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**Siachen now open for tourism, says Rajnath**

NEW DELHI The Siachen glacier is "now open" for tourists and tourism, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday after inaugurating a strategically important bridge on the Shyok river in Eastern Ladakh. "From Siachen Base Camp to Kumar Post, the entire area has been opened for tourism purposes," Mr. Singh tweeted.

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**SC to hear Chidambaram's bail plea today**

NEW DELHI A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court, led by Justice R. Banumathi, will pronounce on October 22 its decision on former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram's petition for regular bail in the CBI part of the INX Media case. The court had heard extensive arguments from Mr. Chidambaram's lawyers and Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the CBI.

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## Peaceful but low polling in two States

Turnout dips to 60% and 65% in Maharashtra and Haryana, compared to 63% and 76% in 2014

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The elections to the Assemblies of Maharashtra and Haryana on Monday saw the voter turnout dip in comparison to the 2014 polls, according to provisional numbers shared by the Election Commission of India as of 6 p.m.

At a press conference held at the ECI headquarters in New Delhi, Deputy Election Commissioners Chandra Bhushan and Sandeep Saxena said the turnouts for Maharashtra and Haryana were 60.5% and 65% respectively. In the 2014 Maharashtra elections, 63.08% had cast their votes, Mr. Bhushan said.

In Haryana, the turnout had been 76.54% in 2014, Mr. Saxena said. Both officials said the turnout in Monday's elections could go up as the final figures were yet to come in.

Speaking of the two State elections as well as the bye-elections to 51 Assembly seats across the country and two Lok Sabha constituencies – Samastipur in Bihar and Satara in Maharashtra – senior DEC Umesh Sinha said the polling had been "peaceful and smooth", "barring a few sporadic incidents."

He added that record seizures of cash and liquor were made in the two States. ECI data showed that cash, liquor, narcotics, precious metals and other free-

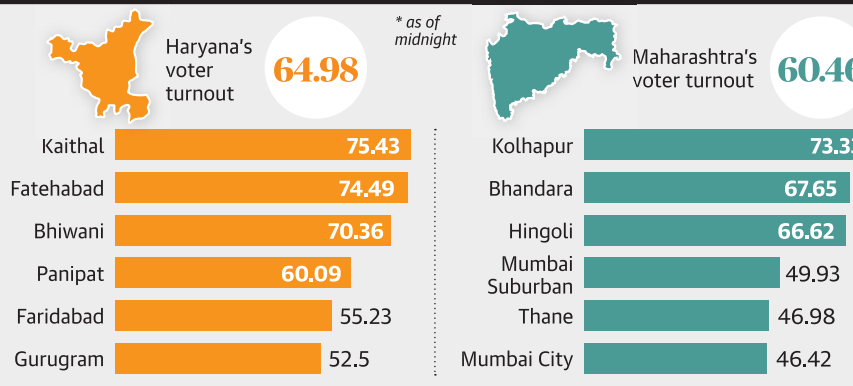
## Making it count

The State elections in both Maharashtra and Haryana on Monday saw relatively lower turnout in the urban regions compared to their rural counterparts. Mumbai and adjoining districts recorded the lowest turnouts\* in Maharashtra; Gurugram and Faridabad registered the least vote percentages in Haryana



**Obstacle course:** Nilu Jadav, a voter in Maharashtra's Pimpripada, could not vote as she lost her ID proof as a wall collapsed on her house in July. ■ ARUNANGSU ROY CHOWDHURY

Graphs show districts with the three highest and lowest turnouts in Haryana and Maharashtra:



bies worth ₹24.17 crore and ₹156.94 crore were seized in Haryana and Maharashtra respectively.

"The turnout in Haryana is estimated at 65%. Fatehabad district with 74.49% witnessed the highest turnout, while the least polling was seen in Gurugram district at 52.33%," Inder Jeet, Haryana's Joint Chief Electoral Of-

ficer, told *The Hindu*.

Polling across Haryana was by and large peaceful, barring minor clashes in Nuh, Rohtak and Narnaul districts.

Haryana Additional Director-General of Police (Law-Order) Navdeep Singh Virk said: "In all, 12 FIRs have been registered so far. There were two incidents of

firing, seven people were reported injured. There were no deaths."

Haryana Director General of Police Manoj Yadava said half a dozen clashes outside polling booths were reported from Rohtak and Nuh districts.

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## Infosys brass accused of 'unethical' practices

Whistleblowers point the finger at CEO

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BENGALURU

Technology major Infosys is embroiled in another controversy after a whistleblower group said the company was indulging in "unethical practices" to boost short-term revenues and profits.

The group, Ethical Employees, has complained to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the board of directors of Infosys that CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy had asked the complainants not to fully recognise visa costs in the quarter and \$50 million in contract reversals.



Infosys says the complaint has been placed before the Audit Committee.

Infosys said: "The complaint has been placed before the Audit Committee as per the company's practice, and will be dealt with in accordance with its whistle-blowers policy."

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## New rules to regulate social media by January

**KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL**  
NEW DELHI

Internet has emerged as a potent tool that can cause unimaginable disruption to the democratic polity, the government has told the Supreme Court.

The Ministry of Information Technology said in an affidavit that rules to regulate social media intermediaries needed to be revised.

The regulatory regime had to be ramped up considering the "ever-growing threats to individual rights and the nation's integrity, sovereignty, and security."

It said the new Information Technology Intermediaries Guidelines (Amendment) Rules would be notified by January 15, 2020.

The affidavit was in response to a September 24 order of the court to appraise it of the status of framing of the new rules and the timeline for their notification.

The order came on a petition filed by the social media giant Facebook for transfer of pleas concerning the linking of social media accounts to Aadhaar.

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## Can't conduct business out of palaces, says Puri

Centre set to pick Central Vista, Parliament revamp consultant tomorrow

**DAMINI NATH**  
NEW DELHI

Moving away from the "imperial ethos" reflected in the British-built buildings of New Delhi, the Centre is set to select a design for its revamp of Central Vista, Parliament and government offices on Wednesday, a design more in tune with "modern India", Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of State (independent charge) Hardeep Singh Puri told *The Hindu* on Monday.

Reiterating earlier statements, Mr. Puri said build-

ings built between 1911 and 1930 – the Parliament House, North and South Blocks and Rashtrapati Bhavan – would "remain intact" but their usage could change.

**Modern needs**

He added that the existing Parliament building could be used for Lok Sabha alone and another building constructed for Rajya Sabha or a new office building to provide all MPs with offices could be made.

"No matter how far-sighted and visionary a building

constructed in 1911 may have been, it reflected the cultural and imperial ethos of the time. Modern India, which is a democratic country, the world's largest democracy, can't have these huge rooms... You now need buildings that are energy efficient, which lend themselves to a working environment where youngsters and older people can interact with each other seamlessly," said Mr. Puri.

He added that while these buildings are "part of our cultural heritage", "today, you can't conduct business out of

palaces".

The revamp project, for which the Central Public Works Department invited bids in September, would make "Delhi a world-class capital city using technology and green construction befitting a country like India", he said.

Six design and architecture firms had submitted bids for the project. Mr. Puri said the bids were being evaluated by a jury and there would be public consultations after the consultant is picked.

## Delhi records over 40% of total crimes

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NEW DELHI

The Capital has recorded over 40% of total crimes reported across 19 metropolitan cities in the country, according to data released by the National Crime Records Bureau.

Crimes increased by 6.87% with 2,13,141 cases registered in 2017 as compared to 2016 which had 1,99,445 cases.

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## Police HQ to be shifted to new building

**SAURABH TRIVEDI**  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police headquarters on Indraprastha Marg will be shifted to its new location on Jai Singh Marg in three phases. Under the first phase, officers of the rank of joint commissioner of police and above will start working from the new building from November 1, said a senior police officer.

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