuring of the Railway Board was also recommended by the Bibek Debroy Committee on Indian Railways in 2015. The panel said in its report that the Indian centralised Railways' structure and departmen-

ment-specific goals. "It has always been seen that the railways, including the Railway Board, was overstaffed. This was adversely affecting the efficiency of the organisation," a senior official

said. He added that there had been no serious attempts to review the exact number of staff actually required by the railways for efficient functioning as well as financial viability

The According to The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019, Ladakh will not have a legislative Assembly of its own.

Haryana and Maha to vote today; BJP hopes high

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Rajnath Singh, as it continued to aggressively raise the nationalism plank by focusing on scrapping of Article 370 provisions on special status to Jammu and Kashmir and targeted the Opposition on national security and corruption.

The Opposition tried to corner the BJP governments at the Centre and in the states on the handling of the economy with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi blaming the ruling party for the economic slowdown and unemployment and highlighting issues like "failure" of demonetisation and GST rollout.

The BJP, which is seeking a second straight term under chief minister Devendra Fadnavis in Maharashtra, is contesting 164 seats, which include candidates of smaller allies contesting on its lotus symbol, while Sena has fielded candidates on 126 seats.

On the other hand, the Congress has fielded 147 candidates and the ally NCP 121.

Among other parties, the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS), led by Raj Thackeray, has fielded 101 candidates, the CPI 16, the CPM 8.

The BSP has fielded candidates in 262 constituencies. A total of 1400 Independents are also in the poll arena.

The Opposition campaign was, however, lacklustre as both the Congress and the NCP were plagued by infighting and desertions in the runup to the polls.

The bypoll for Satara Lok Sabha constituency will also be held on October 21.

Former Nationalist Congress Party leader and sitting MP

Udayanraje Bhosale is in the fray from the seat on a BJP ticket against Shriniwas Patil of the Congress-NCP combine.

Voting will also be held in bypolls to Samastipur (Bihar) Lok Sabha seats which was held by Ram Vilas Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party, a constituent of the National Democratic Alliance.

The campaign in Maharashtra was marked by personal attacks and sharp exchange of barbs between the chief minister and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who hit the hustings at the age of 79 and addressed a number of rallies However, the Congress and NCP failed to hold even a single joint rallv.

While Mr Modi addressed nine rallies across the state, Rahul Gandhi spoke at six public meetings

The campaign also saw an undertone of jostling for supremacy between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Sena, which had fought the last assembly elections separately, winning 122 and 63 seats respectively.

The Congress had bagged 42 and the NCP 41 seats.

In the April-May Lok Sabha elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party-Sena alliance won 41 of the 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, while the Congress won one and Nationalist Congress Party four seats.

Prominent candidates in the fray are chief minister Fadnavis and his predecessors from Congress, Ashok Chavan, who is in fray from Bhokar in Nanded district, and Prithviraj Chavan seeking re-election from Karad South in Satara

district. Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray, son of Uddhav

Thackeray, is contesting from Worli in Mumbai. The 29-year-old is the first from

the Thackeray family to make debut in electoral politics.

In Haryana, the Congress is hoping to make a comeback following a change in guard in the state, while the BJP led by chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar has set a target of winning 75 seats out of 90 in which 1,169 candidates of various political outfits are contesting. At present, the BJP has 48 mem-

bers in state Assembly. The Dushyant Chautala-led Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), a breakaway faction of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), is also

hoping for an improvement in its prospects following the Lok Sabha debacle.

The party had emerged on the scene following a feud in the Chautala clan in Decamber last vear.

The BSP, AAP, INLD-SAD combine, Swaraj India and the Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP) have thrown their hat into the ring, though none of them is fighting on all 90 seats.

Prominent amongst those in the contest are chief minister Khattar (Karnal), former chief minister and Congress Legislative Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda (Garhi Sampla-Kiloi), Randeep Singh Surjewala (Kaithal), Kiran Choudhary (Tosham) and Kuldeep Bishnoi (Adampur) and JJP's Dushyant Chautala (Uchana Kalan).

The BJP has fielded three



sportspersons — Babita Phogat (Dadri), Yogeshwar Dutt (Baroda in Sonipat) and Sandeep Singh (Pehowa) — besides TikTok star Sonali Phogat (Adampur).

While Prime Minister Modi addressed seven rallies in the state, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed two election meetings. In the 2014 Assembly polls, the BJP for the first time came to power in Haryana winning 47 seats. It won the Jind bypolls earlier this year, taking its total strength in the state assembly to

The INLD had 19 MLAs while the Congress has 17 legislators.

The BSP and the SAD had bagged one seat each in the last polls while five were Independents.

Voting will also be held in bypolls to 51 assembly seats spread across 17 states

The BJP and its allies had nearly 30 of these Assembly seats, while the Congress had won 12 and the rest were with regional parties.

Among the states ruled by the BJP and its allies, the maximum 11 seats will have bypolls in Uttar Pradesh, followed by six in Gujarat, five in Bihar, four in Assam and two each in Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The other states where bypolls will be held are Punjab (4 seats), Kerala (5 seats), Sikkim (3 seats), Rajasthan (two seats) and one seat Arunacia. Pradesh, Ouisia, Puducherry, each in Arunachal Pradesh, Madhva Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya and Telangana.

The exercise is coinciding with assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, which are the first major elections after the BJP

retained power in the Lok Sabha polls in April-May winning 303 seats out of 543.

In politically crucial Uttar Pradesh, the polls are seen as a lit-mus test for the Yogi Adityanath government which has completed 30 months in office.

It is a four-cornered contest with the BJP, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Samajwadi Party (SP) and Congress fielding candidates on all 11 Assembly seats.

Eight of these seats were held earlier by the BJP and one by BJP ally Apna Dal (Sonelal).

The seats of Rampur and Jalalpur (Ambedkarnagar) were held by the Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party, respectively. The Congress is hoping to consolidate its thin majority in Rajasthan by wresting the two seats from the BJP and its ally RLP. Of the 200 Assembly seats in Rajasthan, the Congress has 106 MLAs, including the six who defected to the party from the BSP

recently. The AIADMK and DMK are locked in a keen contest in Vikravandi and Nanguneri Assembly seats in Tami Nadu.

Sikkim chief minister Prem Singh Tamang is contesting from Poklok Kamrang constitueny, one of the three seats where bypolls will be held in the state.

Tamang aka Golay is the president of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), which has tied up with the BJP.

Former Indian football team captain Bhaichung Bhutia is contesting from Gangtok on Hamro Sikkim Party (HSP) ticket. -PTI

■ Continued from Page 1 villager who gets by as an electrician said: "Imran Khan has his own interests. We understand that. The people of Kashmir have never been with Pakistan. The show of Pakistani flags at protest rallies, unless the Jamaatis are involved, is only to cock a snook at New Delhi. But now we realise India is not a friend. The trust of 70 years is gone. What was the need for all this? We have been made fools. God knows what the future holds." Mr Khan's speech has appealed even to those who did not hide their pro-India sentiments in a con-

flict zone. This lot seems to have swung to the side "azadi", a word with wide connotations, the most common being freedom the all-pervasive military presence that hits day-to-day life and wounds the dignity of people.

Crudely etched in Urdu on a side of the wooden table in a lawyer's small office in Shopian in south Kashmir, the Valley's most disturbed district, where a killing took place hours after I departed, is the lament "Ghulam lament Kashmir" (Kashmir enslaved), encapsulating feelings in the wake of August 5. **(To be concluded)**

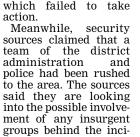
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action and ensure free, fair and peaceful electhe Election tion." Commission said.

Mr Zutshi, a former IAS officer, has earlier worked as chief elec-toral officer of Rajasthan and in the Election Commission for seven years in various capacities.

Mr Zutshi was deputed as a special observer to Andhra Pradesh. Telangana and Tripura in the recent Lok Sabha elections in April-May 2019.



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Mobs attack ■ Continued from Page 1 of Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK), Laimekuri Anchalik

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India may export aluminium during Fourth **Plan period**

Hyderabad: Effective exploitation of copper and lead at Agnigundala in Guntur district is expected to commence in 1971.

This was stated here today by the Union Minister of State for Mines and Metals, Mr. R. Jagannatha Rao, while speaking to newsmen.

In the Agnigundala area exploration work has been completed. Samples of deposits in this area would be sent for examination shortly, the Union shortly, the Minister said.

Mr Jagannatha Rao disclosed that the Centre has approved a Rs 5.66-crore scheme to set up a plant at Bondalamattu,

Agnigundala area. **Open mind**

Asked whether a corporation would be set up to exploit copper deposits at Agnigundala, the Union Minister pointed out that it depends upon the quantity of ore. He said, he had an open mind on this question.

Mr Jagannatha Rao explained that the country was at present self-sufficient in aluminium. We might be in a position to export this non-ferrous metal during the Fourth Plan period.

The Union Minister was of the view that India might be able to meet more than 50 per cent of its demand for other non-fer-rous metals, like copper, lead and zinc by the end of the Fifth Plan period.



Bosnia's lady in red readies for afterlife

Breze: Zorica Rebernik has spent her life in red and plans to stay that way even after she dies. After four decades dressing in the color from head to toe, the 67-year-old Bosnian has had tombstones made for herself and husband Zoran - whom she married wearing a red gown - from a special red granite imported from India.The retired schoolteacher lives in a red house, where she and Zoran eat from red plates, drink from red glasses and sleep in red bedding. Even her hair is dyed red. – Reuters

Dear Rahul, stop moaning, spell an alternate vision or risk irrelevance

Surendra Kumar

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The Opposition lies in total disarray. There are too many leaders squabbling among themselves, no strong and coherent counternarrative and a demoralised cadre. With several Congress leaders facing court cases, **BJP** zealots are gleefully projecting it as a party of crooks. The Congress desperately needs to reinvent itself.



first chance to a totally reset my game, bring in that Extra something to untried Rahul Gandhi. After all, in all the get the better of him." opinion polls on who was There is a lesson for Rahul Gandhi if he has a sports-man's instinct like Nadal. most suited to lead the country, Mr Modi always registered a lead of over 24 points over Rahul Gandhi. During the parliamen-tary elections in 2019, If in the sycophantic cir-Rahul campaigned vigorcles of his advisers, anyone has the courage to be forthright with Rahul Gandhi, he/she should tell him that it's time for ously, attacked Narendra Modi relentlessly blaming him for whatever was nim for whatever was going wrong in the coun-try. Alas, the results gave Mr Modi a thumping majority. Like Nadal, Rahul should have realised that his best was-n't good enough to beat the former chaiwala and former chaiwala him to reinvent himself and reset his strategy to counter the Modi government with something "Extra" rather than go on repeating the same accu-sations against the sitting fierce swayamsevak of the PM that public has heard RSS who blunted all the an umpteen number of accusations hurled at times and dismissed with him with an unending list of decisions taken by him a shrug. Without a brutally frank and honest introto better the lives of milspection, the Congress lions of Indians and make Party stands no chance to ever return to power again. Everybody thinks India a secure and stronger nation. Many of the failures of Mr Modi it's counterproductive to go on attacking the PM; Rahul Gandhi should lismentioned by Rahul might not have been totally

the economy, one needs a correct diagnosis of its ailments and their causes." If one were to replace the word, "economy" with "INC", it would apply equally aptly. The manner in which the oldest political party of India has been operating in the five months since suffering its most humiliating defeat in recent times shows that it has been unable to diagnose correctly its malady. The most earthshaking development that has taken place in the Indian National Congress in the last four-five months has been that its young and purportedly combative president has resigned for (veteran leader and former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid put it pithily: "Our leader left us") and none outside the Gandhi Nehru family has emerged as his succes-

sor: so his mother has assumed responsibilities as an interim president! Ranul Gandni's speeches last week still focussed on the Rafale deal, farmer suicides, agrarian distress. ioblessness, corrup-

tion and so on. It shows tion, and without an that he has neither learnt anything nor forgotten anything!! His recent jibe cadre that has fire within to fight in spite of set-backs of the recent past, — Bechendra Modi — accusing Mr Modi of sellthe Congress is likely to ing off the public sector undertakings and giving them to his friends reflects the same problem – he has liamentary election in May this year. no idea how much damage Mani Shankar Aiyar's derogatory remarks chaiwala and neech — had ity. On the eve of the 2014 elections, the UPA-2 govcaused the Congress ernment was perceived as reeking with corruption

Party! The INC is slowly and surely slipping into coma. When in deep coma, the patient is actually unconscious; totally unaware of what's going around him/her. But when slip-ping into coma, one regains spells of consciousness, can recognise faces and sounds but can't connect them, can't figure out what is happening and why. The current state of the Congress is quite akin to this state. Bereft of the glue of power and a charismatic leader who could attract the electorate by addressing their concerns and articulating a persuasive and convincing vision, different from that of the present dispensa-

Rahul Gandhi's speeches last week still focussed on the Rafale deal, farmer suicides. agrarian distress, joblessness, corruption and so on. It shows that he has learnt nothing.

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and Kashmir Union territory and the buzz created around the idea of a five trillion dollar economy, lowering of corporate tax and Howdy Modi!, the Modi government is per-ceived as strong, robust and nationalist, capable of taking tough decisions and ready to protect India against external threats. In state elections, state leaders do matter but Mr Modi matters the most!

contrast, In Opposition lies in total disarray. There are too many leaders squabbling among themselves, no strong and coherent counternarrative and a demoralised cadre. With several Congress leaders facing court cases, BJP zealots are gleefully projecting it as a party of crooks.

Only Delhi chief minis-ter Arvind Kejriwal is smart amid this crisis. With very few cards in his hand, he has put aside, at least for the present, his diatribe against the lieutenant governor and the Centre and unleashed a blitzkrieg of media splashes of his government's achievements. Besides parading AAP supporters on TV screens claiming to have received zero elec-tricity bills and benefited from mohalla clinics and government schools, his campaigns – Dengue Per Baar, Har Keemat Per Jaan Bachani Hai to save road accident victims and attempts at pollution reduction through the oddeven scheme - resonate with a large number of people. With full page advertisements in national dailies, he has become the most visible face in the National Capital Region after Mr Modi. Rahul can learn a few tricks from Mr Keiriwal. In fact, there may be wisdom latent in idea of joining nanas with him.

untrue but the Indian electorate thought that in spite of everything which his

ten to such voices While commenting on the downturn in the Indian economy, the for-mer PM, Dr Manmohan detractors had been saying against him, it was bet-

armed with the NOW, record of 100 days of Modi 2.0 – triple talaq bill, abro gation of the Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu

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In politics, perceptions

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shown the door. In May

2019, Mr Modi's persona and articulation of what

he had done in five years

and his tantalising vision

of a "New India" obliterat-

ed Rahul's long list of

complaints against the

NDA. His repeated accusa-tions of corruption in the

Rafale deal and chowkidar

chor hai slogan didn't

stick. Nationalistic fer-

vour generated by the

Balakot air strikes and

solidification of Hindu

votes also helped.

The writer is a retired Indian diplomat

RSS is strong since its worldview resonates with all

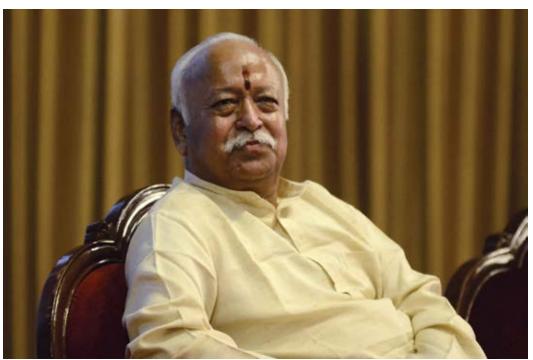


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The RSS had started its journey in the form of a small seed 94 years ago to become a huge banyan tree in contemporary times. Despite this fact, there are misunderstandings about this organisation persisting in the intelligentsia. In this context, Bhagwat's speech is like an authentic document.

he Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has become the largest largest volunteering organisation of world due to consistence dedication of its workers. Millions of *swayamsevaks*, prepared by its mother organisation over 94 years, have installed and developed more than 50 sister organisations. Despite this prolific achievement, the RSS has been undergoing a litmus test. After a long legal battle, the organisa-tion has successfully isolated itself from the allegation of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, but is still struggling to free itself from the public per-ception of being anti-Muslim. The Vijayadashami speech of sarsanghchalak Dr Mohan Bhagwat or his latest discourse with the intellectuals in Odisha clearly indicates that there is no concrete reason appears that declares the Sangh as anti-Muslim or a rigid organisation. This organisation seems to an alternative to the Congress party, the one led by Mahatma Gandhi. In that time, the Congress was trying to eradi-cate social evils like illiteracy and untouchability and the RSS and its sister organisations has been doing the same exercise.

There is a misconception about the Sangh that it is restricted to a particular tradition and bound with rigidity. This notion has been also clarified in the speech of Dr



Bhagwat. He concluded his speech with the song: Yug parivartan ki bela mein ham sab milkar sath chale desh dharm *ki raksha ke hit, sahte sab aghat chale...* which means: "In the time of changing era we should move together and to protect our country and dharma we should move tolerating all assaults." It clarifies many things. The Sangh is ready to accept all type of changes according to the changing era. It is ready for the changes according to the times and need except its basic idea and core values. Second RSS chief Madhav

Sadashiv Golwalkar alias Shri Guruji, who had contributed a lot in the expansion and strengthening of the organisation, has written in his book

Bunch of Thoughts, about the dialogue between him and our first Prime Minister Pt Jawaharlal Nehru. During their conversations, Nehru asked him that why they keep on repeating the Hindi-Hindu line every time. He also told that by doing this the RSS had confined itself inside a boundary wall and stopped the fresh air of world from coming inside. At this, Golwalkar replied that we should welcome the winds coming from all sides and corners We should come in contact of all type of ideologies being imple-mented in different parts of world and we should also try to understand them and examine them subtly to accept the suitable parts of each. But this doesn't mean that by doing this we

should destroy our own house and get buried under the demolished roof. Dr Bhagwat also very aptly once again clarified that the RSS is ready for positive changes and that we should accept a form of education system that is able to introduce our generation to our mother tongue, dress, culture and provide a time-relevant, logical, righteous and gentle view towards the world and dutybound knowledge.

The RSS chief clearly asserted on the questions regarding the word, Hindu, the dilemma is driven by fictional propaganda prevalent since the British rule period and there is a class of society even today which does not accept this word in its true essence and use the word Indian

instead. Some people use the word "Indic" for the civilisa-tions based on Indian culture and temperament. The Sangh also accepts these synonyms. One is not isolated only because of a different word, community, worship style, food habit and traditions. All are one in the eyes of the RSS. Our benevolent nature is the national temperament that is Hindutva. These words, asserted by Dr Mohan Bhagwat, clarify the modus operandi of this huge organisation. This organisation keeps expanding despite protest. Às the RSS says, the reason

behind it is that there is no difference between what it is **Education**, agriculture, saying and what doing. culture, literature, People continue journalism, trade to join this organisation unions and research are some whoever and comes once remains forever. Critics ignore this facet of the Sangh. But the fact is that its ded-

of the RSS' activities

icated volunteers are the core strength of this organisation. Politics, education, agriculture, industry, dharma, culture, literature, history, journalism, trade unions, medicine, services and research are many areas where these volunteers are working. The BJP, one of its sister organisations, is ruling the country on the basis of its firm determination. The RSS had

started its journey in the form of a small seed 94 years ago to become a huge banyan tree in contemporary times, which has spread itself across the country over the years. Despite this fact, there are many misunderstandings about this organisation persisting among intellectuals. In this context, Bhagwat's speech is like an authentic doc

ument to understand the con-temporary situation, working culture, modus operandi and temperament of the RSS

There is a trend of verbal attacks on the RSS regarding the word lynching. Bhagwat dis-cussed this issue in length and said that violence created by an attack of one community on another is not one-sided. According to him, reports suggest an unfortunate blame game happening over these kind of incidents. Some incidents had been intentionally orchestrated and projected in a twisted manner. Bhagwat points to the

theory that ever since 2014 after the forma-tion of Narendra Modi government, the word, lynching, has come to light in the dis-course of mob vio-lence. The RSS chief also tried to convey that "lynching" does not assimilate in the culture of India as it originates in the

Western society. But this word was intentionally popularised in India after 2014. So RSS believes that the word lynching identifies the violent nature of a society, unlike the reality of Indian society. De-associating the RSS from mob violence, Bhagwat clearly said that it never supports the people involved in such incidents and has always condemned such incidents. As the debate on lynching continues to be in the political arena inspired by various reasons, the RSS chief has clearly tried his best to give the discourse a new dimension.

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Politics whiff to Hindu leader's murder probe

hose responsible for the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, who head-ed a minor Hindu Mahasabha offshoot, at his residence-cumoffice in Lucknow on Friday, must be caught at the earliest after careful investigation and put on trial. But due diligence hasn't been the strong suit of the UP police for a long time. Under chief minister Yogi Adityanath, one of whose first acts as CM of the nation's most populous state in early 2017, was to have all criminal cases against himself dropped, the idea of justice and of dependable police work, an important aspect of judicial administration, have become conspicuous by their absence. The law and order machinery has been both politicised and communalised.

In the present case, the police acted swiftly, booking culprits from not only UP but also Gujarat, with tracking of suspects also being done in Nagpur in Maharashtra. This is possibly because those booked are from the Muslim community.

This would be in keeping with the record of the Adityanath administration whether we document the fake encounters, the so-called "love jihad" cases that were overly communalised and shown to be fabricated, or of the innocent medical professional Dr Kafeel, who appears to have been framed on account of his faith.

The single-track approach of the UP police and CM is apt to raise doubts in light of the assertion by the mother of the deceased that a UP BJP leader should be investigated over her son's killing

The poorer communities among Hindus have also been at the receiving end, as in a high profile case in Mirzapur showed recently, where upper caste me attacked a dalit vil-lage and the CM and the police gave no suc-cour to the latter, choosing instead to attack political opponents for highlighting the government's proclivity for one-sided actions.

In the matter of the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, members of the Muslim community may indeed have committed the crime. The deceased appears to have been a religious fanatic and had bad-mouthed the Prophet Muhammad in 2015, and distributed pamphlets carrying that dubious message, in the

society. To track Muslim suspects may, therefore, be legitimate if there is the smallest suspicion. But the UP police and the CM himself have gone to the media in a way that suggests they have solved the case, and some Muslim youth are at the centre of it.

This single-track approach is apt to raise doubts in light of the asser-tion by the mother of the deceased that a UP BJP leader should be investigated over her son's killing. Her contention is that there was a dispute between this politico and her son over temple land in a village. It is surprising that the police has not commented on this matter, though the UP police chief himself has chosen to make statements in this case, rather than leave it to the spokesman. This too suggests his readiness to remain in tandem with the CM's thinking in the case, rather than direct his force to investigate the matter in a fair and impartial manner.

Smooth Brexit is in peril

n thwarting a Brexit vote, British MPs were seeking additional insurance against an abrupt October 31 exit from the European Union that would hurt Britain. Prime Minister Boris Johnson retaliated in a truculent way as he usually does by sending an unsigned letter to the EU on the need to postpone Britain's exit. "I am Boris, trust me," he may say, and have the last laugh as Parliament may vote positively later this week on the new divorce deal he brought back from Brussels. The deal may not be the best, and even signals a betrayal of what the PM promised over the backstop and Northern Ireland. Brexit may be too complicated now for anyone in Britain to be satisfied, including those who voted for it in the referendum. But is Boris the only one knows how to get it done? The PM's attitude, his brazen defiance of the British system's norms and

culture — of an unwritten Constitution, but bound by traditions going back to the Magna Carta — and his devil-may-care approach to Brexit by October 31 should make the democratic world sit up. The PM has mocked parliamentary colleagues, sacked some of his own Tories and is cocking a by quite preposterously sending an unsigned three to the EU. He is defying the Supreme Court that felt compelled to rule his proroguing of Parliament invalid. In short, Boris is showing all signs of "strongmanship", which is a term in the making for the present era, dominated by the likes of Donald Trump, Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Jair Bolsanaro. A proclivity to believe they're always right and that they needn't consult anyone on their decisions is a credo of this club.



Humiliation for Cong writ large in this ballot



he people of Maharashtra and Haryana would cast their vote to elect a new state government today. This would be the second time within a span of six months that they would be exer-cising their franchise, the first being the 2019 Lok Sabha elections held in the month of May earlier this year.

Past electoral trends suggest if the Assembly elections are held shortly after the Lok Sabha elections, as is the case with Maharashtra and Haryana, there is a great possibility of voters electing the same party they had voted in during the preceding ballot. In eight of ten such instances, they voted for the same party. The Delhi and Bihar Assembly elections of 2015 and Odisha in 2019 were among the few exceptions.

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from one party to another (defection) is another sign of which way the wind is blowing. During the last couple of months in Haryana and Maharashtra, there was movement of 43 political leaders from one party to another. Of these, there were 19 leaders of the Congress Party (nine in Haryana, 10 in Maharashtra) who left their parent party to join other parties, mainly the BJP. The BJP itself did not suffer on this account but welcomed 31

leaders during the last

few months. There was also an exodus from the NCP; as the count suggests, 11 NCP leaders left the party of whom five joined the Shiv Sena and six switched over to the BJP. Charanjeet Singh Rori is the only leader to have joined the Congress, leaving his parent party, the Indian Nat-ional Lok Dal (INLD) in Haryana. These defections do suggest that the Congress, which began on a weak wicket when elections were announced, kept slipping and instead of consolidating its position seems to have lost more ground to the BJP during the last two-three weeks of the election campaign. Even if we treat these defections as politics of opportunism and believe that this does not depict the right picture, the past performances of the political parties also favour the BJP. During the 2019 Lok Sabha elec tions, the BJP registered a stunning victory in both Maharashtra and Haryana. The BJP in alliance with Shiv Sena polled more than 51 per cent votes and won 41 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra. In Haryana, it polled 58 per

cent votes and won all

the 10 Lok Sabha seats. If Assembly segments in Maharashtra, the BJP-Shiv Sena combine led in 225 of the 288 Assembly constituen-cies, while in Haryana it led in 79 Assembly seats, the Congress being virtually decimated - it led only in 22 Assembly seats in Maharashtra, while its alliance part-ner NCP led in 23 Assembly seats. The story of the Congress in Haryana remained the same, with the party leading only in 10 Assembly seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The ground reports suggest though some sections of the population share some con-cerns about growing unemployment, rural distress and the agricultural crisis, the popular mood has not changed significantly. The issues of national identity, national pride and the abrogation of Article 370 by the Narendra Modi government have overshadowed local issues. These are likely to loom large on the minds of the voters when they cast their vote today. There were concerns about in the most recent 2019 unemployment, jobless-Lok Sabha elections, has rmer stress failed to show any sign and rural distress even of revival. On the conduring the 2019 Lok trary, it has got further Sabha elections, but the weakened by rebellions national issue of that and defections from within the party. For me, it is difficult to imagmoment — the Pulwama terror attack and the Balakot air strikes ine that the Congress overshadowed them. was ever in a winning While these issues were position in today's elec often referred to as the "real issues of livelition, but a united Congress could have during camhood' gone down fighting paigns, a sizeable secbravely and won seats in tion voted on the "national issue". What some pockets with Dalit and Jat predominance in Haryana and Maratha, Muslim and Dalit combinations in Maharashtra. Today's have also strengthened Though some sections of the political reality is at a great distance from that population share scenario. some concerns about growing unemployment, rural distress and professor and currently director of the Centre the agricultural crisis, the mood Developing Societies. has not changed The views expressed significantly

the position of the BJP is the popularity of Prime Minister Modi and the absence of any credible face among the Opposition parties. The Congress, which is the main Opposition in both these states, looks very weak when voters compare the two parties on the parameters of its leadership. Prime Minister Modi has been a vote catcher for the BJP and it should not surprise us if large numbers of people in these two states vote for the BJP solely in his name. Though voters have not always voted in the Assembly elections the same way that they vote during the Lok Sabha elections even if held after a short interval, they exercise different voting choices only if there is a viable alternative as was the case in Bihar (Mahagatth*bandhan* in 2015), Delhi (the Aam Aadmi Party under Arvind Kejriwal) and most recently in

Odisha (Naveen Patnaik's BJD). The Congress, which per-formed badly both in Haryana and Maharashtra during the 2014 Assembly elections and

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Thanks to a Union minister, we have at last got enlightened about the "fact" that there is no need for us to give credence to what Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee thinks because the people of India have already rejected Nyay - the poverty alleviation scheme promised by the Congress. So at last we have come to know that the 2019 Lok Sabha election was nothing but a referendum on Nyay! And just because the Congress got vanguished in the polls, we can confidently conclude how bankrupt the economic thought of Mr Banerjee is! Also, how ignorant is the Swedish Academy for giving a coveted international prize to this "worthless" economist, honouring his obsolete "Left" ideology. Of course, to ensure the economic growth of all, we must all sell pakodas. **Kajal Chatterjee** Kolkata

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fore, there are possibilities of both kinds. In today's Assembly elections, voters could exercise an electoral choice different from how they had voted during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls or they could go the way they did a few months back. The mood on the ground in both states suggests the verdict would be in conformity with the broadly established pattern. For, there is hardly any likelihood of any of these states bucking the trend. The BJP seems to be on a very strong wicket and the inability of the Opposition to put its house in order has played its part. While the popular vote share of political parties remains the most important indicator of the mood of the voters, the movement of leaders

Lanka (66), Myanmar (69), Nepal (73) Bangladesh (88) and Pakistan (94). Hunger is stunting our future citizens. Instead of engaging in name-changing and statue-building games, shouldn't the government focus on improving food distribution and taking care of the farmer?

Sujit De Kolkata

NEW BCCI ERA

SOURAV GANGULY, a thorough bred cricketer, becoming the BCCI head is a good augury. In spite of the Supreme Court's directive to make its balancesheet and accounts public. that has not been done. The BCCI is a very vindictive body. It exacts vendetta on cricketers who don't dance to its tune. It is fervently hoped things will change for the better. Shanmugam

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Rejig buzz starts guessing game; Priyanka's team attracts envy

hough the Narendra Modi government was sworn in only five months ago, there is already talk in the corridors of power that the Prime Minister may go in for a Cabinet expansion/reshuffle in the near future. In fact, insiders in the Bharatiya Janata Party say it could even happen before the winter session of Parliament slated to commence in the third week of November. There are many ministers who are holding more than one portfolio and the proposed exercise is meant to lighten their burden. The new inductions will most likely be of a minister of state rank. Sulking allies like the Janata Dal (United) may also be accommodated. Anil Baluni, who heads the BJP's media department, is being mentioned as a strong contender for a ministerial post. Baluni is learned to have befriended Modi and BJP president Amit Shah when he was attached to Sunder Singh Bhandari during the latter's tenure as Gujarat governor. Suresh Prabhu was excluded in

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the first round but the possibility of his induction cannot be ruled out. There is also a strong buzz that Mr Modi could bring in a domain expert in the agriculture or finance sectors as he did by appointing former foreign secretary S. Jaishankar as the external affairs minister. There is no certainty in this regard but several names are being bandied around. The guessing game is on.

t is only a by-election to an Assembly seat but the October stituency in Madhya Pradesh but it has become a prestige battle for both the ruling Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP is obviously keen to retain the seat as a victory will not only improve the party's tally of MLAs but also embolden it further to topple the Congress government which has a wafer-thin majority in the Assembly. On the other hand, chief minister Kamal Nath and senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh are putting their best foot forward in this election. For them, this bypoll is not just about con-solidating Kamal Nath's position as chief minister but it also has a bearing on the internal dynamics in the Congress Party's Madhya Pradesh unit. Nath and Singh, who have joined forces to sideline former minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, are working overtime for the victory of their loyalist, Kantilal Bhuria, as it would then strengthen their campaign for the appointment of the tribal leader as president of Madhya Pradesh Congress. It is no secret that Scindia has also been lobbying for this post in an effort to retain his hold in state politics which has been weakening since his defeat in the Lok Sabha election. Only time will tell if Scindia will succeed in outsmarting his senior colleagues.

A s was to be expected, the announcement of a new team of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee has led to rumblings in the party with the senior leaders complaining that it is packed with outsiders and juniors. In an attempt to placate

the dissenters. Privanka Gandhi Vadra's loyalists have made it known that the new members are on what is being described as probation for three months. According to them, the fresh incumbents have been told by the Congress general secretary's office that their work will be monitored closely and that they will be shown the door if they fail to deliver. For instance, the absence of the members from a party meeting or their failure to hold regular programmes in their areas will not be taken lightly. This has, to some extent, reassured the veterans who find themselves marginalised in the new set-up. A senior leader from Uttar Pradesh was recently heard exulting that the tenure of the fresh entrants will not last long. "Wait and see... most of the newcomers will not survive the test. We should be prepared for further changes in a couple of months," he added happily.

he Congress is currently abuzz with stories about a showdown between party

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chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi a few weeks ago. Apparently, Sonia Gandhi wanted to appoint senior leader Sushil Kumar Shinde as party general secretary in charge of organisa-tion in place of K.C. Venugopal who is a Rahul Gandhi favourite. The Nehru-Gandhi scion did not take kindly to this suggestion though Sonia Gandhi made a strong case for Shinde's rehabilitation in the party by citing his years of experience and the fact that it would send out a positive signal before the Maharashtra Assembly polls. Rahul Gandhi, it is said, remained unmoved and argued that younger leaders should not be cast aside merely to accommodate seniors. Rahul Gandhi won this round but the episode only shows that there is no end to the tussle between the old guard or Sonia loyalists and Rahul Gandhi's supporters.

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structed a complex canal sys-

tem to irrigate the Punjab

region of Pakistan. Partition

left a large part of this infra-

structure in Pakistan, but the

headwork dams remained in

India, fuelling much insecurity

among the Punjabi landown-

World Bank brokered the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan

after many years of intense

negotiations to allocate the

waters of the Indus river basin.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal

Nehru and President Ayub Khan signed the treaty in Karachi on September 19, 1960.

Under the IWT, control over

the three "eastern" rivers -

the Beas, Ravi and Sutlej -

was given to India, while con-trol over the three "western"

rivers — the Indus, Chenab

and Jhelum — to Pakistan.

Since Pakistan's three rivers

flow through India first, the

treaty allowed India to use

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Threat to turn off water to Pakistan is unworkable



fter the Uri terrorist attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said: 'Blood and water cannot flow together." By implication, he was suggesting that India could retaliate by turning off the spigot of the three western rivers of the Indus basin that flow unhindered into Pakistan and sustain most of its agriculture. Now, possibly having realised that the western river waters can't be stopped, Mr Modi, while campaigning in Haryana, raised the question of the water of the eastern rivers flowing into Pakistan. The truth is that the flow of blood can be stopped, but water will continue to flow.

The Indus river system has a total drainage area of over 11,165,000 sq. km. Its estimated annual flow stands at around 207 km3, making it the 21st largest river in the world in terms of annual flow. It is also Pakistan's sole means of sustenance. The British had conjects along the way. Since the ratification of the treaty in 1960, India and Pakistan have fought three wars, but the flow of water as per the treaty was not hampered even for a single

day. The three eastern rivers allocated to India by the IWT are the Beas, Ravi and Sutlej. These waters sustain agriculture in Punjab and to some extent Haryana, and are substantially used. What enters

Pakistan is usually just enough to keep the stream flushed. But nevertheless, Pakistan has from time to time blamed India for its floods, saying these are caused by the sudden and deliberate release of storage gates. Despite this, the IWT worked exceedingly well for both countries, and both are loathe disturbing it. Even when India and Pakistan went to war in 1965, 1971 and over Kargil in 1999, the waters flowed without interruption. The fact is that the IWT works because it suits both countries by making a virtue of their

geography. Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode to power promising to deter Pakistani-origin terrorism in India by threatening retribution, and is now hard pressed to deliver. The terrorist attacks continue, even withthem for irrigation, transport and power generation, while out Article 370. Mr Modi is discovering that there is a wide, yawning gap between promise and reality. The Modi govern-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode to power promising to deter Pakistani-origin terrorism in India by threatening retribution, and is now hard pressed to deliver. The terrorist attacks continue, even without Article 370.

ment is flailing for options, short of the use of the military option. After the Uri incident, Mr Modi threatened to withdraw from the IWT. Nothing happened. Instead, Pulwama happened. Even the raid on Balakot has not had quite the effect on Pakistan as most of his followers claim it did.

campaigning in Now Haryana, Mr Modi has once again begun to somewhat obliquely raise the issue of the Indus waters. He now tells Haryana's farmers we are giving away much of the Ravi, Sutlej and Beas waters to Pakistan. This is just not true. Out of 33 million acre-feet (MAF) that is by right India's, only about two MAF utilisable from the Ravi and Beas flows into Pakistan. Yet Mr Modi threatens Pakistan, saying: "The water which belongs to India was allowed to flow to Pakistan for 70 years... This will not happen now. We will

divert the water which belongs to India, it will be given to the farmers of Haryana, and water should be given to the farmers of Rajasthan." But the main why Haryana, reason Rajasthan and even Delhi are being denied the Indus basin waters is because Punjab refuses to permit the comple-tion of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal (SYL) from just below the Nangal Dam to join the Yamuna canal near Karnal in Haryana.

Of the three western rivers "given" to Pakistan, the Indus, which debouches from Indian territory near Kargil, then flows entirely in Pakistan-controlled territory. The Jhelum originates near Verinag near Anantnag and meanders for over 200 km in the Kashmir Valley before it enters Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. After flowing through Srinagar, it fills up the Wular Lake and then traverses past Baramulla and Uri. The hydel projects constructed on it supply most of the electricity to the Valley. The Chenab, also known as

the Chandrabhaga, originates in Lahaul Spiti in Himachal Pradesh and flows through the Jammu region into the plains of Pakistan's Punjab. The catchment area of the Chenab is elongated and narrow. The catchment area of the Chenab is mostly in India. But the Chenab runs through deep valleys and the river drops by as much as 24 meters per km, imposing physical constraints and huge economic costs on harnessing it.

Besides, as Dr Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, head of earth sciences at the geology and geo-physics department of the University of Kashmir, recent-ly put it: "Let us assume we stop the water supply for the sake of argument. Where would the water go? We do not have the infrastructure to store this water. We have not built dams in J&K where we can store the water. And being a mountainous state, unlike Tamil Nadu or Karnataka, you cannot move the water to another state. So, you cannot stop the water technically." But even if it can be done, cli-

mate change is upon us with severe implicit consequences for both countries, but mostly for Pakistan. The Indus river basin is fed mostly by melting glaciers, unlike the Ganga and the Brahmaputra basins, which are fed mostly by the monsoons. Since climate change is now affecting the Himalayan glaciers, the water patterns in the Indus river basin are already showing changes. This is why Pakistan constantly keeps up a drumbeat of false charges about the non-adherence to the IWT by

Widely referenced estimates indicate a troubling long-term

trend for the flow of the Indus river basin. River water pro-vides 80 per cent of all irriga-tion water for Pakistan's critical agriculture sector. These water sources are already near their limits, with most water diverted to northern Pakistan's agricultural regions at the expense of the south. In fact, so much water is diverted from the Indus before it reaches the ocean that seawater has invaded the river channel miles inland.

Based on current projections, the Indus river system is expected to fall below 2000 flow levels between 2030 and 2050. The drop-off is estimated to be most serious between 2030 and 2040, with a new equilibrium flow of 20 per cent below that of 2000, reached after 2060.

Not only is Pakistan running out of water, it seems to be soon running out of time as well. As its founding fatherpoet Allama Iqbal wrote: 'Watan Ki Fikar Kar Nadan! Musibat Ane Wali Hai/Teri Barbadiyon Ke Mashware Hain Asmanon Mein. (Think of the homeland, O ignorant one! Hard times are coming/ Conspiracies for your destruc-tion are afoot in the heavens.)"

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Chinese economy.

US act of treachery shouldn't surprise Kurds, given the past



ans of the iconic Peanuts' cartoon strip will recall how time

suades the hapless Charlie

Brown to kick the football she

for an assurance, he receives a promise that she won't pull the

ball away this time. He then

comes running in, and of

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is steadying with a finger. When Charlie Brown asks

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have won the admiration of many around the world for their courage and skill.

For the Americans, the YPG were a godsend, as no other regional force was willing to take on the bloodthirsty jihadists of the IS. Writing a cheque in Riyadh is one thing; risking life and limb in the desert quite another. In any case, the fighting capabilities of the Saudi army have been thoroughly exposed in the war against the Houthis in Yemen.

Nor did the Americans wish to send more troops to Syria and risk vote-losing casualties. But with American air and artillery support, the YPG defeated the IS in a series of bloody battles. Trump could thus declare victory, and pull out the small number of who served as a trip-wire to prevent Turkish attacks on the Kurds. But after they had served American interests, Trump has abruptly stabled his Kurdish allies in the back, continuing a long and dishonourable tradition. Over the last century, America has betrayed the Kurds exactly eight times, so Trump's latest (and ninth) act of treachery should not surprise us, or the Kurds. When the Ottoman Empire collapsed after its defeat in the First World War, Kurds who had lived for centuries under Istanbul's voke thought their time had come. But despite earlier promises, they were betrayed by the Americans, and denied statehood under the Treaty of Lausanne of 1923 that redrew regional maps to reflect the carve-up of the Ottoman Empire. After the Second World War. the Americans armed the Kurds to bleed the government of Abdul Karim Kassem. However, when the (initially) pro-West Saddam Hussein staged a coup, arms to the Kurds were abruptly halted. The next chapter in betrayal came when the Iraqi Kurds were armed by Nixon against Saddam at the behest of the Shah of Iran, but were abandoned to the tender mercies of the murderous Iraqi dictator following the revolution in Iran. When he was asked to explain this act of treachery, Kissinger cynically replied: "One should not confuse covert acts with missionary work." When Saddam used poison gas to massacre thousands of Kurds, an American reporter handed in a story about the incident, his editor asked: "Who will care? When the elder Bush halted the American advance during the first Gulf War, he encouraged Iraqis to fight Saddam. But when the Shias in the south and the Kurds in the north did rise up, they were butchered by the dictator without the Americans lifting a finger to help. The litany of betrayal goes on.

On feasting and fasting: Eating with awareness



ccept it or not, much of the attraction of a festival depends on the irresistible delicacies you are going to binge on. All the fun and excitement will be gone if you are put on a calorie diet during the festivity. And the real fun of binging is when you don't have to think about what you are eating, right?

Wrong! Actually you can have real fun when you are eating with awareness. Indian ayurveda and yoga have given tremendous importance to eating — it was called a sacrifice, a *havan* to the body. Eating is not only done

through the mouth, but it is also a deeply sensuous way of relating to a sort of life energy called food. You may not have thought about it but you enjoy food through all your senses. One-fourth Mantra of the food is eaten through the eyes, the other onefourth is enjoyed through

the smell, and the remaining is relished through the taste. There is a sort of meditation in tantra which says, "While tasting, the food becomes the taste". Do not just go on swallowing things. Taste them unhurriedly and become the taste. When you feel sweetness, become that sweetness. And then it can be felt all over the body — not just in the mouth, not just on the tongue — it can be felt all over the body, spreading its ripples!

With no taste, your senses will be deadened. They will become less and less perceptive. And with less sensitivity, you will not be able to feel your body, your feelings. The food reaches

every cell, at different levels of your being and creates life. Without sensitivity, you will remain in your head and will be disconnected from your body. Tantra says, do not create any division within yourself. It is beautiful to taste: it is beautiful to be sensi-

tive. And if you are more sensitive you will be more alive, and if you are more alive, then more life will enter your inner being.

So, what you eat is important enough but how you eat it is equally important. Dieticians can give you a very healthy diet but you are the one who is going to absorb it and assimi-late it all over the body. It is your body that is going to digest and send it to every cell and build up your sensitivity.

This is why Osho says: I don't teach you dieting; I teach you only awareness. Eat with full awareness, eat meditatively, and then you will never

eat more, and you will never eat less. More is as bad as less. Too much eat-ing is bad, just like too much fasting; these are extremes. Nature wants you to be balanced, to be in a sort of equilibrium, to be in the middle, neither less nor more. Don't go to the extreme. To go to the extreme is to be neurotic. There are two types of neurotics about food: those who go on eating, not listening to the body — the body goes on crying and screaming, "Stop! and they go on eating. These are neurotic people. Then there is the other variety: the body goes on screaming, 'I am hungry!" and they are on a fast. A religious person is one who is balanced: in whatsoever he is doing, he is always in the middle. He never goes to the extreme because all extremes will create tensions, anxieties

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away at the last instant, leaving Charlie sprawling on his back. It never changes, and yet he never loses his innocence, just as Lucy never loses her mean streak.

This is what has been happening to the Kurds over hundreds of years. According to an old Kurdish saying, the mountains are the Kurds' only friends. Although they are the world's largest ethnic group without a state, they have been used and abused time and again by cynical regional countries, as well as by global powers. Today, there are anywhere between 20 million and 40m Kurds, depending on whose figures you trust. At 15m, they constitute around 18 per cent of the Turkish population. There are also about 8m in Iran; 2m in Syria, and 5m in Iraq. Sadly, they have been unable to unite and present a joint front.

For decades, it was a crime to broadcast in Kurdish in Turkey, or use other expressions of identity like singing or publishing works written in Kurdish. This pushed the Kurds into demanding greater autonomy, and when the Turkish state responded with violence, the conflict escalated into a full-blown civil war. Spearheading this fight was the PKK, or the Kurdish Workers' Party, a secular, left-wing group that espoused independence.

To his credit, Erdogan, the Turkish president, lifted the ban on many of the draconian bans on the display of Kurdish identity. Schools can now teach in Kurdish, and Kurds can take part in elections. However, this thaw ended when terrorist attacks in Turkey took scores of lives. Although the PKK denied responsibility, Erdogan unleashed a fierce anti-Kurd campaign in south-eastern Turkey that has levelled entire city blocks and killed thousands.

The YPG, or Peoples' Protection Units, is a Syrian group close to the PKK's ideology. Women have fought shoulder to shoulder with men in the war against the militant Islamic State (IS) group, and

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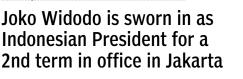








Popular President Joko Widodo is sworn in as Indonesian President for a







on time — Shah Mahmood Qureshi Pakistan foreign minister



Qantas completes longest flight

Sydney: Australia's Qantas on Sunday completed the first non-stop commercial flight from New York to Sydney, which was used to run a series of tests to assess the effects of ultra long-haul flights on crew fatigue and passenger jetlag. The Boeing 787 Dreamliner touched down in Sydney after a flight of 19 hours and 16 minutes, the world's longest. Qantas said tests ranged from monitoring pilot brain waves, melatonin levels and alertness to exercise classes for passengers. A total of 49 people were on board, in order to minimize weight. "Overall, we're really happy with how the flight went and it's great to have some of the data we need to help assess turning this into a regular service," said Capt. Sean Golding, who led the four pilots.



Trudeau could lose Canada polls

Toronto: Polls show Trudeau could lose to his Conservative Party rival in national elections on Monday or fail to win a majority of seats in Parliament and have to rely on an opposition party to remain in power. Not since 1935 has a first-term Canadian prime minister with a parliamentary majority lost a bid for re-election. A combination of scandal and high expectations has damaged his prospects. rudeau's opponent, Andrew Scheer, is a career politician described by those in his own party as bland, a possible antidote for those tired of Trudeau's flash. Scheer. 40, is promising to scrap the national carbon tax and cut government spending, including foreign aid, by 25 per cent.

Turkish Prez mulls resettlement of 2 million refugees **Boris sends unsigned** Syria govt forces must leave letter for Brexit delay border areas, says Erdogan London, Oct. 20: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson reluctantly wrote to Brussels late

Istanbul, Oct. 20: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan wants Syrian government forces to move government forces to move out of areas near the Turkish border so he can resettle up to 2 million refugees there, his spokesman told The Associated Press on

Saturday. The request will top Erdogan's talks next week with Syria's ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin. Arrangements along the Syrian-Turkish border Syrian-Turkish were thrown into disarray after the US pulled its troops out of the area, opening the door to Turkey's invasion aiming to drive out Kurdish-led fighters it considers terrorists.

Abandoned by their American allies, the Kurds, with Russia's mediation, invited Damascus to send troops into northeastern Syria as protection from Turkish forces. That has complicated Turkey's plan to create a "safe zone" along the border, where it can resettle Syri refugees now in Turkey. Syrian

Erdogan's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin, said Ankara does not want either Syrian forces or Kurdish fighters in the area because

US troops leave Syria, to fight IS from Western Iraq

Mark Esper

The

counterpart about the plan to shift the more

than 700 troops leaving Syria into western Iraq.

made clear that one of

President Donald Trump's rationales for withdrawing troops from Syria was not going to

come to pass any time

developments

Washington, Oct. 20: Defense Secretary Mark Esper says that under the current plan all US troops leaving Syria will go to western Iraq and the military will continue to conduct operations against the Islamic State group to prevent its resurgence.

Esper did not rule out the idea that US forces would conduct counterterrorism missions from Iraq into Syria. But he said those details will be worked out over time. His comments were the

first to specifically lay out where American troops will go as they leave Syria and what the counter-IS fight could look like. Esper said he has spoken to his Iraqi

refugees would not go back to areas under their conthe Russians, because, again, we are not going to trol. Turkey has said it force any refugees to go to anywhere they don't want to go," he said. "We want to wants to oversee that area. "This is one of the topics that we will discuss with create conditions that will

soon. "It's time to bring our soldiers back home, he said. But they are not coming home.

As Esper left Washington, US troops were continuing to pull out of northern Syria after Turkey's invasion into the border region. Sporadic clashes contin-ued between Turkishbacked fighters and the US-allied Syria Kurdish forces despite a five-day cease-fire deal between US and Turkish leaders. Trump ordered the bulk of the approximately 1,000 US troops in Syria to withdraw after

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made it clear in a phone call that his forces were about to invade Syria.

be suitable for them to return where they will feel safe." Turkey has taken in about 3.6 million Syrians fleeing the conflict in their homeland. -AP



Saturday asking for a Brexit extension after MPs voted to force him

But Johnson, who has pinned his premiership on getting Britain out of the European Union on

time, refused to sign the

letter he sent to European

Council President Donald

The Conservative leader

also sent a second signed

letter insisting he was not

seeking an extension to

the Brexit deadline, which

has already been post-poned twice.

less than a fortnight.

Johnson sent a photo-

copy of the letter that was

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REGRETTABLY, 3 Parliament missed the opportunity to inject momentum into the ratification

process **BORIS JOHNSON,** British Prime Minister

In a day of high drama in the House of Commons, MPs declined to give their backing to requiring him to ask for the delay, but did not sign it, showed a copy released by his Downing Street the revised withdrawal agreement Johnson struck with the EU this week until the legislation needed to ratify it has office. "Regrettably, parliament missed the opportunity to inject momen-Having failed to back a divorce deal, they trig-gered a law requiring tum into the ratification process," Johnson wrote in the signed letter, regretting that EU lead-Johnson to write to EŬ leaders by the end of the ers would now have to day asking to delay Brexit, to avoid the risk that Britain crashes out in spend yet more time on Brexit.

He expressed "confi-dent" of completing the ratification process by October 31 -AFP

• CHILE

bill on Monday, however, MPs could be called to vote as early as Tuesday. Johnson wrote to Tusk that he was "confident" he could get it through before the of the month. -AFP

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EU CONSIDERING

RELUCTANT PLEA

London, Oct. 20: EU lead

ers were on Sunday con-

sidering a request by Prime Minister Boris Johnson to delay Britain's departure from

the bloc, which he was forced to make after MPs

refused to back his Brexit

Tusk said he would

begin consulting EU lead-

process one diplomat said

Johnson has already spoken to the leaders of

rance, Germany and the

Netherlands to press his

case — and Paris warned that a Brexit delay was

'in nobody's interest". Johnson's government

is seeking a new vote on

its deal on Monday, although this may fall

foul of parliamentary

If it introduces the

implementation

ers "on how to react" —

could take a few days.

deal.

JOHNSON'S

3 DEAD IN CHILE PROTEST VIOLENCE

Santiago, Oct. 20: Three people died in a fire at a supermarket being ransacked in the Chilean capital early Sunday, as protests sparked by anger over social and economic conditions rocked one of Latin America's most stable countries.

Santiago's Mayor Karla Rubilar told Karla reporters two people burned to death in the blaze and another later died in hospital, after the huge store controlled by US retail chain Walmart was looted.

They were the first deaths in two days of violent unrest in which protesters have set buses on fire, burned metro stations and clashed with riot police in the city of seven million, despite a curfew imposed overnight. Soldiers were deployed in the streets for the first time since Chile returned to democracy in 1990. The protests were triggered by an unpopular hike in metro fares, which President Sebastian Pinera later suspended folloriot-like situation. following Pinera appealed to people taking to the streets, saying "there are good reasons to do so," but calling on them "to demonstrate peacefully." Pinera acknowledged that those in the streets had "good reasons" to protest but called on them "to demonstrate peacefully" Nobody has the right to act with brutal criminal violence, he said. Dozens of protesters torched a building belonging to Chile's oldest newspaper El Mercurio in Valparaiso, while elsewhere in the port city a metro station, supermarkets and other stores were burned. -AFP



border

Washington, Oct. 20: US President Donald Trump said the next G7 summit will not be at one of his own Florida golf clubs, reversing a decision that had sparked corruption

accusations. Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney had revealed the venue for the summit, causing a firestorm among Trump's Democratic opponents in Congress, who called the move "among the most brazen examples yet of the president's corruption.

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Protesters vent fury amid vandalism



HILLARY DRAWS FLAK FOR JIBE AT TULSI

Washington, Oct. 20: Hillary Clinton has gone crazy, US President Donald Trump has said as he slammed the former secretary of state for calling Democratic presidential aspi-rant Tulsi Gabbard and former Green Party candidate Jill Stein as Russian assets.

During a podcast interview, Clinton said Russia had groomed Stein to be a spoiler third-party candidate in 2016 and implied that the Kremlin doing the same with Gabbard in order to take votes away from the 2020 Democratic ticket and secure Trump's reelection.

"Hillary's gone Crazy! Trump said in a tweet on

Saturday night. "So now Crooked Hillary is at it again! She is calling Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard 'a Russian favorite' and Jill Stein 'a Russian asset' As you may have heard, I was called a big Russia lover also (actually, I do like Russian people. I like all people!), he said. Gabbard, 38, the first Hindu

member of the US Congress, declared her presidential bid last year. She is a favourite among Indian-Americans.

Gabbard, a fourth-term Democratic Congresswoman from Hawaii, fired back at Clinton. "Great! Thank you @HillaryClinton. You, the queen of warmongers, embodiment of corruption, and personification of the rot that has sickened the Democratic Party for so long, have finally come out from behind the curtain.'

will no longer consider Trump National Doral, Miami, as the Host Site for the G-7 in 2020," he tweeted. "We will begin the search for another site, including the possibility of Camp David, immediately." Mulvaney had said in his announcement that the south Florida venue was "the best place" among a dozen US locations considered for the June 10-12 gathering next year. Critics, including ethic campaigners, said holding the event at Doral would violate both the foreign and domestic emoluments clauses that are designed to shield a US leader from outside

influence. "He is exploiting his office and making official US government decisions for his person-al financial gain," Jerry Nadler, the chairman of the powerful House Judiciary Committee, said. Even before the Doral announcement, lawmakers were probing Trump's suggestion at the G7 in France that the next one could be at one of his resorts. -AFF

BARCELONA



- Chile: A burnt metro station and train after protests in Santiago over hike in price of metro tickets. – AFP
- 2. Barcelona: Protesters stage a street protest in Barcelona, after nearly 200 people were hurt in another night of violent clashes in Catalonia. - AFP
- 3. Hong Kong: Protesters attack a man who was trying to stop them for vandalizing near the Tsim She Tsui police station during a rally on Sunday. -AP

Rights groups have warned the island might not be able to withstand violent storms **DESPERATE** MOVE Rohingya agree to move to Bangla flood-prone region

Cox's Bazar, Oct. 20: Thousands of Rohingya living in Bangladesh refugee camps have agreed to move to an island in the Bay of Bengal, officials said on Sunday, despite fears the site is prone to flooding.

seeing would Dhaka has long wanted to move 1,00,000 refugees the next few days. to the muddy silt islet, saying it would take pressure 7,000 refugees have already off the overcrowded borexpressed their willingder camps where almost a ness to be relocated to million Rohingya live. Bhashan Char," Alam told Some 7,40,000 Rohingya

AFP from Cox's Bazar, fled Myanmar in August adding that "the number is rising" 2017 in the face of a mili-

tary crackdown, joining **CURRENTLY**, 2,00,000 refugees already in makeshift tent settlemore than a lakh ments at Cox's Bazar. refugee Mahbub Alam, said officials overthe relocation be posted to Bhashan Char island in

Rohingya refugees live at the overcrowded border camps | crackdown

cate Rohingya to the desolate flood-prone site which is an hour by boat from the mainland

He did not say when the involved in building facilirefugees would be moved, but a senior Navy officer could start by December,

SOME 7,40,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar in August 2017 in the face of a military

BANGLADESH had been planning to relo-

ties on the island said it

with some 500 refugees sent daily.

Bangladesh had been planning since last year to relocate Rohingya to the desolate flood-prone site, which is an hour by boat from the mainland. Rights groups have

warned the island, which emerged from the sea only about two decades ago, might not be able to withstand violent storms during the annual monsoon season.

In the past half a century, powerful cyclones have killed hundreds of thou-

sands of people in the Meghna river estuary where the island is located

Rohingya leaders would ters. be taken to Bhashan Char to view the facilities and living conditions, Alam

said. Safety facilities built on the island include a ninefeet high embankment along its perimeter to keep out tidal surges during cyclones, and a warehouse to store months-worth of rations, he added.

Rohingya father-of-four Nur Hossain, 50, said he

and his family agreed to relocate to Bhashan Char after they were shown video footage of the shel-

"I have agreed to go. The camp here (at Leda) is very overcrowded. There are food and housing problems," the 50-year-old told AFP.

There was no immediate comment from the UN, although Bangladeshi officials said they expect a delegation would visit the island in the next few weeks.

-AFP





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Pound Sterling (₹)	91.66	+0.01
Euro (₹)	79.30	+0.25
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	38,925 ▼ 0.37	145
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	59.42	-0.82
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.692	-0.008
US 10-Yr T-bill yield	1.747	-0.008
* As of Saturday		

Govt may float bids for Air India sale next month

The government plans to invite preliminary bids for 100 per cent stake sale in Air India next month and already some entities have expressed interest in the national carrier, sources said, adding that the Expression of Interest (Eol) document is being given the final touches. Eol inviting bids for stake sale are likely to be floated either this month-end or next month, they added.

FPIs put ₹4,970 cr in stocks, ₹102 cr in debt in Oct



Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have infused a net sum of Rs 5,072 crore into the capital markets in October so far. As per

Estimates show by 2024 India will be No. 2 after China *quick* Billies India set to overtake US in global growth share

ALEXANDRE TANZI OCT. 20

The global economy, weighed down by tensions that have stalled international trade and elevated uncertainty, is expected to see slower growth in the next half decade across a wide swathe of economies. China's growth rate is expected to continue to slow, and will be a smaller driver to global GDP growth in the near term. China's share of global GDP growth is expected to fall from 32.7 per cent in 2018-2019 to 28.3 per cent by 2024 — a relatively steep 4.4 percentage point reduction.

Weaker global growthexpected to fall to 3 per cent this year and the slowest since the global financial crisis—will affect 90 per cent of the world, according to esti-mates released by the International Monetary Fund. Which economies are the

key players now and where will global growth come from in five years? Bloomberg used International Monetary Fund projections, adjusted for purchasing power parity, to iden-tify these growth engines.

Railway Board

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ANANYA SENGUPTA

NEW DELHI, OCT, 20

by 25% in



Where does growth come from in 2019

20 economies forecast to account for 85.8 of the 2019 world GDP growth China

United States	13
India	13
Indonesia	3
Japan	2
Russia	2
Germany	1
France	1
Egypt	1
UK	1
Brazil	1
All other	
economies combined	14

Note: Economy's 2018-2019 growth of the GDP as a share of world GDP growth. Growth contribution shown for No. 1-10 contributores Purchasing power parity-based Source: Bloomberg

The US, while still expected to contribute a sizeable

Where will growth come from in 2024

20 economies forecast to account for 78.5% of the 2024 world GDP growth

32.7	China	28.3
13.8	India	15.5
13.5	United States	9.2
3.9	Indonesia	3.7
2.4	Russia	2.0
2.0	Brazil	1.8
1.6	Turkey	1.6
1.5	Japan	1.6
1.5	Egypt	1.5
1.5	Germany	15
1.4	All other	
1.4	economies combined	21.5
14.1	Note: Economy's 2023-2024 growth of	the GDP
ha CDD	as a share of world GDP growth. Growt	h contri-

bution shown for No. 1-10 contributores. Purchasing power parity-based Source: Bloomberg

portion to world growth, is projected to fall to third place, after India. Ameri-ca's share of global growth

is expected to slip from 13.8 per cent to 9.2 per cent by 2024, while India's share is

projected to rise to 15.5 per cent and eclipse the US over this five-year period. Indonesia will remain in the fourth spot as its econ-

omy is expected to have a 3.7 per cent growth share in 2024, a slight downward adjustment from 3.9 per cent in 2019.

The UK will see its importance wane amid Brexit as its economy drops from ninth as a share of world growth in 2019, to 13th. Although world GDP gro-

wth attributable to Russia is at 2 per cent now and expected to stay there in five years, the country is lik-ely to displace Japan as the number five growth contributor. Japan will fall to the ninth spot by 2024. Brazil is projected to move up from No. 11 to No. 6. Germany's share of growth is expected to remain at 1.6 per cent and 7th on the list. The IMF said new growth

engines among the top 20 countries in five years will include Turkey, Mexico, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, Spain, Poland, while Canada and Vietnam drop out of the first 20.

- Bloomberg

Diwali pick: Brokers go for quality, consumption

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, OCT. 20

Money

Customary Diwali stock pick of brokerages this year reveal a preference for quality companies with steady businesses and con-sumer focus. They have largely overlooked IT, infra-focused, power, infra-focused, power, metal, telecom, healthcare and real estate companies in their stock selection for the next one year.

Various government measures to boost the econ-omy and consumption, a sharp recovery in monsoon with 10 per cent above normal rainfall, and lower interest rates have led to brokerages focusing rela-tively more on consumption-focused companies.

Commenting on the stock selection, Dharmesh Kant, Head-Retail Research. India Nivesh, said, "In the present environment of global trade wars, macroeconomic uncertainty, and slowing domestic economy, we tried to discover investment ideas that can not only withstand this turbulence but will also likely be first movers when the tide turns.'

"A stable government, aggressive policy reforms of far-reaching consequences, lower interest rate trajectory, good monsoons, stable rupee and range-bound crude oil prices are seeds for eco-nomic revival. We expect

Diwali pick by brokerages

Brokerage House Diwali pick

HDFC SECURITIES : Affle India, Amber Enterprises, Apollo Hospitals, Bajaj Auto, BEML, Deepak Nitrite, Fairchem Speciality, GRSE, Muthoot Finance, SBI Life Insurance, Sudarsha Chemical and Ultratech Cement

INDIA NIVESH: Hero MotoCorp, JK Paper, Escorts, Godrej Consumer Products, LIC Housing Finance

ANAND RATHI: Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management, Reliance Industries, ICICI Pru Life Insurance, Bharat Electronics, Hindustan Unilever, Indraprastha Gas.

SHAREKHAN BY BNP PARIBAS: Atul, Bata India, Colgate Palmolive, HCL Technologies, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Mahanagar Gas, Polycab India, Reliance Industries, Spandana Sphoorty and UltraTech Cement

RELIGARE BROKING: Havells, M&M, Marico, Maruti Suzuki, Reliance Nippon Asset Management and Voltas

K R CHOKSEY: HDFC Life Insurance, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Elxsi, Reliance Industries, Mahanagar Gas, Ashok Leyland, Sundaram Fasteners, Minda Corp and Sterlite Technologies

CHOICE BROKING: HDFC, ACC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Adani Port and Godrej Consumer Products

Source: FC Research

healthy growth outlook

and reasonable valuations. Moreover, building a port-

folio is all about under-

standing the macroeco-

nomic conditions, accord-

witnessed high volatility

combination of both glob-

ing to Sharekhan.

the economy to be back on track from FY21 onwards as benefits of the recent tax reforms will play out in full throttle," Kant added.

Sharekhan By BNP Paribas, on its Diwali pick, said, "In troubled times, it Religare Broking said, "The Indian markets have is the quality companies with a reputed managesince last Diwali due to the ment, strong balance sheet and healthy growth trend al as well as domestic facthat perform well. On the other hand, it is once again proven that chasing momentum stocks could be quite a risky proposition.

quality companies with a

to e-auction 11 accounts

Minister Piyush Goyal has stated that a probe is on with regard to allegations of predatory pricing (SBI) will conduct an e-

The Railways has decided

Excerpts:

Pitching Taiwan as a 'natu-ral partner' for India, Ambassador Chung-Kwan Tien, representative of the alpel Economic and

Cultural Centre in India,

has said that his country is

MUMBAI, OCT. 20



India, Taiwan natural Amazon, Flipkart asked to name top 5 sellers partners: Envoy Tien **APRAMEYA RAO** Australasia. Where does

India stand in your policy? As a strategically located country, India stands first in our policy. Among the various benefits. India provides our businesses with

New Delhi, Oct. 20: E-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart have been asked to disclose names of top five sellers on their platform, price list of goods of preferred vendors and the

So essentially it means sticking to basics; invest in

tors and gained around 7 per cent so far... going forward, various government measures, a sharp recovery in monsoon (10 per cent above normal), and lower interest rates augur well for the revival of consumption story in India.'



against Wal-Mart-owned auction of 11 bad loan Flipkart and Amazon. The detailed questionaccounts on November 7 to recover dues of Rs naire sent to these compa 166.49 crore. In terms of the bank's nies also includes queries regarding total number of revised policy on sale of sellers listed on their platfinancial assets, in line forms; list and share of with the regulatory controlled and unconguidelines, the bank trolled sellers; distributor will place 11 accounts and retailer price list for for sale to ARCs/ banks/NBFCs and FIs, preferred/controlled vendors and proportion of SBI said in an auction total sales from top five notice. The bank said sellers. the financial assets have also been They were showcased on asked to share details October 12 and the eabout association with auction will take place on November 7. payment gateways. sources said. The major non-per-forming asset (NPA) accounts to be auctioned As per the current FDI policy, the government permits 100 per cent FDI include Bhatia Global Tradin, which has an in the marketplace model of e-commerce but not in outstanding of Rs 177.02 crore on the bank, Bhatia Coke & Energy inventory based model. The online firms are also not allowed to influence (Rs 104.15 crore), Bhatia directly or indirectly Coal Washeries (Rs 12.58 crore) and Natural R prices of goods to be sold on their platforms. (India) (Rs 2.18 crore). Both Amazon and Flipkart have maintained Maharastra (Rs 40.51 crore), Anshul that they follow the current FDI policy. Steel (Rs 37.70 crore) and The companies also Vidhata Metals (Rs 36.98 strongly deny having indulged in deep discountcrore) are the other accounts to be auctioned. ing, saying brands offer those discounts. -PTI

the latest depositories data, foreign investors put in a net sum of Rs 4.970 crore in equities and a net Rs 102 crore in the debt market during October 1-18. In September, FPIs had invested a net Rs 6,557.8 crore in the capital markets in both equity and debt.

Oberoi Realty net profit drops 35% to ₹138 cr

Oberoi Realty on Sunday said it posted a 35.4 per cent decline in onsolidated net profit at Rs 138.07 crore for the September quarter. The company had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 213.83 crore in the year-ago period. In a filing to the BSE, the company said total income during the July-September period declined to Rs 505.09 crore from Rs 619.78 crore a year ago.

MFs invest ₹9K cr in Reits, InvITs this year

Emerging investment instruments Reits and InvITs seem to be finally catching on with investors as mutual funds have invested nearly Rs 9,000 crore in such units in the first nine months of the year. Fund managers have infused Rs 451 crore in real estate investment trusts (Reits) and Rs 8,528 crore in infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) during January September Sebi data shows

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prune the Railway Board by 25 per cent, cutting down its strength from 200 to 150 by transferring director-level officials and above to zonal railways in a long pending move to enhance efficiency, sources said on Sunday

The plan was first mooted in 2000 by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, which recommended right sizing of the apex decision making body of the national transporter. "Currently, there are 200 officials in the Board. It will be reduced to 150 with 50 officers of director and above level being transferred to the zonal railways. This was long overdue as it was felt that too many people were doing similar jobs and senior officials were needed in zones to increase efficiency," said a source. The plan would be implemented shortly, he

The move was part of Railway Minister Piyush Goyal's 100-day agenda and a top priority for present Railway Board Chairman V. K. Yadav. Restructuring of the Railway Board was also recommended by the Bibek Debroy Committee on Indian Railways in 2015. The panel said in its report that the Indian Railways' centralised structure and departmentalisation was adversely affecting the railways' work culture and narrowing its approach to department-specific goals. "It has always been seen that the railways, including the Railway Board, was overstaffed. This was

adversely affecting the

efficiency of the organisa-tion," a senior official

He added that there had

been no serious attempts

to review the exact num-

ber of staff actually

required by the railways

for efficient functioning

as well as financial viabil-

said.

eager to expand trade ties with the Asia's thirdlargest economy. Tien spoke to Aprameya Rao on the sidelines of Smart Asia 2019, a 'smart city' solutions expo, organised by the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (Taitra), with Ficci. Edited

Trade between the two countries has crossed \$7.5 bn. Are we seeing a major upswing in trade ties?

Yes, bilateral ties between the two countries have got an impetus since 2014. I feel India became more probusiness. This gave our companies the opportunity to do more business. In fact, my Indian friends told me in 2014 that the Taiwanese should not miss the bus. We are now adding more passengers to it!

Why is India an attractive destination for Taiwanese businesses? India is one of the largest markets. It has a booming middle class and a largely

Chung-Kwan Tien

young population. More importantly, we value political stability, which is very important for companies investing in a country.

But experts argue that trade volume between India and Taiwan is still auite low.

Firstly, India is not a very territory for familiar Taiwanese businesses. We tend to have a much deeper and closer trade relationship with Asean countries. These countries also have Chinese communities which help our companies. These are missing in India so it is a new territory. However, trade volumes have increased six times since 2000. In the future, it is only going to rise.

The New Southbound Policy aims to enhance ties with countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia and

east-west connectivity. It allows our companies to explore greener pastures in the global market.

We can complement each other. Taiwan's expertise in hardware together with India's software industry can do a lot of good!

We are natural partners. since there are no border issues or any serious imbalance in the bilateral trade. There is no maritime dispute or terror-related problem between us.

An FTA has been in the offing for some time. But there has been no major development though.

An FTA-like deal will be a milestone in our trade ties. In the long-run, it will not only improve product quality and competitiveness in both countries, but also help create a level playing field for our companies vis-₹-vis Korea or Japan. But Indian government has generally been reluctant to sign FTAs. The government thinks signing them

will lead to a loss in rev-enue. I urge them to set up a task force and think of the long-term benefits.

kind of support provided to sellers, according to sources. The Department for

Promotion of Industry Internal and Trade (DPIIT) in separate questionnaires to these companies have also asked them to share their capital structure, business model and inventory management system.

These questions were sent to them after several complaints were made to the department by traders body CAIT that e-commerce companies have been violating the foreign direct investment policy in garb of mega festive sales. E-mail queries sent to Amazon and Flipkart on the matter did not elicit any response.

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) have time and again alleged that these companies follow unethical practices by indulging in predatory

pricing. The DPIIT has held several meetings separately with these companies and CAIT members.

Commerce and Industry

USDA projects strong year for Indian cotton

RITWIK MUKHERJEE KOLKATA, OCT, 20

The last cotton season (2018-19) was not a good one for India. According to Cotton Association of India (CAI), cotton output had stood at 312 lakh bale, the lowest in the decade. The top slot, which India had been holding in the global cotton market for long, was also shaken up slightly. However, now, if things go right, India is expected to regain its number one position in global cotton cultivation, going by the latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates. For the marketing year 2019-20, USDA has projected India's cotton output to be 305 lakh bale (each 217.7 kg), which works out to 390 lakh India

bale (each of 170 kg). Indian farmers have already reportedly achieved a record cotton-sowing of over 125 lakh hectare and with sufficient rainfall, the country's cotton crop seems to be good especially during September and mid-October. In fact, by some other estimates, this kharif season, India grew cotton on larger area at 127.67 lakh hectare, about 6 lakh hectare more than last year. And analysts are now hopeful that India may eventually experience an increase of more than



20 per cent in cotton crop during 2019-20, if there are no more damages to excess rainfall or diseases. Although, cotton trade bodies in

the country are yet to come out with their own crop estimate while, the first advance estimate by Centre has projected cotton crop in the country at 322.7 lakh bales.

Meanwhile, the USDA international outlook on cotton crop, suggested,

"Production in India is forecast at 30.5 million bales, 15 per cent above 2018-19, and the second highest on record, as both area and yield in 2019-20 are expected higher. Harvested area in India is projected at a record 12.9 million hectares in 2019-20, as domestic prices and internal support price prospects favour cotton over competing crops. The recent above-average monsoon rainfall will likely provide an extended picking season, which is expected to increase the yield to a 3year high.'

On the pricing front, cotton prices in the domestic market has been weak. The

prices hovered at Rs 41,900 per candy (each of 356 kg) of ginned cotton with 29 mm variety, down from Rs 43,900 two months ago. International cotton prices quoted at 60.83 cents per pound on ICE futures for December 2019. Analysts think that cotton prices continued to reduce in August 2019, mainly due to a fall in international prices. The prices may fall further as global produc-tion is likely to be higher than the demand growth, analysts are of the view. Interestingly, the MSP of

Asian

Steels

-PTI

Resources

cotton for the 2019-20 season is Rs 5,550 per quintal, against Rs 5,450 in the previous year.



-PTI













Brokers

BYTES

Buying A Car?

Should You Take A Personal Loan Or A Car Loan?

LOOK AT THE INTEREST To cut a long story short, the

Money talk Adhil Shetty While the auto industry Windustry is going through a slowdown, there are plenty of good deals available, and this is a good time to secure your set of dream wheels with deep discounts and premium add-ons. In recent years, Indians have years, Indians have shown they're no longer content with small hatchbacks, a departure from car ownership being the domain of the Indian elite. They have indicated a preference for bigger, faster cars, for which they will happily take bigger loans. As per BankBazaar data, in 2018, the average ticket size for car loans was ₹5.72 lakh in metros and ₹5.21 lakh in non-metros. This brings us to the subject at cost there's hand: when it comes to

interest rates on both forms of loans matter a lot. A car loan is a secured loan, which normally extracts a lower interest rate in comparison to an unsecured loan, which is what a personal loan is. A quick scan of car loans from banks reveals the interest rates to be in the range of 9-15 per cent per annum. However, personal loans start from around 11 per cent, going to 25 per cent and beyond. How much does this impact you? Let's say you borrow ₹5 lakh for five years. At 10 per cent, your EMI is ₹10,624 and your total interest is ₹1.37 lakh. But at 15 per cent, your EMI is ₹11,895 and your total interest is ₹2.13 lakh. A car is ultimately a depreciating asset, so you

should minimise your spends on it. So a higher interest on your loan leads to a higher of owner ship. But more you need to consider.

LONGER TENURE MEANS LOWER EMIS The size of one's EMIs is often a major consideration in how much one borrows. Car loan tenures can extend up to seven years in most cases. A typical personal loan will extend up to five. There are excep-tions in both loan categories where some bank will provide tenures longer than the norm. However, broadly speaking, your total interest will be likely higher on a personal loan despite a smaller tenure. Let's say you borrowed ₹5 lakh. With a 10 per cent car loan and a seven-year tenure, your EMI is ₹8,301 and interest ₹1.97 lakh. With a 15 per cent personal loan and five-year tenure, your EMI is ₹11,895 and interest ₹2.13 lakh. The actual math will vary from one lender to another, and from one loan product to another, and so you must make these calculations before deciding between the two options.

CAR LOANS MEAN RESTRICTED BORROWING

Banks will not fund 100 per cent of your car purchase cost. They'll only cover a part of it. Most banks will finance up to 100 per cent of the car's showroom price, which leaves you to bridge the gulf to the on-road price, which includes reg-istration, taxation, insurance etc. If you have the margin money and would prefer a low rate of interest, you should go for a car loan. But if you are short of cash and if the loan-to-value ratio is proving to be a problem, go for a personal loan, which is an open-ended credit and can be used for any purpose you deem fit-even a car purchase. With a personal loan, you can borrow the amount you're eligible for.

Tax matters Kamal Rathi No 80c sops for grandkids

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I purchased a house by taking a loan from a bank in July 2019. However, I will receive the possession of the house at around October 2020? I want to know whether the interest benefit will be available to me for the Assessment Year 2020-21 (FY 2019-20). NAVEEN GARG

Via email

A) You will not be entitled to claim interest on housing loan for the Assessment Year 2020-21 (FY 2019-20).As per explanations to provision of Section 24 (b) of the Income-Tax Act. "Where the property has been acquired or constructed with borrowed capital, interest, if any, payable on such capital for the period prior to previous year in which the property has been acquired or con-structed, as reduced by any part thereof allowed as a deduction under any other provision of this Act, shall be deducted under this clause in five equal annual installments, commencing from the previous year in which the house was acquired or constructed and each of the four immediately succeeding previous years." So the interest per-taining to AY 2020-21 (FY2019-20) shall be deductible in five equal installments beginning with AY 2021-22 (FY 2020-21).

I took voluntary retirement and invested my benefits of ₹12 lakh in a joint account, with my wife being the other account hold-er. An interest of ₹35,920 on investments is credted to my wife's savings bank account. Her total income is ₹1,78,500. My wife is not an income-tax assessee as her total income is less than the tax-able limit as per income-tax rules. As such Form 15H was avbmitted to the heart acking

Only sums paid by an individual on his/her life or on life of his/her spouse or, on life of any child qualifies for deduction under Section 80c; A Hindu undivided family (HUF) can buy for on life of any member of the family.

son?

submitted to the bank asking it not to deduct TDS. I am an income-tax assessee. So, I wanted to know if the interest earned on investments should be shown as a separate income earned by my wife or should it be added to my income. Kindly clarify.

YASH MISHRA Via email

A) As per the provisions of Section 64(1) (iv), in computing the total income of any indi-vidual, there shall be included all such income arising direct-ly or indirectly to the spouse "where an asset is transferred to the spouse without individ to the spouse by that individual otherwise than for adequate consideration or in connection with an agreement to live apart, the income arising from such asset". Hence, the interest earned on invest-

ments made out of the amounts contributed by you shall form part of your income.

I am a senior citizen. I wanted to buy insurance on the life of my grandson, aged 25 years, for ₹45 lakh. Will I get the deduc-tion benefit under Section 80C for the contribu-tion made towards premium of LIC of my grand-con?

Shree Cement's sale volumes rise by 1.5%

Shree Cement's Q2FY20 results surprised positively as it reported EBITDA of ₹840 crore, much better than broking house's esti-mate of ₹720 crore. Operating profit margins stood at 30.1 per cent compared to its estimate of 25.6 per cent. Subsidy income was ₹39 crore as against ₹45 crore each in Q2FY19/Q1FY20. Key posi-tive surprises: a) Realisation decline of 1.1 pr cent quarter-on-quarter; and freight costs down ₹90/tonne qoq and ₹76 a tonne yoy (adjust-ed for rebate from railways in Q2FY19). The key nega-tive surprise was a 66 per cent yoy drop in power seg-ment EBITDA. Cement sales volumes were up 1.5 per cent yoy in Q2FY20. The broking house believes that sales volumes would have dropped four per cent and 20 per cent yoy in North and East regions. Valuation at 15.6x FY21E EV/EBITDA appears rich. The board has approved the fundraising of up to `30bn through the issuance of equity shares. The broking house maintains Hold and underweight position.

Broking firm: Emkay Rating: Hold Closing price: ₹18,661.20

Wipro sees weakness in capital markets

Wipro's revenue grew 3.8 per cent year-on-year on constant currency basis as against the broking house's estimate of 4.1 per cent in Q2FY20. IT Services' EBIT margin expanded 3.1 per cent yoy to 18.1 per cent, while profit after tax rose 12 per cent yoy to ₹2560 crore — a 14.4 per cent beat, mainly led by a lower-than-expected ETR. Sequentially, revenue was up 1.1 per cent constant currency, while the margin contracted 0.3 per cent led by lower utilisation and the two-month impact of wage hike. After remaining in double digit for around two years, Wipro's BFSI revenue growth decelerated sharply to 5.9 per cent YoY CC owing to the completion of some large programmes and the weakness in capital markets (in the US and Europe). Macro uncertainty translated into cautious commentary on this vertical. Revenue from the top client declined 11.8 per cent YoY, led by the non-renewal of projects and the delay in ramp-ups. There are no meaningful revisions to the company's margin estimates. Maintain neutral.

YOUR CREDIT SCORE MATTERS

car finance, is it better

to take a car loan or a

personal loan?

With any kind of borrowing, your credit score matters. With a good credit score (ideally, 750 or more), you have better chances of bagging a low-cost loan with minimum hassles, especially if you're a salaried person. However, with a lower credit score, the personal loan may become your only loan option, and the price you pay for this is a higher interest rate.

In summary, a car loan with lower interest rates and longer tenures can be your go-to option. However, personal loans allow you to borrow bigger without the hassles of the loan-to-value ratio or hypothecation of your property, but at a higher interest rate. The choice is yours.

NO HYPOTHECATION WITH PERSONAL LOAN

A car loan can be taken only to fund the purchase of a car and related expenses. When you take a car loan, your car is hypothecated to the lender. Till your car loan is paid off, the lender owns the car as collateral for the debt. If you defaulted on your loan, the car can be repossessed to recover your dues. But once you have paid the loan in full, your lender will remove the lien. Getting the lien removed will involve managing paperwork between your bank and the local RTO. On the other hand, when you take a personal loan, the lender isn't concerned with the end use of the money. You could use

it to buy a car, take a holiday, refurbish your home, fund

your wedding, or do anything else you need to do.

Therefore, with a personal loan, your car is not hypoth-

ecated to the lender and hence cannot be repossessed.

Broking firm: Motilal Oswal Rating: Neutral Closing price: ₹248.80

Siyaram Silks may see higher profit growth

For Q1FY2020, Siyaram Silk Mills (SSML) posted subdued results, which were below our expectations on both top-line and bottom-line fronts. Revenue grew one per cent yoy. On the margin front, it reported operating margin improvement by 1.09 per cent yoy (positive impact mainly due to change in account policy as per Ind AS-116). On the bottom-line front, SSML reported profit after tax growth of one per cent yoy to ₹10cr due to subdued top-line growth. Going forward, the broking house expects SSML to report net sales CAGR of nine per cent to ₹2,173 crore and adjusted net profit CAGR of 13 per cent to ₹130 crore over FY2019-21E on the back of market leadership in blended fabrics, strong brand building, wide distribution channel and strong presence in tier-2 and tier-3 cities coupled with emphasis on latest designs and affordable pricing points. The broking house maintains buy rating.

Broking firm: Angel Broking Rating: Buy Closing price: ₹224.35

The writer is CEO, BankBazaar.com

HOME LOANS RATES

2	EMI data table for to Lender's Name	p 10 banks by market c Floating Rate (%) based on MCLR	apitalisation EMI (In ₹)	Rates are based on the floating rates system.
	HDFC Bank	8.35-9.25	25,751-27,476	Interest rate may be
	Kotak Bank	8.95*	26,895	subject to revision after
	ICICI Bank	8.65-9.25	26,320-27,476	a specified tenure. The EMI range is indicative
	Axis Bank	8.85-9.3	26,703-27,573	and calculated on the
	SBI	8.2-8.55	25,468-26,130	basis of interest rate
	Bank Of Baroda	8.1-9.1	25,280-27,185	range as provided in the table.
	Punjab National Bank	7.95-8.45	25,000-25,940	– Data Compiled By:
	Bank Of India	8.45-8.75	25,940-26,511	BankBazaar.com
	Federal Bank	8.55-8.65	26,130-26,320	<u> </u>
	Canara Bank	8.3-10.3	25,656-29,549	

JEEVAN SINGH Via email

A) Under Section 80C, following sums paid or deposited by an individual/ a Hindu undivided $% \left[\left(A_{1}^{2}\right) \right] =0$ family, at any time during the previous year, qualifies for deduction:

Any amount paid by an individual, on his/her life or on life of his/her spouse or, on life of any child: and

■ By a Hindu undivided family, on life of any member of the family.

Therefore, you will not be eligible to claim the deduction under section 80C for life insurance premium paid for your grandson.

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Gloom won't stop India's growth; Don't exit SIP



here are reports that the SIP volumes are drop-ping. This means people are suddenly not buying equities when the prices have fallen. Does it mean that they think the asset class will no longer give them long term

returns? For a moment, let us think that equity as an asset class is dead. It is like saying that all businesses are doomed to clo-sure, that we have stopped earning or spending (or will be in that state soon). We are forecasting that our economy will not grow any more.



perhaps have some value would be that useless metal named 'gold'. Prices of gold will be driven by fear and panic when other asset classes have given up. Eventually, it would become a bubble and then blow out. This is because,

the gold we consume comes from overseas. And we need hard currency to pay for it. If the economy is in shambles, imagine where the rupee would be? Step back a little and see what you are doing to your investments. You are going by the outcome of

you. We go through this phase of boom, doom and gloom every few years. What I can say is that if I take a ten-year time frame, not more than three will be 'terrible' years. Does not mean that the other seven are great years? But I would think that there are generally more ups than downs in an investment journey.

Also, we have not yet reached that bubble status which Japan was in 1989 or so. The Nikkei Index of Japanese stocks 225(something like our BSE Sensex) touched a high of near 38916 and then went all the way back to 7,000 odd in 2008 and is now hovering around sub 23,000 levels. Look at that index and long term investing theories go out of the window. This level

some market conditions of excess in the market that are possibly new to and then a sluggish economy (with probably among the highest per capita GDP in the world) has not been seen elsewhere. I do not think we are in that space India is still a hungry

nation. We are hungry for growth, hungry to have more of everything. All this means that our per capita GDP is still a long way from being at a stage where growth is an issue. Yes, we have income disparities, but it does not mean that our economy

will stop growing. The mistake people make is to start their SIPs at the top of a bull run and then shut it when the markets are at their gloomy worst. What it means is that you are condemned to not getting the best out of your investments. You are missing on opportunities

you bought a stock at ₹500 and the price has fallen to ₹300, with no fundamental change except a cyclical downturn or some issue impacting earnings for a short time, should you be buying more or selling? What will happen is that you will start a fresh SIP once things become very bright and the markets rally a lot from here. Once again, you will find the

top. Choosing a fund house and choosing a product is what you should think about. And today, if you understand the risk in the product, you have the option to invest online, directly.

A direct investment can make a small difference of anything up to one per cent per annum. The one per cent difference can

to keep adding to your make a small difference every year, and at the end of 10 years, it can be a reasonable sum. In a ₹5,000 per month SIP, over 10 years, the maturity amount can differ by around ₹60,000 to ₹70,000 if there is a one per cent annualised difference.

Yes, there will be starting times or measuring periods that will either show great returns or very poor returns. This is not easy to forecast. If we have the courage to

start our SIP and keep it going in 'gloomy' periods, the results will show for itself when the market turns around. What one can do is to throw in additional amounts (in addition to our SIP) when the markets are gloomy. Treat it like some expenditure and buy some more units when things are looking bleak. This will help you also to take off some money (without breaking your SIPs) off the table when things look very expensive and the whole world is chasing stocks. It is like a trade you have made.

Your SIP continues and you made some good money on the side. It can take one to three years to take this gain. Not that you should, but in case you feel worried, this is one way to take some cash off the table and put it back when gloom sets in again.

Investing is a lifetime habit. You do not want to quit good habits. In my next piece, let me talk about 'selling' or getting out of the market.

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The belief

J.J. Abrams believes Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker will satisfy audience and will give a meaningful ending to all 9 films made in the franchise created by George Lucas



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I think that the kids are priority and everything that we do revolves around them — Victoria Beckham.

Businesswoman



'I stay curious about

world & my talent'

London: Bruce Springsteen says he is happy that at the age of 70 his artistic instincts are still working. The singer said he has learned to "appreciate the vitality" of his creative life, and believes that in past five years he has produced some of the best work of his career. "To be doing, where I'm at now because people do lose their mojo, they lose interest or vou never know when vou're gonna write well again. You know it's a mystery, but I stay very curious about the world and I'm curious about my own talent...," - PTI

Meghan's lawyers slam publisher

Washington: Days after Meghan Markle's estranged father Thomas, released her private letter, the legal team of the Duchess of Sussex has criticised the publisher for printing a "private and confi-dential" letter. Markle's lawyers also claim that the newspaper "chose to deliberately omit or suppress" parts of the letter, which "inten-tionally distorted or manipulated" its meaning, according to legal documents obtained by the UK's Press Association, as cited by E! News. – ANI



Michael Giacchino

boards The Batman Los Angeles: Oscar-winning composer Michael Giacchino has come on board to lend his music to the much-anticipated The Batman movie.

8,000-yr-old pearl found in Abu Dhabi is world's oldest

It will be shown for the 1st time in an exhibition opening on Oct. 30

The layers from

BC, during the

Neolithic period

which the pearl came have been carbon dated to 5800-5600

Abu Dhabi: An 8.000-yearold pearl that archaeologists say is the world's old-est will be displayed in Abu Dhabi, according to authorities who said Sunday it is proof the objects have been traded since Neolithic times. The natural pearl was found in the floor of a room discovered during excavations at Marawah Island, off the capital of the United Arab Emirates,

which revealed the earliest architecture found in the country. "The layers from which the pearl came have been carbon dated to 5800-5600 BC, during the Neolithic period," Abu Dhabi's department of culture and tourism said.

"The discovery of the oldest pearl in the world in Abu Dhabi makes it clear that so much of our recent economic and cultural history has deep roots that stretch back to the dawn of

prehistory," said its chair-man Mohamed Al-Muabarak. The excavation of the

Marawah site, which is um. Emirati experts

The pearl industry once underpinned the economy of the United Arab Emirates, but the trade collapsed in the 1930s with the advent of Japanese cultured pearls, and as conflicts rocked global economies. Instead, the Gulf nations turned to the oil industry which dominates their economies to this day.

made up of numerous collapsed Neolithic stone structures, has also yielded ceramics, beads made from shell and stone, and flint arrowheads.

The "Abu Dhabi Pearl" will be shown for the first time in the exhibition "10,000 years of Luxury" which is opening on October 30 at the Louvre Abu Dhabi — the outpost of the famous Paris muse-

believe were

traded Mesopotamia — ancient Iraq — in exchange for ceramics and other goods. They were also likely worn as jewellery.

"The Venetian iewel merchant Gasparo Balbi, who travelled through the region, mentions the islands off the coast of Abu Dhabi as a source of pearls in the 16th century," the culture depart-

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— AFP



Detox performs during RuPaul's Drag Race: Werq The World 2019 in New York on Saturday. - AFF



Walnuts a day can keep diseases at bay

Tiburon, US: A handful of they only nuts that conwalnuts a day can keep many diseases at bay.

As per different studies and human trials done in 11 countries by over 55 universities, walnut diet can ensure adequate fiber, protein intake as it contains vitamins and minerals, including, unsaturated fat, magnesium, phosphorus and Omega-3 alpha-linolenic

acid (ALA). Eating at least four wal-nuts a day will help in curing many diseases, including cancer, obesity, diabetes as well as in maintaining body weight, cognitive, reproductive health and many other lifestyle problems, according to studies.

"Walnuts are the powerhouse of nutrients for optimum health. Out of nine tree nuts, they are

tain a significant amount of plant-based Omega-3 alpĥa-linolenic which are essential fatty acids required by the body," California Walnut Commission Health Research director Carol

Berg Sloan said. "People in India, which has huge vegetarian pop-ulation, are lacking in Omega-3 and protein. So, if they consume a handful of walnuts every day or else incorporate wal-nuts in their meals then it is a very healthy idea,' she said.

All nuts should be incorporated in daily meals as they are rich in source of monounsaturated fatty acids and walnuts in addition also contain high amounts of Omega-3 fatty acid, making it heart healthy. -PTI





Lupita Nyong'o Lupita reveals

she had prayed for lighter skin as a child

London: Actor Lupita Nyong'o has warned of the dangers of colourism, revealing she longed for lighter skin when she was

younger. "I had a sister who was lighter-skinned, and people would coo over

her in ways they wouldn't at me, so I definitely internalised that, the Black Panther star told the Sunday Times Style.

Nyong'o went on to recall being mocked for the colour of her skin as a child, the Independent reported.

"In school I experienced some teasing and, of course, on TV you're seeing light skin and it's all over the magazines, so all those things subconsciously programme you to think that light is right," she said. "I definitely wished for lighter skin. I tried what I could to make it so — prayer and stuff like that."

The 12 Years Slave actor added that the lack of representation in fairvtales. such as Cinderella and Rapun zel, affected her when she was growing up.

Europe's 'most wanted' female criminals revealed

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later

Tancosova's relatives in

Ireland. Europol said the

aim of the campaign was

to attract as many visi-

tors to its website as pos-

sible to increase the

chance of fugitives being

sold

to

the

London: The most wanted female criminals in Europe include a human trafficker who helped lure a young girl to England and the killer of a British businessman. Europol, the EU's law

enforcement agency, released the list of women fugitives as part of its new campaign "Crime has no gender". Its website displays 21

suspects with their faces obscured by a mask that gradually falls away to reveal their identity. Eighteen are women.

Among those featured are 56-year-old Hilde Van Acker, who remains on the run after being convicted of the murder of businessman British Marcus John Mitchell in Belgium in 1996.

Another is Czech national Iveta Tancosova, Czech 52, who is wanted over the trafficking of a young girl who was beaten. locked in a room and forced to work list include James Kelly, a 57-year-old Irishman who as a prostitute in the UK. is wanted by the UK for The victim, who had been drug trafficking. lured to England with the promise of nursing work,

arrested."The female fugitives featured on Europe's Most Wanted website prove that women are equally as capable of committing serious crimes as men," agency said in a state-ment, the *Independent* reported. "In recent decades, the number of women engaged in criminal activity has increased,

although at a slower pace than men. 'The criminals of both genders in this new campaign are all wanted for

grave offences like murder, drug trafficking, fraud, theft and trafficking in human beings. The three men on the

that the pearls with

THE ASIAN AGE

During an event at London's Royal Albert Hall, where Giacchino and fellow composer David Arnold were having a friendly competition, director of The Batman, Matt Reeves made a surprise appearance and shared the news with the audience. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the filmmaker came on stage and got down on one knee in a mock proposal, asking Giacchino to ioin the Warner Bros project. The film is set for a June 2021 release. - PTI

I HATE POLITICS, **SAYS ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGG**

London: Veteran action star Arnold Schwarzeneggar says he is averse to politics and the reason he joined it was to help others. During an appearance at the Graham Norton Show, the Terminator star, who served as the governor of California from 2003 to 2011, said that he never

viewed himself as a politician. "I hate politics. Even when I was governor I never considered myself a politician. I was a public servant who

created policies created policies Arnold to make things Schwarzeneggar better for people," the 72-year-old actor said. The actor, however, said he feels sad that he cannot run for the post of the President of the United States due to his Austrian background. "Of course. It would have been great to jump in and run. It's the only thing I can't do in America, Everything else l've done is because it is in America, it's the land of opportunity," Schwarzeneggar said. The veteran actor is currently promoting his upcoming feature Terminator: Dark Fate. — PTI

Madrid taken over by hundreds of sheep for annual festival

London: Madrid's streets homage to the area's rural heritage. It exploits a medieval rule which allows shepherds the right were left badlycongested on Sunday, as more than 2,000 sheep passed through its bustling city centre for an annual to cut through the city with their animals. event, the BBC reported. Every year, a nominal The Spanish capital sits fee is paid in exchange for

on ancient migration the safe passage of the animals, in a ceremony route where shepherds would move their livebetween the mayor and stock south for the winter. the chief herdsman at the The event is known as city hall. It honours a 1418 Fiesta de la Trashumancia (transhu-mance festival) and is pro-moted by local tourist agreement with the city's council where the price of 50 maravedís al millar (50

coins per thousand heads Downton Abbey at

- Agencies

of livestock) was set for the animal traffic. Agencies



Don Strig

Stephanie Corneliussen (left) and Natalie the Rome Film Fest Portman at Dance Project Gala in Los Angeles on Saturday. – AFP, AP



Diane Warren (left) and Linda Thompson at the Last Chance for Animals' 35th anniversary gala in Beverly Hills, — ΔFP California, on Saturday.

"You know, they were all white characters. I would read those over and over again, but I didn't see myself in those books," she said. "Subconsciously, there is that condition-ing." It is only with hindsight that she has realised how problematic some of the children's books she read were in terms of their presentation of race, she added. "When there were

characters that were supposed to look like me, it was Enid Blyton and it was the golli-wogs," she said, referencing the once popular toys that featured in the children author's books which are now widely seen as representing negative racial stereo

types. "I actually didn't know they were a representation of me," she added. Agencies

Rome pressed to ban tourist carriages after horse collapses

London: Lucrative botticelle business goes on despite pledges by succession of mayors Italian leaders have been urged to stop "the unjustified exploitation of animals" after a horse collapsed as it pulled tourists through

The festival started in

1994 and is designed to pay

authorities.

the narrow streets of Rome, the *Guardian* reported. The horse fell on the Via dei Condotti, a busy shopping street in the city centre, on 17 October after slipping on a manhole cover. The driver of the carriage allegedly ignored pleas from onlookers to have the horse checked by a veterinarian, choosing instead to continue the tour towards the nearby Spanish Steps once the

Tour operators charge as much as ₹27,780 for horses to cart four people around key monuments in the capital for 2 hours

animal was back on its feet. "Subjecting animals to inhumane labour in the name of an anachronistic tradition is animal abuse," Rinaldo Sidoli, a spokesman for the animal and environmental activist group, Alleanza Popolare Ecologista, said. "Horses in Rome are forced, against their will, to tow extremely heavy loads (the carriage alone weighs 800kg) on slippery

pavements and amid noisy traffic. We ask the mayor, Virginia Raggi, to stop this unjustified exploitation of animals." ENPA, the national agency for animal protection, said that other horses had fallen on the same manhole. "To make this story even more disturbing is the behaviour of the driver," the agency added. "It was as if nothing had happened, and so the true health of the horse remains a mystery."

on Saturday.

Rome's horse-drawn carriages is a lucrative business, with tour operators charging as much as ₹27,780.37 for horses to cart four people around key monuments for 2 hours. - Agencies

Researchers unravel chemical makeup and origin of dunes in Saturn's moon Titan

Angeles: Scientists Los have found the chemical composition of organic dust dunes present on Saturn's moon Titan, an advance that sheds more light on the mechanism by which carbon-based struc tures form in extreme cold environments in space. The researchers exam-

ined remote sensing data from Nasa's Cassini-Huygens mission to Titan the only body in our solar system, besides the Earth, with a solid surface, lakes, and a thick atmosphere with a pressure of about 1.5 atmosphere at surface level.

The images from the mission exposed the existence of vast longitudinal dunes on Titan's surface across

The study is vital not only to understand Titan's chemical evolu-tion, but also to grasp how similar the chemistries on Titan and on the Earth might have been before life emerged on our planet 3.5m years ago

acetylene ice - a chemical

that is used on Earth in

welding torches and exists

at Titan's cold equatorial

They subjected the acety-

lene ice to a chemical reac-

tion process that formed

These chemical process-

galactic cosmic rays.

its equatorial deserts reaching heights of up to 100 meters, the study, published in the journal regions — to radiation similar to high-energy Science Advances, noted. Earlier imaging studies revealed that Titan's dunes contained dark organic chemicals, compared to the dunes on the Earth that are made of silicates more complex organic molecules like benzene and naphthalene. or a large class of other minerals.

The researchers exposed

es, the researchers said, also happen in the interstellar medium - the space between stars - on hydro-carbon rich layers of interstellar nanoparticles.

"Titan's dunes represent the dominating surface sink of carbon in Titan's organic chemistry," said Matthew Abplanalp, co-author of the study from UH. Abplanalp said that unravelling the origin and chemical pathways behind the dune material was vital not only to understand Titan's chemical evolution, but also to grasp how similar the chemistries on Titan and on the Earth might have been before life emerged on our planet 3.5 million years ago. -PT

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- Arvind Kejriwal Chief Minister, Delhi

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GUIDE TO FORTUNE

Tick the answer and check

Which among the follow-ing countries gifted the Statue of Liberty to the US

The Anatomy Lesson of

LDr Nicolaes Tulp, an oil

Which of the following

est number of countries in

continents has the high-

SHORT TAKES

Arms supplier held

with 2 accomplices

New Delhi: The Delhi police

arms supplier and his two associates and recovered 21

country-made pistols and 70 live cartridges from them. The police further claimed to

bust an arms manufacturing

unit in Sambhal area of UP The accused was identified as Beer Pal Yadav (42), a

native of Sambhal, and he

was arrested from Ghazipur

area in Delhi and 20 country-

made pistols with 50 car-tridges were recovered from

his possession. He was taken

(45) was arrested and 15 live

from him. The arms manufac-

turing unit which was running

in his fields was also busted.

Further, Manoj Kumar was

nabbed from Aligarh and a

country-made pistol and 5

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cartridges were recovered

to Sambhal where, at his

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has arrested a 42-year-old

painting, is the work of which painter?

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Johannes Vermeer

Paulus Potter

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Europe

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them below.

in 1886? Brazil France England SPORT | Cricket 'Ganguly can turn the face of

Indian cricket'



The mother-son duo



Mother found hanging at home in Pitampura DU professor's body found on Sarai Rohilla rail tracks

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

The severed body of a 27year-old Delhi University professor was found on the railway tracks in Sarai Rohilla while his mother was found hanging from a ceiling fan with her mouth stuffed with cloth at their

flat in Pitampura. Allen Stanley (27), who hailed from Kottayam in Kerala, was found dead on the tracks at the Sarai Rohilla railway station on Saturday. Earlier that day, his mother Lissy (55) was found hanging at their flat in Ashiana Apartment, the police said on Sunday. Stanley was a guest pro-fessor at St Stephen's College, where he taught Philosophy and was also pursuing PhD from anoth-or institute

er institute. The police suspect that Stanley committed suicide after it found his mother

was undergoing depression because of an abetment-tosuicide case pending against them in Kerala and both were on anticipatory bail. A few days ago, Stanley had shared about it Allen Stanley with his friends.

after killing his mother. However, no suicide note was recovered from Stanley's body though a note written in Malayalam was found at the flat. The police said it is probing all angles. The police has registered a murder case under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the

tried to convince him to

not take any extreme step, a police officer said. Stanley was living in police said

Delhi for five years and his mother came to stay with him seven months

ago. Witnesses said Stanley had suicidal tendencies and that he had told them five days ago that he tried to force his mother to commit suicide, which she refused.

"We learnt about the tragic news this morning. We are in shock. I had interacted with him when we were speaking to the teachers in the lead up to Delhi University Teachers' Association polls. We do not know what prompted him to take such a step. He was teaching Philosophy at the college," said Professor Nandita Narain, who was Stanley's colleague at St

Stephen's College. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem, the







DELHI AGE

Matinee

Diana to team up

Dinesh in Shiddat

with

participants display placards with message against 'single-use' pastic. Specially-abled participants at the event. – BIPLAB BANERJEE

Woman killed as truck hits scooter

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

A 35-year-old woman was killed while her family had a narrow escape after their vehicle was hit allegedly by a speed-ing truck in Northwest Delhi's Bhalswa Dairy, the police said on Sunday.

The woman has been complaint, a case has been registered against Devi from Rajeev Nagar in Bhalswa Dairy, it said. On Saturday, at around 4.55 pm, the police received information regarding an accident near Gurudwara Road in Bhalswa Dairy, the police said. was arrested in connec-According to the police, 38-year-old Arjesh tion with the accident, the police said.

Kumar, along with his wife and two children, was returning home on his scooter when their

vehicle was hit by a truck. Mr Kumar and his children had a narrow escape but his wife lost her life, a police official said.

Based on her husband's the driver under Sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (causing

AGE CORRESPONDNET

Delhi Metro commuters

travelling on the Violet Line faced hardship on

Sunday morning as serv-

ice on the corridor were

affected due to some tech-nical issues. Violet Line connects Kashmere Gate

station in Delhi to Raja

Nahar Singh station in

Badarpur Border and Kashmere Gate stations

have been affected due to

some technical issues. We

are looking into it," a sen-

ior official said. The

between

Faridabad.

"Service

NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

Beggar held for Goa woman's gangrape, accomplice on run

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

The Delhi police has arrested a beggar for allegedly gangraping a woman from Goa along with his associate in Indraprastha Park near Sarai Kale Khan, said the police, adding that his associate is still at large.

The accused was identified as Abdul Khalid, a native of Rai Bareli in UP who has been living in Delhi for a long time. His

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During interrogation, Khalid confessed that he, along with Munna, committed the crime in an inebriated state. He also disclosed that the gamchha, which was

recovered from the spot, belongs to him. came to Sarai Kale Khan.

She decided to stay at the bus stand for a whole night as she did not have state. He also disclosed

During investigation, the victim's torn clothes, slippers, and one gamchha was also recovered from the spot. Further, more than 4,000 vagabonds were verified to establish the identity of

the accused. On Wednesday, following a tip-off, Khalid was apprehended from Sarai Kale Khan area. During interrogation, he confessed that he, along with Munna, committed the crime in an inebriated

Wife, paramour arrested for murder of man

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

A 30-year-old domestic help and her lover allegedly hatched a conspiracy to kill her husband and portray his death as an accident as they considered him an obstacle in their relation-

It was revealed that Anita was in an extra-marital affair with Arjun Mandal for the last three years. Both were planning to eliminate her husband Dayaram for the past

Arjun confessed to their crime after they were

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To execute their plan, Arjun called Dayaram at

the Patel Nagar Metro

station at the instance of

Anita. He offered him

they purchased whiskey,

took him to the terrace of

building in East Patel

Nagar at about 7 pm, where they had some

After spending almost an hour on the rooftop, he

pushed Dayaram from

the stairs down the shaft of an open lift. The deceased succumbed to

his injuries due to fall

under-construction

chicken, and glasses. Following which, Arjun

Subsequently,

the past few months.

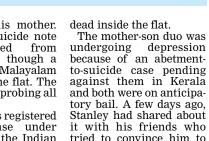
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New Delhi: Four persons were arrested at the IGI Airport for smuggling gold worth over ₹99 lakh in three separate incidents, a Customs official said on Sunday. In the first incident, two residents of Kashmir, who arrived at Terminal-3 of the IGI Airport on Thursday from Dubai, were intercepted by the Customs officials. Five silver-coated gold bangles weighing 1.275 kg were recovered from them. In the second incident, a person was arrested at terminal 1D on Tuesday for allegedly possessing two cut pieces of gold bars weighing 1 kg worth over ₹34 lakh. In the third incident, a man was arrested at terminal 1D for allegedly possessing five gold bars of foreign origin weighing 582 grams worth over ₹20 lakh.

Fake notes found at Metro station

New Delhi: Fake Indian currency notes of the face value of ₹4.64 lakh have been found in a bag at a Delhi Metro station by CISF personnel, officials said on Sunday. They said an unclaimed bag containing the notes was recovered on Saturday evening at the Kashmere Gate station when CISF personnel were carrying out routine antisabotage checks at the public transport facility. The bag was recovered from near Gate No 8 of the station. The fake currency was in the denomination of ₹500. thev said. The bag has been handed over to the police for further probe, officials said.

THE ANSWERS TO TODAY'S GUIDE TO FORTUNE

Africa Rembrandt van Rijn France

25 gamblers held; ₹1.8L, 26 mobiles recovered

AGE CORRESPONDNET NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

The Delhi police on Sunday claimed to have arrested 25 gamblers and recovered over ₹1.8 lakh from their possession. DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said that

following a tip-off on Saturday, the vigilance cell conducted a raid at Madangir and Ambedkar Nagar areas and arrested 25 gamblers.

Three packets of playing cards, 26 mobile phones and cash \$1,88,710 were recovered from their possession. A case under Delhi

Gambling Act was registered at PS Ambedkar Nagar and further investigation is underway. Meanwhile, the high-

way patrol staff of PS Sangam Vihar arrested a 27-year-old robber and apprehended four juveniles for allegedly robbing a person at knifepoint in Sangam Vihar area on Saturday.

From their possession, robbed cash ₹1500, knife used in commission of crime and two motorcycles were recovered, said DCP (South) Atul Kumar

Thakur. The victim reported that on Saturday at around 1.15 am when he was returning home two persons came on a motorcycle and robbed him on knife point.

associate Munna death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code absconding. Abdul, along with Munna, used to beg (IPC), the official added. and indulge in ragpick-The truck driver, idening. DCP tified as Anujpal (25),

Metro services hit due

to technical glitches

(Southeast) Chinmoy Biswal said that in September, the victim, who is a native of Goa,

DMRC also tweeted to

alert passengers about

the delay, many of whom

got down at various sta-

tions and took other

for longer duration at

each station and and at

Lajpat Nagar station, the

train just halted far too

long. Many commuters alighted and took an auto-

rickshaw to continue

their journey. I also did

the same to reach my workplace. But since it

was morning, even autos

were hard to come by,'

Sharma, a

said Divya

commuter.

"The train was stopping

modes of travel.

any shelter in Delhi. At about midnight, while she was sleeping at the Indraprastha Park bus stand, two men approached her and forcibly committed the offence.



Minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and BJP MP Vijay Goel take part in a bicycle rally to protest against Delhi government's odd-even scheme in New Delhi on Sunday

Man held for forging, owning 2 cars with same number plates

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

In separate incidents, the PCR unit of Delhi police arrested a snatcher and a person for forging the number plate and owning two vehicles with same

number. DCP (PCR) Sharat K. Sinha said that on Saturday night the staff of West Zone responded to an information regarding two Hyndai i-20 cars having same registration number plate, make and

colour. person namely А Parminder Singh, who claimed to be the owner of



Parminder Singh with his two cars of same number

both the cars, failed to explain as how he has similar numbered cars in his possession and was nabbed

Further in Seemapuri area, the MPV staff appre-

hended a snatcher after hearing the hue and cry of the victim. The snatcher was identified as Arif and the snatched phone was recovered from his possession, the DCP said.

that the gamchha, which was recovered from the spot, belongs to him. The accused was produced before the court, said the police, adding that raids are being con-

ducted to nab Munna.

ship, the police said on few months. Sunday.

Anita and Arjun Mandal (38) were arrested in connection with the

killing, they said. The body of Dayaram with grievous (42), injuries on his head and other body parts, was found lying in the shaft of a lift in an under-construction building in Central Delhi's East Patel Nagar on October 17, the police said.

A case was registered and a probe was initiated, the police said. The identity of the man was confirmed by his wife and other relatives.

During investigation, suspicion grew on Dayaram's wife as she attempted to mislead the police and was quite evasive during the interrogation.

During call detail record (CDR) analysis of mobile phones of Dayaram and his wife, one mobile number was found to be the common link, said DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa.

from a height of almost However, Anita and 45 feet, the DCP said. *Ayurvedic antibiotic to fight* fever, cold: AIIMS research

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

In an attempt to put a check on the practice of uncontrolled use of allopathic antibiotics, researchers have found an Ayurvedic alternative to antibiotics that can be used to treat bacterial and fungal infections.

According to a study conducted by the AIIMS Bhopal, it has been found that Ayurvedic antibiotics are proving a great substitute to modern medicine.

"An Ayurvedic antibiotic drug, Fifatrol, is proving effective in curing major

bacterial infections as the herbal medicine has the efficacy to control infec-

tions caused by the staphylococcus species of bacte-ria," said Sarman Singh,

In its research, the AIIMS Bhopal has found that the herbal drug is extremely powerful in fighting powerful in fighting against bacteria of the staphylococcus species that causes fever, cold and cough, Still's disease, etc. Besides these, the drug was also found suitable in controlling the spread of infectious diseases caused

nia, Klebsiella aerogenes etc. Highlighting the research, Mr Singh said, "As per trend, Ayurvedic

medicines generally increase immunity. But Fifatrol has shown very promising results against bacteria. We are doing fur-ther research to arrive at

the final result.' Mr Singh, who is also the head of the research eam, further said: 'Staphylococcus bacteriteam, um is responsible for skin, respiratory, and stomach infections. In people who have weak immune system.

Bhopal.

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the director of AIIMS



Former middle-order batsman Mike Hussey has been drafted in by Australian coach Justin Langer to help mentor the side during their upcoming Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka and Pakistan





Rohit closes in

average of 100

on an astonishing

Ranchi, Oct 20: Indian opener Rohit Sharma on

Sunday surpassed leg-

endary Sir Don Bradman recording the highest bat-

ting average in Test cricket on home soil among

those, who have played at least 10 innings.

Rohit, who hit 212 in

India's first innings in the

third and final Test against South Africa, now

has an average of 99.84 in 18 innings, which is highest by any player (with

minimum 10 innings) in the longest format at home. Rohit has so far scored 1298 runs in the 18 completed innings. The record was previously

held by Bradman, who

had an average of 98.22 across 50 innings at home.

He achieved the feat on

Day Two of the third Test

match between India and

South Africa. The crick-

eter broke the 15-year-old

record previously held by

Fleming. The Kiwi skipper had smashed 31 runs in 11

balls against South Africa

in 2004. The left-handed

batsman had a strike rate

of 281.81 in that particu-

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innings in Test cricket.

Umesh breaks



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George Linde Lessons learnt for debutant Linde

Ranchi: South Africa spinner George Linde on Sunday said he learnt lessons during India's 497 for nine declared as he claimed four wickets on debut in the third Test. Linde returned figures of 4-133 with his leftarm spin, providing some support to paceman Kagiso Rabada who had put the hosts in early trouble at 39 for three on day one. "I didn't expect to play Test cricket. So when I got the call-up I was quite nervous but luckily I had a few days to just settle," the Cape Townborn Linde told reporters. "Today few lessons learnt especially at the end. But I will take four wickets on a debut." Linde got Rahane caught behind in the morning session and then hurt the middle order with the wickets of Wriddhiman Saha, for 24, and Ravindra Jadeja, for 51. "Obviously consistency is very important (in India)," said Linde. "We got it wrong on the leg side yesterday, today I was lot better, bit more on the off side." Linde nearly got Sharma on 28 but Zubayr Hamza dropped a tough chance at forward short-leg and the bowler was not complaining. "Those catches, they stick or they don't. So unfortunately it wasn't our way, it was Rohit's," said Linde. - AFP

State units to get funds post Oct. 23

New Delhi: There is some good news waiting for the Lodha compliant state units of the BCCI. as they will start getting their allocated annual grants once Sourav Ganguly-led new committee takes charge after the Annual General Meeting on October 23. With the full mem bers of the BCCI used to getting an annual grant of Rs 35 crore, the member units have more than Rs 100 crore in arrears over three years as there was no disbursements happening till they amended their constitution as per Lodha recommendations. "The Annual Accounts for multiple financial years will be passed at the AGM and once it is done, the decks will be cleared for all the compliant state units to get their allocated funds. However as per the Supreme Court order, only the compliant state associations will get the funds," a senior BCCI official privy to the development said on conditions of anonymity. - PTI



Bradman for the highest batting average on home soil

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Ranchi, Oct. 20: Rohit Sharma once again pro-vided unbridled joy with his maiden Test double hundred before India's pacers dented an already scarred South Africa toporder to gain complete control in the third and final match here on Sunday.

avatar, the stylish Mumbaikar smashed his way to 212 off 258 balls in the company of vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (115), as India declared their first innings at 497 for nine. Before bad light stopped play on the sec-ond day, South Africa were reduced to nine for two in five overs. Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav removed Dean Elgar (0) and Quinton de Kock (4) respectively in their single over bursts, creating all sorts of discomfort.

The second day again belonged to Rohit, who scored his first double century in the longest format, having scored 176 and 127 in his 'debut' as Test opener Visakhapatnam. innings had 28 boundaries and six sixes but, more importantly, it was the languid grace that stood out. The extra sec-

ond to play those square cuts and the pull shots were exactly what a sparse Sunday crowd needed to rejuvenate themselves. Batting on 199, the effortlessness with which he dispatched an express delivery from Lungi Ngidi into the mid-wicket stands with a front-foot pull, was worth a million dollars. His double hundred completed, Rohit, as if to taunt the pacer, repeated the shot and the result was same. Rahane, who has been back in form since the tour of the West Indies, also looked solid during his 11th Test hundred and the first in India in three years — the last coming against New Zealand (October, 2016) in The duo added 267 runs for the fourth wicket to set a solid platform before Ravindra Jadeja (51 off 119 balls) and Umesh

Yadav (31 off 10 balls with five sixes) provided the final Revelling in his new

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impetus. Rohit, who has already broken the world record for most number of sixes in a series, has so far amassed 529 runs to become only the fifth Indian opener to score 500-plus runs in a bilateral face-off. Gavaskar had achieved it five times in his Test career Sehwag was the last Indian to achieve the feat, having scored 544 runs against Pakistan in a three-Test series at home in 2004-05. Rohit also joined Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag and

Chris Gayle to notch 200 plus scores in both ODI and Test formats. The lack of penetration in the Proteas attack, save Kagiso Rabada (3/85 in 23 overs), has been the real problem for the visitors. In the three Tests so far, India have had three double centurions — Mayank Agarwal, skipper Virat Kohli and now Rohit — which tells the tale. While debutant left-arm

spinner George Linde (4/133 in 31 overs) was the most successful bowler, Yadav took him to the cleaners, scoring all his sixes off his bowling. When South Africa batted under fading light, the Indian pacers were too hot to handle. Shami looked ominous, extracting extra bounce as he

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE BY AN INDIAN AGAINST SA					
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254 *	Virat Kohli	Pune	2019-20	Won	
215	Mayank Agarwal	Vizag	2019-20	Won	
212	Rohit Sharma	Ranchi	2019-20	waited	
176	Rohit Sharma	Vizag	2019-20	Won	

Rohit Sharma celebrates after <<< scoring a double century during the second day of third and final Test against South Africa in Ranchi.

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Rohit Sharma (India)	18	1298	99.84	6
Don Bradman (Aus)	50	4322	98.22	18
Adam Voges (Aus)	12	690	86.25	3
Douglas Jardine (Eng	10	490	81.66	1
George Headley (WI)	18	1241	77.56	5

– AP

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fied Sharma said at the

'So it was about making

day end press conference.

most of the opportunities I

got. I knew I had to make

full use of it, otherwise media would have written

against me. Now I know

everyone will write good things about me," he

Rohit has amassed 529 runs from four innings

thus becoming the only fifth Indian opener to

score 500-plus runs in a Test series. "It was a good opportunity for me to open the batting. As I said dur-

ing the Vizag Test, the

the doubting Thomases.

added.

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Bowling: Rabada 23-7-85-3, Ngidi 20-5-83-0, Nortje 24.3-5-79-1, Linde 31-2-133-4, Piedt

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was ready for it. I knew it could come at anytime."

"Speaking of this partic-

ular knock, I would say it

was most challenging.

have not played much. I

played only 30 Tests. In terms of what was thrown

at me, I would definitely

say it was probably the most challenging one," the

talented Mumbaikar said.

While he has had a block-

buster start to his career

as a Test opener, Rohit

Stats: Pervez Qaiser

SECOND DAY OF THE THIRD AND FINAL TEST

Make the best of opportunities: Rohit (3) the communication between me and my himself acknowledged team management was happening for a

that he has a long way to 'In Tests it has challenges. Having played only three Tests as an opener, I know I have long way to go. I am not reading too much into these three Tests. Of course, I will take a lot of positives.' Talking about the challenge of opening the bat-ting, he said, "Opening the batting is a different challenge to batting at Nos 6-7. It's just about how you prepare yourself, what you talk to yourself in your mind about what do you want to go out there and achieve.

struck off the second ball. Elgar tried to remove his bat but the ball kissed the gloves en route to Wriddhiman Saha's waiting hands. De Kock was done in by a brilliant bouncer, failing miserably in his attempt to evade as Saha timed his jump to perfection.

Faf du Plessis and Zubayr Hamza survived the remaining three overs as debutant Shahbaz Nadeem bowled two tidy maidens under flood lights. With light deteriorating quickly in this part of the world, the Indian bowling attack would like to take advantage of the

pitch on which cracks are beginning to open up.

Ganguly can turn the face of Indian cricket Rahul 90 powers K'taka into semis

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Ranchi, Oct. 20: Rohit

Sharma always knew

that he had to make

best use of the oppor-

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pened" as far as his stint

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Rohit has had scores of

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maiden double hundred to

emulate Sachin Tendulkar

and Virender Sehwag as

players to score 200 across

"Kafi kuch hone wala thaa naahin toh kaafi kuch aap likh dete mere

barein mein (A lot could

have happened had I not

performed and you guys (media) would have writ-

ten a lot about me," a satis-

concerned.

two formats.

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India (1st innings): Mayank

Agarwal c Elgar b Rabada 10, Rohit Sharma c Lungi Ngidi b

Rabada 212, Cheteshwar Pujara

Ibw b Rabada O, Virat Kohli Ibw

b Nortje 12, Ajinkya Rahane c

Klaasen b George Linde 115,

Ashwin

Bengaluru, Oct 20: Opener KL Rahul continued his good form as his strokefilled 90 guided Karnataka to the semi-finals even as another out-of-favour opener Shikhar Dhawan's failure proved costly with Delhi exiting from another quarter-finals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Sunday.

While Karnataka cruised to an eight-wicket victory over Puducherry in one of the quarter-finals, Delhi lost by six wickets to Gujarat via VJD Method in another last eight clash. Put into bat, Puducherry crawled to 207 for 9 with Vikneshwaran MM Marimuthu top scoring with an unbeaten 58.

The Karnataka bowlers led by the vastly experienced Abhimanyu Mithun (2-35) ran through the Pondicherry top and middle order before Mariumuthu and Sagar Trivedi (54) tried to rally their innings.

Pondicherry were reeling at 41 for 6 at one stage



country.

before Mariumuthu and Trivedi pulled them out of trouble and gave the score some semblance respectability. The

Karnataka bowlers kept striking at regular intervals to ensure that their opponents were restricted to a sub-par total. -PTIBrief scores: Pondicherry 207/9 (VM Mariumuthu 58 not out, Sagar Trivedi 54: Pravin Kumar Dubey 3-44) lost to Karnataka 213/2 (KL Rahul 90,

Devdutt Padikkal 50; Sagar Udeshi 2-47). Delhi 223 (Dhruv Shorey 91; Chintan Gaja 3-27) lost to Gujarat 225/4 (Priyank Panchal 80, Parthiv Patel 76; Simarjeet Singh 2-54).

Hemant Kenkre **Silly Point**

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The coming week will see the AGM of the Board of Control for will see the future direction that BCCI will be heading in.

Ganguly becomes the sec-Cricket in India (BCCI). ond Indian Test captain who will occupy the highest With office bearers already 'elected' the impact will soon be seen on the funcadministrative position in tioning of the august body Indian cricket. Story has it and on Indian cricket. Last that Dada was nicknamed 'Maharaj' by his parents who must have seen the royal demeanour in him week saw deals being done between groups and caucuses that sprung up new names which will lead the while rocking his cradle. future of the game in our The first Test skipper who became the BCCI President was also a Ma Pusapati Vijaya Gajapathi Raju, The best news was the Maharaj: decision to get Sourav Ganguly to wear the hat of Rama the President. When Dada, Maharajkumar as he fondly known, dons Vizianagaram, known as the mantle of the head of Vizzy.

Vizzy would rather be the richest, private sporting body in India and probably known as the one who got cricketing greats like Sir the world, it will be the best Diwali gift his legion of John Berry (Jack) Hobbs, fans, including yours truly, Sutcliffe Herbert and Learie Constantine to India will get. Knowing Ganguly, for the next 10 months we rather than the cricket he

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played. Vizzy skippered India in three Test matches on the 1936 tour of England, which is best remembered for the exploits of Vijay Merchant, Syed Mushtaq Ali and Mohammed Nissar. If the first, Vizzy, was a Maharaja by birthright, the second, Dada, was crowned by the masses for his attitude, demeanour and leadership qualities.

I first saw Ganguly then he was part of the CCI Presidents XI that played against my office team, Tata Sports Club (TSC). His teammates included

Azharuddin Mohammed (India captain then), Sachin Tendulkar among others. While the rest of his team capitulated against us, the southpaw played a gem of an innings which was good enough for TSC make him an offer which he accepted. Those pre-professional days saw him play in the dusty maidans of Bombay (Mumbai) with Dilip Vengsarkar, Ravi Shastri, Kiran More, Lalchand Rajput and Raju Kulkarni as colleagues. The discipline, approach and disposidal had rocked Indian cricket and the morale of the team and their followers was at an all time low. Beating South Africa in his debut One Day International (ODI) series as captain was a huge salve for minds that were badly bruised. We saw a captain who moved away from the tried and tested and infused a new spirit in a team that was mentally wounded. Today, after all the twists

and turns that Indian cricket has taken from an administrative viewpoint, ever since the Supreme Court entered the boardroom of Sourav Ganguly tion of Bombay cricket of the early 90s must certainly the BCCI, the faith in the have steeled the Kolkata lad organisation needs to be who went on to take Indian restored. That would be cricket to a higher level. Ganguly's first task on hand Watching him rise from and his track record shows that he would tame this strength to strength, after he made a dream debut challenge just the way he against England at Lord's did when he took guard as in 1996, showed that he had captain. There are three worked very hard to shut main issues that would need his immediate atten-The situation in which tion apart from restoring Ganguly is today, is similar

BCCI's credibility. Age fudging is the first to the time he took over the Indian captaincy from Tendulkar in February issue that needs his consideration. This silent menace 2000. The match fixing scanhas plagued Indian cricket seeds for the future.

'Playing the first ball of the match, compared to facing a delivery after 30-40 overs is a different ball game altogether.'

for decades. Having come up through the ranks, Ganguly will know how this

can be a threat to the

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tions with the media over the last week. If anyone deserves credit for India's rise as a cricket ing superpower on the field of play, the first name would be Ganguly's. Getting in fresh talent, nurturing them to be world beaters and bringing back a sense of belief in the team, was his big contribution to Indian cricket. Now, once again, he has the opportunity to make a bigger contri-bution by turning the face of Indian cricket towards the Sun as President, just the way he did when he captained India and sowed the

Title win



Jelena Ostapenko picked up her first title in over two years at the Luxembourg Open, charging past defending champion Julia Goerges in straight sets 6-4. 6-1





We're starting from scratch. When we play a team in the relegation zone, we must win. — Lyon coach Rudi Garcia on goalless draw against Dijon



Jeju (South Korea): Justin Thomas won his 11th PGA Tour event and his second in South Korea in three years with a final-round 5-under 67 and a two-stroke victory over South Korean-born New Zealander Danny Lee. Thomas and Lee made it mostly a two-man show Sunday. They entered the final round tied and stayed that way through the front nine. Thomas birdied the 14th to take onestroke lead, then went up by two when Lee bogeyed the 15th after missing a 10-foot par putt and Thomas made a two-footer for par. After going from greenside bunker to bunker on the 16th, Lee bogeyed again and fell three behind. But Thomas bogeyed the 17th after his 12footer for par lipped out, reducing the deficit to two strokes. On Saturday, Thomas had a three-stroke lead heading into the 18th ahead of a threeshot swing when Thomas bogeved and Lee made a long eagle putt. On Sunday, Thomas and Lee both birdied the 18th, with Lee lipping out on his eagle putt to finish with a 69. Thomas finished with a 72-hole

total of 20-under 268 at Nine Bridges. - Al

Kang wins 2nd title in Shanghai

Shanghai: Danielle Kang capped her 27th birthday with a nailbiting one-stroke win at the Buick LPGA Shanghai on Sunday, fending off fellow American Jessica Korda for her second victory at the tournament. Korda was the overnight frontrunner at 15 under, with the defending champion trailing by one in the second edition of the \$2.1 million event. Both had finished the penultimate day at six under par after Kang rallied from twin bogeys on the first two holes. But a bogey for Korda and a birdie for Kang flipped the lead on the first hole, with the defending champion's commanding short game keeping her ahead for most of the day. "It was a really stressful day but I definitely really played well out there. I've never been more nervous than the last putt for some reason, but I made it," said Kang. - AFP

LEADERS JOLTED

Reus scores as Dortmund beat Gladbach in Bundesliga

Berlin, Oct. 20: Borussia Dortmund beat top-of-thetable Borussia Moenchengladbach 1-0 to jump to fourth in the Bundesliga, level with Bayern Munich who earlier dropped points in a 2-2

draw at Augsburg. The top of Bundesliga grew the even more congested with the top nine separated by just two points. Of the eight who have played so far this weekend, only Eintracht Frankfurt and Dortmund have won.

Gladbach remained top, ahead of Wolfsburg, who drew 1-1 at RB Leipzig, on goal difference. Both have 16 points from eight games.

Bayern, Dortmund and Leipzig are all one point behind.

Then come four teams on 14 points, including Freiburg, who could have gone top but lost 2-0 at Union Berlin, and Bayer Leverkusen, who could also have taken over first, but lost at Frankfurt on Friday.

Schalke have a chance to seize top spot when they visit Hoffenheim on Sunday.

In Dortmund, Thorgan Hazard's first-half strike for the home team against his former club was ruled out by VAR for a tight off-

side call. Hazard then found a sprinting Marco Reus with a perfect through ball in the 58th minute. Reus slotted home for the only goal of the game.

Even though another Dortmund strike was erased by VAR in the 85th minute, the home team finished the game hanging on, adopting a back-five and even a back-six in added time to end a run of

three successive draws. "We are very, very happy that our efforts were rewarded with victory today. You could see that game could have the turned in the other direction." said Reus. -AFP



Borussia Dortmund's Marco Reus (right) controls the ball during the German Bundesliga soccer match against - AP Borussia Moenchengladbach in Dortmund, Germany on Saturday.

Garcia's Lyon stutter in draw

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Paris, Oct. 20: Lyon stut-THE RESULTS tered to a 0-0 draw against fellow Ligue 1 strugglers LIGUE 1 FOOTBALL Dijon on Saturday as already-embattled new Lyon Dijon coach Rudi Garcia took charge for the first time. The 55-year-old's appointment was greeted Nimes (Martinez 41) Amiens with anger by Lyon sup-(Calabresi 90+4) porters because of his three-year stint at bitter rivals Marseille. He was roundly booed at the Groupama Stadium ahead of kick-off. Metz (Diallo 86) Nantes Angers Garcia's day did not get

any better, as his side Brest (Cardona 67) wasted a string of excel-

lent chances against dogged Dijon. neither are we," he told "The fans were good dur-Canal+. ing the match, at the end

"We weren't missing of the day they're not much, aggression in front happy with results and of goal. We're starting

from scratch. When we play a team in the relegation zone, we must win. who sacked Lyon, Brazilian Sylvinho, in his first job as a head coach, after only 11 matches earlier this month, have failed to win in eight 1

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league games. Sporting director Juninho has been responsible for hiring both former Arsenal and Barcelona full-back

But the former Brazil international insisted that

our place in the table," he "Concerning the said. first week under Rudi Garcia, the players have responded, very good things have been seen. 'If we manage to play as well (against Benfica in the Champions League on Wednesday), we will be able to reverse the situation.

The draw left Lyon, who have not finished outside the top five since 1998, languishing 16th in the table after 10 matches, just one point off the bottom.

The seven-time French title-winners, who were widely tipped to be Paris Saint-Germain's closest challengers this season, are 14 points adrift of the defending champions.

"It's frustrating, there's no explanation," said Moussa Lyon striker Dembele. -AFF

EUROPEAN OPEN 'Big surprise' to reach final: Andy

Antwerp (Belgium), Oct. **20:** Former world number one Andy Murray reached his first final in more than two and a half years and admitted it was a "big surprise"

It's been a big surprise to me. I'm happy to be into the final. It's been a

Murray, steadily rebuilding his singles game after career-saving hip surgery in January, defeated France's Ugo Humbert 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 to make the championship match at the European Open.

"It's been a big surprise to me. I'm happy to be into the final," he told Amazon

Prime. "It's been a long road to get back to this point. I certainly didn't expect it to come so soon since I started playing again." On Sunday, the 32-year-old Briton will tackle fellow three-time Grand Slam

title winner Stan Wawrinka in the final. Murray, now ranked a lowly 243, last reached a final in Dubai in March 2017 where he won the

long road to get back to this point. I certainly didn't expect it to come so soon since I started playing again. — ANDY MURRAY

most recent of his 45 career titles. He is now playing for the fourth successive week on

Tennis star

tour having only returned to singles at Cincinnati in August.

Murray leads Wawrinka 11-8 in head-to-head meet-

"I think it will be a nice match to play," added the Briton of Sunday's duel. "Me and Stan have played a lot against each other. It is nice that we are

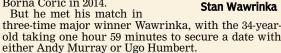
-AFP

both able to be back playing against each other in a final

STAN ENDS TEENAGER SINNER'S ADVENTURE

Antwerp, Oct. 20: Stan Wawrinka ended Italian teenager Jannik Sinner's fine run at the European Open in Antwerp on Saturday, the Swiss veteran defeating the 18-year-old 6-3, 6-2 to book a place in Sunday's final.

Sinner was the youngest player to make the semi-finals of an ATP tournament since 17-year-old Borna Coric in 2014.



World number 18 Wawrinka, who trailed 0-2 in the first set, is aiming to win his first title since the Geneva Open in 2017

Former world number one Murray has made it through to his first semi-final since the French Open two years ago.

Now ranked a lowly 243 the Briton is steadily rebuilding his career after hip surgery. He faces Humbert, France's world number 70, later on Saturday. — AFP

Bencic books last Shenzhen slot

Sylvinho and Garcia. there were positive signs on Saturday. "What hurts is to look at

manager Ben Olsen said.

FA CUP MATCH ABANDONED **Rooney falls in MLS farewell**

DUPONT **SHINES BUT FRANCE SLIP**

Oita (Japan): One small consolation for France in their agonising 20-19 World Cup quarter-final loss to Wales on Sunday was the form of Antoine Dupont. It was easy to overlook the scrum-half's contribution as France let slip a 19-10 half-time lead in Oita after Sebastien Vahaamahina was sent off. But in the early stages the 22-year-old Dupont directed play with the assured touch of a veteran, putting in some steadying box-kicks as he chivvied the experienced forwards in front of him. And if he wasn't kicking well out of hand, Dupont's quick and accurate passing kept France on the front foot against a Wales defence missing Jonathan Davies after the centre was a late withdrawal due to a knee injury. Dupont also linked well with his 22-year-old fly-half Romain Ntamack, a team-mate at Toulouse. No mention of Ntamack is complete without pointing out he is the son of former France wing Emile Ntamack. But that could vet change over the course of his career, with both Dupont and Ntamack displaying sublime handling skills in the build-up to France's second try in opening eight minutes that ended with flanker Charles Ollivon going in between the posts. The blots on an otherwise firsthalf display came with Ntamack seeing both his attempted conversion of Vahaamahina's opening try and a 38th minute penalty hit the post, with those five spurned points proving crucial at the finish. – AFP

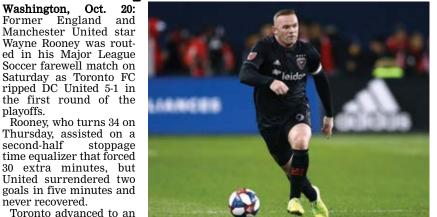
ormer England and Manchester United star Wayne Rooney was routed in his Major League Soccer farewell match on Saturday as Toronto FC ripped DC United 5-1 in the first round of the playoffs.

Rooney, who turns 34 on Thursday, assisted on a second-half stoppage time equalizer that forced 30 extra minutes, but United surrendered two goals in five minutes and never recovered.

Toronto advanced to an Eastern Conference semifinal on Wednesday at East top seed New York Citv FC

Marco Delgado's goal in the 32nd minute put Toronto ahead until Rooney crossed the ball into the heart of the box, Frederic Brillant got his head on it and Lucas after the first 15 minutes Rodriguez finished in the to seal United's fate. third minute of stoppage time to equalize. scorer Rooney arrived in

In extra time, Toronto's



Wayne Rooney of D.C. United dribbles the ball during an MLS game against Toronto FC on Saturday. - AFP

MLS in the middle of last

clocked

-PTI

Richie Laryea scored in season and lifted the club the 93rd minute, fellow Canadian Jonathan from league doormat to a playoff berth. But Rooney said in Osorio added goals in the August he was returning 95th and 103rd minutes and Nick DeLeon netted

to England after this seaanother in stoppage time son to be a player and assistant coach for Championship club United captain and top Derby County.

"He has been a big plus for this club," United

'He has helped us in a big way."While Rooney's arrival and a new stadium created buzz around United, the team flopped in the playoffs, ousted by Columbus last year on penalties, and his exit comes with Washington

sports fans focused on baseball's World Series return to the US capitol next week for the first time since 1933. Rooney had 11 goals in 28 matches this season, five of them game win-

ners and four of them penalties. Last season, Rooney scored 12 goals in 20 matches.

In other games, Franco Escobar scored in the 70th minute as defending champion Atlanta United beat visiting New England 1-0. The Five Stripes advanced into an East semi Thursday against Sunday's winner between the Philadelphia Union and New York Red Bulls. - AFP

AFTER ABUSE

London, Oct. 20: An FA Cup qualifying match Haringey between Borough and Yeovil Town was abandoned after allegations that players were racially abused and spat

Cup

on. The players of seventhoutfit Haringey tier walked off the field on Saturday with about 25 minutes to go, shortly after Yeovil had scored a penalty

The incident during the match in the fourth qualifying round came just five days after England players endured racist abuse during their Euro 2020 qualifier against Bulgaria in Sofia.

Haringey manager Tom Loizou said defender Coby Rowe suffered racial abuse while goalkeeper Douglas Pajetat was also spat at, prompting him to take his players off the pitch. AFP

Moscow, Oct. 20: World

minute. "This match had so much number 10 Belinda Bencic pressure and I was so nervbooked her place at the season-ending WTA Finals in ous. Now I'm over the Shenzhen with a 6-3, 6-4 moon to win today and win over Kristina Mladenovic in the Kremlin achieve this dream."It is the first time that Bencic semi-finals has reached the WTA on Saturday. The 22-year-old Swiss Finals where she will line up against Ashleigh Barty, Karolina Pliskova, Simona needed to reach the final and outperform Kiki

Halep, Bianca Andreescu, Petra Naomi Osaka, Kvitova and Elina Svitolina.

"All the eight players deserve to be there because it shows we had the most consistent seasons," said Bencic who reached the semis of the US Open to climb back into the top 10 for the first time since 2015. She also won the WTA event in Dubai and reached

"It's a dream to be competing at the WTA Finals and to be one of the top eight," Bencic said. 'It makes it even more

Bertens, who lost to Mladenovic in the quarter-

finals, to secure her berth

in the singles at Shenzhen.

She duly sealed the eighth and final place at

the tournament boasting

record \$14 million prize

money with a confident

performance to see off the

special that I booked my

ticket at the last possible

French player.

the final in Mallorca. Bencic will face either Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova or Karolina Muchova in Sunday's final.

Belihu, Tsehay defend titles

New Delhi, Oct. 20: Defending champions Andamlak Belihu and Tsehav Gemechu retained their respective men's and women's titles at the 15th Airtel Delhi Han ... here on Sunday. Belihu Ethiopia's Belihu clocked a timing of 59:10 to defend his title the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, while Gemechu broke her event record and also produced her personal best with an impressive 66:00. Last year she had clocked 66:50 to set course record. Belihu, who had won the prestigious IAAF Label Race last Gold year with a time of 59

ished ahead of fellow Ethopian Solomon Berihu, who clocked 59:17. Kenya's Kibiwott Kandie finished third with a timing of 59:33. Belihu missed the course record by just four seconds, which was set by Ethiopia's Guye Adola (59.06), in the 2014 edition. "I know I missed the course record. So I am a bit disappointed but overall it was a good race. So I am happy," said Belihu. In the women's race,

Ethiopia's Yelamzerf Yehualaw 1:06:01 to grab the second place, while zeineba yimer clocked 1:06:57 for the third minute 18 seconds, finplace.

JAPANESE MOTO GP Marquez makes his Marc again in Motegi

DEEPIKA DAS

MOTEGI (JAPAN), OCT. 20

Repsol Honda rider and multiple world champion Marc Marquez produced a sublime show to clinch his third Motul Grand Prix of Japan at the Twin Ring Circuit here on a balmy and sunnv Sundav afternoon.

Clear skies prevailed after a downpour soaked the track on Saturday, and Marquez exploited the condition to the fullest and dictated the terms from the first lap itself as he held the through 24 laps. lead Though Petronas Yamaha SRT's Fabiano Quartararo was hot on his heels, he failed to outpace him in any of the laps as the Honda star rider clinched his fourth title in a row this season.

hovering at around 21 degrees centrigrade was "perfect" for Marquez to conquer the Motegi track again in front of almostcapacity crowd. The weather was perfect

today and I am happy with my win. It went according to strategy and was able to maintain the gap and pushed further in later stage to win comfortably, " Marquez said with a big smile after the race.

Spain's Marquez finished in 42 minutes and 31.492 seconds, just ahead of 20-yearold Quartararo (42 with 42.492sec) Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso coming third on podium as he was 2.6 seconds late.

The strong sun was

dry and the temperature

rookie Frenchman min Team in 2016 and 2018.

Beside this year, Marquez had also won the title here



Marc Marquez poses with Team Honda after winning the Premier Class Constructors Championship on Sunday.

Rins of Team Suzuki with Marquez now leading the 176.championship with 350 Still, the season champion

points. Team Ducati Dovizioso was second with Team Ducati was keeping his guard high, with the Quartararo and 231 points followed by of A. Dovizioso maintaining pressure. Marquez also had the fastest lap of day in fifth

Ĥonda's other rider Jorge Lorenzo, who owns the lap record here with 1:43.79 in 2015, had a disappointing finished as he came at the 19th spot.

It was another good news in store for Team Honda as they also clinched the MotoGP Constructors' World Championship with 356 points for a record 25th time ahead of Ducati (270) and Yamaha(268).

Though it was a forgettable race for former world champion Valentino Rossi, who had a huge fan following here, of Monster Energy Yamaha team as he met a crash in the 20th lap. Italy's Luca Marini won the Moto2 while Lorenzo Dalla Porta from Spain grabbed the Moto3 victory.



The road is the right

one, but we need to

— Maurizio Sarri, Juventus coach after his side won their match

ATK scored their 100th goal in

the Hero Indian Super League

vide them with any joy in the

but that wasn't enough to pro-

opening match of the sixth edition at the Jawaharlal Nehru

International Stadium in Kochi

in only the sixth minute of the

game but the hosts, egged on

by a vociferous crowd, hit back

with two goals from new sign-

ing Bartholomew Ogbeche in the first half itself for a 2-1 vic-

The result sees Kerala get the

better of ATK in their ISL open-

er once again, having recorded

stunning the packed crowd

a foul on Jayesh Rane by Jeakson Singh. The set-piece

Agencies

into the box was cushioned

back for McHugh by Agustin

García Iniguez at the far post.

Bengaluru take on

North East United

ranks, including talismanic cap-

tain Sunil Chhetri, a formidable

Bengaluru F.C. will begin their quest for title defence when

they take on NorthEast United

League match here on Monday.

in their opening Indian Super

The Bengaluru-based side

have been synonymous with

football history. After three years of success in the I-League, they joined ISL in 2017 and made an instant impact.

Bengaluru suffered a heart-

breaking loss in the final to

Bengaluru had Roca's protege

Chennaiyin FC at home.

The next season (2018),

consistency in India domestic

Bengaluru: Boasting of five

India internationals in their

early in the game. ATK capi-

talised on a free-kick given for

a 2-0 win last season in Kolkata. The game got off to an electri-fying start with the visitors

Carl McHugh had put ATK ahead with an absolute stunner

on Sunday.

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Injury scare Joao Felix suffers a bad twist during Atletico Madrid's Spanish League game against Valencia





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JOHOR CUP

Indian colts go down fighting

Johor Bahru (Malay-sia),

Oct. 20: The Indian junior men's hockey team lost to Great Britain 1-2 in the final of the 9th Sultan of Johor Cup here on

Saturday. Right from the hooter it was India forcing the pace, and put Great Britain on the back foot. They were forcing the attacks, creating more circle penetrations but their finishing was letting them down.

The first real opportunity fell to Maninder Singh, who dribbled past three Great Britain players to singlehandedly fashion a shooting chance, which flew just over the crossbar.

Soon enough though James Mazarelo was called into action in Great Britain's goal, first saving a sharp chance off Sudeep before parrying three consecutive penalty corners, to ensure his team went into the break level

India upped the ante in the second quarter, and this time it was Oliver Payne in goal who was

holding the score level. In the fourth quarter, Great Britain won their first penalty corner of the game. Despite the initial save on the line by Sanjay, the ricochet fell to Stuart Rushmere who slotted home first time to draw his team level.

Then, a ricochet fell to Rushmere, who slotted home to give Great Britain the win and the title.

-PTI

India grabbed the lead through Gursahibjit Singh in the 49th minute. Stuart Rushmere scored a brace to help England win.



City shatter Crystal

THE ASINA AGE

Jesus, Silva net goals as Manchester win three crucial points at Palace

ster City brushed aside in-form Crystal Palace 2-0 on Saturday to narrow the gap to Premier League leaders Liverpool to five points.

ability to sustain a title challenge after two defeats in four league games but produced some incisive football without applying their usual killer touch in

Pep Guardiola's team were quickly into their stride against Roy Hodgson's men, dominat-ing possession and forcing Palace onto the back foot but they did not break the

Bernardo Silva whipped in a left-footed cross. past a rooted Wayne

attack.

duced a delightful chip from just inside the area into the path of David Silva, who watched it drop over his left shoulder before guiding it into the

his side to be more clinical after they brushed aside in-form Crystal Palace 2-0 on Saturday to narrow the gap to Premier League leaders Liverpool to five points.

Hennessey kept his side in the game and the visitors had their own 'keeper, Ederson, to thank for a couple of outstanding saves at the other end.

"We played good, created a lot of chances. They are always so strong for the second ball. Unfortunately, we could not convert the chances we had but it was an important three points after the international break," said City boss Guardiola. "Hopefully we can start from here and continue our good performance," Manchester city coach -AFPadded.

Ronaldo

Ronaldo on target for Juventus

Pjanic sealed a 2-1 win for Juventus over Bologna to consolidate top spot in



Pep Guardiola called on

City had 21 shots but Palace goalkeeper Wayne

Madrid take a **Real tumble**

Madrid, Oct. 20: Trouble returned to Real Madrid after they endured their first La Liga defeat of the

SPANISH LEAGUE earned 1-1 draw at the

Manchester City's Gabriel Jesus (centre) vies for the ball with James McArthur (left) as Jeffrey Schlupp (right) of Crystal Palace looks on during their English Premier League match at Selhurst Park, south London, on Saturday. City won 2-0. — AFP

Milan, Oct. 20: Cristiano Ronaldo and Miralem

Serie A. Ronaldo was presented with a special jersey before kick-off to mark his 700th career goal scored playing for Portugal dur-

ing the week. The 34-year-old hit his 701st after 19 minutes,



The defending champi-ons travelled to London with questions over their

deadlock until shortly before half-time. City were rewarded for their dominance in the 39th minute when Depresente Silve when Gabriel Jesus shaped to head the ball but it came off his shoulder and crept into the net off the far post

Hennessey. They doubled their lead just two minutes later fol-lowing a speedy counter-

When the ball came to Raheem Sterling he pro-

GUARDIOLA CALLS FOR LLER INSTINCT

Manchester City manager

against Bologna in the Italian Leaque **Ogbeche diffuses ATK with a brace** Kochi: Two-time champions

the game.

Carles Cuadrat under whom they defeated F.C. Goa to clinch their maiden ISL title. With a clutch of new signings and retention of key players. particularly domestic, Bengaluru look set to dominate again this season. They roped in India midfielder Ashique Kurunivan this season. - PTI

SANDHU GOES PAST RASHID, **TAKES CROWN**

Chandigarh: Chandigarh's Aieetesh Sandhu pipped Delhi's Rashid Khan for the title in a photo-finish on the final day of the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational Presented golf tournament here on Sunday. Aieetesh. playing at his home course, made a spectacular comeback in regulation play before coming through in a marathon playoff that lasted four extra holes at the Chandigarh Golf Club. It was a classical contest for the ages that saw Sandhu collect the winning cheque worth Rs. 24,24,750 that catapulted him from 48th to second position in the TATA Steel PGTI Order of Merit. Rashid extended his lead to over Rs 34 lakhs in the PGTI's money list despite his heartbreaking loss. Khan's PGTI earnings for 2019 now stand at a whopping Rs. 61,21,653. Ajeetesh (66-69-67-66) and Rashid (71-64-67-66), the joint leaders after round three, headed for the playoff on Sunday after ending up with identical totals of 20-under-268 in regulation play. It turned out to be the lowest winning score at the Chandigarh Golf Club, improving on Rahil Gangjee's 13under-275 at the PGTI Players Championship in 2013. Karandeep Kochhar of Chandigarh took third place at 17-under-271 after a flawless 68 in round four. Abhiiit Singh Chadha, another local lad, matched the course record of eight-under-64. - PTI



They are always so strong for the second ball. Unfortunately, we could not convert the chances we had but it was an important three points after the international break.

> - PEP GUARDIOLA Manchester City manager

with Pianic adding a sec ond eight minutes after the break following a blunder by Brazilian defender Danilo, who had earlier pulled Bologna level.

The defending champions are now four points clear of second-placed Inter Milan.

Atalanta stay third after throwing away a three-goal lead to draw 3-3 with Lazio, with fourth-placed Napoli closing the gap to just one point after Arkadiusz Milik's double saw off Verona. Bologna coach Sinisa Mihajlovic returned to the bench in Turin after his

second course of chemotherapy as he battles cancer. And the visitors were given reason to hope of snatching a rare point against the Turin giants when Danilo responded to Ronaldo's opener with a 29th-minute volley. But Pjanic sealed victory

-AFP

with his third goal in four games in the 54th minute amid chaos in front of the Bologna goal.



Cristiano Ronaldo of Juventus holds a jersey bearing his name with the number 700, after being honoured for having scored 700 goals so far in his career, prior to their Italian league football match against Bologna on Saturday at the Juventus stadium in Turin. - AFP



at newly-promoted Real Mallorca.

Zinedine Zidane, David Beckham and Robinho were in the last Real Madrid team to lose a league game at San Moix in 2006 and 13 years later, Mallorca repeated the trick thanks to a scintillating strike by Junior Lago in the first half.

Alvaro allowed Lago too much room to cut inside and was then sent off late on, even if Madrid's attempts at a comeback looked doomed well before they were reduced to 10 as they lost

resurgence of Zidane's side just as Barcelona's appears to be gathering pace, a 3-0 win away at Eibar giving the Catalans their fifth consecutive victory in all competitions. Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann scored the goals.

between, Atletico Madrid were pegged back by Valencia as a brilliant Dani Parejo free-kick earned the visitors a hard-

wanda Metropolitano It means Barca will finish the weekend top of the further behind them.

Odriozola

The defeat halts the

table for the first time this season as the defending champions continue to leave their stumbling start For Real, five games unbeaten and three of

them victories had not erased the doubts, but at least seemed to offer evidence Zidane's team were

turning a corner. But Mallorca, who climb to 14th, deserved their triumph in what is their first season back in the top flight since relegation ended 15 consecutive years there in 2014.

Lago collected the ball on the left in the seventh minute, drove at the retreating Odriozola retreating before cutting inside and unleashing a shot. Madrid lacked purpose

and cutting edge, with their hopes all but dashed when Odriozola capped a miserable night by flying in late on Lago in the 74th minute and collecting a second yellow card. - AFP

Panghal off the blocks in Wuhan

Wuhan, Oct. 20: World Championships silver medallist Amit Panghal won his opening bout in the men's flyweight (52kg) category as the boxers gave India a good start in the 7th CISM World Military Games here on Saturday.

Panghal beat Douglas Andrade of Brazil, while Chirag (56kg) defeated Zambia's Katanga Christopher 5-0. In the men's light fly cat-

egory (49kg), Deepak defeated Iran's Abaszadeh Ali while Satish Kumar also won his super heavyweight category (+91kg) bout against Brazil's Nascimento Cosme 3-2.

Warriors get the swag off Dabang

Ahmedabad, Oct. 20: A clinical Bengal Warriors on Saturday clinched their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title by defeating Dabang Delhi 39-34 in a pulsating summit clash

here. Naveen Kumar was brilliant once again with 18 raid points for Delhi but uncharacteristic errors cost their title hopes in front of a packed audience, including Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, at the EKA Arena by TransStadia.

The Warriors did not have the services of star Maninder Singh but got support with his presence as assistant coach of the team in the final match of Season Seven. The pressure of the final

Despite missing their captain Maninder Singh in the title round, Bengal pulled off an emphatic 39-34 win over Delhi, winning their maiden Pro Kabaddi League title.

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reduced Delhi's lead.

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as a substitute, picking up

The closely-contested first-half ended with the

tained that momentum in

the second half as they

scores levelled at 17-17.

got to the Warriors in the early minutes as Delhi stormed to a 6-0 lead. Naveen Kumar certainly looked charged up for the event while Delhi's cover combination of Anil Kumar and Vishal Mane also seemed keen to stop any raider coming their

way. The Delhi side clinched their All-Out in the 8th minute to open a four-point lead but the Warriors were a different side after the restart. Stand-in captain Mohammad Nabibakhsh

quickly got into the lead. Sukesh Hegde once again sizzled for the Warriors with some mature raiding,

often getting the better of Ravinder Pahal in Delhi's left corner. Perhaps the smartest picked up his game, clinchmove from the Warriors' ing valuable raid points, as Warriors quickly camp was to deploy the experienced Jeeva Kumar Delhi's Iranian player Meraj Sheykh impressed

in a shifting cover role, depending on the raider's strong foot. The decision helped as

two raid points in pressure situations, but the Warriors secured their first All-Out with under the Warriors clinched another All-Out in the 8th minute of the half to openfour minutes remaining up a 4-point lead.

Delhi's Naveen Kumar clinched his Super 10 in the 10th minute (21st consecutive) but his side struggled to get a stranglehold of the Warriors. -PTI











Warriors main-