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# Slashing growth estimate, RBI cuts key rate by 25 bps to nine-year low

Growth forecast for full year down from 6.9% to 6.1%

**GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

SLASHING THE growth estimate to 6.1% for 2019-20 from the 6.9% forecast in August, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Friday reduced its key policy rate by 25 basis points noting that the "continuing slowdown warrants intensified efforts to restore the growth momentum". The reporate — the rate at which RBI lends money to banks – now stands at 5.15%, and is the lowest since March 2010.

The benchmark Sensex



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das with his deputies in Mumbai on Friday. Ganesh Shirsekar

slumped by 434 points to 37,673.31, reacting to RBI's biggerthan-expected 80 basis points cut in the GDP growth forecast.

Recommending the fifth consecutive rate cut — cumulatively

135 points — in calendar year 2019, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee has maintained it would continue with the "accommodative stance" as long as **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

Optimism to concern: Between April-Oct, how RBI downgraded RBI

**SANDEEP SINGH** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 4

A RE-READING of the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy statements over the last six months shows the central banker has downgraded the GDP growth projection for 2019-20 by more

than a full percentage point from 7.2% in April to 6.1% now. Its commentary on the state

of the economy and its outlook too has qualitatively changed from being "optimistic" in April to expressing "concerns" in August and calling for "intensi-

> fied efforts to restore the growth momentum" in October.

Paring down the GDP growth forecast for the current financial year by 80 basis points

to 6.1% on Friday from 6.9% in August, the RBI's Monetary CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

### CHIEF COMMISSIONER, MUMBAI TO FM

# 'Tax chief told me to drop sensitive case, said he was secure after acting against Opp leader'

CBDT chief Mody gets extension after complaint, complainant moved out

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN & **RITU SARIN** 

MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

CHAIRMAN of the Central Board of Taxes Pramod Chandra Mody gave a "shocking" directive to bury a "sensitive case" and claimed that he had "secured" his position at the top because of a "successful search" action against an Opposition leader.

This is the key allegation in an unprecedented complaint against the nation's top tax administrator by Alka Tyagi, who was Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (Unit 2) in Mumbai when she sent her complaint to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on June 21, less than a month after the new government was sworn in.

Tyagi's nine-page complaint, reviewed by The Indian Express, alleges "tremendous pressure" from Mody. An almost identical complaint has been sent by her to the Prime Minister's Office, Central Vigilance Commission and the Cabinet Secretary, sources confirmed. As reported by *The Indian* 

Express earlier this month, a break-in was reported by Tyagi in her office and she had submitted a written complaint about this to her senior, Principal Chief Commissioner S K Gupta. Tyagi, an IRS officer of the

1984 batch, has alleged that an

old vigilance case against her, which Mody had himself later

Mody's tenure for a year. And on Thursday, Tyagi her

#### comment, but an official said since there was no Vigilance angle, complaint was kept in CVC records.

**NO COMMENT** 

■ When contacted by

Tyagi said she had no

■ A questionnaire on

Tyagi's allegations was

The Indian Express,

knowledge of any

sent to CBDT chief

unavailable for

Union Finance

Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman was

Kumar declined

■ Interim CVC Sharad

unavailable for

comment.

comment.

PC Mody but he was

complaint.

disposed of and in which she was given an all-clear, was recalled by Mody and is being used as a "weapon of blackmail" to stall her posting. Two months after this com-

plaint, the government extended

self, due for a posting as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, was moved out to the National Academy of Direct Taxes in Nagpur as Principal **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

# admits 'big mistake': Chopper hit by our own missile in Feb MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA

IAF's new chief

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 4

AIR CHIEF Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria said on Friday that the shooting down of an MI-17 helicopter in Jammu and Kashmir in February was a "big mistake", and the Indian Air Force (IAF) was taking disciplinary action against two officers responsible for the action. Seven persons — all six IAF personnel on board the chopper and a civilian on the ground — were killed in the incident. "It has been established that

the helicopter was hit by our own missile. We have already taken administrative action. Disciplinary action is being taken against two officers. We admit that it was a big mistake and necessary steps have been taken so that such an incident does not



IAF Chief RKS Bhadauria in **New Delhi.** Prem Nath Pandey

recur," said Bhadauria, who took charge as IAF Chief on Monday. Bhadauria was addressing a press conference in New Delhi, ahead of the October 8 Air Force

Day celebrations. The MI-17 helicopter was shot down by a surface-to-air missile in Budgam on February 27, when Indian and Pakistani fighter jets were engaged in an

aerial combat in Nowshera, a day **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 



LINING UP IN J&K

At an Army recruitment rally on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday. PTI

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**EXPLAINED** 



**WHY MONSOON ISN'T OVER YET** 

# Navlakha has arrest shield till Oct 15, SC calls for probe papers

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

EXTENDING THE interim protection from arrest granted to rights activist Gautam Navlakha, the Supreme Court Friday directed the Maharashtra government to produce the material it had collected against him while investigating the FIR naming him, among others, for the Elgaar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon violence in Pune last year.

The bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta said the matter required detailed hearing. It fixed October 15 for hearing Navlakha's petition challenging the Bombay High Court's rejection of his plea to quash the



**Booked for** Bhima Koregaon violence

FIR. It said the protection granted to him by the Bombay High Court will continue till then, although this was opposed by advocate Nishant Katneshwarkar who appeared for Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, sources in the Supreme Court said that on October 1, when Navlakha's matter was taken up by a threejudge bench comprising Justices N V Ramana, R Subhash Reddy and BR Gavai, only Justice Gavai **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

# Bombay HC clears Metro depot at Aarey, felling of trees begins

**SAILEE DHAYALKAR** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

THE BOMBAY High Court Friday dismissed a petition challenging the decision of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's Tree Authority to allow felling of 2,185 trees, and transplantation of 460, on a 33-hectare land at Aarey for the construction of a Metro Line 3 rake depot.

The bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice Bharati H Dangre also dismissed a petition by NGO Vanashakti, seeking to declare Aarey a forest, and said the petitioner should file an application before the Supreme Court in view of the T N Godavarman case — the 1996 landmark ruling on defining forests and their protection.

Following the High Court or-

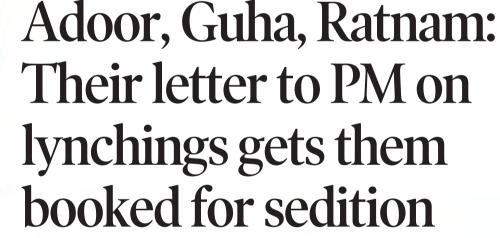


**Protests broke out at the site on Friday night.** Amit Chakravarty

der, the felling of trees began late Friday night. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) has said only 2 per cent of Aarey land

is going to be used for the project. Referring to environmentalists as "Davids" who "take on industrial Goliaths", the bench said: "Their hearts are a temple of devotion to flora and fauna. In the instant case, the Davids row their boat with faith, courage and devotion in the storm of

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**SANTOSH SINGH** 

PATNA, OCTOBER 4

MORE THAN two months after 49 eminent personalities spanning various fields wrote an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on lynchings across the country, the Bihar police have booked all the signatories of the letter on the charges of sedition, public nuisance and breach of peace.

The FIR, which names Shyam Benegal, Adoor Gopalkrishnan, Ramachandra Guha, Mani Ratnam, Shubha Mudgal, Aparna Sen, Konkana Sen and Anurag Kashyap among the 49, was filed on orders from a Muzaffarpur court in response to a complaint.

Local lawyer Sudhir Kumar Ojha had filed the complaint before the Muzaffarpur chief judicial magistrate on July 27, alleging that these famous personalities had tried to "tarnish the image of the country and undermine the impressive per-



Guha and Ratnam among 49 signatories; Bihar police file FIR after complaint in Muzaffarpur

formance of the prime minister" besides "supporting secessionist tendencies".

The Muzaffarpur court had asked the Sadar police station to file an FIR on September 18 and submit a compliance report by

November 11. Following the FIR, the Congress targeted the Bihar gov-

ernment and alleged that India is becoming an authoritarian state. "Everybody knows what is going on in the country. It is not a secret. In fact, the whole world

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# TikTok Ticket: With her 6.5 lakh likes, BJP targets Bhajan Lal bastion

**SUKHBIR SIWACH** CHANDIGARH. OCTOBER 4

FOR 52 years, the family of former state Congress chief minister Bhajan Lal has ruled the constituency of Adampur in Haryana's Hisar district, not losing a single election. In the elections later this month too Bhajan Lal's son, Kuldeep Bishnoi, is the Congress candi-

But this time, the BJP has a plan. Enter 40-year-old Sonali Phogat, the party's vice president of the state women's wing and Hisar zonal director of Haryana

Kala Parishad. And with nearly 1.4 lakh followers and 6.5 lakh 'likes' on the popular shortformat video app, TikTok, Phogat is also an Internet sensation.

She is confident of pulling off an upset. Giving the example of the BJP, which unseated the Congress in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, she said: "The Congress ruled for years before BJP formed the government in the country. The same thing is going to happen in Adampur."

Phogat lives in Hisar and has worked in a few TV serials in a 20-year acting career. But she admits it's taken a back seat after she joined the BJP. "I had



started working for the BJP 12 years ago but I did not lose interest in acting. I get the opportunity of shooting for films and (TV) serials occasionally," she said in Hisar after filing her nomination papers.

"I keep going to Mumbai. But I am full-time in politics and social service. This (TikTok) App impressed me a lot. My interest in songs and acting inspired me



Is vice-president of BJP women's wing in Haryana. TikTok

to be active on TikTok."

Sources close to Sonali said that her followers on TikTok have only increased in the days since the BJP nominated her to the Adampur seat.

She said she joined politics after observing the success of BJP leader former Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan. "I met her (Sumitra Mahajan) when I was in acting. I took inspiration from her life to become an MP one day. I thought to work for the people of my constituency like her. I thought to earn a reputation like her in Indore. I found a good way in BJP and I joined it," she said.

bouring Fatehabad district, she was married to Sanjay Phogat, who died a few years ago. As per her election affidavit, she has declared cash of Rs 5.38 lakh as annual income in her Income Tax returns for 2018-19 and she has Rs 12.5 lakh "cash in hand". She also declared a little over six acres of land, a flat in Noida and a plot in Gangwa village of Hisar

From a village in the neigh-

district. Her profession, she states, is "actress, agriculturist and others". She has disclosed moveable and immovable property of Rs 2.73 crore.

Phogat claims Kuldeep

good politician or a politician of masses". But she did appreciate the work of his father Bhajan Lal But Bishnoi claimed otherwise. "Had a political figure been

Bishnoi "could not become a

fielded against me, it would have been an interesting poll battle. But she (Sonali) does not have knowledge of Adampur constituency. She doesn't even know the names of villages. I will win comfortably from here," he said.

In 2014, Bishnoi, then with the Haryana Janhit Congress, (HJC), had won the election. Two years later, he merged his party with the Congress.

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#### NO. KUMARTULI'S DURGA IDOLS ARE NOT ALWAYS MADE BY MEN

The art of clay idol-making in Kolkata is more than 250 years old and it has traditionally centred around Kumartuli, a neighbourhood named after the artisans who live there. The clay idols of Hindu deities made here are worshipped during the autumn festival of Durga Puja

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**



**RAHUL GANDHION** INDIAN ECONOMY

At Wayanad, Gandhi attacked the BJP govt on unemployment

growth".

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**SHOOTING DOWN MI-17** WAS BIG MISTAKE'

IAF chief Bhadauria said Air Force has achieved many key milestones

# **EXPRESS** Rohit Sharma, off

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the field

In this episode of the Express Sports, we look at what makes Rohit Sharma stand out from rest of his team and what he is really like off the field.

# **UP:** Farmer dies in lock-up; tehsildar removed, probe on

**ASAD REHMAN** LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 4

A TEHSILDAR in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun district was removed from his post Friday, a day after the death of a 40-year-old farmer in the lock-up of Sahaswan Tehsil.

Tehsildar Dhirendra Kumar claimed that the farmer, Brijpal, complained of stomach ache and uneasiness and died on the way to the district hospital, but the farmer's family alleged that he was tortured and that led to his death. Brijpal had been in the lock-up

for the last 11 days after he failed to pay a fine of Rs 81,947 for alleged power theft last year. If he failed for pay the fine within 14 days of detention, the administration would have released him, and the fine would have been recovered by attaching his assets.

Tehsildar Kumar said Brijpal was taken into custody after he failed to pay dues to Power Department. "A Recovery Certificate was issued in the name of Brijpal ...he was in the lock-up since September 23. On Thursday night, he complained of uneasiness and stomach ache and we rushed him to Community Health Centre, Sahaswan. He was referred to the district hospital. He died on the way." Brijpal's brother Mahesh al-

leged that the farmer was incorrectly sent the Recovery Certificate. "He was innocent. The claim by the officials that he had dues is

**MILIND GHATWAI** 

BHOPAL, OCTOBER 4

A PLAY performed in a Jabalpur

school, in which Mahatma Gan-

dhi's assassin Nathuram Godse

was in the RSS uniform, has dra-

wn the wrath of the organisation,

which has approached the police.

Senior Secondary School, Jabalpur,

staged a short play on the occa-

sion of Gandhi's 150th birth an-

niversary on Wednesday. In it was

a scene in which a boy wearing

the RSS uniform was pointing a

pistol at another boy, who was

tified himself as an RSS worker,

approached Lordganj Police Sta-

tion with a complaint that the play

defamed the RSS. The complaint

said that neither was Godse asso-

ciated with the organisation, nor

did the organisation have any-

Centre nod to Rs 1,800 cr

for Bihar, Karnataka

FLOOD RELIEF

Yatindra Upadhyay, who iden-

dressed as the Mahatma.

Students of Small Wonders

School play shows Godse

in RSS uniform, sparks row

false. The Recovery Certificate carries a wrong name. It reads Brijpal, son of Omkar, whereas our father's name was Ompal. The man who was actually involved in the power theft left the village and the department slapped the fine in my brother's name," he said.

Mahesh accused the tehsildar and his staff of torturing his brother. He said he last met Brijpal on Tuesday. "He was fine that day. He told me that they may do something untoward to him," he said.

District Magistrate Dinesh Kumar Singh said he has ordered a magisterial probe by SDM (Sadar) Parasnath Maurya. "Tehsildar Dhirendra Kumar has been removed till the inquiry report is submitted. I have asked the investigating officer to submit it as soon as possible," said the DM.

Responding to the allegation that the Recovery Certificate was issued to the wrong person, Sahaswan SDM Sanjay Singh said initially, a wrong name had been used, but it was later corrected to Brijpal, son of Ompal. "The change was approved with signature of Executive Engineer, Hydel, Badaun. It was Brijpal who was a defaulter. The allegation that he was the wrong Brijpal is false," he said

Chief Medical Officer Dr Manjeet Singh said Brijpal's autopsy was conducted by a team of two doctors and the cause of death could not be ascertained. "Further test may help find exact cause of death," said Dr Singh.

thing to do with the Mahatma's

non-cognizable report under IPC

Section 500 (punishment for

defamation) was given to the po-

lice. He said such a complaint does

not require the police to investi-

gate and the complainant will

ted an apology on Facebook Friday.

"It was a silent play staged by stu-

dents of junior classes... It was a

mistake to show Nathuram Godse

in the RSS uniform. It was a mis-

take and there was no malice or

political ideology behind it. Godse

had nothing to do with RSS. We are

sorry for the mistake committed

inadvertently," read the apology.

*The Indian Express* that the school

owner visited RSS office bearer

Prashant Singh and gave him a

written apology. He said the RSS

has decided to accept the apology.

Late on Friday, Upadhyay told

The school management pos-

have to approach the court.

City SP Deepak Mishra said a

# **FROM PAGE ONE**

### Tax chief

Director General of Income Tax (training).

Tyagi's complaint alleges a string of irregularities that include how the CBDT chairman "repeatedly" asked Tyagi to drop "proceedings" in a "sensitive case" involving "serious allegations."

In her complaint, Tyagi alleged Mody has "admitted" to her that "a successful search supervised by him in the case of an opposition leader, firmly secured him in his position as chairman (CBDT) and (that).he could take unfettered action against some officers too".

Tyagi alleged that in the last week of April/early May 2019, Mody informed her that the proceedings initiated against the "sensitive assesses had to be dropped" and this work should be completed before the end of May 2019. The complaint reads: "This direction was shocking but it was conveyed repeatedly, despite the difficulty I expressed to him."

According to the complaint, Mody gave instructions that "there should be no record maintained of the fact that he was in any manner, involved in this sensitive case (which Mody asked to close) even for consultations and that it should be ensured that nothing in this file should ever show his linkage, in any manner to this case". Tyagi has also said that the chairman put "tremendous pressure" on her "to close this file at any cost".

She has detailed how "initial notices" in the case were filed and prior to that, "it was a herculean task to convince him (the Chairman) that once such information was received, the initiation of the action was mandatory, failing which the careers of the dealing officers would be jeopardised, probably resulting in vigilance proceedings being initiated against them. Even after this, Mr P C Mody directed that the draft of the notices would be approved by him. Here again, he failed to accord approval till the very end, despite being aware that he was

jeopardising our careers". Among the assessment cases being handled by Tyagi's office are the Deepak Kochhar-ICICI Bank case, notices sent to members of Mukesh Ambani's family under the Black Money Act, the Jet Airways case, besides several important search cases.

In her letter to the Finance Minister, Tyagi said she had "never dreamt" of revealing such details but did so because of the "manipulative and unscrupulous" nature of the functioning of the CBDT chairman.

Tyagi has also accused Mody of "getting complaints manufactured against officers who do not succumb to his demands.

Once, Tyagi alleged, Mody called her for a meeting at around 8.45/9 pm in his office in North Block. She has written in her complaint that she ignored the request.

"As a lady officer in the department for 34 years," she wrote to the Finance Minister by way of explanation, "and having experienced the mala fide intentions of such odd hour one-to-one meetings, which are possible to be held at other times too."

Tyagi has spent 11 years of her career outside the Income Tax Department - as western zone director of the Narcotics Control Bureau and Chairman and Managing Director of the stateowned Hindustan Diamond Co.

Her complaint details a pending vigilance inquiry pertaining to banking transactions linked to her family. She stated that her husband, V Raman Kumar, is a non-resident businessman and a former IRS official. In 2012, Kumar sold his Nasdag-listed firm, Mmodal.

The vigilance matter began

RBI cuts key rate by 25 bps to nine-year low it is necessary to "revive look survey shows muted ex-Index for September 2019 was pansion in demand conditions

Friday's cut will push banks to cut rates on certains loans and deposits since RBI had already directed them to link their interest rates to a benchmark rate like the Repo rate. The fifth consecutive cut this year by the RBI has brought down the Reporate — the rate at which the RBI lends funds to banks - by 135 basis points from 6.50 per cent in 2019.

"With inflation expected to remain below target in the remaining period of 2019-20 and the first quarter of 2020-21, there is policy space to address these growth concerns by reinvigorating domestic demand within the flexible inflation targeting mandate," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, unveiling the fourth bi-monthly monetary policy statement.

Das said various high frequency indicators suggest that domestic demand conditions have remained weak. The business expectations index of the Reserve Bank's industrial out-

in the third quarter. Export prospects have been impacted by slowing global growth and continuing trade tensions. "It is in this context that the MPC decided to continue with an accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target," Das

According to him, the slump in real GDP growth to 5% in 2019-20 Q1 has been followed by generally weaker high frequency indicators for the second quarter. "Industrial production was lower in July 2019 on a year-on-year basis, pulled down mainly by manufacturing. The production of capital goods and consumer durables contracted. The output of eight core industries contracted in August, with the production of coal, electricity, crude oil and cement decelerating or going into contraction," he said.

The manufacturing PMI

flat, though still in expansion zone, he said. High frequency indicators suggest that services sector activity weakened in July-August. "Indicators of rural and urban demand continued to slow down in July-August. The Reserve Bank's consumer confidence survey also shows weak consumer sentiment, especially relating to non-essential items." Das said. Taking into consideration

these factors, Das said, "real GDP growth for 2019-20 is revised downwards from 6.9 per cent in the August policy to 6.1 per cent - 5.3 per cent in the second quarter of 2019-20 and in the range of 6.6-7.2 per cent for the second half of 2019-20 - with risks evenly balanced; GDP growth for the first quarter of 2020-21 is also revised downwards to 7.2 per cent." The RBI rate cut has come

at a time when global economic activity has weakened further. Heightened uncertainty emanating from trade and geo-political tensions continues to cloud the outlook. Among advanced economies, the slowdown in the US economy in the second quarter of 2019 appears to have extended into the third quarter, with the US Fed last month delivering its second rate cut in a row. On the positive side, the im-

pact of monetary policy easing since February 2019 is gradually expected to feed into the real economy and boost demand, Das said. "Several measures announced by the Government over the last two months are expected to revive sentiment and spur domestic demand, especially private consumption," he said.

"With policy space available on account of inflation expected to remain below target in the remaining period of 2019-20 and the first quarter of 2020-21, the MPC decided to reduce the policy rate by 25 basis points and continue with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target," the RBI said.

crime. It, however, granted him protection from arrest for three weeks so that he could appeal the order in the Supreme Court.

to connect the petitioner to the

### **Bombay HC**

The Greens fail in the instant petition because they have lost touch with the procedure to be followed as per law." Ruling on a PIL by Zoru

development; but directionless.

Bhathena who challenged the decision of the Tree Authority to allow removal of trees, the bench in a 27-page order, said the opinion of experts members on the team must be valued and should become an essential facet of decision-making. This decision, it said, must contain the reason why the objection is being overruled A separate petition by Bhathena rejected

The bench dismissed a fourth petition — that of Shiv Sena corporator and Standing Committee chairman Yashwant Jadhav who wanted the Tree Authority decision examined and quashed Describing his plea as "sheer voyagerism", the bench imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on him.

In its order, the bench noted that the issue of the survival rate of transplanted Subabul trees was discussed by the Tree Authority. "...there is no merit in the contention that the one lakh objections received from the public were not placed before the Tree Authority. Surely, one lakh objec tions, most of which were repet itive, was not expected to be placed before the Tree Authority.'

"There are good reasons for taking the view that the trees would not survive if transplanted and thus it would be futile to spend good money to transplant the trees which ultimately would by and large die and therefore it made good sense with good rea-

The bench rejected Bhathena's argument that the Tree Authority did not get adequate time to deliberate on the proposal "The deliberations of the Tree Authority have to be considered in light of the site visits held on 4th July 2019, 10th August 2019 and 20th August 2019," it said.

"The fact that the proposal of

son to fell the trees."

the project proponent (MMRC) was scaled down with reference to the number of the trees to be felled is itself proof of the decision-making process being fair transparent and based on reason, the bench said. On "issues of environmental concerns, it has to be noted that the project proponent has already planted 20,900 trees with GPS tagging on each plant in Sanjay Gandhi National Park and the survival rate is 95%, proved by the letter dated 27th September 2019, addressed by the Chief Conservator Forest and Director Sanjay Gandhi National Park to the Chief Project Manager of MM-RCL," it said.

#### Between April-Oct, how RBI downgraded RBI edged "the negative output gap Two months later, the optistaggered and incomplete. Infact,

Policy Committee said while various high frequency indicators suggested domestic demand conditions remained weak, there were indications of muted expansion in demand conditions in the third quarter.'

"While recent measures announced by the government are likely to help strengthen private consumption and spur private investment activity, the continuing slowdown warrants intensified efforts to restore the growth momentum," the RBI said in its Friday statement.

The narrative in October picks the threads from August when the RBI spoke of the deteriorating demand situation. It had cut the repo rate by an unconventional 35 basis points then, and said this would help close the "negative output gap" But then, on Friday it acknowlhas widened further". A negative output gap indi-

cates surplus capacity in the economy. A widening of this gap means the industry is unable to use much of its capacity due to poor demand. Six months back in April, the

tone of RBI statement was quite buoyant. It had then said private consumption remained resilient, and was expected to get a "fillip from public spending in rural areas and an increase in disposable incomes of households due to tax benefits". The Budget, announced on February 1, had given only a marginal rebate to those earning up to Rs 5 lakh a year. "...business expectations continue to be optimistic", the RBI had said in the April policy review in the midst of Lok Sabha elections.

mism faded. In June, it said domestic investment activity had weakened and overall demand had been weighed down partly by slowing exports. Reducing repo rate by another 25 basis points, it also said "private consumption, especially in rural areas, has weakened in recent months".

In August, the mood had turned sombre. The RBI was too worried over slowdown in domestic demand conditions. "Addressing growth concerns by boosting aggregate demand, especially private investment, assumes the highest priority at this juncture," it observed.

Meanwhile, the monetary policy committee which decided to cut rates Friday for the fifth consecutive time this calendar year, admitted that monetary transmission has remained ments shows the transmission in weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of commercial banks has progressively slowed. The transmission was 21 basis points out of the cumulative 50 basis point cut in repo rate in February and April 2019. After a 25 basis point cut in repo rate in June (cumulative of 75 basis points since February), the total transmission could rise only to 29 basis points. There has, however, been no

a look at RBI's successive state-

transmission post the 35 basis point cut in repo rate in August. "As against the cumulative policy repo rate reduction of 110 bps during February-August 2019, the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of commercial banks declined by 29 bps," the RBI said.

According to Tyagi's complaint, after a detailed verification, the ED did not find any forex violations and referred the case to the tax department for further enquiry. Subsequently, the then CBDT member (investigation) conducted an "exhaustive" enquiry and found that all credits and debits handled by her were "accounted for" and that "the entire taxable income arising from these transactions had been offered for tax" by her family members. The complaint notes that since Tyagi is a government officer, the case was referred to the CBI which found no violation by her.

Subsequently, the CBI referred the case to the cadre controlling authority of CBDT to see if there was any procedural violation by Tyagi in disclosing these transactions. However, that report too did not find any deficiencies and her vigilance file was put up for closure in 2018.

### Adoor, Guha

knows it. We are moving into an authoritarian state. It's pretty clear. Anybody who says anything against the Prime Minister, anybody who raises anything against the Government is put in jail, is attacked. Media is crushed. Everybody knows what's going on, this is not a secret," said former party chief Rahul Gandhi.

The FIR was filed on October 2 under IPC sections 124A (sedition), 153B (assertions or assumptions prejudicial to national integration, 160 (committing affray), 290 (committing public nuisance), and 504 (breach of peace).

Sadar police station sub-inspector Hareram Paswan has been asked to investigate the case. Police station in-charge Mithilesh Kumar Jha said: "The IO will investigate the case and a team may visit Mumbai soon". Muzaffarpur SSP Manoj Kumar, who instructed the Sadar police station to lodge the case on 18 September, said: "We have complied with the court order and lodged the case. Further action will depend on the outcome of the investigation".

The letter, signed by 49 eminent personalities, stated that "lynching of Muslims, Dalits and other minorities must be stopped immediately", and that the slogan "Jai Shri Ram" has become a "provocative war cry". The letter, dated July 23, maintained that there is "no democracy without dissent", and that people should not be branded as "anti-nationals" or "urban Naxals" for voicing dissent.

Ojha's complaint's to the court said: "...49 intellectuals had written a letter to the Prime Minister regarding frenzied violence under his government. What transpired from reporting from newspapers and TV news channels was that there was an attempt to defame image of the country with false allegations...this can cause illwill in the country".

Speaking to The Indian Express, Ojha said: "Everyone has right to write to the PM on anything but going to media with the content of the letter was fraught with nefarious design to cause an atmosphere of ill will. They wanted to raise concerns over mob lynching. They could have waited

for the government response be-

fore trying to give their verdict". Ojha has been known to file cases against famous personalities. In the past, he has lodged co-

Rahul Gandhi, Nitish Kumar, Lalu Prasad, Raj Thackeray, Arvind Kejriwal, Asaram Bapu, Nirmal Baba and several film personalities. While some of the cases have been quashed, inquiries have been

mplaints against Sonia Gandhi,

on in others. Ojha, a practising lawyer at the Muzaffarpur court, has successfully filed cases too. In 2007, the state government

had to roll back hiked court fees following a PIL by him. Ojha said his PIL in 2005 also made the Centre withdraw its plan to transfer the railway zonal office from Hajipur to Danapur. And in 2011, the Muzaffarpur police lodged a case against 385 people including 22 BDOs in an alleged solar light scam to the tune of Rs 1,600 Crore.

# Navlakha

had recused, and not all three

Subsequently, as the impression given was that the bench was for Jammu and Kashmir matters, it was deemed fit to list it before another bench the very next working day, the sources said, adding that the urgency pleaded by Navlakha's counsel was also taken into account while assigning the matter to a different bench.

On Friday, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Navlakha, said he was a member of the People's Union for Democratic Rights (PUDR) and some may consider his views extreme. "It is my (Navlakha's) job

to raise civil rights issues," he said. Singhyi said the government

had in the past engaged Navlakha to communicate with Maoists and that even Maoists disliked some of his views. He had criticised both the government and Maoists for loss of lives, he said. " have unequivocally condemned violence." Navlakha, he said, was an "eminent journalist" and was entitled to his belief as long as it does not become secession or spread disaffection or threaten the territorial integrity of the nation.

Singhvi said even police did not have a case that he was a member of any banned outfit and had, therefore, not invoked Section 10 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act which deals with membership of a banned outfit. The only case was that of six letters recovered by police, one allegedly seized from his computer, Singhvi said, adding that there was nothing incriminating and asked "is this enough to arrest me?"

Justice Mishra said UAPA provisions could not be read in isolation. He said terrorist organisations do not keep a membership register. What was the test to know, he asked, whether a person who was associated with an outfit before it was banned continued to be on its rolls.

Justice Mishra said the court will have to see the material collected during the investigation and asked the prosecution to produce it.

The Bombay High Court, while dismissing Navlakha's petition, had said it was satisfied that the investigating agency had material

#### IAF chief after India's air strike on a Jaish-

e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot in Pakistan. The helicopter was incorrectly identified as an enemy chopper. The IAF headquarters had or-

dered a Court of Inquiry (CoI) into the incident, under an Air Commodore-ranked officer Administrative action has already been taken against four officers held responsible by the CoI Separately, disciplinary action like court martial proceedings are being initiated against two senior of ficers, IAF sources said.

have found violations of standard operating procedures There were gaps in communication and coordination between the ground staff and the crew of the chopper – the vital 'Identification of Friend or Foe' (IFF) system on-board the helicopter had been switched off. The IFF helps air defence radars identify whether an aircraft or helicopter is friendly or hostile.

The IAF probe is reported to

### Minister has further approved the advance release of 2nd installment of Centre's share of

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4 IN THE wake of severe floods in Bihar and Karnataka, the Centre on Friday approved release of advance disaster relief funds of more than Rs 1,800 crore to the

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two states. "Keeping in view the severity of flood situation and the fund positions in the SDRF account of the States of Bihar and Karnataka, Hon'ble Home Minister (Amit Shah) has approved advance release of Rs 400 crore to the State of Bihar and Rs 1200 crore to the State of Karnataka from NDRF 'on account basis'. Hon'ble Home

SDRF amounting to Rs 213.75 crore to the State of Bihar for the vear 2019-2020," an MHA statement said.

A senior MHA official said that Bihar had requested for the release of these funds in advance.

relief work of all the affected States. The States of Karnataka and Bihar have apprised of the paucity of funds in the SDRF account resulting in delay in providing relief assistance to the affected people and requested for release of advance additional financial assistance from NDRF. The State of Bihar has also requested for advance release of the second installment of cen-

tre's share of SDRF for the year

2019-20," the official said.

"The Home Minister has reviewed the ongoing rescue and

> with a 2016 enquiry by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into "some large transactions" in banks accounts of her family members wherein she was a sig-

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# 1.42 lakh got benefits of healthcare scheme: Jain

New Delhi: Three healthcare schemes, launched in 2017 to provide high-end diagnostics, surgeries and treatment to victims of road accidents, acid attacks and burn injuries free of cost, have benefited 1.42 lakh people in the last two-and-a-half years, Health Minister Satvendar Jain said Friday.

The schemes were announced by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in March 2017, under the Delhi Arogya Kosh (DAK), to universalise free, efficient and quality healthcare for all.

"We want to provide free and quality healthcare to all, and are making avenues to reduce the burden on government hospitals while simultaneously ensuring timely treatment for patients...," Jain said. The scheme is applicable to permanent residents of Delhi.

Under it, 24 government hospitals can refer patients to 48 empanelled private hospitals for free surgeries. It provides patients free-of-cost, specified, high-end diagnostic tests and 86 surgeries at private hospitals in case of delay at government facilities.

Under the free high-end diagnostic schemes, around 1.34 lakh patients have benefited till June 30. Under the free surgery scheme, 56 private healthcare providers have been empanelled by the government to provide free treatment for 86 surgeries at private hospitals. Till June 2019, 4,654 patients received cashless treatment under the scheme.

To cater to the needs of road accident and acid attack victims, the government had decided to bear the cost of treatment at government and private hospitals. As per official data, 2,938 road accident victims and one acid attack victim were treated in private hospitals between February, 2018 and June, 2019. **ENS** 



Gahlot at the inauguration of the Delhi Metro's Grey Line, Friday. Amit Mehra

# As Metro's Grey Line opens, many say goodbye to buses and long jams

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

SHORTER TRAVEL time, less congestion and a more pleasant commute – people travelling on the Delhi Metro's Grev Line had many praises for the new Najafgarh-Dwarka corridor that opened Friday.

Measuring more than 4.2 km, the new line connects Najafgarh with the rest of the national capital. The route has three stations: Najafgarh, Nangli and Dwarka, where people can interchange to the Blue Line and access the rest of the Metro network. Many commuters *The Indian* 

Express spoke to said their travel time has now been reduced by several hours. Shaleen Yadav (25) would take a bus every day from her home in Najafgarh to the Dwarka Mor Metro station for work.

"The buses are always

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Of the 4.2 km-long Line, 2.7 km is an elevated stretch. The rest, including Najafgarh station, is underground ■ 1.18-km stretch from Najafgarh to Dhansa bus stand to be completed by 2020

crowded and there are traffic jams every day. While going back home in the evening after 7 pm, it would take me around two hours to reach Najafgarh from Dwarka Mor," she said.

Travel time on the new line has reduced the commute for Yadav to around 5-7 minutes be-

tween Dwarka and Najafgarh.

Many residents in Najafgarh

had been waiting for the new

Metro line for several years. Mohit Kumar (27), who works near Central Secretariat, said, "I would go to Dwarka Metro station on a bike every morning and it would take me half an hour. The buses were so crowded that I never even thought of using them. I had been waiting for six years for this line to open."

With the opening of the Grev Line, the Delhi Metro network has expanded to 377 km with 274 stations.

The stations on the new route were adorned with garlands and the Metro trains with flowers. As it grew dark in the evening, yellow decorative bulb lights were turned on at the stations and colourful artwork at Dwarka and Najafgarh drew commuters in for a selfie. Workers of a party also tested the route and raised slogans on leaving Dwarka.

The Grev Line has a 2.7-km elevated stretch while the remaining, including the Najafgarh station, is underground. An extension of the line of 1.18 km from Najafgarh to Dhansa bus stand is slated for completion by December 2020.

### FROM OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 20

# 300 meetings lined up as AAP steps up Purvanchal connect

AAP chief also set to start meetings with party workers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE AAM Aadmi Party will hold 300 "Purvanchal Jan Samwad" meetings in 300 polling stations across Delhi, half of which will be led by the party's Delhi Assembly elections in-charge and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh.

Through the public meetings, the party would seek to engage with people from the Purvanchal region — comprising Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar — who live and work in Delhi.

The meetings would continue from October 6 to November 20, and would aim to strengthen the interface with the community ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls expected to be held early next year. A similar campaign, aimed at people from scheduled castes/scheduled tribes (SC/ST) and minority groups would also be conducted around this period.

Speaking at the party headquarters Friday, Singh said the AAP would come back to power in the Delhi Assembly with the same performance it had in the 2015 elections, when it won 67 of 70 seats. He also said that the BJP had fallen behind in the race, and the Congress too had lost ground in the capital.

"Our entire campaign will be focused on our work... I believe we will repeat our performance from 2015 in 2020. As for national issues, they will not have a high impact on Delhi polls," he said.

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Half of the 300 meetings will be led by AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, who is also the party's Assembly poll in-charge

"The BJP is not finding any *mudda* (issue) in Delhi these days. They are not able to oppose the AAP on any *mudda*... they are also *neta-vihin* (minister-less): there are three people in the party who keep fighting among themselves to become its CM face," Singh added.

Kejriwal will also hold seven closed-door meetings with booth-level AAP workers in all 14 districts from October 16 to 23. In the meetings, Kejriwal will speak to party volunteers about plans for the upcoming polls, Delhi Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai said.

He said the party also recently completed a "Jan Samvad Yatra" in 62 Assembly constituencies, where indoor meetings with RWAs, trade groups and social activists were held, along with public discussions. He said many of those who spoke in the meetings appreciated the government's initiatives in the power, education, water and health sectors.



# Striking a balance

THE AAP announcement comes at a time when the Delhi BJP has sought to corner the party on its relationship with the Purvanchali community, which comprises a sizeable vote bank in the city. A statement by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on people from outside the city availing healthcare here had come under fire from the opposition recently.

# **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, Nabarangpur Tel-(06858)222643, E-Mail: eerwss\_ngp@rediffmail.com /eerwssngp@gmail.com

Further details can be seen in the bidding documents, which is available in the e-procurement portal https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in

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**Executive Engineer** RWS&S Division, NabarangpurMemo No

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGI-NEER ELECTRICITY TRANSMIS-SION DIVISION POWER TRANS-MISSION CORPORATION LTD. "PARESHAN BHAWAN", 130-D, VICTORIA PARK MEERUT Tel. No.: 0121-2647227, 9412749809 eeetdmrt@gmail.com |E-mail: NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER AND DATE EXTENSION E-tender in two parts (covers), part-I (cover-1) and Part-II (cover-2) are invited for works as per details given in following table. Cover-I of bid shall contain Tender Fee, earnest money, prequalification details, registration, Proprietor/Firm,

technical and commercial terms and conditions and photo copies of PAN of Account Statements, Cover-2 shall contain price bid only. Date Extension-The opening date of the E-tender No. ETD/MT/T-08/2019-20 & ETD/MT/T-09/2019-20 is hereby extended from dated 05.10.2019 to 14.10.2019 due to some unavoidable reasons.New Tender-SI. No.1, Item/work Repairing of Burnt Marshling Box of 200 MVA T/F installed at 220 KV S/S Modipuram., **Tender Reference. No.** ETD/MT/ T-10/2019-20 Short Term, EMD (Rs.) 1000/-, Scheduled date & time of submission of bids Up to 14.10.2019 by 12:00 Hrs., **Scheduled date** and time of opening of Part-I 14.10.2019 at 13:45 Hrs., **Cost of** tender documents including **GST** (**Rs.**) 296/- **SI. No.**2, Item/work Sand barriers in cable tranches at 132 KV S/S Kankerkhera., **Tender Reference. No.** ETD/MT/ T-11/2019-20, **EMD** (Rs.) 1900/-, Scheduled date & time of submission of bids Up to 04.11.2019 by 12:00 Hrs.,

**opening of Part-I** 04.11.2019 at 13:00 Hrs., Cost of tender documents including GST (Rs.) 590/-SI. No.3, Item/work Sand barriers in cable tranches at 132 KV S/S Hapur Bypass (Vedvyaspuri)., Tender Reference. No. ETD/MT/ T-12/2019-20, **EMD (Rs.)** 1900/-, Scheduled date & time of submission of bids Up to 04.11.2019 by 12:00 Hrs., Scheduled date and time of opening of Part-I 04.11.2019 at 13:15 Hrs., Cost of tender documents including **GST (Rs.)** 590/- The tender Part-1 (Commercial) & Part-2 (Financial) can only be submitted by the bidder via online uploading of documents in the PDF format only through procurement website www.etender.up.nic.in. 1. Cost of tender fee against tender document shall be credited directly to the account of Executive Engineer, ETD, Meerut through "NEFT" / "RTGS" Transactions. 2. Earnest Money is to be deposited directly to the account of Executive Engineer, ETD, Meerut through "NEFT" / "RTGS" transactions. 3. The bid of Firms, without above mentioned Digital transaction against the purchase of tender documents and Earnest Money (EMD) shall be rejected outright. 4. The Full Account Details of Executive Engineer, ETD, Meerut is given as below: - A. Account Holder Name: EXECUTIVE ENGI-NEER, ETD, MEERUT B. Account Number: 50200041442802 C. Bank Name: HDFC Bank D. Branch Detail: Ganga Nagar, Mawana Road, Meerut (U.P.) E. IFSC Code: HDFC0009290 5. The receipt of such digital transactions against "Tender Fee Cost" and "Earnest Money" in form of UTR

No. / Transaction No. must be

signed by the authorized signatory of Bank Issuer representative & also duly signed by the bidder along with their bank information's comprising of account number and account holder name etc. 6. Such digital transactions receipts as described in at Sl. No.5, together with prequalification details, technical and commercial terms and conditions and photocopies of PAN of Proprietor/ Firm, Income tax GST registration, Declaration "Schedule C", to be executed on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 10/- with a revenue stamp of Rs.1/- affixed shall have to be uploaded as a Cover-1 of Tender part-1 in the PDF format. 7. Financial Bid containing price only shall have to be uploaded as a Cover-2 of **Tender Part-2** in the PDF format. 8. No documents (Part-1 & Part-2) of any of the Firm's shall be accepted in Hardcopies (i.e. other than online uploaded in digitally pdf format) through any means either by post or personal by this office. 9. Date & Time of opening of cover-II of **Tender Part-2** shall be intimated to qualified bidders later on, at the website: www.etender.up.nic.in. Please visit website www.etender.up.nic.in for any other corrections/amendments/ modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of tender and thereafter. 11. Executive Engineer, Electricity Transmission Division, Meerut reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason. 12. Dispute if any, shall be under jurisdiction of Meerut District Court in the State of U.P. "Save Electricity in the interest

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3385 /ETD/MT dt. 03.10.2019

# संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल (म.प्र.) - 462003 ई-निविदा सूचना

संज्ञालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश द्वारा **''क्याकिंग-कैनोईंग बोटस** उपकरण/सामग्री क्रय हेतु" निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र व निविदा की विस्तृत शर्ते www.mptenders.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरांत निविदा में कोई संज्ञोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो वह माज उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।

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Name of work :- Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 kV AC single

1. Yard modification & upgradation of signal gears for handling additional traffic at

PTNR-Extension of stabling line No. 10 & 11.

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### WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚇

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Sr. No. Tender No. Short Description Tendered Qty. Opening date & Time Supply of Liquified 01/11/2019 85000CUM Oxygen Gas 12.30 PM

Dy. Chief Material Manager, Wagon Repair Shop / Kota रेल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर सम्पर्क करें



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Development and Maintenance of Village (Strengthening and balance Road and Drain repair work of Peripherial Raod of Village-Jhatta), Noida, Cost - Rs. 38.05 Lacs 14/Noida/GM(K)/SM-WC-10/ET/2019-20, Name of work

Development and Maintenance of Village (C/o Road and Drain of 5% Abadi Plots of Village-Badauli), Noida, Cost Rs. 35.74 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 19.10.2019 upto 5.00 pm. Pre-

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Sd/-

**Additional Project Director** ASPIRe, AS-CFMS

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For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tenders are invited from eligible bidders with similar work experience for the below mentioned work. Last date for receipt of tenders upto 3.00 P.M on **06.11.2019**, the same will be opened at 3.30 P.M on the same day.

**Cost of Tender** 

Name of Work	EIVID	Schedule and GST			
Upkeeping and Maintenance of 19 SIPCOT Industria Complexes / Parks / Growth centres for a period of 3 years	(Payment by Demand Draft in	Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs.1,800/- = Rs.16,800/- in the form of DD in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai.			
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www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.sipcot.in upto 5.00 PM from 10.10.2019 to 05.11.2019. Managing Director, **DIPR/ 3497 /TENDER/2019** SIPCOT, Chennai-8

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1.	Name of the work	'Disassembly and cleaning work of 300 Gear Box of WAP-5 three phase locomotive'
2	Approx. cost of work	₹ 6,72,600/-
3.	Earnest Money to be deposited	₹ 13,500/-
4.	Cost of Tender Document	₹ 2,360/-
5.	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	06.11.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)
6.	Website particulars, where	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: (i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.lreps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. (ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. (iii) No manual offers. are acceptable. (iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

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# **BRIEFLY**

### Man held for hoax bomb threat

New Delhi: A 46-year-old man was arrested Friday for allegedly sending a hoax bomb threat to a school teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya in Gole Market. Police said the accused wanted to exact revenge on a friend and sent the message using a SIM card registered in the latter's name.

# Two vehicle thieves held

New Delhi: Police Friday arrested two men, who allegedly stole vehicles from parking lots, from Manglapuri bus stand in South West Delhi. Police said the men were involved in more than 30 cases of snatching and auto theft in the area.

# Woman hangs self

New Delhi: A 35-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan inside her house in Shahdara Thursday.

## Man hit by tanker, dies

New Delhi: A 26-year-old man died after he was allegedly hit by a tanker while walking on the road in Netaji Subhash Place, North West Delhi, Thursday. The incident took place around 1.30 pm and the accused driver fled the spot. The victim was an electrician and hailed from UP.

### Man walks off with Rs 13 lakh from eatery

New Delhi: A case of cheating has been filed against an unknown person at Model Town police station after a man allegedly "took off" with Rs 13 lakh from a popular eatery in July. Police said that as per the complaint. the accused worked for a firm which had a tie-up with Haldiram's and deposited its money in the bank. "After he quit, he went to the eatery again. The staff didn't know that he had quit the organisation and handed over Rs 13 lakh to him," police said.

# Mental health body in place in capital: Govt

New Delhi: The Delhi government informed the Delhi HC that it has constituted the State Mental Health Authority, as mandated under the Mental Health Care Act, 2017, to provide mental health services to people in the capital. It said the SMHA has also issued "provisional registration to 71 mental health establishments, which include 31 psychiatric hospitals/ nursing homes". ENS



# LEAP OF FAITH

People cross the Meerut Expressway at Noida's Sector 62, Friday. In the absence of a foot overbridge or a subway nearby, people going from Noida to Indirapuram have to cross the highway on foot to reach their destinations. Abhinav Saha

# IVF racket: Founder was part of start-ups earlier too

**ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE CALL centre in Karol Bagh that was raided Monday for allegedly offering sex selection services through a fertility clinic was started by an IIT graduate in 2016, health officials said Friday.

While the health department refrained from disclosing the engineer's name, sources told The Indian Express that he has launched mobile healthcare apps and other start-ups in the past.

"Before joining Elawoman, he was also a co-founder of a mobile pharmacy chain based out of Delhi. Prior to that, he was employed with several multinational companies offering financial services." added the official.

On Monday, a central team comprising officials from the

Delhi PC-PNDT cell, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and National Commission for Women (NCW) raided a call centre associated with the clinic, Ela Prime Fertility, in East Patel Nagar for allegedly offering sex selection services. An FIR was registered under IPC sections 34 and 120B Tuesday night.

In the complaint, the department mentioned the company's website, www.elawoman.com, and alleged that it was advertising through the site and also contacting couples who wanted a child. The call centre would promise a male child through IVF by sending the couples to Thailand, Singapore, Dubai and other places. Sex determination is banned in India.

"We are waiting for police to begin investigation. Details will be disclosed once we get the data stored in the computers

**ANAND MOHAN J** 

cute the case.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

NOTING THAT the "special pub-

lic prosecutor (SPP) is not ap-

pearing and the director (prose-

cution) has shown his inability

to depute any prosecutor" in the

case against former Haryana

home minister Gopal Kanda, ac-

The court Friday pulled up di-

rector (prosecution) S C Sharma

and investigating officer Dinesh

Sharma over the non-appear-

ance of SPP Rajiv Mohan. On

Thursday, it had noted that "the

state is showing least interest in

prosecution of this case" and

that "the director (prosecution)

has washed his hands from the

responsibility to conduct the trial

that the SPP has not appeared

on several occasions and was

fined Rs 5,000, which was even-

tually waived before being

Director (prosecution)

The court also mentioned

on behalf of the state".

reimposed again.

that have been seized," said a senior official from the health department.

Around 300 computers were seized at the call centre during

the raid. DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said the case

Crime Branch. The company did not re-

has been transferred to the

spond to queries sent by *The* Indian Express.

The PC-PNDT Act was enacted in 1994 to prevent sex-selective abortions and banned hospitals, nursing homes and clinics from using ultrasonography or any such technique to determine the gender of an unborn child. Using ultrasound to determine and communicate to the parents the sex of the foetus is an offence under the law, which can lead to three years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs 10,000.

# Prison meeting with 'super thief' gave man idea to target Vasant Kunj homes

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

IT WAS a chance meeting in 2017 with 'super thief' Sidharth Mehrotra, arrested for several high-profile burglaries at homes of bureaucrats and politicians, inside Tihar Jail that gave Sunil Kumar Meena the idea to burgle homes in Vasant Kuni and other posh South Delhi colonies. Meena (38) and two of his

accomplices were arrested from Vasant Kunj late Wednesday night after an exchange of fire with police. "During questioning, he claimed that Mehrotra gave him the idea of targeting Vasant Kunj and Moti Bagh as 'rich people live there'," said a police officer. Meena was arrested in 2016

in connection with multiple rob-



The three accused in police custody. Express

beries and sent to Tihar Jail, where he served a year and a half. A graphic designer, Mehrotra

had targeted homes of Delhi's elite, including an ex-MLA and a sub-divisional magistrate. "During questioning, Meena said he used to rob homes of property dealers in areas such as Dwarka, and moved to Moti

Bagh and Vasant Kunj areas after Mehrotra's suggestion," said a police officer.

Once Meena got out of jail in 2018, he began a car wash business in Dwarka, complete with a website. Police said his work took him to "upscale localities where he would look for houses that lay vacant during the day".

Meena, who dropped out of school in class X, would then call his associates, and they would drive down to the house in their i10 car the next day and burgle it, said police.

Meena and his associates had been targeting empty homes and offices across residential blocks in Vasant Kunj and Moti Bagh. On Wednesday evening, police received a tip-off about the movement of an i10 car with suspected criminals in it, after which a trap was laid near The Grand hotel.

A senior police officer said, "One of the victims was the head of the sports injury department in Safdarjung Hospital. The men broke into the house and robbed cash and jewellery on September 23. We recovered CCTV footage from near the house and saw the

and started looking for an i10 with similar features. After a week, we received a tip-off that the car was near Vasant Vihar, where they were looking for For the last three months, empty houses to target. On their way back from the recce, they were arrested," said a senior police officer.

same car. We alerted our teams

Meena and his associates, Satish Chander (48) and Satender Kumar (30), were first involved in a brief exchange of fire with police.

"Meena bought a goldcoloured car which he and his associates used at the time of the burglaries. They changed the number plate of the car every time. Meena told us that whenever he would spot a car similar to his, he would note the registration number and make a similar number plate to evade arrest," said a senior officer.

#### cused of abetting the suicide of Former Harvana minister an air hostess in 2012, a Delhi Gopal Kanda is an accused court Friday issued notice to the in the case special secretary (Home) department of the Delhi government and additional deputy commis-"At the time of his appoint sioner of police Rajiv Ranjan to ment, he (Mohan) was an addiappear and apprise the court of tional public prosecutor and has resigned. He has joined private how the state intends to prose-

Air hostess suicide:

senior official, cop

Court notice to

said Sharma. Counsel for Kanda, RS Malik, also questioned SPP's absence.

practice. I have written a letter

communicating the order of this

court to the home department,

The judge asked the IO to explain the non-appearance of the SPP. The IO told the judge, "I have conveyed this to senior police of ficers. It is not my level to take such decisions."

The IO then stated that he had informed additional DCP Ranjan about the court's order, and that he has not received any instructions from senior police officers. The judge also noted that three witnesses were not examined, and on September 23, one witness was not examined

Kanda was owner of the MDLR Airlines, and the woman worked as an air hostess there She committed suicide in 2012 In her suicide note, she blamed Kanda and his aide Aruna Chadha. Later, her mother also committed suicide.

# SC asks parties to hold consultation on Ravidas temple

**PRESSTRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE SUPREME Court Friday favoured an "amicable solution" for the re-construction of Guru Ravidas temple on a better location after it was demolished in Tughlagabad forest area, saying it respects everybody's "sentiments" but law has to be followed.

The temple was demolished by DDA citing the top court's direction. The demolition had led to a series of protests, including in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana.

The apex court asked the parties in the matter to hold a consultation to arrive at an amicable solution on a "better land" and "better location" and said if they are agreeable, then it would pass order. A bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice S Ravindra Bhat asked the petitioners to consult with Attorney General K K Venugopal on the issue.

"You find an amicable solution and come back to us. Any day we can pass the order. We respect the sentiments of everybody on earth but we have to follow the



The temple was demolished on August 10

law," the bench said and posted the matter for further hearing on October 18, along with the pending petition on the issue.

The DDA had demolished the temple citing order of the apex court, which had on August 9 observed that "serious breach" had been committed by Guru Ravidas Jayanti Samaroh Samiti by not vacating the forest area as earlier ordered by the top court.

The temple's demolition had led to a series of protests in places such as Delhi, Punjab and Harvana and the apex court had on August 19 directed the authorities in these areas to ensure that no law and order situation is created politically or otherwise.

# Slap fallout: Ex-mayor, husband expelled from BJP membership

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE BJP Friday expelled former South Delhi mayor Sarita Chaudhary and her husband Azad Singh from the party. Separate statements issued

by the party on the expulsion of both leaders read: "You have been expelled from the primary membership of the party on the instructions of Delhi BIP president Manoj Tiwari with immediate effect."



Chaudhary and Singh

Chaudhary's husband Singh was earlier removed from the post of district president after a purported video of him slapping his wife had surfaced. Weeks Sarita

later,

Chaudhary was also suspended from the post of convener of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign in Delhi. Tiwari had at the time said that the action was taken after videos were brought before the party in which Chaudhary could allegedly be seen slapping her husband.

A senior BJP leader said that the purported videos were found by a committee formed to probe the incident of violence at the BIP's Pandit Pant Marg office, following which a decision to expel both of them was taken.

#### Sharma had appeared before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar because the SPP did not turn up. and submitted that since an SPP has been appointed by the Delhi government, he cannot appoint

a prosecutor in the case. He also submitted that additional DCP Rajiv Ranjan, the initial IO in the case, had made the request for appointing the SPP.

# 3 get life term for murder of B.Com student in 2012

**PRITAM PALSINGH** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE DELHI High Court awarded life imprisonment to three men, who had kidnapped a youth for a ransom of Rs 25 lakh, murdered him and set his body on fire along the bank of a canal in North Delhi in 2012, observing that "the horrific act" reflects the "inhuman extent to which the accused could go to satisfy their greed".

Abench of Justice Manmohan

and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal further observed that based on the "gruesome manner" in which they killed 19-year-old Shivam Kapoor and "dealt with his body, we unhesitatingly say the abhorrent act of the appellants (convicts) has definitely shocked our judicial conscience".

The court, however, did not concur with the trial court's findings on the woman convict, who was also awarded a life term for the murder, and observed that since the murder charge was not

framed against her by the trial court itself, so punishment for the offence "without a substantive charge is unwarranted."

Still, the woman will have to serve the life sentence, as she and others were handed the life sentence for the offence of criminal conspiracy. The court directed her to surrender before the trial court within four weeks as she was out on bail in the matter.

The woman, Mahima Dewan, and other convicts — Runeet Gulati, Abhay Dewan and Jatin —

were handed varying jail terms on the charge of kidnapping and destruction of evidence in the case.

The HC verdict came on an appeal filed by the four against the trial court's September 2018 order convicting and sentencing them to life imprisonment for the kidnapping and murder of the vouth, besides other charges proved against the four.

According to police, on the intervening night of July 17-18, 2012, Shivam, a B Com student, was lured into a car by Runeet,

who had topped his batch at a well-known hotel management

After the kidnapping went awry, Shivam was shot dead and his body burnt near a canal in Maurya Enclave, near Pitampura. The convicts had sought ac-

institute in Bangalore.

quittal on the ground that the prosecution was unable to establish the motive, and claimed the case was based on circumstantial evidence. But the HC ruled that the "prosecution has succeeded in establishing its case".

## POWER THEFT CASES PILE UP IN COURT

# At this Najafgarh village, it's hard to pull the plug on electricity theft

**ANAND MOHAN J** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE FARMER'S hand gripped a piece of paper, his wife stared blankly at the entrance of the electricity court in Dwarka. The moment court staff shouted Amit's name, he jumped from his seat, revealing a BSES notice in his hand that accused him of power theft, and entered the court.

"You are accused of electricity theft. Do you want to fight this case or pay the bill?" Additional Sessions Judge (Electricity) Mukesh Kumar asked. Both husband and wife folded their hands and said: "We will pay the fine. We just want a meter to be installed."

According to power sector sources, in the last one year, around 5,000 cases of electricity theft were filed in special courts in Delhi. Of these, Najafgarh district, where Amit hails from, accounts for 2,000. Village Dichaon Kalan has the maximum cases of power theft in Najafgarh, with 85.59% of power supplied by the discom allegedly stolen.

A visit to Dichaon Kalan village and the Dwarka special court, under whose jurisdiction it falls, revealed why officials find it hard to tackle the menace.

Farmers in Dichaon Kalan who have faced trial over the past two years claimed they had no option but to steal electricity. Reasons range from fixed electricity charges to operate tubewells to ignorance about how to apply for an electric meter.

Many farmers here cultivate cauliflower, a water intensive crop that requires tubewells for irrigation. They say they have to pay a fixed electricity price for tubewells every month, though they are not operational for six months when farming slows down.

Satpal, a 27-year-old farmer, said his tubewell had not been working for two days. He has a green electric wire criss-crossing his cauliflower fields, circling around trees and snaking its way to the BSES electric pole on the main street. "They cut electricity for three-four days. I have sown half a kilogram of seeds but when I had to sow the rest, they cut the power because this is a katchi



Of the around 5.000 cases of power theft registered. Najafgarh accounts for 2,000. Prem Nath Pandey

(unauthorised) colony. I am unable to get an electric meter so I have no option but to steal power," Satpal claimed.

Subhash, owner of five acres of cauliflower fields, said it costs at least Rs 500 in power charges to water an acre of land once. "I would have to pay Rs 8,000-10,000 per month to water the fields. A farmer will run into losses," he said.

Ram, a farmer who faces Rs 70,000 in fines, said he has to pay a fixed charge of Rs 125 per kilowatt to operate his tubewell. "I have to pay a fixed charge of Rs 1,000 to operate tubewells, which are not used for six months. So farmers steal electricity rather than pay for a prepaid meter."

Local MCD councillor Neelam

Krishan Pehlwan told *The Indian* Express, "BSES should shut down factories that steal power and not poor farmers who want to make

At the Dwarka special court, over 30 people had been summoned in connection with power theft cases for the day. Over half did not turn up. Of the 10-odd people who did, eight were farmers from Najafgarh. Every day, 15 fresh cases are registered in the Dwarka special court.

A counsel for the discom told *The Indian Express*, "Most of the cases that are contested are stuck in evidence stage. Many people end up absconding and warrants are issued. People usually end up agreeing to pay the fines as they cannot afford a lawyer, but those with large fines running into several lakhs have no other option."

A BSES spokesperson said that in over 22 special Lok Adalats organised in association with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA), over 37,000 cases were resolved on the spot.

A discom official said they are

taking steps to curb power theft. "We are routinely educating residents on power-theft, safety and energy conservation. In high loss areas, we regularly hold camps where residents can apply for new connections... Further, we also undertake welfare initiatives like medical and eye camps. These have started to bear fruit and more and more people are coming forward to take electricity connections," said the official.

**Grab from CCTV footage** 

went to the ATM to get the rest.

Two women followed me inside.

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hind me. I felt helpless and con-

tinued with the transaction... but

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issue with the machine and left.

When I went back to the bank to

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Thakur said, "We received a com-

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involved in similar cases in the

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1971 Indo-Pak war, where he

sustained bullet injuries on his

face and lower jaw. He founded

the DWV in 1978 to help other

disabled war veterans with pen-

sion and resettlement. He lives

with his wife in Uday Park in

South Extension.

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Capt. Mahajan fought in the

DCP (South) Atul Kumar

formed police."

inside the ATM

# 'War veteran robbed by 2 women inside ATM in Hauz Khas'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

A 76-YEAR-OLD war veteran and president of the Disabled War Veterans (India) was allegedly robbed by two women inside an ATM kiosk in South Delhi's Hauz Khas Thursday.

According to police, retired Captain N K Mahajan was at the Syndicate Bank ATM when two women approached him and took Rs 40,000 from his pocket while he was trying to withdraw more cash.

CCTV footage of the incident shows the man being followed by two women. The man tells them to wait outside but they enter the booth. The man then swipes his card and tries to withdraw money even as the women stand behind him and try to look at the machine. One of them can be seen saying something before she goes and stands near the man. While the man is telling the first woman about whether the ATM is working, the other woman quickly takes out the money from his pocket.

Police said the women fled and Capt. Mahajan left the ATM. When he realised his money was missing, he filed a complaint. Police said there was no security guard outside the ATM.

Capt. Mahajan told *The Indian* Express, "I left my office at 1.30 pm to withdraw Rs 50,000 from Syndicate Bank in Hauz Khas. I took Rs 40,000 from the bank and

# 3 men held for robbing people after **'making** them dizzy'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 4

THREE PEOPLE were arrested in Ghaziabad Friday for robbing people after "pressing specific points on their neck and making them dizzy", police said. The accused, Rahul, Abhishek and Yogesh, were caught during a police checking late Wednesday night, after a brief encounter.

"A team from Khora police station was conducting checkings near Nehar Patri when we spotted the accused. Their movements appeared suspicious and we signalled them to stop. They opened fire but were eventually arrested. We found they were wanted in several cases of robbery and loot," said Keshav Kumar, ASP Ghaziabad.

Police said the accused would usually spot people walking alone and threaten them with a pistol. Another accused would sneak up behind the victim and press a point on the neck or shoulder, making them dizzy.

"Several nerves impacting vision, balance and the respiratory system pass through the region close to the neck and face. If pressure is applied on these nerves, heart rate drops significantly and the person may lose his bearing for a few minutes," said a senior doctor at Safdarjung Hospital.

The moment a victim would become dizzy, the accused would snatch his mobile, cash and other items.

# Man asks for water, gets acid instead

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man was hospitalised after he drank from a water bottle he had bought from a shop near his office, in East Delhi's Mandawali on September 30. The shopkeeper allegedly sold him a bot-

tle of acid instead of water. Police have arrested the shopkeeper and a registered a case under IPC sections 284 (negligent conduct with respect to poisonous substance) and 326A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by

dangerous weapons or means). "We found that the shopkeeper, Naveen Gupta (55), sold acid to Vinay... He was selling acid without a licence and has been arrested. The victim was discharged after primary treatment and taken to Lucknow by his family for further treatment,"

said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh. Police said the acid wasn't concentrated and didn't cause

major damage to the victim. **ENS** 

PETITION TO DISBAND MONITORING PANEL

# SC hits out at Centre: Sealing plea against dignity of this court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE SUPREME Court Friday lashed out at the Centre's plea to disband the monitoring committee formed by it to act against against illegal construction in the national capital, and for its responsibilities to be handed over to a Special Task Force (STF), terming it "derogatory... and against the dignity of this court".

The court also made clear its displeasure over the "fight" between the monitoring committee and STF, saying they were obstructing each other and did not reflect a good state of affairs.

"Your petition is against the dignity of this court... It is derogatory to file this petition against the committee," Justice Arun Mishra, sitting with Justice Deepak Gupta, said as the Centre's petition came up The bench said that "the ba-

sic fundamental for the betterment of Delhi is being ignored" and that it appeared nobody thinks of the city.

The court told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who aption of the STF, saying its actions

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The panel sealed several shops in Defence Colony in 2017

peared for the Centre, that the petition should not have been filed. "You want us to disband the committee which has been working for many years now? We are in the national capital... Your petition is hitting our committee directly. We are in anguish," said Justice Mishra.

On the monitoring committee and STF "fighting" each other, the court said: "It should not be like this. It is not a good situation... we cannot permit things to go on like this. We are most unhappy."

The committee, in a report submitted to the apex court, had urged it to review the continua-

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"depict" that it "has completely failed to deliver what was expected of it as there are heavy encroachments on pedestrian pathways and roads, in addition to large-scale illegal construction going on unabated".

The Centre, in its application, said the committee set up by the apex court on March 24, 2006, had "outlived its purpose" and that there could be duplication and "confusion" with the STF that has already formed.

The STF was formed last year by the Delhi Development Authority, which comes under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, following the directions of the top court.

and they are probing the matter. **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Singh said the thieves made NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4 off with gold jewellery. Police said the accused persons took A POLICE officer's house was alfour rings, three earrings and legedly burgled by unknown two necklaces. According to popersons in Hauz Khas Police lice sources, there are no CCTVs Colony Wednesday. Assistant near the house or in the colony

> and no guards stationed inside. Singh told The Indian Express, "My wife and son left for Punjab on Tuesday to attend a wedding. I went to visit my brother in Vasant Kunj and stayed the night. I reached my house around 8 pm on Wednesday and

Thieves break into officer's police

colony home, flee with jewellery

found the door open — the lock was missing and the latch broken. I went inside and found the valuables kept under the bed and inside the wardrobe in my bedroom lying on the floor. checked the wardrobe and couldn't find the gold jewellery I called police and informed them about the break-in."

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said, "We have received a complaint and have registered a case. We are trying to recover CCTV footage and a local enquiry is being done."

# Struck by lightning in Goa, man dies

sub-inspector Kuldeep Singh,

posted with the PCR unit in the

South Zone of Delhi Police, was

at his brother's house on

Tuesday when the incident took

trespass and theft was registered

Police said a case of house

Panjim: A tourist from Delhi, Chaitanya Nagpal (35), died at Candolim beach in North Goa after lightning struck him on Friday evening. His wife who was beside him was also rushed to the hospital.

The couple were strolling by the beach when the lightning struck late evening. "Nagpal sustained severe injuries on his chest due to thunderstrike around 4 pm. He was given first aid immediately by lifeguards and rushed to District Hospital. He was declared dead by the medical officer on duty," said Nolasco Raposo, incharge of the Calangute police station.

Raposo said Nagpal's wife, who is pregnant, went into shock and was rushed to the hospital. **ENS** 

# Karol Bagh vendors protest eviction drive by civic body

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

**VENDORS OF Ajmal Khan Road** 

in Karol Bagh, evicted three months ago by the North civic body to make way for a pedestrianisation drive in the area, Friday staged a protest demanding the right to put back their market. They were detained by police.

On July 1, the High Court ruled that 54 vendors of the Karol Bagh tehbazari market would be evicted for the pedestrianisation drive, and alternate areas with NOCs would be issued to them. Around 200 ven-

dors were evicted on July 11. Amarnath Rajput, a vendor and a Town Vending Committee member, said, "As per the 2014 Act, the TVC has to do a survey of vendors. Even if it's decided that it is a non-vending zone, an alternate place would be decided before removing vendors."

evicted vendors, said, "We have nowhere to go. We have been jobless for the past few weeks." A senior corporation official

Jitender Singh, one of the

said, "We are doing our duty. As per the SC's 2006 order, the area was declared a no-hawking zone. North body commissioner Varsha Joshi did not respond to gueries.

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# 10 DECISION 2019



Maharashtra, Haryana

# Fadnavis warns rebel candidates: Withdraw nomination or face stern action

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI. OCTOBER 4

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday gave an ultimatum to rebels in the BJP, who have filed nomination as independents, to withdraw their candidature or face stern disciplinary action.

The warning came at a joint press meet with Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. Sources said there is unrest in many sections of the state BIP unit over seat distribution and many party leaders who did not get tickets have filed nomination against the party's official candidates.

Conceding that some candidates had raised the banner of revolt, Fadnavis said, "In the next two days, all of them will have to withdraw their nomination. Anybody defying the party order will be shown their place. The party will take stern action against such candidates. They will not have any place in the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance."

Friday was the last day for filing nominations for the October 21 elections. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is October 7.

Asked why the party had denied tickets to some of its veterans, Fadnavis said, "Roles keep changing in the party. Some were working from state legislature... Now, new individuals will work in the legislature." He refused to elaborate on the unrest within the party following the denial of tickets to Vinod Tawde, Chandrashekhar Bawankule, Raj Purohit, Eknath Khadse and Prakash Mehta.

Sources said the joint appearance by Fadnavis and Thackeray projected that the two parties remained united at the top despite problems at lower levels due to seat sharing and distribution of tickets. Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray, who is contesting from Worli, was also present on the dais.

"As two political parties, we have had differences on some issues. Yet, we were always confident of a pre-poll alliance for Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. What binds us together is the larger plank of Hindutva," the CM said.

As per the seat-sharing agreement between the two parties, the BJP along with smaller alliance partners will contest on 164 seats and the Sena will contest on 124 seats.

Asked about the perception of BJP acting as "big brother", Sena chief Thackeray said, "Why get into numbers? What ultimately matters is that our hearts meet." Asked if Aaditya would be projected as CM or deputy CM candidate if the alliance is voted to power, he said, "Aaditya has taken his first step in electoral politics. It is for him to decide what he wants. Sena-BJP perfectly know what to do."

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**DEVENDRA FADNAVIS** BJP, Nagpur South West

₹8.70 cr TOTAL ASSETS (self, spouse)

**IMMOVABLE** 

**MOVABLE** ₹3.93 cr

₹4.77 cr

**CASH**(self, HUF) ₹30,000 Income in 2018-19 (self, spouse) ₹75.77 lakh

Income in 2017–18 (self, spouse) ₹67.47 lakh

**CRIMINAL CASES** ASSETS IN LAST AFFIDAVIT FILED FOR

**2014 LOK SABHA POLLS** (self, spouse)

₹4.34 cr



**BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA** Congress, Garhi Sampla-Kiloi

₹15.67 cr **TOTAL ASSETS** (self, spouse)

**IMMOVABLE** ₹11.22 cr

**CASH**(self)

**MOVABLE** ₹4.45 cr

₹3,25,000

Income in 2018-19 (self) ₹41.44 lakh Income in 2017-18 (self) ₹38.26 lakh **CRIMINAL CASES** 

ASSETS IN LAST AFFIDAVIT FILED FOR **2014 LOK SABHA POLLS** (self, spouse) ₹8.82 cr



Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray and Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray at a joint press conference in Mumbai on Friday. Fadnavis filed nomination from Nagpur South West seat on Friday. Pradip Das

# Ministers to chief whip, BJP veterans fall by the wayside

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE& **MANOJ MORE** 

MUMBAI, PUNE, OCTOBER 4

AS PART of the BJP's makeover strategy ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls in Maharashtra, several party veterans have fallen by the wayside with the BJP, denying tickets to two sitting ministers and its chief whip in the House, among others.

Stunning the state BJP unit in the fourth list of candidates released Friday, the BJP replaced Vinod Tawde, and Chandrasekhar Bawankule (both sitting ministers). Eknath Khadse and Prakash Mehta (former ministers in the Fadnavis government) and the party's chief whip in the Assembly, Raj Purohit.

Early Friday, Tawde was informed by a BJP leader that he will be replaced in the Borivali constituency in Mumbai. Tawde contested state elections from Borivali for the first time in in the 2014 state polls.

"Tawde had called the Chief Minister Thursday to know why his name was being withheld and had also met state BJP president Chandrakant Patil and party central observers," said a BJP source. Around 1.30 am on Friday, a party leader

later contacted Tawde to say the party's leadership had chosen to field Sunil Rane from **Borivali** 

Tawde put up a brave face. "I'll do some serious introspection to find out what my mistakes and shortcomings were. I am also sure the party will introspect to ascertain the facts and whether there was some wrong feedback or misunderstanding in my case. Being an RSS

THE DISAGREEMENT among certain factions

of the BIP and Shiv Sena over the alliance's seat-

sharing arrangement spilled out in the open

in Sindhudurg on Friday, with the two parties

supporting or fielding different candidates

bhiman Paksha chief and former Sena leader

Narayan Rane's son Nitesh into the BJP has also

intensified the tension between the two par-

ties in the district. As Nitesh filed his nomina-

tion from Kankavli on a BJP ticket on Friday, the

Sena gave its AB Form to former Narayan Rane

loyalist Satish Sawant, who filed his nomina-

tion as a Sena candidate from the same seat.

The recent induction of Maharashtra Swa-

from three constituencies of the district.

**SUSHANT KULKARNI** 

KANKAVLI, OCTOBER 4



**Eknath Khadse** Vinod Tawde

and BJP worker, I'll continue to work for the party. The question of joining any other party does not arise," he said.

Six-time MLA Eknath Khadse, who once

enjoyed the number two position in the Fadnavis Cabinet, was also denied a ticket. His daughter Rohini Khadse has been nominated instead from Muktainagar. In 2016, Khadse was forced to step down as minister following allegations of graft and im-

propriety in a Pune land deal. Since then, Khadse has often fired barbs at Fadnavis and the government in the House, causing some embarrassment to the ruling party. Sources said the party leadership disapproved Khadse's defiance to file his nomina-

tion for the election before his name was cleared. According to sources, the party wanted to convey a strong message by denying him a ticket. A crestfallen Khadse, once a serious contender for chief minister's post, hinted that he

would retire from politics. "When your son can step into your shoes comfortably, it shows he can manage the show on his own and it is time for you to retire," he said.

Another surprise in Maharashtra is the denial of a ticket to Energy Minister

BJP, Sena rivals in three Sindhudurg seats

The BJP, meanwhile, has openly declared

its support for independent candidates in two

other constituencies — Kudal and Sawantwadi.

In Sawantwadi, BIP declared its support for BIP

rebel Rajan Teli, who has filed nomination as an

Independent against Sena's Deepak Kesarkar,

minister of state for finance and rural devel-

former Narayan Rane loyalist, Devdatt Samant,

who had filed his nomination against Sena's

Pramod Jathar told *The Indian Express*, "They

(Sena) are the ones who have broken the car-

dinal rule of the alliance by pitching a candi-

date against Nitesh Rane. We will now fully su-

pport the candidates against Sena. Effectively,

there is no alliance between the BIP and Shiv

The BJP has declared its support to another

Sindhudurg's BJP district unit president

opment in the state government.

Vaibhav Naik in Kudal seat.

Chandrashekhar Bawankule from Kamptee (in Vidharbha). While the party has replaced him with the little known Tekchand Sawarkar, Bawankule's wife, Jyoti, has filed her nomination as an independent in the Bawankule sought to play down the deci-

sion. "There is no question of any injustice being done to me. We have carried out so much development in the constituency that anyone from the party can win here. I'm sure that the party has a larger role for me in the election campaign," he said.

In Mumbai, former housing minister Prakash Mehta, who was dropped from the Fadnavis Cabinet in June this year, after allegations against him in a slum redevelopment project, has been replaced by Parag Shah, a party corporator, in Ghatkopar (East).

The move drew a sharp reaction from his supporters, who attacked Shah's car when he came to visit Mehta before filing his nomination. Shah, among the richest corporators in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, had his car's windshield smashed by Mehta's supporters, who also insisted Mehta file his nomination as an Independent candidate.

Another leader denied a ticket is six-time MLA Raj Purohit, who is said to have had a running feud with current Mumbai BJP president and MLA Mangal Prabhat Lodha. Purohit had fallen out of favour in the party after a video emerged in which he was allegedly seen making comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah.

He has been replaced by Rahul Narvekar, who was the Opposition NCP's member in the Legislative Council.

Nitesh had resigned from the Congress and

Later in the day, at a rally, Rane and BIP lead-

the MLA's post a few days ago. He filed his

nomination papers on a BIP ticket on Thursday,

ers from the district reiterated that the BIP will

be the biggest party in the district by 2024. This,

Sena, which has a strong base in Sindhudurg.

Rane said, "Idon't know who Satish Sawantis."

was elected from the Sena and I helped Sena

flourish in Sindhudurg. After 2005, I was with

the Congress, so the Congress flourished in

Sindhudurg. Now I am with the BJP, and I will

make sure that the BJP flourishes here."

Asked about his former loyalist Satish

He told *The Indian Express*, "In the 1990s, I

in the presence of Narayan Rane.

Sena in Sindhudurg.'

# Way tickets distributed, Cong's result will be worse in Mumbai than 2014 Assembly polls'

THERE WAS a conspiracy in Congress to damage Rahul Gandhi, and now the leaders sitting in Delhi are targeting people whom Rahul appointed and who worked closely with the former Congress chief, former Mumbai Congress chief **SANJAY NIRUPAM** tells **MANOJ CG**. Excerpts from the interview:

#### What is the reason for your unhappiness?

The reason is obvious. For the last five months, I have been constantly ignored by the party. I could have demanded many more seats in Mumbai, but I thought I will only ask for one seat which I can win for the party. I had spoken to AICC general secretary incharge (of Maharashtra) Mallikarjun Kharge, screening committee chairman Jyotiraditya Scindia, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal and Maharasthra Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat. There was no response from them.

I am a former Mumbai Congress president. The seat I was asking for is in my constituency, I live there. They could have told me if the candidate was not good, but they totally ignored me. What kind of treatment is this? This is humiliation. When I was in Delhi, I took four (election ticket) aspirants from my district to Kharge

(those from) Dindoshi, Koregaon, Andheri and Versova (seats) — but he did not give any response; did not even meet them properly. Dindoshi has gone to NCP.

People whom I had suggested for the other three seats were not given tickets.... This means there is no importance for me in the

Are you thinking of quitting the party?

I have said that if this kind of treatment continues then the day is not far when I will be forced to leave the party, but at this point of time, there is no plan, no decision...and I don't want to leave the Congress. I want to work in the Congress, revive the party in Mumbai. I worked hard to revive the party when I

was Mumbai Congress president, although there was a campaign against me by local leaders (who were) always promoted by people in Delhi. I am not talking about the Gandhi family, but a senior lot in Delhi — they trouble people working in states. How can a party function like this?



Sanjay Nirupam addresses a press conference in Mumbai on Friday. PTI

Who gained in ticket distribution?

The way tickets have been distributed, I

can predict now that the result will be much worse than what the the party faced in 2014 Assembly elections. I am talking about Mumbai. No one applied their mind. Tickets were distributed on the basis of personal likes and dislikes. A party cannot function like

> When the party loses an election, the PCC (state Congress committee) president is blamed whereas the general secretary has more say than the PCC president. So accountability should

#### Why is all this happening? Basically the target was Rahul Gandhi.

that.

THE EXPRESS

INTERVIEW

SANJAY NIRUPAM

FORMER PRESIDENT.

**MUMBAI CONGRESS** 

There is a plan and conspiracy in the Congress to damage Rahul Gandhi. They made sure that Rahul failed even after working so hard and now those who worked with Rahul Gandhi are on the radar — attack those whom Rahul appointed and trusted. A campaign is on against them. And who is running this campaign? Those sitting in Delhi.

### Will Rahul campaign in Maharashtra?

He should not. It won't make any differ ence; itna barbaad kar diye hai (they have damaged the party so much). If he campaigns, the blame for the defeat will be put on him – (detractors will say) see, the party lost because Rahul campaigned.

**FULL INTERVIEW ON** www.indianexpress.com

# Congress asks Nirupam, Tanwar to exercise restraint

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE CONGRESS on Friday rebuked its former Mumbai unit chief Sanjay Nirupam for alleging that there was a conspiracy against Rahul Gandhi within the party and that an attempt is on by some people in Delhi to finish off his loyalists. The party asked him to stop churning out conspiracy theories and exercise

"Please ask respected Sanjay Nirupam said sources, was an open challenge to the why is he raising these questions now...when a person recommended by him was not given ticket...why didn't he raise these issues Sawant contesting against his son, Narayan yesterday?," Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari told reporters.

Noting that Nirupam has been the president of Mumbai Congress and an MP, Tewari added, "Often it happens that when tickets are distributed in an election, somebody we may recommend does not make the cut but that does not really give you the latitude to

float these unnecessary conspiracy theories which have no legs to stand upon. Nirupam would be well advised to restrain himself even if you are a little annoyed or upset but being upset does not give you the latitude to let your imagination run riot." Tewari also asked former Harvana

Congress chief Ashok Tanwar, who has raised a banner of revolt against the party over distribution of tickets, to exercise restraint and cooperate with the party to ensure that it wins the Assembly polls in the state. Tanwar on Thursday alleged that poll tickets are being sold and that Haryana Congress has been turned into Hooda Congress.

Tewari said Nirupam and Tanwar should introspect whether their comments and actions would help the party. "...both of them have in the past occupied important positions in the party. So our advice to both of them is that they should seriously think whether their actions are not helping those forces which have ruined the nation in the last four months," Tewari said.

### In Fray In Haryana

# Actor to wrestler, women candidates in poll limelight

**SUKHBIR SIWACH** CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 4

WOMEN WILL be in the limelight in the Harvana Assembly polls, with the ruling BIP and Opposition parties fielding many prominent women. The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) has fielded 15 women — the most among the parties. The BJP has fielded 12, the

of Dushyant Chautala seven. The polls for the 90-member Assembly will be held on October 21.

Congress nine and Jannavak Janata Party (JIP)

Wrestler Babita Phogat (Dadri), TV actress Sonali Phogat (Adampur) and London-returned Nauksham Chaudhary (Punhana) are among the young faces of the BJP. Sonali has been fielded against former chief minister Bhajan Lal's son Kuldeep Bishnoi. The Bhajan Lal family has never lost any Assembly elec-

tion from Adampur since 1967. A three-time MLA and cabinet minister in the Khattar-led government, Kavita Jain has been fielded again from Sonipat. Rajya Sabha MP Chaudhary Birender Singh's wife and sit-



Naina Chautala, JJP candidate

ting MLA Prem Lata will contest again from Uchana Kalan. Babita Phogat has been fielded from Dadri constituency while Nauksham Chaudhary is the BJP's choice for Punhana. Latika Sharma (Kalka), Seema Trikha (Badkhal), Santosh Danoda (Narwana) and Asha Khedar (Uklana) are among the BIP's other candidates.

The Congress has fielded former Congress Legislative Party leader Kiran Choudhry (Tosham) and former minister Geeta Bhukal. The party also appointed a woman state pres-



Babita Phogat, BJP candidate

ident — Kumari Selja — just before the polls. The Chautala family's "bahu" Naina Chautala has been fielded by JIP from Badhra against former chief minister Bansi Lal's son Ranbir Mahindra. JIP's Sadhaura candidate, Kusum Sherwal had contested 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Ambala. Kamlesh Saini, fielded from Narnaul, had contested 2014 Assembly polls from this seat as an INLD candidate but lost by

around 4,000 votes. The INLD has not fielded 33 per cent

women candidates, as it had announced it would. "We have 15 women among our 86 candidates. We tried our best to increase participation of women," said INLD secretary general RS Chaudhary.

Swaraj India, which had also said it would field 33 per cent women, has five women among its 28 contestants. Swaraj India's Harvana president Rajiv Godara said they could not ensure one-third tickets for women because of "less participation of women in public life in Harvana".

Activist Santosh Dahiya is JJP's Ladwa candidate. A professor of Kurukshetra University, Dahiya said more women should be fielded by mainstream parties in electoral politics. "When women comprise 50 per cent of the population, why are they not offered half the tickets?" she asked.

"In the 2016 panchayat polls, 33 per cent seats were reserved for women but they won almost 45 per cent seats. It means they are capable of winning. Women should not be used just for attendance in rallies," said Dahiya, who is Kurukshetra district brand ambassador for Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign.



dates in Haryana are women, the proportion of women fielded by major parties has not seen any marked increase. While the BJP had fielded more women in 2014 Assembly polls, the Congress and INLD had fielded a similar number compared to this year. In the 2014 state polls, there were 162 women among the 1.565 candidates and 13 women winners — a record in Haryana since its inception in 1966. In the recent Lok Sabha polls, there were only 11 women among 223 candidates in Haryana.

WHILE A number of prominent candi-

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### LYING LOW

IN THE Lok Sabha elections, one of the star campaigners of the Congress was cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu. State units of the party were eager to get the witty Punjab politician on the campaign trail. Things have changed now, it seems. Sidhu resigned as minister from the Amarinder Singh cabinet and has been lying low since then. His name does not even figure in the list of star campaigners for neighbouring Haryana — which the Congress submitted to the Election Commission — though Sidhu is popular in Haryana. The question is whether he opted out or the party did not want to field him. Interestingly, Ashok Tanwar, the former Haryana Congress chief who has raised a banner of revolt against the party, is in the list.

# SLOW START

WITH LESS than a month left for the elections in Maharashtra and Haryana, the electoral scene is yet to heat up. First, the candidates' list was delayed as political parties were waiting for the "inauspicious" Pitru Paksha or Shraddha period to end. Politicians were reluctant to take major decisions during that time. As it ended last Saturday, the parties declared their candidates, but the campaign will pick up only after Dussehra next week. All major parties have prepared lists of star campaigners, but no major rallies are expected before Dussehra. Because the leaders are busy with rituals in this festive period.

### TIMELY RELIEF

LAWYERS IN Patna breathed a sigh of relief when the High Court closed for a week-long Dussehra vacation. Chief Justice A P Shahi had personally written to all judges of the high court last week to accommodate requests for adjournments from lawyers in the light of the untimely floods in Patna, but the court was functioning. Lawyers had requested the court to not pass any adverse orders when clients or advocates were not present without prior information.

## **INX MEDIA CASE**

# SC notice to CBI on Chidambaram's bail plea

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 4

THE SUPREME Court on Friday issued notice to the CBI on former Union minister Chidambaram's plea seeking bail in the INX Media graft case.

Fixing the matter for hearing on October 15, a bench of Justices R Banumathi and Hrishikesh Roy asked the CBI to file its response by October 14.

Chidambaram, who is currently in judicial custody at Tihar jail, had approached the apex court against the Delhi High Court's September 30 order dismissing his bail plea. The senior Congress leader, 74, has been in custody since his arrest by the CBI on August 21.

Appearing for him, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the HC order was in favour of the accused on the question of whether he was a flight risk and whether he would tamper with evidence.

Justice Banumathi then queried what had happened to

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SEVENTY-ONE FORMER top bu-

Foreign Secretary and National

Security Adviser Shivshankar

Menon, have protested the gov-

Sindhushree Khullar and other

former and serving senior bu-

reaucrats in the INX Media case.

NITI Aayog in the Modi govern-

ernment, the former bureau-

crats, mostly IAS, have expressed

"deep concern" over "selective

targeting of retired and serving

officers, apparently for gaining

The 71 signatories include

narrow political advantages".

Khullar had been the CEO of

In an open letter to the gov-

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 4

prosecution of 4 ex-officials Secretary and Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance,

Nitin Desai and former Health

Secretary Keshav Desiraju. "It will only seem to confirm the worst apprehensions of civil reaucrats, including former servants, namely, that they will be afforded no protection for bona fide acts in the performernment move to grant CBI ance of their official duties," the prosecution sanction for letter says.

> It says the move will act as "dampener" in the government's efforts to provide some legal protection to bureaucrats from the Prevention of Corruption Act in discharge of their duties.

Along with Khullar, the government has granted prosecution sanction for Anup Pujari, former MSME secretary, Prabodh Saxena, former Director in Finance Ministry, and Rabindra Prasad, former Under Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs.

# Hit by onion export ban, Hasina urges India to inform in future

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

Stating that India's decision to ban export of onions led to difficulties for the people in the neighbouring country, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday told a Delhi audience that it would be helpful if New Delhi informs Dhaka before taking such decisions in future.

With prices shooting up in markets across her country, Hasina added in jest that the she has asked her cook to not use onions while cooking at home.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal was present at the event when Hasina made the remarks.

Onion prices in Bangladesh have more than doubled since September 29, when India banned exports to stabilise prices in the domestic market — - up from 40-50 Takas (Rs 33-42) to 110 Takas (Rs 92) per kg.

Addressing the India-Bangladesh Business Forum in the national capital, Hasina moved off her prepared speech and said, "Thhoda sa notice dene se achchha hota, kyunki hum bhi thhoda doosra jagah se laa sakte thhe. Achanak bandh kar diya aur humaare liye yeh mushkil ban gaya; aagey se agar kisi bhi tarah aapko aise kuch karna hai, toh humein thoda sa pehle bataa dein (Prior notice of such decisions would help. You stopped exports suddenly; it became difficult for us. In future, if you are taking such a decision, prior information would help)."

Asked about Hasina's remarks later, the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson, Raveesh, said he has seen her comments and India will try to address her concerns.

her speech, the

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**NATIONAL SECURITY Advisor** 

Ajit Doval on Friday reaffirmed

India's stand in seeking rule of

law and a" "engagement on pre-

dictable terms", adding that mu-

tual cooperation will help com-

plement neighbouring countries'

two-day Goa Maritime Conclave,

which saw the participation of

heads of the navies of ten nations

from the Indian Ocean region

Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia,

Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar,

Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka,

at the conclave, Doval said, "We consider that anything that is

good for one country is going to

contribute to the wellness of the

rest. But most important is one

more aspect which I would like

to underline — that we are not

part of any alliance. Our cooper-

ation is not directed against any

country. Our cooperation is truly

intended and focused on bring-

ing about a change that will only

add towards the prosperity of

The NSA identified three ar-

each country and the region."

Giving the inaugural speech

and Thailand.

Doval was speaking at the

maritime security strength.

PANAJI, OCTOBER 4

Matter to be

heard on

Oct 15

the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) case. Chidambaram's coun-

sel Abhishek Manu Singhvi said

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta

said he will take instructions and

had noted that the investigation

was at an advanced stage and

the "possibility" of him influenc-

ing witnesses cannot be ruled

Chidambaram told the apex

court that his continued incar-

ceration is in the "form of pun-

ishment" and that the liberty of

an individual cannot be denied

on the basis of "anonymous and

unverified allegations".

71 former bureaucrats write

to PM on sanctioning

Challenging the same,

inform the court.

Appearing for the ED,

Rejecting his bail plea, the HC

the ED had not arrested him.



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with Railway and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal at India-Bangladesh Business Forum in New Delhi on Friday. AP

# Why Delhi's move teared up Dhaka

BANGLADESH IS the top importer of Indian onion. The country accounted for nearly 31 per cent of India's \$496.82 million worth of exports of fresh or chilled onions in 2018-19. India exported 2.2 million tonnes of fresh onions in the fiscal ended March 31, according to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority's figures. Besides Bangladesh, Malaysia and Nepal are the other big importers.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval with former Navy Chief

**Admiral Sunil Lanba in Goa on Friday.** PTI

eas which are going to "afford

biggest opportunity and also

present the most serious threat"

to security — the seas, outer

will help complement neigh-

bouring countries' maritime se-

curity strength and mitigate any

resource constraint that might

take shape, but it should not be

seen as being directed against

bilities India has built, which

would be made available to all na-

tions in the South Asia and Pacific

regions. He stressed that the need

of the hour is to continuously de-

Doval also spoke on the capa-

any specific country.

He said mutual cooperation

space and the cyber space.

Bangladesh Prime Minister said there is huge potential in her country for the Indian business community in different sectors.

Hasina said: "We are in the process of establishing 100 special economic zones, and about a dozen are ready, with four allotments to three countries. Bangladesh has offered three zones for Indian investors at

Goa Maritime Conclave: NSA

bats for mutual cooperation

Mongla, Bheramara and Mirsarai. Substantial investment from Indian investors in these economic zones would help broaden our exportable base."

She said, "We also want to see trade and investment together where Indian investors can set up industries in Bangladesh and export the products to north-eastern states of India and to

sign infrastructure and researchbacked intelligence to tackle new

threats arising from the seas.

'Keen for third carrier'

Navy chief Admiral Karambir

Singh said on Friday that the

Navy is keen to acquire a third air-

craft carrier, and the Centre has

the 1950s, it was built on three

aircraft carriers, so that two air-

craft carriers are always available

when one is under repairs. We

are very much looking forward

to the government taking a de-

cision on the third aircraft car-

rier," said Singh.

"If you see the blueprint of

to take a decision on the same.

Southeast Asian countries, taking advantage of the improved connectivity between us." Speaking at the World

Economic Forum's India Economic summit, Hasina said: "In the next decade, we should follow certain principles — first we must try to secure peace, stability and harmony for every individual across our societies (in South Asian nations). We must move beyond the majority-minority mindset. Pluralism has been the strength of South Asia""

She said Bangladesh continues to champion regional cooperation with groupings such as BIMSTEC, BBIM, BCIM and SAARC. Hasina noted that in the past decade, there were many "lofty" regional ideas and initiatives, with some succeeding while others failed to deliver.

(INPUTS FROM PRABHA **RAGHAVAN)** 

# Elevate four advocates as Karnataka HC judges: Collegium

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 4

THE SUPREME Court Collegium has reiterated its proposal for elevating four advocates as judges of the Karnataka High Court, rejecting the Centre's objection to it.

The Collegium had approved names of nine advocates for appointment to Karnataka High Court on March 25, but Centre returned the files of four of them — Savanur Vishwajith Shetty, Maralur Indrakumar Arun, Mohammed Ghouse Shukure Kamal and Engalaguppe Seetharamaiah Indiresh — to Chief Justice of India for reconsideration.

After perusing the objections, the Collegium comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and N V Ramana on Thursday reiterated the recommendation and added that "having regard to acute shortage of Judges in Karnataka High Court it would be appropriate if the... proposal is processed expeditiously".

The official resolution said the Intelligence Bureau had reported that they enjoy "good personal and professional image and nothing adverse came to notice against" their integrity.

# Chhattisgarh HC stays state govt's move to increase OBC quota

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAIPUR, OCTOBER 4

THE HIGH Court of Chhattisgarh on Friday stayed the state government's decision to increase the OBC reservation in the state from 14 per cent to 27 per cent. The order, issued by a division bench of Chief Justice P R Ramachandra Menon and Justice Parth Prateem Sahu, came after several petitions were filed against the government's move to increase reservation for OBCs, SCs and STs.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel acknowledged the stay order, but said his government would put their side strongly before the High Court.

In August, Chief Minister Baghel announced an increase of a total of 14 per cent reservation in the state. While the reservation for STs remained at 32 per cent, the reservation for SCs went up from 12 to 13 per cent. The reservation for OBCs jumped from 14 to 27 per cent.

Soon after, the state government notified the Centre's decision to implement 10 per cent reservation for economically backward sections of the general category. This took the total reservation in Chhattisgarh to 82 per cent, higher than in any other state in the country.

Several petitions against this were filed in the high court, citing the Supreme Court judgment in the Indira Sawhney case The petitions also argued that the basis for these decisions was data from NSSO, BPL and RBI survey reports and not the official Census and claimed that the reservation for OBCs had been increased on the basis of insufficient data.

The state government argued that other states have also increased reservation and said the increase in OBC reservation is proportionate to their population which is more than 45 per cent in the state.

The division bench finished hearing both sides on October 1 and had reserved the judgment.

Chief Minister Baghel on Friday told reporters that the court had stayed only part of the reservation and had accepted the quota for SCs and **Economically Weaker Sections** in general category. "For the OBCs, we will fight and put our case strongly before the high court," he said.

# Congress issues showcause notice to Rae Bareli MLA

**MAULSHREE SETH** LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 4

THE CONGRESS on Friday issued a show-cause notice to Rae Bareli MLA Aditi Singh for participating in the special 36-hour session of Uttar Pradesh Assembly despite party's decision to boycott it on October 2.

The party has given her two days' time to reply to the notice or face necessary action.

**Congress Legislature Party** Leader Aajy Kumar Lallu said that Aditi should resign from the party and contest on her own, rather than indulging in such indiscipline.

"On October 2, a special session of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly was convened and the Congress had decided to boycott it. You were informed about it personally, but you did not follow the instructions of the party

and also broke the whip," read the notice to Singh, issued by Congress Legislature Party Leader Lallu. It further read, "You actively participated in the proceedings of the House, which is

**Aditi Singh** 

an extreme indiscipline and will be considered as (an) anti-party activity. Give your explanation about this indiscipline and antiparty activity within (the) next two days or necessary action will be taken against you.' Earlier in the day, a section of

Congress workers in Rae Bareli took out a protest march, demanding Aditi's resignation and alleging that she was under the influence of BJP.

# NMC members to be chosen by draw of lots

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

**MEMBERS OF National Medical** Commission (NMC) will be selected by a transparent, public draw of lots on October 14, Health Secretary Preeti Sudan told the media on Friday. The NMC will replace Medical Commission of India as the apex regulator of medical education.

The National Medical

Commission Act, 2019 was notified in the official gazette on August 8, 2019 to constitute a **National Medical Commission** for development and regulation of all aspects relating to medical education, medical profession and medical institutions. It also provides for constitution of a Medical Advisory Council (MAC) to advise and make recommendations to the Commission. Parttime members of NMC will be chosen from the MAC.

# **JAL JEEVAN MISSION**

### Rural houses to get 2-3 hr piped water supply daily eral suggestions, with Bedi pro-Shakti was constituted by

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

RURAL HOUSEHOLDS will get two to three hours of piped water supply and 14.6 crore such households will be provided piped water connection in the next five years as part of the Union government's Jal Jeevan Mission, top officials of the Ial Shakti Ministry are learnt to have informed at a meeting of the group of Governors on Friday.

During the meeting, the officials also said that the focus under this ambitious programme will be on sustainability of water sources, it was informed.

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit chaired the meeting, attended by Governors of Punjab and Rajasthan V P Singh Badnore and Kalraj Mishra, and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Kiran Bedi. Another member of the group, Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya, could not attend. Sources said the ministry of-

ficials also made a case for direct intervention by the Governors to push the efforts towards water conservation and suggested that Raj Bhavans should become the model for water conservation. They are learnt to have suggested that being chancellors of universities in their respective

About 14.6 crore roral households to get piped water **connection in next 5 years.** File

states, Governors can impress rainwater harvesting. upon higher education institu-Sources said that during the tions to use their campuses for meeting the Governors gave sev-

a river basin management Bill to protect floodplains, it is learnt. Water Resources department Secretary U P Singh and Drinking Water and Sanitation

posing that the focus should be on

regional planning. They suggested

department Secretary Parameswaran Iyer were among the top officers present.

As part of the Jal Jeevan Mission, the government plans to provide all rural households with piped water connection. The project is estimated to cost Rs 3.50 lakh crore, with the

Union government and states of the governors to be held in sharing the expenses 50:50. The group of Governors on Jal November this year.

The Governor of Jharkhand is convener of the group on tribal affairs, while the Gujarat Governor heads the group on farmer welfare and agriculture. A group headed by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh has been assigned the task of education and another group under the West Bengal Governor is deliberating on the issue of governance. The report of these groups will be deliberated in the 5th conference

President Ram Nath Kovind in

August this year. Kovind has also

constituted four other groups on

various socioeconomic issues.

Chandrasekhar,

former Cabinet Secretary K M former

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#### North

# Pakistani woman gets Indian citizenship after 35 years

*Muzaffarnagar:* Thirty-five years after she applied for Indian citizenship, a Pakistani woman, married to a man in Muzaffarnagar was granted Indian nationality. She was living in the country on a longterm visa. Zubeda (55) had married Syed Mohammad Zaved, a resident of Yogenderpur locality here, 35 years ago, a local intelligence

officer said. She had applied for Indian citizenship immediately after her marriage, however it was not accepted on some legal grounds. Since 1994, she had been residing in the country on long-term visa, and was granted Indian citizenship early this week, the official added. She can now apply for Aadhaar, ration card and voter ID.



UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flags off the Tejas Express in Lucknow on Friday. The commercial run of train, which will ply between New Delhi and Lucknow, **starts on Saturday.** Vishal Srivastav

### **EAST** Two policemen killed in encounter with Maoists

Ranchi: Two policemen were killed when Maoists opened fire on security forces in Ranchi district on Friday, a senior police officer said. Following a tip-off that Maoists had gathered near Dassam falls between Bundu and Namkum, security forces rushed to the area around 4 am, Additional Director General of Police Murari Lal

Meena told PTI. "The Maoists opened fire on the security forces and two of our district jawans suffered bullet injuries. While one jawan was declared brought dead at the hospital, another succumbed during treatment," the ADGP said. The security forces retaliated but there was no report of any casualty from the other side, Meena said. PTI

### WEST

## Woman jumps from highrise, lands on man; both killed

*Ahmedabad:* Two people — a 30-year-old woman and a 69-year-old man — died on Friday morning when the former jumped from a highrise in Ahmedabad in an alleged suicide bid and landed on the latter. Police said the incident occurred Parishkar Residential Society in Amraiwadi around 6.30

am on Friday. The woman jumped from the balcony of a 13th floor apartment in E block Phase 2 and landed on the society resident who was out on a morning walk. The deceased were identified as Mamta Rathi, who had come to visit her parents in Ahmedabad, and Balubhai Gamit, a retired teacher. **ENS** 

### South

# Gang member part of jewellery

Tiruchirappalli: A gang member involved in a heist at a Wednesday, was arrested on Friday and 4.5 kg gold was seized. Manikandan was arrested near Tiruvarur during burglary in which over 30 kg gold jewels were stolen, po-

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S

Jaishankar said Friday that India's

entire neighbourhood "minus

one" has been a "fairly good

story" for regional cooperation.

Economic Summit in World

Economic Forum, Jaishankar

said, "I would say the entire

neighbourhood, minus one, has

actually been a fairly good story

Asked if the impasse with

'minus one' would continue, he

said he hopes that some day

even the 'minus one' comes

around to regional cooperation.

moment... Today, with everybody

"You put Kashmir aside for a

of regional cooperation."

Speaking at the India

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

# SC advances deadline to end hearing on dispute to Oct 17

If belief is test, it would apply to Islam as well, Wakf Board tells apex court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

HEARING ON appeals challenging the Allahabad High Court verdict in the Ayodhya case will conclude on October 17, the Supreme Court said on Friday. This is one day earlier than the October 18 deadline set earlier.

Winding up hearing on Friday, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who heads a five-judge Constitution bench hearing the dispute, asked the parties to finish their arguments by October 16 so that it can hear them on the question of relief the following day and wrap up the proceedings.

With the CJI set to retire on November 17, the bench has a little over four weeks to write and pronounce the judgment on the appeals against the Allahabad High Court verdict, which ordered a three-way division of the disputed property.

The bench also comprises Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer.

holds meeting

**Amit Shah** 

with forces

posted along

AAAAA **AYODHYA HEARING** 

On Friday, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Sunni Central Wakf Board, countered the Hindu side's objections to his argument which referred to communal incidents of the past, and illegalities committed on the mosque.

Dhavan said senior counsel C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for Ramlalla Virajman, the deity of Ayodhya, had termed this mischievous, unfortunate and intended to promote communally divisive feelings. Dhavan submitted that "illegalities are central to the determination" of the case, and if anything was communally divisive, it was the demolition of Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992.

The Hindu side has claimed that the janmasthan (birthplace) is also a juristic person. The Muslim side has opposed this saying that mere belief was not enough to attribute juristic personality and there should be some manifestation.

Touching on this, Dhavan said that if belief, spirituality and sacredness are the tests, they would apply to Islam as well.

To this, Justice Bobde asked whether living beings or objects were revered in Islam, unlike Hinduism where manifestations of divinity are revered. Dhavan said both Hindus and Muslims pray to one supreme being.

Intervening, Justice Bobde said that for Muslims, prayers are "only to Allah". Dhavan replied that while for Hindus it is "manifested through multiple forms", for Muslims it is "manifested through multiple prayers".

He said India is a multi-civilisation state and there is a stress on one civilisation now. He also said that there is a certain animosity for Islam today, and what the world forgets is there would have been no western science without Islamic philosophers.

Dhavan said no one is questioning that Ram was born somewhere in Ayodhya. "The dispute would not have been there but for the claim that he was born under the central dome of the Babri Masjid – that's when Muslims said prove it." He said this question — Ram's birthplace - "was at the core of the dispute".

At one point, he said both Hindus and Muslims were there at the site. To this, Justice Chandrachud said, "The moment you say that, your claim for adverse possession goes."

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume when the court reopens after the Durga Puja and Dussehra holidays on October 14.

Justice Chandrachud also pointed out that it was interesting that issues such as a Sikh entering the mosque and the Ram Chabutara being on the outer courtyard, etc, coincided more or less with the period during which the British gave grant to the mosque in the late 1850s.

not the right time to go there." Van Hollen, who has travelled

ernment on this, government

# US Senator keen to see Kashmir 'first hand', denied nod

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

KNOWN FOR his views on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, a key US Senator from the Democratic Party wanted to visit Kashmir to see the situation "first-hand", but the Indian government denied him permission to go there.

Chris Van Hollen is the first US Congressman to have been denied the permission by the Indian government after the special status to Jammu and Kashmir was revoked on August 5.

Born in Karachi and having gone to school in Kodaikanal while his father served as an American diplomat in Sri Lanka, Van Hollen has been clued into the Indian politics. Despite being refused permission to visit Kashmir, he came to India and met officials and key members of civil society in Delhi on Thursday and Friday.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Friday. Van Hollen said. "I wanted to visit Kashmir to see first-hand what was happening, but was not allowed by the Indian government. We had approached the government about a week ago, but were told it was

across India but never been to I&K, said, "I had thought it would be useful to go there and see the situation myself. My personal view is that if you have nothing to hide, there is nothing to fear by allowing visitors to the state.. I can only conclude that the Indian government doesn't want us to see what's happening out there."

While there was no official response from the Indian gov-



Chris Van Hollen

sources said that foreign dignitaries have been advised not to go there keeping in view their safety and security.

"I have a deep affection for India and support stronger Indo-US relations. And, it's important for the Indian government to address the provisions in the US Senate's Appropriations committeeadopted Bill which includes language on Kashmir," said Hollen.

Van Hollen has served as Chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee from 2017 to 2019. As member of the US House of Representatives for Maryland's 8th Congressional district, he has been vocal about the situation in J&K. His constituency, Maryland, has one of the largest Muslim American populations of any US state, with a significant Pakistani and Indian-American Muslim population.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, he played a key role in including tough language on J&K in the Appropriations Bill, which was unanimously adopted last week. He said the committee "noted with concern the current hu manitarian crisis in Kashmir and called on the Indian government to fully restore telecommunications and Internet services; lift its lockdown and curfew; and release individuals detained...".

## J&K govt revokes PSA against two minor boys

**ADIL AKHZER** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 4

THE JAMMU and Kashmir government has informed the High Court that they have revoked the Public Safety Act (PSA) that had been slapped against two minors.

The government informed a single-judge bench of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey of the same. A subsequent order by the court read, "In that view of the matter, the petition does not survive, therefore, is disposed of as settled."

In the first case, family of a boy from Baramulla district approached HC with a habeas corpus petition seeking directions to quash the PSA detention order against the boy. The dossier prepared by police had mentioned boy's age as 21 years. However, his parents maintained that the boy is 16-years-old. In the second case, a family of a boy from Srinagar had approached the High Court and filed a habeas corpus petition, submitting that the

detenue is prima facie a juvenile. The families of four boys had earlier approached the High Court, challenging the PSA slapped against them. The government has now revoked the PSA against three of the four boys.

reservations, will contest BDC polls, says Cong **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

Despite strong

JAMMU, OCTOBER 4

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Congress on Friday said it would participate in the Block Development Council (BDC) elections on October 24 despite its strong reservations about the conduciveness of the political and security environment for such an electoral exercise when most of its leaders, especially in

the Valley, are under house arrest There are various other restrictions to keep the entire opposition away from any kind of political movement for the past two months, said Congress spokesperson Ravinder Sharma He was accompanied by former minister and general secretary Yogesh Sawhney, general secretary Th. Manmohan Singh and co-treasurer Rajnish Sharma.

"The Congress has taken the decision of participating in the BDC elections in the larger interest of the democracy, people of the state and the nation," he said, adding that 12,052 panch constituencies in the Valley are vacant.

He said the decision was taken after consultation with the party high command and "available senior leadership" in the state.

have been repeated statements

by the Turkish government on a

matter completely internal to

India. These statements are fac-

tually incorrect, biased and un-

Mahathir Mohamad had raised

the Kashmir issue at the United

Nations, alleging that India had

Malaysian Prime Minister

warranted," Kumar said.

# India: Regret statements by Turkey, Malaysia on Kashmir

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INDIA ON Friday said it "deeply regrets" statements made by Turkey and Malaysia on the Kashmir issue, and termed it an

and Kashmir, and the current developments in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are purely

fore making further comments.

"invaded and occupied" Jammu and Kashmir, and had asked New Delhi to work with Pakistan to resolve the issue. Kumar said India and

Malaysia have traditionally enjoyed good and friendly ties. "We have noted the comment on Iammu and Kashmir by the prime minister of Malaysia. We deeply regret these comments since they are not based on facts," Kumar said.

# heist held, 4.5 kg gold seized

Neighbourhood 'minus one' has

been a good story: Jaishankar

jewellery showroom here on a vehicle-check and confessed to have carried out the lice said. He and his associate

Suresh, said to be the kingpin of the burglary, were carrying a part of the stolen jewels on a bike. Seeing the police, Manikandan threw the loot and tried to run but was caught, Suresh, however, escaped. "We checked the bar code on the jewels. It's confirmed they were stolen from Lalithaa jewellery," police

# border areas **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

IN THE backdrop of inputs about Pakistan pushing terrorists into Kashmir and the rest of India, Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday held a high-level meeting at North Block with directors general (DGs) of the various forces posted along the borders.

The meeting was attended by BSF DG V K Johri, SSB DG Kumar Rajesh Chandra, ITBP DG S S Deswal, and Assam Rifles D G Sukhdeep Sangwan, among other senior officer of the forces and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Sources said issues related to the security of all borders, but particularly the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir, were discussed at the meeting.

Shah later tweeted, "Had a meeting with all DGs of the Border guarding forces and senior officers of MHA. National security is Modi government's top most priority, discussed in detail how to further strengthen our border security."

Sources said the forces that participated in the meeting, barring the Assam Rifles, also have several companies deployed in Kashmir for law and order duties since August 5, when the Centre struck down the special powers accorded to J&K.

Shah is also learned to have discussed issues related to ceasefire violations on the India-Pakistan border and measures required to ensure safety of border population. He also took stock of activities associated with transgression of Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control with China and the illegal immigration on the border with Bangladesh.

**EKTAA MALIK** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

released on Instagram.

end of a backlash from some sec-

tions on social media for his lat-

est collection — Zooni — that was

clothes invoking Kashmiri sil-

houettes and cuts, and shot in the

Valley by photographer Avani

Rai, was released on October 2.

The collection was criticised as

being insensitive to the people of

Kashmir, given the current block-

ade and political situation in the

state, and described as "cultural

appropriation" and "disrespect-

ful". The same evening the cam-

paign was taken down.

The campaign that featured



RAJNATH FOR INDIGENOUS WEAPONS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the 22nd India International Security Expo 2019 in New Delhi. At the expo, Singh said India cannot remain dependent on imported weapons for long

NIA supplementary chargesheet

since it did not align with the country's plans to become a superpower. Anil Sharma

Yasin Malik produced at a **Delhi court.** ANI

ent Sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

The NIA had registered the case on May 30, 2017, and the first chargesheet was filed against 12 people, including Lashker-e-Taiba(LeT)chief Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahiddin chief Syed Salahuddin, on January 18, 2018.

Following the arrest of the

nating documents were seized, according to the agency,. These seized items are part of evidence along with the testimony of 125 witnesses. The agency claimed to have recovered many SMSes, chats,

five people, the agency con-

ducted searches at nine locations

in J&K during which 400 elec-

tronic devices and 85 incrimi-

emails, WhatsApp messages and videos, indicating alleged nexus between the chargesheeted accused and the five accused ar-The agency stated: "In the

videos they are seen exhorting general public for illegal acts, sympathizing with militants and seeking direct support from Pakistan. Various incriminating chats and emails have been recovered from the email accounts of Yasin Malik and Shabir Shah wherein description of receipt of funds from Pakistan and various other countries have been revealed."

# Designer's collection with Kashmir touch faces heat, taken down from Instagram

would see everybody else prospering with that cooperation," he said. "I always remain hopeful. I'm not unrealistic, I know we have

big challenges. They (Pakistan)

have a mindset issue that they

have an impact because you

have to overcome." MEA official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar, meanwhile, condemned the "provocative and irresponsible" statements by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan over abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and said he is unaware of how international re-

lations are conducted and his

comments do not behove the

post he holds. Responding to a question on the call for a march from PoK to the LoC, which has been backed by Pakistan's military, to protest India's move, he said, "This is not the first time that such statements have come from Pakistan....'

TEXTILE DESIGNER Sanjay Garg, the name behind the label Raw Mango, has been at the receiving

terror funding case.

J&K MLA Abdul Rashid Sheikh,

alias Engineer Rashid; founder-

president of J&K Democratic

Freedom Party Shabir Ahmad

Shah; chairman of J&K Muslim

League Party Masarat Alam; and

Syeda Aasiya Andrabi, founder

Dukhtaran-e-Millat (DeM), a ter-

under IPC Sections 120B (party

to criminal conspiracy), 121

(waging or attempting to wage

war against the State), 121A

(conspiracy to commit offences)

and 124A (sedition), and differ-

The five have been charged

and self-styled chief

ror outfit, the NIA said.

I am aghast: Sanjay Garg

"I am aghast," said Garg. "I had been working on this campaign and collection for more than two years. I made many trips to the Valley, I have spent time talking to the people there. The idea was never to hurt or offend anyone. And this extreme anger and backlash, I can't make head or tail of this. Would this collection have been different had a Kashmiri de-

signer done this?" said Garg, who is based in Chattarpur. "Would I have not been more of an opportunist had I released this campaign later, matlab jab sab theek ho jayega, and people would have forgotten everything."

The designer maintained that they had initially planned to release the campaign in August, but pushed it back given the revocation of special status of J&K and communication blockade.

"No one is talking to me, everyone has already dissected and interpreted my intentions. I have worked with materials and aesthetics from all over India. I did Heer earlier, where I invoked a Punjabi household. The Cloud People was my collection that featured the North East of India. Matlab, kya Kashmir mera nahin hai?" said Garg." I wanted peo-

ple to know what a Kashmiri nikaah is. And they are questioning why I have used and appropriated the pheran, I have used it in my 2015 collection as well. I was even told that many would not know the meaning of Zooni. I said, but a Kashmiri would."

Rai, who shot the campaign, was also trolled, with some comments calling her work pornographic. She said the outrage was selective. "I have been working on Kashmir for five years. Now all my work has been disregarded. I have had my disagreements with Garg on the timing of the campaign. But to dismiss it entirely, and reduce it all to objectification

of Kashmir is absurd..." About the campaign, Garg said, "I don't know if and when I will bring it back. But not like

# countries. We, therefore, deeply regret that since August 6, there

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

internal matter. Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar reiterated India's position that Pakistan had invaded and illegally occupied parts of Jammu

its internal matter. Kumar called upon Turkey, which has issued several statements on Kashmir since August 6, to have a proper understanding of the situation in Kashmir be-

"India and Turkey are friendly

else, trade, business, connectivity and contacts are increasing.

Surely, at some stage, that would

34 Chakma students leave

# In IMA scam, discrepancy in seized Excel document on 'bribes' raises doubt

**JOHNSONTA** 

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 4

MULTIPLE VERSIONS of an Excel document (spreadsheet), in which top management people of I Monetary Advisory (IMA) Pvt Ltd maintained records of alleged payments to politicians, policemen and government officials, has raised doubts that the document may have been tampered with, according to sources.

The IMA Group is accused of cheating more than 40,000 investors to the tune of more than Rs 1.400 crore through Ponzi schemes, dubbed as being Sharia-complaint. Names of top Karnataka politicians and officials have emerged as alleged beneficiaries of the scam.

The B S Yeddiyurappa government had transferred the probe to CBI in August.

According to sources, one reason why concerns about alleged tampering emerged was

# Lab technician killed NRSC scientist after row over money for sex: Police

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 4

A 39-YEAR-OLD lab technician was on Friday taken into custody for allegedly killing a scientist with ISRO's National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) in Hyderabad, following a dispute over payment after having "unnatural" intercourse with the latter, police said.

On October 1, S Suresh Kumar, 56, was found dead with head injuries in his apartment, police said. He was staying alone as his family was away. "Exploiting his loneliness and

urge to perform unnatural act, the suspect expected monetary favours in return. As he did not get the expected amount, he hatched a plan to kill him. He bought a knife, and went to his flat on September 30... after having a physical relationship with him, he attacked him with the knife causing serious head injuries," City Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar said in a press release.

After he did not answer his phone, the scientist's wife, who stays in Chennai, came to Hyderabad on October 1, and with the assistance of the police, the door was broken open. Based on her complaint, a case was registered. Police formed three teams and cracked the case after verifying CCTV footage, the mobile data of the deceased, and that of the accused.

**AMIL BHATNAGAR** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE KEY accused in the

December 2018 Bulandshahr ri-

ots, in which a policeman was

killed allegedly by the mob

protesting against alleged cow

slaughter at a village in the dis-

trict's Siyana tehsil, was released

from jail on Friday, a week after

the Allahabad High Court

Bajrang Dal, was arrested on

January 3 this year, after remain-

ing at large for a month follow-

ing the December 3, 2018, riots.

lage in the district, Yogesh on

Friday claimed that the police

pending in court and I will re-

spect whatever decision the ju-

diciary takes. In jail, most of my

time was spent in meditation. I

Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala

High Court, acting on a PIL seek-

ing a ban on the instant messag-

ing app Telegram, Friday asked the

Centre for its view on the demand.

The PIL was moved by Athena

had framed him in the case.

Back home, at Nayabans vil-

Yogesh said, "The matter is

Yogesh Raj, a member of the

granted him bail.

Out on bail, key accused

in Bulandshahr riots says

was framed by police

because the laptop used by a director of the firm, Naveed Ahmed, on which the spreadsheet was kept and accessed, was used by an SIT, then probing the case. The laptop was used by the SIT even after it was seized for investigations, sources said.

Entries in the document in the seized laptop belonging to Ahmed, who has been arrested, do not match with versions of the document in a Gmail account of IMA founder Mohammed Mansoor Khan, who was arrested from Dubai by the SIT before the CBI took over the probe, sources said.

The document on Khan and Ahmed maintained details of alleged bribes they paid to keep the company's Ponzi scheme afloat is one of the key documents that the CBI is using to track the trail of alleged illegal payments made.

The spreadsheet was also central to investigations carried out by the SIT, which was set up during the tenure of then Chief Minister

HD Kumaraswamy. Based on entries on the spreadsheet, the SIT probe had brought under the scanner leaders such as former state ministers and Congress leaders R Roshan Baig and Zameer Ahmed Khan, and several police and government officials.

"There seem to be multiple versions of the document, with some names missing or added in the different versions. Zameer Khan's name was missing from one of the versions," a source said.

According to some versions of the document, payments were allegedly made by Khan to Income Tax Department officials and others in the state government of the time.

The source said. "The Excel file found in the laptop of the IMA official is the key document. It has details of (alleged) fund transfers, who collected the funds, and on whose behalf the money was collected. The ones in Khan's email have fewer details."

An SIT official involved with

the probe admitted that some procedural lapses occurred in the course of their probe but emphasised that there has been "no tampering". The official said: "When the seized laptop was accessed for investigation, it was documented in the case diary. When it was sent to the forensic lab for analysis, instances when it had been accessed after seizure was indicated."

A source involved with the SIT investigation said, "Ideally, contents of the seized laptop should have been mirrored to another computer and then accessed for investigation. An error occurred to that extent. This is not unusual and courts do allow material to be used for further probe if it is clearly stated at the time of seizure."

The CBI has now sent all computers seized in the IMA case to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory for analysis. In recent weeks, the CBI has

questioned Zameer Khan, IAS officer Raikumar Khatri and IPS officers Hemanth Nimbalkar and Ajay Hillori regarding the case.

"While names of several people are mentioned as receiving payments - ranging from Rs 400 crore to a politician to Rs 30 crore to a police officer - the probe has not been able to find trails for all payments documented in the records. A (money) trail has been found in some of those instances," a source familiar with the probe said.

The SIT had named 25 people in the IMA scam. These include promotee IAS officer B M Vijayshankar, who was Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru urban district at the time, and Revenue Department's assistant commissioner LC Nagarai for allegedly taking a bribe amounting to Rs 5 crore in 2018 to prevent a clampdown on the IMA Group's Ponzi scheme.

Vijayshankar and Nagaraj, who were arrested by the SIT, were not named in the CBI chargesheet filed last month.

### **BSF** sensitises Punjab border villages on drones

Ludhiana: Days after the Punjab government claimed to have recovered two drones that allegedly originated from Pakistan and dropped weapons across the border, the BSF has started sensitising villagers in border areas on how to identify such flying machines, their activities, and the precautions that they should take. The 96 Battalion of BSF Thursday held one such session with sarpanches of the villages falling under Mouzam forward post in Ferozepur's district Fazilka area where Commandant Naresh Kumar made a presentation on types of drones.

Meanwhile, the Centre has handed over the probe related to the drone case to the NIA. According to a PTI report, the decision was taken following Punjab government's request in the wake of the state police's claim to have busted a terror module of the Khalistan Zindabad Force. **ENS&PTI** 

school citing lack of security

**ABHISHEK SAHA** GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 4

THIRTY-FOUR STUDENTS belonging to Chakma community left the hostel of a Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in Mizoram on Thursday, citing lack of security. School authorities and the police have maintained that the students left despite assurances that there would be no threat to their safety.

On Friday, the All India Chakma Students' Union issued a statement on the incident and urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is visiting Mizoram on Saturday, to look into the matter.

"All the 34 Chakma students. including nine girls, fled from the hostel of JNV Thenzawl in Serchhip district to their homes on 3 October 2019 due to the lack of security, intimidation and threats of torture from the Mizo students following brutal torture of Class XII student Nolin Bikash Chakma by Mizo students with iron rods at the hostel on 26 September 2019...," Tejang Chakma, vice-president of the outfit, said in the statement.

"Last week, a scuffle had bro-



# A history of conflict

CHAKMAS, A tribal and largely Buddhist group, number about 1 lakh out of the Mizoram's 11 lakh population (according to the 2011 Census). Certain sections in Mizoram blame Chakmas for illegal migration from Bangladesh, a charge the community denies. There is a history of ethnic conflict between Mizos and Chakmas based on the allegation of influx. There are also allegations of Chakmas' names being struck off from the voters' list and students from the community being denied admission in colleges.

ken out over an allegation of theft. It was not a racial or communal issue," a police officer at Thenzawl police station said.

E Abraham Abednago, principal in-charge of the school, confirmed the students left, but insisted that they did so despite multiple assurances from school authorities and district administration officials that there would be no threat to their safety.

Abednago said an official from the Serchhip DC's office had also come down to assure the Chakma students. "The offi-

cials and I assured the Chakma students. Yet they left...," he said.

The Chakma students' outfit further said in the statement "There is an immediate need to end such torture in the educational institutions and create conducive atmosphere for return of all the 34 Chakma students... Unless the Home Minister ensures safe and secure environment inside the school premises run by the Central government, it shall be a failure of the government of India to se-

cure the future of its children."

# Kerala police probe 6 deaths in same family over 14 years

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

OCTOBER 4

KERALA POLICE is probing six deaths in an extended family over a 14-year period since 2002. The murder angle is being investigated following a complaint pointing to certain common circumstances in all the deaths. On Friday, the police ex-

humed all six bodies at two church cemeteries in Kozhikode Rural district for forensic examination. According to the police,

Ponnamattam Annamma (57), a retired school teacher, first died in Kodenchery in 2002 under

mysterious circumstances. She collapsed soon after taking food. In 2008, her husband Tom Thomas (66), who had worked with the state education department, collapsed and died after having food. Their son Roy Thomas (40) died in 2011 after eating rice. Annamma's brother Mathew (68) died in 2014, after which came the deaths of Sili, a close relative, and her two-yearold daughter in 2016.

The crime branch began the investigation based on a complaint from the son of the late couple, Tom Thomas and Annamma. The son, Rojo, who lives in the US, got suspicious following the death of his brother

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Kozhikode Rural SP K G Simon said the common pattern was that all six persons died after taking food. "Of the six deaths, post-mortem was held only in the case of Roy, who died in 2011. Post-mortem revealed the presence of poison in his body. However, the family did not publicise it on the assumption that Roy committed suicide. Now, we are awaiting the report of forensic examination of the relics collected from the tombs, for further action," he said.

became suspicious after he had found that his parents' property was taken from them by fraud After this he filed a complaint with the police.

Local sources said that Rojo

#### case held, sent to 7-day NIA custody vate hospital, where he was ad-Further investigation is being **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** mitted with injuries following the explosion. He was produced

BSF Commandant Naresh Kumar during a presentation on drones from Pakistan, in

Main accused in Tarn Taran blast

Ferozepur's district Fazilka area, along the India-Pakistan border. Gurmeet Singh

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE NIA on Friday made its first arrest in the Tarn Taran blast case of last month with the arrest of a man the agency calls is the "main accused and conspirator".

The accidental blast in the Punjab border town left the accused, Gurjant Singh, a resident of Bachhre village in Tarn Taran district, injured and killed two of his associates.

The explosion took place on the outskirts of Pandori Gola village on September 4.

Gurjant was arrested immediately on discharge from a pri-

did not face any problem."

On December 3, Yogesh said,

he had gone with members of

other Hindutva outfits to protest

against alleged cow slaughter in

the village and was at the police

station when the FIR was being

filed. "I have no role in the in-

spector's death," he maintained.

Subodh Kumar Singh, SHO of

Siyana police station, was shot

dead with his own serviced re-

volved, allegedly by members of

the mob. Officials said more than

15 people have been granted bail

cused, Shikhar Agarwal, who

headed the district unit of

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, the

BJP's youth wing, was released

along with six others accused in

the case. All of them, accused of

sedition, attempt to murder and

rioting during the Bulandshahr vi-

olence, were accorded a hero's

welcome by their supporters.

In August, another key ac-

in connection with the riots.

During the riots, Inspector

before the Special NIA court in Mohali, and was sent to NIA custody until October 11. According to the agency, two

accused — Vikram, alias Vicky alias Bikkar Singh, and Harpreet Singh, alias Happy — died on the spot and Singh sustained injuries while they were trying to dig out an explosive substance they had allegedly buried on a vacant plot.

The agency said in a statement: "NIA is conducting investigation to unearth the larger conspiracy involved wherein the accused were radicalised and motivated for terror action.

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conducted to find out the source of explosives, motivation and training of the module, potential targets, financing as well as other support from within the country and beyond." Investigation so far reveals

the role of Bikramjit, who left the country in 2018, the NIA stated. The NIA took over the probe

after the Centre on September 20 accepted the Punjab government's recommendation and handed over the investigation to the agency in view of its national and international ramifications, and suspected links of the accused to Pakistan-backed Sikhs for Justice.

Coordinator, Academic Affairs

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# A CUT IN TIME

RBI signals further support to revive growth. On its part, government should stick to fiscal deficit target

N FRIDAY, THE Monetary Policy Committee cut the benchmark reportate by 25 basis points, as high frequency indicators point to continued weakness in economic activity. Since February this year, the MPC has cut interest rates by 135 bps. The central bank also lowered its growth forecast to 6.1 per cent, down from its previous estimate of 6.9 per cent, suggesting that the slowdown is more severe than was previously believed. It has also decided to stick to its accomodative stance till "as long as necessary to revive growth", which signals further rate cuts if growth disappoints, especially as inflation is likely to remain well within its comfort zone.

That the MPC was going to cut rates was a foregone conclusion. The disagreement was over the quantum of the cut — one MPC member voted for a larger cut. A cut of this magnitude is at odds with the sharp downward revision in its growth forecast. That demand remains subdued, capacity utilisation has dropped, credit offtake remains sluggish, and capital goods imports continue to contract, raises the question: If the growth forecast was revised downwards to this extent, surely there is a case for a much larger rate cut? Uncertainty around the effects of the recent stimulus measures may have played a role. It is also possible that the MPC is waiting to see how banks adapt to the new external benchmarking system, and how effectively they transmit these rate cuts to the larger economy, before easing further. The RBI acknowledges that transmission has been a problem so far. While the repo rate was cut by 110 bps between February and August, the lending rate on fresh loans declined by only 29 bps. Part of the problem can be traced to the continuing high interest rate differential between bank deposits and small saving instruments. This exists because the rates announced by the government on small savings are higher than those arrived at by the formula which reflects market realities. This differential restricts banks' ability to cut term deposit rates and, as a consequence, lending rates. As the efficacy of monetary policy depends on transmission, the government should align interest rates on small savings with market rates.

The combination of low growth and low inflation shifts the balance towards further easing. But what is the terminal rate? Going by the RBI's commentary in the past, a neutral stance implies a real interest rate of around 1.25 to 1.5 per cent. But an accommodative stance could imply even lower interest rates, opening up space for more aggressive cuts than what are currently being priced in. On its part, the government should stick to the fiscal deficit target. A shortfall in revenue, unless compensated by deep expenditure cuts, translates to higher borrowings, which impedes transmission of these cuts. The government should pursue a more aggressive disinvestment programme to offset the expected shortfall in tax collections.

# JOURNEY TO KARTARPUR

Former PM Manmohan Singh's participation in the pilgrimage is a reminder of the vision behind the corridor

T IS FITTING that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will be part of the first jatha or group of pilgrims led by Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur through the new India-Pakistan visa-free corridor. As head of government, from 2004 to 2014, Singh had built on the previous Vajpayee government's efforts to arrive at a modus vivendi with Pakistan. His famous "breakfast in Amritsar, lunch in Lahore, dinner in Kabul" formulation provided a vision that was at once progressive as well as deeply-rooted in the history and shared cultures of the region. Circumstances, including the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack that originated in Pakistan and was carried out by the Lashkar-e-Toiba, intervened to ensure that it would remain a vision too far. But the Kartarpur corridor is a step in that direction, even if neither India nor Pakistan acknowledge it as such anymore. It recognises that with political will, two nations can find common cause around a line on a map, though each may have its own reasons for doing so. That neither side called off work on the corridor through nine months of an outrightly hostile atmosphere, starting with Pulwama, right up to the face-off at the UN last month, speaks of the interests involved — Pakistan is wooing Sikhs; India does not want to alienate them. But it is not unlike the pragmatism that shaped Manmohan Singh's belief that it was in the interests of both peoples for India and Pakistan to find ways to live together.

Amarinder Singh has sought to clarify that he and Manmohan Singh would only go to the Darbar Sahib shrine, "not to Pakistan", and underlined that the former PM will be going on the pilgrimage at his invitation, not on the invitation of Pakistan. Yet it is undeniable that the Kartarpur corridor would not have taken shape without Pakistan's active co-operation. Indeed, it was Pakistan that initiated the plan last year. Now, having gone this far, India must show the large-heartedness to participate in the official opening of the corridor organised by the government of Pakistan.

It is as yet unclear who other than the former PM and the Punjab CM is part of the first jatha. Ideally, considering the political will that the Modi government extended to the corridor plan through the year, it should include representatives of the Akali Dal and BJP. That will also ensure that a visit to Darbar Sahib by members of one party does not get projected as a crime against the nation.

# NBA@INDIA

Jersey sales might multiply briefly. It'll take longer for the ethos to take root

WO TOP NBA teams, Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers, will give India its first glimpse of what basketball in the world's greatest league looks like. For NBA's niche followers who wake up at 6 am and look forward to the All Stars, wear loose branded vests of No 23 and baggy long shorts, swearing by LeBron James, this is as close as they'll get to the American jamboree. The truly commercial NBA's detour to India's financial capital, Mumbai, was expected. But this move might not be a game-changer for the sport in a country where basketball has thrived in several pockets for years.

The quality of play in the league that attracts the best global talent has always seemed to belong to another galaxy. Indian hoopsters, trained from Russian manuals, are at least 40 years behind the NBA's latest acrobatics. The delayed pre-dawn "live" coverage didn't help matters. But the NBA has finally taken the big jump — though a real connect might

still take years, beyond the razzmatazz of the two-day Kings-Pacers show. Several NBA players, not the biggest names, though, have made the "India trip" in the last few off-season autumns. A few outdoor courts have been slapped with a fresh coat of bright paint, and NBA's Academy in Gurgaon is scouting, using the most obvious Plan Of Action find tall, groom tall. They even pushed for the exceptionally tall boy from a Punjab village, Satnam Singh, to make headlines with his brush with the Dallas Mavericks. But, one suspects that India will need wooing that goes beyond a desi token representative in the league. A strong national team doing well in Asia (like Iran, if not China) might evoke interest beyond the casual media blitz associated with the NBA jamboree spending a weekend here. Jersey sales might multiply briefly. But it'll take a long time for NBA's ethos to take root.

# Whatever it takes

Together with stimulus package, reporate cuts signal a resolve to revive investor, consumer sentiment

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THE MONETARY POLICY Committee (MPC) cut the reporate again, the fifth time since February 2019 by 0.25 percentage points, based on the views of the MPC members on current and projected economic conditions. The MPC action was in line with the series of cuts by almost all major central banks across the globe, as counter-cyclical policy responses to the global slowdown. The MPC voted unanimously on the cut, with one member recommending a deeper cut The accommodative policy stance was retained, signalling a strong resolve to support the revival of growth, evocative of the ECB President Mario Draghi's memorable 2012 commitment to do "whatever it takes to preserve the euro".

The reason for this strong signal showed up in the steep reduction in RBI's FY20 GDP growth projection, from to 6.9 per cent in August down to 6.1 per cent. High frequency indicators of economic activity remain weak, with a flat core infrastructure index growth, continuing weak automobile sales and a sharply lower services sector purchasing managers index (PMI) showing a deep contraction in September. Rural demand, proxied by sales of two-wheelers and tractors, contracted. Of greater concern is the fact that RBI's forward looking surveys show an expected drop in capacity utilisation of manufacturing firms in Q2 FY20. The Business Assessment Index also fell in Q2. The strong signal on accommodation,

however, is qualified with "inflation remain[ing] within the [2-6 per cent] target". Despite some risks, this is a probable outcome; RBI largely retained its earlier growth forecast of October-March FY20 inflation at 3.5-3.7 per cent, taking the full FY20 average to approximately 3.5 per cent. This is significantly lower than the 4 per cent mid-point and provides adequate buffers for even unexpected food, oil and other price shocks.

With this kind of growth-inflation tradeoff, why might the MPC have limited the repo rate cut to 0.25 percentage points rather than easing it further? The first, of course, would have been a degree of uncertainty on both the effects of the fiscal stimulus measures already announced — particularly the bold and decisive corporate tax rate cuts, and in various stages of implementation — as well as the additional measures which might be needed. While the budget targets are likely to be met

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consumer preferences, wage growth and income uncertainty. In the near term, lending institutions have become relatively risk averse, and a degree of appropriate risk re-allocation will need to be initiated by the government and regulators. Various credit enhancement and guarantee funds, which are being institutionalised, will help in mitigating some of this.

in the base case, there are likely to be compositional changes in expenditures and borrowings, the effects of which need to be better understood. Global financial market volatility, trade-related uncertainty, geo-political disruptions to global supply chains would only add to domestic policy responses. And India's policy rate cuts, now at a cumulative 1.35 percentage points, are one of the deepest of the major central banks.

Second, current household inflation expectations over a three-month and one-year ahead horizons have risen 0.40 and 0.20 percentage points, likely reflecting an adaptive response to the recent hardening of prices of some vegetables. For central banks, inflation expectations are a key input into monetary policy formulation, since hardening expectations usually translate into wage negotiations, which change inflation dynamics. However, such a risk in India's current economic conditions is quite low.

The third potential reason might be the path of lending rates over the next couple of months, with the switch of interest rates on new retail and MSME loans from the erstwhile MCLR system to one that is repo-rate linked. This brings us to the immediate concern, a drop in bank credit growth, and more broadly, a sharp contraction in the flow of funds from all financial intermediaries — one of the key reasons for the expected continuing weak growth in FY20. Bank credit growth slowed from an average of 14.2 per cent yoy during Q4 FY19 to 10.3 per cent by mid-September 2019, reflecting "weak demand and risk aversion". Total funding from domestic and foreign sources has shrunk precipitously to Rs 91,000 crore during April-mid-September 2019 from Rs 7.36 lakh crore in the same period last year. Commercial paper issuance (short-term working capital type borrowings) shrunk to Rs 19,000 crore (from Rs 2.53 lakh crore in the same quarter the year before). Credit from NBFCs dropped during April-June, contracting by Rs 1.25 lakh crore, down from a net disbursal of Rs 41,000 crore in the same quarter of 2018. The only channel of stronger funds flows was via foreign currency borrowings, but this was small relative to the overall shrinkage of credit.

What should be next in the policy response? The government, RBI and other agencies have already announced a coordi-

nated set of counter-cyclical stimulus measures to revive consumption, investment and growth. The government is expediting the implementation of the multiple measures it has announced. Moral suasion will probably induce some project capex, particularly by public sector enterprises. Upfront recapitalisation payments to public sector banks might gradually fill loan pipelines, hopefully to MSMEs, which will be critical for the recovery.

The efficacy of these measures over the near to medium term will be determined by the nature of the slowdown. RBI analytics suggest that the slowdown is largely cyclical and in macroeconomic terms, this is probably correct. However, many sectors have large structural components contributing to slowing growth, including changing consumer preferences, wage growth and income uncertainty. In the near term, lending institutions have become relatively risk averse, and a degree of appropriate risk re-allocation will need to be initiated by the government and regulators. Various credit enhancement and guarantee funds, which are being institutionalised, will help in mitigating some of this.

In the meantime, a combination of relatively easy systemic liquidity and a shift of some loan products to market benchmarks will begin to lower borrowing costs. To support credit flows to sectors which are particularly constrained for funds, the RBI has relaxed some micro-prudential restrictions to cautiously incentivise credit and fund flows to solvent but liquidity constrained financial intermediaries and sectors.

The economic revival process is likely to be gradual and weak at first. In fact, although volume indicators still show weak activity, GDP growth is likely to be 5.5 - 5.7 per cent in Q2 FY20 (July-September) range — better than the Q1 growth. This is likely to be driven largely by an improved manufacturing GDP, (0.6 per cent in Q1), reinforced by higher government spending. Strong policy communication will be an important instrument in reinforcing investor and consumer confidence.

Going back to the ECB President's 2012 commitment, "And believe me, it will be enough".

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# What Pakistan Won, And Lost

Could Pakistan have stayed out of US-led global campaign after 9/11?

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IMRAN KHAN, DURING his September visit to America, said: "Pakistan, by joining the US after 9/11, committed one of the biggest blunders. 70,000 Pakistanis died in this. Some economists say we lost \$150 billion, some say \$200 billion. On top of it, we were blamed by the US for not winning in Afghanistan." He was replying to former US Secretary of Defence James Mattis's statement that Pakistan was the most dangerous country in the world. Khan said, "They (the insurgent groups) were indoctrinated into fighting foreign occupation [by the Soviet Union] as jihad. But now when the US arrived in Afghanistan, it was supposed to be terrorism". After the Soviet invasion, America thought

it could end the rule of the Communist Party in the USSR by cornering the Soviet army in Afghanistan. Muslim "warriors" arrived from all over the Islamic world, funded by the US and Saudi Arabia jointly. And Pakistan was dishing out hospitality and raking in "assistance" for its wobbly economy then.

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India to complete the "strategic nutcracker" that would make Pakistan forget Kashmir. The Durand Line was challenged and propaganda unleashed to indoctrinate "unhappy" Pakistani elements in Balochistan and the Tribal Areas. The warriors arriving in Pakistan carried an Islamic consensus of jihad against the "godless" Soviet Union. There was no way an "Islamic" Pakistan could avoid joining the American war against the Soviet Union.

On September 11 2001, the "Islamic warriors", headed by Osama bin Laden, thought they could also liberate the world from American hegemony that raised Israel above the entire Islamic world through wars the Arabs kept losing. The plot to attack New York was conceived in Karachi by al Qaeda's Khalid Sheikh Muhammad; and the 19 warriors chosen were made to meet bin Laden for which they had to travel through Pakistan. But al Qaeda was not only foreign warriors in the long run; a majority of them were finally Afghans and Pakhtuns, many trained by the ISI's Colonel Imam inside Afghanistan. He was killed by Pakistani Taliban in 2010.

Pakistan could not have wanted it but it was the "host" country where the "warriors" serving America had made their headquarters. Pakistan should have stayed out of what happened after 9/11. But could it really?

UN Security Council resolution 1373, that made it possible to attack the Taliban government in Kabul, was adopted on September 28, 2001 by the Security Council under Chapter 7 of the UN charter. General Musharraf knew what a Chapter 7 resolution meant; it was not like the Security Council resolution on Kashmir that was merely "advisory" because it was under Chapter 6. Had Imran Khan been in power, he couldn't have defied it. However, there was another "unavoidable" reason.

For an Islamic, worry-beads-in-hand, Imran Khan, the Islamisation of Pakistan would have been irresistible. Pakistan's jihad was inspired by the founder of al Qaeda, Abdullah Azzam (d. 1989), who also established the Islamic University of Islamabad and brought the concept of "terrorist" jihad into the heart of the Pakistani state.

Sectarianism also came with jihad. Shia leader Allama Ariful Hussaini was murdered in August 1988. Within a fortnight of Hussaini's murder, President Zia died in an air crash in Bahawalpur amid rumours of Shia involvement in his assassination. The NWFI governor, General Fazle Haq, whom the Shia accused of complicity in the murder of Allama Hussaini, was ambushed and killed in 1991.

Sectarianism affected relations with Iran In 1998, Pakistan's anti-Shia Sipah-e-Sahaba, riding together with Taliban, killed eight Iranian "diplomats" inside the Iranian consulate. That brought Iran and India closer; and once again India was threatening Pakistan on the western border.

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# OCTOBER 5, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



**ECONOMIC OFFENDERS** AN ORDINANCE FOR the preventive detention of economic offenders was sent to the President for his consent and promulgation, Prime Minister Charan Singh said in Lucknow. Singh told newsmen that every care had been taken in the ordinance to prevent its misuse and the Department of Food and Civil Supplies would administer it in the states. He said that the Essential Commodities Act was not effective for the present situation. The period of detention, according to the provisions of the ordinance, would be one year and a three-member board of review would be constituted, with a serving high court judge as chairman. The

board, to be constituted by the chief justices of high courts, will have as other members district judges or those competent or qualified to become a judge, or retired judges.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

THE ELECTION COMMISSION has asked political parties in power at the Centre and in the states not to issue advertisements at the cost of the public exchequer to further its interests in the ensuing elections. The ruling parties have also been advised by the EC not to use government vehicles and other facilities or, for that matter, to take any official measures to further the ruling party's prospects in the forthcoming mid-term poll. BHUTTO NOMINATION SEVEN NOMINATION PETITIONS for national elections in November have been rejected by the Election Commission, a Pakistani news agency report said today. Among those rejected was one from Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the late prime minister, Z A Bhutto, the Associated Press of Pakistan said. The commission also rejected nomination petitions filed by leaders of the Pakistan People's party including the deputy secretary general, Mohammad Tikka Khan, the news agency said. It said that Bhutto's petition and others were rejected because the PPP did not register with the EC as required by a recently enacted law.

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# Nationalism without Other

For Gandhi, nationalism was based on a practical understanding of what was required for the people to be free



Prabhat Patnaik

I FIND GANDHI'S thought in at least three areas of abiding relevance for me: His views on nationalism, on capitalism and on solidarity.

The nationalism that Gandhi stood for, which informed India's anti-colonial struggle, differed fundamentally from the nationalism that came into vogue in Europe in the 17th century, following the Westphalian peace treaties. At least three differences stood out. First, Gandhi's nationalism was inclusive; there were no "enemies within" as with European nationalism. Second, it did not see the nation as standing above the people, an entity for which the people only made sacrifices; rather, the raison d'etre of the nation was to improve the living conditions of the people, or to "wipe away the tears from the eyes of every Indian". Third, unlike European nationalism, it was not imperialist itself; the people whom the nation was to serve treated other people with "fairness", which is why Gandhi wanted India to give Pakistan the Rs 55 crore that were its due after Partition, despite the bitterness caused by Partition.

This nationalism was not a mere idealist construct, it was based instead on a very practical understanding of what was required for the people's freedom. If the people were to be free then that required the formation of such a nation.

Gandhi was also clear that capitalism as

we know it, for which he used the term "the English system", could not serve such a nation. It was incompatible with the people's freedom. He wanted a different economic system altogether, where the capitalists could at best be the "trustees" of people's property.

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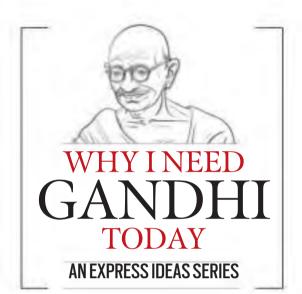
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It is commonly believed that even though capitalism initially destroys petty production, the displaced petty producers ultimately get absorbed within the growing capitalist sector, and that too at a higher wage than they earned earlier. This is neither theoretically valid nor historically borne out. The fact that European capitalism was not saddled with massive unemployment arising from the displacement of petty producers, was not because capitalist growth absorbed all those who had been displaced, but because of massive emigration to the temperate regions of White settlement, such as Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand where they drove out local inhabitants from their land and set themselves up as farmers. It is neither possible nor desirable to repeat this historical experience today, so that Gandhi's rejection of capitalism acquires pertinence.

Gandhi's rejection of the capitalist mode of production as exemplified by Europe, his rejection of European-style nationalism, and his linking of the two, was also a product of deep insight. It is not surprising that our embrace of unbridled capitalism in the neoliberal era, which predictably has brought in its train growing unemployment and absolute poverty, manifest in massive under-nutrition, has led to a denouement where the prevailing concept of nationalism has undergone a fundamental change. The inclusive, peoplecentred and non-aggrandising nationalism that characterised our anti-colonial struggle has given way to the old European-style "nationalism" that sees "enemies within" (indeed everyone opposed to the government is considered nowadays an "enemy within"), that sees the nation as standing above the people, and that rides roughshod over the people, trampling upon their rights as in



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Jammu and Kashmir today. The fact that the same government which unblushingly equates capitalists with "wealth creators" and which considers massive corporate tax concessions as a "win-win" situation for 125 crore people, also imposes an indefinite curfew on the people of Jammu and Kashmir, is not an accident. This route, however, leads to a perpetuation of unemployment, poverty, strife, and a break-up of the nation. And Gandhi saw this more clearly than almost anyone else.

Gandhi's solution to the problem of unemployment was a restraint on the rate of technological change, which of course was impossible under capitalism in its spontaneity. But Gandhi did not advocate state-imposed restrictions towards this end. He wanted instead a voluntary eschewing of consumerism that always privileges technologically-sophisticated goods. He wanted the development of a "community" among the people where one foregoes the "fineries of Bond Street" so that one's "brother" the weaver can get employment, a "community" where every person sees his or her well-being as dependent upon that of others.

The need for restraining the pace of technological change for achieving full employment is undeniable — the only countries which have achieved full employment, indeed labour shortage, in recent times, are the erstwhile socialist countries which restrained technological change and kept

labour productivity growth in check. Gandhi wanted such restraint to be voluntary, embedded in a sense of solidarity with one's "brethren". Gandhi's emphasis on solidarity, on overcoming self-centred isolation, an emphasis reminiscent of Karl Marx's stress on overcoming alienation through the formation of working class solidarity that would ultimately lead to a transcendence of capitalism, was crucial for his concept of human freedom. While their visions and analyses differed, Gandhi and Marx had this concept of freedom in common, as the development of a sense of community, which capitalism destroys.

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### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Standing by China, our lives will be based on a solid platform. Our wish for a better life is sacred, our efforts will be more respected in globalization, and we will benefit from our country's strong development." —GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

# Revisiting Howdy, Modi

For Modi, Houston guaranteed a huge turnout of Indian Americans. Trump may need the community to win Texas in 2020



THAT PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's rally in Houston, Texas, was a grand spectacle is beyond doubt. But grandeur aside, there are some questions that require fuller answers.

The first question is: Why Houston? Beyond New York, the larger San Francisco area (including Silicon Valley) and Chicago, Houston, along with Dallas, has among the largest communities of Indian Americans. Modi has already held rallies in New York and San Francisco. Houston or Chicago were the logical next sites.

A significantly more important question is: Why did President Donald Trump participate? It is, of course, not entirely unusual for foreign leaders to stage diaspora rallies. Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric notwithstanding, the US is a country of immigrants. Diasporas in the US, especially Irish, Mexican and Jewish, have been mobilised by visiting dignitaries. But the presence of a US president in, and his address to, a diasporic rally is certainly rare, if not a first-time occurrence.

What could Trump's motivation be? A penchant for spectacle, any spectacle, is his barely disguised trait. It is not uncommon for him, even as President, to be seen in the company of sports, music, film and television stars, nor is the idea of repeatedly locking horns with them, especially on Twitter, ever too far from the presidential attention. He is irresistibly drawn to that which is spectacular, magnificent or gorgeous.

But this explanation won't do. As Devesh Kapur, professor at Johns Hopkins University and an authority on the subject, tells us, Indian Americans are only one per cent of the US population. And they are roughly the same proportion of the electorate, too. It is also estimated that roughly 75 per cent of Indian Americans vote for the Democratic party. Even if a substantial proportion of them rushed towards the Republican camp in 2020, it would still not be a large enough clientele for a US president, seeking re-election, to qualify as a great spectacle. The overall numbers are meagre.

But electoral demography is never simply about aggregate statistics. It is also about how those numbers are geographically distributed, and what that distribution politically means. The US presidential election is not decided by popular vote. In 2016, Trump was over three million votes behind Hillary Clinton, and in 2000, George W Bush over half a million votes behind Al Gore. US presidents are chosen on the basis of an electoral college, which does not have a one-toone-relationship with the population. The college has 538 electors/votes, of which 270 must be won. In 2020, six of the largest states in the electoral college will be: California (55), Texas (38), New York (29), Florida (29), Illinois (20), Pennsylvania (20). Of these six, three — California, New York and Illinois — have been consistently democratic in recent years. Trump carried Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania in 2016, and needs

to carry them again.

This leads to questions about the statelevel significance of the Houston rally. Winning Texas, the second-largest state in the electoral college, is critical to Trump's 2020 chances, especially as it is unclear which way Florida and Pennsylvania might go. In contrast, California and New York are expected to remain firmly Democratic. If Republicans lose Texas, smaller states may not be able to make up the loss.

Texas, which has been solidly Republican for long and never elected a Democratic presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter in 1976, has of late been displaying signs of turning "purple", somewhere between "red" (Republican) and "blue" (Democratic). Obama lost Texas by 16 percentage points in 2012, but Clinton in 2016 narrowed the Republican victory to nine per cent. The results of the 2018 midterm elections further hinted that a new trend might be emerging. The Senate race was won by Ted Cruz, an incumbent Republican who also spoke at the Modi rally, by a narrow margin. Besides, Democrats flipped two Texas seats in the US House of Representatives, 18 seats in the state House and two seats in the state Senate.

Why is this happening and how might Indian Americans fit into the emerging political calculus? In 2000, Whites constituted 53 per cent of the state, and people of colour 47 per cent. By now, these proportions have dramatically changed, as Whites have become a minority. In 2018, the population of Texas was 28.7 million. Whites were 41.5 per cent of the total, Hispanics were only slightly behind at 39.7 per cent, blacks 11.8 per cent and Asians 4.8 per cent. People of colour thus formed 58.5 per cent of the state.

have predominantly leaned towards the Democratic party and Whites largely towards the Republicans. Statistical analysis by Juan Carlos Huerta, a Texas politics expert, shows that in 2017, among people of colour, 68 per cent identified with Democrats, a share that has been roughly stable since 2009, whereas not more than a third of Whites had Democratic leanings in 2009 and 2013. This started changing by 2017, as younger White support for Democrats increased. Generally speaking, and certainly in recent years, compared to older Whites, younger White vote for Democratic party has tended to be higher.

It is also known that people of colour

Thus, because the non-White population has grown rapidly and the new White migration into Texas has principally been of the younger cohorts, Republicans are beginning to look vulnerable in a state that they took for granted. Indian Americans are perhaps not more than 4,00,000 in number, but if Texas becomes a "swing" or "battleground" state, ready for a political flip, even such small numbers might ultimately matter.

In sum, Modi chose Houston because a huge Indian American participation was guaranteed. And Trump participated because Indian Americans might heavily matter in the state of Texas in 2020.

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# A formidable friend

Ram Jethmalani felt political one-upmanship stalled resolution of Kashmir issue

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RAM JETHMALANI'S DEMISE has been mourned very widely as his circle of friends was vast and varied. Jethmalani lived a full life with all the best the system was able to offer him. His death has caused a void that can never be filled. An eminent lawyer and an authority on India's criminal justice system, Jethmalani will be remembered by a

wide group of people in India and Pakistan. Jethmalani had settled in India for good after his migration from Sindh (Pakistan) and he was a thorough Hindustani. But then, he had assiduously nourished relationships all over the subcontinent including Pakistan. He was always welcome there, not only in Sindh but everywhere in Pakistan. There were occasions when he invited friends to join the celebrations often around his birthday parties. He was always cheerful and at his best. On occasions, he recited verses, particularly by Faiz. He knew quite a lot on Iqbaliyat. He could, if he had chosen to write, done a comprehensive critique on the subject. He remembered many verses of Iqbal's Shikwa and Jawabi Shikwa, too. Once he had surprised many Indian and Pakistani guests who had assembled in good numbers to celebrate his birthday at his Krishna Menon Marg residence: He interspersed his conversations with verses not only of Igbal and Faiz, but of many others such as Ahmad Nadeem Qasimi, Ahmad Faraz, Parveen Shakir, Bashir Badar and others. Jethmalani was an exceptional human being and a great friend — he could go to any lengths to maintain friendships.

Once I went to him with a personal problem: The Union minister for urban development, Buta Singh, wanted me to quit my Humayun Road residence and settle for a residence at South Avenue. It was a question of entitlement for a residence. My plea was that the same residence was being used by a businessman earlier, and after my election to the Lok Sabha, I was genuinely entitled to the residence. Jethmalani directly took up the matter with the then President of India.

When he was 94, and he thought any more of his appearances in the Supreme Court would not be to his liking as he thought the court's decorum could be impaired, he flabbergasted the judges by saying "adieu!" Until then the lordships had been earnestly requesting him to argue cases while sitting in the chair. He had emphasised that he would stand on his feet and argue the cases that way until his last breath. And that is what he did.

Sometime in 2016, when I visited his home, he broke the sad news to me that he would not be able to play his favourite game, tennis. He was 93 then.

Ram had many pursuits in life. One of them was his interest in Kashmir. He was sad that his pursuit of fthe resolution of the Kashmir problem remained unfulfilled because of political one-upmanship, which spoilt the atmosphere in India. Ram had a considerable knowledge of Kashmir's history, and more importantly, of the development of the constitutional relationship between the state and India.

When Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, Mani Shankar Aiyar, O P Shah and myself attended a meeting with Ram on April 17, 2017, he had explained to us in detail that Pervez Musharraf's four-point formula was best suited to forge a friendship between India and Pakistan.

He had surprised us by narrating a story. He had gone to visit Atal Bihari Vajpayee soon after the Agra Summit and told him that he (Ram) would not even have changed a comma of what Musharraf had proposed for an abiding friendship between India and Pakistan. Why, then, had Vajpayee not moved to take the final step? Ram told us that Vajpayee chose to remain silent. But, then, Ram explained that Vajpayee's real difficulty was the party not getting along with him on what Musharraf had proposed!

The writer is a senior Congress leader and former Union minister

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MISREADING GANDHI

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Reading

Gandhi in Catalonia' (IE, October 2). Indian citizens have ample reasons to be proud of Gandhi. His life and unwavering commitment to mutual respect is an example that inspires mankind. Unsurprisingly, Indians honour the immense legacy that Gandhi bequeathed to them. Not so Ramin Jahanbegloo, the writer of the article. In his eagerness to make Gandhi's influence even greater than it is, he belittles Gandhi and India. He overlooks both the democratic credentials of Spain and the bigoted overtones of the secessionist movement in Catalonia. He then deceives himself in drawing parallels between Gandhi and fictional powerless Catalans who wage a noble political battle against an immoral power. Ironically Jahanbegloo's make-believe Catalans do actually exist. They are the majority of Catalans who, as they endure the relentless harassment of independent leaders and their henchmen, give us all praiseworthy proof of their moral strength and their unflinching commitment to non-violence.

**José Ramón Barañano,** Ambassador of Spain in India

NO WATER VISION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Writ in water' (IE, October 3). The recent rav-

# THE WEEK

RIGHTS OF ACCUSED THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Exorcising third-degree'(IE, September 27). We need an anti-torture law to prevent atrocities committed by police during the course of investigation. But it is equally important to train the local police station personnel on scientific ways to extract information from the accused. SHOs should be made accountable for the health of the accused. This would discourage them to take recourse to violence. Remember, the right to not be tortured is a part of the constitutional right to life. Shishir Singh, Prayagraj

ages of floods has been ascribed to the extended monsoon. There is, however, more to the matter. Year after year, people suffer because of the lack of vision of administrators and planners. The lethargy in cleaning clogged drainage systems and the state of water bodies like local ponds is a cause of concern.

Ranbir Singh Jakher, Gurgaon

mess.com

HC seeks report,

**NEET IMPERSONATION** 

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released on

anniversary

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

niversary

Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi's birth

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

**VARIOUS STATES and Union** 

Territories released 611 prison-

ers on October 2, as part of

Centre's decision to grant remis-

sion to certain prisoners, to com-

memorate the 150th birth an-

leased include those charged

with murder, rape or corruption.

remission on October 2, 2019, the

states and UTs released 611 pris-

oners. The states and UTs were ad-

vised to hold weeklong special

functions in all prisons based on

the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi

before releasing the prisoners... "

a statement from Ministry of

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

(GANGA), U.P. JAL NIGAM, HEAD

OFFICE, 6-RANA PRATAP MARG,

LUCKNOW-226001

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam, Lucknow e-tender

notice are invited on two bid

system for "Procurments of

Scientific & Technical Services

for Complete Supply, Fabrication,

Erection, Installation &

Successful Commissioning of In

Situ Nallah Treatement by

Bioremediation technology

(bacteria or enzyme intervention)

in 6 Drains of Gorakhpur zone of

U.P. Jal Nigam in Uttar Pradesh

having total discharge of 2 MLD in

Uttar Pradesh" Bid document

shall be available at e-

procurement website

http://etender.up.nic.in.

Interested Bidder/Contractor

may view & download bid document and upload their

proposal, duly filled, online as per

schedule given below:- Date for (i)

Start date for RFP document

download: 03.10.2019 (ii) Pre-bid

conference: 10.10.2019 at 12:00 Hr.

(iii) Last date for online submission

of proposal: 23.10.2019 at 17:00 Hr.

(Iv) Opening of technical proposal:

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING OPEN TENDER

TENDER Notice No. 07/TRD/DNR

OT/19-20. The Divisional Railway

Manager, E.C. Rallway Danapur

invites sealed open tender for the

valid electrical contractors license

from any stale/Central Govt

licensing board and on behalf of the

President of India for the following

works. Tender No. (A)TRD/DNR/

OT/09/19-20, 1. Name of work with

its location: PSI work in lieu of

Interlocking of 17 Nos, level crossing

gates of Danapur division. Approx

cost of the work (NIT value):

73,87,936/- Earnest money to be

deposited: 1,47,800/- Cost of

tender document: 5000/- Tender

No. (B) TRD/DNR/OT/10/19-20, 2

Name of work with its location

OHE work in lieu of Replacement of

existing FOB with new 20 feet wide

FOB at Jamui and Bakhtiyarpur

Approx cost of the work (NIT

value): 41,32,374.51/-Earnest

money to be deposited: 82,700/-

Cost of tender document: 3000/-

Tender No. (C) TRD/DNR/

OT/11/19-20, 3. Name of work with

its location: (i) OHE work in lieu of

Extension of Platform to

accommodate 24 coaches

Improvement of façade with

passenger amenities at Jamui. (ii)

OHE work in lieu of Provision of 20'

wide additional FOB toward Pahleja

end of Patliputra station along with

extension of existing FOB at RPR.

ZNA, PPTA & DNR. Approx cost of

the work (NIT value): 68,41,331/

Earnest money to be deposited:

document: 5000/- 4.Date & time

1,36,800/- Cost of tender

for selling, submission and

opening of tender: The tender have

to be submitted online or

www.ireps.gov.in upto 12:00 hrs.

on the date of opening i.e.

05.11.2019 and will be opened on

the same day at 12.30 hrs. 5.

Website particulars, notice board

location where complete details

of tender can be seen and address

of the office from where the tender

form can be purchased etc:

Detailed tender notice, eligibility

criteria & tender documents can be

seen from the CRIS website.

http://www.ireps.gov.in & full details

of notice can be seen on notice

board of Sr. DEE(TRD)/E.C.

Railway/ Danapur. All corrigendum

Divnt. Railway Manager, E.C.Rly., Danapur.

will be upleaded on website

PR/1362/DNR/ELEC/T/19-20/76

required.

24.10.2019 at 15:30 Hrs

etter No.: -19 / 022 / 0278 / 19

Dated-03.10.2019

Home Affairs said on Friday

None of the prisoners re-

"In the third phase of special

# Darjeeling witnesses first shutdown after 2017 agitation

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** DARJEELING, OCTOBER 4

THE DARJEELING hills witnessed a shutdown on Friday, the first since the 104-day strike in 2017, over higher bonus payout for tea garden workers.

The peaceful shutdown lasted for 12 hours from 6 am and GJM leader Binay Tamang threatened to fast unto death if the demand was not met.

The protracted strike in 2017, which is billed as among the longest, was held to press for a separate Gorkhaland state in the Darjeeling Hills.

Workers of all the 87 tea gardens of Darjeeling observed the 12-hour strike ahead of the festive season.

Shops and markets remained closed. The tea trade unions took out processions in different parts of the hills. "I appeal to the owners of all the tea gardens to be more compassionate about the cause of the tea garden workers," Tamang told reporters here.

Seven trade unions belonging to Himalayan Plantation Workers Union and Darjeeling, Terai, Dooars Plantation Labour Union are demanding higher bonus payout of 20 per cent against the offered 12 per cent.

#### उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग भारतीन भवन, हरिदार- २४९४०४

संख्या:- 97/04/गोपन-02/पीठसीठएशठजीठ-19/2019-20 दिनाक 04 अवद्वर 2019 विश्वपित

रवददास अभिन किया जाता है कि संस्तराखन्त न्यायिक श्रेया सिविल जन (अवस्थि) परीक्षा-२०१७ क विस्तिक वर जिलाबर, २०१७ कर सम्बन्ध प्रारमिक भीता का परिणाम दिनाम 04 अवस्थर, 2019 को प्रोपित कर दिया गया है वर्षमा प्रत्याम, अन्यविद्यों क प्राप्तांक, कट ऑफ मार्क्स, अमृत्यकित ऑक्ट्रमक्आरव हरण-प्रकार अंदर्श/कर कोट/प्रशन-पृष्टिकार क्रमाक तथा संशोधित उत्तर कुळी उत्तरसंखण्य लीक सेवा आयोग की उनसाइट www.ukpsc.gov.in (राजेन्द्र क्यार) सचिव

#### COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION **National Competitive Bidding** NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Notice No.e-30 /2019 Date: 05.10.2019 The Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation Coimbatore hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off line from eligible bidders for the following works

SI.	Name of work	Estimate	Bid Security	Period of
No.		Amount Rs.	Rs.	Completion
1.	Construction of Integrated Bus Stand at Vellalore in Coimbatore Corporation	168.00 Crore	168.00 Lakh	24 Months

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The Pre-bid meeting held on 30.10.2019 at 16.00 hours bidding documents will be available from 14.10.2019 to 14.11.2019, and downloaded / uploaded from the website https://tntenders.gov.in on or before at 15.00 Hours on 14.11.2019, through online. Tender Submission will be closed at 15.00 hours and opened at 16.00 hours on 15.11.2019, through offline.

Roc.No : 2180 / 2016 /MD 4 e-mail: commr.coimbatore@tn.gov.in e-mail: seinnurm@ccmc.gov.in e-mail: cbejnnurm@gmail.com : 0422-2396026 / 0422-2391122 : 0422-2398702

COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. COIMBATORE CORPORATION BUILDING BIG BAZAAR STREET, TOWN HALL, COIMBATORE - 641 001

COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation

# NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

of tenders to be awarded:

DIPR/3503/TENDER/2019

E-TENDER NOTICE e-tender Notice Number: CYCLE-SCO-CAR-AH-2019-09 Dtd:25.09.2019 e-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of The President of India for awarding of Cycle Scooter & Car Parking Contrast at Achhnera Jr. Railway Station. North Central Railway for the period of Three years under "Two packet tendering system", which will be closed 15.00 hrs on 18.10.2019 and shall be opened on the same day. Details

e-tender No.	Name of work and Station	Minimum Reserved L/Fee of Contract for 03 Years	Minimum Reserved LiFee of contract for 01 Years	Earnest Money
09/ 2019	Cycle Scooter & Car Parking Contract at Achinera Jn. Railway Station	310308/-	103436)-	10000/-

Period of Contract: Three Years. Area of Stand to be allotted (In Sq meter): 1105.5 Sq meter. Cost of Tender Form: ₹1180.00. Time & date for the opening of tender: At 15.30 hrs. on 18.10.2019. Note: 1. e-tender forms shall be available on www.ireps.gov.in upto 15.00 his on 18.10.2019 from the date of opening of the e-tender 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be ancepted against above e-tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate insued by CCA under IT Act 2000 3. Ratios entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by versions shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Occument being attached should be signed by the altansarar on its body 3. Payment of Earnest Morey Deposit (EMD) and a-tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of a-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only 6, in case of any difficulty helpdesis available on the website of IREPS may be approached. If e-tender priine can be aubmitted up to 15.00 frs. on 18.10.2019. B. Flamer, Administration reserves the right to postporermodify or to cancel any one at all the e-tenders without assigning any resisters. 9. The offer shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date opening of the e-tender. 10. The cost of e-tender form is not refundable, a-tender forms are not transferable. 11. The required documents in case not found to be valid after vertication of the same from concerned departments. The offer quoted to the e-tender were be a copled and amoust money deposited by the e-tenourer will be forfered. Further action will be taken according rule and regulation of tender. 12, w-tenderers are advised to check any correction or any modifications published subsequently in Welf-size IREPS and the same shall be taken into account while supmitting the tender. Tenderer shall download corregendum of engl. 13. Planway morrow will not be responsible for any detay/difficulties/ inaccessibility of the down loading facility from Internet for any reason whatsoever. In lease of any discrepancy between the e-fender documents downloaded from Internet and the approved master copy available in the office the lafter shall prevail and will be binding on the e-tenderers. No claim on this account will be entertained 14. e - liender shall be submitted in "Two Packet tendering system".

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desire may remain present at the time of opening.

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#### Office of The Executive Engineer Special works division **Building Construction Department, Ranchi**

Very Short Notice Inviting Quotation (NIQ)

Executive Engineer or his authorized Representative. Quotationers or their authorized representative whosever

Sealed quotation are invited by the Executive Engineer, Building Construction Department, Special works division, Ranchi from the Authorized Contractor/Distributor/Dealers/suppliers for Pest Management Services at House of approved make quotation paper will be received in the office of the undersigned on dated 11.10.2019 at 10.00 A.M to 3.00 PM and will be opened on 11.10.2019 at 3.30 PM at above mentioned place by the

Name of work-: Annual Pest Management Services at House No-AB-13 Mathura Road, New Delhi allotted to Hon'ble C.M Jharkhand State for the Period 01.10.19 to 30.09.2020. Terms and Condition

Quotationers will have to deposit 2% of the quoted amount as earnest money in the form of NSC Time Deposit of Post Office duly pledged in the name of F secutive Engineer] Building Construction Department, Special works division. Ranchi

Time of completion of job is twelve months from date of work order.

Conditional quotations will not be accepted. In case of Gazetted holiday the quotation will be received/opened on the next working day

Quotationer should attach self attested Xerox copies of Pan Card, ITR, GST.

The Quoted rates should be inclusive of all Taxes.

FR 218991 Building (19-20) D

Visit www.harkhand.gov.in for detail information if required

Special works division **Building Construction Department, Ranchi** 

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject part or all the quotation received without assigning any **Executive Engineer** 

# Passport applicant can't endorse spouse of same sex

**ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA** JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 4

AN APPLICANT for a passport cannot endorse the name of a spouse of the same sex because there is no provision in marriage laws to regulate the marriage of same-sex people in India. This order was issued in a letter to all passport-issuing authorities in India and abroad by the Ministry of External Affairs recently.

Generally, every married couple writes the name of their spouse while applying for a passport as per the law.

The letter, issued by the Joint Secretary and Chief Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, mentioned that the ministry had received a few references from its missions/posts

abroad for extending passport facilities with endorsement of

# Haryana: Five dead in wall collapse

*Ambala:* Five persons, including three children, were killed when they got buried under the debris of a wall when it collapsed on them at Ambala cantonment late Friday night, police said. The deceased were said to be labourers and their children.PTI

Executive Engineer

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03/10/2019

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सम्बन्धित अन्य सभी विवरण

https://etender.up.nic.in एवं

https://dvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध है

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विवरण: विद्युत वितरण खण्ड हमीरपुर

की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड

हमीरपुर के अन्तर्गत 11 के.वी. पैनलों

की रिपेयरिंग/ मैन्टिनेन्स का कार्य। 2.

ई-निविदा संख्या- 77/ SE/

EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का

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ई-निविदा संख्या- 80/  $\mathrm{SE}/$ 

EDCH/ 2019-20: कार्य का

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के अन्तर्गत परिवर्तकों की क्षमतावृद्धि

करने का कार्य। 6. ई-निविदा संख्या-

81/ SE/ EDCH/ 2019-20:

कार्य का विवरण: विद्युत वितरण

खण्ड राठ की सीमान्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण

उपखण्ड सरीला के अन्तर्गत परिवर्तकों

की क्षमतावृद्धि करने का कार्य

''राष्ट्रीय हित में बिजली बचायें'

हस्ता./- (एस.आर. गर्ग), अधीक्षण

अभियन्ता ।

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ered in detail in the ministry in

consultation with the legal and

treaties division and the

Department of Legal Affairs,

Ministry of Law and Justice. As

there is no provision in the mar-

riage laws to regulate the mar-

riage of same sex people in India,

endorsement of spouse name of

same sex in the passport of an

applicant is not advisable," reads

the letter. It adds that all passport

issuing authorities are advised

not to add the name of a spouse

of same sex as that of an appli-

Harmanbir Singh Gill confirmed

year decriminalised homosexu-

ality under Section 377 of the

**Regional Passport Officer** 

The Supreme Court had last

cant in passports.

receipt of the letter.

Indian Penal Code.

"The matter has been consid-

of the applicant.

# Office of the Executive Engineer

MINOR IRRIGATION, DIVISION GUMLA

Very Short Tender Notice e-Procurement Notice, Singal bid System

I,	Name of the work	Date :- 03.10.201  Renovation of Phatitant  Bhaiyabandh M. I. Scheme .  Block- Bishunpur , District-Gumla.	
2,	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 192.256 Lakh	
3,	Time of Completion	335 days	
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	15:10:2019 up to 2:00 PM	
5.	Last date Time for submission of bids	21,10.2019 5.00 PM	
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender (e- Procurement Officer)	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla. Karamtoli Road, Gumla.	
7.	Contact no. of e- Procurement officer	9431383699	
8.	E-Mail ID	eemidgum@gmail.com	
9,	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	0651-2491232	

Note:-Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

बूंद – बूंद नहीं बरतेंजे तो बूंद को तरसेंजे P.R.218923 Minor Imgation(19-20)-D Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Notice Inviting E-Tender, E-Tender Notice No.: RE-DNR-Engg-Gr-176-WT-08B, Dated: 03.10.2019, On behalf of the President of India

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Danapur, invites open 8 sealed tender for the following works from experienced, financially and technically sound contractors, to be opened on 25, 10, 2019.

1. Name of the work & its Location Left over work in OHE cum PSI Depot TW shed at NUQ and other miscellaneous work in connection with Railway Electrification of Garhwa Chopan - Singrauli section, in Gr. 176 in Dhanbad Division of E.C. Rly., 2 Approximate Cost of the work : Rs 84,67,657.39/-, 3, Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 1.69,400.00/-, 4 Date for submission of the tender and opening of Tender. : For submission: From 11.10.2019 & Up to 11.00 Hours on 25.10.2019. Tender will be opened at 11,30 Hrs. on 25.10,2019. 5. Website particulars. Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the e-tender form can be purchased etc. : website https:// ireps.gov.in Notice board location & Add. of the office - Office of the Chief Project Director (Engg), Railway Electrification, Danapur, (Near Jagjeevan Stadium), P.O.- Khagaul

Chief Project Director (Engg.) Railway Electrification, Danapui PR/1356/RE/ELEC/T/19-20/44

#### RECONDITIONING/RESURFACING. REPAIRS TO QUARTERS, CESS &

Patna - 801105. (Bihar)

TROLLY REFUSES E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TSK/Engg/ 41 of 2019; dated 01-10-2019. E-tenders. are invited for the following works. Item No.1: Brief Description of item Recorditioning/Resurfacing of 52/60 Kg wheel burn rails & supped weld hall by using recro flow thermal spary technology as approved by RDSO/Lucknow various locations under surindiction of ADEN/ Manage Jn. Tender Value: 752,71.531/c Earnest Money: #1,05,400/- ftem No.2. Brief Description of Item: (I) AT Dibrogarh Town (Borbari Colony): Repairs to quarters including leaky roofs. waltas floors court yard raising, concreting wall plaster toxet/bath, doors, compound door, colour washing, earth illing at surrounding area, pipe line, AC unling of quarters etc. (Total = 127 Nos). in) At Dibrugarh Town (Chowkiding), Chiringaon, Kalibari Colony): Repairs to quarters including raising of Roors, back verandall, XPM net and frame, fencing with gate, timber beading of cailing, OH lanks, water pipeline, back balcony support, leaky roof, walls, floor doors & window, court yard raising, concreting, wall pluster toilet/bath, compound door, painting etc (Total = 129 Nos). Tender Value: 73,11,96,742/-; Earnest Money: ₹3.05.000/- Item No.3. Brief Description of item: Repairs to Cess & Trolly refuses including inspection step of bridges. ballast wail etc. Between Dhamalgaon ikm. 15/2) to Moranhat (Km. 0/8-7) and Chabua lo Chalkhowa (Km 18/0-28/0). Tender Value: 12,60,63,759/... Earnest Money: 72.64.800/- All above E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 31-10-2019 and Opened at 16:00 hrs. on 31 1a-2019 The complete information with the lender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 31-

1G-2019 in verballo www.ireps.gov.in **Utvisional Railway Manager** (Work)/Tinsukia NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

# **Students** protest against IIT fee hike for MTech

STUDENTS AND Graduate

placement rate?"

lakh as fees per semester?"

A member of the IIT council which approved this proposal said, "This has been done to reform the system. MTech courses are outdated, that's why students do not get jobs. As less people will apply for the courses due to this hike, the institutes will be compelled to change their courses to meet industry standards, and students would also take up those courses that are up to par and can get them jobs. Also, a survey would be done which would draw from each department the number of teaching assistants they require, and based on these numbers the cut-offs would be decided - this would be to link the MTech programme to a scholarship programme."

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

**Aptitude Test in Engineering** (GATE) aspirants from various engineering institutes and Indian Institutes of Technology from across India on Friday staged a protest at Jantar Mantar against the IIT council's approval of hiking the fees for MTech courses in its institutes. The protesters complained

of poor placement rates and unaffordable fees. Udit Banger, 25, currently a second year MTech student at IIT-Roorkee, said, "When we joined the course after studying hard for the GATE, we found out from our seniors that out of a class of 40 people, only a handful get placed. So as a backup we prepare for PSU or other government competitive exams. If they are increasing the fees, why are they not ensuring the

Ashish Rajput, 23, who completed his BTech this year and is preparing for GATE, said, "Fees would increase from Rs 20,000-30,000 per semester to Rs 2 lakh per semester. My father is a farmer in UP, and earns at most a lakh per year. How will we be able to afford Rs 2

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

CHENNAL OCTOBER 4 WHILE HEARING a related case, the Madras High Court on Friday suo motu included the Union Ministries of Human Resource Development and Health as parties in the Tamil Nadu NEET impersonation case and sought a report from CB-CID about the progress in the investigation.

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** 

Besides asking the MHRD and National Testing Agency to elaborate on the process of examination, Justice N Kirubakaran asked the CB-CID to furnish details about the number of students who gained admission by fraudulent methods, how many persons helped them during malpractice and whether government officials or the college administration is also involved in this fraud. "Prima facie, it is clear that without the cooperation of any person, it is impossible for a student to make another person to write his exam," he said.

The court was hearing a matter related to NRI quota in medical admission being sold as management quota. Noting that the NEET matter was serious, the court said the case may not be confined to Tamil Nadu due to the involvement of impersonators from other states.

Four students and their parents have been arrested in the case, while two agents who arranged impersonators and took huge sums of money from students are at large.

Two days after his father was arrested, first-year MBBS student Mohammed Irfan surrendered before a judicial magistrate in Salem on Tuesday. Irfan's father, who ran two clinics near Vellore. was found to be a quack. Irfan, who got admission in Dharmapuri Government Medical College this year, was among the five students who allegedly used

an impersonator to clear the NEET exam. The fifth student, according to an officer, hired an imper-

includes Union ministries in case

> sonator outside Tamil Nadu and also wrote the exam on her own. but was found to have used no fake certificates as "she scored more than the impersonator".

A senior officer said Irfan was hiding since September when the first case of impersonation came to light in Theni Government Medical College, where a student Udit Surya, son of a senior doctor of state-run Stanley Medical College in Chennai, was caught red handed following an anonymous complaint about the photograph of a different person in his NEET marks card. Both Surya and his father Dr Venkatesan were arrested by CB-CID from a lodge in Tirupati.

Investigators also arrested S Praveen, an MBBS student of SRM Medical College, Rahul of Balaji Medical College and his father Davis. Surya, Dr Venkatesan, other accused students and their parents were sent to judicial custody. While Surva and his father sought the help of a Mumbai-based person to write the exam for him in Mumbai, Praveen and Rahul allegedly hired impersonators in Delhi and Lucknow and got their exams cleared from there.

"Some NEET coaching centres seem to have indirectly played a role in this conspiracy. There are roadblocks in the probe due to loopholes in procedures and execution of NEET exam,' the officer said. The CB-CID had also sought a report from Centre to trace students who appeared simultaneously from different centres for NEET 2019 exam, held on a single day across India.

Students paid Rs 20-40 lakh to agents to hire impersonators, investigators said. The officer said there were lapses by medical college managements, too. "Had they verified the photographs of students with their NEET marks card, this wouldn't have happened. For instance, in Theni Medical College, we have information that an alleged impersonation was reported to the management in advance. We are verifying those facts as some officials there were known to the accused student's father," the officer said.

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\*Indian basket as on September 30, 2019

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# RESERVE BANK'S MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

# RBI may review co-op bank norms

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said "the RBI will not allow any co-operative bank to collapse" and the central bank will "review all the regulations" of cooperative banks and discuss it with the government if required.

When asked how the RBI was caught napping as the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank scam was going on for around eight years, Das said the RBI acted very swiftly and promptly after it was brought to its notice. "The matter is under investigation. A complaint has been filed with the EOW." Maintaining that cooperative banks are also sound, he said, "one incident cannot be and should not be used to generalise about the health of all cooperative banks."

"The RBI will review all the regulations of cooperative banks and will discuss with the government if required," he said.

"So far as the RBI is concerned, the banking system is



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das along with Deputy Governors B P Kanungo (right) and N S Vishwanathan in Mumbai on Friday. Ganesh Sirsekar

sound and stable." he said when asked about the financial sector issues. "There's no reason to panic." He also advised the people to not to pay much attention to unnecessary roumours that can create a panic situation.

On September 23, the RBI had put restrictions on Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank after it had found out financial irregularities, and under-reporting of loans given to real estate developer HDIL. The curbs included barring the bank from lending and accepting fresh deposits for the next six months apart from capping withdrawals first at Rs 1,000 per account which was later revised upwards to Rs 10,000 and then again to Rs 25,000.

PMC Bank's exposure to HDIL which was over 70 per cent of its total book had been NPAs for a long time.

The RBI's order, restricting banking activity at Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, is not a case in isolation as 23 more co-operative banks faced similar action by the regulator so far in this calendar year. Sources in the banking industry say that this reflects upon the magnitude of the problem at cooperative banks and raise question marks in the way they are being run and regulated.

As per the data collated by Maharashtra State Bank Employees Federation (MSBEF), PMC Bank is the 24th bank this year to have seen RBI invoking Section 35(A). The section provides the RBI with the power to give directions to banks in a bid "to prevent the affairs of any banking company being conducted in a manner detrimental to the interests of the depositors or in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the banking company". The RBI can also "secure the proper management of any banking company" under this section.

The co-operative banks that have seen an extension of orders issued by the RBI include Kapol Co-operative Bank, Rupee Co-operative Bank, Mercantile Co-operative Bank and The City Co-operative Bank.

EXPLAINED **PMC fraud** exposed gaps

THE PMC Bank fraud has

exposed the gaps in the regulations governing co-operative banks. The fact that the bank was able to hide its exposure - close to Rs 5,000 crore, or almost 70 per cent of its total loan book — to the HDIL reveals that the central bank may have to tighten its norms governing co-operative banks. The fraud has been going on for almost seven years, undetected by the RBI. The collapse of a co-operative bank can impact the stability and soundness of the financial system as money of common people is involved.

The reduction in repo rate from 5.40 per cent to 5.15 per cent announced by the **Monetary Policy** Committee (MPC) ... will complement the recent measures taken by the government to accelerate growth"

**FINANCE MINISTRY STATEMENT** 

Given all the work done in the last couple of months and today's RBI's fifth consecutive rate cut you can see that everything is focused now in accelerating growth further"

**RAJIV KUMAR** NITI AAYOG VICE-CHAIRMAN

The cumulative 135 basis rate cuts this year so far, along with the slew of measures

announced by the government in the last few months to provide growth stimulus to a variety of sectors including the corporate tax rate cut, is expected to lift growth from its current stupor and unleash animal spirits"

**CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE** DIRECTOR GENERAL

CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN **INDUSTRY** 

The challenges in exports will continue and may aggravate with geo-political situation"

SHARAD KUMAR SHARAF PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF INDIAN EXPORTS ORGANISATION

The reduction of repo rate by 25 bps is a welcome move by the RBI. We hope the banks would fully

pass on the reporate cut benefit to consumers in the form of lower lending rates"

**RAJAN WADHERA** 

PRESIDENT, SOCIETY OF INDIAN **AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS** 

The reporate cut is a

welcome move and we compliment the central bank for its continuous emphasis on reviving growth. This, along with the mandatory linking of floating loan rates to an external benchmark from October 1, should trigger an improved transmission of policy rate cuts and lower the lending rates going ahead" **SANDIP SOMANY** 

PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** 

# POLICY WATCH DATA PROTECTION

# 'Super-sensitive data' will have to reside in India; Bill to be before Cabinet soon: Prasad

**PRANAV MUKUL** & ANIL SASI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

OVER A year after a committee headed Justice B N Srikrishna submitted a draft legislation for data protection in India, the Bill is expected to be placed before the Cabinet soon, Minister of **Electronics & Information** Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad told The Indian Express in an interview. He indicated that while the government recognised the importance of free data flow, it was clear in its resolve that "super-sensitive data" would have to re-

side in India. "We will take the proposal to the Cabinet very soon," Prasad said. When asked if there was a categorisation of super-sensitive data and what it would entail, the minister said that the fine print of the law should be awaited. "I have said earlier that some degree of movement is integral in data but there are issues of critical data, super-sensitive data. I am very keen that India should become a huge centre for data economy, data processing, refinement, cleaning," Prasad added.

The draft Bill, submitted by the Srikrishna committee, identified 13 categories of sensitive personal data such as: passwords, financial data, health data, official identifier, sex life, sexual orientation, biometric data, genetic data, transgender status, intersex status, caste or tribe, religious or political belief or affiliation or any other category of data as specified by the proposed Data Protection Authority. The draft bill mooted that sensitive personal data may be processed on the basis of explicit consent.

The submissions made by the committee have undergone several consultations, and according to the minister, the bill is expected to be finalised soon.

In addition to looking at personal data protection, the IT ministry last month constituted a committee to look at ways to regulate non-personal category of data that includes community data and anonymised data. Non-personal data was kept out of the purview of the personal data protection bill that the Srikrishna panel recom-

### Policy will be good & sound: **DPIIT Secy**

New Delhi: The govern-

ment on Friday assured that the new e-commerce policy, which is under the process of formulation, will be "good and sound". Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra said there are issues such as data, brick and mortar stores, e-commerce firms and levelplaying field for them.

The secretary added that when a policy has ramifications not only across India but also on Asian and global investors who like to come to India, the government would have to engage with all stakeholders. Different countries have different approach towards dealing with data issues and "when a government as a whole decides to do something, it has to engage with a large number of stakeholders and that is what is happening now," Mohapatra said.

The government in February had released the draft national e-commerce policy. **PTI** 

mended. Such data is usually held by large commercial entities like cab-aggregators, ecommerce companies, etc that use the community data generated on their platforms to improve their services. This is in addition to anonymised datasets also being provided to government bodies and departments by large internet companies to assist in policymaking.

Through this exercise, the Ministry of Electronics & IT plans to understand whether access to community and anonymised data should be unfettered and the implications it could have on personal data protection. However, Prasad told this newspaper on Friday that the process of bringing out a personal data protection law was independent of the deliberations of the newly formed committee.

# Fifth rate cut in 2019

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee cut the reporate for the fifth time in 2019 by 25 basis points to 5.15% stating that "the continuing slowdown warrants intensified efforts to restore the growth momentum"

# 5.15%

is the current reporate — the rate at which the **RBI lends funds** 

# 4.90%

is reverse reporate — the rate at which the RBI borrows from banks

# 6.1%

GDP growth for 2019-20, down from 6.9% projected earlier

# 3.4%

inflation projected for Q2 of 2019-20 against 3.1% earlier

### 135 bps

is the reduction in repo rate in 2019 so far

# **REVISION IN POLICY RATES**

Date	Bank rate	Repo rate	Reverse repo
07-02-2018	6.25	6.00	5.75
05-04-2018	6.25	6.00	5.75
06-06-2018	6.50	6.25	6.00
01-08-2018	6.75	6.50	6.25
05-10-2018	6.75	6.50	6.25
05-12-2018	6.75	6.50	6.25
07-02-2019	6.50	6.25	6.00
04-04-2019	6.25	6.00	5.75
06-06-2019	6.00	5.75	5.50
07-08-2019	5.65	5.40	5.15
0410-2019	5.40	5.15	4.90
(Figures in per cent)			*Over six quarters

**MPC VOTED FOR CUT:** 

Chetan Ghate, Pami Dua, Michael Debabrata Patra, Bibhu Prasad Kanungo and Shaktikanta Das voted to reduce the reporate by 25 basis points. Ravindra H Dholakia voted to reduce the reporate by 40 basis points

#### **INFLATION OUTLOOK:** While food inflation

picked up, fuel prices moved into deflation. Inflation excluding food and fuel softened in August

**RBI FOCUS:** Reserve bank



stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target".

# No doubt about govt's fiscal commitment: Das

#### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

RESERVE BANK Governor

Shaktikanta Das on Friday said the RBI has no doubt over the government's commitment to meet the fiscal deficit target this fiscal despite the huge corporate tax cut involving a revenue loss of Rs 1.45 lakh and falling indirect tax collections. Das also scotched media re-

ports that the government might seek an interim dividend of Rs 30,000 crore from the central bank to meet its revenue shortfall after the massive tax cuts.

"The government has made a statement that they will adhere to the fiscal deficit target.

"The government has made a statement that they will adhere to the fiscal deficit target. Therefore. we have no reason to doubt the commitment to maintain the numbers as given in the budget"

SHAKTIKANTA DAS,

GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA Therefore, we have no reason to

doubt the commitment to maintain the numbers as given in the Budget," Das said after announcing the fourth bi-monthly monetary policy.

The Budget has set the fiscal deficit target at 3.3 percent of GDP for the current fiscal but the steeply falling GST collections and the historic cut in corporate taxes have raised concern over the maintainability of the target.

Das said the government has several sources of revenue to meet the fiscal target. "So whatever short fall is expected because of corporate tax rate cuts, the government has the option of increasing or making it up from other sources," he said. Last month, the finance minister had announced tax cuts for corporates by 10-12 per cent to 25.17 percent, involving a revenue loss of Rs 1.45 lakh crore this fiscal.

On media reports that the government might seek an in-

terim dividend of about Rs 30,000 crore from the RBI towards the end of the financial year so that it could meet the fiscal deficit target of 3.3 percent, Das said, "I have also seen it in the media. That apart I am not aware of any such demand from the government for payment of interim dividend."

During 2017-18, the government received Rs 10,000 crore as interim dividend from the central bank. Last month, the RBI central board had given its nod to transfer Rs 176,051 crore to the government from its surpluses as per the Bimal Jalan panel report. The Jalan panel also said after the surplus transfer, there would not be any interim dividend.

# Bankers see faster transmission of interest rate cuts

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

TOP BANKERS are expecting faster transmission of the benefits of the interest rate reduction by the RBI to their customers as banks have already introduced repo-linked retail and MSME products and launched new packages to boost credit growth in the festive season.

Rajnish Kumar, Chairman, SBI, said, "The 25-basis point rate cut coupled with an explicit policy acknowledgement of further rate cuts would ensure that fiscal and monetary policy work in tandem in arresting growth concerns." Padmaja Chunduru, MD &

CEO of Indian Bank, said, "The RBI continued its accommodative stance and both the fiscal and monetary policies are moving in tandem to spur/revive growth in the economy. With inflation being within the target, the forward guidance remains accommodative to revive growth. We believe the transmission of monetary policy rate changes will be faster now that banks have already introduced repo-linked retail and MSE products and the rate cuts will be passed on to these borrowers. With the busy and festive season having started, this rate cut will boost market sentiments.

Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, MD& CEO of Syndicate Bank, said, "The RBI has continued its accommodative stance on monetary policy and interest rates. With this, the banking sector, which has moved from MCLR to external benchmark loan rate, shall pass on the 25 bps reduction to the ultimate consumers faster than in the past. Combined with fiscal stimulus like tax rate cuts and investment incentivisation, the sentiments and the overall economic outlook is expected to be much better. The reiteration of the health of the financial system and the isolation of the recent events will go a long way for consumer confidence building" V G Kannan, Chief Executive,

Indian Banks Association, said "the monetary transmission could be swifter if banks could make similar changes in the deposits. From the liquidity perspective, the system is adequately liquid and RBI has given the assurance to maintain sufficient liquidity in the system. With liquidity and improved domestic demand due to the measures proposed by the government, the banks could expect robust credit pick up in the second half of the fiscal.'

"Overall, we expect the demand to improve and the main challenge now is to revive consumption-led recovery and spur private investments post tax corporate rate cuts," Chunduru said

Zarin Daruwala, CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, said, "the RBI reaffirmed its strong commitment to India's growth by cutting the repo rate by 25 bps and continuing with its accommodative stance. The cumulative reduction of 135 bps in repo rate delivered so far in 2019, along with the recent cut in corporate tax should help revive growth

in the coming months." Stepping up its initiative to speed up transmission of rate reduction benefits to customers, RBI last month made it mandatory for banks to link all new floating rate personal or retail loans and floating rate loans to MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) to an external benchmark like repo rate effective October 1, 2019. Banks have already announced their plan to link their loans to repo rate. "The transmission of policy rate changes to the lending rate of banks under the current MCLR(marginal cost-based lending rate) framework has not been satisfactory," the RBI said.

# Sensex plunges 434 pts as RBI cuts growth forecast

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

THE BENCHMARK BSE Sensex

on Friday plunged by 434 points after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) slashed the repo rate and the growth outlook for this fiscal amid concerns over the slowdown in the economy.

After opening nearly 300 points higher, the 30-share index gave up all the gains to turn negative shortly after the policy announcement by the RBI.

After swinging 770 points during the day, the Sensex ended 433.56 points or 1.14 per cent lower at 37,673.31. It hit an intra-day low of 37,633.36 and a high of 38,403.54. The broader NSE Nifty plunged 139.25 points or 1.23 per cent to close at

The central bank reduced its benchmark lending rate by 0.25 percentage point to 5.15 per cent to revive growth that hit a sixyear low of 5 per cent in the June quarter. The RBI also lowered its growth forecast for 2019-20 to 6.1 per cent from 6.9 per cent earlier and affirmed commitment to remain accommodative to address growth concerns 'as long as necessary'.

The index plummeted 1,149 points or 2.96 per cent during the week.

Ajit Mishra, vice president, Research, Religare Broking, said, "markets plunged sharply lower and lost over a per cent citing weak domestic cues. The beginning was upbeat, thanks to firm global markets but anxiety ahead of the RBI policy outcome

The index plummeted 1,149 points or 2.96 per cent during the week

capped the movement. The sentiment dented as the RBI lowered its growth forecast which triggered a sharp decline across the board."

"Despite the rate cut and the dovish commentary, equity market has reacted negatively, especially banks. That's because of the RBI's focus on quick transmission of lower interest rates would put pressure on margins of banks," Gaurav Dua, Sr VP, head - Capital Market Strategy & Investments, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said. "Also, the economic growth outlook remains

concerning despite the 135 bps policy rate cuts in 2019 and there is limited elbow room with RBI now to further take monetary actions to support the economy," he said.

Vinod Nair, head of research at Geoiit Financial Services, said that despite the RBI's and the government's synchronised efforts to offset a slowdown in the economy, investors have taken a pessimistic view due to continued downward revision in GDP estimate and new stress in

the banking system. Rate-sensitive banking stocks faced the heat, with the BSE Bankex, finance, auto and realty indices tanking up to 2.45 per cent. The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices followed Sensex, shedding up to 0.94 per cent.

# Rupee ends flat against USD

*Mumbai:* The rupee on Friday closed almost flat at 70.88 against the US dollar after the Reserve Bank of India in a widely expected move cut key interest rates

by 0.25 percentage point.

ous close.

On a weekly basis,

32 paise.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee had opened strong at 70.82 against the US dollar at the interbank forex market.

During the day, the domestic unit fluctuated between a high of 70.78 and a low of 71.03. The rupee finally settled at 70.88, down 1 paise over its previthe local unit slumped by Forex traders said mar-

kets had discounted the rate cuts. Moreover, foreign fund outflows, heavy selling in domestic equities and rising crude oil prices also kept pressure on the Indian rupee. The dollar index, which

gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.12 per cent to 98.74. Meanwhile, the 10-year government bond yield was at 6.69 per cent on Friday. PTI

# Services sector activity contracts in September on weak demand: PMI

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

THE COUNTRY'S services sector activity contracted in September and fell to its lowest level since February 2018, amid weak demand, competitive pressures and challenging market conditions, a monthly survey showed on

The IHS Markit India Services Business Activity Index fell to 48.7 in September from 52.4 in August, as lacklustre client demand weighed on the performance of the Indian service economy.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction.

According to the survey, new work intakes contracted in September, after an 18-month sequence of expansion. Firms said subdued demand conditions, unfair pricing among competitors and economic woes affected the

As per the survey, growth of Indian private sector activity came to a halt in September, ending one-and-a-half-year sequence of expansion.

The Composite PMI Output Index that maps both the manufacturing and services sector fell from 52.6 in August to 49.8 in September, reflecting softer production growth and an outright reduction in services activity.

"Private sector output in India contracted for the first time since

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** 

THE US health regulator has red

flagged pharma firm Lupin for

significant violations of the cur-

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**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES manu-

facturer Ashok Leyland on Friday

announced non-working days

ranging from 2 to 15 days at sev-

eral of its plants during October in

order to align production with

sales, as sales continued to see a

the backdrop of yet another

The announcement came in

sharp fall in September.

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

Ashok Leyland to suspend

output for 15 days this month

the company

Highlighting other lapses, the

equipment.

The violations pointed out in

facility in Madhya Pradesh.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

US FDA red flags Lupin

for 'violations' at MP unit

The IHS Markit India **Services Business Activity Index fell to** 48.7 in September from 52.4 in August, as lacklustre client demand weighed on the performance of the **Indian service** economy

February 2018. This reflected a decline in sales, albeit fractional, which restricted employment growth. Worryingly, business sentiment sank to a 31-month low." said Pollyanna de Lima, Principal Economist at IHS Markit.

Challenging economic conditions hampered business sentiment in September, with optimism down at goods producers and service providers alike.

Aggregate confidence fell to a 31-month low.

On the prices front, the survey said the latest results also highlighted subdued inflationary pressures in the sector, with input costs rising at the slowest rate in over two-and-a-half years.

"A drop in aggregate input cost inflation to its lowest in around three years raises the possibility of a further cut in the benchmark interest rate," Lima said.

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pany from November 26 to

December 4, 2018, and it had re-

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Group President – CEO Vinita D

Gupta said: "Your firm failed to

establish adequate written pro-

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process control designed to as-

sure that the drug products you

manufacture have the identity,

strength, quality, and purity they

purport or are represented to

month of disappointing sales for

The CV manufacturer re-

ported a 57 per cent decline in its

domestic sales at 7,851 units in

September, compared with

18,078 units same month last year.

worst hit was the medium and

heavy commercial vehicles,

which saw sales of 4,035 units last

month, against 13,056 units in the

year-ago period, clocking a sharp

fall of 69 per cent. **FE** 

The segment that took the

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as an accused in the FIR filed by the Economic Offences Wing of **Mumbai Police** on Monday

**Joy Thomas was named** 

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

MUMBAI POLICE on Friday ar-

rested Joy Thomas, the suspended

managing director of the Punjab

and Maharashtra Co-operative

(PMC) Bank for causing a loss of Rs

4,355.46 crore to the bank by giv-

Thomas, who was named as

an accused in the FIR filed by the

Economic Offences Wing

(EOW) of Mumbai Police on

Monday, was arrested in

Mumbai. He was booked for

committing criminal breach of

trust, cheating, forgery and be-

ing part of a criminal conspiracy

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ior level, when it had just one

branch and steadily rose through

the ranks. EOW officials said that

he owns at least four properties

in Mumbai and neighbouring

the EOW sent notices to Singh

and bank chairman Waryam

Singh to participate in the inves-

tigation. Singh is still at large. A

senior EOW official said that he

has not been found at locations

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is accused of providing false re-

ports to the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) regarding the loan accounts

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RBI increases

lending limit

of MFIs to

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** 

THE RESERVE Bank of India has

raised the lending cap for micro-

finance institutions to Rs 1.25

lakh, against the earlier limit of

Rs 1 lakh, to improve credit

availability in rural and semi-ur-

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companies-micro finance institu-

tions (NBFC-MFIs) from the cur-

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urban/semi urban areas to Rs 1.25

lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively".

important role played by MFIs in delivering credit to those in the

bottom of the economic pyramid

and enable them to play their as-

signed role in a growing economy,

the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ob-

served in its Statement on

Developmental and Regulatory

classify an exposure as an eligible

asset were last revised in 2015.

Detailed guidelines in this regard

will be issued shortly, the central

bank said. It is to be noted that the

a sub-committee of the central

board of the Reserve Bank under

the chairmanship of YH Malegam

was constituted to study issues

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(NBFC-MFI) - and a detailed reg-

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MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

vided to the RBI by the bank on August 31, 2018, Thomas replaced 44 loan accounts held by HDIL and its group companies with 21.049 fictitious loan ac-

These fictitious accounts, said police, were not created in the bank's Core Banking System (CBS) but were instead only entries in the report submitted to the RBI for its inspection.

"By doing this, with the full knowledge of its Board of Directors and executives, including MD Joy Thomas, the bank camouflaged the actual loan accounts of the defaulting borrowers to the detriment of the bank and depositors' interests," police informed a court on Friday.

According to a preliminary inspection by the RBI, an account held by HDIL promoter Rakesh Kumar Wadhawan has an outstanding balance of Rs 2,008.62 crore as of August 31, 2019, while an account held in the name of the firm owes the bank Rs 1367.55 crore. An account held by Sarang Wadhawan, a fellow promoter and son of the elder Wadhawan, has outstanding dues of Rs 137.16 crore.

The EOW arrested the father and son duo on Thursday and produced them in court on Friday afternoon. The Magistrate remanded them to police custody till October 9.

PMC Bank ex-MD Thomas arrested

**BOOKED FOR CHEATING, FORGERY, CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST** 

Police argued that the custody of the Wadhawans was required as the funds they had availed from PMC bank "had not been utilised for the designated purpose of borrowings".

An initial scrutiny of the firm's financial statements indicates "diversion and misappropriation of funds in large amounts," police told the court. Senior counsel Amit Desai,

who appeared for the Wadhawans, argued that his clients wanted to pay back the money taken from the bank. He added that the custodial interrogation of the Wadhawans was not necessary as HDIL's land parcels, fixed deposits, books of accounts and other documents were available with the bank. Desai further argued that remanding the duo to police custody would harm the corporate insolvency proceedings against HDIL, underway at the National Company Law Tribunal

According to the EOW, a thorough probe is also required to establish whether the PMC Bank funds were used by HDIL to pay back loans it had availed from other banks. A senior police official said that such "evergreening of loans" is common when loans are taken from other banks in order to pay off earlier loans.

# ED searches premises of PMC Bank chairman, HDIL's Wadhawans

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBALOCTOBER 4

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted searches at about five places in Mumbai, in connection with the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank case. The agency searched the premises of Waryam Singh, chairman of PMC Bank, Sarang Wadhawan, vicechairman and managing director of Housing Development & Infrastructure(HDIL) and Rakesh Wadhawan, executive chairman of HDIL.

The ED on Thursday filed an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to probe the alleged fund diversion at PMC Bank. The ED case is based on the FIR filed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai police against Singh, Joy Thomas, former managing director of PMC Bank, HDIL's Wadhawans, and other officials and entities.

In the FIR, police said the actions of the accused allegedly led to bank losses totaling Rs 4,355.46 crore. The ongoing investigation has found that there were nearly 44 accounts at the bank that were

password-protected. Sources said that a lot of money has been diverted to these accounts, linked to the Wadhawans and HDIL-linked entities.

According to ED sources, the agency is trying to secure the assets of the alleged accused in the PMC Bank case, to ensure that the proceeds of crime is not disposed of by them. The agency will also probe the 21049 dummy accounts created by the bank to hide its bad loans. The ED is likely to question the accused in the case, including the current and former board members of PMC Bank. The ED search comes a day af-

ter HDIL promoters, Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang, were arrested by the EOW. The duo, booked on charges of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, was questioned Thursday morning and later arrested as they "did not cooperate with the probe". On Friday, a magistrate's court in Mumbai, extended the police custody of Wadhwanas till October 9.

Last month, the RBI barred PMC Bank from routine banking activities after the collapse of the bank, PMC Bank extended almost 70 per cent of its total loan portfolio of Rs 8,383 crore to HDIL over several years.

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**27** of the 44 fund houses

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# **BRIEFLY**

## Gold bond price fixed at ₹3,788/gram

New Delhi: The Centre has decided to come out with the next tranche of sovereign gold bond on October 7. The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2019-20 -Series V will be opened for subscription from October 7 to 11, at Rs 3,788 per gram. PTI

# NIIT sets date for₹335-cr buyback offer

New Delhi: NIIT Ltd on Friday said it has fixed October 18 as the record date for its up to Rs 335crore buyback offer. NIIT's board had in August approved a proposal to buy back up to 2.68 crore equity shares from shareholders at Rs 125 per share. **PTI** 

# **Uflex divests** 82% in Utech Developers

New Delhi: Packaging firm Uflex on Friday said it has disinvested its 82 per cent stake in whollyowned subsidiary Utech Developers Ltd. Financial details of the deal were not disclosed. PTI

## EV charging infra norms revised

New Delhi: To promote electric vehicles (EV), power minister R K Singh on Friday approved amendments in guidelines and specifications for charging infrastructure. PTI

### Centre begins work on new industrial policy

New Delhi: The government has constituted a working group to prepare the contours of a new industrial policy which will aim at making India a manufacturing hub. PTI

### Unemployment rate in US falls to 3.5%

Wahington: US job growth increased moderately in September, with the unemployment rate dropping to near a 50-year low of 3.5 per cent, assuaging financial market concerns that the slowing economy was on the brink of a recession amid lingering trade tensions. **REUTERS** 

per on Thursday that he was hopeful the United States and China would reach a trade deal and it was vital for both countries to go back on their mutual tariffs. **REUTERS** 

# 'MF asset base rises slightly to ₹25.68L cr in Sept quarter'

The mutual fund industry's asset base saw a 1 per cent increase in the July-September quarter to Rs 25.68 lakh crore against the preceding three months, according to the Association of Mutual Funds in India

## ₹25.50 lakh cr

The asset under management of the industry, comprising 44 players, at the end of the June quarter

# ₹24.31 lakh cr

The total asset base of all the fund houses put together in the September quarter of **FY19** 

**Redemption pressure:** The mutual fund industry has been grappling with redemption pressures in the wake of debt crises at various groups, including IL&FS, Essel and DHFL

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** 

THE FOURTH tranche of Bharat-

22 exchange traded fund was

subscribed nearly 12 times on

the final day of offering on Friday,

with the issue garnering bids

comprising shares of 22 compa-

nies, the government had tar-

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of Rs 2,000 crore with a green-

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to exercise the green-shoe option

and retain the additional Rs 4,368

crore worth bids received, the

Department of Investment and

The government has decided

Through the Bharat-22 ETF,

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 4

worth Rs 23,500 crore.

subscription.



**Overall industry assets** have remained stable. But we have witnessed that many of the smaller AMCs have lost assets which have migrated to the larger AMCs,

PAM) said in a tweet.

investors on Friday.

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PAM said.

Rs 13,500 crore.

The scheme, which is man-

aged by ICICI Prudential Mutual

Fund, was opened for anchor in-

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The investors would get a 3

"Bharat-22 FFO2 was over-

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Government of India will retain

Rs 4.368 crore from the offer." DI-

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27 times raising more than

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said Kaustubh Belapurkar, director-manager, research, **Morningstar** 

Wary investors: This is in line with the current risk-off

**HDFC MF:** continues to lead the pack with an AUM of Rs 3,76,597 crore (excluding fund of funds) at the end of the September quarter

#### **Bharat-22 ETF: Investors** BP brings in Bernard Looney to replace Bob Dudley as CEO put in ₹23,500-crore bids Public Asset Management (DI-

**REUTERS** 

LONDON, OCTOBER 4

BERNARD LOONEY, who will replace Bob Dudley as chief executive of BP when he retires next year, faces the tricky task of navigating the energy major through a rising tide of environmentalism and the move to a low-carbon economy.

BP on Friday appointed Looney, head of upstream, to succeed Dudley, who led the oil and gas company back to growth from near collapse in 2010.

As CEO. Looney will be charged with continuing to adapt BP to the transition to lower-carbon energy as pressure from investors grows to meet targets under the 2015 Paris

Airline bankruptcies rise at fastest ever

Looney, 49, took charge of

BP's oil and gas production, or upstream operations, in 2016 as the sector grappled with the aftermath of the 2014 collapse in oil prices. The Irishman's energetic

management style was quickly felt as he spearheaded BP's drive to improve performance through cost cutting and digitalisation.

He has led BP through some of its fastest growth in oil and gas production, as output has risen by around 20 per cent since 2016 with the launch of more than 20 major projects around the world and the acquisition of BHP's US shale assets this year for \$10.5 billion - BP's biggest deal in three

# Apple CEO sees US-China trade deal

Paris: Apple CEO Tim Cook said in an interview published in a French newspa-

#### and concerns in the sector in the Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR. cro finance crisis in 2010. प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है: tions of the committee, it was de-

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https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app - Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only. ਕੀ एए ਗਵ (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)



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Project In-Charge BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing) CORRIGENDUM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

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Name of Work: Up gradation of 35 No. 33 KV and 31 No. 132 KV isolators by replacement of Manual Mechanism box with electrical mechanism box suitable for local and remote operation in view of substation automation at 220 KV GSS Hisar. P Q Submission Last Date and time 21.10,2019 upto 17:00 hrs.

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# rate, leaving rivals vying for planes **REUTERS** PARIS. OCTOBER 4

increased this year at the fastest ever rate, led by the collapse of India's Jet Airways, British travel group Thomas Cook and Avianca of Brazil, according to industry data published on Friday.

AIRLINE BANKRUPTCIES have

"2019 has seen the fastest growth in airline failure in history," said airline consulting firm IBA, which has tracked plane fleets returned to lessors or administrators by 17 carriers that have gone bust so far this vear.

More may follow as weaker players are squeezed by lowcost competition and higher fuel costs exacerbated by a

More may follow as weaker players are squeezed by low-cost competition and higher fuel costs exacerbated by a strong dollar

strong dollar - which hurts those selling tickets in euros or pounds and buying kerosene and planes in the US currency.

"The last quarter of the year tends to see more failures during the northern hemisphere winter," Phil Seymour, IBA's chief executive, said in an interview. US carriers have been spared by the "natural hedge"

of dollar revenue, he added.

The run of bankruptcies has also created opportunities for stronger carriers to pick up planes, traffic and airport slots abandoned by collapsed rivals.

Other airlines that have folded in 2019 include France's Aigle Azur and XL Airways, Germania, Flybmi and Adria of Slovenia, which filed for bankruptcy this week.

Indian low-cost carrier Spicelet said on Friday it may take more Boeing 737 MAX planes ordered by Jet Airways, which went bust in June.

The entire global MAX fleet numbering hundreds of the new jet remains grounded awaiting approval of software changes to address safety concerns after two fatal crashes. That has increased the jostling

for substitutes, driving up waiting times and prices for new, second-hand and leased airlin-Leading European low-cost

operator Ryanair, which has been hit hard by the MAX grounding, is seeking to take over Airbus A320-family aircraft previously leased by Thomas Cook and deploy them at its Austrian carrier Lauda. "Opportunities crop up out

of things like the failure of Thomas Cook," Ryanair group chief executive officer Michael O'Leary said at a Reuters Newsmaker event in London on Tuesday. "We're talking to a number

of the leasing companies about taking some of those Airbus aircraft and putting them into Lauda next summer," he said.

Manufacturing, Supply & installation of standalone off grid

Solar LED Street lights on PAN India basis including 5 years NIT No.: B&R/ MDS/71104/ EESL

Turkey has ruled that the book Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls should be partially banned and treated like pornography because it could have a "detrimental influence" on young people. The book offers a series of inspiring stories about women from history, including British nurse Florence Nightingale, French designer Coco Chanel and American singer Beyonce.



### **SRI LANKA** Gotabhaya passes court test on eligibility to contest polls

Colombo: In a major relief to presidential election front-runner Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, a Sri Lankan court on Friday dismissed a plea challenging the citizenship of the former defence secretary and his candidacy for the November polls. The Court of Appeal rejected the case filed by two civil activists alleging that Gotabhaya, the younger brother of former strongman Mahinda Rajapaksa, violated the immigration and election laws by engaging in political activities during the 2005 presidential elections while holding US citizenship. The activists appealed to the court to cancel Gotabhaya's citizenship, alleging that he renounced it in 2003 to become a US citizen.

### **UKRAINE**

### 5 dead in crash of chartered plane low on fuel

Kiev: Ukrainian authorities

say a chartered plane has crashed near the western city of Lviv, killing five people and injuring three, after apparently running out of fuel. Ukrainian Infrastructure Minister Vladyslav Krykliy announced the death toll on his Facebook page, and said an investigation is underway. He said the An-12 plane was carrying seven crew members and one passenger Friday morning when it sought to make an emergency landing for lack of fuel. The emergency service said in a statement that emergency workers rescued three people from the wreckage.

### Vaping-related deaths rise to 18, illnesses surpass 1,000

US HEALTH officials on Thursday reported 18 deaths due to a mysterious lung illness linked to e-cigarettes and other vaping products and said the number of confirmed and probable cases of the condition now exceeds 1,000. Public health officials are still at a loss to explain the cause of the severe lungillnesses, which have now reached 1,080 cases across 48 states and one US territory so far, up from 805 cases last week. Many of 275 cases reported this week appear to have occurred after the CDC raised alarms over the illness last month.

### **BRITAIN**

### **Ex-Tory leader Rory Stewart** quits as MP

Manchester: Rory Stewart, a one-time contender to become British prime minister, said on Friday he had resigned from the governing Conservative Party and would not run at the next election. Stewart, a former aid minister, was one of 21 Conservatives to be expelled from the party for backing the first step last month to introduce a new law designed to block Britain from leaving the European Union without a divorce deal.

# **Violent protests after Hong Kong** bans masks, another teen shot

City's govt invokes rarely-used emergency powers; 14-year-old hospitalised in serious condition

**CLARE JIM & POPPY MCPHERSON** HONG KONG, OCTOBER 4

HONG KONG police shot and wounded a teenage boy on Friday, as violent protests erupted across the Chineseruled city hours after its embattled leader Carrie Lam invoked colonial-era emergency powers last used more than 50 years ago.

Lam, speaking at a press conference, said a ban on face masks would take effect on Saturday under the emergency laws.

Nearly four months of antigovernment protests have plunged Hong Kong into its biggest political crisis since its handover from Britain to China in 1997 under a "one country, two systems" formula that granted it autonomy and broad freedoms not enjoyed on the mainland.

The Beijing-backed leader said the banning of face masks was necessary to quell escalating violence and didn't rule out the prospect of further measures if the unrest continued.

But the move only enraged protesters, who took to the streets as darkness fell to vent their anger.

Sirens echoed through the streets as protesters set fires, hurled petrol bombs at police and burned the Chinese national flag, in a direct challenge to authorities in Beijing.

Police said an officer in Yuen Long, a district in the outlying New Territories that saw fierce clashes in July, had fired a shot in self-defence after a protester threw a petrol bomb at him, setting him on fire.

Local media reported a 14-



Masked protesters block a street in Hong Kong in protest against the decision made by the city's Chief Executive Carrie Lam (below) on Friday. Reuters, AP



year-old boy had been shot and the city's Hospital Authority said a 14-year-old was in a serious condition, without giving further details.

Around a hundred demonstrators besieged a Bank of China (HK) branch in the high-end shopping district of Causeway

Bay, while across the harbour in Kowloon district protesters smashed the glass store front of a China Life branch.

Police fired volleys of tear gas to disperse protesters in flashpoint districts across the territory, including Causeway Bay, Sha Tin and Wong Tai Sin, under-

The decision to invoke the emergency regulations ordinance is a difficult, but also a necessary one for public interest." -CARRIELAM HONG KONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

scoring the challenges facing authorities as the protests show no sign of letting up.

China's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office praised Lam's move in a statement that said the protests were evolving into a "colour revolution", a term coined to refer to popular uprisEXPLAINED

### **Emergency gives** Hong Kong leader massive power, but stir continues

THE MASK ban in Hong Kong was made possible because Chief Executive Carrie Lam invoked the 1922 Emergency Regulations Ordinance, which was introduced by British colonial rulers. It gives the Chief Executive power to "make any regulations" in the event of an emergency. The city's leader can censor the media, and authorise the arrest, deportation or search of anyone in Hong Kong. Lam, however, has not used most of the provisions of the legislation, but she did not rule out doing so in the future.

The move has not dampened the protests, with thousands carrying out mass rallies in which many wore masks in protest of the ban.

ings in Ukraine and other former Soviet states that swept away

of violence as some protesters burned Chinese flags. **REUTERS** 

long-standing rulers, with interference from external forces. Shopping malls, banks and

shops across Hong Kong island had closed early in anticipation

### TRUMP IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

# US envoys pushed Ukraine to probe Bidens, their text messages show

STEVE HOLLAND& **PATRICIA ZENGERLE** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 4

US OFFICIALS pressured their Ukrainian counterparts to launch investigations that could benefit President Donald Trump's personal political agenda in exchange for a meeting between the two countries' leaders, a cache of diplomatic texts released late on Thursday showed.

The exchanges were released by Democrats in the House of Representatives as part of an impeachment investigation to determine whether Trump pressed for Ukraine to probe former vice president Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, in connection with Ukrainian gas company Burisma.

Biden is a leading contender for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. His son was on the board of Burisma for a number of years.

Kurt Volker, who resigned a week ago as Trump's special representative to Ukraine, provided the messages to members of the House and staff of the House Foreign Affairs, Intelligence and Oversight committees in a closeddoor meeting earlier on Thursday.

Democrats are focusing on a July 25 telephone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in which the Republican President urges Zelenskiy to investigate Burisma and the Bidens.

In the hours before that call. Volker told one adviser to the Ukrainian President that a meeting between the countries' two leaders was tied to Kiev's agreement to probe the 2016 US election, according to the committees.

Later messages between the aide, Andriy Yermak, and Volker showed duelling efforts to lock in a date for a Trump-Zelenskiy meeting and to issue a statement from Kiev announcing a "reboot" of relations along with the probes into Burisma and the 2016 election. **REUTERS** 

### QUID-PRO-QUO?

The four people involved in the text exchanges are:

**KURT VOLKER:** He quit US special envoy to Ukraine after the impea-chment probe started **GORDON SONDLAND:** The US envoy to the EU **WILLIAM TAYLOR: The** charge d'affaires at the US embassy in Ukraine **ANDREY YERMAK: A** close aide to the Ukrainian President.

Here are some of the key text messages they exchanged:

**VOLKER:** "Heard from White House — Assuming (Ukraine's) President Z convinces trump he will investigate/"get to the bottom of what happened" in 2016, we will nail down date for visit to Washington." **YERMAK:** "Once we have a date we will call for a press briefing, announcing upcoming visit and outlining vision for the reboot of US-UKRAINE relationship, including among other things Burisma and election meddling in investigations."

**TAYLOR:** "Are we now saying that security assistance and WH meeting are conditioned on investigations?" **SONDLAND:** "I believe you are incorrect about President Trump's intentions. The President has been crystal clear, no quid pro quos of any kind... I suggest we stop the back and forth by text."

# N Korea, US to resume high-stakes nuclear talks over weekend

**JOSH SMITH** SEOUL, OCTOBER 4

AS NEGOTIATORS for the

United States and North Korea resume talks over Pyongyang's nuclear programme this weekend, analysts say that the leaders of both countries face increased incentives to strike a deal, but that it is far from clear they will find common ground after months of deadlock and increased tensions. The meeting in Stockholm

will be the first formal workinglevel talks since US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met in June, vowing to restart negotiations that had stalled after their failed summit in February.

Since June, however, American officials have struggled to persuade North Korea to return to the table.

That appeared to change this week when North Korea abruptly announced that it had agreed to hold talks. The stakes have grown for

two sides have shown no sign of where they may compromise. On Wednesday North Korea

Trump and Kim, but publicly the



On Wednesday, North Korea test fired a ballistic missile designed for submarine launch. Reuters

test fired a ballistic missile designed for submarine launch, the latest in a series of missile tests that analysts say underscores the need for Washington to move quickly to negotiate at least some limits on

Pyongyang's growing arsenal. Trump continued to downplay the test in remarks to reporters in Washington, noting that the two sides would soon be

meeting. North Korea is under tough sanctions that ban much of its trade, although the United Nations has warned that the country has circumvented many of the sanctions. **REUTERS** 

# Iraq's top Shia cleric warns govt as protest death toll reaches 42

**QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA** BAGHDAD, OCTOBER 4

IRAQ'S TOP Shia cleric on Friday sharply criticised the government in the wake of deadly violence gripping the country, urging both the political leaders and the protesters to pull back "before it is too late" as the death toll in this week's anti-government demonstrations climbed to 42.

The highly-anticipated comments by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani were his first since the protests erupted earlier this week. Many across Iraq's predominantly Shia south had looked to the in-

fluential cleric for guidance. Al-Sistani's sermon came just hours after Iraq's Prime Minister called on protesters to go home, comparing security measures imposed in the wake of the demonstrations to "bitter medicine" that needs to be swallowed.

Since Tuesday, security forces have fired live rounds and tear gas every day to disperse protesters across multiple provinces demanding job opportunities, improved services and an end to corruption.

The rallies have erupted spontaneously, mostly spurred by youths wanting jobs, improved services such as electricity and water, and an end to endemic cor-



Demonstrators run at a protest during a curfew in Baghdad **on Friday.** Reuters

ruption in the oil-rich country. Authorities have also cut internet access in much of Iraq since late Wednesday, in a desperate move to curb the rallies.

Al-Sistani blamed the leaders of the two biggest parliament blocs in particular, saying they failed to make good on their promises. "The government and the political sides have not fulfilled the demands of the people to fight corruption," al-Sistani said in his Friday sermon, delivered by his representative Ahmed al-Safi in the Shiite holy city of Karbala.

Al-Sistani called on political leaders to take "practical and clear steps" toward combatting corruption and on the government to "carry out its duty" to diminish people's suffering. He also reiterated his suggestion for a committee of technocrats tasked with making recommendations on fighting corruption, as a way out of the current crisis.

It was not immediately clear whether al-Sistani's comments would give momentum to protesters or help diffuse the situation. **REUTERS** 

# Ukraine to review cases on founder of firm that employed Biden's son

PAVEL POLITYUK & **MARIA TSVETKOVA** KIEV. OCTOBER 4

**UKRAINIAN PROSECUTORS said** on Friday they would review 15 previous investigations related to the founder of gas company Burisma, where the son of former US vice president Joe Biden was a board member until this year.

It is the first concrete sign of

how Ukraine plans to handle investigations that are being closely watched in Washington, where US President Donald Trump is fighting an impeachment battle against the Democrats. Trump had asked Ukrainian

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in a July 25 phone call to investigate Biden and his son Hunter, who earned money from Burisma. Ukraine's new top prosecu-

tor Ruslan Ryaboshapka told



**Ioe and Hunter Biden.** Reuters

Reuters on Friday he was not aware of any evidence of wrongdoing by Hunter Biden.

But his office announced that prosecutors would investigate whether old cases featuring Burisma founder Mykola Zlochevsky, related to the time when Zlochevsky served as a minister in a previous government, were conducted properly.

No decision on how to proceed against Zlochevsky has been taken so far, the office said. **REUTERS** 

# SUCH INCIDENTS OCCUR EVERY 60 OR 70 YEARS, SCIENTISTS SAY

# Awe, concern after massive iceberg splits from Antarctica

**KENDRA PIERRE-LOUIS** OCTOBER 4

A MASSIVE iceberg with the robotic sounding name D28 has separated in recent days from an ice sheet in Antarctica, prompting both awe and concern around the world.

Measuring 610 square miles, D28 is slightly larger than Oahu, Hawaii, and some are worried that its fracture from the Amery Ice Shelf is a signal of climate change.

"This is normal behaviour for an ice sheet to lose mass like this," said Helen Amanda Fricker, a glaciologist at the Scripps the University of California, San Diego. Fricker is part of the team that helped identify the calving event, the technical term for the split. She said such events happen roughly every 60 or 70 years. "The danger with this event is that it shouldn't be interpreted out of context." It is true that atmospheric

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warming as a result of the greenhouse gasses emitted from burning fossil fuels has contributed to the melting of glaciers and ice sheets around the world, including in Antarctica. Between 2012 and 2016 Antarctica lost 219 billion tons of ice, according to the



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recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. But most of that loss occurred in

West Antarctica. D28, by contrast, is in East Antarctica. Ice shelves are floating exten-

can cover more than 20,000 square miles of land. Those glaciers shed ice periodically as a way of balancing the weight they gain when snow falls on their centers. Absent that behaviour, they would "just grow and grow and grow — like not cutting your hair," said Daniela Jansen, a geophysicist with the Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research in Germany. An ice shelf "acts like a cork

sions of glaciers, some of which

to hold in the flow of the ice that's inland of the ice sheet," said Robert L Hawley an associate professor of earth sciences at Dartmouth College. If too much of the ice shelf is removed during a calving event, it can't hold back the rest of the sheet anymore, potentially setting it up for a series of collapses. "It is like you are removing a cork from a champagne bottle," Jansen said.

In the case of D28, which gets its name from a classification system used by the US National Ice Center, there's no indication that the ice shelf left behind is unstable. And as for sea level rise, "The ice has already been afloat for decades so there will be ab-

solutely no impact on sea level,"

Adrian Luckman, chairman of

the geography department at

Swansea University in Wales, said by email. Geographic events of this

scale "are fascinating reminders of big things happening in remote corners of the planet, even though they are a natural part of the growth and calving cycle of ice shelves, said Luckman, who added that we are in "the golden age of satellite earth observation."

this in real time has transformed what we know about the most remote parts of Antarctica, he said "as well as the rapidity with which these big calving events can be detected and reported upon." **NYT** 

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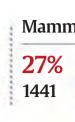
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### TELLING NUMBERS

# 1 in 5 species: study looks at scale of global wildlife trade



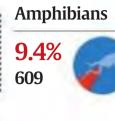


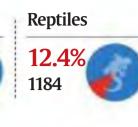










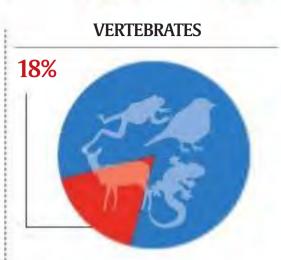


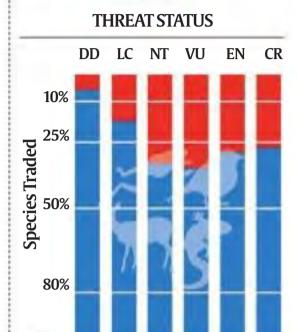
A NEW study has found that nearly one in every five species of birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles are bought and sold on the wildlife market globally. Out of 31,745 vertebrate species on Earth, 5,579 (18%) are traded — a finding that is 40-60 per cent higher than previous estimates. The study, by researchers at the University of Florida and the University of Sheffield, is published in the journal Science. Trade in wildlife breaks up as 27

per cent (1,441) of mammal species, 23 per cent (2,345) of bird species, almost 10 per cent (609) of amphibian species and 12 per cent (1,184) of reptiles. The authors predict that future trade will impact over 3,000 additional species, taking the total to about 8,700 species. They said the wildlife trade industry generates between \$8 billion and 21 billion, pushing some of these species closer to extinction.

Trade of wildlife for luxury foods, medicinal parts and as pets are the key factors contributing to the extinction risk faced by of vertebrates globally. Over 45 per cent of bird species and 51 per cent of amphibian species were found to have been traded as pets. On the other hand, 90 per cent of mammals and over 63 per cent of bird species are traded in the form of products. For example, the pangolin is hunted both for meat and its scales, while the rhino is poached for its horn. The study found that overall for vertebrates, 44 per cent are traded as pets and over 60 per cent as products.

The hotspots for mammal trade are in Africa and Southeast Asia, while Australia and Madagascar are the main trade hotspots for reptiles, the study said. While wildlife pet trade flourishes in the tropics, product trade is concentrated in tropical Africa and Southeast Asia, including the Himalayas.





**DD: Data deficient** LC: Least concern NT: Near threatened VU: Vulnerable **EN: Endangered** CR: Critically endangered Traded

Non Traded Source: Scheffers et al/Science

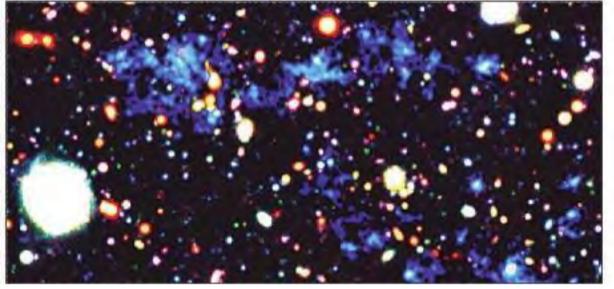
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	Traded as pets	Traded as products
Birds	45% (1,054)	63% (1,467)
Mammals	34% (485)	90% (1,298)
Amphibians	51%(312)	31%(190)
Reptiles	49% (576)	34%(407)
Total	43%(2,427)	60%(3,362)

### THIS WORD MEANS

## **COSMIC WEB**

A network of 'filaments' connecting the galaxies, now imaged for the first time



Gas filaments (blue) imaged by Very Large Telescope in Chile. Source: RIKEN

GALAXIES ACROSS the universe are connected, the theory goes, by a complex structure made up of filaments of dark matter and sheets of hydrogen gas. The network connecting these intergalactic filaments is known as the "cosmic web". According to researchers, after the Big Bang, much of the hydrogen gas in the cosmos collapsed to form sheets, which in turn broke apart to form the filaments. It is at the intersection of the filaments that galaxies and black holes are formed. So far, all this was theoretical knowledge. Now, astronomers have mapped the radiation from the gases in these filaments for the first time.

In research published in the journal Science, astronomers have obtained images of these threads of gases, believed to have fed multiple galaxies in the early universe. This is the first time the cosmic web has been imaged in detail on a large scale. Using the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope in Chile, a team, led by Hideki Umehata of the Japanese research agency RIKEN and the University of Tokyo, peered into space and back in time to trace two enormous filaments of hydrogen in a cluster of galaxies as it appeared 2 billion years after the Big Bang, Science magazine reported.

# SIMPLY PUT

# Why monsoon isn't over yet

The season officially ended with September, but rainfall has continued in several parts of the country. A look at the trends marking the delayed withdrawal, and other aspects that make this monsoon unusual

**AMITABH SINHA** PUNE, OCTOBER 4

ONE WEEK after the monsoon season officially came to an end, it is still raining in many parts of the country. Patna and Pune, for example, have witnessed uncharacteristic flooding for September with the process of withdrawal of the monsoon having not even begun yet. But that is only one of the reasons why this year's monsoon has been one of the

#### Rainfall trends

most unusual in recent decades.

After an extremely dry June, which saw a rain deficiency of 33 per cent, the monsoon brought generous rainfall in July, August and September, each subsequent month exceeding the normal by a higher deviation. In fact, September produced rainfall that was 152 per cent of normal, and this was the second highest rainfall ever recorded in this month. The only higher deviation during September was way back in 1917, when the rainfall was 165 per cent of the then normal for the month.

August and September together produced 130 per cent of normal rainfall, and this was the highest since 1983. And this was the first time since 1931 that the monsoon ended up producing more than 100 per cent rainfall after having a 30 per cent or more deficiency at the end of the first month.

"Just so much has been written about the monsoon and its variabilities, but it seems it still has much more to show us. Just about everything about the monsoon seems to be in chaos - the onset, the withdrawal, the length of the rainy season, active/break periods, north-south and east-west patterns, floods and droughts," said Raghu Murtugudde, and Earth system scientist at the University of Maryland.

#### Extreme rainfall events

The season was characterised by a number of extreme rainfall events, particularly in the months of August and September, that caused flooding in many parts of the country. Heavy downpours lasting for several days were witnessed in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, MP, Gujarat, and most recently in Bihar.

There is no standard definition of an extreme rainfall event. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) uses different expressions to classify rainfall according to its intensity. More than 12 cm rainfall within a 24-hour period is classified as very heavy rainfall while rainfall in excess of 25 cm within 24 hours is categorised as extremely heavy.

IMD has recorded more than 560 extreme rainfall events this year. This is much more than what has been observed in recent years. Last year, for example, had 321 extreme rainfall events, and the years prior to that had fewer (see box).

The number of very heavy rainfall events, which includes instances of extremely heavy rainfall, was more than 2,600 this year, compared to 2,181 last year, and much fewer in the previous years.

"Extreme events are increasing all over the world, not just in India, because of climate change. This is well documented now in scientific literature. Climate change will not manifest as a slow and smooth change in temperature or rainfall but rather in the form of an increase in the number and intensity of extreme events. And these increases are not likely to be smooth and incremental. These would be erratic, and that is what we seem to be witnessing," said Govindasamy Bala, professor at the Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. "But as of now, we cannot say how much of what has happened this year can be attributed to global warming and how much of it is due to inter-seasonal variability. I would guess there is a combination of both," he said.

### **Unusually wet September**

The standout feature of this year's mon-



#### NUMBER OF EXTREME RAINFALL EVENTS 2018 2019 52 28 36 64 June 93 106 117 July 110 161 96 August 57 76 90 282 20 29 29 44 68 September Data Source: IMD **CUMULATIVE RAINFALL (%DEP) (2019)** Rainfall (%DEP) Cumulative % DEP (till Sept 30): 10% RAINFALL IN 2019 AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL Departure

June 112.1 166.9 -32.8% 298.3 285.3 4.6% July 297.8 **August** 258.2 15.4% 259.3 52.3% September 170.2 968.3 **Full monsoon** 880.6 10.0%

soon is the unusually high rainfall in September. The month is normally expected to produce 170.2 mm rain over the country as a whole. This year, it brought 259.3 mm rain.

September marks the beginning of the withdrawal of the monsoon. This year, however, withdrawal has seen a record delay. So far, the longest delay happened in 1961 when the withdrawal started on October 1. This year, IMD said, the withdrawal is likely to begin only after October 10.

J Srinivasan, distinguished scientist at the Divecha Centre for Climate Change at IISc in Bengaluru, points out that the last time September produced so much rain, 1917, happened to be a La Niña year. La Niña, the phenomenon in the equatorial Pacific Ocean in which the sea surface temperatures turn unusually cold, is known to strengthen rainfall over the Indian sub-continent during the monsoon months. This year, there is no La Niña. In fact, it started with a weak El Niño, the opposite phenomenon in Pacific Ocean that has a negative impact on Indian monsoon, before the situation turned neutral.

Srinivasan said though there was no La Niña, a similar phenomenon much closer home, called the Indian Ocean Dipole, could

have contributed to enhanced rainfall. "There was a cooling of the eastern equatorial Indian Ocean, below Sumatra, and that could have some role to play in the kind of rainfall that we have seen this year," he said.

### Ocean systems

The Indian Ocean Dipole is a phenomenon similar to the ENSO condition observed in the Pacific Ocean which creates the El Niño and La Niña events. The sea surface temperatures in the Indian Ocean gets warmer and cooler than normal, and this deviation influences regional atmospheric and weather patterns, notably the Indian monsoon.

But there is one major difference from ENSO. While the Pacific Ocean only has an El Niño or a La Niña condition at a time, the Indian Ocean experiences both warm and cold conditions at the same time - hence, a dipole. One of these poles is located in the Arabian Sea while the other is in the Indian Ocean, south of Indonesia. The Indian Ocean Dipole is said to be positive when the western pole is warmer than the eastern one, and negative when it is cooler. The Indian Ocean Dipole and ENSO are not unrelated. Positive Indian Ocean Dipole events are often associated with El Niño and negative Indian Ocean Dipole with La Niña. When the Indian Ocean Dipole and ENSO happen at the same time, the Dipole is known to strengthen the impacts of the ENSO condition. Many scientists like to describe the mon-

soon in terms of the movement of the Intertropical Convergence Zone, or ITCZ, a region near the Equator where the trade winds of the northern and southern hemispheres come together. The intense Sun and the warm waters of the ocean heat up the air in this region, and increase its moisture content. As the air rises, it cools, and releases the accumulated moisture, thus bringing rainfall. During the monsoon season, this ITCZ is located over the Indian subcontinent. By September, as the temperature begins to go down, the ITCZ starts moving southwards of the Indian landmass, towards the equator, and further into the southern hemisphere. This year, this process has not yet started. "In September this year, the northern

hemisphere was much warmer than the southern hemisphere, and that could be one reason why the ITCZ has remained longer than usual over the northern hemisphere,' Srinivasan explained.

# **Dry Northeast**

For the 18th time in 19 years, the Northeast had rainfall that was less than 100 per cent. In fact, the East and Northeast region, clubbed together as one of the four geographically homogeneous region for purposes of monsoon rainfall, saw a deficiency of 12 per cent.

The IMD says this indicates that the Northeast region is passing through a "below normal epoch". Apart from exhibiting year-to-year variability, the monsoon is also supposed to have a 30-year variability cycle. During one cycle, it receives below normal rainfall, and in the next it gets above normal. Of course, within this period it exhibits intra-seasonal variations as well. But overall, it tends to follow this pattern.

"The IMD does monitor this 30-year cycle. There is some statistical evidence for that. So, the IMD explanation for what is happening in the Northeast seems logical. I don't think we have any specific evidence for any climate change impacts for the Northeast region that can explain the rainfall pattern there," Govindasamy said.

"But every year, we get to know of one aspect or the other of monsoon that differs significantly from our recorded data. The broad scientific understanding is that, because of global warming, we will see more and more extreme rainfall events that will also be more intense, while the instances of moderate or light rainfall events will decrease," he said.

# Could Planet Nine be a black hole? A new theory, and the case around it

#### **KABIR FIRAQUE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 4

HIDDEN IN the outer Solar System lurks a presence, believed to be a gigantic planet orbiting the same Sun and casting a visible influence on the behaviour of a number of other objects. Although it has not yet been spotted, this behaviour would be difficult to explain if such a presence did not exist. It is popularly referred to as Planet Nine, the presumed ninth planet of the Solar System,

and occasionally as Planet X. What if this mysterious presence were a tiny black hole instead? That is an idea proposed by two physicists, who have shown that the behaviour of certain Trans-Neptunian Objects — those beyond the orbit of Neptune — can also be explained by

the presence of a primordial black hole. A primordial black hole is one that is believed to have formed immediately after the

creation of the universe. Like Planet Nine, primordial black holes too have been predicted to exist — including by the late Stephen Hawking — but none has been spotted as yet. The physicists are not ruling out a planet

either. "All we are suggesting, is that if the anomalies persist, while no planet is found in the visible spectrum, we should start looking for alternative scenarios," Jakub Scholtz of Durham University says in an online post. The other physicist is James Unwin of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### What do we know of Planet Nine so far?

Over the years, scientists have sought to explain several puzzling aspects of the Solar System by attributing these to the influence of Planet Nine. In a 2016 paper, California University of Technology researchers Konstantin Batygin and Michael Brown made out a case for Planet Nine's existence by arguing that it could be responsible for



Artist's rendering of the view from Planet Nine towards the sun. Caltech

the peculiar alignment of icy objects on the

outskirts of the Solar System. Again, the Sun's equatorial plane is aligned six degrees off from the orbital plane of the planets. What if it is not the Sun that is out of alignment but the eight plan-

ets? This proposal came from another Caltech team, again in 2016; they argued with calculations that Planet Nine's mass has caused their orbital plane to wobble.

Since then, more and more peculiarities have been attributed to Planet Nine, including the extreme tilt of an object called 2015 BP519, and the orbit of a dwarf planet called the "Goblin". Last year, The Indian Express had emailed questions about Planet Nine to a number of researchers. Batygin of Caltech had felt "the false-alarm probability with the current set of objects is about 0.1%". Juliette Becker of the University of Michigan, who had studied BP519 and made a case for Planet Nine, had said "the only way to prove the existence of Planet Nine is to directly detect it". And Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution for Science, part of the team that discovered the Goblin, was then "about 85% sure the planet exists".

What, then, is the basis of the new

### suggestion about a black hole?

Scholtz and Unwin, who have published their findings on a preprint server, base their theory on two known gravitational anomalies, both attributable to the same mass. One is the unusual orbits of asteroids beyond the orbit of Neptune, which have fed the prediction of Planet Nine, estimated to be somewhere between 5 and 20 times the mass of the Earth.

The other anomaly was observed thousands of light years away, by a project called the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE). In six observations, an object bent the light of a star. This is called microlensing, Scholtz and Unwin told *The Indian Express* in a joint email. These six events correspond to objects whose masses are in the range 0.5 to 20 times the mass of Earth. Scholtz and Unwin took these to be primordial black holes, and explored if one of these black holes could have been captured by the Solar System and was also

causing the unusual orbits of the asteroids.

"We have calculated that the likelihood of capturing a free planet (which is one of the possible explanations for Planet 9 origin) is very similar to the likelihood of capturing one such black hole. This is why we believe that this is a somewhat reasonable scenario," they wrote in their email.

Can the black hole be found? The catch is that it is much harder to look for a black hole than to look for a planet, especially when the black hole is predicted to be of small dimensions. "However, it is reasonable to expect a dark matter halo surrounds this black hole. If dark matter can annihilate into particles we know, the halo surrounding the black hole would radiate high energy photons and the halo would be visible in X-rays and gamma rays," Schotz and Unwin said. They propose to look through a gamma ray telescope dataset and try to find evidence of these annihilations.

# 21 BODY & MIND

# It takes a child to raise a village

They question, they challenge, they dig us out of the lethargic stupor that we have let ourselves slip into



BY SHELJA SEN

"OUR ECOSYSTEMS are collapsing and we are at the beginning of a mass extinction." Sixteen-year-old Greta Thunberg has shaken us out of our comfortable carbon corners of complacency and made us sit up with global #ClimateStrike. Victor Hugo stated, "Nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come." And nobody else could have brought this idea with such vehemence to the world but a kid. There have been attempts to speak up, but most of them lacked the black and white clarity of the message - "You have stolen my childhood with empty words". Simple, but so true.

That is the thing about kids and the youth they say it the way it is. They do not have vested interests of multi-billion industries to

sway them. Nor are they stuck in trenches of sluggish habits to ask, "Why?" "Why not?"

To some of us who work with children and young people, these questions do not come as a surprise at all. What comes as a surprise, a nasty one, is when we hear adult voices dismissing them. But then I also realise that we adults do not want to hear that we are making wrong choices, especially from children even if they have irrefutable hard-core science and Sir David Attenborough backing them all the way. Especially the ones we see as being different or deficient. I have been perplexed by many people who have tried to mock Greta's words as "alarmist," "over the top," "deeply disturbed," having "mental health problems " or even "just a teenager with Asperger's, with no life experience"! Seriously? Our decades on this planet, mountains of learning and self-aggrandising posing has just made our world so much more toxic, so, borrowing the young woman's words, "How dare you?"

The simple fact is that our children are active change-makers who can help us grow up and become a more aware, ecologically conscious and mindful society. If you think about it, children feel much more strongly about their world. It could be about protecting their environment, becoming sustain-



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

ism, terrorism – issues that we are struggling with as a human race. They question, they challenge, they dig us out of our lethargic stupor that we have let ourselves slip into. Their inborn sense of justice, fairness and forthrightness makes them right and natural agents for change. Actually,

it is their zeal bordering on obsessiveness for

able, preserving our wild life or tackling prob-

lems like poverty, corruption, communal-

what they feel strongly about that is an essential ingredient for raising our village.

Our children have helped my husband and I become more socially and environmentally responsible human beings. It could be about saving water, refusal to use plastic, taking care of stray puppies and dogs, picking up litter (even when on holiday), being more sensitive and supporting people from marginalised sections of our society, they

have definitely helped to raise our little village. Discussions on mental health, preferred gender expressions, sexual orientation, feminism, racism, sex, #MeToo, our culture's preoccupation with certain body type, privilege and power have been our dinner companions at home and our dialogue with young people at work. Our taboos have not been their taboos as they have slowly demolished our years of encrusted preconceptions.

I have heard many powerful voices criticise Greta's parents for "allowing" her to miss school to carry out these protests. Do they seriously think that going to school is more important than what she is doing or that she would learn more from classwork than what she has done by missing it? Would going to school made her this active change-maker who has the power to change the world?

In fact, schools across the globe should be encouraging this process of learning. William Deresiewicz, literary critic, talked about how the goal of education should always be "to leverage learning as an agent of social change — the kind of objective that makes leadership and citizenship into something more than pretty words."

Think! Children who start school this year – 2019 – will be ready to start work in another 25 years' time (on an average), which will be 2044. What do we know about what the world would be like at that time, whether it would be suitable for life, and what jobs would be available for humans and which ones one would be taken over by robots? Not much.

Therefore, one thing we can let our children do is question, connect the dots and constantly challenge the taken for granted ways of living. As Greta reminded us, "No one is too small to make a difference."

Let's stop acting as if young people are just the passive recipient of our learning and knowledge. As if we know how life works and we have got it all figured out because we clearly do not. Ask them questions and listen carefully to what they are telling us. They will be telling you a lot of inconvenient truths and it will be uncomfortable but hear them out. So rather than asking our children, "What do you want to do when you grow up?", we need to be asking them, "What do you want to do now?"

"What are the changes you want to see in vour world that will make it a better world to

"What are the steps you can take towards

"What are the steps your schools needs to

"What are the steps your family needs to

"How can we spread this story of change so that more and more people can be part of it?'

To the youth, I am sure you know that the adults cannot fix this world for you no matter how much they tried. You will have to take a lead on this one. You are right in saying that "We should not be the ones fighting for the future," but only you can raise your voices loud and clear. Greta spoke for a lot of you when she said, "We are a wave of change together and united, we are unstoppable.' Some of us adults, who understand the gravity of the situation, will stand right behind you. So please stand together, be the change and never ever stop. You are our hope.

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### DIET DIARY



A healthy diet, probiotics and a healthy lifestyle are important

# The way to a healthy heart is through the gut



BY ISHI KHOSLA

RESEARCH ON the human gut microbiome has gained considerable attention in the last decade as is evident by the exponential increase in articles on this in scientific publications. The dots connecting diseases and their root causes seem to be clearer. The theory that heart disease could have its origin in the gut would never have been considered a few years ago.

However, recent research has shown that gut microbiome is critical in controlling several risk factors of cardiovascular disease. These include nutritional status, inflammation, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

So much so that they can impact epigenesis, which implies that they could modulate which genes would be expressed or silenced.

Disturbances of microbial community, also called dysbiosis, can contribute directly to obesity and diabetes.

Further, atherosclerosis, the starting point of heart disease in which arteries accumulate plaque and impair circulation, can be linked to gut microbes.

Dysbiosis can increase inflammation, cause abnormal cholesterol metabolism and produce harmful toxins in the gut like trimethyl amine N oxide (TMAO). This toxin increases clotting tendency and cholesterol levels in blood.

Other factors which can be controlled by these microbes are the absorption of vitamins like B12, vitamin B6, chromium, zinc, Vitamin D, magnesium etc.

Low levels of these in blood increase levels of homocysteine, which harden the arteries.

The importance of healthy diets, probiotics and a healthy lifestyle has been accepted. Also, evidence that disturbing the microbes in the gut by usage of unwarranted anti-biotics, regular consumption of alcohol and lack of exercise can alter the gut flora.

This can adversely affect the functionality of the host ecosystem. Future research to develop microbes as therapeutic agents to prevent specific health conditions is needed.

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# Better health = smarter brain? Quite possibly

Being young, active and physically fit may be very good for your brain

PHYSICALLY FIT young adults have healthier white matter in their brains and better thinking skills than young people who are out of shape, according to a large-scale new study of the links between aerobic fitness and brain health. The findings suggest that even when people are youthful and presumably at the peak of their mental prowess, fitness — or the lack of it – may influence how well their brains and minds work.

We already have plenty of tantalising evidence that aerobic fitness can beneficently shape our brains and cognition. In animal experiments, mice and rats that run on wheels or treadmills produce far more new neurons in their brains than sedentary animals and perform better on tests of rodent intelligence and memory. Similarly, studies involving people show strong relationships between being physically active or fit and having greater brain volume and stronger thinking abilities than people with low fitness or who rarely exercise.

But most of these past studies focused on middle-aged or older adults, whose brains often are starting to sputter and contract with age. For them, fitness and exercise are believed to help slow any decline, keeping brain tissue and function relatively youthful. Much less has been known about whether fitness likewise might be related to the structure and function of healthy, younger people's brains. So, for the new study, which was published last month in Scientific Reports, scientists at the University of Münster in Germany decided to look inside the skulls of a large group of young adults.

They began by turning to a hefty trove of data gathered as part of the Human Connectome Project, an international collaborative effort that aims to help map much of the human brain and tease out how it works.

As part of that project, more than 1,200 young men and women in the United States recently agreed to have their brains scanned with a specialised type of MRI that looks at the health of their brains' white matter. White matter consists of the many connections between neurons and brain regions. It is, essentially, the brain's communications wiring. (The working neurons make up the brain's gray matter.)

The volunteers, who mostly were in their 20s, also completed multiple questionnaires about their health and lives, a general medical checkup, and a two-minute walk test, a widely used measurement of aerobic fitness that involves walking as rapidly as possible for two minutes, to see how far you get.

Finally, they sat through a battery of cogni-

'CLEAN' SKINCARE products that are free of

certain chemicals are not always safer than

their traditional counterparts, dermatolo-

gists warn. Arbitrary descriptions

of products as 'clean' or 'natural' are

not regulated, and many of these

products contain high concentra-

tions of ingredients that can cause

[30-40 YEARS]



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tive tests, designed to quantify how well they could reason and remember in various ways. The German researchers then gathered

all of this information and began crosschecking it, comparing the young people's fitness and thinking skills, their fitness and white matter health, and their white matter health and ability to think.

And they found a variety of interesting correlations. The young people, all of whom were healthy, had covered a wide range of distances in their two-minute walks. Some of those young men and women covered far less distance than others, marking them as the least physically fit.

These relatively out-of-shape young people generally performed worst on the tests of memory and thinking skills, the scientists found. Their brain scans also indicated that their white matter was slightly weaker and more frayed than in the brains of the young men and women who had walked farthest

in those two minutes.

These relationships remained intact when the researchers controlled for the young people's body mass indexes, socioeconomic status, age, gender, blood sugar levels and blood pressures.

In essence, the fitter people in this group were, the more robust their white matter looked, and the better they performed on tests of memory and thinking skills.

The researchers were taken aback by the strength of the associations between the young adults' fitness, thinking and whitematter health, says Dr Jonathan Repple, a psychiatrist and neuroscience researcher at the University of Münster who oversaw the new study.

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"There already are a few studies published looking at older people" and their brains and fitness, he says, "but to observe this in a young sample was quite surprising."

This study provides only a snapshot of one moment in the lives of these young people, though, and can show only links between their fitness, white matter and thinking skills. It cannot prove that greater fitness directly caused their brains to look and function better.

It also did not measure or ask about exercise habits, so it is not clear how much or what kinds of exercise might be needed if you are young and want to raise your fitness and potentially also bulk up your white matter and cognitive skills.

Dr Repple says he and his colleagues are planning experiments to test whether and how various exercise programmes affect fitness and the brain in people of different ages.

But already, this study and others suggest that being fit may matter for brain health ear-

lier than many of us might think. "Even at a young age, physical fitness has beneficial effects not just on the body," Dr

Repple says, "but also on brain health and brain functioning."

# **SHORT COURSE**

'Clean beauty products not always safe'

### [20-30 YEARS]

### Kids staying away worry about parents' health

AS MANY as 86 per cent of Indian children living away from home feel anxious about their parents' health and well-being, a survey has showed. The survey, commissioned by an insurance company, revealed that increasing geographical distance between parents and children is adding to health related concerns

in Indian families. At a sample size of 2,000 people, there were 998 respondent parents in 60-65 years and 66-70 years age groups with at least one offspring living away, and 1,002 respondent children

years with at least one surviving parent and living far away. "Almost 86 per cent Indian children feel concerned to-

wards their parents' well-being and 60 per cent of children shared that their parents do not take much effort to keep themselves fit. As many as 59 per cent of par-

ents said that they walk regularly to keep themselves fit, 30 per cent are involved in doing household chores and 18 per cent practice yoga," stated the survey.

in age groups of 30-36 years and 37-45

irritation and allergies, the authors write in an editorial in JAMA Dermatology. "We wanted to shed light on the fact that the 'clean beauty' movement is more of a business model and marketing tool that plays on the trend of people wanting to use PTI

natural rather than synthetic products right now," said a dermatologist. "Instead, we need to take a more balanced approach

when choosing which products to use on our skin". Between 2017 and 2018, the natural skincare market grew by 23 per cent to \$1.6 billion, accounting for about a quarter of the \$5.6 billion annual skin care

sales in 2018, said dermatologists, adding that they decided to write the editorial after seeing a trend in recent years of patients reporting allergic reactions to natural **REUTERS** beauty products.

### [40-60 YEARS]

### Hysterectomy may raise depression risk

WOMEN WHO have a hysterectomy may be at increased risk for depression and anxiety, a new study reports. Researchers used med-

ical records of 2,094 women who had had a hysterectomy without removal of the ovaries, matching them with the same number of women of the same age who had not had the operation. None of the

surgeries were performed to treat cancer. They followed them for an average of 22 years. Overall, a hysterectomy was associated with a 26 per cent increased relative risk for depression and a 22 per cent increased risk for anxiety. Women under 35 who had a hysterectomy were at a 47 percent increased risk for depression and a 45

per cent increased risk for anxiety. The reason for the operation — fibroids, menstrual disorders or uterine prolapse — did not affect the association. The observational study, in the journal Menopause, con-

trolled for dementia, substance use disorders, hypertension, coronary artery disease arthritis, all types of cancer and more than a dozen other mental and physical conditions.

# 22 REVIEWS CINEMA & MUSIC



JOKER ★★★

**Director:** Todd Phillips **Cast:** Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz, Frances Conroy

# Flat Joke



#### SHALINI LANGER

HOW DO you top one of the greatest villains of all time, one that even the Academy could not ignore? It certainly isn't this *Joker*, despite Joaquin Phoenix putting all his acting's weight and, clearly, quite a bit of his physical mass, into it. Where Heath Ledger's Joker was pure evil, that dripped from every crack of his caked make-up, every snarl of his distorted grin, and every dart of his pink tongue, Phoenix's Joker is a garden-variety villain born out of Hollywood's usual spawn of abuse and society's callousness. In this origin story, there are no flashes of the Joker that is to follow.

That comedians are some of the world's saddest people is now an accepted and easy truism. And there is almost nothing sunny about the life of Arthur Fleck (Phoenix). He works in a run-down laughter club, where people aren't so nice to him; he gets beaten up routinely, the worst kind of thrashing; he lives in a building with mold growing on walls; and he comes back every night to an ailing mother (Conroy) who looks forward to him cooking, carrying and bathing her (sounds familiar?). About the only cheery thing in his day is the nightly chat show he and his mother watch,

Music This Week

Window to the Past

OLD LP (UME), THAT DOG, ₹351 ★★

I HAVEN'T felt like this since 1995," Anna

Waronker sings on the new album by That Dog., and maybe she's taking just a few years

of poetic license. *Old LP* is actually the first al-

bum by That Dog. since 1997, reconvening

three of the four band members that released

Retreat From the Sun 22 years ago, just months

of indie and/or alternative rock; it carried a mu-

sic-business pedigree. Waronker's father is

Lenny Waronker, the producer who became

president of Warner Bros. Records and co-chair

of DreamWorks Records; Rachel Haden and

Petra Haden, who were both in the 1990s

lineup of the band, are daughters of the

her 20s, writing and singing about youthful in-

fatuations, hopes, annoyances and preroga-

tives — sometimes passionately, sometimes

playfully. On its three 1990s albums, That Dog.'s

Back in the 1990s, Anna Waronker was in

renowned jazz bassist Charlie Haden.

That Dog. arrived during the 1990s upsurge

before announcing the group's dissolution.

JON PARELES

where stand-up comic Murray Franklin (De Niro) cracks jokes and hosts star guests. Arthur, who carries around a battered journal where he scribbles morbid thoughts and poor jokes in equal measure, sees himself as another Murray Franklin.

That this is a fool's dream is obvious, including to his mother, with the film not giving Arthur even one real funny joke. This could have been a story about the price of the death of dreams. It isn't.

That Arthur is a man of frail mental health, who leaves his co-workers uneasy, who has spent time in a facility, who visits a counsellor, and who is on seven different medications, is obvious. That his mother chooses to ignore all this is too. This could have been a story about descent into madness. It isn't, as the film can't decide whether it wants Arthur to be crazy enough to kill indiscriminately, or to kill only those who fail his quite lucid moral test.

That Arthur leans towards the rare people he sees as sympathetic towards him (mostly Black, or otherwise marginalised), including a pretty young mother (Beetz) in his building, is rubbed in. This could have been a story about two mothers, two relationships, and what is wished for vs what is real. It isn't.

That there is a connection between Enterprises is among the film's most interesting suggestions — tying the destinies of the Joker and Batman inescapably. You would think the film would make the most of it. It doesn't.

Todd Phillips, director plus co-writer with Scott Silver, known most for *The Hangover* films, tries all of the above, hoping something will stick. Apart from Phoenix, there is a lot else going for Phillips — the anticipation courtesy the Ledger legacy, Martin Scorsese briefly as producer, and the inspiration drawn from Scorsese's brand of protagonists who live on the edge (De Niro himself played one such wannabe stand-up in The King of Comedy). Only, Joker seems to confuse living on the edge as being edgy.

Phoenix is the embodiment of nervous, anorexic energy in his role. He just doesn't act with his face — with or without the joker paint. He acts with his entire body, his ribs sticking out, his back abnormally arched, his legs leaning away from him, his feet gliding from under him, his arms flailing about. There is nothing linear about him, unlike the film which, as much as it tries to mould itself to his uniqueness, ends up being completely so.

It's like an extended joke without a Arthur and Thomas Wayne of Wayne punchline — one that involves Arthur having an actual "condition" due to which he can't stop laughing; and one that includes a kiss forcibly planted on an elderly woman on live television, who sits through the laughs

> Worse, the joke may actually be on the film. In The Dark Knight, Ledger's Joker explains that it takes little to upend the world — all one has to do is "introduce a little anarchy", upset the system's well-set "plans". *Joker* 2019, based in Gotham City of a not-sodistant past, with a garbage strike bringing the "rats" out of sewers (no, there isn't an embedded joke there either), gives a shot at politics too — in which the clowns are the havenots, rebelling against the haves of the system, and hence supposedly cheering on Arthur's violence.

The Dark Knight would balk at such facile black and whites; its Joker knew what works are the greys, where he revelled and where he dragged down the Batman. Plus, isn't it the wrong time to draw a clown analogy? I thought these days we had one in the White House.

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music craftily seesawed between punky and pretty: intricate vocal harmonies and violin lines one moment, bristling grunge guitar

chords the next. That Dog. found it still had fans when it revisited its songs with a handful of reunion shows in 2011 and 2012. The new album has been in the works since at least 2016, when the group posted it as a Kickstarter project.

The grown-up That Dog. isn't so blithe or flippant anymore, and it looks back as much as it looks forward. *Old LP*, the album's lushly orchestrated title song and finale, confronts mortality in a musical family, hearing the voice of a departed loved one on an "old LP" (not even a stream): "I can hear you breathe/I can see you right in front of me."

In other songs, Waronker delves into longterm relationships: mostly precarious ones, rooted in old betrayals and increasingly unsustainable compromises. "I tried and tried and tried to pretend/But the dissonance will win in the end," she sings in When we were young, as her words collide with an upbeat, handclapping folk-rock arrangement. Alone again, a bit-

tersweet, string-laden waltz, bluntly begins, "Broken hearted/Finish what you started." But near the end of the album, *Least I could do* strives toward reconciliation: "We've come too far just to run from the hardest parts," she vows.

During the 1990s, That Dog.'s music was contemporary with Liz Phair, the Breeders, Throwing Muses and Belly. A generation later, when rock has been sidelined from the current pop mainstream, That Dog. reaches back through a much wider swath of pop history, all the way to girl groups and Hollywood soundstage orchestras.

If you just didn't do it juxtaposes stringtopped baroque pop with grunge distortion as it confronts someone's destructive habit: "I'm writing this song because I can't talk to you." it

begins. And the furious guitar riffing of *Down* without a fight strives to merge the Beatles' Helter skelter and the Rolling Stones' Brown sugar, while the lyrics update Lesley Gore: "You don't own me/but you owe me."

On Old LP, That Dog. doesn't pretend that time hasn't passed between albums. The music is denser and more intricate. The jokes are gone; the stakes feel higher. But the band's underlying moxie hasn't changed. Your machine starts the album with a chord progression out of doo-wop and a reverb-heavy guitar that crescendos to a multitracked blast: "I hope you know where I've been," Waronker sings. "How much I want to show you/What I can bring/And why I won't give in."

NYT

# A Game of Cat and Mouse

**WAR** \*\*

**Director:** Sidharth Anand Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Tiger Shroff, Ashutosh Rana, Vaani Kapoor, Anupriya Goel

#### SHUBHRA GUPTA

WHAT DO you expect when you have the two most beautifully-muscled, elastic bods in Bollywood playing I spy in a Yashraj movie?

Every frame bristling with the combined smirk-and-swag of Hrithik-Tiger? Check. Lavish locations all around the world? Present and accounted for. Lots of fast-paced chases? War has all of the above, and yet, it's in the not quite there zone: not quite smart enough, and most importantly, not quite new enough.

The set-up has promise. Agent Kabir (Roshan) who is a patriot to beat all deshbhakts, has gone rogue. Former star-struck pupil Agent Shahid (Shroff) is assigned by chief spymeister (Rana) to track Kabir, and the cat-and-mouse chase, of one man on the tail of another, is as old as the spy saga itself. Veteran movie spies like Bond and Bourne and their minders have to work very hard to keep us glued with newer, flashier plot devices, spiffier toys and yes, deadlier enemies. In War, you can see the twists coming a mile off.

War's insistence on being a family entertainer leads it towards the predictable template of song-and-dance, played-forlaughs dialogue-baazi-in-fights, teary mothers and loving sons. A rumbustious Holi dance in the middle of a remote outpost gives our lads, who move like greased lightning, a chance to shake their admirable booties. But it also makes us roll our eyes, which would be fine if the film was in fullon comic book mode. But of course it's not.

All the space is gobbled up by Hrithik and Tiger, and they are so busy strutting across the screen, in all their glory, so ripped,



so brawny, that the poor baddies don't really get a chance. Not one scary villain who sends the shivers down our spines? Then the spies might as well be playing ringaround-the-roses with each other.

Scads full of cash must have been needed to take the cast from as diverse places as Portugal to Sydney to Kerala, and there's no been stinting there. But a story with freshness and zing? Missing in action. It talks of the desh ke dushman as did movies of the '70s and '80s; dated dialogues which combine Musalmaan and vatanparasti only add to the casual bigotry which is becoming common parlance these days.

The girls, Vaani Kapoor as a lissome dancer, and Anupriya Goel as an ace codecracker, get some air-time, but it's the boys who have all the fun: falling off choppers, zooming about in fast cars, diving off bridges, getting in some bloody fisticufftime. Shroff shouldn't ever team up with Roshan again though; on his own, Tiger is a dream dancer with jaw-dropping moves and can take on five hundred armed desperadoes; when Hrithik is around, though, he recedes into the background.

The last time Hrithik looked as sexy, was in *Dhoom 2* (2006), also a Yashraj film. The golden streaks have been replaced with a bit of grey at the temples, but the bronzed cheekbones decorated with a few fetching scars, the fighting-fit figure in fatigues-and-dark-glasses and the casehardened look, is full eye-candy. I'm not revealing anything by telling you that War looks all set to be a franchise: next time maybe go complete comic-book silly? Now that's a spy I will buy.

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# Once Upon a Mutiny

SYERAA NARASIMHA REDDY (TELUGU DUBBED IN HINDI) \*\*1

**Director:** Surender Reddy Cast: Chiranjeevi, Sudeep, Nayanthara, Tamanaah, Jagapathi Babu, Amitabh Bachchan, Vijay Sethupathi, Mukesh Rishi Ravi Kissan

SYE RAA Narasimha Reddy delivers exactly what it promises: 'megastar' Chiranjeevi in and as Uyalwada Narasimha Reddy, a little-known rebel from Rayalseema in Andhra Pradesh, whose brave deeds became an inspiration for the freedom fighters in 1857.

Here's what we get, in plenty. Battle scenes upon massed battle scenes, with Indian braves fending off the marauding British overlords. Royal intrigues. Palace infighting. Beautiful women. Wise men in flowing white beards. And towering above them all, Chiranjeevi, who carries the film from beginning to end.

Post Bahubali, it would be foolish for an epic, even if its historical accuracy is dubious (which is why the film comes armed with the usual 'fiction based on fact' caveat) to not go for big and bigger in every scene. Each frame is bursting with crowds and colour and movement, unless of course the camera needs to solo worship Chiranjeevi, the one and only.

Narasimha Reddy is a man of his people groaning under the evil ways of the British who are insisting on more and more *lagaan*: if there are no crops, you will pay taxes on your land, thunders a redfaced Englishman. That reminds us instantly of Aamir Khan's *Lagaan*, but unlike that one, there's not one single fair-minded



Brit in sight, nor a gori mem who falls for our hero. The Brits are all shown as singularly greedy and cruel: this is not a film guilty of nuance, and unpredictability.

Too much time is spent in getting to the point where Reddy creates a united front to go up against the invaders. In between, there's a romance, which is nipped in the bud, and a marriage, all built in to show the softer side of our hero. But these are momentary blips. The real job lies outside, on the battle-fields, wielding the sword, cleaving the enemy into two: Reddy is a one-man army. Everyone else is clubbed into the 'supporting cast' bracket, including Nayanthara and Tamannah, whose chief job is to adore. Of the men, Sudeep has a few moments, as does Amitabh Bachchan; Vijay Sethupathi comes on, briefly and late, to grab a bit of screen-time for himself.

The rest is all Chiranjeevi, and it has to be said, that while the dubbing is, always, annoyingly distracting (how does one do anything about the lips which will never sync?), he is most convincing, because he throws everything he has into the role. And that's why we stay watching, through those 171 much-too-stretched-out loud, drenched-in-melodrama minutes: the star fills the role completely.

BREAKING DOWN NEWS

# From Left to Right

The week revolving around Gandhi comes to a screeching halt on TV while the case of a missing reflection in Pakistan resurfaces in India



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

THE ANNUAL what-Gandhi-means-to-me week is ending, and though the Mahatma is a more valuable political property than ever before, the output has not been much more

interesting than that dreadful essay that one had to write every year in junior school, titled 'How I spent my summer holidays'. The debates on TV were breathless, but wasted breath, because we have always known the answers to the questions posed. Aaj Tak's Dangal had 'Gandhi kiske', with Narendra Modi and Amit Shah ranged to the left of the Mahatma, and Sonia and Rahul Gandhi to his right. The fruitiest sample: 'Kaun Gandhi ka saga, kisne Gandhi ke naam par thaga?'

The neighbourhood has proved to be more fertile than this dreary stuff. A fake post from Pakistan which is apparently of fine vintage, being 12 months aged, resurfaced

and rippled across Indian TV. Led by Times Now and Aaj Tak, the wave reached many news portals, which have the unfortunate habit of getting breaking news off television and publishing it immediately in print, which leaves no time for checking for consistency. The story in question is attributed to the Urdu channel Capital TV, which airs from Islamabad, in which unnamed sources in the household staff of PakistanPrime Minister Imran Khan declare that the image of the first lady is not seen in mirrors. The age of witch-burning is long over in the metropolises, but such claims remain inflammatory.

Alt News reveals that this story was picked up by ANI, which was called out by Capital TV. They had filed a complaint with the Pakistani Federal Investigation Agency's cybercrime wing in 2018, claiming that their template had been misused, and tweeted a denial of airing any such news. But one year later, the story travelled all over India nevertheless, even after it was called out more

than one time. Older readers would remember years

and years of front-page breastbeating in India about Pakistan trying to 'internationalise' the Kashmir issue — an act deemed to be as illegal as breach of promise, since the Simla Accord had set a bilateral baseline to all relations. Now The New York Times weighs in with a leader, coincidentally appearing on Gandhi Jayanti, headlined, 'The UN Can't Ignore

Kashmir Anymore'. This is 'internationalising' with bells and whistles, Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi claimed on Kal Tak (Aaj Tak's future has suffered a preemptive strike!), hosted by columnist and anchor Javed Chaudhry

Pakistan's Express TV. Its high point, amidst energetic finger-wagging, consists of: "I want my tweet! Tweet nikalo, yaar! Abhi nikalo tweet!" That ministerial outburst

came afterwards. Initially, the minister was responding to the opposition's complaints of the lack of tangible outcomes from Imran Khan's US visit — as Chaudhry elaborated,

no nation has pulled out all

the stops in pressuring

India and Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to remove

the curfew in Kashmir.

However, Qureshi was right

Pakistan, which no one

was willing to talk to until

recently, has broken the ice.

And Chaudhry is right too,

in appreciating that

'Howdy Modi' dealt

a blow to Pakistani diplo-

macy. Perhaps the most sig-

While American right's voices just dug in, as they searched for the road ahead the Republicans complained of attempts to destroy the presidency – Trump is brazening it out

nificant point the minister makes is that nothing will come out of bilateral talks. "But if there is third-party mediation, toh Bismillah!"

The very willing but undesignated third party is preoccupied with its own affairs now, and the US press much distracted. Vanity Fair is an unexpected venue to find media news in, but it ran an article headlined 'It's Management Bedlam', about the craziness in Fox News as it tries to set a new course following Nancy Pelosi initiating an impeachment inquiry against Donald Trump. While most of the American right's voices just dug in and stonewalled, repeating their old lines as they searched for the road ahead — even in politics, the Republicans complained of attempts to destroy the presidency – Trump is brazening it out. To the consternation of the press, he asked China to investigate his opponent Joe Biden. He has done, in public, precisely what he is accused of having done undercover, when he tried to arm-twist the new president in Ukraine into investigating Biden. It's a mind game. If it's out in the open, it can't be as underhand as it's being made out to be, right? In effect, Trump's defence has begun — in the media, his favourite arena, and not in the House.

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### Jadeja takes 200th Test wicket

Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja on Friday became the second fastest Indian to scalp 200 wickets in Test cricket. Jadeja achieved the feat when he dismissed Dean Elgar. Jadeja took 44 Tests to reach the milestone, seven matches more than off-spinner R Ashwin.

# Dean's school of batting: Skill and a lot of heart

Arguably the most bloody-minded batsman in world cricket today, Elgar puts his head down to defy Indian spinners on Day 3 in Vizag, hits a magnificent 160

**SRIRAM VEERA** 

VISAKHAPATNAM, OCTOBER 4

ONE MAN who wasn't surprised when Dean Elgar smashed a six to bring up his most positive, aggressive hundred of his career in these conditions was his long-time coach Louis Klopper. Klopper was at his school in South Africa, following the match online and trying to get an occasional glimpse on television. He laughed when asked if Elgar's refreshing approach on the verge of the milestone took him by surprise. Elgar's wonderful 160 and Quinton de Kock's stroke-filled 111 propelled South Africa's heart-warming fight that has perked up the series, which looked dire after the visiting team's top order perished on Thursday evening.

"You thought you would see the 2015 version, eh?" Klopper is still laughing, referring to Elgar's horror series the last time he was in India. In that fateful series, Elgar had made just 137 in 7 innings at an average

"I am not surprised but really happy and I will tell you why: This is how he used to play in his younger days, before his international debut. A free-flowing batsman who would dominate. He slowly changed in character as he grew, and he knows his role as a Test opener demands that he puts in the hard yards for the sake of the team,"

Elgar's was a knock full of heart and skill. Whenever Ashwin flighted one on a driveable length, Elgar stretched out for drives and lofted hits down the ground. Very soon, they had to place boundary-patrollers. There was a lovely cover drive early on against Ashwin that warmed the heart of his father Richard, and right away he knew he could be in for a special day. He too couldn't see the full knock as he has been busy with shifting homes but had one eye on the game and did catch up on the hundred moment. "Jah! I did see that!"

It wasn't a surprise that Elgar was harsh on Ravindra Jadeja as he has the fourth-highest strike rate in the world against left-arm spinners since 2010, plundering at 4.91 runs per over against them. It helped South Africa that Jadeja was, for the most part, expensive and not his usual metronomic self, often dropping the ball short or over-compensating with overpitched deliveries.

Both Klopper and Elgar Senior were particularly pleased by how he tackled Ashwin with aplomb. He used the feet well to drive and loft, deployed the square-slash on the front foot, and strived to play as close to the body as possible. When he got to that hundred, Ashwin gave him a generous applause, acknowledging the victor of the battle. He stood on the middle stump guard, with his bat on the off stump line for Ashwin. For Jadeja, at times, he stood on the off-stump line. Both ploys worked well to nullify the spinners.

Last time, when Elgar was in India, the pitches were beastly turners and he couldn't cope. When he went back home, he told his father that he was caught with his pants down and needed to find a way. "He is a very stubborn lad, once he puts his mind to anything, he does it," Richard says.

Elgar needed all that bloody-mindedness as he has been underappreciated by fans in his country. "In the past, I haven't been given a lot of credit for what I have done. I don't think there is a big relationship between me and South African cricket fans. A lot of time what I have done has been brushed under the carpet," he had told this newspaper last year.

It would be very difficult for the fans to brush away this knock, though. It was the intent that stood out. They were four wickets down pretty early in the third morning but Elgar kept on pressing ahead. He didn't have a clear plan last time around here, switching from slog-sweeps against the turn and hard-pushes, to even an unwise reversesweep that had prompted Klopper, the coach, to share this nice moment: "I used to



Dean Elgar cools off during a break on day three of the first Test match between India and South Africa in Visakhapatnam on Friday. PTI

I'd like to think it may be my best hundred I have had for South Africa. especially playing against the prowess of India and to show them that last time (2015) was a little bit easier, but this time it is not going to be a pushover."

**DEAN ELGAR** 

always tell him — you reverse-sweep only after you get a hundred. But he played one shot there and later told me that he immediately thought of me — that he shouldn't have played it!"

The shot selection was well nigh flawless this time. When he was on the front foot, he was really out there stretching and more importantly, trusted his hands to go through the line of the ball. No self-doubts or second thoughts. He did reverse-sweep after the hundred, pulled out the slog-sweeps against Jadeja, and since the turn was slow, he waited on the backfoot and played quite a few late cuts past slips, a shot that was picked up by the other centurion, Quinton de Kock, who went on a shot-making spree en route to a hundred of his own.

De Kock's hundred was great to watch but it has to be said that he owed it to the path cleared by Elgar. De Kock's only test was how he fared against Ashwin, especially early on in his knock as, in the past, he has been a bit vulnerable against the off-spinner. He started off conservatively against Ashwin, took his chances against Jadeja, and once he settled down, it didn't matter who was bowling. The cover drives and the cuts flowed as he pressed on imperiously.

Louis Klopper likes to predict events in

Elgar's life. When he was nine, Louis told Richard that his son would one day play for South Africa. On the morning after he was felled by Jasprit Bumrah in the Jo'berg Test in 2018, Louis told this newspaper that he expected Elgar to hit a hundred. He did. When Elgar was dropped on 74 by Wriddhiman Saha, who failed to hold on to an outside edge off Jadeja, Louis was agog: "He would carry his bat today, watch!" Perhaps, the only prediction that didn't materialise as Elgar fell, miscuing a slog-sweep off Jadeja, and his head sunk immediately after making contact with the bat. He could still have hoped he might survive but Cheteshwar Pujara rushed in from deep midwicket to take a good tumbling catch.

He has hit hundreds, captained the team but he still doesn't think he owns the opening spot in the team. Too hard on himself? "The moment I believe I have done it and it's my position for the taking, that's the danger area for me. I must always try to better myself. That's who I am. You need to be hard on yourself," Elgar had told this paper last year. No wonder, he looked distraught when he walked back after being dismissed as if he had fallen for a duck.

When he looks at the highlights, even he would probably pat himself on the back and also, smile. There were several delightful lofted hits to the straight boundary, and even Elgar, who thinks he can "make batting look ugly at times", can let himself a proud and happy smile.

In the last year's chat, he had said something about dealing with the absence of appreciation from fans that comes to the mind now. "I create a vibe around myself. And I am not a big person to really let go and enjoy people kissing my arse for doing something that I am supposed to do!" Well, he did what he was supposed to do and resuscitated South Africa.

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**D Elgar** c Pujara b Jadeja

(287b, 18x4, 4x6) **A Markram** b Ashwin **5**(21b, 1x4) **T de Bryun** c†Saha b Ashwin **4**(25b, 1x4) **DPiedt** b Jadeja **0**(4b) **TBavuma** lbw b Sharma **18**(26b, 3x4)

F du Plessis c Pujara b Ashwin (103b, 8x4, 1x6)**Qde Kock** b Ashwin **111** (163b, 16x4, 2x6)

**S Muthusamy** not out **12**(60b, 1x4) **V Philander** b Ashwin **0**(10b) **3**(14b) K Maharaj not out

■ **FoW** 1-14 (Aiden Markram, 7.1 ov), 2-31 (Theunis de Bruyn, 16.3 ov), 3-34 (Dane Piedt,

17.3 ov), 4-63 (Temba Bavuma, 26.1 ov), 5-178 (Faf du Plessis, 57.3 ov), 6-342 (Dean Elgar, 99.3 ov), 7-370 (Quinton de Kock, 109.3 ov), 8-376 (Vernon Philander, 113.2 ov).

**Extras:** (b 8, lb 4, nb 5)

Ishant Sharma 14-2-44-1; Mohd Shami 15-3-**40-0; R Ashwin** 41-11-**128-5; Ravindra Jadeja** 37-4-**116-2; Hanuma Vihari** 9-1-**38-0; Rohit Sharma** 2-1-**7-0** 

# A 180-deg turn against spin

### **SANDIP G**

OCTOBER 4

PRIOR TO his maiden hundred in Asia, Quinton de Kock was averaging 21 in nine innings in the continent, perishing to spinners on eight instances. But the century against R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja on a (slow) turning track dispelled doubts regarding his ability to not only negate but dominate the spinners.

### **Aggressive mindset**

Often, naturally aggressive players with a storied vulnerability against quality spinners manufacture caution, which in turn overcomplicates their method. But de Kock wasn't torn between the natural and unnatural. Right from the start, whenever the ball was in his scoring arc, he wouldn't hesitate to bring out the big stroke. Like the fifth ball he faced, he played a gorgeous cover drive off Ravindra Jadeja. The key, as it has been throughout the knock, was his fluid frontfoot stride. The big stride neutered the turn. He seldom prodded or stabbed at the ball, the hands always followed the feet, ensuring that he was seldom caught at the crease.

Airy gains Though spinners claim they like batsmen embracing the aerial route, repeated onslaught ruffles them. De Kock's intermittent lofted strokes disrupted both Ashwin and Jadeja. Quite early in the innings, he lofted the offie over mid-on, forcing Ashwin to shorten his length and bowl more towards his body, taking out the threat posed by the rough outside the off-stump. He, though, was



There was a classic instance later in his innings when he carved Ashwin for a six, forcing him to shorten the length, and the follow-up ball was slapped through third man for a boundary.

## Sticking to strengths

As much as 75 percent of his runs were scored through cuts and drives. There was a reverse-swept boundary, but overall he barely played the conventional sweeps or sashayed down the ground as players from outside the subcontinent are often advised to, but which aren't his strengths. As with most of his innings, a majority of the runs came through the off-side, especially between cover and long off (as many as 44 runs). The cut, his staple on most wickets, was one of his most productive strokes (four of his 16 boundaries and 20 runs).

# Back in XI, back among wickets, Ashwin rediscovers love for the game

**SRIRAM VEERA** VISAKHAPATNAM. OCTOBER 4

FOR A while, R Ashwin, a cricket tragic who compulsively follows games from around the globe and tweets about them, had stopped caring about the sport. He wasn't playing in all formats and there came a time when he was even dropped from the Test team. "Every time I watched the game on TV, I felt like I wanted to play the game and that I was missing out. It's very natural, everybody goes through it," he said on Friday, after picking up his first five-for

in two years. That they do, but he has been put through the wringer a lot more than many players out there. Just imagine: the fastest bowler — not just spinner — to 300 Test wickets was, in November 2017, left out to twiddle his thumbs. With India's decision to go the way of wrist-spinners in ODIs, he and Ravindra Jadeja were out of white-ball cricket. Suddenly, he had endless days of emptiness in front of him. It all got a bit too difficult for him, though he says he discovered new interests, like archaeology.

It's one thing not playing in ODIs but losing the Test spot to Jadeja in the two-Test series recently in the West Indies must have stung. The day before the Vizag Test, when Virat Kohli was asked about whether Ashwin is now considered as a spinner for Indian conditions, he said: "Wherever the conditions provide us to go ahead with two spinners, obviously Ash is going to be a threat and in home conditions, with his batting credentials, and the way he bowls as well, he's always going to be starting with Jadeja." That could be construed as Ashwin been

relegated as the second spinner at home, and when that interpretation was put across to Ashwin after his five-for, he said: "It's very important to do what I do. I have literally stopped reading about the game as I used to in the past."

It didn't quite address the question but perhaps he has learnt to be wary and careful about his answers. In the past, he might well have replied differently. The last 18 months or so haven't been easy for him. Last August in England, he started superbly with a five-for but an injury issue hampered his bowling in the



Ravichandran Ashwin took his first five-for (5-128) in two years. PTI

Southampton Test, and India lost a game that they should have won. Even then, mystery surrounded his injury. He seemed to suggest he was injured but coach Ravi Shastri insisted in a presser that Ashwin was fit. More of the same followed on the Australia tour later that year. Yet again, a good performance was followed by injuries. On Friday, he put the injuries down to the fact that he wasn't playing as much cricket as

he would have liked. "I felt like all of a sudden, I wasn't playing all formats and an up-anddown spike in workload probably would have caused it. That is why I went back and played where I got an opportunity. With all due respect to everyone, I enjoyed whatever cricket I played over the last six months." He played the Tamil Nadu Premier League and league cricket in Chennai, and later some county cricket in England, where he bowled well.

On Friday, he ran into three factors: A resurgent Dean Elgar, whom he had troubled in the past and even dismissed twice in a county game, the attacking Quinton de Kock, and a sluggish pitch. But he fought through gamely, trying every little trick that he knows.

With Elgar at times taking almost an offstump guard against him, he worked the angles, veering him from outside leg to outside off, trying to create some doubt, but Elgar resisted. He tried flighting on a length but Elgar was up to the task, stretching out to reel out some aerial shots. "I felt (they) were high-risk shots but he came out well with it. He is a fierce competitor and I am very happy for him. We all know how good a player Elgar is, he has scored runs around the globe," Ashwin said.

The last time South Africa were here for a Test series, Ashwin had sledged Elgar, who had fallen to an attempted slog-sweep: "This is not Jo'berg, you can't play slog-sweep! That's not bad pitch, it's bad shot." When Elgar was asked whether Ashwin had any words for him this time, he smiled and jested, "No, he seemed quite quiet today! He is a phenomenal bowler and always a good challenge to face. I will always appreciate the moments we (two) get to play on the field."

Perhaps, the one difference from the last time was in Elgar's approach. "I am not playing the player. I'm playing the ball that's coming my way now. He can get me out another 10 times, I couldn't care.'

Ashwin's strengths have always been his bowling intelligence and if he isn't in a prickly mood, he can be enjoyable to listen to at pressers, talking about his game plans. Like when he talked about how he tried to adjust to Faf du Plessis taking the off-stump guard against him by pushing it wider outside off.

"There is a difference in the trigger movement but on good surfaces, you will get away with it. I thought he was a bit lucky to get away with a few sweeps even before lunch... thought the outside-the-off-stump line was a more attacking line, so I set the field that way,' Ashwin said.

All through the chat, one could sense that he is delighted to be back among the wickets and playing for India. "To stay away from not playing cricket was very tough for me... I am elated to be back. There is nothing like picking up a five-for for your country. I have realised that the joy of game has to be back in my heart. That was visible when I played yesterday most people who spoke to me said you looked really happy. I did feel genuinely happy to be back there and to be bowling again."

# 47.60 MARITA KOCH 1985

47.99
JARMILA KRATOCHVILOVA
1983

Though Marita Koch (East Germany) and Jarmila Kratochvilova (Czechoslovakia) never tested positive, they ran in an era when anti-doping measures were not as robust as they are today.

Besides, it was widely believed that East Germany and Czechoslovakia had known to have run systematic state-controlled doping programmes.



**48.25**MARIE-JOSE PEREC 1996

48.27 OLGA BRYZGINA 1985

I still can't believe the time. When I saw the time, I went completely crazy. I was training so hard but I never expected to run this fast. This is crazy. I was just hoping for the best but now I'm world champion

# Speed gets a new name

Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser runs 3rd-fastest ever 400 metres to win gold and light up world championships

# AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE DOHA, OCTOBER 4

SALWA EID Naser says she "dreams big" eyeing the 400 metres world record but her astonishing winning time of 48.14sec at the World Championships rekindled memories of an era three decades ago dominated by Communist eastern Europe.

The engaging 21-year-old — born Ebelechukwu Agbapuonwu in Nigeria to a Nigerian mother and Bahraini father — pulled off a shock defeat of reigning Olympic champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo on Thursday, who had not lost a race since August 2017.

However, it was the time - the third fastest of all time - that took many people's breath away. Only those over 40 would recall watching the two women who have run faster than her, world record holder Marita Koch of what was then East Germany, who recorded 47.60sec in 1985, and the former Czechoslovakia's Jarmila Kratochvilova (47.99sec in 1983). Theirs was an era when the Cold War was ongoing and the Berlin Wall separated East and West Berlin.

Neither Koch nor Kratochvilova failed a doping test but their countries are known to have operated state-sponsored programmes as athletic supremacy was viewed by their rulers as a weapon in the battle between east and west.

Naser, who switched to Bahrain aged 16, played coy as to whether she considered her time in Doha the fastest clean one in history. "You tell me," she replied.

Miller-Uibo - who herself ran the sixth fastest time ever in the final only to have to settle for silver - believes the world record will fall in the event she considers "her baby".

But when asked if she believed Naser's time was the fastest untainted run ever, the Bahamian also refused to be drawn on the past. "I would prefer not to comment," she

Naser's victory - which also saw three other finalists record personal bests - may have shocked many but her championship record in the past two years suggested she was a genuine title contender.

A second-place finish at the last world championships in 2017 aged 19 - her idol Allyson Felix and Miller-Uibo were behind her - heralded her talent as she became the youngest ever medallist in the event.

Her Asian Games success last year also showed she has extraordinary resilience. Having run two relay finals at the end of

that competition she flew for 14 hours from Jakarta to Brussels and the next day won the 400m Diamond League title.

That sort of determination is a characteristc that US veteran Felix — who won a mixed relay gold earlier in the week as she returned to global competition following the birth of her baby last November — would admire.

her baby last November -- would admire.

Naser believes she and the 33-year-old
Felix, whose world gold medal tally of 12



Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser (R) ran the fastest time since 1985 to beat Bahama's Olympic Champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo in the women's 400m final. Reuters

now outstrips that of retired Jamaican legend Usain Bolt, share common ground.

"Allyson Felix is my role model as I see similarities," said Naser.

"I was really looking up to her and I still look up to her, she's an amazing athlete."

The new one-lap sensation has been dogged by a fragile left ankle due to an accident she had aged six. "My ankle was first weakened after I was struck by a car," she told iaaf.org last year. "I recall I had bought an ice cream but I had forgotten my change and as I ran across the road to retrieve it, that's when the car hit me."

This old injury came back to haunt her when she twisted her ankle — "it opened up a fracture" — a week before the 2016 Rio Olympics. Showing typical obstinacy, she refuted medical advice and competed before bowing out in the semi-finals with a new personal best time.

# Kaul is youngest decathlon world champ

STEVE KEATING

DOHA, OCTOBER 3

Germany's Niklas Kaul survived a gruelling battle to win the world championship decathlon gold on Thursday after the event was blown wide open by the withdrawal of injured defending champion Kevin Mayer.

Even with French world record holder Mayer out of the way with a hamstring problem, it was far from smooth sailing for Kaul on a rollercoaster day that saw a different name at the top the leaderboard after each of the five events.

But it was the 21-year-old Kaul who stood on top of the podium at the end after win-

ning the final event, the 1,500 metres, to record a score of 8,691 points and become the youngest ever world decathlon champion. "I cannot really describe the feeling," said Kaul. "I have no idea how it happened. I am not the best decathlete who competed here. I don't think I'm the favourite for (next year's) Tokyo (Olympics) because Kevin (Mayer) did 9,100 points ... and is still the best

decathlete there is in the world."
Estonia's Maicel Uibo took silver with 8,604, just as his wife Shaunae Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas did an hour earlier in the 400 metres. Gold continued to elude Canada's Damian Warner, who had to settle for third on 8,529. It was a disappointing end for Warner considering his trophy cabinet is al-

ready full of bronze and silver medals, including third place at the Rio Olympics and second and third finishes at the worlds.

Kaul had not figured in the medal discussion through the opening eight events then shot into contention with an astonishing throw of 79.05 metres in the javelin that brought a gasp from the largest crowd yet at the Khalifa Stadium.

The effort, almost seven metres more than the next best, vaulted him up to third.
With only 19 points separating the top three, it was all to play for going into the final event - the 1,500m.

"It was quite a big throw," Kaul said with a smile. "I felt it in the run-up that this one is going to be a big one." **REUTERS** 

# Toor, Jinson outclassed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DOHA, OCTOBER 4

INDIA'S ASIAN Games gold medallist duo of shot putter Tejinder Pal Singh Toor and 1500m runner Jinson Johnson crashed out of the World Athletics Championships after failing to qualify for the finals of their respective events.

The 24-year-old Toor produced a season's best effort of 20.43m to finish eighth in the Group B qualification round and 18th overall out of 34 competitors while Jinson ran a below par 3 minutes 39.86 seconds to end 10th in his first round heats on Thursday.

He finished 34th overall out of 43 run-

ners. Toor was the first to take the field but with eight shot putters from Group A having already touched the automatic final round qualifying mark of 20.90m, it was a difficult task for Toor to make the cut. The Punjab athlete has a personal best of 20.75m, which is also a national record,

There was more disappointment in store

for India as the 28-year-old Jinson, who broke his own national record just last month with a time of 3:35.24, failed to preserve enough energy for the home stretch. He was overtaken by one competitor after another as he finished more than four seconds

another as he finished more than four seconds outside his best timing. He was among the leading five till the final bell but lost steam towards the end.

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

10:35pm MShot put (final)
11:05 pm WT jump (final)
11:25 pm W1500m (final)
11:55pm W5000m (final)
11:55pm W5000m (final)
12:35am (Sun) W4x100m
Relay Final

12:45am (Sun) M 4x100m Relay Final INDIA WATCH

7:00 pm M Javelin (Grp A,
Qualification)

SHIVPAL SINGH
10:25pm W 4x400m relay
(Heats)

M4x400M relay

(Heats)
2:29 am (Sat) M Marathon (Final)

**GOPITHONAKAL** 

10:55 pm

## [SPORTS BAR]



# Praggnanandhaa shines at Youth Worlds

India's top players enjoyed mixed luck in Round 4 of the World Youth Chess Championship, with R Praggnanandhaa (in pic) scoring a comfortable victory and P Iniyane king out a tough draw even as Divya Deshmukh suffered an upset defeat on Friday. FIDE Master Srihari L R was the dark horse of the day, shocking top-seed FIDE Master Sreeshwan Maralakshikari in the Under-14 Open category. GMs Praggnanandhaa and Iniyan topped the points table in the Open Under-18 with 3.5 points each, along with IM Aryan Gholami of Iran. Praggnanandhaa, who had endured an exhausting draw in Round 3 against IM Artur Davtyan of Armenia, recovered smartly to beat IM Nikoloz Petriashvili of Georgia.

# Sakshi dropped from TOPS list, Ravi added

Young wrestler Ravi Dahiya, who recently won a World championships bronze medal, was on Friday included in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) while struggling Sakshi Malik was dropped from the program. The decision was taken by the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Mission Olympic Cell. Ravi won a bronze in the men's 57kg freestyle category in NurSultan, Kazakhstan. The bronze also ensured an Olympic quota for India in next year's Tokyo Games. Sakshi, who won a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics, has been struggling for long and has been dropped from the Scheme. She had crashed out in the opening round of the 62kg women's category in Nur-Sultan.

# Uncapped trio named in Spain Euro squad

Uncapped Sergio Reguilon, Pau Torres and Gerard Moreno were handed their first Spain call-ups on Friday after being named in coach Robert Moreno's squad for Euro 2020 qualifiers against Norway and Sweden. Spain coach Moreno was unable to call up Barcelona's 16-year-old Ansu Fati, after local media reports suggested he was in line to be fast-tracked to the senior setup after receiving Spanish citizenship last month. Under-21 boss Luis de la Fuente's said later on Friday that they had not received the international clearance paperwork for the player.



Skipper Harmanpreet played her 100th T20I on Friday. @BCCIWomen/Twitter

### India lose final match but wins series vs SA

India put up a shoddy display to lose by a huge 105 runs to South Africa in the sixth and final women's T20 International, but still managed to clinch the series 3-1 here on Friday.India cliched the six-match series 3-1 with two games being washed out due to rain. Electing to bat first, South Africa made a challenging 175 for three, riding on the batting heroics of openers Lizelle Lee (84 off 47 balls, 15x4s, 1x6) and Sune Luus (62 off 56 balls, 7x4s). The duo put on a sizzling 144-run stand for the opening wicket that came off 95 balls to set the tone for the challenging score. None of the Indian bowlers were able to trouble the South African batters with skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (1/5), Arundhati Reddy (1/28) and Poonam Yadav (1/34) sharing three wickets among them. It was not a happy outing for Harmanpreet, who on Friday became the first Indian woman cricketer to play 100 T20 International matches. BRIEF SCORES: South Africa Women 175/3 in 20 overs (Lizelle Lee 84, Sune Luus 62) beat India 70 in 17.3 overs (Veda Krishnamurthy 26, Arundhati Reddy 22; Nadine de Klerkk 3/18, Anne Bosch 2/13 ) by 105 runs.

## Aryan, Nikki reach Fenesta Open final

Aryan Goveas registered a comfortable straight set victory to enter his maiden men's singles final of the Fenesta Open, the National Hard Court Tennis Championship here on Friday. Aryan will now take on top seed Nikki Poonacha, who defeated former champion Dalwinder Singh in the second semifinal. In the women's singles event, Sowjanya Bavisetti and Prerna Bhambri emerged victorious in their respective semifinals and will lock horns with each other in the final. For Aryan, this was a big day as he made it to his maiden national final, a breakthrough he had been eagerly awaiting. The second seed from Mumbai played solid tennis and mixed up his shots to defeat Kunal Anand 6-2 6-4.

# Sandhu takes sole lead in Taiwan Masters

India's Ajeetesh Sandhu mixed five birdies with two bogeys for a second round score of three-under-par 69 to take a one-shot lead at the Mercuries Taiwan Masters golf tournament here on Friday. Sandhu, who started his round one shot off the pace, was two clear at one stage, but then dropped two shots to fall into a tie for the lead with Miguel Carballo (72-66). However, the Indian, who has one win also in Chinese Taipei at the TPC Yeangder, birdied the 16th to take sole possession of the lead at seven-under-par 137.



# Vijay hits century in TN's win over J&K

Out of favour India batsman Murali Vijay smashed a superb ton (117) to power Tamil Nadu to its fifth straight win in the Vijay Hazare Trophy Group C, beating Jammu & Kashmir by eight wickets here on Friday. Chasing 234 for a win, Vijay and his 166run second wicket partnershp with Aparajith (86 not out) saw TN coast home. Vijay, fresh from a county stint with Somerset, played superb shots all round the wicket. After a cautious start, the stylish right-hander went on overdrive to fashion Tamil Nadu's win. Earlier, sent in to bat, J&K made slow progress before three wickets, including that of captain Parvez Rasool (6) set the team back.

# India learns ABC of NBA

Eager fans, mostly students, get a ring-side view of the basketball league at a pre-season game

SHAHID JUDGE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 4

TWO SECURITY officials are deep in discussion at a yellow plastic barricade. Their orders were simple – no car was to come near the back entrance of the NSCI Stadium in Mumbai. And so they stopped a luxury SUV with tinted windows, and refuse to grant it entry even as the driver explains there's a foreign celebrity on board. They've never seen nor heard of this celebrity before. It's a dilemma that the security handlers at the venue – which has hosted multiple seasons of the Pro Kabaddi League, fashion shows et al – have never experienced before.

Inside the stadium, two nine-year olds are having a puzzling conversation of their own. One asks, "why are we here?" The other explains it's to watch a basketball match. "Which teams?" comes the next question. "Kya pata."

Moments later, over 3,000 high school students from across the city, all dressed in identical 'NBA' t-shirts, make their way to their seats to witness the start of a historic moment in basketball history in the country. The name 'NBA' isn't exactly unheard of in this part of the world. But the novelty of having teams from the marquee league – along with the support staff, and of course, celebrity guests – play on Indian soil is overwhelming.

The security officials outside are beseeched by the security advisors of the NBA to let the unknown car inside. And the two nine-year-olds are given foam fingers to wave – with the name Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers neatly printed on each. Thus starts the first ever NBA global game to be held in India.

The screaming and shouting the thump-

The screaming and shouting, the thumping of clappers comes often and for any reason. It escalates for the first time when Harrison Barnes of the Kings makes up the length of the entire court and dunks – the kids in the stands (the first of the two-day pre-season matches is meant mainly for school children) may not know much basketball, but they know what a slam dunk is.

They watch in awe as the giants – all over 6-and-a-half feet who effortlessly reach out and touch a rim 10-feet up. Their movement is quick and the moves is flashy. And the dunking continues.

By the end of the first quarter, they had learned much more. And they even had some favourites, even if they couldn't catch the names.

"White jersey team ka 24 number accha laga," says a fourth standard student of a school in Thane, of Kings' shooting guard Buddy Hield. "Uska ek layup move tha. Woh accha tha." His teacher explained that 35 students from the school had made the trip despite examinations being on in full swing.

### **Novelty continues**

The novelties continued as the evening wore on. The 'muscle cam' for instance drew unprecedented reactions. During a time-out of quarter-break, a camera would randomly land on members in the audience who would then flex their biceps for the camera. Only, the first group of students the view fell on simply waved at the camera and jumped.

And then when the Pacers' slam-dunk team, the Power Pacers Pack, started using a trampoline to soar through the air and score trick dunks with a chorus of dholaks – playing the familiar sound that blares through the festive season – sounding in the background, everyone was on their feet.

"The thing about today was that everyone in the stands was either a kid or new to the NBA, so there was a reaction to everything," says a veteran scribe well-versed with the NBA.

"These (gimmicks) are used in the US as well, but the audience there will sometimes snooze through it, or not react as enthusiastically because they've seen it so often. The kids here will cheer for everything." Hield concurred.



Indiana Pacers edged past Sacramento Kings 132-131 on NBA's India debut. Nirmal Harindran

"When we were trailing, they were rooting for us, when Pacers were trailing, they were rooting from them," he says after the match. Meanwhile the action on court remained central to the entertainment, starting from Harrison Barns of the Kings opening the scoring to TJ Warren's last second 3-pointer that took the score to 118-118 at full-time. In overtime, the Pacers, who at one point were trailing 59-72, came back to win the exhibition tie 132-131.

A basketball match lasts 48 minutes, excluding time for breaks.

This one went well over the two hour mark – a lengthy celebration of a league that had, till now, been an unreachable marvel witnessed in the United States. No Indian national till date has ever played an NBA match, but the NBA has now played in India.

Paying ticket-holders are scheduled to throng the stands on Saturday, for the last match of this visit. But the students who did attend exams in the morning and decided to make the trip to the NSCI Stadium got the first glimpse of what the NBA is all about.

At the final buzzer, the Pacers and Kings dutifully, and with practiced precision, walked towards the tunnel and onto the bus. Meanwhile, a special announced rang in for the crowd.

"Please remain seated until your (school) bus number is called."

# NBA Commissioner says seriously considering league launch in India

Mumbai: NBA Commissioner Adam Silver Friday expressed optimism of starting a league in India in five years, saying a serious discussion on it has been going on in recent times. Silver said besides hoping to see an Indian player in the NBA in the next five years, he also would aim

at starting a league in India in this time.

"It is something my friend Vivek
Randive (owner of Sacramento Kings) is
pushing me on, to launch a league here
in India. I'm not sure five years ago that
was something even possible," Silver said.

"But because of changes in technology ... the engagement we're seeing from young fans here through mobile technology, plus the academy that we now have in Delhi and the large numbers of young people playing, I think there's an opportunity to do that. It's something we're very engaged in," Silver told reporters when asked what were their plans for the next couple of years.

He said the two most immediate goals were to see some top talent coming out

of India to ultimately go into the NBA and WNBA, and serious consideration of the launch of a league in the country. "There's an enormous pool of young women playing the game as well," he said.

"In terms of timing on the league, as I said, it's something we're giving serious consideration to right now. It's my hope that within five years we have an Indian player in the NBA. And I think for serious consideration of a league, I'd use that same timing. It's something we would hope to do within the next five years," he added.

Silver, who was flanked by Kings owner Vivek Randive and Pacers owner Herb Simon, also spoke about how the NBA was connected with the Basketball Federation of India. "We are connected with the BFI through FIBA. The deputy commissioner of the NBA, Mark Tatum, served on the executive board of FIBA and we've been dedicated to the global growth of the game. We work on the ground here in India just as we work globally with our federation." **PTI** 

# No Props to Gli Azzurri

Italy's Loosehead prop Andrea Lovotti loses head, inverts Springbok Duane Vermulean on his head

TWO ITALIANS Andrea Lovotti and Nicola Quaglio picked South African Duane Vermulean, each holding onto his thighs and tipped him, inexplicably soon after a penalty was awarded to Italy in the 42nd minute. Then they dropped Vermulean, nicknamed 'Thor' on his head. The moment of madness got Lovotti sent off with a red card and Italy reduced to 14 men.

Not that 15 could've stopped South Africa from inflicting a bruising 49-3 victory on Italy in the Rugby World Cup's most exciting group. But it was a wretched day for Italian props — two were lost to injuries pretty early in the first half. This means scrums — South Africa's biggest weapon with their imperious pack — went uncontested as the tighthead prop (those flanking the hooker in the three-person first row) was lost early, and then his replacement also went back fearing concussion, and leaving the Springboks bemused.

Early in the second half, Italy were only just picking momentum in SA's last 22 metres, when Lovotti (starting to go for a low tackle - all kosher - on the upper leg) suddenly picked Vermulean with Quaglio catching hold of the other leg, and bottom-upped the unfortunate South African. The ref who was about to supervise the penalty was soon distracted by these two Italians upending the No 8 nicked the Norse Lord of Thunder. And to the utter shock of everyone around they let loose his legs and let him fall head-first.

Vermulean used his hands to land - somewhat safe. Ref flashed the red, and was heard telling the TMO (like third umpire), "So, (Number) 1 (Lovotti) has caught his left leg in the air and dropped him head first. Blue 1 is the worse defender of those two." Italy would lose one more prop. South Africa would continue hammering them.

#### PLOP GOES THE PROP 1

The Springboks were doing their thing — explosive winger Cheslin Kolbe dancing away to tries, 'Two metre Pieter' — Steph du-Toit getting close to the try-

— Steph du-Toit getting close to the tryline too and Handre Pollard converting promptly. But this seemed to be in the backdrop of Italy's prop woes that started in the 2nd minute. Heavy contacts were flying everywhere when during a double knock on, prop Simoni Ferrari harmed his hamstring and was replaced. Prop 1 gone.

#### **UNLUCKY 13TH**

Faf De Klerk was on the ball when Marco Riccioni — who replaced Ferrariseemed to have hurt his ribs. "Who in the Italian camp walked under a ladder, with a black cat, a broken mirror, and didn't throw salt over their left shoulder? Awful luck." *The Guardian* noted.

Riccioni would then go off for a high tackle assessment though no knock to the head was picked by the cameras but he had a nasty bump on the noggin. Referee Barnes would declare uncontested scrums for the next 10 minutes as Italy ran out of tighthead props and Springboks were denied their weapon of a mammoth imposing scrum.

The game though continued with South Africa fiercely tackling the Italians and piling fierce misery on the Italians who were spared a regular scrum but were hounded with driving mauls (standing tanks of front rowers). It drove the Italians even madder and the frustration saw them launch high tackles and being slapped with five penalties in first half.

When Riccioni went for good in the 18th minute, the rest of the match would have no scrums like rugby league. It was riding roughshod ferociously on the Italians even minus the scrums.

#### NO LOVE FROM LOVOTTI

It's when Lovotti pulled off his foolish tippling, bottoms downing of a man. Italy had a thrilling break into the Springbok last third with Steyn taking off and had just been awarded penalty for offside five metres out. What got into the headband-wearing-Lovotti's head in the cleanout to invert Vermulean 180 degree only he would know (and Quaglio too), as they just dropped him and allowed him to fall on his head for a clear red. The nasty tip tackle from a rash of bad rage meant Italy lost their third prop of the game. The loose headed one this time.

"A justified sanction at a World Cup where repeatedly we've heard that protection of the head must be paramount. And he and Quaglio then dumped the unfortunate Vermeulen right on his," *The Guardian* wrote. **ENS** 



Italy's Andrea Lovotti and Nicola Quaglio performed a very dangerous tip-tackle on Duane Vermeulen, which saw Lovotti get a red card.

# Gehlot's son is RCA president

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**JAIPUR, OCTOBER 4:

FOLLOWING WEEKS of bitter political slugfest, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's son and General Secretary of the Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee, Vaibhav Gehlot, was elected as the president of Rajasthan Cricket Association on Friday with the CP Joshi faction sweeping the RCA elections.

Gehlot defeated his opponent, Jodhpur District Cricket Association (DCA) Secretary Ram Prakash Choudhary, 25-6. Choudhary was propped by Congress leader Rameshwar Dudi after Dudi's nomination was rejected by RCA Electoral Officer Rajani Ranjan Rashmi since he was held ineligible to contest the polls. Along with Nagaur, where Dudi is the president, Alwar DCA and Sri Ganganagar DCA were also suspended, thus bringing down the total number of voters from 35 to 32. Of Rajasthan's 33 districts, each district accounts for one vote, apart from one each for two international players of Rajasthan. Gagan Khoda, the Indian men cricket team's batting coach, did not exercise his vote, former all-rounder Salim Durani voted on Friday.

Gehlot was backed by outgoing RCA president C PJoshi, who is also the Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly. "The future of Rajasthan's cricket is in safe hands," Joshi Tweeted after Gehlot's win. BJP leader Amin Pathan, part of Joshi camp, was elected as the vice president. Other members of the Joshi camp registered wins too, with Mahendra Sharma elected as Gehlot defeated his opponent,
Jodhpur District Cricket Association
Secretary Ram Prakash Choudhary,
25-6. Choudhary was propped by
Congress leader Rameshwar Dudi
after Dudi's nomination was rejected
by RCA Electoral Officer Rajani
Ranjan Rashmi since he was held
ineligible to contest the polls.

Secretary, Krishan Kumar Nimawat elected as Treasurer, Mahendra Nahar elected as the Joint Secretary and Devaram Choudhary the newly elected Executive Member.

Association (HCA) president Mohammed Azharuddin will be representing the state body at the Cricket Board's (BCCI) Annual General Meeting in Mumbai on October 23. There were initial reports that former state unit president Shivlal Yadav, one of the closest ally of Tamil Nadu strongman N Srinivasan, would represent Hyderabad. The new apex body of HCA has decided that it will be Azharuddin, who will be it's representative-cum-voter in case the BCCI elections happen. Azharuddin and CAB president Sourav Ganguly will, thus, be the two former national captains representing their respective state units.

# Shri Ramnath Goenka

April 18, 1904 - October 5, 1991

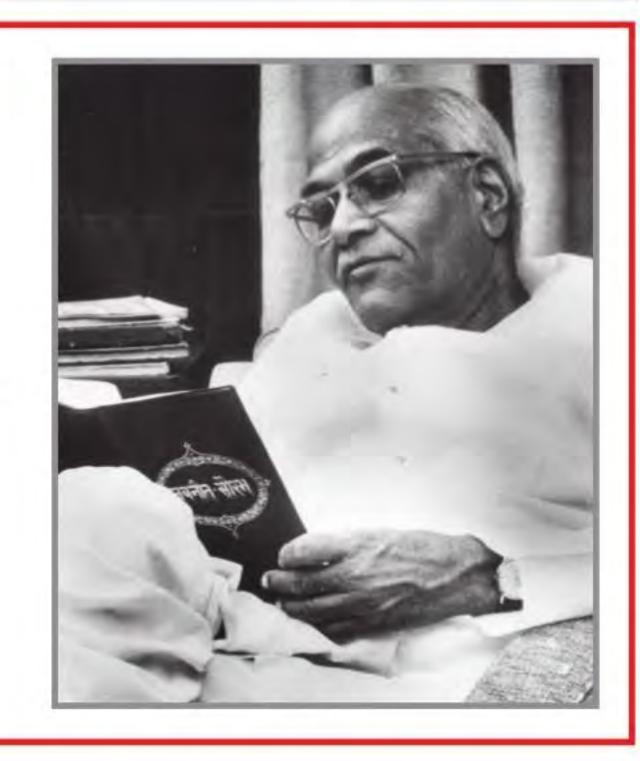
Be forthright, be frank,
Be fearless, whatever the odds.

Never hesitate to take a stand if you believe in it.

Never hesitate to speak out boldly against the wrongs.

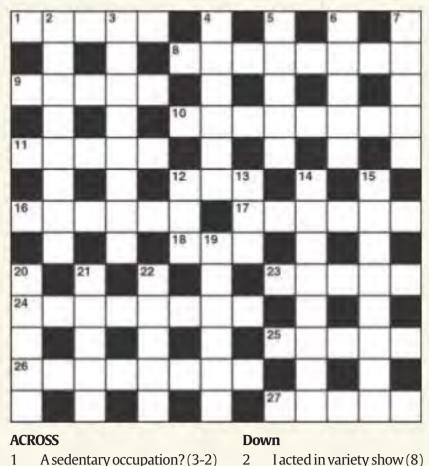
And always, ensure that you illuminate the truth behind the events.





BY PETER VIDAL

### CROSSWORD 3929



- A sedentary occupation? (3-2) A few words here might be
- fine(8)
- Fuss about worship (5) 10 Enthusiast takes charge (4,4)
- 11 Means of fixing a prison guard
- 12 Animal found in growing numbers (3)
- 16 Clothes I treat wrongly (6) 17 Pirate money (6)
- 18 False statement that is written by a number (3)
- 23 Medical man badly needed
- for dental surgery (5) 24 It is meant neither to be useful nor meant otherwise
- 25 He shows the way one gets
- into bed (5)
- 26 The courtesy of the
- townsman?(8)

- 27 Unusually eager to come to
- - 20 Concentrate on making
- terms(5)
- Rebukes with upturned noses?(5) 22 Correct at noon? (5)

15

12 Sporting, 13 Under, 15 Sterile, 17 Stretch, 19 Casting, 21 Cossets, 22 Opera, 24 Morality, 27 Oddfellow, 28 No end, 29 Yarn, 30 Grey matter. Down: 1 Acts, 2 Lake poets, 3 Senor, 4 Airline, 5 Ensigns, 7 Eased, 8 Monarchist, 9 Inquires, 14 Psychology, 16 Imitated, 18 Treatment, 20 Gambler, 21 Caraway, 23 Elder, 25 Linda, 26 Oder.

Solutions Crossword 3928 Across: 1 Able seamen, 6 Term, 10 Token, 11 Rising sun,

### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis









#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong







### **DAY TODAY**

at heart.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Spending plans may

have to be put on ice,

but I suspect that

You are a lucky person indeed if

you can exercise restraint and

bring others to the conference

table. Those with goodwill in

relationships and romance

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** 

the weight off your feet and

pamper yourself a little. You

doing what you say you're

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

you to disregard what is now

taking place on the emotional

front. I can only urge you to give

others the benefit of the doubt

and steer events from conflict

might not be possible. You may

be obliged to keep certain

will need your help.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** 

begin to get a much clearer

coming from, where you're

heading and what you'll do

picture of where you're

The clues lie in the little,

apparently trivial and

meaningless events.

when you get there.

things to yourself. Domestic

considerations predominate

and a relative, perhaps a child,

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)** 

You are well able to

make up your own

mind, and there is

no point in advising

No doubt you would

prefer to do things in

a direct and open manner, but this

It's another of those

tough days, but once

midday has been

and gone, you'll

going to do.

to pleasure.

Auspicious

planetary aspects

are not entirely

their hearts will have a

splendid time as far as

are concerned.

this is no bad thing.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The whole mood of Fortune, good and the day changes bad, comes in mysterious ways. around noon, and it You may be aware looks as if you may

begin to feel less sociable and that someone is beavering away on your behalf. But, more inclined to tuck yourself away. Everybody needs to equally, you may be completely hibernate occasionally, and I'd ignorant of various undertakings that are being recommend a spot of pushed through by those seclusion: make time for yourself for a change. who have your best interests

> SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) There has to be a breakthrough in matrimonial and

partnership matters. You're not alone and you will face up to the reality of your relationships and the obligations and ties they create. Partners have needs and desires, some of which you have actively encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Earlier in the day is possibly easier than

later, the reason being that while you may be quite relaxed at the absent, but they are rather rare. This is a busy time, beginning, as the hours but I hope you'll manage to take pass, you will be reminded of certain conditions essential to your survival. will gain credibility by actually For one thing you need a

> CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Deal with money

partner's goodwill.

matters early on: if you're bargainhunting, morning is the best time for a foray to the shops. Afternoon stars suggest adventurous options, overseas contacts and long-distance trips. A close partner will offer unexpected support - but expect something in return.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) A high proportion of



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

this afternoon.

morning and sort out cash

You will become increasingly aware of your debt to other people. Quite aside from the fact that promising social encounters are on the cards, you must seek cooperation for a future venture, perhaps because other people haven't quite pulled their weight in the past.

**JUMBLED WORDS** 

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

When the heart speaks, the \_\_\_ finds it indecent to \_\_\_\_. - Milan Kundera (4,..,6)

**MREIO UUCNT** 

**AIKODM ELMUBJ** 

Is following a serial about Jews

Girl present when the Spanish

surround the English? (5)

Up or down it is neither (5)

Part of the blancmange left to

Musical gun-shooter is

13 Employ Sue for a change (3)

14 Frightening the French into

preparing for war (8)

Hard-boiled words of

commendation (4,4)

19 It's natural to find a tavern

having mixed drink (6)

people look sharp? (5)

possibly inane (5)

set(3)

Plan to uplift American

soldiers in retreat (6)

Answer: When the heart speaks, the mind finds it indecent to object. - Milan Kundera SOLUTION: MOIRE, UNCUT, MIKADO, JUMBLE

#### Difficulty Level 1s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard: 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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# SOLUTION SUDOKU 3989

# 6 7 9 4 2 6 8 5 1 3

# CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



### **SHRAMDAN-DELHI TOURISM**

Contributing to the health and sustainability of our environment, Delhi Tourism conducted a Shramdaan and pledge taking ceremony against usage of "single-use plastic". M Saxena, Secy (Tourism) and S Goel, MD & CEO, DTTDC were present.



### LAUNCH-OBC

The DFS. MoF has launched an Initiative to provide access to credit including Retail, Agriculture, Vehicle, Home, MSME, Education & Personal Consumer Loan.1st phase of Initiative will start in 250 districts & in 2nd phase 150 districts will be covered.



### SHRAMDAN-SYNDICATE BANK

Syndicate Bank organised a sharmdaan at Delhi Khan Market area, on the eve of Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary under "svachchta hi sewa hai" mission. In this sharmdaan, SK Sobti RM Delhi-1 Region and other staff took part in large number.



# SWACHTA ABHIYAN-DDA

Anil Baijal, LG Delhi complimented the DDA and Municipalities of Delhi for successful implementation of Swachhta Abhiyan and called upon to ensure segregation of waste into biodegradable and non biodegradable by providing separate dustbins.



SUDOKU

### LAUNCH-BSNL

"Now Connect to BSNL Wifi Using Paytm App", this service was launched on Thursday by PK Purwar, CMD, BSNL at India Habitat centre, New Delhi. BSNL officials and Paytm team graced the occasion.



## INITIATIVE-PNB

PNB organised Customer Outreach Initiative Program for 2 days on 03 and 04 October 2019 in District North East of Delhi State for propagating awareness among the people about the bank schemes and initiatives taken by the government.



# **RALLY-NSG**

On 7th September, 2019, a group of 500 personnel belonging to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) embarked on a cvcle rally from Mahatma Gandhi's birth place, Porbandar, in Gujarat to Delhi commemorating the 150th birth anniversary.



### AGM-MMTC

MMTC's 56th AGM was held recently at SCOPE Complex in New Delhi with the Company's shareholders. Despite the global economic slowdown, MMTC has recorded a turnover of Rs 28,292.82 crs & a net profit of Rs 81.43 crs during FY 2018-19.



### **SHOWCASING-AAI**

AAI is showcasing its competence and innovation in the field of Aviation security and Aviation Security Systems at the 22nd India International Security Expo (IISE), 2019, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.



### INITIATIVE-INDIANOIL

Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, IndianOil launched IndianOil's Novel Initiatives for achieving Plastic Neutrality at Panipat Marketing Complex in the presence of Dr SSV Ramakumar, Dir (R&D), S Bhatnagar, ED, Panipat Refinery, S Bohra, ED, DSO.



### **SWATCHHATA CAMPAIGN-NHB**

Responding to the call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who launched the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2019, NHB undertook a Swachhata campaign at Jungpura Extension and Vasant Kunj on October 2, 2019.



### SWATCHHTAA PAKHWADA-INDIANOIL

Paradip Refinery observed Swatchhhtaa Pakhwada from 16th to 02nd Oct'19. Under various Swatchta related activities, Pledge administration, mass campaign on abstaining from single use plastic, cleanliness drives were carried out.



### **SWACHHTA HI SEWA-PDIL**

A program was organized at PDIL's Corporate Office Noida on the theme "Plastic Waste Management" as a part of "Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign" on the Occasion of 150th birth Anniversary of the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi.



# TRIBUTE-SCOPE

SCOPE paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi. On this occasion, Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and also planted saplings at SCOPE HQ.



**OILINDIA** Sushil Chandra Mishra took over the charge of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Oil India Limited (OIL). India's second largest National Exploration & Production Company, at its Corporate office in Noida, on 1st October

2019. Prior to taking over as Chairman & Managing Director, Shri Mishra washeading OIL's Rajasthan Project as Executive Director (Rajasthan Project), whre he oversaw highly successful implementation of India's first and deepest Cyclic Steam Stimulation (CSS) process - a technology to produce heavy crude oil, holding the promise of manifold increase in production of heavy-oil from Rajasthan fields.



fore this he served as Executive Director of Syndicate Bank since 15/9/2016. Shri Rao has been a professional banker for over 34 years having held position as GM & CFO in Oriental Bank of Commerce. He had also worked as Assistant Vice President in erstwhile Global Trust Bank before joining OBC. He started his career in 1985 as a Probationary Officer in Bank of Maharashtra.



### **EXPO-ITPO**

A three-day premier event B2B event, the 22nd edition of India International Security Expo 2019 - a joint venture of ITPO and PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi recently.

**BSNL** On the occasion of the upcoming festive season, BSNL has launched various regular/promotional offers to its customers. The below mentioned offers will be available on PAN India basis w.e.f. 28.09.2019. From 1st October to 31st October 2019 the validity of plan PV1699 has been extended to 455 days from existing 365 days during the promotional offer period of month of October 2019. PV 1699 offers, unlimited data with FUP of 2GB/Day, unlimited voice & SMS and free PRBT with unlimited song change option during the plan validity period.

NBCC (India) Ltd., a Navratna CPSE, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India for development of National Sports University at Imphal (Manipur) worth Rs.400 crore. Earlier in the month of September 2019, the Company bagged other works in States like West Bengal, Delhi, Odisha, Maharashtra, UP, Manipur from various esteemed clients, valuing nearly Rs.640 crore.

**ICAI** renewed its MOU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on historic day of October 2, 2019 at London, UK to recognize the qualification, training of each other and admit the members in good standing by prescribing a bridging mechanism. The renewal of this MOU demonstrates the strengthening ties and further commitment of ICAI and ICAEW to work even more closely to build a World of Strong Economies with the best professional skills.

LG Mallika-e -Kitchen 2019,LG Electronics India pan India cooking contest reaches its grand finale recently. With an aim to promote the spirit of healthy cooking in the country, the 8th season of Mallika-e -Kitchensaw participation from over 6100 women from 66 cities. The contestants exhibited great determination and passion for cooking at the grand finale at Hyatt. Geeta Bhargavafrom Uttar Pradesh bagged the winning title and won LG Insta view refrigerator, 1st runner up fromLudhiana won a LG twin wash washing machine & 2nd runner up from Maharashtraawarded with LG water purifier. LG Electronics has always taken a lead in initiating unique means of connecting with consumers and giving back to the society in which it operates. To support fight against malnutrition & hunger, LG Electronics announced donation for annual mid-day meals for 2,200 children to The Akshaya Patra foundation.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Classifieds

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to Anita Rani.

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2nd Floor Block-F, Rohini Delhi-

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A-4 Sultanpur Gurdwara Road

New Delhi 110030have changed

my name from Roopesh Kumar

name of my father & mother

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D/o Sh.Desraj Nagpal, R/o

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I, Vibha Devi W/O-Late Sh.Tapan

Kh.No.437/2, Gali No.1, Laxmi-

Kumar Singh, Residing At-

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Name Of My Minor Daughter

Shall Hereafter Be Known As

Shristi Kumari. Her Date-Of-

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Sarshti, Aged-13 Years And

Vihar, Burari, Delhi-

Birth Is-12.02.2006.

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I, Jaskaran S/o Sh. Surinder

Said Ul Ajaib, Peer Mandir,

Saket Metro, Delhi-110030,

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I, Hitendra Yadava s/o Gopal

Krishan Yadava r/o House no.-

69, Jwala Heri, Paschim Vihar,

ND-63, have changed name of

No. R5606511) from ARUNAV

I, Harshit Kumar Agarwal S/o

Viresh Kumar R/o Flat No. STD-

107. Sun Tower, Shipra Sun City,

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I. Hariom Sharma & Hari Om S/o

Mallu Singh R/o-1/5221, Gali-8,

Balbir-Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-

both are same person correct

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I Amit S/o Ajay Kant, R/o-A-

Rohini Delhi-110089, have

changed my name to Amit

Kant. for future purposes.

Meharban Ali R/o-A-334/1, Gali

No-9, Wazirabad Village Delhi-

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I Qadar Ali S/O Mohd. Shabbeer

Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad

Changed My Name To Qadir Ali

For All Purposes 0070677219-1

R/O F-192, Sector - II, Pratap

, Uttar Pradesh -201001 Have

I Narinder Singh S/o Jaswant

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Kuljeet Kour to Kuljeet Kaur.

I Dayawati W/o Ram Kishore

Mukundpur, Part-I, Delhi-

Lalita Devi after-marriage.

Gali No.11, C-Block,

D/o-Nem Singh R/o-H.No.362,

42, have changed my name to

Singh R/o WZ A47, Street No.9,

Krishna Park, Tilak Nagar, New

Delhi-110018, have changed my

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to Mehar Ali.

3/199.3rd-Floor. Sector-17.

Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-

to Harshit Agarwal.

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YADAVA to ARUNAV RAO.

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Jaskaran Singh for all

purposes.

Singh R/o H.No.103, Gali No.1,

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Electric Buses for Operating in Jaiour Urban and Sub-urban Areas. It will be on Grose Cost Contract (GCC) basis and will be on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis. This invitation is under FAME India Schame Phase-II of Department of Heavy Industries

Government of India. The OEM shall be an Indian manufacturer of Electric Buses having manufacturing faculty in India. The estimated cost of project of Rs. 175,00 Crore (INR One Hundred Seventy Five Crore)

. The Technical Bids shall be opened at 03.00 PM on 25.10.2019 in the office of JCTSL in presence

of the Bidders or their representatives who wish to be present. The complete Bidding Document including the Conditions of Contract, evaluation and qualification criteria and procedure of bidding, Bidding forms, designs, drawings, specifications Delivery Schedule, etc. can be seen at the website of State Public Procurement Portal http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.or.e-Procurement Portal, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.or.the.official

web site of JC7SL http://transport.rajesthan.gov.in/jctsl. Managing Director, JCTSL, Jaipur Raj. Samwad/C/3019/2019-20



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TENDER NO: H/OP/AGNTR/2019-20

Sealed Tenders are invited from Reputed Shipping Agents for Agency Services for Chartered vessels for a period of Three Years at Haldia Paradip, Dhamra, Vizag & Gangavaram, Kakinada, Ennore & Chennai, Karaikal and Tuticorin Ports.

: up to 15:00 hrs on 05.11.2019 Receipt of Tender

: 15:30 hrs on 05.11.2019 **Opening of Tender** 

Tender document can be downloaded from our website @ www.tamilship.com at free of cost. For more details visit our website.

GENERAL MANAGER (OPS) **DIPR/3495/TENDER/2019** 

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विद्यप्ति

उत्तराखण्ड न्यायिक रोवा सिविल जज (जु.डि.) (मूख्य) परीक्षा-2019 एतदहारा सुचित किया जाता है कि सत्तराखण्ड न्यायिक सेवा सिविल जज (जु**०ढि०) परीक्षा-2019** हेत् प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या A-3/E-2/CJ(JD)/ 2018-19 दिनांक 01 जुन, 2019 के सापेश दिनाक 01 सितम्बर, 2019 को आयोजित प्रारम्भिक परीक्षा का परिणाम विवादित संख्या : 94 / 04 / गोपन-02 / पी0सी0एस0जी0-19 / 2019-20 दिनांक एव अवट्बर, 2019 हारा

घोषित किया गया है। 2- प्रारम्भिक परीक्षा में सफल घोषित अध्यर्थियों से मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु परीक्षा शुक्क जसा कराते हुए ऑनलाइन आयदन पन सहित समस्त शासिक /आस्त्राण सब्बंधि अभिलेख गंगाये का रहे हैं। इस तंतु अध्यक्षी आयोग की वेशसाइट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर दियं गर्वे लिंग का प्रयोग करते हुए निर्धारित अतिम तिथि १९ अवट्कर २०१८ तक गरीका सुन्त जमा करना सुनिश्चित कर तथा ऑनलाइन आवंदन पत्र की प्रति आयोग को वंबसाइट से डाउनलोड करते हुए प्रिटआयट के साथ अपने दावों के समर्थन में समस्त मैडाणिक /आखाण आदि सक्वी प्रमाण पत्रों की स्वप्रमाणित उपयापति, विनांक 25 जक्टूबर, 2010 की सार्थ e.oo बजे तक शबित, उत्तराखण्ड जीक तथा आयोग, हरिहार के कार्यालय

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Government of Jharkhand Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities, and Backward Classes Welfare Department

Morabadi, Ranchi - 834008

Ranchi, Corrigendum

Dated:04.10.2019 P.R. No. 216882

The Expression of Interest on Ref. no. 1077 Dated 13.09.2019 has been deferred due to unavoidable

circumstances. The last date of submission and opening of the tender has been rescheduled as given below -Name of the Project Date of Submission Reschaduled date: Date of opening Reselveduled date of opening as per lender As per Tender of sahmission Study on existing nature of right's of 10/10/2019 21/10/2019 16/10/2019 25/10/2019

tribal women in Jharkhand with reference to land -socio-economic-religious and property rights.

In this connection, the eligible firm/ agency /institution/ organisation are requested to submit their tender and present at opening as per rescheduled date and time: बंद – बंद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बंद को तरसेंगे PR 218984 Welfare (19-20) D

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Corrigendum P.R. No. 216877

10/10/2019

Date of Rescheduled | Date of Rescheduled Submission date of opening as date of As per Tender submission per tender opening

21/10/2019

Director

Dated:04.10.2019

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16/10/2019 | 25/10/2019

Sports-Extending Limits to Physical Expression, Establishing Identity, Expression, Establishing Identity, Honour, Economic Security In this connection, the eligible firm/ agency /institution/ organisation are requested to submit their tender Sd/-

PR 218982 Welfare(19-20)D बूद - बूद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूद को तरसेंगे

I, Aman Wason Bajaj (DOB 11.09.1979) W/o Abhinav Bajaj D/o Paramjit Singh R/o 1600, ground floor, Sector-15, Part -2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name from Aman Wason Bajaj to Amanjit

Bajaj for all future purpose. 0040514964-1

Xaveria Violet Gomes W/O Linus Ajoy Gomes R/O-218-219 J-EXTENSION Laxmi Nagar New Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Reena Violet Gomes.

I hitherto Known as Rina

I Vinay Sehgal S/O Daljit Kumar R/O-9/8 Nehru Nagar Sriniwas-Puri Delhi-110065. Have Changed My Name To Vinay Kumar.

**I** Vijayalekshmi Meenakshiamma D/O-Rama Krishman Nair Address-46E, TF. Ja-Block Lig Flats HariNagar Delhi-110064., CHANGED My

0040514970-4

**Misplaced-** Original relinquishment deed in favor of Shri BS Bhatnagar and Shri RS Bhatnagar, resident of F-8/7 Model Town-II, ground floor, Delhi-110009 with registration number, 4481, dated 29/03/2019 registered at sub registrar office, Pitampura, Delhi, if found please return to Sh. BS Bhatnagar. Mobile Number-

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My Client Sh. Jai Pal Asiwal S/O Sh Ishwari Prashad R/O House No 619/11, Gali No.-2, Dayanano Nagar, Bahadurgarh has disown and debarred his son namely Mr Bhupender Asiwal, his wife Ms Meenakhshi and their daughte Naira from his all movable and mmovable properties and also severed all his relations with them due to their misconduct and disrespectful behaviour. If anybody deals with them, he will do so at hi

own risk, costs and consequences **ARVIND KUMAR (ADVOCATE)** En. No. D/702/98-R Ch. No. V-36 Near State Bank of India

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE Chander Mahaian is the owner of proper No. D-132, Third Floor, Mansarover Garde New Delhi-15 alongwith roof rights. It has come to the knowledge of my client that he son Ankur Mahajan who is in occupation the a portion of the 3rd Floor as also the bu up portion on the terrace of the said 3rd Flor is trying to sell/create third party interest in the resaid property on the basis of so orged documents. General Public is here formed and cautioned that my client has r signed any document(s) in respect of the sa operty and anybody dealing in the sa property shall do so at his/her/their risk as costs and consequences without prejudice

Advoca Chamber No. 633, Western Wing

h. Bhagwan Das Nanwani, S/o Vishin Da lanwani and his wife Smt. Sangee lanwani, are R/o Flat no. 1201, plot no. ords CGHS, 2nd floor, sector 19B, Dwar Sector 19. Delhi-110075, have served all the lations and disowned and disinherited th son Rahul Nanwani from all their movable a movable properties as he has become dis bedient, disloyal and disrespectful to n lients and has been acting against their v and interest. Anybody dealing with the sai son of my clients shall be doing so at th wn risk, cost and responsibility and i lients shall not be held responsible in a anner whatsoever for any of his acts.

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

My client Sh. Jagdish Chandra Sharma S/o Late Sh. Dhanraj Sharma R/o D-34, Chattarpur Extension, Chattarpur, New Delhi-110074, has disowned his sor namely Varun Sharma and daughter i law namely Sangeeta Maan, from his all movable-immovable properties and sever relationship due to their hostile behavior. My client will not be responsible for their any act and

Chand and Smt. Lakshmi W/o Asha Ram Both R/O 101/1. Anthawa Gaon, P.S. Ghansali, Post Office Katoor, Tehri Garhwal, Uttrakhand 249155 have severed all relation and disowned their Son Navee from their all movable-immovable properties due to his disobedience. anybody deals with him will do so a his/her own risk, cost and consequences. My clients shall not be responsible for his any acts. Deepak Sharma (Advocate Ch. No. 708 Saket Court

New Delhi-1 ds3wx4hRLY(12)

Be it known to all through this Public Notice that my client Munni Devi W/o Sh. Ram Kumai R/o 2308, Block-L-1, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi 110062 has disowned her son, Jitender from her all movable and immovable property. My client has severed relations with her said son. anybody deals with him othe

SAURABH KUMAR

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SURENDER KUMA ADVOCAT Enrl. No. D/152/8

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PUBLIC NOTICE arge that my client Smt. Sushm Mahajan W/o Lt. Chander Mahajan R D-132, Third Floor, Mansarover Garde New Delhi-15 has severed all ties as relations with her son Ankur Mahaian a his wife Avantica Mahaian. wi mmediate effect because of the client hereby disowns her said son, wife and their child and debars them fro all her movable and immoval properties. Anybody dealing with either

> Rakesh Chaudhr Chamber No. 633

h k ( PUBLIC NOTICE Sale of Freehold residentia first floor of property learing no. 17, admeasuring 200 sq. Yds., situated at Nehru Marg, Kewal Park, Azadpur. Notice is hereby given to the public that Dev Shauhan and others has acquired the above said propert brough sale deed dated 11.05.2018 executed by Mrs Jshal Mittai. Now the said Devi Chauhan & others intends to sel the above referred property to my client, Mrs Deepe Goel inancial institutions or any other person, relative, organization firm or governmen authority having any claim, right Ulle or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the

above reffered property. hereby called upon to make the in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD indersigned at the address nentioned herein below within seven) days of publication of this notice, failing which the same shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. In the event of no response being received to this notice. purchase/mortgage of this property shall be completed by my client without any reference and without in any manner being affected by any such righ

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the rights of my aforesaid client. Rakesh Chaudh

District Courts, Tis Hazar Delhi-110054

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(SHAILABH PANDEY) Advocate R.O.-H. No.-1, FF Kh. No.-53 Village Raipur Khurd New Delhi-110068

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Asha Ram S/o Room

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Branch, Delhi

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Name To Vijaya Lekshmi.

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I Anil Chawla S/O Rewar Ram Chawla Address-C-2/175, Madangir, Dr. Ambedker-

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Name To Anil Kumar Chawla. 0040514970-8 I Abdul Khallique S/O Zaheeruddin R/O-C-12/181, Yamuna Vihar Delhi-53.

Nagar, Pushpa-Bhawan New

Delhi-110062., Changed My

Changed My Name To Abdul Khalique. 0040515020-6 I, Anamika W/o Deepak Sahney R/o Flat No. STA-703, Sun Tower, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have changed myminor daughter's name from Divanshi Sahney to

Divanshi.

I, Mohammad Asif Ansari S/O Abdul Khalique R/O-C-12/181, Yamuna Vihar Delhi-53., changed My Name To Mohd Asif Ansari. 0040515020-5 I, Hari Prakash Gupta, S/o Late.Bhagwan Dass Gupta R/o-

Delhi-110062, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Gupta, for 0040515020-7 all purposes. I, Fulmanti Devi W/O Chalitar Singh, Residing At-E-1015, E-Block, Jahangir-Puri, Delhi-110033, Have Changed The Name Of My Phoolwanti Devi

Aged 66-Years And Shall

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Hereafter Be Known As Fulmanti Devi. 0040514973-3 I, Farin W/o Mohammad Yameen R/o-P-22, GF. Private Colony Sriniwaspuri New Delhi-110065,

have Changed my name to Farheen Naaz. 0040514940-2 I, Dinesh Rai S/o Dev Nath Rai R/o Flat No.12022, Tower-2,Block-D, GH-07, Crossings Republik, Ghaziabad, UP-

201016 have changed myname to Dinesh Kumar Rai.

0040514996-3 I, Darpan S/o Devender Arora and Devender Kumar R/O-H.No-238, Pocket-D-16, Rohini Sector-3, Sector-7, Delhi, have Changed my Name to Darpan

0040514932-2 I, Bhumesh Kumar Goyal S/o Chiranji Lal Goyal R/o A-1/301, 3rd floor Samridhi Appt Pocket-1 Phase-2 Sec-18B Dwarka Delhi-78 have changed my name to Bhumesh Goval S/o

Chiranji Lal. 0040514973-7 I, Ashwani Kumar Sachar S/o Vijay Kumar Sachar R/o-J-1209, Palam Vihar Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, have Changed

my Name to Ashwani Sachar 0040514940-1 I, Arijit Chakraborty R/o Flat No. 11184, Tower 11, ATS One Hamlet, Plot No. GH-01, Sec-104, NOIDA, UP-201304, have

changed my minor child's

name from Aditya to Aditya

Chakraborty. 0070677300-1 I, Anshul Gupta S/o Anil Kumar Gupta R/o-Flat.No.621. Chandanwari-Apartment, Plot No. 8, Sector-10, Dwarka New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Anshul Kumar Gupta.

I, Ankit Sain S/o Ramkumar R/o C-83, Street No.6, Bhagirathi Vihar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Ankit. 0040515041-2

0040514973-9

I, Anamika Sahney W/o Deepak Sahney R/o Flat No. STA-703, Sun Tower, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 have changedmy name to Anamika. 0040514996-5 ISuman W/O Vinay Kumar R/O-

Delhi-110065. Have Changed My Name To Suman Sehgal. 0040514970-2

9/8 Nehru-Nagar Sriniwas-Puri

An FIR I R No. 1671201/2019 dated 02 10 2019

RAMESH KUMAR CHRUMAN A SIML MANJU wife of Sim VIKAS CHAUHAN Light resident S.64 PARAMPURI. Utam Nagar DELIE-INVOSV, inlends to self their LIPPET OFFICIND Floor (backside, Left hand side) but on Properly beging No. 57, aut of Khasra No. 78110, is in aved at Willage Hastsal Colony known as On Vihar Phase III. Uttan Nagar Nov De hi-110009 (the Property) in Shiri Bragisan Ouss son of Sim Sanley Singh resident Flot No. 103 This Floor, Khasra No. 37, Let Dovit, Village Datri firty person, who has got, rights, interest, title, paint enountrances, durges of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above said Property or any part there of, san send their objections with hely documentary endence at below acdress nation failing which, higher be presumed that the ale Property in entirely is free from all such

them shall be doing so at his/her/their ris as to costs and consequences and r client shall not be responsible for any

Western Wing, District Courts Tis Hazari, Delhi-110054

RISHABH GUPTA (ADVOCATE) D-2/9, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009

COURT WEST COURT NO.-2. TIS HAZARI COURT: DELHI NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(1)(ia)(vii) HINDU MARRIAGE ACT 1955 HMA. CASE NO: 1172/2018 Smt. Veena Sharma D/o M.L. Sharma.

W/o Sh. Ravi Shanker Sharma.

R/o H. No. 239 B, Gali No.-3,

Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar,

COURT NOTICE

Versus Sh. Ravi Shanker Sharma, S/o K.L. Sharma R/o A-29 D. MIG Flats, Nand Nagri Delhi- 110093. .... Responden It is hereby informed that Smt. Veer Sharma, D/o M.L. Sharma, W/o Sh Ravi Shanker Sharma, R/o H. No 239 B, Gali No.-3, Guru Nana Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi- 11000 has filed a HMA Petition N 457/2017 Under Section 13(1)(ia and (ib) of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 against Ravi Shanker Sharma, S/ K.L. Sharma, R/o A-29D, MIG Flats Nand Nagri. Delhi-110093 who repeatedly avoiding service summon. That the above matter now fixed for hearing on 11/10/2019 That Ravi Shanker Sharma, S/o K. Sharma is directed to appear befo the Honble Court of Ms. Madh Jain, Addl. Principal Judge Family Court West Court No.-2

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi or 11.10.2019 at 10:00 A.M. failing which the case will be heard as ex Given under my hand and seal of the court today that is 31/8/19.

श्रीमान अवर न्यायधिश प्रश्नम कटिहाए जिल्ला कटिहार दिवानी वाद रा. 70/2015 कैलाश जवसवाल - वादी बनाग मारत सरकार प्रतिवादी गोटिस बनाम विपक्षी राजस्य विभाग नई दिल्ली वरिये नीटिश आपको सुवित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त वादी के द्वारा

ब्रतः आप दिनाक 18,11,2019 को 10.30 बजे पूर्वाहन में मेरे न्यायालय में लपरिधत होकर अपनी जवित पैरवी करें अन्यथा आपकी अन्यस्थिति मे

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dains, interest, charges, encumbrances etc. his natice is published on 5th October 2019 Roy Sachdeva (Advocate) JRS Associates, 8-88, Sector-40. Nolda-201301, Dist: Goutam Butin Nagar (UP)

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Family Court, West No.-2 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi कोर्ट नोटिस

Ms. Madhu Jain, Addl. Pr. Judge,

वक दिवानी बाद दाशिल किया है जिसमें ज्यापकी उपरिधति दिनांक 18.11.2019 को निर्धारित है।

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (GANGA), U.P. JAL NIGAM, HEAD OFFICE, 6-RANA PRATAP MARG, LUCKNOW-226001 Letter No .- 16 / 022 / 0278 / 19

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

may view & download bid

document and upload their

proposal, duly filled, online as per

schedule given below: Date for (i)

Start date for RFP document

download: 03.10.2019 (ii) Pre-bid

conference: 10.10.2019 at 12:00 Hr

(iii) Last date for online submission

of proposal: 23.10.2019 at 17:00 Hr

(iv) Opening of technical proposal

ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के.बी. विद्युत उपसंस्थान

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के हैं बोक्योगमेंट पार्टन https://etender

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वितरण निगम लि०

24.10.2019 at 15:30 Hrs.

Dated-03,10,2019

U.P. Jal Nigam, Lucknow e-tender notice are invited on two bid system for "Procurments of Scientific & Technical Services for Complete Supply, Fabrication, Erection, Installation 8 Successful Commissioning of In Situ Nallah Treatement by Bioremediation technology (bacteria or enzyme intervention)

in 36 Drains of Prayagraj zone of **Cost of Tender Book** : Rs.5,000/- per port. U.P. Jal Nigam in Uttar Pradesh having total discharge of 89 MLD' **EMD Amount** : Rs.2,00,000/- per port. Bid document shall be available Tender Book Issue from : 09.10.2019 to 05.11.2019 up to 12:00 hrs at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in Interested Bidder/Contractor

Separate tender document & EMD are not required for Chennai, Dhamra and Gangavaram Ports.

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दिनाक : 04 अक्टूबर, 2019 पत्राक : 243 / 25/E-2/CJ-JD/2018-19

में डाक द्वारा अभवा अन्य किसी भी माध्यम से जन्म करना सुनिष्टिका करे।

प्रिटआरट सहित समस्य अधिलेख आयोग में जागा करने में संबंधित महत्वपूर्ण मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु परीक्षा गुल्क Net Banking/DebitCard/ 05 अवट्यर 2019 Credit Card के माध्यम रा जमा करने तथा जीनलाइन आवंदन पत्र डाउनलोड करने की प्रारम्भ तिथि-। मुख्य परीक्षा हेनु प्रशेक्षा शुक्क Net Banking/Debit Card/

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The Expression of Interest on Ref. no. 1076 Dated 13.09.2019 has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances. The last date of submission and opening of the tender has been rescheduled as given below:-

and present at opening as per rescheduled date and time.

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Gandhi.

I, Syed Mohammad Hammad **Mohammed** Omer S/o Zaidi S/o Syed Mohammad Arif Mohammad Alam Khan R/o TA-Zaidi R/o A2/201, Rafi Complex, 205/3 Tughlakabad ExtnDelhi-Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia 110019 changed my name to Nagar, Okhla, ND-25, have MD Omer Alam. 0130012849changed my name to Saiyed It is for general information that Muhammad Hammad for all I Manoj Kumar S/o Satyavir 0040514989-1 purposes. Singh R/o-D-12 Street No.8

, Sushil Kumar S/o Jit Singh R/o Jagatpuri Extension Shahdara 344, Guru Apartment, Plot No-2, Delhi-110093 inform that name Sec-6, Dwarka, New Delhiof my father & mother hasbeen 110075. Have changed my written as Satyaveer name to Sushil Joon for all Singh, Kanta Devi in my 0040514948-1 purpose. educational documents & other document. The actual I, Sunil Gupta S/o Late

> Housing Scheme, Allahabad have changed my name to

> > Sunil Kumar Gupta.

Premchandra Gupta R/o-

23/47/142, Baghambari

0040515020-4 It Is For General Information That I, Niti Gupta, W/O Nitin I, Shyam Narula, S/o Shri. Satish Kumar Aggarwal, Residing Chander Narula, R/O-F-116, Ashok-Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110052, by mistake my wife name has been wrongly-110034, Declare That Name Of written as Dipika Narula

Written As Niti Aggarwal In My 0040515041-3 I. Satvendra Singh S/O Basudev Sinha R/O-264, Sent-Francic May Be Amended Accordingly. School Road, Pithampur, Dhar, Madhya-Pradesh-454775. 0040514973-5 Changed my Nameto

Satyendra Prasad Sinha.

my Bank Account etc. That

is the one and same person.

Sarma Mistri & Parmod Aswal

I, Samkit Parakh S/o Late Kamal

Parakh R/o- 4348/B2, 4C-Madan

Mohan Street, Ansari Road,

Daryaganj, N.D-110002 have

changed my name to Samkit

I, Harish Ahuja S/O Visakhi Ram

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0040514973-4

0040515020-3

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0040514978-1

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Jain for all future purposes.

Ahuja, Residing At-19, Near-

Dharmshala, Suraj-Nagar,

110033, Have Changed The

Aged-59 Years And Shall

Name Of My Harish Chander

Hereafter Be Known As Harish

Adrash-Nagar Delhi-

, S.Ramchandran S/o

R.Srinivasan R/o, A-51,

Ordnance-Appt., Vikaspuri,

New Delhi-110018 as a local

guardian have changed the

daughter of Kumar Shankar

and Late Priya Shankar from

**I,** Ritika Goel (DOB 27.11.1997)

Dr. Mukerjee Nagar, Delhi-

from Ritika Goel to Radhika

Goel, for all future purposes.

I. Ramesh Kumar Madan S/o Om

Parkash Madan R/o 13, Sangam

Apartments, Paschim Vihar,

changed my name to Ramesh

Singh R/o 19/18 B, Tilak Nagar,

Delhi-110018, have changed my

future purposes. 0040514941-1

name to Paramjit Kaur for all

**I,** Paramjeet Kaur D/o Narad

Gurudwara-Damdama Sahib,

Nizamuddin-East, New Delhi-

I. Nagender Singh Saijwal S/O

Village-Delhi 110030, Have

R/O Hno. I-3/145, I-Floor,

110085. Have Changed My

Name To Monika Kashev.

Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-

Ran Singh R/O-F-337, Lado-Sarai

Changed My Name To Nagender

I, Monika Devi W/O Bhim Singh

I, Mohammad Sajid Faroogi S/o

Shaukat Ali R/o H.No.44, Ali

Oasmi Masiid, Sahibabad,

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-

to Mohammad Sajid for all

Dayanand Singh R/o H.No. D-

202, Civitech Sampriti Sector-

my name from Kumar Anurag

to Anurag Rathore for all future

77, Noida U.P., have changed

I, Jitendra Singh S/o Bhawani

Jaipur, Rajasthan-302020, have

Changed my Name to Jitendra

Singh Chandel 0040514932-1

I, Jitender Gandhi S/O Sh. Kishan

Chand R/O A-55, Third-Floor

Sharda Puri Ramesh-Nagar

Jatinder Gandhi To Jitender

New-Delhi-110015. Have

Changed My Name, From

Singh Chandel R/o-72/148,

Patel-Marg, Mansarover,

I, Kumar Anurag S/o Sh

purposes.

purposes.

Prem Garden, Pasonda, Near

201005 have changed my name

110013. have changed my name

Singh Giri R/o-O.No.3.

to Paramieet Giri.

Sejwal.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jasbir

New Delhi-110087 have

Madan.

D/o Dharmender Goel R/o 579,

110009, have changed my name

name of Tarunika minor

Tarunika to Tarunika Iyer.

Ahuja.

0040514970-5

instead of Deepika Narula.

changed my name to Sunita I, Sarma Mistri S/o Sh. Indu Mistri R/o Bagiyal, Jhakogi Tiwari for all purposes. Brahmno Ki, Bagiyal, Tehri 0040515041-1 Garhwal, Uttarakhand-249132, I.Sonindra Sharma S/o Subhash Do hereby solemnly informs Sharma Residence-Sarfabad, that I am holder of LIC Policy Sector-73. Noida, have changed bearing no. 112287047. That in my name Sonindra to Sonindra the above said policy my name Sharma for all Purposes in has been inadvertently written 0040514986-4 as Parmod Aswal but my correct & exact name is Sarma **I,Simmi** Nagpal W/o Sh. Sanjay & Mistri which is mentioned in

**I,Radhika** w/O Shri.Raghuwar Prasad R/O-B-578, new Seema-

Mrs.Radhika @Mrs. kamlawati. 0040515003-1 **I.Preeti** D/o-Ramesh Kumar Yadav R/o-VPO-Khaira, Village-Najafgarh, South West, Delhi-110043, inform that in my document my father name

wrongly, written as Subhash

Yadav instead of Ramesh

Kumar Yadav.

puri, delhi-95, is also known as

kamlawati.both names are of

**I,Nutan** Pandey W/o Bindhy Wasini Pandey Residence-L-26,B-1st Floor, Malviya Nagar, New. Delhi-17, my name mention in my, Pancard, Aadharcard, and other

documents is Mishra Nutan

and Mishra Nutan

person name.

Dwarikaprasad. Nutan Pandey

Dwarikaprasad both are same

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0040514986-

I, Piyush S/O Sribhagwan R/O-Plot No.663, Mundka, Delhi-110041. Have Changed My Name To Piyush Saini. 0040514970-7

I,Kulvinder Singh Dhunna S/o-

Sukhdev Singh R/o: House. No-

214.Block-4.Subhash

Changed My Name to

Nagar, New Delhi-27 Have

Kulvinder Singh. 0040514973-8 **I.Kalaota** Devi,W/o-Shri Ashok, R/o-60 A, Pocket D-1, Kondli, Mayur-Vihar Phase-3, Near Kathuria Dairy, Delhi-110096, do hereby solemnly inform that in my son's school

record my name is wrongly

Kalaota Devi.

**I.Ghanshvam** Joshi S/o

written as Kalawati instead of

0040515003-2

0040514986-3

0040514942-2

0040514940-3

Chandera Dutt Joshi Residence-23D, Pocket-A-2(LIG), Mayur Vihar, Phase-III. Delhi-96, have changed my son name Dhruv Joshi to Aryan

Joshi for all purposes in future.

I, hitherto known as Asha

Parveen wife of Mohd. Amin

Nazar residing of P-26/B-4. Janta Flat, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aysha 0040514986-2

Sun City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 havechanged my name to Viresh Kumar. 0040514996-1 I, Vidit Parakh S/o Late Kamal Parakh aka Vidit Mukim R/o- Y-

54. FF. Hauz Khas. N.D-110016

I. Mohd. Yamin S/o Abdul Wahid R/o-P-22, GF. Private Colony Sriniwaspuri New Delhi-110065. have changed my name to Mohammad Yameen.

I, Mohammed Azharuddin Siddiqui S/o Waseem Ahmad Siddique R/o D-1316, Street No.2, Kabir Nagar, Babarpur, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Mohammad Azhar for 0040514934-1

all purposes.

I. Viresh Kumar Agarwal S/o Ram Kishan Das R/o Flat

have changed my name to Vidit Jain for all future purposes.

No.STD-107, Sun Tower, Shipra