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# Sena firm on 50:50 power share

Squabble in ruling alliance over CM's post Fadnavis, Sena leader call on governor



Actors Renee Zellweger and Finn Wittrock arrive to attend the 11th Annual Governors Awards gala in Hollywood on

#### **Chidambaram at** AIIMS after stomach ache, discharged

New Delhi: Former finance minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram, who is currently in the custody of **Enforcement Directorate in** the INX Media case, was taken to AIIMS on Monday after he complained of stomach ache and other related issues, and was discharged after treatment. Sources said Mr Chidambaram was treated for gastrointestinalrelated problems.

#### **Sikh pilgrims leave** for Pak from Delhi

Full report on Page 3

New Delhi: A group of Sikh devotees from India, part of a religious proces-sion, on Monday started off their spiritual journey from Delhi to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan, the birthplace of founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev, the Pakistan high commission here said. Full report on Page

#### **Keith Vaz to face**

suspension in UK

London: One of Britain's longest-serving Indian-origin MPs Keith Vaz faces a six-month suspension from Parliament after a House of Commons standards watchdog found he had "disregarded" the law.

#### COUNTERPOINT



The voter has given a clear mandate for us to play the role of dissident in the government!



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Vikari: Dakshinayana Tithi: Kartika Shudda Vidiya till 3.48 am (Wednesday) Star: Vishaka till 11.14 pm Varjyam: 6.12 am to 7.41 am, 3.02 am to 4.34 am (Wednesday)

Durmuhurtam: 8.34 am to 9.20 am, 10.44 pm to 11.34

Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm **SUNSET TODAY 5.40 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.30 AM** 

**MOONRISE TOMORROW 7.30 PM** 

**MOONSET TODAY 6.06 AM** 

Sena on Monday reiterated its demand for an equal ed its demand for an equal share of power in Maharashtra and asked the BJP to "speak the truth on the 50:50 power sharing formula" agreed between Amit Shah and Uddhav Thackeray.

Mumbai. Oct. 28: The Shiv

The demand by Sena MP Sanjay Raut came shortly after chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and senior Shiv Sena leader Diwakar Raote met state Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, amid the ongo-

#### ISIS leader Baghdadi killed in US forces' raid



Washington Oct. 28 President Donald Trump said Sunuay .... the Islamic

Baghdadi S t a t e group's elu-sive leader Abu Bakr alkilled, dying "like a dog" in a daring nighttime raid by US special forces in northwest Syria.

Mr Trump told the nation in a televised White House address that a "large number" of IS militants were killed during the raid, which culminated Baghdadi cornered in a tunnel, where he deto-

nated a suicide vest.
"He died after running into a dead-end tunnel, whimpering and crying and screaming all the way," Mr Trump said, adding that three of Baghdadi's children were also killed in the

Mr Trump said the raid — involving eight helicopters — was carried out with cooperation from Russia, Syria, Turkey and Iraq. He also thanked the Syrian Kurds "for a certain support they were able to give us." Baghdadi's death gives a big politi-cal boost to Trump as he faces an impeachment

inquiry. — AFP

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#### ing tussle between the ruling alliance partners over forming the next state

government. A Raj Bhavan official said the meetings were "courtesy calls" by the two leaders, who met Koshyari separately. Mr Raut also told a TV channel that there was "nothing political" in Mr Raote's meeting with the should speak the truth on this (formula)". governor.

Asked what would happen if the BJP were to renege on the power sharformula agreed

MAHARASHTRA between a meeting of Shah, Uddhav and Fadnavis ahead of this year's Lok Sabha polls, Mr Raut said, "BJP evokes name of Ram. You (BJP) are going to build the Ram temple. Ram was 'satyavachani' (embodi-ment of truth), so they dered if worse days were ahead.

The Akshardham temple is shrouded in heavy haze after Diwali in New Delhi on Monday. Delhi had anticipated

■ Kejri: Post-Diwali pollution lowest in 5 yrs ■ SC rules flouted

Delhi's air quality plunges to 'severe'

a day after Diwali, 1st time this year

firecrackers

His remarks came even

as the city's air quality

dropped to the season's

worst on the morning

after Diwali, but govern-

ment agencies said the

situation was still better

Addressing a press conference, the chief minis-

ter said on Monday that

the government has received masks and

would distribute these in

a few days. "After 8.30 pm

yesterday, I could hear

than previous years.

the season's worst pollution levels in the morning after Diwali, but the air quality, although "very poor" to "severe", turned out better than the last five years, according to air quality monitors.

"You can tear a paper but you can't delete this record (of the power sharing formula agreement

between BJP and Sena)," Mr Raut said. Earlier on Monday, the Sena borrowed a famous dialogue from blockbuster movie Sholay to target the Centre over the economic slowdown, seeking to know why there was so much "silence" in markets on Diwali and won-

"...Itna sannata kyon hai bhai?" (why is there so much silence) is the question resonating everywhere on "silence" over

the future of the country and Maharashtra, the Sena said in an editorial in party mouthpiece

Saamana.

A BJP leader said the "caustic" Saamana editorial and Raut's remarks have created "bitterness" ahead of Shah's Mumbai visit on Wednesday. As the BJP's tally went down in the October 21 state Assembly elections, compared to its 2014 performance, Sena has been raising a pitch for "equal Turn to Page 4

to J&K today as row erupts

AGE CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, OCT. 28 In a development sig-

nalling an international outreach by the Narendra Modi government that is snowballing into a major political controversy, at least 27 European Union MPs in India on a private visit plan to visit Ĵammu and Kashmir on Tuesday after they met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Monday. Government sources said, however, that the MPs' visit to J&K was being organised by an "NGO". Nevertheless, it seems obvious that the government has given its approval to the visit. Mr Modi "highlighted the importance of close international cooperation to fight terrorism" to the EU MPs when they called on

## **Militants kill** truck driver

in Anantnag **Srinagar:** A truck driver was killed by suspected militants on Monday in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said, a day before a delegation of European Union MPs visits the Valley. Narayan Dutt, a resident of Katra in Udhampur district, was fired upon by the militants in Kanilwan area of Bijbehara.

"Urgent action must be taken against all those who support or sponsor terrorism or support such activities

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## Pak shuts airspace to PM flight again

Delhi likely to raise issue with ICAO

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI

India has approached the International Civil Aviation Organisation against Pakistan's move to deny permission for the overflight via Pakistani airspace for the VVIP Air India One aircraft that carried Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia late

Monday evening. Government sources said: "We regret the decision of the Government of Pakistan to yet again deny overflight clearance for the VVIP special flight, which is otherwise granted routinely by any country. Overflight clear ances are sought and

tries as per prescribed ICAO guidelines, and India will continue to seek such overflight clearances. Separately, we have taken up the matter of such denial with the relevant international civil aviation body Pakistan should reflect upon its decision to deviate from well-established international practice, (and) reconsider its old habit of misrepresenting the reasons for taking unilateral action." It may be recalled Pakistan had last month similarly denied permission to allow the VVIP aircraft carrying Mr Modi to the United States to overfly its airspace.

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granted by other coun-

# No Naga deal yet, Oct. 31 deadline may be extended

NSCN(I-M) talks stuck, but other Naga outfits not averse to pact

talks

MANOJ ANAND

The

ongoing between the Prime Minister's envoy for the Prime Naga talks, Nagaland governor R.N. Ravi, and collective leadership of the NSCN (I-M) led by Th Muivah on Monday remained inconclusive but the chances of thrashing out differences on a separate Naga flag and constitution has brightened with the Centre considering the option of extending the deadline of October 31 for ending the

Though a final decision on extending the deadline is yet to be taken, security sources did not rule out the possibility. "The dialogue between Mr Ravi and the NSCN (I-M) lasted for more than four hours but remained inconclusive, with both

again soon. However, a final agreement between the NSCN (I-M) and the government is unlikely to take place by October 31,' security sources said. In a related develop-

NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Despite several attempts

made to curb the menace

of air pollution, a layer of

haze enveloped the national capital a day after Diwali as the city's

air quality plummeted on

category for the first time

this season, with a large number of revellers brazenly flouting the Supreme Court-enforced

two-hour limit for burst-

ing crackers.

ment which is seen as an attempt to mount pressure on the NSCN (I-M), the NNPGs (Naga National Political Groups) has asked all the legislators of the state to clarify their stand on contentious issues instead of taking a "neutral" stand. Asserting that New Delhi was keen on finding a solution to the decades-old problem, the

NNPGs, an umbrella organisation of seven insurgent groups, said the elected representatives should clarify their stand as the entire Naga society of Nagaland has been demanding an early solution from the Government of India and ■ Turn to Page 4

#### **Prince Charles** to visit India on Nov. 13-14

Noida, Greater

Noida, Gurgaon,

Ghaziabad and

Faridabad reported

extensive fireworks

However, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said

Monday that the air pollution level in the city on

Diwali night was the

"lowest" in the past five

years as there was rela-

much beyond the

timeframe

London, Oct. 28: Britain's Prince Charles will visit India on November 13 and 14 to celebrate India-UK relations during which he will also discuss issues like climate change and sustainable finance, his office announced Monday. The visit by the heir-to-the-British throne to India will be his second trip in two years and 10th over-■ More in Newsmakers



bursting. I was ver

happy that compared to

the last few years, there

was much less bursting

of crackers. The pollu-

tion figures have revealed that pollution

has been the lowest in the

last five years on Diwali

night," he said. The Delhi Pollution

Control Committee on Monday said less fire-

works, rigorous night

patrolling and enforce-

ment measures to curb

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US President Donald Trump lights a lamp at the White House Diwali celebrations in

# EU agrees to delay Brexit till Jan. 31

**ADITI KHANNA** LONDON/BRUSSELS. OCT. 28

The European Union (EU) on Monday agreed to offer the UK a three-month extension to the Brexit deadline, until January 31 next vear.

European Council presi-Donald Tusk confirmed the decision of the 27 other members of the economic bloc on Twitter, saving a written confirmation process would fol**European Council** president Donald Tusk confirmed the decision of the 27 leave other members of

on Twitter low in the coming days. "The EU27 has agreed that it will accept the UK's

request for a flextension until January 31, 2020. The decision is expected to be formalised through a

the economic bloc

written procedure," he said. The EU's move would mean that the UK will not

the 28-member as planned on Thursday.

Mr Tusk said it was a "flextension", meaning the UK could leave the EU

before the deadline if a deal was approved by the British Parliament. Mr Tusk will now seek the UK's formal agreement to the decision -

extension through a written procedure among the 27 other EU nations, which he hopes to con-clude by Tuesday or

Wednesday.
British MPs are expected to vote on a motion to be tabled by Prime Minister Boris Johnson this week seeking a General Election on December 12.

Mr Johnson, who seems on the way to miss out on his "do or die" Brexit

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#### **Maya facing** fresh trouble as CBI rakes up PSC issue

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT, 28

Trouble seems to be brewing again for BSF s u p r e m o Mayawati as the CBI has prepared a list of at least 10

senior state officials who reportedly played a crucial role in the alleged irregularities in selections by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) when she was CM in 2010.

A source said: "The role of these officials is under the CBI scanner. They will be called soon for questioning." The CBI recently examined a former chief examination controller of UPPSC over the case, they added. Recently, the CBI also questioned over 20 candidates allegedly linked to former public servants in the state, who were selected by the UPPSC for different posts during the

Mayawati government.

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sides agreeing to meet before formalising the

# SHASTRI: IN A TIME OF WAR, THE MAN OF PEACE

PAVAN RAO K. BENGALURU. OCT 2

al Bahadur Shastri served as the Prime Minister during one of the most turbulent periods of India after independence. The man who would rise to lead the nation was born into extremely difficult circumstances, to a poor Hindu family. His family had been traditionally employed as administrators and civil servants. He lost his father before he turned two, during an onset of Bubonic Plague in 1906.

'Lal Bahadur Shastri: Politics and Beyond', by Sandeep Shastri, political expert and pro Vice Chancellor, Jain University, was released by former ISRO chief, Dr K. Kasturirangan in Bengaluru on Friday. The event was presided over by Dr Chenraj Roychand, president, Jain Trust and was followed by a panel discussion with Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice Chancellor, NLSIU and Dr MK Sridhar, member of the Advisory Board on Education, MHRD.

Born into a poor family in 1904, Shastri spent the formative years of his life in Ramnagar, near Varanasi. Perhaps these hardships shaped the sterling qualities that guided him through his later life, which saw him rise to the helm of the country's politics

country's politics.
As a student in Harish Chandra School, Varanasi, Shastri was unable even to afford an English textbook. Still, he made no excuses, borrowing books from his peers, making notes and returning them, all to complete the task that had been given to him. His principle, even at that age, was to 'make the extra effort to complete the task and not make deprivation an excuse'. He was greatly inspired by the freedom movement, the non-cooperation movement in particular, having heard Mahatma Gandhi's rousing speech on it at a public event, when he was a teenager. He quit school the next day and joined the local chapter of the Congress party. He was jailed several times during the freedom struggle.

During one of these jail terms, his daughter fell seriously ill. He was granted parole for two weeks. Tragically for him, his daughter didn't survive the fortnight, so he returned, dejected, before the end of his parole. Other inmates asked, in amazement, "why did you come back early?" Shastri simply responded, "Parole was given to me to look after my daughter, who is no more, so it is my duty to return to jail." This shows the respect and atti-



The huge void created after Nehru's death was filled when Lal Bahadur Shastri, a politician from Uttar Pradesh who held home and railway portfolios in Nehru's Cabinet, took over as India's second Prime Minister on June 9, 1964

LAL BAHADUR

SHASTRI

GANDHI Shastri was in the 10th standard, when he attended a public

**MEETING WITH** 

standard, when he attended a public meeting, hosted by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Gandhi. Inspired by the non-cooperation movement, and Gandhi's call for students to withdraw from schools, he left his own the next day and joined the local branch of the Congress party.

#### BEST KNOWN

**POLICIES AS PM**The White Revolution -

He promoted the national campaign to increase the production and supply of milk - by supporting the Amul milk co-

tude he maintained for legality, procedures and the strict code of discipline he enforced on himself. Dr Sandeep Shastri's book is a crucial narration of Shastri's roles and responsibilities during a critical

operative of Anand, Gujarat, and creating the National Dairy Development Board. Shastri vrat: The country was reeling under a food shortage and Shastri urged people to voulntarily give up one meal, so theere would be more to distribute to affected areas. However, he first implemented the system within his own family. The response was overwhelming. Even restaurants and eateries downed shutters on Monday evenings. He motivated the country to maximise the cultivation

of food grain and

ploughed the lawn at his official residence in New Delhi.

13-year period, between 1951 and 1964.
This period commenced with the preparations for the first general election and ends with the death of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. It was during this time that Lal

Bahadur, who had been assigned the moniker 'Shastri' or 'scholar', carved himself a unique niche in national politics.

As Home Minister, he was assigned several troubleshooting missions, including the controversy simmering in Assam, the crisis in Punjab, dealing with increasing language hostilities in the then Madras state and of course, 'managing the implementation of the Emergency in the period of Chiense aggression in 1962'.

One of his most important contributions as Home Minister, however, was revamping the administration and bringing in sweeping reforms. His navigation and strategies in the Kamaraj Plan are also an important part o the book.

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After this, came the process that led to Shastri ji's entry to the Prime Minister's office, for which he was backed by some senior leaders, including Kamaraj. Shastri went on to spearhead the iconic 'Shastri vrat', in response to the food crisis in India. The country was reeling under a food shortage and Shastri urged people to voluntarily give up one meal, so there would be more to distribute to affected areas. However, he first implemented the system within his own family. The response was overwhelming. Even restaurants and eateries downed shutters on Monday evenings. He motivated the country to maximise the cultivation of food grain and ploughed the lawn at his official residence in New Delhi.

He also focussed his attentions on strengthening research in agriculture, setting up the Indian Council of Agriculture and laying the foundations for the Green Revolution. He also promoted the White Revolution, lent support to the Gujarat milk-cooperative, Amul and appointed Dr Verghese Kurian as Chairman of the National Dairy Development Board.

Dr Sandeep Shastri's book is a highly readable account of a leader whose legacy was crucial but overshadowed by the that of the Nehru-Gandhi family. Here, Lal Bahadur Shastri emerges as an undoubtedly towering figure in India's history.

Lal Bahadur Shastri remained, to the end, a staunch Gandhian. A man of great tact and honesty, he made very few enemies, even at the height of the Indo-Pakistan war. He thought differently from the leaders who preceded him and his heart remained always with the people of the soil. Down-to-earth, empathetic and with a unique approach to enthusing the electorate, his policies live on today, markedly different from any other leader of post-Independence India.



### Saving water: BAF shows the way

AGE CORRESPONDENT

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) announced the launch of the second edition of its annual flagship event – BAMBOOS ("Bengaluru Apartments Making Bengaluru Operationally Outstanding and Sustainable") – to be held on November 24 at Freedom Park.

The event will see BAF member apartments showcase their best practices in sustainable, balanced and efficient management of water, energy, solid waste management, apartment management and also their contribution to safety, community welfare and civic engagement.

Mr Vikram Rai, Treasurer, BAF, said, "Citizens have to be active partners in tackling the water crisis by reducing consumption through water aerators, water meters and simple water conservation measures along with implementing rainwater harvesting systems and recharging groundwater. This event will help citizens get a better perspective on how to go about implementing these initiatives."

Water is one of the key themes that will be covered at BAMBOOS. Bengaluru has been facing a severe water crisis with groundwater running dry in many places and Cauvery water supply becoming erratic. BAF had released a list of simple measures that the government and citizens can take up to tackle the water crisis in Bengaluru. These measures were also covered in an online petition which received thousands of signatures.

BAF president H.A. Nagaraja Rao said, "Many apartment communities have ensured water security through ground recharge systems, reuse of STP treated water, effective rainwater harvesting systems, WTP etc. This has reduced the dependence on Cauvery water in many apartments and these initiatives will be showcased during the event."

# Planting the xseed



Ajit Saldanha

any moons have passed since I set foot in a classroom but a chance meeting with Bidisha GM of the Foundation for Life, brought back a flood of memories. Here's a scary statistic: as per the Pratham Annual Status of Education Report 2005, more than 50 million school-going children in India cannot read a simple text. Some of us went to English medium convent schools which work up to a point, but are hopelessly inadequate in terms of preparing one for the school of hard knocks known as life. I remember an Algebra teacher, Manuel, who used a "watered milk" story to demystify equations while savagely pinching the earlobes of slow learners who stood on tiptoe to lessen the agony. Ah well, Dennis went on to become a ballet dancer, so maybe some

good came of Manuel's manual. Patenting a revolutionary teaching method like XSeed is not the first career choice in a Sindhi household where interest rates, usury and Hong Kong customized tailoring are more likely to feature as hot topics of conversation but Ashish Rajpal had his Eureka moment after a brief stint with an MNC in the Far East. Abandoning his cushy corporate career he completed a Master's in Education at Harvard before teaming up with Anushtop Nayak to tackle the root of the education problem: teachers.

There is a certain amount of truth in the clichéd expression, "underpaid and overworked" used to describe teachers which tends to overlook the boring and frustrating moments that make up their dull day. As a nation of hypocrites we pay lip service to the nobility of the profession but few of us have actually spent quality time with them at a PTA or invited them home on social occasions. Witness the pride with which we introduce our doctors, lawyers and MLA's and the withering scorn we reserve for those

who spend a lifetime in the obscurity of teaching.

XSeed uses the 5A method: Aim, Assessment, Application, Anaiysis and Action to create a new blueprint for transforming the classroom from dreary drudgery to a beehive of fun-based learning. Lesson plans are based on higher order thinking skills and children who formerly crept like snails unwillingly to school now race like cheetahs imbued with a sense of purpose. Instead of dry lectures on the square on the side of the hypotenuse, they understand concepts and the practical application of geometry in a future career as an architect or a civil engineer. How does water flow from a tap leads to fascinating insights and light-bulb moments from children on water conservation. A leaking tap has the capacity to waste as much as 15 litres of water a day while a shower consumes 60 litres of water as opposed to a bucket bath which is just 15 litres. A faucet aerator is the new go-to tech for

water conservation.
Rajpal, XSeed's founder is a strong believer in Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligence which debunks traditional IQ testing as flawed since it does not provide for different kinds of intelligence. Gardner proposed that there are eight intelligences even going so far as to suggest a ninth known as "existentialist intelligence." In order to capture the full spectrum of a person's ability and talent, he theorized evaluating musical, inter-personal, spatial-visual and linguistic skills in order to develop a more nuanced understanding of peo-

XSeed now runs an annual competition called the Super Teacher Award where 1000 applicants are whittled down to 3 winners who get an expense free foreign holiday where they are exposed to evolved teaching methods. Designed on the principle that learning can be fun, the curriculum is broken up into a series of classes where communication skills, critical thinking, problem solving through collaboration and discussion replaces the droning lecture method. Think of Robin Williams in Dead Poets' Society and imagine your boring Math teacher inspired by his mojo. That is XSeed's mantra and they have created an entire educational eco-system around it generating revenues of 150 cr last fiscal. According to the Principal of MSMV, Jaipur, "The XSEED curriculum provides a handson approach to students, ensures opportunities for creative expression and develop skills of reflective thinking, observation and experimentation." Instead of re-writing history, it would be far more beneficial if our Education department took a closer look at the XSeed method.

# Young India, old leaders: It's time for a **NEW REVOLUTION IN POLITICS**



By invitation

Dr N Prabhudev

The majority of the Indian democracy is made up of people below the age of 40. Still, whom do we elect? A majority of people above the age of 60! Even madness has a method, does it not? Politicians, however, begin their careers when other professionals retire. Why, then, are people below 50 considered juveniles in the political arena? The country desperately needs young leaders who are energetic, enthusiastic, innovative, skillful, morally sound, ethically upright and of course, diligent.

Many top political leaders in India struggle with ill health but may not admit to their illness in public. Health problems occur mainly because of sedentary lifestyles and are often a byproduct of affluence. India is a nation that that has historically been more passionate about food than fitness. There is no culture of physical fitness and because of this, tend not to be very active in their old age.

## If there is 'vibrancy' among young people, there is great anger too

anger too
In 2019, hardly 1.5 percent of the Lok Sabha MPs belong to the age group 25-30, 12 percent are between 30 and 40 and 16 percent come from the 51-55 age group. Not only is youth representation declining in Parliament, but the average age of MPs has also risen in the last 20 years. India has a fifth of the world's youth but the young nation's politics are depressingly feudal, ridden with dynasties and geriatric king-makers. Religion and caste continue to play a big role. Young Indians are fed up and desperate for a change.

The attitudes of young Indians are in some ways inspiring. They want a shift to a cleaner, more meritocratic kind of politics. There is a dystopian undercurrent to their views – political parties seem frozen in time, preferring to continue with their allegiance to seniority, hierarchy and in the process, old age!

The youth could be a 'demographic dividend', ensuring stability and prosperity for the decades to come. India's leaders are old and no longer repre-



sent the people. The only party whose leadership seems to be getting younger is the BJP.

#### Retirement age for politicians

Gerontocracy: Politicians considered 'young' in India are at retirement age in other professions.

When the 77-year-old Ronald Reagan was replaced at the White House on January 20, 1989, by the 64-year-old George H.W. Bush, people joked that the United States would now have a President who could actually remember the names of those he interacted with regularly.

Barack Obama was 47 when he entered the White House and 55 when he departed. The Russian President Vladimir Putin turned 60 on October 7. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande are both 58. The new Chancellor of Austria, Sebastian Kurz, is 31. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, is 37. David Cameron was sworn in as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom at the age of 43.

#### India struggling under geriatric leaders

Two-thirds of people in India lives in poverty: 68.8% of the Indian population lives on less than Rs 150/- a day - they are considered extremely poor. This makes the Indian subcontinent one of the poorest countries in the world. Women and children, the weakest in Indian society, suffer most.

1.4 million children die each year in India before their fifth birthday. More than 200 million people don't have sufficient access to food, including 61 million children. 7.8 million infants were found to have a birth weight of less than 2.5 kilograms. 25% of children in India have no access to education. India is at a

tipping point, both in terms of economic growth and in the human development of its more than 1.2 billion citizens

#### Indian state failed by its leaders

In the cities or towns, the stress is exacerbated by the failure of authorities to provide even basic public services. Power cuts are common. Potable water is rare. Food prices are rising, so are rents. Corruption is rampant. Bribes have to be paid for school and college places, to the police, to petty officials to ensure they perform basic administrative tasks, even for hospital beds. If you have connections best of all, a politician – life can be much easier.

Youth participation in politics, for now, is still dependent on wealth, legacy and connections. 'Those in power are old people not exactly on wheelchairs but old enough!

#### Reservation for Youth?

Set aside seats in the Parliament and legislatures for the young and the youth! After all, if reservation can be provided to a range of ethnicities and caste-based groups, why not for the youth? Our political structure ideally should offer multiple avenues for political empowerment. Municipal and panchayat polls should give rise to leaders who have experience at the ground level. Such leaders, after some experience, should be able to run for state and eventually the central legislative seats. After all, this is how leaders are found in healthy democracies.

#### Way forward!

Sadly, politics today has earned a reputation for being a 'dirty field'. In this situation, where law makers have con-

## YOUTH QUAKE!

Youth is not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the life of ease. Youth has no age: Being young is about more than age. It can be a rollercoaster of emotions, with an unstable sense of self-esteem, Insecurity, loneliness and disguised vulnerability. But being young also carries endless possibilities, creativity, curiosity, energy, impatience and guts. It is a special joy of life. The idea that someone with thick hair is a fountain of fresh ideas and a new outlook and wisdom is baseless. But even so, we do need fresh blood in politics and being young is a gift. Unfortunately, what is pushed here in the name of youth is dynasty!

youth is dynasty!
Some young Indians are extravagantly successful, linked by technology to a globalizing world. Many are poor, isolated from the rest of the world and frustrated by their exclusion from a narrow economic boom.

sistently become law-breakers it's no surprise that often law breakers qualify to become the law makers! In a scenario where people have lost

In a scenario where people have lost faith in their leaders, the government and in politics in general, why would an educated, right-thinking parent encourage his or her child to venture into the jungle of politics?

While we need the experience and wisdom of seasoned politicians who are now in their twilight years, the exuberance of the youth, their lateral thinking to get things done will offer a whole new perspective to the many problems that the country faces today. But unfortunately, there are only two types of youth that participate in politics today, those with dynastic back ground and those with money and muscle power!

The youth should jump into the dirt of Indian politics and manage to stay clean, and bring transparency to the system from within. We need to develop a critical mass of young, honest and successful politicians so that they can become a motivational model for others. Youthhas to take the first step; youth have to be the lotus of Indian politics: they must remain shining despite the murky whirlpool around them. Only then can we expect to see a change in Indian politics.

—Dr N Prabhudev is a former VC of Bangalore university

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The government has brought this law (2 kids) to stop Muslims from having jobs

> — Badruddin Aimal. **AIUDF** leader

SHORT TAKES

#### C'garh: 3 killed as crackers catch fire

Bhopal: Three people in a Chhattisgarh village were charred to death when a shop in which firecrackers were stored caught fire, police said on Monday The tragic incident took place in the village of Makdi in Kondagaon district in south Bastar region in Chhattisgarh late on Sunday night. According to Kondagaon police, a local grocery shop owner Kashi Sen used to sell firecrackers for which he was granted licence, on the occasion of 'Diwali' (festival of lights) He along with two of his friends slept inside the shop on Sunday night after clos-

#### **Bursting crackers: Odish youth killed**

Bhubaneswar: A youth was brutally beaten to death over bursting fire crackers in Housing Board Colony area under Airfield Police limits in Bhubaneswar on the occasion of Diwali night. The deceased was identified as Amaresh Nayak. As per reports, a group of vouths of the area, including Amaresh, were organising a feast and bursting crackers in a nearby field when around 20 youths with arms reached the spot and opposed the celebrations. The protest triggered a bitter altercation between the two groups which later escalated into a clash as the armed youths attacked the other group with sharp

#### **Train bogies break** away from engine

tained critical injuries and

later succumed to them.

Bhubaneswar: A major accident was averted after five bogies of a goods train got detached from the engine near Nidhipur Ghantikhal railway station in Athagarh this morning. However, no loss of life or injuries was reported in the mishap since there was no movement of any other train on the track at that time. Reports said the engine moved forward leaving five of its bogies and later halted at a distance near Nidhipur Ghantikhal railway station. The mishap affected road traffic on Puruna Cuttack-Sambalpur route with hundreds of vehicles stranded on both sides of the road at Nidhipur level crossing.

#### **NAVEEN, BABUS MARK DIWALI** WITH ORPHANS

**AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO** BHUBANESWAR, OCT, 28

Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik celebrated Diwali with orphans at a non-governmental organisation (NGO), here on Sunday evening. Mr Patnaik had also advised the chief secretary, the development commissioner, the agriculture production commissioner (APC) and officers in the Chief

Minister's Office (CMO) to visit childcare institutions and celebrate the festival of lights with children. Chief secretary Asit Tripathy visited Chetna, an institution of special education, and



interacted with the inmates. Following the CM's advice, all collectors celebrated the day by visiting childcare institutions in their districts. Similarly, the **Director General of Police** (DGP) Dr Bijay Kumar Sharma and all senior police officers, including Superintendents of Police (SPs), were advised to spend time in battalions and celebrate Diwali with jawans and their family

members.

# **Assam: Child marriage will** bar people from govt jobs

Rules notified, violators of 2-child policy not eligible too **Muslims will not cease** 

MANOJ ANAND GUWAHATI, OCT. 28

while notifying the "Population and Women Empowerment Policy of Assam" has made it clear that not only two children norm is mandatory for

The Assam government

government job buť persons — both male and female — who violate the legal age of marriage, will not be eligible for any employment or employment generation scheme of the government.

The government notification stated, "Therefore, no person shall be eligible for appointment to any service and post under the government of Assam if the person has married in violation of 'The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (Act 6 of 2007). In Section 2(a) of this Act, a 'Child' is defined as "a person who if a male, has not completed 21 years of age; and if a female, has not completed 18 years of age.

**As Cong goes** 

for chage, MP

may prove to

be tough task

AGE CORRESPONDENT

The Congress is all set to go in for substantial

organisational changes

in the coming days. Insiders indicate that the

first change is expected in Madhya Pradesh where the Chief Minister Kamal Nath is

also the state unit chief.

But Madhya Pradesh will

be a difficult call for the party as former union minister Jyotiraditya Scindhia is also in the

race. While the chief minister is inclined towards his own loyal-

ists. Supporters of Mr Scindhia have been very

vocal in their demand of

appointing him as the

state unit chief. Rajya

Sabha MP from the state and former Chief

Minister Mr. Digvijaya

Singh wants his loyalists

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has held

consultations with senior

leaders of the party

regarding the proposed changes. The party has

already changed the state

unit chiefs of Delhi,

Chattisgarh. Presently

Pradesh changes are expected in the state units

of Bihar and Himachal Pradesh. Also, insiders

claim that reshuffle with-

in the AICC is also expected. Presently the post of

General secretary Uttar Pradesh West is also

vacant as Mr Jyotiraditya

Scindhia resigned after

the Lok Sabha election

debacle. Sources say that

the high command is also

mulling over the idea of "one person one post".

Madhya

for the top job.

Maharashtra

apart from

NEW DELHI, OCT, 28

#### AGE CORRESPONDENT **GUWAHATI, OCT, 28**

In what has triggered a fresh debate on child-control measures of the Assam government, All Indian United Democratic Front (AIUDF) chief and veter-Muslim leader Badruddin Ajmal said that new law will have hardly any impact as Muslims will continue to produce children.

Referring the recent Cabinet decision of the Assam government disqualifying people having

Section 2 (b) of this Act

defines 'Child Marriage'

as "a marriage to which either of the contracting parties is a child.' The notification of the "Population and Women ners shall be eligible for appointment in any services and posts under the state government.

However, some exception has also been made with respect to certain conditions like if an applicant has only one living child from an earlier delivery but more than one child are born out of subsequent delivery, the children so born, shall be deemed to be one entity

state government job will

while counting the number of children. "Moreover, a person having more than two living children before January 1, 2021 shall not be ineligible so long as the number of children he/she has before the mentioned date does not increase on after that date. The applicant for any

have to submit a declaration in a specified form and append it with his/her application for appointment to the effect that he/she fulfils the set



more than two children

for government job, Mr Ajmal, who is MP from

Dhubri Lok Sabha seat

said, "Muslims will con-

tinue to produce children,

they will not listen to any-

one. Now, the government

has brought this law to

stop Muslims from hav-

ing jobs. According to the

Sachar committee report,

below two per cent Muslims get government

jobs. Literate people are

now increasing among

the Muslim community

and they are working across the world."

Empowerment Policy of

Assam" further stated

that no person having

more than two living

children on or after

January 1, 2021 from a

single or multiple part-

dominated

Activists hold placards during a candle light vigil and demonstration in front of Kerala House for Justice for Wayalar Sisters in New Delhi on Monday. Two young dalit sisters were found hanging in the same place in their single-room house in Wayalar in Palakkad within a gap of three months in 2017. Outrage has intensified following the acquittal of the accused and in light of various discoveries

#### J&K truck driver killed, grenade hit injures 20

Srinagar, Oct. 28: A truck driver was killed by suspected militants on Monday in Jammu Kashmir's district, Anantnag district, police said, a day before a delegation of European Union MPs visits the Valley. Narayan Dutt

Narayan Dutt, a resident of Katra in Udhampur district, was fired upon by the militants in the evening in the Kanilwan area of Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district, a police official said.

Dutt died on the spot, he added.

In the past few days, militants killed three truck drivers, a trader from Punjab and a migrant labourer in Kashmir.

The attack comes a day before the visit by the delegation of 27 European Union MPs to The delegation seeks to

talk to locals and ask them about their experi-ence after the Centre's Meanwhile, terrorists on Monday lobbed a

grenade into a crowd waiting at a bus stop in Kashmir's Sopore town, injuring at least 20 civilians, police said. the 20, six people are seriously injured and have been referred

to a hospital in Srinagar. The others are undergoing treatment at a local hospital, officials said. The attack comes a day before a delegation of European Union law-

makers is visiting the Security forces had cordoned off the area and launched an operation to nab the attackers. No arrests were made

till last reports came in,

## Mufti hopes EU team will meet **J&K civil society**

Asks why Rahul's visit was not allowed

New Delhi, Oct. 28: PDP chief and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on Monday voiced hope that the group of 27 European lawmakers, who are travelling to Jammu and Kashmir, will get a chance to meet local people and civil society members, but at the same time alleged that the delegates "seem like pro-fas-cist, right leaning and antiimmigrant".

In a series of tweets, Mehbooba, who has been detained since August 5 and whose Twitter handle is operated by her daughter Iltija, claimed the visit is one of "incessant foreign policy gaffes" and will be a "lose lose situation" for the government. She also slammed the government for not allowing opposition leaders like Rahul Gandhi to visit the Kashmir Valley after the abrogation of the special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and bifurcating the state into two Union Territories.

"Hope they (EU MPs) get a chance to speak to the people, local media, doctors and civil society members. The iron curtain between Kashmir & the world needs to be lifted and GOI must be held accountable for pushing



J&K into turmoil," she said. The PDP chief also wondered "why the same courtesy can't be extended to

American senators".
"Won't be surprised if GOIs indulging in normalcy acrobatics again & orchestrating 'normalcy' certificates," she said.

She asked why can't the delegation meet all three former chief ministers — National Conference's Abdullah and Abdullah are the other two chief ministers who are also under the detention.

"Either ways there are two scenarios. The delegation will state situation is normal. In that case next logical step is to release detainees & restore Internet. If they say Kashmir is in limbo, its a major embarrassment for GOI. Lose lose situation,

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY** TENDER NOTICE

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## 'Sick' PC shifted to AIIMS, discharged

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Former union home

minister and senior Congress leader Chidambaram, who is currently in the custody Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the INX Media case, was taken to AIIMS on Monday after he complained of stomach ache and other related issues. Later, he was discharged from the hospital after careful examination by doctors.

Sources said that Mr Chidambaram taken to the RML Hospital in the morning but has now been shifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). "Mr Chidambaram

complained of illness and pain in the stomach. The former union minister was brought to the hospital around 5.40



said AIIMS sources.

While those close to Mr Chidambaram said that his condition is not good, the ED sources claimed there was nothing serious.

The Supreme Court granted him bail on October 22 in the INX Media case rejecting the CBI's argument that he could influence influence witnesses if set free. But Chidambaram who is also under arrest in a related case which is being probed by the Enforcement PM and is being examined by a team of doctors in the old private Directorate, has continued to remain in the custody.

### Maya faces fresh trouble as CBI rakes up PSC case AGE CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Trouble seems to be brewing for BSP supremo Mayawati as the CBI has prepared a list of at least 10 senior officials of the state government who reportedly played crucial role in the alleged irregularities committed in the selections by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC) when she was chief minister in 2010.

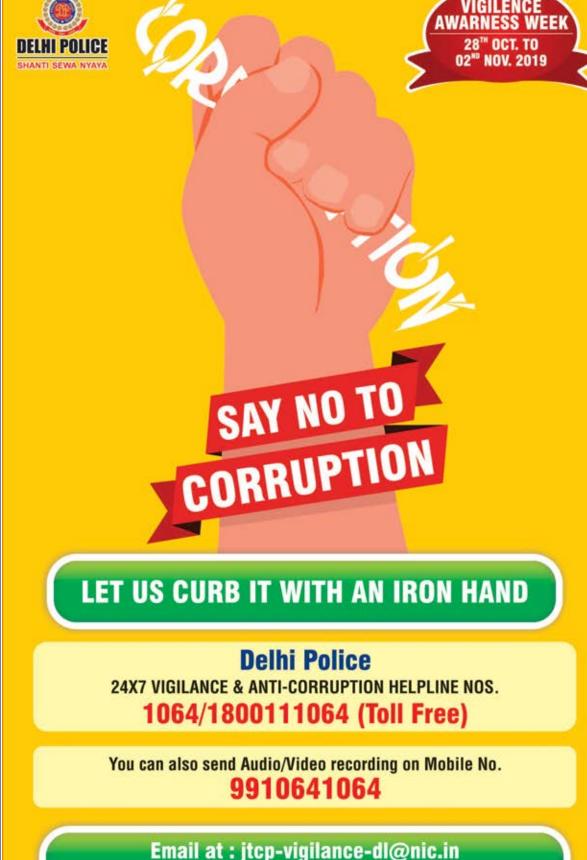
Sources said, "Role of these officials are under the scanner of the agency. They will soon be called for questioning." The CBI recently examined a former chief examination controller of the UPPSC in connection with the case, they added. Recently, the agency also examined



more than 20 candidates, allegedly linked to certain former public servants in the state, who were selected by the UPPSC for different posts during Ms Mayawati's regime (2010) for questioning.

"There are allegations that certain former officials of the UPPSC in connivance with the examiners altered marks of the candidates to enable their selection, sources said. The CBI recently registered a pre-

liminary enquiry (PE) against unidentified officials of the state administration for allegedly granting favours to close relatives of public servants in an examination to select additional private secretaries in 2010. Sources further said the PE is based on a complaint from the BJPruled government in the state which was routed to it through the central government in January. It is alleged in the complaint that certain unidentified unidentified people including the then officials of the UPPSC committed irregularities and misconduct in the examination for about 250 posts of additional private secretaries in 2010, they said adding that they extended undue favours to undeserving candidates.



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of the country, says Manmohan Singh





Pak denying use of airspace to Modi's aircraft is violation of international norms

> Giriraj Singh, **BJP** leader

SHORT TAKES

#### Man 'sacrifices' 10-yr-old nephew

Bhagalpur, Bihar: A 10-yearold boy was allegedly sacrificed by his paternal uncle following the advice of a tantrik to propitiate goddess Kali in Bhagalpur district of Bihar, the police said on Monday. Accused Shivnandan Ravidas, who did not have any children, was told by local tantrik Vibhash Mandal that his crave for an offspring would be fulfilled if he sacrificed a child belonging to a close relative during the Kali Puja, senior SP Ashish Bharti said. The incident took place at Dilauri village under Pirpainti police station area late on Sunday

#### night. Ravidas took his nephew to a pre-assigned place under the pretext of buying him firecrackers and slit his throat. — PTI **Gangotri shrine**

closes for winter Uttarkashi: The sacred portals of Gangotri shrine in Garhwal Himalayas were closed on Monday for the winter season. The temple gates were closed amid rituals and a recital of Ganga Lehri by "teertha purohits" at 11.40 am on the occasion of Annakoot festival, Mandir Samiti president Suresh Semwal said. After the closure of temple gates the idol of goddess Ganga was placed in a palanquin decorated with flowers and carried on the shoulders of priests to Mukhva where she will be worshipped during winter. The palanquin will reach Ganga Mandir at Mukhva on Tuesday. The temple is among the four famous Himalavan shrines of Uttarakhand also known as the chardham. -PTI

#### Thieves decamp with ATM in UP

Kausnambi, UP: Thieves fled with a bank ATM containing over ₹12 lakh in cash, police said here Monday. The incident took place on Sunday at Gulipur village in the Saini area and the automated teller machine belonged to the Bank of Baroda, they said. Later, police found the machine empty three kilometres away in a village. An FIR in this regard was filed by bank manager Arvind Kunwar. Superintendent of police Pradeep Gupta said the matter was being probed. — PTI

demand an early solution. ment has responded by decidand tribal leaders, the NNPGs

ing to act on the deadline as demanded by Naga legislators said elected representatives cannot be mute spectators, and it was time the for political parties in Nagaland to clear their positions in the interest of the Naga people.

Clarifying their stand on a separate flag and constitution for Nagaland, the NNPGs also questioned the stand of the NSCN (I-M), saying: "It is 22 years since the Naga talks are going on. Why did the negotiating parties not address the issue of a separate flag, constitution and integration in the initial years? These issues are raked up in the 20th year of talks that was now threatening to derail 22 years of negotiations between the GoI and NSCN (I-M)." Referring the tough stand of the NSCN (I-M) on the issue of a separate Naga flag and constitution, the working committee of the NNPGs, which joined the peace process in 2017, said: "This is unfortunate as three months was enough to work on any crisis. Now it could only be seen as a deliberate ploy to keep the Indo-Naga political matters in limbo.'

## ■\$20 fee waiver to non-Indian Sikhs Sikh pilgrims leaves from Delhi to Nankana Sahib

with agency inputs NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD,

A group of Sikh devotees from India, part of a religious procession, on Monday started off their spiritual journey from Delhi to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan, the birthplace of founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev, the high commission here said.

The 'Nagar Kirtan' (procession) is led by Sardar Paramjit Singh Sarna, the former president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) and includes representatives from different sections of the Sikh community in India, the Pakistan high commission said in a statement.

On Monday morning, the procession was sent off by several dignitaries, including Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, it said. Acting high com-missioner of Pakistan Syed Haider Shah also attended the send-off ceremony as a special guest, the statement added.

Meanwhile, Pakistan said that pilgrims and

### Al plane carries 'lk Onkar' to celebrate Nanak anniv

Chandigarh/Mumbai, Oct. 28: In a unique gesture to mark Sikhism, founder Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary, Air India has depicted Šikh religious symbol 'Ik Onkar'' on the tail of one of its aircraft, set to operate its maiden flight to Stansted in the UK from Amritsar on October

"Ik Onkar" symbol is a central tenet of Sikh religious philosophy. The gesture is unique as the national carrier has never carried any reli-

travellers from countries other than India will get tourist visas for visiting the shrine. Foreign ministry officials said the Sikh pilgrims as tourists from countries other than India would be able to travel across Pakistan, including Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Hasan Abdal and Nankana Sahib and would not be confined

to Kartarpur Sahib.

planes, though in a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary earlier this month, it had painted an image of the Father of the Nation on the tail of one of its Airbus A320 aircraft flying on the Delhi-Mumbai route.

The new air service, to be operated by a 256-seater, wide-body Boeing 787 aircraft, will facilitate Sikh pilgrims visiting Punjab to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev's 550th birth anniversary.

Furthermore, the \$20 service charges will not be applicable to those Sikh pilgrims or tourists. The pilgrims from India can only stay at the shrine of Baba Guru Nanak - one

of Sikhism's holiest sites in Pakistan, where Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, died in the 16th Century — from dawn till dusk and are required to pay \$20 per pilgrim.



A religious procession of Sikh devotees leave from Gurdwara Nanak Piao in Delhi for

cut- off time of 17 hours.

making to the finish line is

considered a huge achieve-

Ironman race started in

1978 in Hawaii, when a

naval officer thought of

combining three of the

toughest races that were

Ironman Malavsia was

organised on 26 October 2019 on Langkawi island,

Lt. Col. Kuntal was the

fastest Indian finisher of

full Ironman. This timing

is special due to very

held out on the island.

#### PM leaves for Saudi Arabia, to ink deal to elevate ties

THE ASIAN AGE

New Delhi, Oct. 28: As he left for Saudi Arabia on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on relations between the

The Prime Minister is leaving for Saudi Arabia tonight at the invitation of King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud to attend the Plenary Session of the 3rd Future Investment Initiative Forum being held in Riyadh.

enjoyed close and friendrelations. the largest and reliable suppliers of India's energy needs, the Prime Minister said.

During his visit to New Delhi in February 2019, the Crown Prince had committed to invest over USD 100 billion in sectors of priority in India, Mr Modi recalled.

Defence, security, trade, culture, education and people-to-people contacts are the other important areas of bilateral cooperation with Saudi Arabia, he said. The Prime Minister said he also looks forward to his participa-

tion in the Future Investment Initiative Forum, where he will speak about the growing trade and investment opportunities for global investors in India as the country marches forward with a goal to become a \$5-trillion economy by 2024. — *PTI* 

Monday said establishment of Strategic Partnership Council will further elevate the two countries.

During his visit, Mr Modi will hold bilateral discussions with the King of Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. "I will also meet and discuss with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman several matters of bilateral cooperation as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest," Mr Modi said before his departure.

India and Saudi Arabia traditionally Årabia has been one of

# Pakistan again denies airspace for PM flight

NEW DELHI, OCT. 28 India has approached the International civil aviation organisation (ICAO) against Pakistan's decision of refusing permission for overflight through Pakistani airspace for VVIP Air India One aircraft that carried Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia late

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI

on Monday evening on an official visit. Government sources said, "We regret the decision of the government of Pakistan to yet again deny overflight clearance for the VVIP special flight, which is otherwise granted routinely by any nor-mal country. Overflight clearances are sought and granted by other coun-tries as per prescribed guidelines and India will continue to seek such overflight clearances. Separately, we have taken up the matter of such denial with the relevant international civil aviation body. Pakistan should reflect upon its decision to deviate from well established interna-

India approaches global aviation body Pakistan had also refused permission for the Air India One **VVIP** flight carrying **President Ram Nath** Kovind to use its airspace to fly to Iceland.

> tional practice as well as reconsider its old habit of misrepresenting the reasons for taking unilateral action.

It may be recalled that Pakistan had last month similarly refused permission to allow the VVIP Air India One aircraft carrying PM Modi to the United States to overfly its airspace. Two weeks prior to tĥat, Pakistan had also refused permission for the Air India One VVIP flight carrying President Ram Nath Kovind to use its airspace to fly to Iceland. The VVIP aircraft then had to take detours over the Arabian Sea avoiding Pakistani airspace. India's Air India One

aircraft carry the counthree President, vice-president and Prime Minister—on overseas official visits.

Gokhale had said last month that Islamabad "should realise the folly of its actions" and that if Pakistan "is in violation of norms of the International civil aviation organisation (ICAO)" He had indicated that Pakistan's actions were not those of a "normal" country. In response to a question, Foreign secretary Gokhale had said last month, "So far as airspace is concerned, it was a rather unfortunate situation, where the country denies overflight to the head of state or head of government of another country but this is true, when the country (Pakistan) is a normal country. We have made our position very clear. We hope that Pakistan will realise the folly of its actions. As far as going to any international organisation is concerned, we will take a look at that. ... if they are in violation of regulations of the International civil aviation organisation (ICAO), there is a possibility we can certainly consider

Foreign secretary Vijay

#### **Pune bank takes 'possession'** of NCP MLA's flat over dues

Pune, Oct. 28: A Punebank has taken "symbolic possession" of a flat owned by newly-elected NCP MLA Dhananjay Munde here Maharashtra for alleged non-payment of loan of ₹70 lakh. The NCP leader defeat-

ed his cousin Pankaja Munde of the BJP in the just-concluded assembly elections from Parli in Beed district of central Maharashtra

Pune-headquartered Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative Bank Ltd had published an advertisement/notice related to the flat in a newspaper on here.



after elecresults declared.

Dhananjay Munde the respondent has failed to repay the loan amount, the bank has taken symbolic possession of the property," stated the notice.

In symbolic possession, the property remains in the possession of the owner. The flat in question is located at 'Yugai Greens' project in Model Colony in Shivajinagar

#### summoned by ED in Mirchi case Mumbai,

Raj Kundra

summonedKundra, the business-



husband of actor Shilpa Shetty, in connection with its money laundering probe against late gangster Iqbal Mirchi

on Monday.
They said Kundra has been asked to depose before the investigating officer of the case here on November 4 and his statement is expected to be recorded once he appears. The proceedings are being conducted under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

and others, officials said

said. The agency is looking at Kundra's purported dealings with Ranjeet Bindra and a firm called Bastian Hospitality in connection with this

(PMLA), the officials

Some business dealings between the two need detailed information and hence the sum-

mons, the officials said.

#### **Deadline** for Nagaland deal

■ Continued from Page 1 even Nagaland political par-ties who have been meeting with the Union government to

Pointing out that the govern-

## EU to delay Brexit Air quality in Delhi MPs set to visit J&K

Malaysia.

■ Continued from Page 1
pledge by Thursday, had
offered MPs the choice last week to have more time to debate the withdrawal agreement struck with the EU in return for backing his bid for a snap poll. Under the UK's Term Parliaments Act, he will need a two-third majority — 434 MPs — to get his wish for an early election.
"The way to get Brexit done

**PAWAN BALI** 

Ironman

Indian Army's officer Lt.

Col. Swaroop Singh Kuntal recently completed

known as world's hardest

one-day endurance race-

in 12 hours and 14 min-

Ironman triathlon con-

sists of 3.8 kilometres of

sea swimming, followed by

180 kilometres of cycling

and finally 42.2 kilometres

of running without stopping. All events are required to be done in a

Malaysia—

is, I think, to be reasonable with Parliament and say if they genuinely want more time to study this excellent deal, they can have it, but they have to agree to a General Election on December 12," said

"It's time frankly that the Opposition summoned up the nerve to submit themselves to the judgement of our collective boss, which is the people of the UK," he said.

However, given his lack of a majority in Parliament and a new deadline.

Opposition parties inclined not to hand him his wish, instigators reduced the PM2.5 Monday's vote remains uncertain. Opposition Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn has said that the party is not prepared to support such a move until the risk of a no-deal

Brexit is completely ruled out. The Scottish National Party (SNP) has said it will block the government's election attempt. Along with the Liberal Democrats, the party is pushing for an election on December 9 instead - provided the EU grants a Brexit extension until January 31, 2020.

Meanwhile, the EU ambassadors from the other 27 member countries resumed their meetings on Monday to consider the date of a Brexit deadline exten-

They had already agreed in principle to delay Brexit beyond October 31 and were expected to make a decision on

#### He also said the government was firm on implementing the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) and will take strict action against violators.

University.

(Safar).

#### According to the ministry of earth sciences' air quality monitor, Safar, levels of PM2.5 tiny Sena firm on 50:50 power particulate matter of diameter 2.5 or less than 2.5 microns that

■ Continued from Page 1 sharing" of power. Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday reminded the BJP of the 50:50 formula "agreed upon" between himself, BJP president Amit Shah and Fadnavis ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Saturday, the Sena demanded a written assurance from the BJP for implementing "equal formula for sharing

of power" before holding talks on staking the claim to form the next alliance government in the state. In the just concluded state polls to 288-member Assembly, the BJP won 105 seats, a loss of 17 seats compared to its 2014 tally.

The Sena's tally also came down to 56 seats from 63 in 2014. A resurgent NCP won 54 and the Congress bagged 44 -PTI Chowk was 480, 436, 460, 668,

# **Swaroop Singh Kuntal**

and PM10 levels by 30 per cent

on Diwali night this year, in

The decline in emissions of

dangerous PM10 and PM2.5

particles across Delhi ranged

from 20 to 50 per cent, indicat-

ing that the air quality was bet-

ter than in previous years, the

"Our aim is to eliminate pol-

lution from Delhi. I am glad that the people of Delhi have

attended and enjoyed the

Diwali laser show organised at Connaught Place. People are

turning up in huge numbers.

Next year, we will organise

laser shows at various loca-

tions in Delhi," Mr Kejriwal

can enter deep into the lungs

reached as high as 735 at Delhi

Delhi's overall air quality

index (AQI) stood at 463 at 11.30

am, according to the System of

Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research

The AQI at Pusa, Lodhi Road,

Airport Terminal T3, Noida,

Mathura Road, Aya Nagar, IIT

Delhi, Dhirpur, and Chandni

DPCC said in a statement.

comparison to 2018.

harsh weather conditions and the gruelling elevation in bike course. Ironman Langkawi is one Ironman triathlon consists of 3.8 kms of sea swimming, followed by 180 kms of cycling and finally 42.2 km of running without stopping. All events are required to be done in a cutoff time of 17 hours.

Lt. Col. Kuntal fastest Indian to finish Ironman Malaysia

of the toughest because it has an elevation of around 3,000 m in the 180 kms cycling) course. During cycling, maximum temperature reached 38°C

tions tested mental tough ness and physical strength of the athletes. Spaniard Javier Gomez won the 2019 Ironman Malaysia title by complet-

ing the whole race in 8 hour and 18 minutes. Lt. Col. Kuntal is posted in Jhansi. A paratrooper

and an IITian, he trained very hard in run up to Langkawi Ironman Malaysia. Extensive running, cycling, swimming and strength training were part of regular rou-

413, 477, 483, 553 and 466 respec-

tively. However, according to

Central Pollution Control

Board (CPCB) data, Delhi's

overall AQI stood at 348 at 11.30

am on Monday. It was 337 at 4 pm on Sunday.

Safar said an increase in wind-

speed will help disperse pollu-

tants and the pollution levels

are expected to come down by

the evening.

It had earlier predicted that

Delhi's overall AQI would enter

the severe category between 1

am and 6 am on Monday, prima-

rily due to firecracker emis-

sions, unfavourable weather

and a significant spike in stub-

An AQI between 0-50 is con-

sidered "good", 51-100 "satisfactory", 101-200 "moderate", 201-

300 "poor", 301-400 "very poor", and 401-500 "severe". Above 500

is the "severe-plus emergency"

category. The satellite towns of

Ghaziabad (378), Greater Noida

(364), Gurgaon (359) and Noida (375) recorded their AQI in the

very poor category, according

The AQI in Punjab's Patiala,

Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Khanna stood at 334, 314, 321

On Sunday night, people reported violations of the Supreme Court-enforced two-

hour window in Malviya Nagar,

Lajpat Nagar, Kailash Hills, Burari, Jangpura, Shahdara.

Laxmi Nagar, Mayur Vihar, Sarita Vihar, Hari Nagar, New

Friends Colony, Hauz Khas,

Gautam Nagar and Dwarka,

ble burning.

to ČPČB data.

and 301 respectively.

among others places.

and running it reached tine. It was extremely difficult to manage time due to office commitments. Night and late and early hours were used for the training. Lt. Col. Kuntal has won and participated in many

marathons and ultra-marathons. He has won 12 hour stadium run at Chandigarh, where he covered 118.7 kms. He has represented Uttar Pradesh in 23rd national road cycling championship Earlier in September 2018, Lt. Col. Kuntal won Ironman at Jaipur Ironman at Jaipu International Triathlon.

■ Continued from Page 1 organisations or use terrorism

as a state policy. There should be zero tolerance for terrorism,' Mr Modi told the European MPs. International news agency reports claimed that the delegation is "drawn mainly from right-wing parties" and that the group is "dominated" by rightwing MPs from France, Britain

and eastern Europe. Thierry Mariani, a European MP belonging to France's far-right National Rally, was quoted as telling a news agency: "We are going to see the situation in Kashmir, at least what they want to show us.'

In early August this year, India revoked Article 370 that granted a special status to J&K state. The government had also then announced the bifurcation of J&K into two Union territories.

The Congress Party Monday swiftly questioned the government for allowing a European Union delegation to visit Kashmir while preventing Indian political leaders from going to the state, and claimed it an insult to India's Parliament and democracy. The move was also criticised by the Left parties and BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.

News agency reports said national security adviser Ajit Doval, who hosted a lunch for the European legislators, also briefed these MPs on cross-border terror emanating from Pakistan, the constitutional changes made in the status of Jammu and Kashmir with the revocation of Article 370 and the

situation in the Kashmir Valley In a statement from New Delhi the Prime Minister's Office said: "Members of the European Parliament called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg today... Talking about the need to strengthen engagement with EU on regional and global matters, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of close international cooperation to fight terrorism." On their forthcoming visit to J&K, the PMO said: "The Prime Minister, while welcoming the delegation to India, expressed the hope that they have a fruitful visit to various parts of the country, including to Jammu and Kashmir. Their visit to Jammu and Kashmir should give the delegation a better understanding of the cultural and religious diversity of the region of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh; apart from giving them a clear view of the development and governance priorities of the region." "The Prime Minister appreciated the importance the parliamentarians attach to their relationship with India by visiting right at the beginning of their term. ... The Prime Minister said that India's rela-tionship with the European The Prime Union is based on shared interests and common commitment to democratic values.'

Amid mounting criticism, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked why the "chestbeating champion of nationalism", in an apparent swipe at Mr Modi, has allowed European leaders to visit J&K.

**WE KNOW THE** 

**SUCCESSORS OF** 

ISIS CHIEF: DON

Washington, Oct. 28: The

US knows the successors of ISIS terrorist Abu Bakr

Al-Baghdadi and is already tracking them, President Donald Trump

'We know the successors

and we've already got them in our sights and we'll tell you that right now. But we know the suc-

He said early this year the US troops had killed Hamza bin Laden, son and successor of al-Qaeda ter-

rorist Osama bin laden.

"Hamza bin Laden was a

big thing. But this is the

biggest ever. Osama bin

Laden was very big, but Osama bin Laden became

big with the World Trade

Centre. This is a man who

built a whole, as he would

like to call it, a country, a

caliphate. And was trying

to do it again. He died in a

ruthless vicious manner

that I can tell you," he

said. Al-Baghdadi came to

prominence in 2014, when

he announced the creation

of a "caliphate" in areas of

Iraq and Syria. ISIS car-

atrocities that resulted in

thousands of deaths.

out a number of

cessors," he said.





Now, it's time for us to move to New Zealand if Trump was elected

> — James Comey **Former FBI director**

IN BRIEF

#### **US Congressman**

**John Conyers dies** 

Washington: John Conyers, the longest-serving African-American member of the US Congress has died. He was 90. "Today, the city of Detroit, The United States and the world lost a fearless civil rights leader and hero,' his wife Monica said. Conyers was a political powerhouse from Detroit who co-founded the Congressional Black Caucus and employed civil rights icon Rosa Parks on his congressional staff, where she worked for 23 years. He weathered multiple scandals during an illustrious 53-year career in Congress but resigned in late 2017 over a series of sexual harassment accusations by former

#### **Communists hold** key meet in China

**Beijing:** China's ruling Communist Party is holding a key meeting this week amid a drastically slowing economy, ongoing protests in Hong Kong and pushback abroad against Beijing's global ambitions. The official Xinhua News Agency said the party's 19th Central Committee opened its fourth plenary session on Monday. It said Xi Jinping, the party's leader and China's president, discussed a draft document on strengthening party rule but gave no details. The document breached "some major issues concerning how to uphold and improve the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics and advance the modernisation of China's system and capac-

#### **Iraq students defy govt, flood streets**

ity for governance," it said.

Baghdad: Students and schoolchildren hit the streets of Baghdad and southern Iraq on Monday to join escalating calls for the government to quit, defying the education minister, legal threats and even their parents. Swathes of the country have been engulfed by protests this month, with anger over unemployment and accusations of graft evolving into demands for a total political overhaul. More than 200 people have been killed and 8,000 wounded, the majority protesters, since the movement erupted on October 1. Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi is now under pressure from a new source: students.

#### **1.8 LAKH EVACUATED IN CALIFORNIA**

San Francisco: The biggest wildfire in northern California put 1,80,000 people under evacuation orders as it spread through the Sonoma wine-growing region. The giant Kinkade Fire in Sonoma County has grown to 30,000 acres and is only 10 per cent contained. "Approximately, 1,80,000 people under evacuation order due to #KincadeFire. This is the largest evacuation that any of us at the Sheriff's Office can remember. Take care of each other," the Sonoma County sheriff's office tweeted. Firefighters battled destructive wildfires in Northern California and on the west side of Los Angeles trying to beat back flames that forced tens of thousands to flee their homes. California's biggest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, cut off power to an estimated 2.5 million people in the northern part of the state over the weekend in yet another round of blackouts aimed at preventing windblown electrical equipment from sparking more fires. In the San Francisco Bay Area, gusts

knocked over a 30-foot tree

at a farmers market in

Martinez. — Agencies

# Trump saw ISIS chief killing live

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Outrage after Washington Post calls terrorist Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi 'austere religious scholar'

Washington, Oct. 28: US announced that Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, leader of terror group ISIS died during an overnight raid led by US military forces in Here is a description of

the raid according to Trump, who went into unusual detail during a national address broadcast from the White House.

The United States began to receive intelligence on whereabouts Baghdadi around a month ago, including some "helpful" information from the Kurds, said Trump.

US intelligence officials were able to "scope out" his exact location two weeks ago, while Trump himself became aware of the planned raid three

As part of the plan, the US had to secure permission from Russia, Iraq and Turkey to fly over their airspace, according to Trump and National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien.

Trump said the White House did not disclose the nature of the operation to Russia, but told Russian officials they would "like"

Trump gathered in the White House Situation Room with vice-president Mike Pence, defense secretary Mark Esper, national security adviser Robert O'Brien, and other intelliofficials. watched the raid unfold live "as if you were watch-

ing a movie," said Trump. Moments after they gathered, US military personnel and military dogs lift-ed off in eight helicopters from an unidentified military base in the Middle East, according to Trump.

The personnel came from the Delta Force, one the US special units mainly focused on counter-terrorism and often deployed to capture high-value targets. A US official said the operation was staged from an airbase in western Iraq. Esper said that US forces called for Baghdadi to surrender but the world's most wanted

man refused. Meanwhile, the Washington Post came in for heavy criticism for their obituary headline covering al-Baghdadi killing. There was nuge uproar in the social media over the "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48.' Netizens slammed the paper for overlooking the fact that the ISIS chief was a dreaded terrorist. The paper later changed the



In this photo, President Donald Trump is joined by his team in the Situation Room of the White House in Washington.

## ISIS poses a threat even after elimination of its chief Baghdadi

**Washington, Oct. 28:** Eliminating the Islamic State's elusive leader gives President Donald Trump a new argument for leaving Syria, but the US military campaign against the extremists is far from fin-

The killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi by US forces leaves the Islamic State without an obvious leader, a major setback for an organisation that March was forced American troops and Kurdish forces out of the last portion of its selfdeclared "caliphate," which once spanned a swath of Iraq and Syria.

But the militant group, which arose from the remnants of al-Qaeda in Iraq after that group's defeat by US-led forces in 2008, has ambitions to regenerate yet again. And it remains a dangerous threat in Iraq, Afghanistan and beyond. "The bottom line is: This

puts the enemy on its heels, but the ideology and this sounds so cliched it is not dead," said Chris Costa, a former senior director for counterterrorism for the National Security Council in the Trump administration

Key to the Islamic States is its "kill where you are' ethos, encouraging a farflung network of followers, including those in the United States, to commit violence however and wherever they can. That jihadist message is likely to live on, even with the death of al-Baghdadi.



Kids look at a destroyed van near the village of Barisha, in Idlib province, Syria, after an operation by the US military targeted Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

That means US forces, how he escaped capture perhaps in reduced numbers, will continue hunting and attacking key Islamic State targets, even as Trump says he's committed to a 2016 campaign ers in moving mini-buses pledge to bring them home "engless wars started under his prede-

**AIDE WAS KEY TO OPS** In their long hunt for Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Iraqi intelligence teams secured a break in February 2018 after one of the Islamic State leader's top aides gave them information on

used to hide," one of the security officials for so many years, said two Iraqi security officials. Baghdadi would "Ethawi gave us details sometimes hold strategy on five men, including talks with his commandhim, whom were meeting

Baghdadi inside Syria and the different locations packed with vegetables in order to avoid detection, they used," he said. Ismael al-Ethawi told offi-US President Donald cials after he was arrested by Turkish authorities

Trump said that Baghdadi died "whimpering and crying" in a raid by US special forces. Baghdadi died alongside three of his children when he detonated an explosives-laden vest after fleeing into a deadend tunnel during the attack. — Agencies

#### WHAT WORLD **LEADERS SAID**

of al-Baghdadi is significant, but it does not mean the death of ISIS.3

**NANCY PELOSI,** US House Speaker

deal, You just killed your

creature" **MOHAMMAD JAVAD AZARI-JAHROMI**, – Iran minister

pects have been paid to al-Baghdadi

at least five times in the past."

KONASHENKOV, -Russian Major-

WE will continue to support anti-terror efforts as Turkey has done in the past."

**TAYYIP ERDOGAN,** 

- Turkey President

THIS reflects our shared determination, of the US and of all free countries, to fight terror.'

> **BENJAMIN** NETANYAHU, Israel PM

I have not seen any firmation of Baghdadi death yet from the ISIS."

> **REHMAN MALIK,** – Pak ex-minister



— Reuters

Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam supporters greet their leader

## Anti-govt protests, rallies rock Pakistan

Karachi, Thousands of supporters of an ultra-religious political party led by a fire-brand cleric took part in an anti-government pro-cession headed to Pakistan's capital.

Mufti Abrar Ahmed, spokesman for the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party, said a caravan of hundreds of buses and vans that originated in the southern port city of Karachi will make its first overnight stop in Sukkur in Sindh Province.

Rehman said the march was also meant to call for the removal of Pakistan's "illegitimate" govern-"illegitimate" government, which he claimed was imposed on the nation by "stealing the people's vote." The march was being

supported by main opposition parties like Pakistan Muslim League of former premier Nawaz Sharif and Pakistan Peoples' Party of former president Asif Zaradri. Nationalist and secular parties also backed the protest.

Meanwhile in Multan, a spokesman for Pakistan's minority Ahmadis said authorities demolished a 70-year-old mosque belonging to the sect in a remote village in eastern Punjab province.

Saleem-ud-Din said district police demolished the mudbrick mosque in Muslim-Hasilpur, majority village with only about a dozen Ahmadi residents. The mosque's dome was left in a pile of rubble.

## **UK sends documents to** Vietnam for identification

and handed to the Iraqis.

"Ethawi gave valuable

information which helped

the Iraqi multi-security

agencies team complete

the missing pieces of the puzzle of Baghdadi's movements and places he

Hanoi, Oct. 28: Britain has documents Vietnam to help identify some of the 39 people found dead in a truck near London, Hanoi said on Monday, as fears mount that most of the dead were Vietnamese.

The eight women and 31 men found in a refrigerated container in Essex, southeast England, were originally identified as Chinese.

But several Vietnamese families have come forward saying they fear their relatives are among the dead. Officials started collecting DNA samples from families in Nghe An and Ha Tinh, impover-

■ VIETNAM's foreign ministry is developing files on suspected victims, after hair and blood samples were collected

ished central provinces where most of the suspected victims came from. Vietnam said Britain had sent documents to help with the complicated task of identifying the bodies, many who were believed to be carrying falsified passports.

"The UK side has sent four sets of dossiers related to the Essex lorry coordination," deputy foreign minister Bui Thanh

Vietnam's foreign ministry is developing files on the suspected victims, the report said, after hair and blood samples were collected from several families. British police have charged the driver of the truck, Maurice Robinson, counts of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people.
The 25-year-old from

Northern Ireland, appeared in Chelmsford Magistrates' Court via video link, speaking only to confirm his name and

### Imran lays foundation of Baba Nanak varsity

SHAFQAT ALI ISLAMABAD, OCT. 28

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday laid foundation stone of Guru University in Nankana Sahib. Addressing the ceremony, Chief Minister of Punjab Usman Buzdar said that Rs 6 billion will be utilized on the construction of the university that will be completed in three phases. He also announced to build eight universities

province.
The CM told that health cards had been introduced in Nankana Sahib for the relief of the general masses whereas work is also in progress on sity, he added.



Imran Khar

other development proj-Prime Minister Imran

Khan said laying founda-tion stone of Baba Guru Nanak University at Nankana Sahib is apt tribute on occasion of 550th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Members of Sikh community will be able to get education at this univer-

#### Katie Hill apologised for the mistakes made along the way ETHICS ISSUE US lawmaker resigns over affair with staffer

Washington, Oct. 28: US Representative Katie Hill, who is under investigation by the House ethics committee over an alleged relationship with a con-gressional staffer, said that she was resigning

from Congress. Hill, a California Democrat who was elected to the House of Repres-entatives in Nov-ember 2018, posted her resignation letter to Twitter, saying she believed it best for her constituents, community and the country.

Hill has admitted to an 'inappropriate" relationship with a campaign staffer when she was running for Congress but denied she had a sexual relationship with a staffer in her office.

The ethics committee said it was "aware of public allegations (that Hill) may have engaged in a sexual relationship with an individual on her congres-



sional staff," and said it was investigating. Hill, who is going through a divorce, apologised in her resignation letter for "mistakes made along the way" but also lamented a "smear campaign". Hill blamed her husband

and said she was pursuing legal options "Having private photos of personal moments weaponised against me has been an appalling invasion of my privacy," said Hill, adding,

It's also illegal. Hill serves on the House Armed Services and

Oversight and Reform Committees, where she is also vice chair. Her district is seen by election analysts at the Cook Political Report as one of the most competitive in the country.

Although Hill's departure could Republicans win back her seat in November 2020, they still face an uphill climb in their effort to

— Reuters

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## Power grab in Haryana can lead to its own fall

o everyone's dismay, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar ran the BJP's first government in Haryana for five years without showing too much interest in the people's welfare. Farmers suffered greatly in a state that is a synonym for agricultural output, and unemployment ran high. This hasn't stopped the RSS-BJP leader from being once again sworn in as CM on Sunday. Mr Khattar will thus be the first non-Congress politician to be CM for two successive

And yet he didn't win the Assembly polls earlier this month. The BJP lost its majority. Its numbers fell below the halfway mark. Practically all ministers lost, showing the extent of the people's fatigue. There was gloom in the saffron camp as the Congress, fighting under the leadership of former CM B.S. Hooda, ran the BJP close, quite unexpectedly — and won 10 of its 31 seats along the G.T. Road, seen as a BJP preserve.

Mr Khattar owes his return as CM to the greed of Jananayak Janata Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala. The JJP, an offshoot of the late Devi Lal's political legacy, did surprisingly well for a new party, winning 10 seats out of 90 in the state legislature. This was because it took up the grievance of farmers seriously and cam-

In Haryana, the BJP was power-hungry enough not only to grab the chief minister's post but also retain a failed leader as CM. A change of guard was not countenanced, displaying

paigned hard against the ruling BJP, just as the Congress did. Later, however, Mr Chautala found the bait of deputy CM offered by the BJP irresistible, forgetting that the election verdict was against the

This is likely to have consequences for governance, depending on how successfully the Congress is able to play the role of an effective Opposition party that can highlight the opportunism of the BJP and JJP for the sake of power.

In Karnataka, the Congress lost its majority in the state polls in early 2018 and backed JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy remarkable hubris. for CM, while retaining its political influence to such a degree that fights with its ally became a routine affair, eventually leading to the government's fall well before time. This was political

opportunism gone wrong.

In Haryana, however, the BJP was power-hungry enough not only to grab the CM's post but also retain a failed leader as CM. A change of guard was not countenanced, displaying remarkable hubris. The act could succeed only due to the avarice of the JJP leader. Many in the state are apt to see this as sacrificing farmers' interests. The exercise looks like dubious politics and questionable morality. Surprisingly, the move was sanctioned by the two most powerful political figures in the country — Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who in public remarks made Mr Khattar appear as a paragon of sagacity and administrative capacity, and Union home minister Amit Shah, who summoned Mr Khattar to New Delhi when the gloomy results were in, presumably to counsel him to put on a show of

## Baghdadi had to go

ne of the world's most wanted terrorists has been killed. Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi died "like a dog", US President Donald Trump said after watching the entire operation in the White House situation room. This was another covert ops strike, beloved of Hollywood, as Chinook helicopters flew low in Idlib, Syria, and strafed a building. The ominous bearded figure of al-Baghdadi wore his favourite suicide vest and in his most villainous style dragged three children along with him before he realised he was boxed in. Trapped, he triggered the vest and died a horrible death, but no one would sympathise as he was a

world class ogre, much reviled for acts of terror across the world. There's reason to believe the US got the "Scarlet Pimpernel" like a furtive, fugitive figure this time, after several disappointments in exaggerated reports of his death. They took his DNA to match his body, that was blown to bits. This is a signal moment in the fight against terror. The "free world" will rejoice as it continues to pay the price of eternal vigilance. The proactive action by the well-equipped US forces, that had carveral such strikes earlier like th Laden, must be lauded.

Al-Baghdadi was the most dreaded terrorist even in an era filled with them as he commanded a territory he called the Islamic State (ISIS), a lawless 34,000 sq. m. where only his writ ran. Among his acolytes were also Western-educated youth who thought blowing up people was a jolly good thing. But terror is a hydra-headed monster. Others will emerge as leaders, even in ISIS, that was pulverised in battle two years ago. But Baghdadi had to go as he defied every tenet of civilisation, and despite Mr

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# Maha, Haryana signals: Lesson of half-full glass



Shikha Mukerjee

Bharatiya October indicate it is in survivor mode, salvaging what was a natural disaster. From the wreck of the castle the party had built, albeit in the air, it has been working to ensure that the states of Haryana and Maharashtra are headed by its hand-picked chief ministers, Devendra Fadnavis, who has not yet been confirmed, and Manohar Lal Khattar, who has, for the second

Some inkling of what could be the worst-case scenario must have been there. In hindsight, it was entirely sensible of Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reduce the risk of a snub by not putting all the party's eggs into one basket. If the riskier and therefore politically been to start the post-Lok Sabha spree of state elections by lumping together all the states due in the next six months, it would have been more difficult for Mr Shah and Mr Modi to save face by declaring the Maharashtra and Haryana verdicts as a victory, an endorsement and a confidence vote. That it was no such

thing is self-evident. The verdict failed to give the BJP the single party majority that had declared it would get in both states. Instead, there is a hung legislain Maharashtra with the Shiv Sena claiming that it has the "remote control of power" in its hands. In other words, the BJP's nose is being rubbed in the dirt for its failure to convert the 164 seats it contested into a singleparty majority. Hubris is being chased by

delivered a not the BJP's wrong. It was In Haryana, the BJP scrambled to get togeth to the BJP. er with the infant Jannayak Janata Party, the very existence of which contradicts the Shah-Modi plank that probity and principles

in political life matter and that their personal success confirms the possibilities of the ordinary man coming up through the ranks in the hard way, instead of becoming leaders by inheritance. Earlier in October, Mr Shah had waxed eloquent on the If the BJP really meant difference between the

Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party and the BJP. He was reported to have asked: "Is there no talent outside the family? Such "parivar wadi" parties can't work for the welfare of the state and the country." The swiftness with

which principles have abandoned for practical reasons of wo chief ministers in two states that were prior to October 24 part of the BJP's footprint across the nation stunning. Jananayak Janata Party is unquestionably a family enterprise. İts purpose is to protect the Chautalas from suffering the consequences of corruption. And it is a party that represents key voters — Jats — in Haryana. The proof of the pudding is the speed with which Abhay Chauthala was released on furlough so that he

> The facts, as of now, are simple. The BJP's winning formula has not worked. Its other formula of buying up candidates, legislators and support has not worked either.

Voters in Maharashtra and Haryana have message... It was strategy that went that the voters preferred others

could celebrate his son's ascension to the deputy chief minister's post and so effectively become the next generation's crown prince. Additionally, the BJP needed to get caste interests under control in Haryana after Mr Modi's message and Mr Shah's strategy and organisational genius failed to get Mr Khattar the anticipated 75-plus

to do what it had declared — one nation, one vote — the best time to get started would have been now. What would have prevented the BJP from nudging the cooperative Election Commission from obsequiously clubbing the elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and Delhi together? The Jharkhand elections are due in November/December, while Delhi is due in

February 2020. Bundling four states together in one playoff was a risk. The BJP chose to avoid it. Having said, in October, that "the elections are an opportunity to show that the entire country is together on this issue", meaning the justness of abrogating Article 370 and turning Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories, the BJP did not opt to test the truth

Voters in Maharashtra and Haryana have delivered a message. Contrary to the apologists of the BJP, it was not the party's strategy that went wrong. It was that the voters preferred others to the BJP. The reasons for choosing anyone other than the BJP can be many. Economic reasons would be the easiest to understand there is data that con-

firms the abysmal performance of the BJP governments and the pain this is causing for millions of Indians in rural and urban areas. To assume that there

was just one principal reason for voters in Haryana and Maharashtra to decide the way they did would be to simplify how rationality works. The verdicts in both states are quite clearly unhappy/dis-gruntled/disappointed with the BJP. To pass off this sentiment or reason as failure of strategy is taking people to be fools.

The failed strategy excuse, which is backed

up with data on the increase in voteshare, is eyewash. It is a cover up for the inevitability that voters in a robust democracy are someunpredictable. Like sheep, they can be wayward. They can lose themselves and Bo Peep it seems does not know where to find them.

The challenge now for the Amit Shah-Narendra Modi duo is to reduce the chances of another unpredictable outcome. In order to do so, the leaders will need to introspect instead of finding fall guys to blame for the "strategy failure". It will also require for the BJP to accept that voters can change their mind.

It would be easy to conclude that the manipulation of minds by talking nationalism and identity, excluding the minorities, crucifying the secularists and critics as anti-nationals, corrupt and opportunists has reached the point of diminishing returns. It may have; but that will not become clear till some more voters in hitherto BJP-controlled states give the party a hard time.

The facts, as of now, are simple. The BJP's winning formula has not worked. Its other formula of buying up candidates, legislators and support has not worked either. What it points to is that the voters are preparing to give the BJP a run for its money.

> The writer is a senior journalist in Kolkata

#### **STOP HONKING**

Unnecessary honking in most parts of the world is considered bad driving manners. Here, on Indian roads, we consider ourselves lucky if honking is not accompanied with a torrent of verbal abuses. There are no-honking signs near all major schools and hospitals in the country. But drivers turn a blind eye to them. But that should not be a reason why we shouldn't make any attempt to change. We can make a small start by refraining from using the car horn unless there's an emergency. Change often can begin with ourselves.

> **Khokan Das** Kolkata

#### **BJP HAS CHANGED**

IT SEEMS that the BJP these days is no longer the party of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Atal Behari Vajpayee or Lal Krishna Advani. It has transformed into a party of Kuldeep Senger, Chinamayand and Pragya Thakur, but miraculously, led by PM Narendra Modi. It's clear that the BJP played games to form governments after the Assembly polls. The BJP aligned with criminals like Gopal Kanda in Haryana but threw him out after a furore from inside and outside the party is a glaring example of how the BJP can go with criminals at any cost to hold on to power. This shows the ugly face of Indian democracy, where criminals can be the people's elected representatives! **Bidyut K. Chatterjee** 

#### **SECULARISM CARD**

CONGRESS LEADER Manish Tewari's demand for awarding the Bharat Ratna to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev is a clever ruse by the party to divert public attention from a similar demand by the BJP for the highest civilian honour to be conferred on Veer Savarkar. This is a tactic for the party to showcase its "secular" credentials. Of course, during its rule, this idea did not come to it

Arun Malankar Mumbai

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## Muslims have been ostriches over eroding Uighur culture

magine a scenario in which a Western country locks up hundreds of thousands of Muslims ■ in internment camps. Here, they are "re-educated" to adopt liberal values that include a change of

language and lifestyle. Had such a deliberate effort to brainwash an entire Muslim community been attempted, there would be riots and protests across the Islamic world. Embassies of the country responsible for this outrage would be attacked, and its businesses boycotted. We know from experience that this sequence of events is pretty much standard operating procedure whenever real or perceived acts of state-organised violence against Muslims take

So why the deafening silence across the Islamic world when around 1.5 million Muslims in China's Xinjiang province have been forced into vast "re-education centres"? Even before this policy was launched, Uighur culture was under attack, with beards and headscarves strongly discouraged by an increasingly harsh Chinese administration. It is now virtually impossible to find books in the

Uighur language in bookshops. Around half the province's population of 24 million is Sunni, and largely follows the Sufi tradition. Apart from Uighurs, there are Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, Hui and other minorities in Xinjiang. Ever since the government in Beijing began its policy of moving Han Chinese to the province to dilute the Muslim presence, Uighur separatist groups have resisted and staged sporadic attacks. As often happens, the state has countered with tough action and policies.

The aim of the Chinese government is to "transform through education". For thousands of years, the Chinese ruling class has sought to build a stable society free of tension between various ethnic groups. So when a handful of Uighur resisted the attempt to integrate them into mainstream Han culture, they were accused of separatism and subversion. One such group is the Uighur mother-tongue movement: the authorities have dubbed it the "fourth evil" after separatism, religious extremism and terrorism.

While the policy of brainwashing the Uighur has been widely criticised in the West as "cultural genocide", Muslims have been largely silent.

One reason for this hypocritical approach is the clout China wields. For Pakistan, China has been the bedrock of its foreign policy, as well as its economic saviour. It is also an important importer of Saudi and Iranian oil. And other developing Muslim countries have benefited from Chinese aid and loans. All these factors have served to mute criticism of Beijing's assault on Uighur religion and cul-

But just as important is the pivotal role Xinjiang is expected to play in China's Belt and Road Initiative. Roads and railway lines from various points around the world will carry thousands of con-tainers, and China is nervous about any disruption caused by

separatist groups. It has already seen how such terrorism can affect infrastructure projects Balochistan.

China denies that it is trying to brainwash the Muslim population of Xinjiang, but government spokesmen have admitted to a policy of training and educating the young. In many cases, children have been separated from parents to be placed in these centres where they are indoctrinated and forced to learn Mandarin Chinese. More and more, a single, monolithic Han culture is being forced on minori-ties. Muslims, in particular, are at the sharp end of this policy.

Xinjiang means "new frontier", and was given this name when the vast region was conquered by the Qing dynasty in the 18th century after a series of bloody battles. However, this conquest was resisted by warlords who regained control of various areas from time to time. In fact, for a short time, they set up the Republic of East Turkestan.

Since then, there has been fric-

tion between Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, and Beijing. And as the stakes have risen, so has the level of repression. Electronic surveillance has been a key element in this crackdown. Locals have been forced to hand over mobile phones so that their sim cards can be read by the police. Security forces at innumerable checkposts stop and search locals and foreigners alike, and CCTV cameras check their photographs against a central data-

The victims of these human rights violations have no right of appeal. China is a one-party dictatorship. In its long history, there hasn't been a single period when democracy was practised. To a large extent, people accept a strong Central government that has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty in a single generation.

But the attitude of the ummah is surprising: both on the left and right, Muslims have been like the proverbial ostriches.

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# Winds of climate change blow across South Asia



Mohan Guruswamy

India-Pakistan enmity is possibly world's intractable and obdurate, with a mutual misextremely volatile with the brandishing nuclear weapons. Despite having two giant militaries at each others' throats, the more immediate existential challenges that India and Pakistan face are related to how climate change and misuse of common natural resources have combined to confront both together. It is not the militaries which will determine our fates, but the degree of cooperation the two nations can summon. Our problems are common and perhaps India and Pakistan will find the good sense to act together?

Looking at the climate change challenges Pakistan and India face together, collective action — as unlikely as it seems — may just be what is needed to secure the lives and livelihoods of future genera-

According climate to researchers at Germanwatch, Pakistan ranks eighth on the Global Climate Risk Index, with over 145 catastrophic events — heat waves, droughts and floods — reported in the past 20 years. On the other ĥand, India ranks among the top 20 vulnerable countries in terms of climate risk. Pakistan is home to around 47 per cent of the Indus Basin, and India to around 39 per cent. The Indus Waters Treaty has been in effect since 1960. The recent political bickering aside, the Indus Waters Treaty has managed to survive the test of time, yet fails to comprehensively address climate change. Then again, at the time it was enacted, many of the stark realities we know today were not under-

According to the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources, Pakistan officially crossed the water scarcity line in 2005. The United Nations Development Programme and the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources have issued warnings about the upcoming scarcity of

groundwater in just six years. According to some estimates Pakistan is the fourth-largest user of its groundwater and over 70 per cent of drinking requirements and 50 per cent of irrigation needs are met through groundwater extraction. Due to excessive pumping, it is estimated that water tables could fall by as much as 20 per cent by 2025.

South Asia is drained by the Ganga Brahmaputra river basins, which collectively form the Indo-Gangetic Basin (IGB) and include some of the highestyielding aquifers of the world. The aquifers associated with these river basins cross the international borders of the contiguous South Asian countries, forming numerous transboundary aquifers, including the Indus basin aquifers (between India and Pakistan), Ganga and Brahmaputra basin aquifers (between Bangladesh and India), the aquifers of the tributaries to the Ganga (between Nepal and India), the aquifers of the tributaries to the Brahmaputra (between Bhutan and India, and between India and Bangladesh).

At the beginning of every hydrologic year, 4,000 billion cubic meters (bcm) water enters the South Asian hydrological systems, of which almost half is lost by poorly understood and un-quantified processes (such as overland surface discharge through rivers to the oceans,

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submarine groundwater discharge and evaporation). The annual groundwater withdrawals in the region are estimated to exceed 340 bcm, and represent the most voluminous use of groundwater in the world. South Asia faces an acute shortage of drinking water and other usable waters in many areas, as it is seeing a rapid rise in water demand and change in societal water use pattern because of accelerated urbanisation and changes in lifestyle. In many urban and rural areas of the region, surface waters have been historically used as receptacles of sewage and industrial waste, rendering them unfit for domestic use, prompting a switch to groundwater and rainwater sources to meet drinking and agricultural water needs. At present, about 60-80 per cent of the domestic water supplies across South Asia are met by groundwater.

Irrigation accounts for 85 per cent of groundwater with-

drawals and is considered to be the main contributor to groundwater depletion with the maximum possible groundwater footprint seen in the Gangetic aquifers.

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Among the main contributors to water stress in India and Pakistan are poor water resource management and poor water service delivery, including irrigation and drainage services. Moreover, the lack of reliable water data, subsequent analysis and consequent poor planning and allocation is leading to environmentally unviable methods of water withdrawal, causing an alarming reduction in ground-

water. In both countries, water stress is attributed first and foremost to the massive population growth. Another cause is the lack of sufficient urban water treatment facilities, which prevent the usability of river water for drinking and irrigation.

Air pollution contributes substantially to premature mortality and disease burden globally, with a greater impact in low-income and middleincome countries than in highincome countries. The northern plains of South Asia has one of the highest exposure levels to air pollution globally.

The major components of air pollution are ambient particulate matter pollution, household air pollution, and to a smaller extent ozone in the troposphere, the lowest layer of atmosphere. sources of ambient particulate matter pollution are coal burning for thermal power production, industry emissions, construction activity and brick kilns, transport vehicles, road dust, residential and commercial biomass burning, waste burning, agricultural stubble burning, and diesel generators.

In India and Pakistan, farm residues are burnt after harvesting in October to November, which affects the air quality of the region. In Pakistan, most of the rice cultivation takes place in Punjab, and the same is true for India's Punjab due to suitable climatic conditions for the crop. In both countries, stubble burning is the key cause of smog. According to India's new and renewable energy sources ministry, India's Punjab contributes 44-51 million tonnes of residue annually. According to the estimates, paddy areas burnt every year in Indian Punjab and Haryana are 12.68 million hectares and 2.08 million hectares respectively. According to a study, farmers burn 30-90 per cent of residue, which contributes to the smog formation, not just in the immediate region, but the entire Indo-Gangetic plain. With air pollution levels lurking in the "extremely poor" band for almost half the year, the northern regions of South Asia may not be able to host healthy populations for very

The number of deaths attrib utable to ambient particulate matter pollution in India in 2017 was 0.67 million and the number attributable to household air pollution was 0.48 million. The number of deaths due to ambient particulate matter pollution in Pakistan in 2017 was 60,000.

Climate change over 3,000 years ago destroyed the Indus Valley Civilisation and it went into oblivion, leaving behind traces of what befell the people here before. The next few decades are extremely critical. Can we summon some good sense to survive or go the way of the Meluhans? The verses of Allama Iqbal, albeit in another context, still hold true: Watan ki fiqr kar nadaan museebat aane wali hai/ Teri barbadiyon ke mashware hain aasmanon mein.../ Na samjhoge tou mit jaoge Hindustan walon/ Tumari daastan tak bhi na hoge daastanon mein. (Think of the homeland, O ignorant one! Hard times are coming./Conspiracies for your destruction are afoot in the heavens./You will be finished if you do not care to understand, O ye people of India!/Even the mention of your being will disappear from the world's chronicles).

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# Will champagne, turkeys run out on Xmas, New Year? Brexit panic grows



Kishwar Desai

**London Diary** 

t has been a terrible few days in which the news just continues to get worse. Most people are fed up with parliamentarians as they "Brexit" on and on and can't seem to conclude the discussion. To make worse, Prime Boris Johnson possibly by mid-nber, since the December, Conservatives continue to have an edge over Labour. But surveys also show that there is little appetite for a general election because what if the whole lot of them come back and Brexit us some more? So could a second referendum be the best bet, perhaps with a different outcome, so that Brexit is packed away for good?

Interestingly, while most EU countries are ready to concede an extension of the Brexit deadline, France is not — it is waiting to see if an election may actually be called. That, they feel will change many things.

Not that an election on December 12, as is being requested by Mr Johnson, will be an easy thing. The cold

and snow will make polling fairly grim. But the bigger worry for Brits is whether Brexit will ruin Christmas by interrupting the food imports
— especially turkeys — from

Europe. So menus will need to be changed and Brussel sprouts replaced with British potatoes, perhaps. And then, what about all that wine everyone consumes? I can imagine that households are frantically stockpiling the champagne and foie gras.

eanwhile, the recent tragedy where 39 illegal migrants were discovered dead inside a truck in Essex only goes to prove that people smugglers are ruthless. They take an enormous amount of money from their victims, who are usually extremely keen on coming to the UK. Some recent reports have pointed out that young people from Vietnam are often lured in to work at nail bars or trapped to help grow cannabis plants in illegal farms. The latter are dominated by the drug mafia and so the young and vulnerable are simply forced to work under very grim condi**Surveys show that** there is little appetite for a general election because what if the whole lot of them come back and Brexit us some more? Could a second referendum be the best bet, perhaps with a different outcome?

tions. Those who have escaped from these harrowing circumstances have said that the conditions while travelling to the UK and at f work are often far worse than anything they have known.

In the recent incident, most of these illegal immigrants were from Vietnam, from a desperately poor region — and at least one family had paid £30,000 to get their daughter, who is now dead, to the UK While the police have made some arrests, it is obvious that this smuggling of human beings will not end so easily: the key operators belong to international rings which are

difficult to eradicate. We have had many such cases of people being smug-gled to the UK and the US from India, and despite all the deaths and trauma, it still

Pinally, it was a victory for the Indian high commission in London mission in London that

they managed to get the socalled anti-India march scheduled on Diwali day to gather at the high commission deflected to other areas in London. As the last time round, it is apparent that these marches have the fingerprints of the Pakistani government all over them. Yet ostensibly, the protests are by those claiming to represent or support Indian Kashmiris. Perhaps it's about time that the Indian government expanded their own PR machinery abroad. This requires a steady outreach programme engaging the NRI, and by this I mean not the NRI of yore, who went "₹5 in his pocket" and is today a millionaire. But the NRI who is an intellectual and a professional — and is concerned about creating a positive image of their country of origin. It will be great to develop platforms where people can come together formally or informally as a community to discuss core issues and understand them better. They may not come out onto the streets but at least they will be able to spread the word through their networks.

nd how can we have a diary without the royals being mentioned? The good news is that everyone is now doing their bit for climate change. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex recently drove the half-mile distance between their home

and Windsor castle in an Audi which runs on electricity and costs more than £70,000 to attend a meeting on gender equality. It all sounds very good, politically correct and low emissions, for sure — but half a mile? Couldn't they simply have walked? Even lower emissions that way!

So while the vibrations between the Cambridges and the Sussexes may not be very friendly at present (as Prince Harry accepted in a recent interview), they are individually trying to do the right thing. Though I have to say, I also do believe that the "fab four" are being unfairly tracked all the time by a pretthing be done to change the situation?

That's a fairly rhetorical question — and hope you had a fabulous Diwali!

> The writer is an awardwinning author. Her new book, Jallianwala Bagh, 1919: The Real Story, has



'I can't grant you your wish but I can grant you an extension.

# Fight the inner demon of negative ego



Sadguru Rameshii

ur country fought against British rule to gain Independence — similarly, we should also fight against our inner demons and attain freedom from pain and sorrow.

It is important to realise that our biggest inner demon is our negative ego. Negative ego is that which makes us feel that we are superior to others. Superiority could be in looks, in wealth, in health, in intelligence,

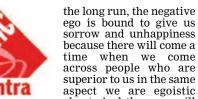
The worst part is that we do not realise when we actually develop a big negative ego. It builds up over time, over experience, over situations. For example, there would have been times where people would not take us seriously and then we tried shouting at them, scolding them, etc and they would have listened to us.

This would make us believe that to get things done, we should shout make ourselves heard. This develops into an attitude where we think that things should be the done the way we want them to be done.

Similarly, if one is praised often about his/her looks, it builds an ego within that person about his/her good looks. The same thing applies to wealth, health, intelligence, etc.

This negative ego deludes the possessor by making him feel that everything he/she does is right and the world is at his/her feet. Moreover, it also projects itself in a way to make the possessor feel that he/she would be suppressed upon without the negative egoistic identity.

This negative ego may give temporary happiness — when people listen to us, do things the way we want and appreciate our looks. But it is imperative to understand that those people who listen to us and appreciate us are also doing it out of some selfish interests they might have. And when their selfish interests are no longer being fulfilled, they will immediately stop fuelling our negative ego. So, in



superior to us in the same aspect we are egoistic about. And then, we will feel inferior, depressed and sorrow-The best way to get a reality check

on our negative ego is to observe our feelings when someone praises us or when someone criticises us. If we feel happy when someone praises us and feel bad when someone criticises us — it is a sure sign that we do possess this inner demon of negative ego. However, if we remain happy/neutral when someone praises or criticises us — it shows that we have no negative ego.

It is extremely important to note that till one does not fight and kill this inner demon — one cannot enjoy actual happiness in life. There are lots of people who have been courageous and fought against this inner demon, and they have experienced glimpses of that pristine and pure happiness on every stage of their

The first step towards killing this inner demon is to overcome the fear of what will happen if we let go of our negative ego — will people no longer listen to me, will people suppress me, will people not appreciate me, etc? We need to be assured that once we kill this negative ego, we will realise our true potential, our true self, our true identity, our pristine conscious-

The second step on this path is to gather courage and ask our near and dear ones as to what our shortcomings are. No one knows us better than our close family and dear friends. While asking them to point out our shortcomings, we need to make sure they feel that we will be open to their criticism — regardless of which aspect it is about. And once they point out faults, we should ensure that we act upon their positive criticism and make it a point to change ourselves for the better by killing our entire negative ego

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SHORT TAKES

#### **INSTA EXTENDS SELF-HARM BAN TO DRAWINGS**

London, Oct. 28: In an attempt to protect its users from self harm, Instagram has now agreed to remove images, drawings and even cartoons showing methods of selfharm or suicide from the platform, reports BBC

The move comes on the back of the outcry over the death of British teenager Molly Russel who had killed herself in 2017 after viewing graphic content

on the platform.

While Molly's father has described the move as "sincere", he said that the moderators needed to act more swiftly to prevent such incidents in the future.

The promise, which extends on the move to ban "graphic image of self harm" in February, will now cover explicit drawings, cartoons and memes about suicide, in addition to any other method

"promoting" self-harm. "It will take time to fully implement... but it's not going to be the last step we take," Instagram chief Adam Mosseri told *BBC News*. Adam

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#### **NEXT-GEN INTEL CHIP TO SUPPORT** LPDDR5 RAM

AGE CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

While Intel's Tiger Lake-U processors may still be a long way out from its official release, the rumour mill has been churning new details about the next-gen processor.

Tom's Hardware, the next-gen processor is likely to support LPDDR4X and LPDDR5 mem-

ory (RAM).
While Intel have been having troubles recently, the speculation about these 10nm chips have excited fans as LPDDR5's data transfer rate can be maxed out at a whopping 6,400 Mipps compared to . 3,200 Mbps and LPDDR4X's

Moreover, LPDDR5 is also supposed to consume less power – up to 30 per cent less than LPDDR4X, and has "deep power-saving mode available.

These features are key to making the Intel Tiger Lake-U chips ideal to power the next generation of thin and light



#### **'SPACE SELFIE' BALLOON CRASH LANDS**

Gratiot County (Michigan), Oct. 28: A device used by Samsung to launch a Cara Delevingne selfie into space has apparently crash landed in a farmland home in Michigan during the weekend.

"Unbelievable look what just fell out of the sky and 911 is baffled and it's caught up in our tree," Nancy Mumby-Welke posted to Facebook along with a photo.

The device carried both a Samsung logo and that of South Dakota-based high-altitude balloon manufacturer Raven Industries, which eventually came to collect the crashed apparatus.

Like every over the top PR stunt, Samsung's "SpaceSelfie" program involved a photo of Cara Delevingne that was taken on a Galaxy S10 Plus and was supposedly "the world's first selfie sent to space.'

"No injuries occurred and the balloon was subsequently retrieved," Samsung said to NBC. "We regret any inconvenience this may have

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#### **HEALTH CARE AI DISCRIMINATES BLACK PATIENTS**



Algorithmic bias occurs when a computbehaves in ways

that reflects the implicit values of humans involved in that data collection, selection, or use. Algorithmic bias has been identified and critiqued for its impact on search engine results, social media platforms, privacy, and racial profiling.

• One of the problems that AI decision-making was meant to solve, was bias. However, it has once again proven to be wrong.

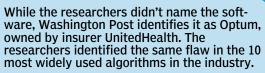
#### How the bias crept in

While Race wasn't a factor in the algorithm's decision-making, it used patients' medical histories to predict how much they were likely to cost the system. However, cost isn't a race-blind metric. As a result, the algorithm gave white patients the same scores as black patients who were significantly

• Back in 2016, a study found that an AI used by parole authorities in the US to predict the likelihood of criminals reoffending was biased against black people.

#### What software was this?

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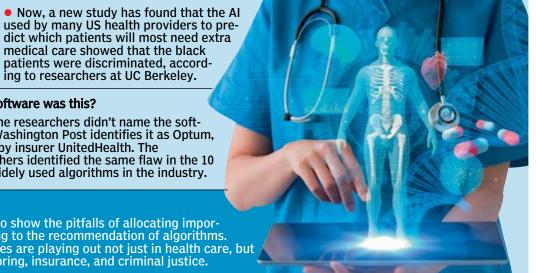
medical care showed that the black

ing to researchers at UC Berkeley.

patients were discriminated, accord-

#### Why it matters

The study is the latest to show the pitfalls of allocating important resources according to the recommendation of algorithms. These kinds of challenges are playing out not just in health care, but also in hiring, credit scoring, insurance, and criminal justice.



# **Cut down on streaming habit: Experts**

Last year, online video streaming produced emissions equivalent to Spain and that amount may double

Paris, Oct. 28: Movie nights once required driving to the local video store to rent, rewind and return the latest blockbuster. Now on-demand video content providers offer countless binge-worthy options at the touch of a finger.

But experts say the ease of streaming services comes with a hefty environmental price tag. Watching a half-hour show would lead to emissions of 1.6

kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent, said Maxime Efoui-Hess of French think tank the Shift Project. That's equivalent to driving 3.9 miles (6.28 kilo-

Last year, online video streaming produced emissions equiva-lent to Spain and that amount may double in the next six years, according to the Shift Project.

While most of the online traffic — 34 per cent — is related to streaming videos, on Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu, for example, the next biggest sector is online porn. "Digital videos come in very large file sizes and (are) getting bigger with each new generation of higher defini-tion video," said Gary Cook of Greenpeace, which monitors the IT sector's energy footprint.

"More data equals more energy needed to maintain a system that is ready to stream this video to your device at a moment's notice," Cook told AFP.

Much of the energy needed for streaming services is consumed by the data centre, which delivers data to your computer or device, explained Cook.

The centres contribute about 0.3 per cent of all carbon emissions, according to an article by Nature. Experts remain divided on how much that number will

#### **'WASTE OF RESOURCES ON** ALL LEVELS'

"For energy consumption to stav flat for the next five to 10 vears, significant improvement in IT equipment and data centre energy performance must be made or our appetite for computations must diminish," said Dale Sartor of the Center of Expertise for Data Centers, linked to the US Department of

Anders Andrae of Huawei told AFP he estimated they would consume as much as 4.1 per cent

of global electricity by 2030. Web-based video traffic is expected to increase four times from 2017 to 2022 and account for 80 per cent of all internet traffic by 2022, according to the Cisco

Network. Netflix is continuing to expand globally — the company reported a 53-per cent increase in inter-

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national revenue for streaming subscriptions between 2017 and 2018. And Disney and Apple are launching their own streaming services this year.

Meanwhile, the equipment used to view videos is getting larger — the average screen size shot up from 22 inches (55 centimetres) in 1997 to an expected 50 inches by 2021, according to the Consumer Technology Association. "The changing screen size and related shift to digital video technology has set the stage for higher definition and thus larger file sizes that we are streaming," said Cook.

Screens with 4K resolution use about 30 per cent more energy than high-definition screens, according to a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Last year, 8K screens made their debut.

The consequence is "a waste of resources at all levels", added Laurent Lefevre of the French

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Institute for Research in Computer Science Automation. Experts suggest that viewers disable autoplay and stream over Wi-Fi in lowerdefinition formats. The worstcase scenario is watching over a 3G connection on a mobile device, said Lefevre.

The Shift Project offers a browser extension that monitors internet use, displaying the amount of electricity used, the CO2 that electricity produces, and how far the user would have to drive to match those emissions. Cook emphasizes the most impactful change consumers can make is through

their wallets. "Exercising collective responsibility, with individuals demanding internet giants rapidly transition their data centres to renewable energy, has been the biggest driver thus far," he said.

With our digital lives so interwined with our real

lives, it's better to

secure your digital

## Streaming TV gears up for targeted advertisements

Washington, Oct. 28: In the new world of streaming television, advertising is not going away, but is evolving to become more like marketing on the internet — targeted to specific groups or individuals.

While some subscription

streaming services including Netflix, Apple+ and Disney+ have pledged to be ad-free, oth-ers including those from WarnerMedia and NBCUniversal are expected to have some ad-supported options, as does Hulu.

Because these new platforms operate online, they will also be able to deliver targeted or 'addressable" ads based on viewing habits, location and other data it may collect, in the same manner as Google and Facebook.

According to the research firm eMarketer, addressable TV ad revenue — which includes some ads on traditional TV in the US is likely to grow from \$1.5 billion in 2018 to \$3.5 billion in 2021.

Streaming services are making it easier for smaller companies and marketers to get on television through self-serve ad platforms without the big budg-ets required for broadcast TV, according to eMarketer analyst Ross Benes.

'There are a lot of new companies coming into television advertising" as a result of streaming, Benes said.

"TV is still a place where you can get a massive amount of people's attention."Roku, a television platform for many smart TVs, announced plans this month to buy dataxu, which provides automated self-serve ads for what is known in the industry as "over the top" or OTT services. "TV advertising is shifting toward OTT and a data-driven model focused on business outcomes for brands," said Anthony Wood, chief executive officer at Roku.

FRESH PRIVACY ISSUES The rise of streaming could

According to a NCSC report in April, poor passwords include popular names (Ashley and Michael), fictional charac-

ters (Superman and Naruto) and Premier

tial to learn and expose extensive information about their users and their surrounding environment. Much of this information has major privacy implications."Alan Wolk, co-founder and lead analyst at the consultancy TVrev, said he expects streaming ads to be less intrusive than those which fol-

devices.

low users around the internet. "The TV industry has learned from digital that people find that kind of advertising creepy," he said.
Wolk said streaming services

raise a fresh set of privacy con-

cerns over how data on TV

viewers is collected and shared

across various platforms and

A academic study found smart TVs, streaming dongles

and other connected devices

sending data to companies such

as Netflix and Facebook. "There is a small number of these cloud providers that are

getting a lot of insight into

what you're doing with these

devices," said David Choffnes of Northeastern University,

The researchers wrote that

these devices "have the poten-

who led the research.

are aiming for fewer ads compared with broadcast television that will be "less painful" for viewers because they are more relevant. An apartment dweller, for example, might not be interested in a lawn care ad and a 24year-old may be turned off by messages for retirement. advertisers will pay more if they know their messages are being delivered to people interested in their products. "The ultimate goal is to be able to get fewer, better targeted ads that brands will pay more money for and consumers are happy to watch," Wolk said.

#### LIMITS OF TARGETING

Targeting for television has limits, however. It is never really clear which member of a family is watching a specific show, or whether it is seen live or recorded.

Charles Taylor, a marketing professor at Villanova University, said addressable TV advertising is on the rise, but that platforms are likely to be sensitive to consumer privacy concerns, and aware of new laws including a strict statute in California.

#### 'PASSWORD!' League football teams (Liverpool and accounts with good **HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF MY PASSWORD** SHOULD I USE A PASSWORD MANAGER? In fact, if you can remember your password at all, means you are probably doing it wrong. The The ultimate source of information, security website haveibeenpwned.com, is a useful most safe and secure way to protect resource. Simply type your accounts is with a password in your email address manager and randomised passand it will tell you words. Try 1Password or LastPass for free. Moreover, NEVER USE THE SAME PASSWORD MORE THAN ONCE whether it is linked to any known data breaches. **HOW CAN I MAKE SURE MY PASSWORD IS REALLY SECURE?** You could spend time e-mail securing your account password further by installing Authy and enabling two-factor authentication, for instance, or by signing up for free breach monitoring at Have I Been Pwned.

# Cons of breaking encryption outweigh pros



Rohan Seth

bit of math can better secure your communications than all the guns in the world combined. That is the beauty of end to end encryption which currently runs on WhatsApp. It makes messages shared between people private so that only the sender and the recipient can view what is being said. On a related note, the notification of the intermediary guidelines is likely to be completed by 15 January 2020. These updated guidelines are going to determine the future of end to

end encryption. The major trade-off here is privacy versus security. The government's argu-

ment is that it needs to access communications between its citizens for the purposes of security. The spread of false news on WhatsApp has instigated lynch mobs and resulted in 27 reported deaths in 2017. That is exactly why in December 2018, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order granting powers of "interception, monitoring, and decryption of any information generated, transmitted, received or stored in any computer", to ten central agencies. But platforms using end to end encryption means that the interception of information might not be of much use if the government does not

have a key for the encryption. The amendments in lines call for allowing platforms such as Telegram and WhatsApp to, "..enable tracing out of such originator of information on its platform as may be required by government agencies who are legally authorised".
The other side of the

coin here is privacy. There is no way where platforms take away encryption from criminals but leave it intact for others. If intermediaries allowed traceability and compromised end to end encryption, the sender of each message would be identifiable to WhatsApp and by extension, the government. And while the encryption provides a shield of anonymity to trolls and spreaders of misinformation, it also gives assurance to people who would otherwise have been silenced or suppressed. Think whistleblowers and political protesters. End to end encryp-

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NSA).

— ROHAN SETH

tion allows those people to avoid the fear of being targeted. Also, encryption on content extends into more routine aspects of life. For instance, WhatsApp is a platform where people can talk about personal and sensitive parts of their life, such as a disease or mental health issues, and rest assured that Facebook, the internet, and the government won't

target you using that information. At a personal level, the fact that end to end encryption keeps communications private between the participants is reason enough not to break it. In the age of the contemporary internet, privacy is a luxury that is being provided at scale. In addition, there are a

host of questions on the

side of implementation. For instance, the guidelines are applicable to all intermediaries that have more than 50 lakh users. There is no clarity on whether that means all registered users, daily active users or even monthly active users. Moreover, how will the government know if platforms have met that threshold and keep track of all the intermediaries that pop up on the App Store/Play Store? More fundamentally, who is an intermediary? Does Google Docs count as a platform, as it also has a chat feature? Are online games also subject to this?

resolved, the 50 lakh threshold might mean that criminals can just move to smaller, lesser-known plat-forms that offer end to end encryption, taking away significantly from the effectiveness of the exercise.

Adjusting the trade-off between privacy and security is a thankless task that more often than not is likely to be decided by the values and interests of the people in power. The job at hand here is to make sure that a robust set of processes are set in place if end to end encryption is to be broken. We need to have transparency and install the highest standards to due process to make sure that should traceability be enabled, it is not abused (a similar precedent for which has been set by the NSA).

There needs to be transaround the parency process that lets people know who is seeking the data. Standards need to exist around the specificity of what accounts and

vent requests for bulk data. The request for access should be backed up by justification of credible facts, all of which should be subject to review by an independent entity or a

None of these provisions currently exist around the intermediary guidelines, and neither is there an indication that it is being considered. The cons of enabling traceability and breaking end to end encryption outweigh the pros subjectively.

However, if the government is going to go ahead with this and include the clause in the January 2020 notification, then it should do this right by placing adequate oversight and safeguards in the amend-

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**Dhanteras:** Ticket size ofjewellery purchases shrinks

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<b>INDICATORS</b>		%
Sensex	39,250.20	+0.49
Nifty 50	11,627.20	+0.37
S&P 500	3,040.63	+0.60
Dollar (₹)	70.90	-0.18
Pound Sterling (₹)	90.89	-0.80
Euro (₹)	78.42	-0.64
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	38,281▼71	-0.19
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	\$61.71	-0.31
IN 10-Yr bond yield	+6.670	-0.008
US 10-Yr T-bill vield	+1.853	+0.052

#### South Korea ratifies FTA with Britain

\* As of 9:30 pm IST

South Korea's parliament on Monday ratified a trade deal between Seoul and London that will take effect automatically following Britain's departure from the European Union. The free trade agreement (FTA) essentially replicates the terms of the existing EU-South Korea deal and comes in the face of continuing uncertainty over a Brexit timetable.

## **Export of** Bangalore rose onion allowed



The Centre allowed exports of the Bangalore rose variety of onion up to 9.000 tonne until has been exempted from an export ban imposed in September on all varieties. The DGFT said the exports shall be allowed only via the Chennai port. An exporter will have to get a certificate from the state's Horticulture Commissioner.

## Govt may allow rupee payments for SEZ services

The Commerce Ministry is working on a proposal to allow domestic companies to make payments in the rupee for services obtained from special economic zone units, sources said. The proposal is aimed at promoting the growth of IT units in SEZs. Currently, domestic firms are required to pay in foreign exchange for services ren-dered by a SEZ unit.

#### Sandhu takes charge as NHAI Chairman

Senior IAS officer Sukhbir Singh Sandhu took over as the Chairman of the National **Highways Authority of India** (NHAI). Sandhu succeeds Nagendra Nath Sinha who has been appointed as the Secretary, Department of Border Management. Sandhu is from 1988 batch of the Uttarakhand cadre. He holds an MBBS degree and a Master's in History, besides a law degree.

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■ Oil major allowed Videocon to buy 10% stake offered to it

# BPCL's 2008 Mozambique deal under Govt scanner

New Delhi, Oct 28: The into state-owned Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd's (BPCL) investments in a gas block in Mozambique and has not yet formally given its approval to the firm for further spend-

ings, sources said.

Bharat PetroResources
Ltd (BPRL), an exploration and production
subsidiary of BPCL, had in August 2008 bought a 10 per cent stake in Area-1 Offshore of the Rovuma Block from the US energy Anadarko Petroleum Corp for \$75 million. That same month Videocon through its subsidiary acquired a 10 per cent stake in the same block for an equivalent

Sources privy to the development said Anadarko had originally offered a 20 per cent stake in Area-1 to BPCL ,but the state-owned firm bought only half of it and the rest was picked up by Videocon.

Videocon in 2013 sold the same stake to ONGC Videsh Ltd for \$2.475 bil-



Sources said the government is looking into reasons why BPCL did not buy the entire 20 per cent stake offered to it by Anadarko. Also, why it did not get other state-owned firms like ONGC involved if it wanted the exploration risk to be shared by splitting the 20 per cent stake.

These inquests have led to the government not formally according approval to BPCL to invest a further \$2.2-2.4 billion in the development of a giant gas field discovered in Area-1.

proposal was

reviewed by an informal ministerial panel headed by Home Minister Amit Shah in June this year.

The BJP-led NDA gov-ernment since first coming to power in 2014 has been critical of the nearly \$6 billion spent by the public sector firms to take 30 per cent stake in the Rovuma Offshore Area-1 in Mozambique during the Congress-led UPA regime, as falling oil and gas prices did not justify such huge investments.

. buying Videocon's 10 per cent might have overpaid

stake for \$2.475 billion, ONGC Videsh, the over-seas arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), had bought another 10 per cent stake from project operator Anadarko of the US for \$2.64 billion.

It later gave 4 per cent of the stake bought from Videocon to Oil India Ltd. Sources said even the OVL deal had in the first term of the Modi government come under the scanner following allegations that the company

Videocon.

Videocon was in 2012 willing to sell its stake to OVL at a small premium to the price Thailand's PTT Exploration and Production paid for acquiring an 8.5 per cent stake in the same block from Cove Energy for £1.22 billion (\$1.9 billion at the then exchange rate.)

The 10 per cent stake,

The 10 per cent stake, they said, was available to OVL for about \$2.3 billion or so but the company a year later paid \$2.475 billion to Videocon.

OVL had strongly refuted the allegations then

and it isn't known what happened to that scrutiny. Woodlands, Texas-based energy exploration company Anadarko, which was later acquired by Occidental, is the operator

of the block. Other partners in Area 1 include Mitsui with 20 per cent stake, ENH (15 per cent) and PTTEP (8.5 per cent). Gas from the block is to be converted into liq-uefied natural gas (LNG) for transportation by

## Stuck in dead-end jobs? 68 vie for LVB top post

Mumbai, Oct 28: Close to 70 senior bank executives are in the fray to occupy the corner room Executive and Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu-based lender, Laxmi Vilas Bank.

The Chennal-headquartered mid-sized private sector bank has been headless since mid-September after the then chief executive Parathasarathy Mukherjee left before the completion of his three-year term.

The bank, which has been placed under the prompt corrective action by the monetary authority since August for low capital buffer and higher NPAs coupled with mounting losses, is sched-uled to complete the process by November 10.

"We have received as many as 68 applications for the post of Chief Executive and Managing Director, signalling higher interest in the nearly 100-year- old private sector bank," a bank source

Senior executives from leading private sector lenders like ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, foreign Standard lender Standard Chartered Bank and pubsector bank Canara Bank have applied for the post, the source added.

The list also has a few turnaround specialists who have the trackrecord of making lossmaking banks profitable, the source said.

The recruitment process, which is currently underway, will get over by November 10 and the new management will take charge by the first week of December if Reserve Bank

approval comes in.
The new chief executive's focus will be to turn around the bank. which has already initiated a slew of measures for faster recovery, added

## Poor credit demand may hit deposit growth in H2

**FC BANKING BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCT, 28

While banks have been able to raise money through deposits, lack of credit demand from corporate clients is forcing them to park their funds in government bonds. Analysts expect deposit growth to further slow down and move in tandem with credit growth during the remaining five months of this fiscal as any significant expansion in loans industries large

remains unlikely. Banks may further cut deposit rates to protect their margins as lending rates continue on a downward trajectory.

"Unless the demand picks up from corporate clients, the overall credit growth is likely to remain modest. And growth in deposits will be a function of credit demand. The growth rate on deposits could move in tandem with growth in credit for the second half of FY20," said Karthik Srinivasan, Senior Vice President &



Group

Head-Financial

Sector Ratings, at IcraLtd. According to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India, deposit growth continues to outpace credit growth, which has lost momen-Banks mobilised Rs 31,070 crore deposits during the fortnight ended October 11, the RBI data showed. Outstanding aggregate deposit was Rs 129.37 lakh crore. The deposits grew 9.8 per cent year-on-year to Rs 11.51 lakh crore and by 2.9 per cent to Rs 3.63 lakh crore in the financial

year so far. However, credit growth continued to languish

despite the festive season and government measures such as loan melas. The outstanding non-food credit growth grew by a mere 0.22 percent between September 27 and October 11. The incremental nonfood during the period was Rs 21645 crore and the outstanding credit stood at Ks 97.88 lakh crore as on October 11. On a year-onyear comparision of the October 11 fortnight with the same period in 2018, the non-food credit growth was 8.8 per cent to Rs 7.95

lakh crore. The Indian economy is being held back by a large squeeze in credit availability emanating from non-bank financial companies (NBFCs), Fitch Ratings said last week. "Our economics team's latest Chart of the Month shows that, assuming the sluggish pace of lending is maintained throughout the year, total new lending will amount to only 6.6 per cent of GDP in the fiscal year 2019-2020, down from 9.5 per cent in the previous fiscal year.'

## LVMH opens talks to buy out Tiffany



Paris, Oct 28: French luxury giant LVMH said on Monday it was in preliminary talks to take over US jewellers Tiffany but there was "no certainty" that they would be successful.

A source close to the talks told AFP at the weekend that LVMH had made a bid for Tiffany at the start of October, but that the iconic US company had yet to respond.

Tiffany, in a separate statement Monday, con-firmed "an unsolicited, non-binding proposal" from the French con-glomerate, saying it was for \$120 per share, which values the company at around \$14.5 billion.

Tiffany's stock market value stood at \$11.9 bil-lion at the close of Wall Street trading on Friday. The US company said there were no actual dis-

cussions going on but it was "carefully reviewing" the proposal.

LVMH said earlier
Monday that "following recent market rumours

recent market rumours, the LVMH group confirms having started preliminary discussions about a possible operation with Tiffany".

The purchase of
Tiffany by LVMH would

be one of the largest acquisitions by the French group, which is a world leader in luxury, present in fashion to wine, perfumes and cos-LVMH's share price

was mildly higher following the announcement, rising 0.3 percent to 384.90 euros in early afternoon Paris stock trading. Tiffany's stock was set to surge by more than 30

percent, according to pre-market quotes, under an hour ahead of Wall Street's session opening. This seemed to indicate that traders not only expected the bid to go ahead but that LVMH

would sweeten its offer. Tiffany's Bulgari brand —bought for \$5.2 billion in 2011—competes with

Cartier and Van Cleef & Arpels, both owned by Swiss group Richemont.

"They say diamonds are a girl's best friend and Europe's richest man, and owner of Louis Vuitton Bernard Arnault, obviously feels Arnault, obviously feels that adding US jeweller Tiffany to his list of brands will prompt a similar uplift to LVMH's global revenues," said Michael Hewson, chief market analyst at CMC Markets IW. Markets UK.

"His attempt to put a \$14.5 billion ring on Tiffany, having already added Bulgari a couple of years ago, is likely to take the fight in this sector to its closest rival Richemont, who own Cartier, and would help LVMH in gaining better access to US markets," he

Hewson added, however, that Tiffany shareholders were "unlikely to accept this initial bid' and could hold out for

Tiffany's profits and sales have been hit hard from the fallout in the US-China trade war and unrest in Hong Kong, he

By Friday's close, Tiffany's share price was down nearly eight percent from its year-earlier

The luxury industry is jittery, not just over the trade war but also because of a broad anticorruption campaign launched by Chinese president Xi Jinping which has put the brakes on extravagant gifts offered by businessmen

and bureaucrats. discussions between the two compa-nies come after LVMH owner Arnault inaugurated a Louis Vuitton factory in south Texas alongside US President Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka.

Tiffany's flagship New York store is next to Trump Tower on 5th

## New TB treatment for developing countries to cost \$1,040

MANOJNA MADDIPATLA, MANAS MISHRA

A newly approved threedrug treatment for tuberculosis will be available in 150 countries including India and South Africa, priced at \$1,040 for a complete regimen, more than twice the cost proposed in the past by advocacy groups for other treat-

ments. The United Nations backed Stop TB Partnership said on Monday that BPaL would be obtainable in eligible countries through the Global Drug Facility (GDF), a global provider of TB medicines created in 2001 to negotiate lower prices for treatments.

Tuberculosis responsible for 1.5 million

deaths in 2018. BPaL is an oral treatment which promises a shorter, more convenient option to existing TB treatment options, which use a drugs over a period of up to two years. The new cocktail, which

will treat extensively drug-resistant strains of the illness, consists of drug developer TB developer Alliance's newly-approved medicine pretomanid, in combination with linezolid and Johnson & Johnson's bedaquiline. Pretomanid, which will

be available at \$364 per treatment course, is only the third new medicine for drug-resistant tuberculosis to be approved in about 40 years, after J&J's bedaquiline and Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co Ltd's delamanid.

Advocacy groups have long criticized the cost for bedaquiline and delamanid. Not-for-profit Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has waged a running battle in public with J&J over its \$400 price tag for a six-month course for bedaquiline.

MSF has argued that bedaquiline could be produced and sold at a profit for 25 cents per day, and that the price of treat-

New Delhi, Oct 28: TB Alliance, a not-for-profit organisation, on Monday said it has granted a nonexclusive licence to manufacture anti-TB drug pretomanid to Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Macleods has agreed to commercialise the anti-tuberculosis (TB) medicine in about 140 countries and territories, including India, after getting the regulatory approvals, TB Alliance said in a statement.

"We are proud to partner with has a strong

Macleods, which has a strong record of delivering high-quality, affordable tuberculosis medicines TB Alliance President and CEO Mel Spigelman said. TB Alliance is committed to ensuring an affordable, sustainable

and competitive market for all its new TB products, he added. "This important collaboration with TB Alliance will ensure acces-

ments for drug-resistant

TB should be no higher

than \$500 for a complete

treatment course.



Macleods gets non-exclusive licence to make new drug

where it is needed the most," Macleods Business Development Director Vijay Agarwal said. TB Alliance has earlier collabo-

rated with Macleods on the introduction of child-friendly formulations of first-line TB medicines, the

Meanwhile, Macleods Pharma USA Inc is recalling 31,968 bottles of Pioglitazone Hydrochloride tablets used for treatment of diabetes in the American market.

The tablets being recalled are in the strength of 15 mg and have been manufactured by Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd in its Baddi facility in Himachal Pradesh, an enforcement report of the USFDA

The voluntary ongoing class II recall is on account of the product being "superpotent", it added.

As per the USFDA, a class II recall is initiated in a situation, "in which use of or exposure to a violative product may cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences or where the probaconsequences is remote".

says costs of other regi-

of at least 20 months. TB Alliance in April

granted a license to U.S. drugmaker Mylan NV to manufacture and sell pretomanid as part of certain regimens in high-income markets, as well as a nonexclusive license for lowincome and middleincome countries, where most tuberculosis cases occur.

Stop TB Partnership said it would start supplying the regimen following World Organization's guidance on using the drug. Mylan, however, said it will also sell the drug directly to

countries. Prices in low-income countries would be in-line with the price offered through GDF, but would be

decided on a case by case

basis where the drug is not

supplied through GDF, it The drug will be available in bottles of 26 tablets, with a six-month treatment requiring seven

—Reuters

Leena Menghaney, the South-Asia head for MSF's

Access Campaign, said it

was a cause of concern

priced just below the price of bedaquiline. But Stop TB Partnership

that pretomanid was mens for extremely drugresistant TB range from \$2,000 to \$8,000 for courses

### **Cairn tax** challenge gets longer

New Delhi, Oct 28: More than a year after hearings in an arbitration initiated by Cairn Energy against Rs 10,247-crore retrospective tax demand ended tive tax demand ended, the three-member Arbitral Tribunal has indicated that the award will be further delayed to mid-2020, the British

firm said on Monday.
The international tri-bunal, which had in August last year completed main court hearings in the British company's challenge to the Indian government using retrospective leg-islation to seek Rs 10,247 crore in taxes, was supposed to give an award by February 2019, but in March it delayed it to 2019-end and now to summer of 2020.

"The Arbitral Tribunal has indicated that whilst it is not yet able to commit to a specific award release date, it expects to be in a position to issue the Award in the summer of 2020," Cairn said in a state-

No reasons have been given by the tribunal for the delay in award.

### IMF team reviewing Pak spend

**Islamabad, Oct 28:** An IMF mission is in Pakistan to review the cash-strapped country's quarterly performance under its \$6 billion bailout package, which was finalised this year, according to a media report.

The successful completion of the first review would enable Pakistan to draw about \$453 million from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in December, taking the almost \$1.44 billion, The Dawn newspaper reported on Monday.

The IMF in July had approved a \$6 billion Extended Fund Facility loan over a period of three years for Pakistan. aimed at returning sustainable growth to the country fragile econo my and improve the standards of living.

The loan was response to the Pakistan approaching the IMF in August 2018 for a bailout package when the Imran Khan government took over. The deal was the 22nd bailout package since Pakistan became an IMF member in 1950.

### **Biocon among** top 10 Biotech **Employers**

Bengaluru, Oct 28: Bengaluru-headquartered bio-pharmaceuticals company Biocon Ltd has moved up to sixth spot in the Top 10 Global Biotech Employers ranking for

It continues to be the only company from Asia to feature on the prestigious US-based 'Science' magazine's annual 'Science Careers Top 20 Employers' list, since its debut in 2012.

Ranked at number six among global pharma and biotech companies in 2019, Biocon has moved up from number seven in 2018 and number nine in 2017.

Biocon said in a statement it has been consistently recognised for three key attributes: "Innovative leader in the industry, 'is socially responsible' and leadership makes changes needed." The ranking is a result of the 2019 Science Careers Top Employers global survey conducted by the US-based Science magazine to determine which companies in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry have the best reputations as employers globally.

Luxury car makers see overwhelming festival demand

# Mercedes, BMW beat auto slowdown blues

**MICHAEL GONSALVES** PUNE, OCT. 28

It is clearly a dim Diwali for mass auto makers with a drop in demand for cars and two-wheelers but the luxury car market in the world's fourth largest auto market is sparkling with

record sales.

Both market leader Mercedes-Benz and its compatriot rival BMW sold out their hot models Mercedes GLE SUV priced Rs 67 lakh upward and the flagship BMW X7 SUV at Rs 98.90 lakh onward this Diwali.

They said even other models from their respective portfolio were sold out like hot cakes during this festival season.

Pune-based The Mercedes-Benz said in a statement that it sold 600 cars to customers across markets on Dhanteras, an auspicious occasion to buy gold, silver and other valuables and mainly celebrated in Northern and Southern India. In addition, the company said that it has sold off the

current Mercedes GLE SUV, three months ahead of plan, owing to an unprecedented demand from across

And now it has opened the bookings for the upcoming new generation GLE SUV scheduled to be launched early next year.





The festive period saw unprecedented demand for Mercedes-Benz across the country, especially in Northern region of Delhi NCR, Punjab, and in Western regions of Mumbai, Pune and Gujarat, the company said. It said the 'record' 600 cars sold on the Dhanteras day, almost 50 per cent (over 250 units) were delivered to customers

in Delhi NCR alone. 'The festive season has been satisfactory for us and we are glad to see an overwhelming response to our products from across markets," Martin Schwenk, managing director and executive

Mercedes-Benz India, said. "We are excited to see the response to the current GLE, which sold out three months ahead of the plan," he pointed out.

Also, on the occasion of Dussehra and Navratri on October 9, the German auto major had sold over 200 cars of its various models in a single day.

As for the rival BMW, the second largest luxury car

ever BMW X7, the largest SUV ever built the compa-ny, in less than three months of its launch. This was the entire year's production, the company said, adding that it was still working out details of the sales of other models.

'The first-ever BMW X7 received a phenomenal response from all over India and has been completely booked within three months of launch,"
Rudratej Singh, President
and Chief Executive
Officer at BMW Group India, said.

"For us, X7 is only the beginning. BMW India has the freshest portfolio in the luxury car market and all our latest launches are generating tremendous demand," Singh said. The BMW X7 xDrive30d Design Pure Excellence

Signature variant (diesel) is locally-produced while the BMW X7 xDrive40i (petrol) is a imported SUV.

## Dhanteras: Ticket size of jewellery purchases shrinks

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The average ticket size of jewellery purchases during Dhanteras through credit and debit cards dipped 66 per cent despite gold and silver prices rising over 20 per cent over last year.

Jewellery spends accounted for 15 per cent of the total volume of transactions and 22 per cent of the value of transactions through credit and debit cards, as per the data from payment processing company Worldline India. There was a three times increase in the number of transactions from the because credit issuance went up by 20 per cent, or 9 million new cards were added between last year and this Dhanteras.

However, the value remained almost constant despite the rise in prices of gold and silver. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the price of gold went up 20 per cent from Rs 31,804 per 10 gm to Rs 38,434 per 10 gm between the last Dhanteras and this Dhanteras.

Silver prices too went up 21 per cent from Rs 38,649 per kg in 2018 Dhanteras to Rs 46,844 per kg this time. Even if the volumes had remained the same, the value should have increased by 20 per cent. The flat growth in value indicates that people were not com-



fortable spending much on

jewellery.

Apart from lesser value purchases, more number of transactions also led to a decline in the average ticket size. The average ticket size dipped this year by 66 per cent to Rs 3,625.

The decline in the ticket size was also visible in apparels both on Dhanteras and Diwali. Spends at apparel stores accounted for 20 per cent of the total volume of transactions and 20 per cent of the value of transactions during Diwali. But the average ticket size dipped this year by 12 per cent to Rs. 1,992. Similarly, spends at apparel stores accounted for 18 per cent of the total volume of transactions and 14 per cent of the value of transactions and the average ticket size dipped this year by 28 per cent to Rs 1,746.

Overall, average ticket size of credit card purchases dipped this year by 15 per cent to Rs 3,291 and average ticket size dipped this year by 7 per cent to Rs 2,202 on Dhanteras.

# PROJECTION FOR TODAY

### **Muhurat** trade points to positive moves

Busy earnings calendar and US Federal Reserve meeting on October 29-30 is likely to dominate market movement this week as it opens after Monday's holiday. However, local traders' presence in the market is likely to be thin due to Diwali holidays.

Sensex and Nifty -50 closed with gains of 0.49 per cent and 0.37 per cent respectively on the first day of trading for Samvat Year 2076 in the special one hour Muhurat trading session on Sunday. The Sensex gained 192.14 points or 0.49 to close at 339,250.20 while the Nifty closed at 11,627.15 up 43.25 points or 0.37 per cent. Tata Motors gained 17.86 per cent while Yes Bank gained 55.37 per cent during the one hour trading ses-Institutions' presence was thin, and domestic institutions were net buyers of equities worth Rs 54.39 crore while the foreign

portfolio investors were net buyers by Rs 6.61 crore.

Dhiraj Relli, MD & CEO, HDFC Securities, said,
"Markets continued
the recent positive trend in muhurat trade. There is a visi-ble turnaround in sentiments and one hopes that we may witness a broader up move in

the markets soon.' As the market opens on Tuesday after a long weekend, all eyes will be on whether the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rate on Wednesday night as many analysts have predicted and whether Chairman Reserve announce the end of the easing cycle or will leave door open for more rate cuts.

Back home Reliance Industries, largest company by market capitalisation, made an announce ment after market hours on Friday, to which the market may react on Tuesday. According to the statement issued by RIL, it will set up a wholly owned subsidiary for digital platform initiatives in which RIL will infuse Rs 1.08 lakh crore equity. The wholly owned subsidiary will invest the same in equity of Reliance Jio to reduce debt. In the special trading session, RIL stock closed

at Rs 1434.10 up 0.24 per cent on the BSE. Major earning declaration scheduled for the week include Bharti Airtel and Hindustan Zinc on October 29, Tata Chemicals, United Chemicals, United Bank and Tata Global on October 30, Indian Oil Corporation and Syndicate Bank on October 31 and Dr Reddy Laboratories, Bank of India, Central Bank of India, GIC Housing Finance, JSW Energy and Yes Bank

on November 1. Oswal, Motilal Managing Director & CEO, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, on the new year ahead rthat started with muhurat trading, said: "I am optimistic about the medium to

long-term perspective. see tremendous interest amongst the investors. Brand India is at its all-time high. The gov-ernment is also proac-tively addressing many basic issues. After the Big Bang corporate tax cut, I am hopeful that there will be individual income tax rate cut and see many more reforms on

-RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

# IIMC ranks 17th among global best

**RITWIK MUKHERJEE** KOLKATA, OCT. 28:

Call it double Diwali dhamaka for the Indian Institute of (IIMC). On the one hand, the premier management insti-tute has been ranked 1st in India among the five Indian B-Schools listed in the Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2019. On the other, IIMC achieved vet another feat of 100 per cent summer placements for the 56th batch of 480 of the MBA programme. As many as 136 participating firms offered nearly 200 roles to the class of 2021.

IIMC has secured Rank 17 globally in the rankings for its 2-Year Masters in Business Administration (earlier Post Graduate Programme Management).

Among the parameters that the ranking was focused on, IIM Calcutta did better than its nearest Indian compatriots on catewhich include salary, weighted salary, salary percentage increase, career progress ranking, involvement of international faculty, inclusion of international board members, percentage of female faculty and student gender diversity ratio, IIMC

officials said. "With the internationalisation of our curriculum over the years and some of the best faculty from across the world, our offerings are curated to address the needs of the dynamic business environment. As a result, we've been able to create a pool of ethical and responsible leaders across domains



The rankings will help us network more closely with the top B-schools across the Professor Prashant Mishra, Dean, Initiatives External Relations.

On the summer placements, Prof Mishra said, "The institute community is extremely happy that our sustained efforts in making the process more student centric has yielded excellent results for the students in availing the most preferred opportunity for them-

Finance and consulting firms accounted for 43.2 per cent of the total offers. Several firms also opened international roles, including Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank, Barclays, Hexaware. Financial services majors as Macquarie, Gaja Capital, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Deutsche Bank, BPEA, Edelweiss, DE Shaw, Avendus actively participated in hiring interns. Citibank (15) closely followed by Goldman Sachs (11) were the largest recruiters in the banking and finance sector. The sector also saw first timers like NIIF, Indigrid and White Oak Capital Management.

#### **Vietnam tariffs** on Chinese, S. Korean steel

MAI NGOC CHAU

Vietnam slapped five-year tariffs on Chinese and South Korean colour-coated steel prod-ucts after domestic pro-ducers said unfair pricing from overseas competitors caused them to shut down production

Anti-dumping duties of 2.53 per cent to 34.27 per cent are being applied to steel products from China, Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade said in a statement on its website. l'ariffs of 4.71 per cent to 19.25 per cent are imposed on steel products from South Korea. The tariffs are effective October 24, the ministry

— Bloomberg

## RIL's digital business rejig could enthuse investors

New Delhi, Oct 28: Reliance Industries' move to create a new subsidiary combining all digital initiatives will make the digital platform increasingly attractive to potential investors, according to analysts. RIL's restructuring of telecom/ digital business raises focus on asset monetisation and debt reduction, Morgan Stanley

Consolidated debt remains unchanged, but platform apps move onto investor radar, clarity on corporate structure improves and interest capitalization concerns lessen," Morgan Stanley said in a report on Monday. IIFL Institutional Equities in a recent

report said the move, which involves transferring telecom venture Reliance Jio's debt to parent balancesheet, should make digital platform "increasingly attractive to potential strategic investor

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) last announced it will set up a new subsidiary to bring all its digital initiatives and apps under a single entity, and infuse Rs 1.08 lakh crore equity into this new unit.

The new structure will also create the largest digital services platform company in India. The new entity will continue to work on technologies in areas like health-



care and education, while also looking at next-gen competencies like artificial intelligence, Blockchain, virtual and augment ed reality, among others.

It will also bring into its fold Reliance's consumer-focussed digital offerings like MyJio, JioTV, JioCinema, JioNews and JioSaavn, while enabling Reliance Jio to become "virtually net debt free" by March 31, 2020 (excluding spectrum liabilities).

# Modern, online grocery to increase market share

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, OCT. 28

Brookfield, retail will be a \$10.5 billion.

Both online grocery retail and modern grocery retail are growing faster to grab increased share of the overall market in the next four years. While modern retail is poised to grow to a size of \$60 billion, online grocery

While the \$525 billion food and grocery market is expected to grow by a CAGR of 9 per cent to \$880 billion by 2023, modern retail would grow by 25 per cent and almost double its market share to 6.7 per cent and online retail would grow by 55 per cent for a 1.2 per cent share, finds a study by

BigBasket.com and RedSeer Consulting. Increased comfort and trust of customers in e-tail-

ing, especially electronics and fashion coupled with strong value proposition of e-grocery players, wide varied assortment and express delivery options, will drive this growth, finds the study.

"The online grocery segment has been one of the fastest-growing ecommerce verticals in India and will continue to flourish in both metro and nonmetro cities in the years to come,' said Hari Menon, CoBigBasket.com. However, each channel will serve a different need of the customer and hence keep growing. Local kirana stores will continue to serve as a

channel that serves immediate need-Modern based items such retail would as fresh vegetagrow by 25% bles and dairy and almost douand immediate ble its market need-based items share to not available in kirana stores will

be purchased from modern retail stores. Online grocery sites will meet the needs for generic categories like staples, snacks, biscuits and body care products.

India's online grocery

significant evolution in last few years - from explosive growth and funding in CY15 to growth challenges and funding winter in CY16 and then kickstart and accelerated growth phase 2018 onwards. In this stop-start journey, many new business models have evolved, and many themes have been proven and disproven.

The study finds that tier 1 cities marked by low modern retail penetration vis-₹vis metro and mini metros are fertile grounds for online grocery retailers. They have established themselves in catchment areas

# VW finance chief outlines road map for \$222-billion valuation

**CHRISTOPH RAUWALD** OCT. 28

Days before production starts on Volkswagen AG's cornerstone electric vehicle, the German manufacturer is stepping up a campaign to more than double its market value and gain investor recognition for the industry's most ambitious tech-

nology push. In an internal newsletter sent last week, Chief Financial Officer Frank Witter prodded managers to get behind a goal to reach a valuation of 200 billion euros (\$221 billion), arguing that a higher stock price will help VW keep pace with future partners. Witter's message confirms a goal reported earlier this month by Bloomberg.

We must increase our company value in order to stay competitive," Witter said in the newsletter seen by Bloomberg. "A higher capital market value reflects profitability and financial strength along with the future viability of a compa-

The need to act is evident in VW's numbers. The world's biggest carmaker leads Toyota Motor Corp. in deliveries and generates robust cash and profits. But its main global rival has more cost-efficient manu**VOLKSWAGEN'S SEVEN-POINT PLAN** 

Strong brands with clear positioning and great products

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Eliminate complexi-

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yen (\$225 billion), versus about \$95 billion for VW.

VW's lower valuation and

goals and shaping emobility

Transform into a leading automotive software player

Optimise business portfolio and rigorous allocation of capital

Deliver on demanding financial targets and dividend goals

euro plan will succeed in making VW a leader in electrification with new, moneysoftware-based The company spinning

electric ID.3, a key entry in an e-car onslaught that will eventually span 70 models across the group, at its plant in Zwickau on Nov. 4, with an event to be attended by German Chancellor Angela "We are tackling crucial

future areas, among them emobility and digitalization, with resolution and determination," Witter said. "That boosts our credibility and the capital market gains more trust in our future via-

bility."
A VW spokesman confirmed the authenticity of the newsletter, which will be used to regularly update managers on developments

The company has linked compensation of its top executives more closely with share-price performance, and is phasing in the system across management ranks. The seven-point plan

includes strengthening individual brands such as VW, Audi and Porsche, growth in China and boosting software operations.

Industry peers like General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Daimler AG also trade at relatively low multiples, far behind cashrich Silicon Valley giants like Apple Inc. and Alphabet Inc. that are plotting to grab valuable turf as technology challenges traditional auto-

Bloomberg

earnings multiples suggest rivals and strengthen its investors aren't convinced in the capital markets, and making businesses facturing operations and a hand in negotiations with market value of 24.4 trillion the company's 44 billionstarts production on the alldeclined to comment further.

gender discrimination



Streaming services allowed women to be valued like never before

> Reese Witherspoon, **American actress**

#### I love a good Marvel movie: Viola Davis

Los Angeles: Oscar winner Viola Davis is the latest celebrity who has defended Marvel movies amidst an onslaught of criticism from veteran filmmakers. Martin Scorsese opened the pandora's box by calling Marvel films as "theme park" experience and "not cinema". His views were backed by Francis Ford Coppola, Ken Loach and Pedro Almodovar. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Davis said she is a fan of Scorsese. "Everyone had a place, an opinion. But I like a good Marvel movie," the actor said. - PTI

#### **Jared Padalecki**

#### arrested for assault

Los Angeles: Supernatural star Jared Padalecki was reportedly arrested in his native Texas, Austin, on Sunday for assault and public intoxication. According to TMZ, the 37-year-old actor was taken into custody outside of Stereotype Bar after allegedly punching a bartender and manager. In a clip obtained by the website a man, believed to be the actor, can be seen tussling with an unknown male on the sidewalk. Padalecki's bond is set at \$15,000. It's unclear if he has been bailed out. He



was a regular at bar. — PTI

#### 'Told Meghan her life will change forever'

London: Actor Wendell Pierce has revealed that he had told his Suits co-star Meghan Markle that her life will be "forever changed" during his final meeting with the Duchess of Sussex. The 55-year-old actor played Robert Zane, the father of Markle's character Rachel Zane, in the legal drama. According to the Guardian, Pierce told Lauren Laverne on her show Desert Island Discs that he had offered a piece of advice to Markle. "When we had the final scenes I said: 'Listen, your , world is going to be changed, and no matter where you are, you have a friend in me," he said. - PTI

#### **EVA BLAMES** H'WOOD FOR **RACIAL BIAS**

Los Angeles: Hollywood star Eva Longoria has blamed the film industry for underrepresentation of people of colour and promoting unconscious biases against them. The actor believes the movie industry is "largely responsible" for the negative portray-

al of Latinos on the big and small screen. "What studies show is that we are being erased. This goes beyond under-representation. When you aren't on screen in the media, you are being erased.



And the stories from Hollywood don't come close to representing the complexity of our community. This is a problem, the demographics of America are changing and it's changing in a very Latin way, and this cultural shift is freaking people out." "We in this room have contributed to these negative portrayals and images we've seen in the media. We here in Hollywood are largely responsible for much of the unconscious bias that is against people of colour. People of colour are depicted in very narrow ways on screen," Longoria said. - PTI

# **Prince Charles to visit India** Nov. 13-14; 2nd trip in 2 yrs

#### Charles will make a twoday visit to India on November 13 and 14 to celebrate India-UK relations, his royal office announced

on Monday. Charles' visit will focus on climate change and

sustainable finance. "The Prince of Wales will visit India from November 13 to 14, as part Their Royal Highnesses' Autumn tour, to celebrate British-Indian connections," Clarence House said in a statement.

"His Royal Highness will carry out engagements in New Delhi with a focus on sustainable markets, climate change and social finance," the statement said. Charles, the longestserving heir apparent in British history, will cele-brate his 71st birthday in

India on November 14.

The visit will be Charles'
10th official tour of India and his second in two years. His wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, will not be joining him on the tour to India but meet up with him in New Zealand, the next Commonwealth country on the royal cou-

People take part in the Day of the Dead parade along

Reforma avenue in Mexico City on Sunday.

### Charles's staff blocked *The Crown* stars from attending event alongside him

**London:** Prince Charles's staff stopped actors from Netflix drama *The* Crown attending a star-studded event alongside him, Prince William and Harry, it was claimed today, Daily Mail report-

Aides for the Prince of Wales were allegedly con-cerned that the show's depiction of his relationships with Princess Diana and Camilla could dent his popularity. Other Netflix stars such as Emma Mackey from

Mirror creator Charlie Brooker were instead at the event in London in April. The premiere at

Sex Education and Black

ple's autumn calendar. Clarence House said more details about the India visit, made at the request of the UK foreign office, will be announced in due course. Earlier in

the Natural History Museum marked the launch of Sir David Attenborough's eightpart Netflix environmental series *Our Planet*. Other celebrities in

attendance included David Beckham, singer Ellie Goulding, *Love Island*'s Camilla Thurlow and presenter Konnie Huq, who is Brooker's A royal source told the *Sun*, "Charles's staff are deeply paranoid about *The Crown*. They are trying to make him a popular king-in-waiting. But the next few seasons are going to be increasingly focused on the Prince of Wales' behav-

the month, Charles' son William and wife Kate Middleton visited Pakistan.

Director Andrei Konchalovsky

the presentation of the movie

The Sin in Rome on Sunday.

and his wife Julia Vysotskaya at

**Kathy Bates** 

Episodes of

Horror Story

celebration in

Los Angeles

on Saturday.

American

(right) at 100



n't attend the event if Netflix had any of The Crown actors there". Agencies

# Painting found in French kitchen fetches \$26.6m

**Senlis, France:** A rare masterpiece by Italian early Renaissance master Cimabue that was discovered in a French kitchen was sold on Sunday for 24 million euros (\$26.6 million), about five times the initial estimate.

The Acteon auction house did not identify the winning bidder for the painting, *Christ Mocked*, at the sale in Senlis, outside Paris.

The selling price, which included costs, smashed the initial estimate of between four million and six million euros.

Bidding began at €3 million with only 3 of the 8 bidders present at the

It is the first time in decades that a painting by Cimabue, a pioneering primitive painter who lived from 1272-1302 and is

also known as Cenni di

Pepo, has gone under the

Acteon said the figure was the highest ever reached for a mediaeval painting and the eighthhighest ever reached for a



mediaeval or old master

painting.

The highest figure ever reached for a painting was the \$450 million paid for the Salvator Mundi attributed to Leonardo da Vinci and sold at auction

Experts in September announced the sensational discovery of the painting by Cimabue which was owned by a woman in the northern French town of Compiegne, who had it hanging between her kitchen and her sitting room.

She believed it was merely an old religious icon when she took it to the auctioneers to be val-

### **Elton John** calls off US concert due to illness

John had to cancel his Indianapolis concert due to illness.

The veteran singer was set to perform at Bankers Life Fieldhouse as part of his Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour on Saturday.

In a statement posted on his official Twitter account, John said he is "extremely unwell" and apologised to his fans for letting them down.

"It is with the heaviest heart that I'm forced to deliver the news that I am extremely unwell and therefore unable to perform at Bankers Life Fieldhouse tonight," he said. "I absolutely hate to let my fans down, but I owe it to you to put on the best show possible and unfortunately that's simply not possible. The date will be rearranged for March 2020," he

#### NEWS NUGGETS

#### **NEW SPECIES FOUND IN WHALE SHARK MOUTH**

mouth might not seem like the most hospitable environment for a home, Japanese researchers have found there's no place like it for a newly-discovered

Tokyo: A whale shark's

shrimp-like creature.

The tiny inhabitants —
dubbed podocerus jinbe — are a variety of gammaridea, a species known for their hardy ability to live in environments ranging from high mountains to the deep sea. But lead researcher

Ko Tomikawa, an associate professor at Hiroshima University, said he was "surprised" to find them living in the mouth of an animal. This creature, which

is usually 3-5 centimetres long, is amazing because they can live in so many different kinds environment. Tomikawa told AFP.

"But I didn't expect we would find one inside the mouth of a whale

#### WHITE AND BROWN FAT CELLS SEND **DIFFERENT SIGNALS TO BODY: STUDY**

#### Copenhagen: In a first, tem, the spine, around have our throat, and near the mapped all the proteins

researchers secreted from adult human white and brown fat cells, and discovered that they send very dif-ferent signals to the rest of the body.

White fat sits on our fat. stomach, hips, and thighs as a stored form of energy that our body uses when food is scarce. whereas brown fat, the researchers said, sits close to the nervous sys-

kidneys, producing heat. The study, published in the journal *Cell Metabolism*, noted that brown fat secreted more than 100 proteins that are not secreted by white

Researchers, said that brown fat was better at regulating the immune system, while white fat secreted proteins allowing for greater tissue

#### **'TEENS USING FLAVOURED E-CIGS MORE LIKELY TO BECOME LONG TERM USERS'**

Angeles: Researchers have found that teens who vape candy, or fruit-flavoured e-cigarettes are more likely to stick with the implicating flavours in the teen vap-

ing epidemic. Los Angeles-area wno vaped, and surveyed them every six months, from 10th grade in the the USC Institute for spring of 2015 through Addiction Science. 12th grade in 2017.

study, published in the journal Pediatrics. noted that while many children try e-cigarettes. not all become regular users. "Teens who use ecigarettes may be more inclined to continue vap-The researcher followed 478 adolescents in porarily experiment with e-cigs," said study co-author Leventhal, director of

# New tech removes CO2 from air at any concentration level

**Boston:** Researchers have developed a new technology to capture carbon dioxide from a stream of air virtually at any concentration level — an advance that may pave the way for new strategies to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gas levels.

The researchers from the MIT in the US said that while most methods of removing carbon dioxide from a stream of gas required higher concentrations — such as those found in the flue emissions from fossil fuelbased power plants — the new method could suck out the gas even when it was present in very low concentrations.
They added that the

method required signifi-cant energy, and could even suck out the greenhouse gas at the roughly 400 parts per million currently found in the atmos-

'Soft drinks consumption connects obesity & tooth wear'

The new discovery may pave the way for new strategies to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gas levels. New method could even suck out the greenhouse gas at the roughly 400 parts per million currently found in the atmosphere.

phere. In a study, published in the journal Energy Environmental Science, the researchers described the device as a large, specialised battery with a stack of electrodes that absorbs carbon dioxide from the air passing over its surface as it was being charged up, and then released the gas as it was being discharged.

The researchers said that the device alternated between charging and discharging cycles.

During the charging cycle, they said that fresh air was fed into the system, and concentrated carbon dioxide was blown out during the discharging. The study noted that a chemical reaction takes place at the surface of each of a stack of electrodes as the battery charges.

The researchers said that the electrodes are coated with a compound called polyanthraquinone compounded with carbon nanotubes.

The study noted that the electrodes have a natural affinity for carbon dioxide and readily reacted with its molecules in the airstream or feed gas.

When the battery is discharged, the process ejects a stream of pure carbon dioxide, and also provides part of the power needed for the whole system.

#### **Aussie cops get shoot-to-kill** power for marauding drivers

Dakota Johnson (left) and Lili Reinhart arrive at

Yale's

an event at the Dolby Ballroom in Los Angeles

Singapore:

abroad.

Singapore college has

become embroiled in a

row about academic free-

dom after axing a course on dissent, with the con-troversy fuelling a wider

debate on whether univer-

sities are compromising

their values to expand

The Yale-NUS College, a partnership with the National University of

Singapore, opened in 2013,

drawing criticism from

activists and its own facul-

ty over the decision to set

Sydney: Police in part of cers will be required to Australia were given shoot-to-kill powers on Monday, to stop drivers

into pedestrians. Eight people have been killed and more than 45 injured in three such attacks in Melbourne, Victoria's state capital and Australia's secondbiggest city, since 2017.

Victoria Police said offi-

who deliberately plough

take "decisive action" in response to vehicle attacks. Deputy commissioner Shane Patton said officers had wide powers to stop an attack or even

The Yale-NUS

College, a partner-

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Singapore, opened in 2013, drawing criti-cism from activists

up in the city-state, due to

its restrictions on civil lib-

erties. Such fears intensi-

fied last month when the

liberal arts college axed a

week-long course called

the threat of one. "Any tactical option that currently exists, they can use, but additionally the policy says they can use lethal force," he said in Melbourne.

"Dialogue and Dissent in Singapore" a fortnight before it was scheduled to start, prompting concerns the school was censoring some topics. The course

drinks — such as soft

drinks — is the common

factor connecting obesity

dentists should be con-

ing those from King's

College London, found

bonated beverages.

YALE-NUS COLLEC

Ashlev Greene

attends the 2019 A

California on Sunday.

Time For Heroes

family festival in

Yale in academic censorship row in S'pore

tary about activist Joshua Wong. Among reasons for and its own faculty over the decision to set up in the cancellation, Yale-NUS the city-state, due to its restrictions on liberties said students could have been at risk of breaking the law, but the row raised questions about whether the Ivy League institution's liberal arts traditions can thrive in Singapore.

Sophia Loren (left) and honoree Lina

Wertmuller on stage at the Governors

Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. -AP

featured talks by anti-gov-

ernment activists, a visit

to Speakers' Corner in a

city park — the only place

allowed - and a documen-

Singapore

demonstrations

London: The consumption that being overweight, or of sugar-sweetened acidic obese, was strongly associated with having worn out teeth. The study, published in the journal Clinical and tooth wear among Oral Investigation, sugadults, according to a gests that the increased study which suggests that consumption of sugary soft drinks by obese cerned about the calories patients may be the leading cause of the erosion of their patients get from carthe tooth enamel, and den-The researchers, includtine — the hard bony structure forming the

bulk of a tooth.



The findings of the study suggest that the increased consumption of sugary soft drinks by obese patients may be the leading cause of the erosion of the tooth enamel, and dentine — the hard bony structure forming the bulk of a tooth

researchers vey participants of 3,541 patients in the United analysed a sample of surStates based on data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2003-2004.

Researchers took into account patient BMI, their intake of sugar sweetened acidic drinks, and their levels of tooth wear.

"It is the acidic nature of carbonated drinks that leads to tooth wear," said author lead Saoirse from College London.

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After bringing down pollution in Delhi by 25%, our next challenge is the crop burning smoke from neighbouring states that increases pollution manifold. And Diwali celebrations should not make pollution levels worse in Delhi. To celebrate Diwali responsibly, the Delhi Government is organizing a spectacular laser show. Come with your family and enjoy the laser show from 26th to 29th October at Central Park, Connaught Place from 6pm onwards. Entry to the event is absolutely free. Come, let's celebrate a smoke-free Diwali with this laser show and do our bit in making this festival pollution free!



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# DELHI SPECIAL

**NEW DELHI TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019** 

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Roger wraps 10th title at Basel, where he started as a ballboy



#### GUIDE TO FORTUNE

Tick the answer and check

Summer Olympic 2020 will be held in which city?

- Beiiing
- Tokyo
- Vancouver

2The Cod Wars were a series of disputes between Britain and which island nation?

- Madagascar ■ Mauritius
- Iceland

Which of the following colours in the rainbow has the shortest electromagnetic wavelength?

■ Violet Yellow

Red

#### SHORT TAKES

#### 24-yr-old falls to death from rooftop

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man allegedly drunk on Diwali night died after falling from the rooftop of a build-ing in West Delhi's Tagore Garden Extension, police said on Monday. Sanjay, a native of Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich district, came to Delhi about 10 months ago and was working as a helper in a restaurant, the police said. He was celebrating Diwali with his group of friends on the rooftop of the building. They had a few drinks and then all of them went to sleep after dinner, a senior police officer said. Later in the night, Sanjay woke up and was urinating but a tap, which he was holding for support, broke and he fell from the rooftop, the officer said. The man landed on a cycle rickshaw with his face down, he said. Sanjay's body was found lying in C-block of Tagore Garden extension this morning, the officer said. A team of forensic experts vis

#### **833 dengue cases** recorded in city

ited the spot and suggested

it to be a case of accidental

fall from height, he said.

New Delhi: With 189 fresh cases last week, the total number of dengue cases crossed the 800-mark this year in the national capital. The number of malaria cases recorded till October 26 has also risen to 574. Of the total 833 dengue cases, 551 were recorded in October, 190 in September, 52 in August, 18 in July, 11 in June, and the rest were registered between January and May. according to the South Delhi **Municipal Corporation** (SDMC), which tabulates the data on vector-borne diseases in the city. Both the Delhi government and the local bodies have been making efforts to raise awareness on precautions to ensure that there is no breeding of mosquito larvae.

#### **Cop jailed for 4 yrs** in bribery case

New Delhi: A trial court here has sentenced a Delhi Police officer to four years in jail for demanding `4 lakh as bribe from a man to exonerate him in a criminal case. Special Judge Santosh Snehi Mann convicted sub-inspector (SI) Dava Ram for the offences under relevant sections of the **Prevention of Corruption Act** and imposed a fine of ₹30,000 on him. "Prosecution has successfully proved beyond reasonable doubts that accused Daya Ram while posted as Sub-inspector at police station Chanakya Puri, a public servant, obtained illegal gratification of ₹50.000 from the complainant as a motive or reward

#### from the criminal case," the court said.

to exonerate the complainant

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# 9 killed in Diwali-related incidents

nine people were killed in fireworks-related incidents, including the gut-ting of houses and shops, on Diwali across the country, while scores of others poured into hospitals with burns, eye injuries and other complaints. However, the decline in

such casualties in the national capital since the Supreme Court imposed restrictions on the sale of firecrackers in 2017 continued.

It was a busy night for the firefighters with the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) alone responding to over 300 calls, including fires at garbage dumps due to bursting crackers, offi-

cials said on Monday.

Major hospitals in the national capital reported lesser number of injuries this Diwali than the previous years.

Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital, which has the largest burn unit in the country, received 62 patients who had suffered Diwali festivities related burn injuries out of which 11 patients were admitted. RML Hospital received 22

patients. All of them had suffered minor burns due to bursting of crackers. None of the patients had to be admitted. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) received only two burn injury cases related to Diwali last night and there were no admissions, a senior official said. Due to pollution con-

cerns, there is a Supreme Court-enforced the twohour window for the bursting of firecrackers. Only green firecrackers, which have 30 per cent fewer emissions, can be burnt. There was a massive fire

at Golbazar vegetable market in Sambalpur where 80 were damaged. Another blaze was reported at Khantapada in Balasore district in which footwear shop was gutted. In Dhenkanal, a gargodown destroyed due to fire

According to Sawai Man Singh Hospital in Jaipur, 498 patients with burns, eye injuries and other comThe decline in fireworks-related casualties in the national capital since the Supreme Court imposed restrictions on the sale of firecrackers in 2017 continued

plaints due to firecrackers arrived in its OPD department out of which 142 were admitted and 108 were emergency cases

In Hyderabad, two hospitals said that they provided treatment to 77 people for eye injuries they sustained while bursting crackers during Diwali celebrations, sources said on Monday.

Diwali revelry took a tragic turn in Kolkata when a five-year-old boy, Adi Das of Haridevpur area, and 40-year-old Deep Kumar Koley of Kasba died when they were hit on the neck by fragments of clay flowerpot crackers in separate incidents, police said.

Three persons were charred to death in a fire at a crackers shop in Chhattisgarh's Kondagaon district, police said.

The incident occurred in Kashi Sen's shop in Makdi village late Sunday night, a local police official said. The dead were identified as Sen and his two friends, Balram Netam and Shivlal Shrimali, who had pitched in to help him due to heavy rush of customers and had stayed at the shop after it closed. Four people were killed in firecrackers related incidents in Odisha.

A person was hacked to death in Bhubaneswar allegedly for bursting fireworks while another person was charred to death in Keonjhar district in a blaze triggered by firecrackers on Sunday night.

Two other persons were killed in an explosion that took place when they were making firecrackers at Snyam Sundarpur Ganjam district.

Sukhdev Monda, a government employee, was charred to death after his house caught fire due to firecrackers that landed on his house.



An aerial view of Connaught Place shrouded in heavy haze post-Diwali celebrations in

## As air quality falls, experts say avoid morning, evening walks

AGE CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

A day after Diwali as the city's air quality plummeted to the 'severe' category on Monday for the first time this season, health experts advised that people must avoid early morning and late evening walks as concentration of pollutants is the highest during this period. They also advised that schools should avoid outdoor assemblies, sports activities, and other physical activities in the early morning hours.

According to Dr Deepak Verma, the expert of internal medicine at the Columbia Asia Hospital, burn injuries and allergic reactions to pollutants cause the maximum number of ailments after Diwali celebrations get

Health experts suggested prioritising cleaning of rooms used for sleeping, using air purifier, and sealing windows to prevent outdoor pollutants from coming inside. They

They also advised that schools should avoid outdoor assemblies, sports activities, and other physical activities in the early morning hours

suggested the use of plants like aloe vera and ivy inside homes for purifying the air.

They also suggested avoiding driving personal cars, scooters, and other motorised vehicles and opt for shared rides or public transportation to work. This will prevent adding to the existing high levels of pollution, they said.

The Integrated Health and Wellbeing Council has launched a movement, 'MakingIndiaBreathe. urging people to rethink about ways of celebration to reduce air pollution.

"Through one of our ini-#MakingIndiaBreathe movement, we are asking people to re-think about responsible ways of celebrations that can reduce

air pollution. Also, we should try reducing the usage of one-time plastic, plug food wastage, and look at ways of eco-friendly immersion of idols. We can celebrate differently to win over the evil of pollution," said the CEO of Integrated Health and Wellbeing Council, Kamal

Dr Sandeep Chadha, the consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Motherhood Hospital, warned that air pollution is particularly harmful to unborn children during pregnancy and it has negative effects on both mother and foetus.

The intake of every 22 micrograms per cubic metre of polluted air is equivalent to smoking a cigarette. So whether the PM2.5 level is 700 or 300 units, the impact is still as bad. People should not get complacent that the air quality has improved, as the improvement is not absolute but only relative. said Dr Arvind Kumar, Ganga Ram Hospital.

# AAP, BJP plotted to grant furlough to Chautala: Cong

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Newly-appointed Delhi president Congress Chopra on Monday the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of being the "B-Team of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)" and alleged the AAP government in Delhi of colluding with the saffron party in granting furlough to Ajay Chautala, who is serving prison term at the Tihar Jail in Delhi.

Ajay Chautala is the father of Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) chief Dushyant Chautala, who has been appointed the deputy chief minister of a BJP-led government in

Addressing a joint press conference with former DPCC (Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee) president and former Delhi minister Arvinder Singh Lovely, DPCC campaign committee chairman Kirti Azad, and ex-MLA Mukesh Sharma, Mr Chopra said that the decision was taken in league with the Kejriwal government as JJP and AAP were allies in the Parliament elections.

Mr Chopra said that without the permission of the home minister of the Delhi government, no fur-lough could have been given to Ajay Chautala.

"The application for furlough would have to be routed through the Delhi home minister and if the AAP government says that it has not given the permission, it is a big lie," he added.

Quoting the Gazette notification, Mr Chopra said: "The inspector general (prisons) shall send for consideration of the government all cases of convicts, who have not availed parole or furlough in the entire calendar year with accordance with the procedure laid down. The government



Subhash Chopra

may consider these cases for grant of parole where they meet the eligibility criteria.'

Mr Chopra said that the AAP government was helping BJP as AAP is the B-Team of the saffron party, otherwise the city government would not have approved the release of Ajay Chautala from prison almost overnight.

Mr Lovely said that to form a BJP government in Haryana, Mr Kejriwal and BJP secretly joined hands to misguide the people as both are two sides of the same coin and have misused the official machinery.

Mr Azad said that both AAP and BJP are playing shadow boxing to mislead the people. He said that the JJP-AAP-BJP combine was hands-in-glove in fooling the people. He also said that if CM had not granted bail to Ajay Chautala, Congress would have formed gov-ernment in Haryana. Without the permission of the home minister of the AAP, Ajay Chautala would not have received

the furlough.

Mr Sharma said that there were 2,000 applications pending for parole for common convicts, but Ajay Chautala was given furlough on a Sunday after he talked to some BJP leaders on the phone at 1.00 am from inside Tinar Jaii

He did wonder how a mobile phone was carried inside the jail for Ajay Chautala to talk to the BJP leaders when the Delhi government.

## 166 held for violating SC order on bursting crackers

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Over 160 people have been arrested in the last 24 hours for bursting firecrackers outside the twohour time-frame set by the Supreme Court, the police said on Monday.

According to the data released by the police, more than 350 cases were registered while 3,500 kg of banned firecrackers was seized by it.

Out of the 371 cases registered, 56 cases were registered for storing and selling illegal firecrackers and 44 people were arrested for the same.

As many as 315 cases have been registered for bursting firecrackers outside the two-hour timeframe set by the Supreme Court and 166 people were arrested for the same.

All the cases were registered in the intervening night of October 27 and 28. "A total of 371 cases were registered (for various vio-

lations), 210 people were arrested, and 3,764.75 kg firecracker was seized on Diwali," the data stated. The police received 940 calls on Diwali for several violations.

The maximum number

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of cases was registered in the Dwarka district while no single case was reported from Outer-North and New Delhi districts on the intervening night Sunday and Monday.

Among the total cases

registered, 75 cases were from Dwarka, 54 from Northeast, 34 from Northeast, 34 from Shahdara, 23 from Rohini, 22 from Northwest, 21 from South, 19 from East, 18 from Southeast, 17 from Central, 56 from West, 13 from Outer, 4 from Southwest, and 15 from North district.

Out of the 210 arrests, 52 arrests were made by the Northeast, 22 by South, 21 by Rohini, 15 by Central, 15 by Northwest, 30 by West, 13 by Southeast, 7 by Outer, 8 by Shahdara, 9 by Dwarka, 5 by Southwest, and 13 by the North district of the Delhi police.

Of the total 3,764.75 kg firecrackers seized, 1321.9 kg was seized in Northeast, 41.8 kg in Central, 118.9 kg in North, 16.2 kg in Northwest, 164.65 kg in South, 38 kg in Dwarka, 118 kg in West, 704.25 kg in Outer, 728 kg in Rohini, 40 kg in Shahdara, 174.85 kg in Southeast, and 298.2 kg in

Southwest district. The Supreme Court had banned polluting fire-crackers in 2018 and ordered that only green ones, which is said to cause 30 per cent less pollution, can be manufactured and sold.

# Free public bus travel for

## women in city from today

in Delhi will get free rides in public buses from Tuesday as the AAP government is all set to fulfil its promise months ahead of the Assembly polls in the national capital. As per the plan, conduc-

tors will distribute pink tickets having face value of ₹10 each to women passengers for free-travel. The government will then reimburse the transporters based on the number of such tickets issued. There are around 3,700 DTC buses and 1,800 buses

New Delhi, Oct 28: Women under the cluster scheme of the Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal System. Transport minister Kailash Gahlot tweeted, "Historic day for Delhi !!! Females will travel free in all Buses from 29.10.19 A notification has been issued.."According to Mr Gahlot, 30 per cent of travellers in DTC and cluster buses are women.

The facility will also be available in Noida-NCR service, airport and other special services operated by the DTC and cluster scheme operators. -PT

#### **3 police impostors duped €47K from French national**

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

A 45-year-old French national was allegedly robbed of 47,000 Euros by three people who posed as cops and frisked him in Karol Bagh here, officials

said on Monday.

According to the police,
Yousef came to Delhi last week for purchasing bridal dresses

"On Sunday evening, while he was on his way back to the hotel on WEA, Channa Market Road, three persons came there in a car and claimed themselves to be police officers They said that they will check the victim whether he has drugs," said a sen-

ior police official. During "frisking", they

During 'frisking' and impersonating as police officers, the accused checked Yousef's passport and took out €47,000 from his purse and ran away in their car

checked Yousef's passport and took out 47,000 Euros from his purse and ran away in their car.

A case under various sections of Indian Penal Code has been registered at Karol Bagh police station, police said.

Footage from CCTV cameras installed in the area is being examined to identify the perpetrators, the senior police officer



Commissioner Amulya Patnaik shakes hand with a policeman deployed on Sunday night-shift at major intersections of the national capital. He also interacted and distributed sweets to the field staffs in the national capital on Sunday.

## JNU students block ambulance for ailing professor during protest

**New Delhi, Oct. 28:** Some students of the Jawaharlal Nehru University on Monday allegedly blocked an ambulance and stopped doctors from meeting an ailing professor on cam-pus, following which authorities threatened to "severe action"

against them. However, the Jawaharlal Nehru Úniversity stu-dents' union (JNUSU) denied indulging in any violence during the

In the morning, a meeting of the inter hostel administration was going on at the convention centre of JNU when some students, who are not members of the IHA committee, "forcibly" entered the

venue, university's registrar Pramod Kumar said. The committee members requested the agitating students to go out and let the meeting continue. But they became more

ganeering loudly. approached menacingly towards the dean of students (DoS)," he said. In this raucous atmos-

aggressive and began slo-

phere, DoS Umesh Kadam fell sick with alarmingly high blood pressure. "But what was most

shocking was a complete heartlessness and insensitivity displayed by the students; they did not allow the ambulance to move towards the hospital for an emergency rescue of Mr Kadam," the registrar

Condemning the incident, JNU Vice-Chancellor M. Jagadesh Kumar posted on Twitter, "The university administration is contemplating on a severe action against some JNU students whose conduct today has been not only unbecoming, but danger-ous and shameful. This

outrageous.' After a lot of effort, when the DoS was shifted into

kind of behaviour by a section of JNU students is highly condemnable and

the ambulance. JNUSU vice president Saket Moon alleged that the vice-chancellor and his people were trying to show the protest in a "negative light".

brother's wedding is more important than a game of cricket,

pulling out of the second T20 against Sri Lanka





It means a lot to contribute to the team and put us in great position

David Warner after hitting his first-ever T201 century in Australia's 134-run win over Sri Lanka in their opening match of the three-game series

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#### **Warner hits ton**

as Oz slam Lanka

Adelaide: David Warner emphatically bounced back to form with a first-ever Twenty20 century as Australia crushed Sri Lanka by 134 runs in their opening match of the three-game series in Adelaide on Sunday. Birthday boy Warner clubbed an unbeaten 100 as he powered Australia to a massive 233 for two, aided by century stands with skipper Aaron Finch and Glenn Maxwell. Sri Lanka limped to 99 for nine from their 20 overs in a meek response, with leg-spinner Adam Zampa capturing three for 14. It was Australia's biggest-ever win in the format and Sri Lanka's heaviest T20 defeat. Coming off a dismal Ashes campaign in England and low scores in the new domestic season, Warner plundered his ton off 56 balls with four sixes and 10 fours. The left-handed opener scored just 95 runs in 10 innings for Australia's Ashes

retention, but once he got set Sunday he pounded the Sri Lankan bowlers with belligerence, and reached his hundred off the last ball of the innings. The ton on his 33rd birthday was complemented by blistering half-centuries from Finch and Maxwell. - AFP

#### It's a fascinating period: Bairstow

London: Jonny Bairstow said that it is a fascinating period to be playing cricket for England as they possess 'very talented guys'. "It's a fascinating period to be playing cricket for England. There's some very, very talented guys that have played a lot of cricket now for England that are all together and have the experience of going through the ups, the downs and everything in between," ESPN Cricinfo quoted Bairstow as saying. In July this year, England won their first-ever World Cup after defeating New Zealand in the final. Many of the players are rested for their upcoming New Zealand tour where England will compete for five T201 matches and two Test matches. Bairstow said that it is the start of their journey towards the T20 World Cup, scheduled to be played next year. "I think it does feel like the

start of that journey towards

the T20 World Cup."

# Garden party

■ Ganguly hopeful of hosting India's first-ever D/N Test at Eden

New Delhi/Kolkata, Oct. 28: BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Monday remained hopeful that Bangladesh will agree to play the first-ever Day/Night Test between the two countries, notwithstanding the neighbours' apprehension about facing the pink ball.

The Test is scheduled to be held at the Eden Gardens from November 22-26. The final outcome of Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) meeting with its senior players will be intimated to the BCCI president by late Monday evening or Tuesday morn-

ing.
"I spoke to the BCB president (Nazmul Hassan). They are agreeable, they wanted to speak to the players. I'm sure it will be a day/night match. They also officially nce it soon. announce it soon. Hopefully, by 10-10:30 pm tonight, we will get a con-

firmation," Ganguly said. BCB's head of cricket operations and former skipper Akram Khan acknowledged that there are practical issues like lack of preparation as far as playing with the pink ball under lights is con-

cerned.
"It's a great initiative but we need to take the players into confidence. If you look at the itinerary, we would probably get two days (November 21, 22) for training with pink ball under lights.

"That's too little time for preparation. The players are meeting the president today. Hopefully, by tonight or tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, a decision will be made,"

Ganguly, on his part, wants a final intimation



Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly.

by Monday night only so that preparation starts in full swing with other

arrangements.
"If we get to know by tonight and then we will go forward with our plans by tomorrow." There are plans to invite India's legendary Olympians like Abhinav Bindra, M C Mary Kom and P V Sindhu and felicitate them for their contribution to the country's Olympic move-

"We want to invite and have plans to felicitate Mary Kom, Sindhu and all (great Olympians). We are just waiting for the BCB's confirmation at the moment. There are also plans to bring in school children, providing them free passes for the game,"

Ganguly said. A lot like Cricket Australia's annual 'Pink Test' (players wear Pink caps) in association with

Foundation awareness about breast Ganguly also the Eden's cancer, wants Day/night Test to be an "annual affair"

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"I want the Eden (Day/Night) to be an annual affair," the president said without elaborating whether its rating whether there would be some charity initiatives taken by the BCCI or the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

### **Dravid to discuss** roadmap for India

**Ganguly to meet** 

New Delhi, Oct. 28: Longtime teammates Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid will recon-nect in Bengaluru on Wednesday as BCCI president and head of National Cricket Academy respectively to discuss the roadmap of Indian cricket's feeder line.

Dravid, who took charge as NCA chief in July, has already drawn a roadmap for the institution and Ganguly is expected to give his inputs when the two former captains meet. The meeting will attended by all the newly elected BCCI office-bearers who

took charge October 30. NCA CEO Tufan Ghosh will also be part of discus-Ganguly and Dravid have been together at a few BCCI technical committee meetings, which the 'Prince of Kolkata' chaired and Dravid attended as India U-19 and A team head coach. For the past few years NCA, which was supposed to be the supply line of Indian cricket, has actually become a rehabilitation centre, which even Ganguly acknowledged after taking over.

Ganguly is expected to be updated on the new NCA project, which is being developed.
"Ganguly and Dravid will be discussing the way forward for NCA and the issues it faces," a BCCI official said.

Many have high expectations from the celebrated duo. — PTI



Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan.

# Pay rise for Bangla players after strike

in Bangladesh's main domestic league will see match payments almost double under a new deal that ended a player strike last week, the sport's rul-ing body said on Monday.

Players in the top-tier of the National Cricket League will receive 60,000 Cricket taka (\$705) instead of 35,000 taka per four-day match, a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) statement said.

Other expenses were also increased as part of the deal, which ended a threeday strike started by players last week.

Payments for the second-tier of the competition were increased to 50,000 Taka. Players had demanded at least 100,000 taka per match when they called the

The action was called off after the BCB accepted most of their demands. The strike had cast doubt on a tour of India starting November 3, but the national squad is now due to leave on Wednesday.

No legal action against Shakib

Meanwhile, Shakib Al Hasan is unlikely to face any legal action from the board Bangladesh's Test and T20 captain will still have to reply to the showcause

notice for violation of central contract clause, CEO Nizamuddin Chowdhury

Shakib had signed as the brand ambassador of country's telecom major 'Grameenphone', which is a direct competitor of team's sponsor 'Robi'.

According to the central contract clause, this is a violation and an angry BCB president Nazmul Hasan Papon had threatened legal action against country's best player. However according to Bangladesh's CEO Bangladesh's CEO Chowdhury has said that no legal action will be taken against Shakib.

"It's an internal matter of the board and that's why there is no need to take any legal action against Shakib. However he cer-tainly has to explain why he signed an endorsement deal which is in violation of central contract," BCB CEO has been quoted by country's leading Bengali daily 'Prothom Aalo'.

Earlier BCB president had lashed out the senior cricketer accusing him of causing financial loss to the cricket board by breaching the central contract clause. "We are going into legal action. We cannot spare anyone in this

## Contract bonanza for first-class players

Kolkata, Oct. 28: BCCI president Sourav Monday hinted that a contract system will soon be in place for the thousands of first-class cricketers in india, providing them a much needed sense of

Ganguly had mentioned that the financial health of domestic cricketers was paramount and he wanted to increase their match fees.

In a move that could be a game-changer for domestic cricketers, the BCCI president wants to bring in a secured struc-

We will bring in a contract system for firstclass cricketers. We will ask the new finance committee to prepare a contract system.

– Souray Ganguly tured payment system just like the annual central contract for the country's top international cricketers.

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(office-bearers) will ask the new finance (sub) committee to prepare a contract system," Ganguly said.

"It's just been four-five days and in between tnere was a Diwaii break. It will take about two weeks to assess everything and move forward. There is a lot of work going on," the BCCI pres-ident said. Currently, a domestic cricketer annually earns around ₹25 to ₹30 lakh depending on

the matches played.
The match fee for a first-class game is ₹35,000 per day(excluding the

daily allowance) and the domestic cricketers get 13 percent distributed amongst them from the gross revenue earned by BCCI through broadcast

However in a big coun try like India, working out modalities for contract system will be a complex ask as every state has different working mechanism. Whether the BCCI draws a broad outline for gradation of the players or instructs the state units to do the same, Ganguly is moving same, Gangury 15 .... in the right direction. — PTI



Papua New Guinea celebrate after qualifying for the 2020 T20 World Cup to be held in Australia.

# PNG make history, qualify for World T20

**Dubai, Oct. 28:** Papua New Guinea will make their first ever appearance at a World Cup after beating Kenya in Dubai on Sunday to book their place at next year's T20 World Cup.
PNG hammered Kenya by

Dubai 45 runs at Dubai International Stadium but had to wait for the result of the Netherlands' game against Scotland before they could celebrate their automatic qualification for tournament Australia next year.

The Dutch beat Scotland by four wickets but failed to knock off the 131 they needed for victory in 12.3 overs which meant that PNG topped the group with a higher net run rate.

■ PNG hammered Kenya by 45 runs at Dubai International Stadium but had to wait for the result of the Netherlands' game against Scotland before they could celebrate.

"I am feeling a little emo-tional," PNG's Australian coach Joe Dawes told the ICC. "It's been a pretty big two years, for them to achieve this is pretty spe-

The former Queensland fast bowler said planning for the World Cup in Australia next year could

"We'll start thinking about that tomorrow. We are just going to enjoy the For them to achieve this is a great thing for us and for the nation.

PNG were facing disaster as they slipped to 19-6 in four overs but Norman Vanua led the recovery,

clubbing 54 from 48 balls

and sharing a seventh wicket partnership of 77 with Ses Bau. Kenya needed to reach the target of 118 in 12 overs to

have any chance of qualifying for the play-offs but the batsmen were unable to get out of first gear. Opener Irfan Karim was the only person to hit a boundary and top-scored

with 29 as Kenya slid to 73

the PNG bowlers with 3-21. Ireland also made sure of a place in the finals in Australia courtesy of results elsewhere going in their favour, with Jersey

defeating Oman on the final day of group-stage action. Jersey made 141-7 and then limited Oman to 127-9 to win by 14 runs.
As well as reaching next

all out. Nosaina Pokana was the most successful of

year's showpiece, both PNG and Ireland will also progress to the semi-finals of the ongoing qualifying tournament, where they play the winners of the two semi-final play-offs.

The first of those will see Netherlands, who finished second in Group A, face UAE as the third-ranked team in Group B. The winner of that match will face Ireland while they will also qualify for the World Cup.

The other semi-final play-off will see Namibia face Oman, after the two finished third in Group A and second in Group B respectively. PNG await the victors, who will also reach the finals in Australia.

Scotland and Hong Kong, who finished fourth in their respective groups, will now take part in the fifth-place play-off semi-finals.

There they will face the

defeated side in each of the semi-final play-offs, with the winner in each match also qualifying for the T20 World Cup.

## There's no better coach than Shastri to guide youngsters



Hemant Kenkre **Silly Point** 

t was towards the end of December of 1992 that I had a chance encounter with some new members of the Indian squad for South was taking Africa. Ι Mumbai lad, Pravin Amre, and a few of his teammates shopping at Flora Fountain in the heart of Mumbai.

A young lad who had not yet played for the country stumped me with a question. "How is Ravi Shastri as a person?" The query was innocent and asked by a non-Bombayite who seemed awed by the dazzling displays at shops trying to out do one another for the festive season. He asked me the question

as there was a general per-ception that the Indian allrounder was aloof and difficult to get along with. Amre had goaded him to ask me since Ravi and I were playing for the same office and club teams then. Having known the current head coach of the Indian team since he played inter-collegiate cricket in the city, my response was honest which was to tell him that with Ravi, you need to play with a straight bat. "You will get what you give" was in

essence my answer. Ravi always enjoyed his time on and off the field. If he partied hard, he played his cricket harder. The moment he wore his flannels and stepped out on the ground, it was a different Ravi. Completely focused on getting the job done. Like most Mumbai cricketers of his age, failure was not part of his vocabulary. Needless to say, he did not care about what people said. He still does not.

When he was dropped from the team touring New Zealand in 1990, Ravi came back to his roots and played domestic cricket. He built his way back up with consistent performances at the club, office and state level. The one season that he



Ravi Shastri

shone brilliantly as a leader of young men was in 1992-93. With Bombay's test cricketers away on national duty, Ravi led a team of young wannabes to win the championship, beating a resurgent Bengal in the final at Wankhede Stadium.

That season, the scare came in the quarter-final against Karnataka who had scored 406 runs in the first innings. In response, Bombay were struggling at 174 with six top batsmen back in the pavilion. The skipper motivated Sairaj Bahutule, batting at number 8 and stitched a 259-run partnership with the young left hander to get Bombay across the line and qualify for the semi-final against

Maharashtra.
That year, Ravi and coach
Karsan Ghavri guided five
cricketers who went on to don national colours. Having covered the season's semi-final and final matches, one saw how Ravi mentored young green-horns on the field, leading by example. He took Bombay, which was struggling to win the title for a few years before 1992-93,

lessons he gave from the trenches taught the youngan option.

Today, when one reads silly messages on the social media and watches memes and pics of Ravi dozing off during a game or enjoying himself while on tour, one cannot help but try and dispel the perception that he is going with the flow of Indian success. Ravi is a self-made cricketer and has taken advantage of all opportunities as they presented themselves. knows what benefits hard work can give.

When India needed an

opener to take on the Pakistan attack led by Imran Khan and Sarfaraz Navaz in 1983, Ravi put his hand up, opened the innings and scored his first Test hundred at Karachi. His 107 runs, coming in at number 3 against the West Indies at Bridgetown, against an attack comprising Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall, Ian Bishop and Courtney Walsh made him respected among equals. Not too bad for a person who made his debut batting at number 10 against New Zealand in

selectors have included young talent like Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube in the squad to play the Twenty20 Bangladesh. There are many youngsters who are trying to find their feet in International cricket in the Test, One Day and T20 teams. Skipper Virat Kohli is having a run of success but has still to mature as a captain as we have seen from his performances in the recent past.

Today, thankfully, the

One does believe that for Virat and the young lads under his wing, there can be no one better and more experienced than Ravi Shastri to show them the way forward. Ravi does not care about what people say, their perceptions and com-ments. His thumb rule is success at all costs and circumstances. He knows that perceptions are not reality and reality can never be a perception.

2006 World Cup winning captain Fabio Cannavaro's future as coach of Chinese club Guangzhou is in doubt after the Italian was ordered to attend an "enterprise culture studies class"

Games





I need to do some more work, especially on the strategy as it has not been that good. - Charles Leclerc, Ferrari driver after finishing fourth at Mexican GP

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#### **Roger pulls out** of Paris Masters

Paris: World number three Roger Federer announced on Monday that he was withdrawing from this week's Paris Masters in order to "pace" him-self for the next year. "I am extremely disappointed to have to pull out of the Paris Masters," he said in a state-

ment. "I have to pace myself since I want to play as long as possible on the ATP Tour. I am sorry for my French fans who I will see next year at Roland Garros," he

added. Tournament director Guy Forget said he was "disappointed" with Federer's late decision to withdraw. The 38-year-old Federer warned on Sunday after winning his 10th Basel title that he may skip the trip to Paris. "My fitness is fine, I'm happy with how I feel. I just don't know if I should play next week. I'll figure it out with the

team," he said. Federer returned to the Paris Masters last year for the first time since 2015 where he lost a three-set semifinal thriller to Novak Djokovic. — AFF

#### **Aussies bank on**

**Barty, Stosur** 

Sydney: World number one Ashleigh Barty and veteran Samantha Stosur spearhead Australia's team announced on Monday for the Fed Cup final against France, as the country targets a first title since 1974. Seven-time champions Australia powered into their

first decider in 26 years by beating Belarus in April, while France booked their berth with victory over Romania. The Western Australia capital Perth hosts the final on hardcourts on November 9-10.

Along with Barty and Stosur, Australian captain Alicia Molik handed a debut to Ajla Tomljanovic, who has spent most of 2019 inside the top 50, hitting a career-high of 39. She effectively replaces the injured

Daria Gavrilova. Young guns Astra Sharma and Priscilla Hon round out the team. France are yet to name their lineup. "We have a lot of experience, and we'll go about our business the same way," said Molik. — AFP

#### **DJOKER STAYS ON TOP OF MEN'S RANKS**

Paris: Italian Matteo Berrettini moved into the Top 10 for the first time in his career when the ATP rankings were released on Monday. The 23-year-old, who reached the semifinals in Vienna last week before losing to eventual winner Dominic Thiem, climbs two places to number nine.

year ago but has climbed steadily in 2019, winning two ATP events in Budapest and Stuttgart and progressing to the semi-finals of the US Open where he lost to Rafael Nadal. He is currently eighth in the Race to London and will secure his place at the year-ending ATP Finals if he reaches the final of this week's Paris

Berrettini was ranked 53 a

Russian Karen Khachanov moves up one place to eight while Kei Nishikori, who has not played since the US Open and underwent surgery on his right elbow last week, slips out of the Top 10, down three places

to 11. Novak Djokovic stays at number one, the 275th week in his career that he holds the top spot, but is set to lose the position next week to Nadal. On the 52-week rolling points system, Diokovic will lose the points he gained in London a year ago in a competition where the Spaniard did not compete. The rankings: 1. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 9,545 pts, 2. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 9,225, 3, Roger Federer (SUI) 6,950, 4.

Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 5,740,

5. Dominic Thiem (AUT) 5,495.

# **TENACIOUS FEDERER**

#### Roger wraps 10th title at Basel, where he started as a ballboy

Basel (Switzerland), Oct. **28:** Roger Federer won his 10th Basel title on Sunday, young Alex De smothering Australian Alex De Minaur 6-2, 6-2 to secure what the Swiss legend described as "an unbelievable" success at the hometown tournament where he used to work as a ball-

The 38-year-old had to control his emotions as he drew a loud and heartfelt standing ovation from his home public during the presentation of his 103rd career trophy.

He is now just six short of the record 109 ATP titles won by American Jimmy Connors.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion said it was as a ballboy at the St Jakobshalle more than two decades ago that he got his first taste of tennis. "Being a ballboy really inspired me. But I cannot believe that I've won here 10 times," he said.

"I never even thought that I would win it once, this has been an unbelievable week for me," he said. Federer's 10 Basel titles ties the 10 he owns from Halle. He has also won Wimbledon eight times.

Sunday's victory was his 75th win in Basel and extended his win streak at his hometown tourna-ment to 24 matches with his last loss at the event coming in the 2013 final to Juan Martin del Potro.

He now owns four titles this season after Dubai, Miami and Halle. With his wife, children

and parents watching, Federer was presented with a metal sculpture depicting a life-sized hand ready to toss a tennis ball in honour of his landmark title. "You don't get to win 10 titles at the same venue very often in a career," said Federer.

"I couldn't be happier that I was able to do it here in Basel. It's been a great week, fans were wonderful, like in other years. I really enjoyed myself being back in Basel. I may have had some good luck (with a quarterfinal walkover against Stan Waw-rinka)," he said. — AFP



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Roger Federer of Switzerland poses with the trophy and ball kids after defeating Australia's Alex De Minaur in the final of the Swiss Indoors ATP500 tennis tournament in Basel on Sunday. Federer won 6-2, 6-2.

# Sweetolina savours key victory

Shenzhen (China), Oct. 28: Defending champion Elina Svitolina continued her dominance over world number two Karolina Pliskova with a straightsets victory at the WTA Finals in China on

Monday.
Opening Purple Group, the eighth seed started her title defence impressively with a 7-6 (14/12), 6-4 win in one hour and 53 minutes at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Centre. It was Svitolina's fourth

misfiring Pliskova who had 42 unforced errors. "I was trying to be ready for her big serve and then take on the second serve,'

straight victory over a

Svitolina said after the "The surface is a little bit slow and I had more it benefited my return," she added.

It was a disappointing result for Pliskova who



Elina Svitolina of Ukraine celebrates after defeating Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic in their WTA Finals match in Shenzhen, China, on Monday.

started well, mixing trademark hard-hitting blows from the baseline with softer touch — including an exquisite drop shot to capture a break in the first game.

But Svitolina slowly clawed her way back into

the match and broke in fourth game as Pliskova's radar went

It was a tense contest extending into a nerve-jangling tiebreaker with Pliskova's bold approach saving six set points, but

she miscued on the seventh as the Ukrainian

finally drew first blood. A frustrated Pliskova was broken immediately to open the second set and never seriously threatened to stage a comeback against an increasingly confident Svitolina.

The 25-year-old is hoping to end a barren season on a high having not captured a title since last year's WTA Finals triumph.

Pliskova, who has a tourleading four titles this season, is making her fourth straight appearance at the round-robin tournament and has reached the semifinals for the past two

Open champion Bianca Andreescu takes Wimbledon winner Simona Halep in the later match in a battle of the past two Grand Slam champions.

Oueen was

"Good evening Mr Bond"

to Ian Fleming's fictional

secret agent 007 James

Bond in her starring role

at the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics, according to a book by her long-standing

The opening ceremony

directed by Oscar-win-

ning film director Danny

Boyle — featured the

British monarch appar-

ently parachuting out of a

helicopter into the stadi-

um with Daniel Craig,

Her dressmaker Angela

Kelly revealed in a book

coming out this week how

about appearing after Boyle asked if she would

at a meeting at Buckingham Palace. "I meeting

asked him and Edward

(Young the Queen's Private Secretary) to give

me five minutes so that I

could ask the Queen," she

Kelly said the monarch

proved very receptive to the idea. "She was very

amused by the idea and agreed immediately. I

asked if she would like a

speaking part. Without hesitation, Her Majesty replied, 'Of course I must

say something. After all, he is coming to rescue me'," said Kelly.

Kelly, 61, then asked the

Queen which of two lines

she would like to say. "I

asked whether she would

like to say, 'Good evening,

James' or 'Good evening,

Mr Bond' and she chose

the latter, knowing the Bond films," said Kelly. "Within minutes, I was back in Edward's office

delivering the good news

she approached the Queen

who plays James Bond.

dressmaker.

# Mbappe & Icardi score twice each

Paris, Oct. 28: Mauro Icardi and Kylian Mbappe both scored twice as Paris Saint-Germain demolished their old rivals Marseille 4-0 on Sunday in a game that fur-ther laid bare the gulf that exists between the sides and allowed the reigning champions to extend their lead at the top of Ligue 1.

Icardi scored twice in the first 26 minutes at the Parc des Princes and Mbappe, on his return to the starting line-up after a recent struggle with injury, added a brace of his own before the interval against Andre Villas-Boas's hapless visitors in the 'Classique'.

Again preferred to alltime club record goal-scorer Edinson Cavani in attack, on-loan Inter Milan striker Icardi now has seven goals in PSG's last five games.

Mbappe, scorer of a hat-trick in the 5-0 win at Club Brugge in the Champions League in midweek, has six in his last three matches — he scored a hat-trick as a substitute in Belgium before starting here for the

first time in two months.

PSG are eight points clear already at the top of Ligue 1, with this win coming after second-placed Nantes lost 1-0 at home to Monaco on Friday.

Another league already looks inevitable, with Thomas Tuchel's team once more far too strong for one of the clubs seen as their most likely challengers at the beginning of the campaign.

PSG were again without the injured Neymar, while Idrissa Gueye — their most impressive midfielder this season - was also sidelined. There remains much hype around this fixture in France as it brings together the country's two bestsupported clubs.

#### Gladbach are back in the lead

Berlin, Oct. 28: Borussia Moenchengladbach regained their Bundesliga lead on Sunday with a 4-2 win over Eintracht Frankfurt as the five-times German champions bounced back from last week's defeat at Borussia Dortmund.

Marcus Thuram scored in the 28th minute, capitalising on an urgent counter attack which has become typical of his side under the leadership of Marco Rose.

Oscar Wendt added a second in first half injury time, pouncing on a poor defensive error from Frankfurt's Martin Hinteregger.

Danny Da Costa's 59thminute goal brought Frankfurt back into the match, with the visitors dominant until Nico Elvedi silenced the away fans with a superb headed goal against the run of

Hinteregger and Denis Zakaria added one goal a piece for each team in the dying stages, with the home side holding on to a comfortable advantage. The win lifts them onto

19 points, one ahead of Bayern Munich, while Frankfurt are back in

'Gladbach coach Rose said that his side's lofty standing was no fluke.

"We deserved to win. We consistently tried to build pressure and be brave in pushing for more goals,"

-AFP



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain dons a Mexican Charro hat as he celebrates his victory in the Formula One Mexico Grand Prix at the Hermanos

#### keen on Rodriguez racetrack in Mexico City on Sunday. Bond's line Hamilton cruises London, Oct. 28: Queen Elizabeth II insisted on delivering the iconic line

at Mexican GP Mexico City, Oct. 28: Lewis Hamilton drove to a near-flawless victory, but not yet a sixth drivers' world championship on Sunday when he claimed his 10th

Grand Prix. The defending five-time title-winner produced the measured drive of a champion-elect to claim a welljudged triumph ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas who kept his own title bid alive for another week by finish-

ing third. Charles Leclerc, who started on pole position in the second Ferrari, finished fourth ahead of Red Bull's Alex Albon and Max Verstappen, who stormed through the field after an

early pit stop, and local hero Sergio Perez of Racing Point.

Hamilton's victory was only his second since Formula One's European win of the season for Mercedes at the Mexican summer break in August, his second in Mexico and the 83rd of his career, but it was also Mercedes' 100th victory in F1 and extended

> ishes to 30 races. He now looks certain to clinch his sixth title at next weekend's United States Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, where he will need just four points.

his run points-scoring fin-

After winning his last two titles in Mexico without even finishing on the podium, it was ironic for Hamilton to win but know he has to wait for a sixth coronation.

#### **ASHWA JOSHILA TIPPED FOR DELHI FEATURE RACE**

AGE CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Joshila favourite to win the Indian Air Force Plate Div-I, the feature event at the Delhi races on Wednesday. The first race

will begin at 2.15 pm. **SELECTIONS** 

1st race: The Sukhoi Plate (1100 mts)

1. Talented, 2. Sterling Pound, 3. Master Wood

2nd race: The Indian Air

Force Plate Div-I (1100 mts)
1. Ashwa Joshila, 2. Mr

1. Ashwa Rozara, 2. Rosy Picture, 3. Fly Away

Stunning, 3. Gleneagles

Deluxe, 3. Miss Zachary

Shao, 3. Miss Blue Fairy

(1200 mts)

3rd race: The Indian Air

Force Plate Div-II (1100 mts)

4th race: The Jaguar Plate

5th race: The Battle For

Honour Plate (1400 mts)

Conquering Bid, 2. Aaao

6th race: The Air Head Quarters Plate (1100 mts) 1. Treasure, 2. Miss Glorious, 3. Race Ka Raja

Day's best: Ashwa Sikkander

# Thunder strikes Warriors

Los Angeles, Oct. 28: The Golden State Warriors suffered their second mauling of the season on Sunday, crashing to a 92-120 defeat against a rampant Oklahoma City Thunder.

As Americans began gearing up to celebrate Halloween, Warriors coach Steve Kerr was left digesting another horror story from his depleted

The Warriors had been routed emphatically 141-122 by the Los Angeles Clippers in their season opener on Thursday.

But that defeat was surpassed on Sunday as the Thunder outplayed the Warriors in every department to win by 28 points.

"In the first half we didn't come out ready to play and Oklahoma City just took it to us right from the beginning," a dejected Kerr said afterwards.

"I was really pleased with the effort of everyone in the second half. But we needed to start the game with that kind of attention to detail. I mean we had 12 turnovers in the first half. We were throwing the ball all over the yard and our defence was breaking down," he

The Warriors ragged first-half performance saw them in trouble from the outset, quickly falling behind 20-35 by the end of the first quarter. half-time,

Thunder had opened up a monstrous 70-37 lead, all but guaranteeing victory for coach Billy Donovan's

Dennis Schroder led the scoring from the bench for OKC, finishing with 22 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Four other Thunder players made double figures, with power forward Danilo Gallinari adding and points Gilgeous-Alexander fin-



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Dennis Schroder (17) shoots in front of Golden State Warriors forward Eric Paschall (7) during their NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City Sunday. Thunder won the game 120-92.

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Golden State responded with 23 points from star player **Stephen Curry but their** offense was all too often bullied by the Oklahoma Thunder defenders.

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he saw signs of improvement in the second half, describing it as a major step forward. "I know that sounds crazy because we lost by however many points it was, but we're looking for incremental improvement and I saw some of that in the second half," Kerr said.

Nevertheless Kerr said

The reached the NBA Finals for the past five seasons, winning three of them.

However Kerr warned after Thursday's loss to the Clippers that the franchise would need to adjust to a new "reality" as they attempt to manage a period of transition that saw Kevin Durant leave in the summer. The Warriors are also

missing Klay Thompson,

who suffered a knee

injury during the NBA

Warriors have Finals last season that is expected to keep him sidelined for the rest of the campaign.

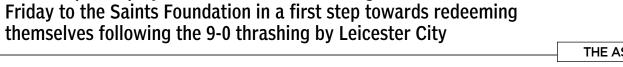
Elsewhere, Anthony Davis tallied 29 points and 14 rebounds, and Dwight Howard added 16 points in the Los Angeles Lakers 120-101 win over the Charlotte Hornets.

LeBron James had 20 points and 12 assists for Los Angeles, who won their second straight

to Danny — I think he almost fell off his chair," Kelly said.

Games

THE ASIAN AGE



Southampton's players are to donate their wages from last



Incredibly happy for @TigerWoods and for game of golf — on his 82nd @PGATOUR win

— Jack Nicklaus,

SHORT TAKES

#### **Joshna in Worlds** pre-quarterfinals

Cairo: India's leading squash player Joshna Chinappa moved into the pre-quarterfinals of the CIB PSA Women's World Championship with a comfortable win over Hong Kong's Ho Tze-Lok here.

Joshna, ranked 12th in the world, is set to play second seed Nour El Sherbini of Egypt in the round of 16 late on Monday night. The 12th seeded Indian had to be on the court for just 12 min-

utes before her second round opponent Tze-Lok conceded the tie because of injury. Joshna, who was leading 11-5, 11-4, was declared the winner. In the men's Egyptian Open, being held simultaneously, Saurav Ghosal, who made it to the third round beating Tsz Fung Yip 11-9, 11-5, 11-4, fell to Egyptian Fares Dessouky in straight games. The unseeded

Liverpool's

Mohamed

celebrates

with Jordan

Henderson

Tottenham

after scoring

Salah (right)

#### **Sharvan seeded** 2nd at U-23 Worlds

Dessouky won 11-6, 11-5, 11-5.

**Budapest:** Junior Asian Championship gold medallist Sharvan has received the second seeding in 65kg as he starts India's campaign at the UWW Under-23 World Championships here on Monday.

Sharvan, who remains one of

India's key medal hopes, will take on the top seed Rifat Saibotalov of Kazakhstan for a place in the quarter-finals. Besides him, Akash Antil is the only other Indian wrestler who starts in the pre-quarter-finals after having been seeded ninth in 97kg. Three more Indians will be in action in the qualifiers on the first day of the champi-onships. In 57kg, 15th seeded Naveen meets the 16th seeded Ahmet Duman of Turkey while his namesake in 70kg also seeded 15th, takes on Russia's 16th seed Chermen Valiev Former World Junior World Championships bronze medallist Veer Dev Gulia, seeded 18th has Hungary's 17th seed Botond

#### **UPHILL TASK FOR HYDERABAD IN JAMSHEDPUR**

Lukacs first up. - PTI

Jamshedpur: Jamshedpur FC will look to make it two wins in a row when they host a deplet-ed Hyderabad FC in a Hero Indian Super League clash here on Tuesday.

The visitors, playing their debut season, come into the match on the back of a 0-5 drubbing at the hands of ATK. On the other hand, Jamshedpur

FC showed character and determination in a 2-1 win against Odisha FC, courtesy a late winner from Sergio Gastel, despite playing with 10 men for

more than 50 minutes. Head coach Antonio Iriondo had to adjust his tactics after Bikash Jairu's red card and wait for their opportunities. However, against Hyderabad FC at the JRD Tata Sports

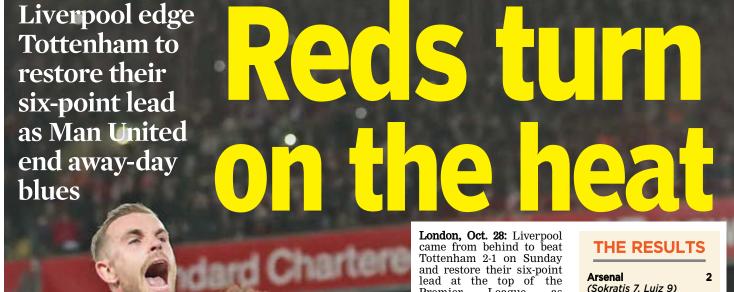
Complex, they will look to control proceedings from the opening whistle.

Piti, the experienced 38-yearold, will don the role of a playmaker and set the tempo for the team from the middle of the park. All eyes will be on Castel who has already made an impression in the opening

Hyderabad have to cope with injuries to key players like Bobo, Giles Barnes, Rafael Gomez and Ashish Rai. In addition, Spanish midfielder Nestor Gordillo is still under suspension which means Brown's

options are limited. "We don't have too many quality players, we have Bobo who has an injury, Nestor who is suspended. The list of injuries to key players is fairly lengthy. We will be organised and hardworking and we know what Jamshedpur can provide," he

Jamshedpur will be hopeful of a win against a team that has been plagued with injuries. Hyderabad will look to frustrate the home team and fashion a positive result. — PTI



and restore their six-point lead at the top of the Premier League as Manchester United finally remembered how to win on the road. Elsewhere, Arsenal squandered a 2-0 lead at

home to Crystal Palace to draw 2-2 in a match marred by an angry exchange between Granit Xhaka and the home fans while 10-man Newcastle held on to draw with Wolves.
Liverpool saw their commanding eightpoint lead cut to six after their draw at Old

Trafford last week and Manchester City cranked up the pressure on Saturday by beating Aston Jurgen Klopp's side were put under further pressure after Spurs made a

stunning start at Anfield, snatching the lead inside the opening Heung-min close range. burst forward and tried his luck from the edge of the area. His shot

took a deflec-

rebounded off

the bar to

Kane, who calmly headed

in, silencing the

Liverpool

piled on the

pressure

Paulo

home crowd.

on Sadio Mane.

Mohamed Salah fired into the bottom corner from the spot — the 50th Anfield goal of his Liverpool career — to complete the turnaround

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Manchester United swept Norwich aside 3-1 Carrow Road to record their first away win in the Premier League since February despite failing to convert two penalties.
Scott McTominay gave

United the lead midway thought the first half and Marcus Rashford made it 2-0 on the half-hour after failing to score from the penal-The win lifts United to seventh in the table.

(Sokratis 7, Luiz 9)
Crystal Palace (Milivojevic 32-pen, Ayew

Liverpool (Henderson 52, Salah 75pen) Tottenham (Kane 1)

Newcastle (Lascelles 37) Wolves (Jonny 73)

Norwich (Hernandez 88) **Manchester United** (McTominay 21, Rashford 30, Martial 73)

Gazzaniga kept the marauding attackers at bay.

The home side finally claimed an equaliser in the 52nd minute when Jordan Henderson finished coolly, shooting across goal from

And Liverpool took the lead in the 75th minute after referee Anthony Taylor awarded a penalty for a foul by Serge Aurier

and leave Spurs languishing in 11th place in the Premier League table.

men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's best efforts went in vain as they lost to top seeds Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo of Indonesia in the final of the French Open Super 750 The duo suffered a 18-21,

Paris, Oct. 28: The Indian

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Satwik, Chirag

16-21 loss to Marcus and Kevin, who are enjoying their 121st week as world number one. Satwik and Chirag had come into the match with a 0-6 head-tohead record against the Indonesian pair and it has

now become 0-7.
Satwik and Chirag, who had won their maiden Super 500 title at the Thailand Open in August, looked a bit nervy in the 35-

minute final.

Despite the loss, the duo's effort is commendable as this is the first time an Indian men's doubles pair has reached a World Tour 750 final. Partho Ganguli and Vikram Singh Bisht were the last all-Indian pair to win the French Open in 1983.

In singles, Kidambi Srikanth had won the men's title in 2017, while Saina Nehwal was the only other Indian to make it to the women's final in 2012.

Satwik and Chirag looked rusty in the match and didn't have a good start as the world No. 1 Indonesian pair moved to a huge 7-1 lead. The World No. 11 Indian pair had an impressive week as they shocked reigning world champions Mohammad Ahsan and

falter in final

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Tour 750 final Hendra Setiawan, before scripting stunning wins over World No. 8 Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen and World No. 6 Hiroyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe.

"We made mistakes today. We should have slowed down the game. It was not nerves, may be if we could have won the first game, things could have been different," Chirag said.

#### SAINA, LAKSHYA EYE TITLE IN GERMANY

In Saarbrucken, Germany, Saina Nehwal and Lakshya Sen will look to put their best foot forward when they spearhead the Indian challenge at the Saarlorlux Open super tour 100 tourbeginning on Tuesday.

London Olympic bronze medallist Saina, who had claimed the Indonesia Masters in January before going through a tough phase, will hope o grab another title to boost her confidence when she opens against Germany's Fabienne Deprez.

Lakshya, meanwhile, will look to grab his third title of the season after having claimed crowns at the Belgian international and Dutch Open.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (left) and Chirag Shetty

# Granada continue Liga fairytale with Betis win

Madrid, Oct. 28: Granada Sunday with a 1-0 victory over Real Betis that continues a magical start to the season while Sevilla and Real Sociedad joined a group of four teams just a point behind the surprise leaders. Alvaro Vadillo's smart

finish in the 61st minute was enough to give Granada a sixth win of the season and take advantage of Barcelona not playing this week to take first place, while fel-low Andalusians Betis stay in the relegation

The win was also their third in their last four matches, all of which have been single-goal

The four sides trailing Granada are led by Barca, who did not play this weekend after their 'El Clasico' against Real Madrid was postponed amid mass protests in

Catalonia. Real Sociedad meanwhile are third after winning 1-0 at Celta Vigo earlier on Sunday thanks to Swedish substitute Alexander Isak scoring the only goal with eight minutes left.

Sevilla joined the pair and Atletico Madrid, who are in fourth after beating Athletic Bilbao 2-0 on Šaturday night, on 19 points thanks to a 2-0 home win over Getafe.

Javier Hernandez got the ball rolling in the 69th minute with his first league goal for his new club when he latched on to Franco Vazquez's through ball and slammed home a powerful finish.



#### **ATALANTA RUN RIOT TO CLOSE IN ON JUVENTUS**

Milan, Oct. 28: Luis Muriel hit a hat-trick as Atalanta put their midweek Champions League humiliation behind them with a crushing 7-1 win over 10-man Udinese on Sunday that moved them to within three points of Serie A leaders Juventus.

Gian Piero Gasperini's side consolidated third place with 20 points from nine games, two adrift of second-placed Inter Milan and three ahead of Napoli, who were held 1-1 at lowly SPAL Defending champions Juve stay top despite draw-

ing 1-1 at Lecce on Saturday thanks to Antonio

Conte's Inter also collecting just a point with their 2-2 draw with Parma. Roma moved up to fifth, one point behind Napoli, with Edin Dzeko scoring and setting up Nicolo Zaniolo for the winner in a 2-1 victory that plunged AC Milan further into crisis.

## TIGER OUT OF WOODS US golfer equals Snead's 54-yr-old record for USPGA Tour

— AFP

wins in his first outing since his knee surgery 2 months ago Inzai (Japan), Oct. 28: Tiger Mzai (Japan), Oct. 28: Tiger Woods made golf history Monday when he won the Zozo Championship in Japan for his 82nd US PGA Tour victory — equalling Sam Snead's 54-year-old

long list of achievements. The 15-time major winner held off the challenge of home favourite Hideki Matsuyama to win by three shots at the weather-delayed tournament, his first outing since arthroscopic left knee surgery in August.

record and adding to his

Woods broke into a huge smile after he birdied the 18th to complete a three-under final round of 67 and finish 19-under par at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club.

"It's just crazy. It's a lot," the 43-year-old Woods said of his 82nd official PGA Tour victory. His first came 23 years ago this month in Las Vegas, when he was 20. "It's been a long week, five days at the top of the board

is a long time. It was defi-nitely stressful," said Woods, who pocketed a cheque for £1.755 million.

Woods led from gun to tape in the inaugural US PGA Tour event in Japan, which saw Friday's play washed out by the fringes of typhoon that dumped almost 10 inches (25cm) of rain on the course 50 miles (80km) from Tokyo, forcing play into an extra day. "Ĭť's about consistency

and doing it for a long period of time," Woods said of tying Snead, who died in 2002 four days before his 90th birthday. "Sam did it into his fifties

and I'm in my early to mid-

forties. I've been very fortu-

nate to have had the career

I've had so far." US PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan was watching at home in the US. "It was just moments," he said.



"He doesn't fancy ties too much. So he's already on to: 'How do I get to 83?' Woods said it was "cool" that, with the addition of his latest title in Japan, he

**FACTFILE** 

Turned Professional:

US PGA Tour wins: 82 Major victories: 15 US Masters: 1997, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2019

US Open: 2000, 2002, The Open Championship: 2000, 2005, 2006

US PGA Championship: 1999, 2000, 2006, 2007 US PGA Tour Player of the Year awards: 11 - 1997, 1999-2003,2005-2007, 2009, 2012007, 2009

PGA Tour Money Leader: 10 (1997, 1999-2002, 2005-2007, 2009,

FedEx Cup playoffs winner: 2 (2007, 2009) World number one for record 683 weeks

had now won US PGA Tour events in seven different

'I've always been a global player, I've always played all around the world and to tie the record outside the United States is pretty cool," Woods told reporters. Woods resumed his final round, suspended due to darkness on Sunday, at 7:30 am on the long par-12th but saw his overnight threeshot cushion Matsuyama immediately

cut to two. Matsuyama inexplicably spurned an easy opportunity to reduce the deficit to one as he missed a four-foot birdie putt on 14, but Woods made no mistake on the same green from 20 feet.