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Low growth forecast, rate cut trip mkt

RBI slashes growth estimate to 6.1%, brings down interest rate to decade low

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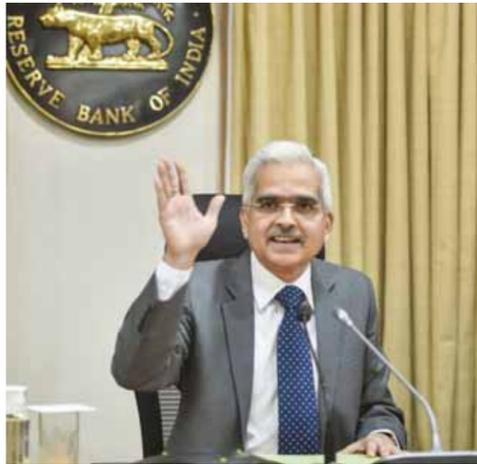
In a clear admission about the poor health of the economy, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday slashed its GDP growth estimate for the current fiscal to 6.1 per cent from 6.9 per cent and reduced the interest rate by quarter of a per cent even as the stock market benchmark BSE Sensex plummeted by 434 points due to heavy sell-off in banking and FMCG stocks.

The market was disappointed by such a massive downward revision of growth forecast and less than expected reduction in interest rate. Given the tame inflation rate and feeble growth, the street was expecting at least 40 basis point rate cut. The disappointed triggered a collapse in the market. It was the fifth straight rate cut that brought interest rate to almost a decade low.

With all six members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voting in favour of a rate cut and for retaining the accommodative stance, the benchmark repo rate was cut by 25 basis points to 5.15 per cent. The previous lowest repo rate of 5 per cent was recorded in March 2010.

Following the rate cut, the reverse repo rate was reduced to 4.9 per cent. While five members voted for a 25 bps cut, Ravindra Dholakia voted for a 0.40 per cent reduction.

The RBI revised downwards its estimate for GDP



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das at the RBI's fourth bi-monthly monetary policy review meeting of 2019-20 in Mumbai on Friday

growth in the current fiscal to 6.1 per cent from 6.9 per cent it had previously estimated after lower-than-expected 5 per cent growth rate in April-June and no substantial uptick in the following quarter. Risks on the 6.1 per cent GDP growth estimate are "evenly balanced", it said.

The repo rate cut is aimed at pushing consumption up during the ongoing festival season by reducing borrowing costs for home and auto loans, which are now directly linked to this benchmark.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said as long as the growth

momentum remains as it is now and growth revives, the MPC will continue with an accommodative stance while ensuring inflation remains within the target." The RBI will continue accommodative stance as long as it is necessary and growth revives," he said.

In the four previous rate cuts since February, the RBI had cut interest rates by 110 basis points whose transmission to borrowers in form of lower lending rate has "remained staggered and incomplete", the Central bank said in a statement.

As against the cumulative

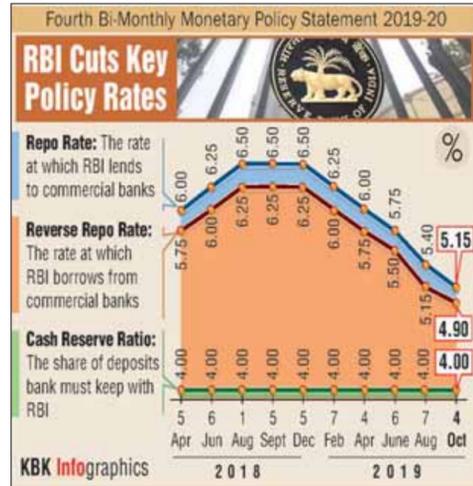
policy repo rate reduction of 110 bps during February-August 2019, the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of commercial banks declined by 29 bps. However, the WALR on outstanding rupee loans increased by 7 bps during the same period.

Central banks around the world are loosening monetary policy to offset a global slowdown, worsened by US-China trade tensions. The rate cut by the RBI follows a series of fiscal steps taken by the Government over the last six weeks to spur growth, including steepest ever cut in tax paid by companies, cost the exchequer ₹1.45 lakh crore.

Asked if the corporate rate cut would impact fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of the GDP, Das said the Government has stated that it will maintain fiscal deficit target and "we have no reason to doubt that".

Admitting that the impact of the 135 bps rate cut will "take time" to filter in, Das said, "While the 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 raised its near-term inflation forecast slightly to 3.4 per cent for the second quarter of the fiscal started in April, while projecting it would stay below its medium-term



target of 4 per cent.

On reviving growth, the MPC welcomed the recent moves by the Government as the ones in the right direction, but the resolution did not have any reference to the fiscal deficit or fiscal management, which is generally deemed to have an inflationary impact.

Meanwhile, after opening nearly 300 points higher, the Sensex gave up all the gains to turn negative shortly after the policy announcement by the RBI. The Sensex gyrated 770 points during the day to end 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 11,174.75. During the holiday-truncated week, Sensex plummeted 1,149.26 points or 2.96 per cent, while Nifty declined 337.65 points.

Top laggards included Kotak Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Tata Motors, L&T, SBI, Tata Steel and Axis Bank. On the other hand, TCS, Infosys, ONGC, Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank and NTPC rose up to 1.03 per cent. Rate-sensitive banking stocks faced the heat, finance, auto and realty indices tanking up to 2.45 per cent.

India slams Turkey, Malaysia for unfair comments on J&K

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India has finally broken its silence on repeated statements issued by Turkey and Malaysia attacking New Delhi on the Kashmir issue and asked them to have a proper understanding of the situation in Kashmir before making further comments.

Expressing "deep regrets" on the statement issued by the two countries, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar reiterated India's position that Pakistan had invaded and illegally occupied parts of Jammu & Kashmir and the current developments in J&K and Ladakh are purely its internal matter.

Kumar called upon Ankara, which has issued several statements on Kashmir since August 6, to have a proper understanding of the situation in Kashmir before making further comments.

"India and Turkey are friendly countries. We, therefore, deeply regret that since August 6, there have been repeated statements by the Turkish Government on a matter completely internal to India. These statements are factually incorrect, biased and unwarranted," Kumar said.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad had raised the Kashmir issue at the United Nations, alleging that India had "invaded and occupied"



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Jammu & Kashmir and asked New Delhi to work with Pakistan to resolve the issue.

Pointing out that India and Malaysia have traditionally enjoyed good and friendly ties, Kumar said, "This relationship has been enhanced in recent years. We have noted the comment on J&K by the Prime Minister of Malaysia. We deeply regret these comments since they are not based on facts," Kumar said.

"Government of Malaysia should bear in mind the friendly relations between the two countries and desist from making such comments," he added.

Sena gets 124 seats, BJP 150, allies 14 in Maharashtra alliance



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray announce Maha Yuti (alliance) in Mumbai on Friday

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis announced on Friday that the BJP would be contesting 148 seats in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, the Shiv Sena would be contesting 124 seats and the other allies would be contesting from 14 seats.

Addressing a joint press conference with Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, Fadnis said that despite their differences, the BJP and Shiv Sena share the "common thread" of Hindutva and will

retain power in Maharashtra after the October 21 Assembly polls.

Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said who was the "elder brother" in the alliance was not an issue.

Of the 288 Assembly seats, the Shiv Sena will contest 124, smaller NDA allies such as RPI and RSP will contest 14, and remaining seats (150) will be contested by the BJP, Fadnis said. The Sena is also expected to get two berths in the Legislative Council from the BJP quota.

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SC: Law must be followed, find better place for Ravidas Temple

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

The SC 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 justices Arun Mishra and S Ravindra Bhat said that Attorney General KK Venugopal was also appearing in the matter and the petitioners, who were seeking apex court permission to re-construct the temple, should hold consultation with him on the issue.

Shooters of Feb 27 copter won't be spared: IAF Chief

7 were killed in friendly fire when Mi-17 chopper in Budgam was brought down

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Air Force (IAF) chief IRKS Bhaduria on Friday said "it was a big mistake" by IAF men to bring down the Mi-17 chopper on February 27 in Jammu & Kashmir, killing all six on board besides a civilian on the ground. He said the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) is over and action will be taken against the guilty.

Officers may face charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder as per provisions of the military law and IAF top brass will decide on the quantum of punishment, said sources.

Hit by a surface-to-air missile of the IAF, the helicopter crashed in Budgam shortly after take-off from Srinagar.

The incident took place on a day when the Pakistani fighter jets intruded into Indian airspace and tried to hit Indian military targets in Rajouri sector in retaliation to the IAF air strikes against terrorist infrastructure in Balakot a day earlier.

"It was a big mistake, action being initiated against two IAF personnel," said Bhaduria, adding following the CoI corrective measures have been taken so it does not happen again and those who



Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria addresses his first Press meet as the chief of IAF at Akash Air Force Officers Mess in New Delhi on Friday

lost their lives will be declared battle casualties.

He said this at his first annual Press conference as IAF Chief ahead of the 87th Air Force Day on October 8. Bhaduria took over as the IAF Chief on September 30 from outgoing Chief BS Dhanoa. He also said the Court of Inquiry got over last week.

The Commission of Inquiry confirmed that the chopper was shot by Israeli origin ground based Spyder surface to air missile system of the IAF. The probe found at least five officers, including a Group Captain responsible for the crash, defence sources had

communication and coordination between the ground staff and the crew of the ill-fated helicopter. The IFF helps air defence radars identify whether an aircraft or helicopter is friendly or hostile. In early May, the IAF transferred the Air Officer Commanding (AOC) of Srinagar base to ensure a thorough probe into the incident.

Officials said the CoI was also specifically focusing on examining the role of various people, including those controlling the air defence system when the helicopter was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

Incidentally, the helicopter was shot down around the same time when Indian and Pakistani fighter jets were engaged in the aerial battle. Moreover, the incident took place when the Indian forces on their highest alert following the Pakistani aerial raid. The helicopter crashed within ten minutes of take off after getting hit by own missile.

Earlier, the then IAF Chief Dhanoa had also said some time back the Service needs to learn lessons on what happened, how it happened and if mistakes were made need to make sure it does not happen again.

The enquiry found that the Identification of Friend or Foe (IFF) system on board the helicopter was switched off and there was a "vital gap" in

Aarey Colony not a forest, 'green activists failed', says Bombay HC

Mumbai: The greens (environmentalists) have failed," the Bombay High Court said on Friday while refusing to declare Aarey Colony a forest and declining to quash the BMC authority's decision allowing felling of over 2,600 trees to set up a metro carshed.

The court imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on Shiv Sena corporator Yashwant Jadhav, who opposed the approval given by the BMC tree authority, of which he is a member, for hacking trees in the green belt.

The HC termed all the petitioners as "Davids" taking on the industrial "Goliaths", apparently suggesting that they were fighting an unequal battle.

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India's onion export ban takes spice off Hasina's plate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's decision to ban onion exports has impacted the kitchen of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Disclosing that she has asked her cook not to use onion in food due to shortage, Hasina said India's sudden decision to stop onion exports has caused difficulty for her countrymen and suggested that New Delhi should provide prior information about such decisions in future.

The onion prices have gone up sharply in neighbouring countries after India banned exports of onion to increase availability of the commodity in the domestic market and contain spiralling prices.

"Pyaaz se thoda dikkat ho gaya hamare liye. Mujhe maloom nahi kyun aapne pyaaz

band kar diya? Thoda sa notice agar dete toh durse jagah se laa sakte the. Maine cook ko bol diya ab se khana mein pyaaz dalna bandh kar do. Aage se agar kabhi bhi iss tarah aisa kuch karna hai, toh hume thoda sa pehle bata dena," (We have been slightly inconvenienced with the ban on onion. I don't know why did you stop this? If you had given a notice to us, we could have got it from somewhere else. I have instructed my cook not to put onion while preparing food. If you want to do such a thing, then do let us know at the earliest), Bangladesh PM Hasina said in a light-hearted manner at the India-Bangladesh Business Forum. Interestingly, her comments in Hindi left the audience in splits.)

She was addressing India-Bangladesh Business Forum



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the India-Bangladesh Business Forum in New Delhi on Friday

here, which was organised by industry chambers, including CII and Assocham. Commerce

and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was also present at the event.

Bangladesh has been badly hit by India's export ban, with prices crossing ₹10,000 per 100 kilogram in Dhaka. The country has turned to the likes of Myanmar, Egypt, Turkey and China to increase supplies and control prices in its markets. In retail markets, one kg of the staple vegetable usually costs 30 taka (36 US cents), but has soared to up to 130 taka after India imposed the export ban over the weekend while it was being sold at ₹60-70 a kg in India.

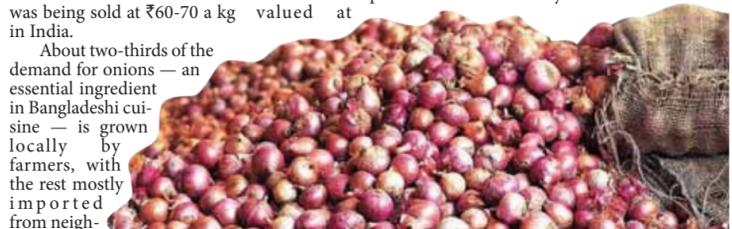
About two-thirds of the demand for onions — an essential ingredient in Bangladeshi cuisine — is grown locally by farmers, with the rest mostly imported from neigh-

bouring India, where heavy monsoon rains have reduced the crop. The price of onions is a sensitive subject in South Asia, where shortages can trigger widespread discontent with political ramifications.

According to reports, India's decision to ban onion exports has also impacted South Asian and Gulf countries, including UAE where prices have gone up sharply. Indian onion exports were valued at

over \$496 million in the 2018-19.

Last Sunday, the Ministry of Commerce imposed stock limits on both retail and wholesale traders of onion as onion producing States — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan — are suffering from floods which impacted the kharif crops and movement of stored onions across the country.



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1.5 lakh people availed health schemes: Jain

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The ambitious schemes launched by the Delhi Government have benefitted nearly 1.5 lakh people in last two and a half years. The Delhi Government had announced a series of healthcare facilities for the people of Delhi free of cost such as providing high-end diagnostics, surgeries and treatment of victims of road accidents, acid attacks and burn injuries.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Friday said these schemes have benefitted 1,42,202 people till now. "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 of patients," he said.

In the surgery scheme, it is up to the patient to decide amongst the empanelled private hospitals or nursing homes because some might want to save out-of-pocket expenditure incurred on travel, while other may give more priority to the name of the hospital, Jain said, adding that through the accident scheme, the Government are ensuring that no victim faces the threat of loss of life simply in absence of hospital nearby.

These schemes were announced by the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in 2017, under the Delhi Arogya Kosh (DAK) with the aim to



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universalise free, efficient and quality healthcare for all. The free surgery scheme, which was launched in March 2017 provide patients autonomy to get referred to empanelled private hospitals or nursing homes from identified Delhi Government hospitals for 86 surgeries, in case the latter cannot provide the treatment in the Government setup within 30 days, said the statement issued by the Government.

The Delhi Government also launched a scheme in February 2018 to provide cashless treatment to medico-legal victims of road accident, acid attacks and thermal burn injuries, in case that all victims of road accidents, acid attacks and thermal burn injuries, where the incidents have occurred in the national Capital territory of Delhi and under the jurisdiction of Delhi Police, are eligible for cashless treatment in any nursing home/private hospital, irrespective of income and domicile status.

CM seeks Delhiites' views to curb pollution this Diwali

Launches public consultation exercise drive

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a bid to control the level of increasing pollution during the festival season of Diwali, the Delhi Government in association with a non-Government organisation has launched campaign (public consultation exercise) #FightingPollutionTogether on Tuesday to seek opinion and idea from citizens to tackle pollution.

As part of this public consultation exercise, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal signed up as a verified decision maker on Change.org and reached out to people with an appeal to work hand in hand to address the problem of pollution in the city.

The Government has recently launched a seven-point action plan for Deepwali festival and the winter that included re-introduction of the odd-even scheme to bring



down vehicular emission, distributing high-quality air masks, organising a laser show to celebrate Deepwali without crackers, regular sweeping and watering of roads to remove dust and more patrolling to stop leaf burning.

"We have all seen astonishing views of clear skies in Delhi in the past few days and we know that it is possible to retain these clear skies, like any other global city, if the Government and citizens jointly find solutions to Delhi's pollution woes. We have started work on implementing the Winter Action Plan and I would like to hear from people

how the Government and the citizens can collaborate in this mission to keep Delhi's air clean. The 25% reduction in pollution we have achieved in Delhi has to be built upon to reduce it further," said the Chief Minister in a statement.

He further added, "I am doing everything in my capacity to ensure that Delhi doesn't turn into a toxic gas chamber again. In addition to these steps, if you have an idea to beat pollution then write a petition to me right away. I believe great things are in our future when citizens and Government build a roadmap together."

Nida Hasan, Country Director of Change.org said, "Pollution in Delhi has become a big problem over the years. We have seen many petitions on the platform trying to address this issue which have been supported by millions of people. I am glad that Delhi's Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has opened a line of communication with Delhi's residents to tackle this problem and I hope that #FightingPollutionTogether will lead to long lasting impact."

58 file papers for 4 G'gram Assembly seats on last day

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

At the last day of filing nomination for upcoming Haryana Assembly elections, fifty-eight candidates filed their nomination papers at Gurugram, Sohna, Pataudi and Badshahpur constituencies which come under the Gurugram district on Friday.

A total of 85 nomination papers have been filed for these four Assembly seats.

The maximum 21 nominations have been filed in Pataudi Assembly constituency while 19 nominations were filed in the Gurugram Assembly constituency, 19 candidates have been contesting in Badshahpur Assembly constituency and in Sohna 18 candidates filed their nomination before the end nomination process.

Sudhir Singla from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Sukhbir Kataria from the Indian National Congress, Brahm Prakash of Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), Subay Singh from Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), Tarvinder Saini from Lok Tantra Suraksha Party, Narendra Singh from Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and 9 independent candidates have filed nomination papers from Gurugram constituencies.

The independent candidates from Gurugram seat including Anita Luthra Aggarwal, wife of sitting MLA Umesh Aggarwal, Gaje Singh Kabalana, Ashwani Sharma, Seema Pahuja, Abhinav Vashisht, Govind Narayan Khem, Kuldeep Singh Bohra, Vikas and Dinesh Kumar.

HARYANA ASSEMBLY POLLS



Also, twelve candidates have filed their nominations in Badshahpur Assembly constituency on Friday.

These include Manish Yadav from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Maman Yadav from Swaraj India, Rao Kamalbir Singh from Indian National Congress, Chandrapal from Bharatiya Shakti Chetna Party, Rishi Raj Rana from Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), Mahavir from Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Sonu Thakran from Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), Rajesh from Janata Party and three independent candidates including Ambikesh Pandey of Palam Vihar, Gajendra of Bajgheda and Sandeep Singh of RD City.

Similarly, thirteen candidates filed their nominations in Sohna assembly constituency, on the last day of nomination, which including Dr. Samasuddin from Indian National Congress, Vandana, wife of Sanjay Singh

the BJP candidate from Sohna constituency, Rohtash from INLD, Dayaram from Democracy Security Party, Rohtash Singh from Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), Narendra Kumar from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Shyokat from Rashtriya Lok Swaraj Party, Omkar from RPI Athawale Party and two independent candidates including Dharampal and Nihal Singh.

Apart from this 14 nominations have filed from Pataudi assembly constituency.

The candidates who have filed their nominations include Sudhir Chaudhary from Congress, Pankaj Kumar from INLD, Jai Narayan from Aam Aadmi Party, Rajendra from Democracy Security Party and 9 were independent candidates including Naresh Kumar, Rambir Singh, Naresh Kumar, Hansraj, Narendra Singh, Mukesh Kumari, Ramesh Chandra, Sudeh Kumar and Seema Kumari.

Women steal ₹40K from war veteran inside ATM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 1971 war veteran was allegedly robbed off ₹40,000 cash by two women inside an ATM kiosk in South Delhi's Hauz Khas. The incident occurred on Thursday.

According to a senior police official, on Thursday, around 1.45 pm, when Captain (retired) NK Mahajan

was at an ATM kiosk in Kaushalya Park, he was targeted by two women, who forcefully entered the ATM and robbed him.

In the CCTV footage, Mahajan can be seen entering the ATM kiosk while the two women follow him and enter the kiosk despite being asked to stay out.

While he tries to withdraw money, the two women

still wait inside. While one of them initiates conversation, the other woman manages to steal the money from his pocket and leave the spot.

"A case has been registered. We have identified the suspects and they will be arrested soon. In his statement, Mahajan stated he was followed by two women when he entered the ATM," said the police official.

Delhi Metro Grey Line thrown open to public

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Now travelling will be easy for the people living in rural belts of South West Delhi, as the much awaited 4.2 kilometers (km) long Grey Line of Delhi Metro has finally thrown open to the public on Friday. The Line-9 will connect Dwarka to Nazafgarh with having a major inter-change stations for Blue Line. With opening of this section, the network of Delhi Metro has become 377 km.

The new section was flagged off by the Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot. The ceremony

also saw the presence of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) Parvesh Singh Sahib Verma and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), Gulab Singh and Managing Director of Delhi Metro Mangu Singh and Ambassador to Japan Kenji Hiramatsu.

"The Delhi Metro is one of the only two-three cities in the entire world to have such a large metro network, and I am glad Delhi metro network has been added to the list of the largest metro networks in the world. Delhi Metro has played a vital role in the development of the city. As the Delhi Metro expands further, more people are likely to shift

to Metro, thereby, reducing pollution caused by vehicles," said the Delhi CM.

The stations will have three stations at Dwarka, Nangli and Nazafgarh with an interchange facility at Dwarka for Blue Line.

"The 21 years of waiting Najafgarh people for metro line has ended. Now you can reach any corner of Delhi within one hour. The people of rural Delhi were disappointed that the previous governments did nothing for them. But now they are very happy. No other government has developed rural Delhi as much as my government," Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

Appreciating the Delhi Metro for its rapid expansion, Puri said, "The first section of

Delhi Metro opened in 2002 and in 17 years, Delhi Metro has expanded to 377 km.

It is one of the most comprehensive and in terms of distance covered, one of the most successful urban transport systems in the world."

"The Chief Minister has fulfilled his long-due promise of a metro line to Najafgarh which he made during 2015 assembly elections. Being a transport minister and MLA of Nazafgarh, I know the pain of the public living here. I am so emotional seeing tears of joy in the eyes of the people," transport minister Gahlot.

"About 70 villages and 400 colonies of outer Delhi have been connected to this

metro line," he added.

BJP MP Sahib Singh Verma commended the efforts made by DMRC towards pollution control and Swachh Bharat Mission and said that Delhi Metro was generating about one third of its energy needs through renewable power sources.

Kenji Hiramatsu said, "Japan is proud of partnering with Delhi Metro both technically and financially. Japan is also supporting the other Metro projects in India based on the success of Delhi Metro."

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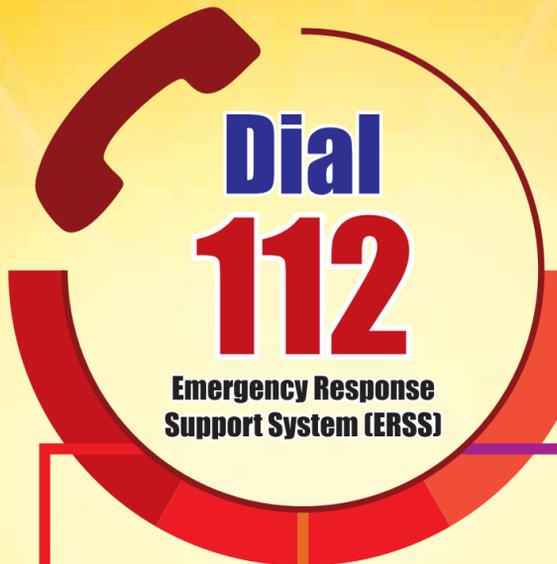
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It is publicly notified that the Plot No. 111, Block-A, Sector-15, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) has been allotted in the name of Vimal Kishore Gupta S/o Prem Perakash Gupta R/o N-22, Sector-11, Noida, had sold the said plot, on the basis of GPA to the following persons: A GPA was executed in favour of Anil Khanna S/o Late B.N. Khanna R/o D-74, Sector-40, Noida on dated 08.09.1996; duly registered wide Book No. IV on Volume No. 1650 on pages 333 at No. 1159 and Addl Book No. IV Volume No. 1703 on pages 561-570 dated 06.09.1996; and Agreement to sell was not registered. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above plot goes in favour of Mahesh Jindal S/o Shri A.P. Jindal R/o A-119, Sector-15, Noida if any one/another partners has/has any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Residential Plot Department of Noida Authority along with sufficient proofs within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Anil Khanna



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WHAT BROUGHT DOWN POLLUTION?

- 24x7 electricity supply brought generator usage to near zero
- Heavy fines on construction sites in violation of dust control norms
- Implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court's 'Graded Response Action Plan'
- Closure of Rajghat and Badarpur Thermal Power Plants
- Eastern-Western Peripheral Expressways reduced vehicular traffic
- Increase in Green Cover in Delhi

Year	PM 2.5 Levels*
2012-14	154
2016-18	115

*Source: Central Pollution Control Board, Government of India

But we can't stop here! We have to make every possible effort to make Delhi pollution free



Buying sensors to thwart drone attacks: IAF Chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst rising tension between India and Pakistan and reports indicating that the Balakot terror camp, which was destroyed by the IAF aerial strikes on February 27 and other such launch pads have become active again, IAF chief RKS Bhaduria said here on Friday if the Government decides they will carry out the necessary action.



reference to Pulwama attack, the Service is ready if the Government decides.

He also said it was wrong to assume that despite the Balakot air raids, terrorist camps were now thriving. If Balakot strikes had not taken place, the level of terrorism would have been much more, he pointed out. The Air Chief was addressing the annual Press conference ahead of the Air Force Day on October 8 and responding to Pakistan without naming it, the IAF chief, however, said it is not the IAF strategy to use such strikes as the first step but if any incident takes place, in obvious

along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and modernising its air force, he said, "We know what exactly is happening there (China)."

Responding to queries about IAF's modernisation, he said the focus is on indigenisation and modernization besides acquiring critical weapons and spares to maintain operational preparedness. In one of the major steps towards indigenisation, the IAF is backing the design and production of advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) by DRDO. It will be a fifth generation fighter aircraft (FGFA). Bhaduria ruled out importing a new aircraft of such generation "now or in foreseeable future."

Incidentally, India and Russia have been working on the joint project to develop FGFA since 2007. Both sides had signed only a preliminary \$295 million design contract for the co-development of the FGFA in 2010.

He also dismissed reports about procuring 36 more Rafale fighter jets from France and said the process of select-

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ing the suitable fighter for the 114-jet project is on. These jets will be manufactured within India as part of the Strategic Partnership. The proposed deal is worth over 10 billion dollars.

Bhaduria said IAF will soon place an order for 83 more indigenously designed and manufactured Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA). The cost negotiations were in an advanced stage, he said adding besides these projects, the IAF will soon procure 21 more MIG-29s and 12 more SU-30s.

About the induction plane of 36 Rafale jets as per the government to Govt deal next year. Bhaduria as deputy chief of air staff was instrumental in the Rafale jet negotiations with the French Government and Dassault Aviation, manufacturers of the fighter jet. As tribute to him, the first Indian Rafale aircraft is having tail no RB-01.

Rajnath urges pvt sector to invest in defence industry

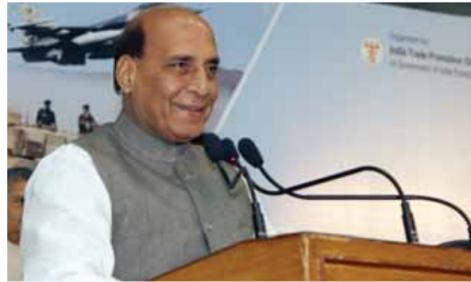
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Asserting that he will not be afraid of taking decisions for fear of attracting complaints of corruption, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday invited the private sector for active participation in the defence industry.

Singh also said the Centre is committed to exploiting the entrepreneurship spirit of private defence sector and ready to interact and resolve their problems in the plans to take the Indian defence industry to the size of USD 26 billion by 2025.

Stating that his doors are always open, he urged the private companies to come forward as he would like to give all help wherever possible. Singh is scheduled to travel to Paris on October 7 on a three-day visit, primarily to receive the first of 36 Rafale fighter jets. The next day, Singh will fly a sortie in a Rafale fighter jet from a French airbase in Paris to gain first-hand experience of the aircraft.

Speaking at the India International Security Expo,



organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singh said India cannot remain dependent on imported weapons for long since it did not align with the country's plans to become a superpower.

The Minister said that when he became the Defence Minister people told him he should be careful on whom to meet and who to allow entry, as there could be scope for inviting complaints of corruption.

"They said that there are many business-related proposals, and there are matters related to imports and exports,

and the minister should be careful of all this otherwise someone will raise a finger ('Nahi to ungli uth jayegi')."

"A Minister who is afraid of corruption charges, should refrain (from taking decisions), Rajnath Singh is not worried about all this. People and big industry organisations in this country know who is what ('kaun kya hai'). I am not worried at all. Come. My doors are open. Whatever help I can give, the defence ministry will give. This is an assurance I would like to give you," he said. Defence procurement has often been dogged by allegations of corruption.

Parl body to examine UIDAI's security, privacy of citizens' data issues

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The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Technology headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has decided to examine the security and privacy of the citizens' data and review the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

The Lok Sabha Secretariat on Friday said the panel has selected various subjects for examination including policy issues on information technology including cross border data flows, artificial intelligence (AI) and internet of things (IoT).

The committee is also reviewing functioning of the

telecom regulator Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and the country's preparedness for 5G.

"Review of functioning of UIDAI, Citizens' data security and privacy, and digital payment and online security measures for data protection," are the subjects selected by the committee for examination," said the Lok Sabha secretariat.

Safeguarding citizens' rights and prevention of misuse of social or online news media platforms, including special emphasis on women security in the digital space, will also be examined.

NIA to probe cases of Pak drones dropping arms

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The Centre has handed over the probe into recovery of huge arms, ammunition and communication hardware in Punjab, suspected to have been delivered through drones from across the border, to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The decision to hand over the probe to the federal anti-terror probe agency 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 (KZF), backed by a radical terror group based in Pakistan and Germany, last month.

Punjab Police had said the terror group was conspiring to unleash a series of strikes in Punjab and adjoining States.

The Centre is convinced that scheduled offences under the National Investigation Agency Act 2008 have been committed and having regard to the gravity of the offence which include conspiracy to

carry out terrorist activity to create communal tension, instability and revival of terrorism in Punjab, these are required to be investigated by the NIA in accordance with the Act, according to a Home Ministry order.

The central Government hereby directs the NIA to take up the investigation of the aforesaid offences, it said.

The initial investigation has found the use of drones to deliver weapons and communication hardware from Pakistan,

a home ministry official said.

Four persons were arrested from the outskirts of Chohla Sahib village in Tarn Taran district on Punjab on September 22. A huge cache of arms, including five AK-47 rifles, pistols, satellite phones and hand grenades were seized from them.

The weapons were suspected to have been delivered from across the border by the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI for jihadi and pro-Khalistani terrorist outfits working under its command,

Punjab Police said.

Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta said the module was busted following inputs gathered from sources that activists of the banned KZF had planned to carry out multiple terrorist strikes in J-K, Punjab and other adjoining States.

The Pakistan Army-ISI combine has been working overtime for the last one decade to revive militancy in Punjab through terror outfits propped up by them and based in other countries.

BJP's NRC gambit to consolidate communal vote bank, says CPM

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The CPI(M) on Friday accused the BJP and the RSS for trying to duplicate the National Population Register (NPR) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) as part of their efforts to "sharpen polarisation" in the country and consolidate "communal vote bank".



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"The NPR is dangerous. This Government has revived the preparation of the National Population Register (NPR). This is being done in preparation for an all India NRC on the basis of this NPR. The central Government has asked some states to start constructing buildings to be used as detention centres," Yechury said.

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NMC members to be elected via lottery system on Oct 14

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In a bid to ensure transparency, members of National Medical Commission (NMC) will be elected through lottery system on 14th of this month, Union Minister for Health Dr Harshvardhan said on Friday.

Talking to reporters here said that the entire process of constituting the NMC will be fully transparent and media will also be involved in selection process. He said, NMC will bring historic reforms in the medical education system in the country.

An official in the Health Ministry said that once the NMC becomes effective, Medical council of India will automatically be abolished.

He said, there is also a high possibility that NMC will be able to implement its rules, regulations and guidelines for medical education system from next academic year.

The Act provides for setting up of NMC in place of the



Medical Council of India for development and regulation of all aspects of medical education, profession and institutions.

Several relevant sections of the Act came into force on September 2 after which the Union Health Ministry on August 9 wrote to all chief secretaries, home secretaries of UTs and state medical councils seeking nominations for selection of members of the NMC.

Haj forms to go digital from next year, says Min Naqvi

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The filing of applications for next year's Haj pilgrimage will be completely digital and the process will start from October 10 and there will be 22 embarkation points for 2020 Haj, Minority Affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announced on Friday.

"The new embarkation point to be opened for Haj next year will be at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. So, in Haj 2020, two lakh Indian Muslims will go for Haj from 22 embarkation points across the country," he told newsmen.

Naqvi said this after chairing a review meeting organised on the completion of Haj 2019 where he took stock of the preparations for next year's pilgrimage.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the ministries of External Affairs, Civil Aviation and Health. India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ausuf Sayeed and Haj Committee of India Chairman Sheikh Jinna Nabi also attended the meeting.

Sena gets 124...

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"The alliance will post an unprecedented victory," Fadnavis said.

Asked about rebel candidates, Fadnavis said, "They will be asked to withdraw within two days, or else they will be shown their place."

Others doubted whether the two saffron parties would come together for elections this time, "but there was no doubt in our minds", Fadnavis said. The Sena and BJP had contested the State polls separately in 2014.

"We had taken the decision early this year that the alliance would be for Lok Sabha as well as Assembly. Since we have to be together with our common thread of Hindutva despite having differences over some issues, all of us have made some compromises," he said.

To a question on denial of tickets to senior BJP leader Eknath Khadse and Cabinet Minister Vinod Tawde among others, Fadnavis said, "In a political party, responsibilities change. Those who were in Assembly earlier will now work outside it, and those who were in the organisation will now represent the party in the Assembly."

Uddhav Thackeray's son Aadiya, who is making electoral debut from Worli in Mumbai, was also present.

Referring to him, Fadnavis said, "Aadiya will win with a massive margin. He has been touring the State for last few years and now he will join us in the assembly."

Asked about Sena workers' "dream" of seeing Aadiya on the sixth floor of State Secretariat (which houses the offices of Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister), Uddhav Thackeray said, "What's the harm in dreaming?"

"We are in this alliance with our hearts and mind. There is no issue of who is elder brother and who is younger brother here," the Sena chief said.

The Sena had maintained earlier that it was the "elder brother" (dominant partner) in the saffron combine.

"What is important is the relations between brothers remain strong. Aadiya is in politics to work for the State's welfare, not for self-interest. After results, we will sit together and discuss government formation," Uddhav said.

"The situation prevailing before the Lok Sabha polls has changed," he added.

College named after Bapu to open in C'garh

Dam to be named after late Babu Chhotelal, announces CM

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Chief Minister Bhupesh Patel addressed a massive public gathering on Friday during 'Gandhi Vichaar Padyatra' held on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Kandel.

He announced that a college would be opened in

Kandel in the name of Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Madamsilli dam would be named after late Babu Chhotelal Shrivastav, water would be released from dams for crops in summer. He also announced bridge construction in Kandel and naming of Government Higher Secondary School Gopalpuri after freedom fighter Shri Hazari Lal Jain.

The Chief Minister said to protest the irrigation tax imposition by British rulers in

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Trinamool Congress which are engaged in reverse communalism and feeding each other with communal vote banks."

When contacted a senior Pradesh Congress leader said "we have already said that there is no third option but to form an alliance of the secular parties because both the BJP and the TMC have taken Bengal back to the ages of communalism."

"As we are not a one-man party our decisions are taken by the central committee and the politburo after ascertaining the opinions of the district, area and even branch committees. So it will take some time but whatever decision is arrived at will be good for Bengal," a senior leader and a central committee member said adding "2021 will not at all be a cakewalk for the BJP or the

Bengal LF, Cong may start alliance deliberations

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With a view to carry forward their "good relations" till 2021 Assembly elections and beyond senior Left Front and Congress leaders may start negotiations in the coming weeks, possibly after Diwali, sources say.

The groundwork for future cooperation has already been created with topmost Left lead-

ership recently visiting the Bengal Pradesh Congress headquarters at Bidhan Bhavan where they jointly watched a photo exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi.

Though Left Front chairman and CPI(M) politburo member Biman Bose said he preferred to live in the present and seldom made speculations on siders as to whether this was a prelude to a future Left-Congress alliance Forward Bloc

— the second largest LF constituent in the State — secretary Naren Dey reminded "political parties must keep aside their differences and unite for the cause of the people during extra-ordinary situations. The rise of communal polarisation is one such extra ordinary situation that has arrived in Bengal."

The two sides had jointly contested the 2016 Assembly

elections but fell apart there after fighting the 2019 general elections separately with the effect that Congress' vote share plunged to 5 per cent and that of the Marxists plummeted to about 7.5 per cent from an impressive 32 per cent.

According to sources the CPI(M) will take the final decision after the party plenum likely to be held in Kolkata sometime next year, sources said.

INSHORT

SC TO FINISH AYODHYA HEARING BY OCT 17

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday said it would wrap up hearing in the politically sensitive Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute at Ayodhya by October 17, a day sooner than the earlier schedule. The Muslim side would complete the arguments on October 14, it said, adding that thereafter, two days would be granted to the Hindu parties to sum up their rejoinders — October 16.

SC ISSUES NOTICE TO CBI OVER PC BAIL

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the CBI, asking it to respond to former finance minister P Chidambaram's plea seeking bail in the INX Media corruption case. A bench of justices R Banumathi and Hrishikesh Roy asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, to file its response and posted the matter for hearing on October 15.

SPL OBSERVERS FOR BYPOLLS APPOINTED

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) on Friday appointed a serving and a retired IRS officer as special expenditure observers for the upcoming assembly by-elections in Telangana and Sikkim. The 1983-batch former IRS officer B R Balakrishnan has been appointed as special expenditure officer for Telangana and 1988-batch IRS officer Suresh Kumar has been appointed for Sikkim.

EC ASKS TELANGANA TO TRANSFER TOP COP

New Delhi: The EC on Friday directed the Telangana Government to transfer Suryapet district police chief Venkateswarlu to a "non-election" related post. The EC further directed that IPS officer R Bhaskaran be posted there, they said. The decision, the sources said, was taken following inputs received from the ground election machinery. Huzurnagar Assembly constituency in Suryapet district is going for a bypoll on October 21.

SC ASKS CENTRE TO APPOINT EXPERT

New Delhi: The Supreme Court asked the Centre on Friday to reply to a plea seeking appointment, on a "war-footing", of judicial and expert members for the NGT benches across the country to ensure that polluters are reined in from spoiling the environment.

MONITORING BODY, STF FIGHT UPSETS SC

New Delhi: Expressing displeasure over "fight" between the monitoring committee on sealing of unauthorised structures in Delhi and a special task force (STF), set up to oversee enforcement of laws on illegal construction and removal of encroachments, the Supreme Court Friday said it is "not a good state of affairs". The two committees are "obstructing" each other and it cannot permit things to go on like this, the apex court said.

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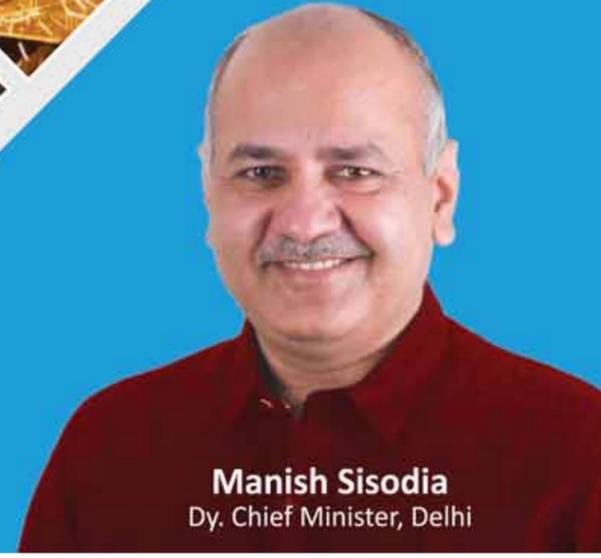
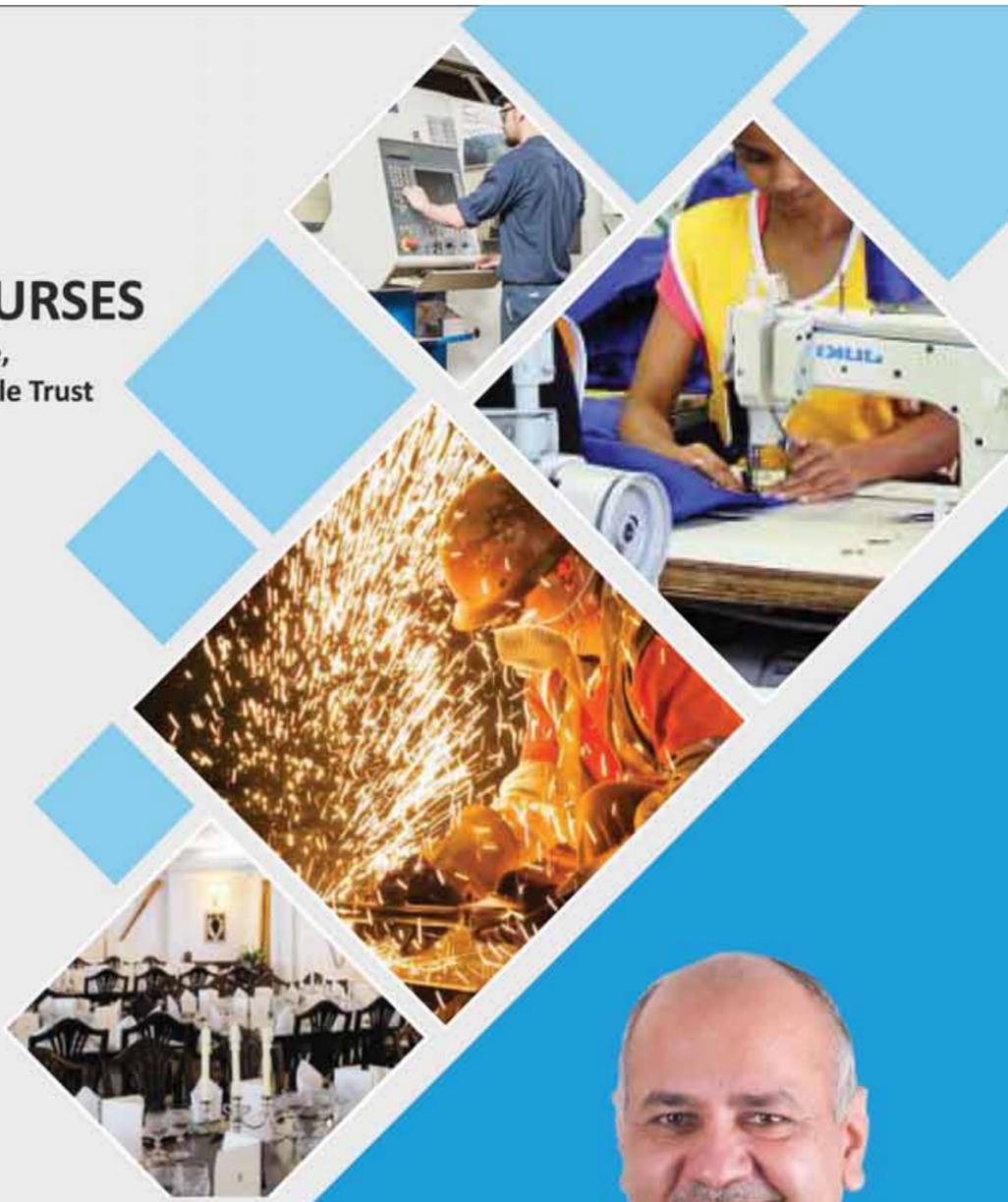
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'GREENS HAVE FAILED, AAREY NOT A FOREST'

Bombay HC OK's axing of 2,646 trees

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday dismissed all petitions challenging the proposed felling of 2,646 trees in Aarey Colony at Goregaon in north Mumbai to make way for construction of a car shed for Metro phase-III, after addressing the environmental concerns raised by the petitioners.

Holding that the decision-making process on tree felling adopted by the Tree Authority of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) as "fair, transparent and based on reason", a HC division bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice Bharati Dangre noted: "The Carbon dioxide sequestration of 2,702 trees for their entire lifetime calculated at 12,79,062 kg would be compensated in 3,948 fully loaded trips of Metro Trains operating."

The HC bench refused to declare Aarey Colony a forest and also declined to quash the BMC tree authority's decision allowing felling of over 2,646 trees in the green zone to make way of a metro car shed.

Dismissing the petitions filed by green activist Zoru Bhatena and Shiv Sena corporator Yashwant Kamalakar Jadhav, the HC bench observed: "Thus, as in the two companion



petitions which we have dismissed today, the Greens fail even in these two petitions, but not on account of sailing their boats in the wrong channel, but on merits."

The HC bench imposed a fine of ₹50,000 on Yashwant Jadhav, who had filed a petition against the approval granted by the civic body's tree authority. He is a member of the BMC's tree authority.

Terming all the petitioners "Davids" (environmentalists) taking on the industrial "Goliaths", apparently suggesting that they are fighting an unequal battle, the court said: "Relationship with nature and love for environment alone is true and all other relationships are unreal and temporary, is their (environmentalists) belief. Their hearts are a temple of devotion to flora and fauna."

"The greens (environmentalists) fail in the instant petition because they have lost touch with the procedure to be followed as per law. The clock cannot be put back. We do not make any comments thereon as the petitioner has to now swim or sink before the Supreme Court," the judges noted.

"The issue is pending before the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal. Hence, we are dismissing the petition on the principle of commonality and not on merits," a bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice Bharati Dangre said.

Activist Zoru Bhatena, who had challenged the decision to cut the trees, said: "I am extremely saddened to get this news. We will take this fight forward. It's a sad day for Aarey today. We will approach the Supreme Court."

Later in the evening, Bhathena tweeted: "The Aarey battle of David Vs Goliath now moves to the Supreme Court. Do take a few seconds to read what the Bombay HC had to say about this epic battle to Save Aarey."

Alluding to environmental concerns raised by the petitioners, the judges noted: "In connection with the 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 MMRCI. This establishes that about 7 times the number of trees to be felled have been replaced by planting saplings of trees, which process commenced two years ago"

"Further, the project is being financed substantially by Japan International Cooperative Agency ("JICA") and the project is registered with The United Nations Framework for Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is thus being monitored by Foreign Agencies on the environmental impact," the judgement stated.

"The project report demonstrates that the benefits and/or reduction in Carbon di-oxide emissions by virtue of the project demonstrate that the same would be reduced by 2,61,968 tonnes over ten years because of reduced dependence on motorised transport," the HC bench observed.

The green activists, of which Bhathena is part, have been protesting vehemently against the decision taken by the BMC's tree authority on August 29 to allow cutting of 2,185 trees and transplantation of 461 trees.

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Sedition charge against celebrities who penned letter to PM on mob lynching

Rahul attacks PM over FIR

Muzaffarpur/Wayanad: An FIR has been lodged in Bihar's Muzaffarpur against nearly 50 celebrities, including Aparna Sen, Adoor Gopalakrishnan and Ramchandra Guha for alleged sedition after they wrote an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi voicing concern over growing incidents of mob lynching.

Police said the FIR was lodged on Thursday under several sections of the Indian Penal Code, including those related to sedition, public nuisance, hurting religious feelings and insulting with an intent to provoke breach of peace.

Reacting sharply to the registration of the FIR against eminent film personalities, writers and others, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged the country was moving towards becoming an "authoritarian state" where anybody who said anything against Modi or his government was put behind bars.

The case was lodged following an order by Muzaffarpur Chief Judicial Magistrate Surya Kant Tiwari on a petition by local advocate Sudhir Kumar Ojha, who claimed, among other things, that the letter supported secessionist tendencies.

"The CJM had passed the

order on August 20, accepting my petition upon the receipt of which an FIR was lodged at the Sadar police station here," Ojha said. He said nearly 50 signatories to the letter were named as accused in his petition, which accused them of having "tarnished the image of the country and undermined the impressive performance of the prime minister", besides "supporting secessionist tendencies".

The letter was written by 49 eminent personalities, also including filmmakers Mani Ratnam, Anurag Kashyap, Shyam Benegal, actor Soumitra Chatterjee and vocalist Shubha Mudgal in July this year.

Rahul Gandhi, who was away in his constituency Wayanad in Kerala, denounced the FIR.

He said it was not a secret anymore that the country was moving towards an authoritarian state, adding that the prime minister should tell the country why had he "destroyed" the economy and created "massive joblessness".

"Everybody knows what is going on in the country. It is not a secret. In fact, the whole world knows it. We are moving towards an authoritarian state. It is pretty clear," the Wayanad MP, who has come to his constituency to express solidarity with the protests against the night traffic ban on a highway passing through the Bandipur

Tiger Reserve, told reporters.

"Anybody who says anything against the prime minister, anybody who raises anything against the government is being put in jail and attacked. The media is crushed. Everybody knows what is going on. This is not a secret," he said.

An FIR was filed at Bihar's Muzaffarpur on Thursday against around 50 celebrities, including Ramchandra Guha, Mani Ratnam, Adoor Gopalakrishnan and Aparna Sen, who had written an open letter to Prime Minister Modi, raising their concern over the growing incidents of mob lynching in the country.

The case was lodged after a chief judicial magistrate passed an order on a petition filed against the celebrities before his court.

The petition claimed that the celebrities had allegedly "tarnished the image of the country and undermined the impressive performance of the Prime Minister", besides "supporting secessionist tendencies".

Hitting out at the Modi Government over the "massive joblessness" and the dwindling economy, Gandhi said the "GDP growth was not visible" anymore.

The Centre could give a tax benefit of ₹1,25,000 crore to 15 people, but not to the poor, he alleged.

10 arrested for assault on Sanskrit college student

Debanjan was accused of heckling Union Minister Babul Supriyo



Burdwan (WB): Ten persons were arrested here on Friday for alleged assault on Debanjan Ballav — a Sanskrit college student who was accused of heckling Union Minister Babul Supriyo at Jadavpur University on September 19.

In his complaint, Ballav, who has been in the eye of storm over the JU campus episode, claimed that he and his girlfriend were dragged out of a bus and assaulted by the activists of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) near Burdwan on Wednesday.

"Based on Ballav's complaint, we have arrested 10 persons. We are still investigating the matter," East Midnapore Superintendent of Police Bhaskar Mukherjee said.

He, however, declined to comment on whether those arrested were members of the

ABVP. The right-wing students' outfit, on its part, said Ballav's charges were "baseless and politically motivated".

Supriyo was shown black flags and heckled by a section of students last month on Jadavpur University Campus, where he had gone to address a seminar organised by the ABVP.

The next day the Union minister tweeted a picture of the Sanskrit college student pulling him by his hair during the scuffle.

Ballav's mother had appealed to Supriyo not to harm his son's career and the minister assured him of the same.

The undergraduate student, however, refused to apologise to Supriyo, claiming that he had raised his hand in self defence.

Slump in sponsorship, Durga puja loses its shine

Kolkata: The economic slowdown has dimmed the lights of Bengal's biggest festival this time, forcing Durga puja organisers to scale down celebrations due to shrinking sponsorship.

Not just small-budget pujas, big-ticket ones have also curtailed their budget by nearly 15 per cent to 30 per cent, mostly compromising on marquee decoration, according to organisers.

On an average, setting up a theme-based marquee for the five-day fiesta, replete with safety arrangements and basic amenities, costs anything between ₹12 lakh and ₹30 crore in Bengal.

"Owing to economic slowdown, we failed to achieve our target of Rs 65 lakh. We are running short of Rs 20 lakh. Most

sponsors, this time, either declined to make a contribution or paid less than what they do," Sudipto Kumar, an official of Deshapriya Park community Puja in south Kolkata, said.

Corporate firms are not willing to spend on advertisements, he claimed.

"Every year, huge advertisement hoardings and posters greet revelers outside the puja pandals, but this time, the numbers have shrunk considerably," he added.

Echoing similar sentiments, Ekdalia Evergreen Club said several sponsors have gone back on their promise, citing the ailing economy.

"Some sponsors, who had signed a contract with us, have also backed out. In 2008-2009 (during global recession), we

had faced a similar situation," club secretary Gautam Mukherjee said.

Organizers have made several modifications this year, mostly cutting down on promotional activities.

Kajal Sarkar, the president of Forum for Durgotsab, said sponsorship has fallen by 30-50 per cent.

"Donations, subscriptions and retail advertisements cover about 30 per cent of the expenses, the rest is usually taken care of by corporate funding," Sarkar said. The situation has gone worse for small-budget Durga pujas committees, with some of the organisers opting for a marquee without any distinct theme.

"We had decided to adorn our pandal with glass structures, but lack of funds forced us to find an alternative in plaster of paris," said Ashok Deb, an official of a Durga Puja committee in North 24 Parganas district.

According to advertising agencies, weak consumer sentiment is also one of the reasons for lack of sponsorship.

"Most advertisers in India try to leverage the festive season. In the current year, advertising spends across multiple sectors have taken a hit due to weak consumer sentiment.

"Nevertheless, the government is taking active measures to tackle the scenario by providing relief in corporate tax rates," Anand Bhadkarkar, the CEO of Dentsu Aegis Network India, stated.

stream leaders, including two former Chief Ministers — Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, have been either detained or placed under house arrest.

Another former Chief Minister and sitting Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar Feroz Khan Noon has been arrested under the controversial Public Safety act, a law enacted by his father and National Conference founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1978 when he was the Chief Minister.

Normal life remains affected in Kashmir

Some shops open in morning hours

Srinagar: Normal life remained affected in Kashmir for the 61st consecutive day on Friday as main markets were shut and public transport was off the roads, officials said.

Few shops in some areas of the city here were open from 7:30 to 11:00 am, but downed their shutters afterwards, the officials said.

However, there were no



restrictions anywhere in the valley, but security forces were deployed in strength in vulnerable areas to maintain law and order, they said.

They said auto-rickshaws and few inter-district cabs were seen plying here, but the other modes of public transport were off the roads.

The movement of private cars was lesser on Friday as compared to Thursday when the city had witnessed traffic jams at various places, they added.

Mobile services remained suspended in Kashmir except in Handwara and Kupwara areas in the north, while internet services — across all plat-

forms — continued to be snapped in the valley since the night of August 4, officials said.

The functioning of schools in Kashmir has remained affected since August 5 — when the Centre announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution and to bifurcate the state into two Union territories.

The officials said the state Government was trying its best to have normal functioning in schools, but its efforts failed again on Thursday as most parents continued to keep children at home due to apprehensions about their safety.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Baseer Khan had on Monday directed all Deputy Commissioners and concerned officers to ensure that all government schools as well as private institutions up to Higher Secondary level of the valley be open by Thursday and Colleges to open by or before October 9.

Most of the top level and second rung separatist politicians have been taken into preventive custody while main-

CANCELLATION / SHORT TERMINATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF LIMITED HEIGHT SUBWAYS

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure and enhance safety standards, Northern Railway will undertake the construction work of 4 Limited Height Subways (LHS) on Delhi - Shamli - Saharanpur Section. To execute these works, there will be 02 Power and Traffic Blocks for a duration of 5.30 hours on 06.10.2019 and 13.10.2019. As a result, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name			Date of Cancellation (from Originating Station)
74025/74026 Delhi - Shamli - Delhi DMU			06.10.2019 & 13.10.2019
54476 Haridwar - Delhi Passenger			06.10.2019 & 13.10.2019
54471 Delhi - Rishikesh Passenger			06.10.2019 & 13.10.2019
54474 Saharanpur - Delhi Passenger			06.10.2019 & 13.10.2019

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Train No. & Name	Train to terminate /originate at/from station	Train to remain partially cancelled between stations	Date of Cancellation (from Originating Station)
51910/51911 Saharanpur - Delhi - Saharanpur Pass.	Shamli	Shamli -Delhi -Shamli	06 & 13.10.2019
74021/74024 Delhi - Saharanpur - Delhi Pass.	Baghpat Road	Baghpat Road - Saharanpur	06.10.2019
54475 Delhi - Haridwar Passenger	Saharanpur	Delhi-Shamli-Tapri	06 & 13.10.2019

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S.No.	Job No./Work Name	Amount
(1)	38D(H),DD(H)-III/2019-20, D/o R.S.P. Beautification of Vilopit Kuda Ghar in Sector -80, Kakrala Village, Sector -81, 83, Phase-2, Sector -135 Nangli Village, and Sector 149, Kondli Market with Two year maintenance.	Cost ₹ 46.27 Lacs
(2)	39D(H)/ DD(H)-III/2019-20, M/o Park in Sector -135, Gokuldham LIG Apartment Sh Open Gym with five year maintenance	Cost ₹ 28.59 Lacs
(3)	125/D(H)/DD(H)-III/18-19, D/o Park (C/o Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park, SH: Bronze Statue) in Sector-150.	Cost ₹ 34.96 Lacs
(4)	54 /D(H)/DD(H)-II/2019-20, D/o Park with Two year maintenance Shramik Kunj Sector-122 near House no.-441 to 580.	Cost ₹ 39.99 Lacs
(5)	55/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2019-20, D/o. Park B-09, Sector-62 with Two year maintenance	Cost ₹ 29.75 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 11.10.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 14.10.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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S.No.	Job No./Work Name	Amount
(1)	65/D(H)/ DD(H)-II/18-19, D/o Park (Under Ground Car Parking) in Sector-3 with two year maintenance.	Cost ₹ 47.70 Lacs
(2)	66/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2019-20, D/o R.S.P. Beautification of Vilopit Kuda Ghar in Sector -35, 40, 41, 49, 51, 94, 126, 127 with Two year maintenance.	Cost ₹ 25.96 Lacs

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Pre Qualification of Contractors for User Fee Collection for the period from 01-10-2019 to 30-09-2020

National Highways Authority of India invites applications from the interested bidders/contractors for getting pre-qualified for user fee collection at approx. 230 number of fee plazas under NHAI. Except Net Worth no other technical qualification is required.

With effect from 01-10-2019, those bidders, who are in the list of pre-qualified bidders, shall only be allowed to submit financial bids or e-quotations. The existing pre-qualified bidders as per RFQ dated 01.10.2018, will be allowed to submit financial bids or e-quotations during an overlapping period upto 30-11-2019.

The list of pre-qualified bidders will remain valid upto 30-09-2020.

The applications for pre-qualification (RFQ) shall be received by NHAI on or after 01-10-2019. The process of pre-qualification is open (no last date).

For further details, RFQ Document, etc, please visit NHAI Website www.nhai.org. For any query, please contact Shri Awadhesh Kumar, GM (CO), email: awadheshkumar@nhai.org.

Voice samples of Chinmayanand, student: Court reserves order

Shahjahanpur: A court here on Friday reserved its order on an application by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) seeking permission to take voice samples of former Union minister Chinmayanand and a law student, who has accused him of raping her.

The SIT had on Thursday moved the application for taking their voice samples as well as that of three youth, who have been charged with demanding extortion from the BJP leader.

After hearing the respective counsels, Chief Judicial Magistrate Omvir Singh reserved his order and is likely to pronounce it on Saturday.

The law student's counsel Anoop Trivedi said he and others objected to the SIT application as voice samples, if required, should have been sought within stipulated 15 days time. "Now after passage of one month, this application does not seem right," Trivedi added. **PTI**

NEET IMPERSONATION FRAUD

Madras HC directs Centre to file detailed report

Stalin demands CBI probe

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The impersonation case connected with the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Examination Test (NEET), the qualifying examination for admission to under graduate and post graduate courses in medical colleges across the country, has snowballed into a major scam of all-India proportion by Friday as the Madras High Court asked for comments from the Union Health Ministry and the Union Human Resources Development Ministry regarding the issue.

While the Madras High Court sought comments from the Centre, DMK chief MK Stalin demanded a CBI probe into the whole affair which has shook South India as nine persons have been taken into custody in connection with the



case.

The impersonation case broke out last month with the Dean of Government Medical College in Theni receiving an email stating that one of the under graduate students who cracked the 2019 NEET examination had used fraudulent methods like using the services of a proxy to write the examination. The youth and his father, a practicing medical doctor were arrested by Tamil Nadu Police on September 25. The Tamil Nadu Government since then had transferred the case to the Crime Branch Criminal Investigation Department of the State Police

which took into custody/arrested another six persons in connection with the scam.

The MHC asked the CBCID to complete the probe by October 15 and submit a detailed report to the court. Till date, four students and their fathers have been arrested for resorting to fraudulent methods to get admission to the MBBS course. While hearing the case on Friday, the Court opined that a scam of such magnitude could have national ramifications and hence sought comments from the two Ministries which are in charge of the NEET examination.

It may be noted that political parties in Tamil Nadu barring the BJP have been opposing the NEET and has been seeking status quo on the process of admission to MBBS courses in the State. The management of the self financing medical colleges in the State too were resisting the introduction of NEET.

Stalin, while speaking to journalists at Chennai said that

more than 50 students are 'believed to have taken this route to secure MBBS seats and agents from other States were also said to have been involved, and hence an ideal case for the CBI to take up the investigation.'

The police was told by the Theni Medical College student and his father that a number of students have "managed" admission to MBBS course with the help of proxy examination writers, some of them hailing from Kerala. Following the disclosures by the father-son duo, the Tamil Nadu police arrested four more students and their fathers. The Madras High Court said on Friday that a case of this seriousness would not have happened without official collusion and remarked that it has an all India ramifications. The local media has reported that the Police have asked the National Testing Agency, the body entrusted with the conducting of the test to furnish details of Tamil Nadu students who cracked the NEET.

FIR against man for giving triple talaq, first in TN

Pudukottai (TN): The Central law against instant divorce has been invoked for the first time in Tamil Nadu on Friday against a man for allegedly pronouncing triple talaq, police said.

A First Information Report was filed against Sheikh Abdullah at the All Women Police Station here following a complaint from his wife Rizwana, they said.

"A case has been registered against a man under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act based on a complaint from his wife," a senior district police official told PTI, adding he has been booked for other offences including harassment as well.

Also, his relatives, including his father, mother and brother have been booked for offences including harassment, local police said. In her complaint, the woman said she allegedly had to endure harassment at her in-laws house and her husband "pronounced triple talaq." **PTI**

6 out of 9 major dams in Marathwada reel under water shortage

Aurangabad: As many as six out of nine major dams that supply water to urban and rural areas in Maharashtra's drought-prone Marathwada region continue to face shortage, the data released by the irrigation department stated on Friday.

Dams, including Manjara and Majalgaon in Beed, Siddheshwar in Hingoli, Lower Terna and Sina Kolegaon in Osmanabad, Lower Dudhna in Parbhani are still in dead storage as rainfall has receded in the State. There are nine major and 800 medium and small irrigation projects in Marathwada.

According to the irrigation department's latest report, major projects in the region are in a slightly better position with 56.47 per cent storage, compared 30.49 per cent last year. As of today, the major projects hold a total of 3828.65 million cubic metre (mcm) water. However, the scenario with medium-sized projects seems bleak. Medium projects in

Marathwada (Aurangabad region) have 317.19 mcm water, which is 21.06 per cent of their total capacity. It was 24.25 per cent last year on same day.

The small projects are in a slightly better shape with a gross storage of 4473.44 mcm. This storage is 40.89 per cent of total capacity, which was 26.92 per cent same day last year, the department's report stated.

Out of nine, six major projects are in dead storage, whereas two — Jaykavadi in Aurangabad and Lower Manar in Nanded — are full.

Yeldari of Hingoli has live water storage, which stands at 7.84 per cent (188.18 million cubic meter) of the project's total capacity. "Excess use of water for sugarcane cultivation has always been the primary cause for the shortage every year. However, this time around, it is the scanty rainfall that has kept most of the projects dry," water expert Pradeep Purandare said. **PTI**

NIGHT TRAFFIC BAN

Rahul Gandhi expresses solidarity, assures legal help

Sulthan Bathery (Kerala): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday visited the five youths sitting on a relay hunger strike for 10 days against the restriction on movement of vehicles on a national highway that passes through a tiger reserve in neighbouring Karnataka.

Expressing solidarity with the youths, Gandhi spoke to them and said he hoped the issue would be resolved soon. He promised to make available legal help to solve the issue.

Gandhi, who reached the site of the protest at Freedom park here, said the youngsters represent the cause of Wayanad, his Lok Sabha constituency, and thanked them for their "sacrifice".

"They represent the suffering of the people here. All political parties are united as far as the night travel ban issue is concerned. There is no political difference on this," he said.

The movement of vehicles on a stretch of the national highway in Kerala is banned from 9 pm to 6 am to reduce disturbance to wildlife in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Gandhi recently met Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in New Delhi and discussed the hardships faced by people of Wayanad due to the ban of traffic.

Demanding that the ban be lifted, the youths are sitting on a hunger strike.

Gandhi said no travel ban is imposed in similar cases in other parts of the country.

The Congress leader promised to the people of Wayanad that "best legal resources" would be made available in this matter.

"I have spoken to our legal experts to deal with this issue. We will have the best legal resource of this country for the cause of Wayanad. I wanted you to know that I stand with you and we are going to go intelligently and sensitively work on this matter," he said.

He pointed out that he had raised the issue in



Parliament.

On Tuesday, the Centre assured Kerala CM Vijayan that a committee would be formed to study the ban. Thousands of farmers and students have taken out long marches against the ban.

The Kerala government has suggested construction of an elevated stretch through the core area of the tiger reserve.

However, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar in a letter to Vijayan last month stated that the state's recommendation had been discussed and it was suggested that a 'status quo' be maintained. **PTI**

Congress asks Nirupam to restrain from fuelling conspiracy theories

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday asked its former Mumbai unit chief Sanjay Nirupam and former Haryana unit president Ashok Tanwar to stop making statements against the party ahead of the Assembly elections in the two States and asked him to act responsibly.

Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari asked Nirupam to stop fuelling conspiracy theories, after he launched a vitriolic attack on the party leadership for not granting tickets to his supporters.

Tewari said that leaders, who have held top positions in the party, should realise that their statements should not help those who have brought the nation to this pass.

"Sanjay Nirupam would be well advised to restrain himself. It would be appropriate if he does not kite fly these conspiracy theories that are unimagineable," Tewari said at AICC briefing. Tewari said it is understandable that there are differences over ticket distribution and these two leaders are angry



over it, but asked them to work with maturity and sagacity.

Nirupam has launched a revolt against the party leadership saying that even after recommending just one name for the upcoming assembly polls, the party chose not to take his advice and rejected it. Nirupam, however, did not specify the name of the contender he was pushing for.

Congress also faces discontent in Haryana over ticket distribution ahead as the former chiefs of the party's units in the state on Thursday resigned from the election committees and deciding to stay away from the campaign respectively.

Nirupam, who joined the Congress after he quit the Shiv Sena in 2005, has also threatened to quit the party. He was removed as the chief of the Congress in Mumbai earlier this year and replaced by rival Milind Deora.

KCR meets PM, gives him wishlist with 22 demands for Telangana

PNS ■ HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Friday submitted a 22-point charter of demands to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and sought their early resolution.

The meeting between Modi and KCR lasted for about 50 minutes.

KCR is learnt to have discussed the proposed Godavari-Krishna linkage by the Telangana and AP Governments and sought Centre's financial assistance for the project.

In a memorandum submitted to PM, the CM brought to his notice about the severe delay in implementing the bifurcation-related promises made to Telangana in the AP Reorganisation Act and in the release of funds.

The issues raised by KCR include: Release of ₹450 crore, which is the fifth instalment of financial assistance for backward districts in Telangana as per State Reorganisation Act, 2014.

Revival of Cement Corporation of India in Adilabad district with the help of NHAI (National Highways Authority of India).



Enhancement of number of Judges in Telangana High Court from 24 to 42.

Establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Telangana.

Sanction of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER). Sanction of 23 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNV) in new districts Pending railway projects in Telangana State: Requirement of funds for completion and expediting the work

Financial assistance to Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagiratha as recommended by NITI Aayog (₹5,000 crore and ₹19,205 crore respectively) Setting up of Steel Plant at Bayyaram in Khammam district as promised in State Reorganisation Act.

Release of funds for National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Zaheerabad, Medak District

Setting up of National Institute of Design (NID) at Hyderabad. Its location was shifted to Vishakhapatnam after bifurcation.

Sub-categorisation of SCs in Telangana as per the resolution adopted by the TS Legislative Assembly.

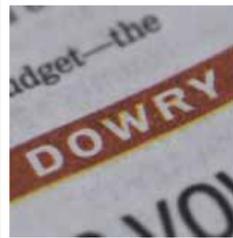
Sanction of IIT under PPP model at Karimnagar. Enhancement of reservations for BCs in employment and education (BC 37 per cent, SC 15 per cent, ST 10 per cent) 33 per cent Reservation for OBCs and women in Parliament and State Legislatures as per the resolution adopted by TS Legislative Assembly.

Development of Hyderabad - Nagpur & Warangal - Hyderabad Industrial Corridors

PMGSY (Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana) allotment of funds for upgrading 4,000 km for better connectivity in backward regions

Road works in Left wing extremist affected areas. Centre should bear full cost instead of 60:40 ratio between Centre and State.

Woman burnt alive over dowry in Muzaffarnagar



Muzaffarnagar: A woman was allegedly burnt to death over dowry in Saidham Colony in the city, police said on Friday.

The incident happened on Thursday evening in Civil Lines police station area here.

The victim Sugna was rushed to a hospital where she was declared brought dead, Station House Officer Samepal Atri said

A case has been registered against four people including her husband Arun Kumar who was absconding, the SHO said.

According to a complaint lodged by the victim's family, the woman was burnt to death by her in-laws who were harassing her over dowry since her marriage to Kumar one-and-half-years ago. **PTI**

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A1	4/GM(R)/SM (WC-3)/2019-20	M/o Road (Beautification of Vilupt Koodhaghar at various Sector Work Circle-3), Noida	Rs. 34.39 Lacs
2	5/GM(R)/SM (WC-3)/2019-20	M/o Building (C/o Urinal Block 10 Nos. in area of Work Circle-3), Noida.	Rs. 46.50 Lacs

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name: Unknown S/O Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 55 years, Height: 5' 6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Blue colour T-shirt and black lower. who was found Under flyover, Near Karampura Bus Stand, Moti Nagar, Delhi** In this regard a case **DD No. 19-A dated 13.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi.**

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Duly filled up application form alongwith 10% of the total cost of the site as earnest money in the form of bank draft in favour of "Ansal Properties And Infrastructure Ltd" payable At New Delhi. If any applicant wants to apply for more than one site a separate application form for each site alongwith the earnest money is required to be deposited with each application. However, only one site shall be allotted, if such applicant is selected for required to be deposited with application (s) shall be forwarded by Ansal API to the respective office of Deputy Commissioner of that city with a request to scrutinize, select and announce the successful applicant as per their laid down procedure for allotment of religious sites. It shall be noted that no interest shall be payable on the earnest money for the period for which it remains with us. The earnest money of unsuccessful applicants shall be returned within 3 months of the announcement of successful applicant failing which 9% simple interest shall be paid.

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2.	Sushant City Sector 36, Kurukshetra	A	1052.17	Rs. 75,50,371/- (@7176 Per Sq. Mtr)	Rs. 7,55,037/-

The filled up application form can be submitted Ansal Sales office, AG-24B, Ansal Highway Plaza, NH-1, Kundli, sonapat, 131029. during office hours on any working day. The last day or submission of application form is 15.10.2019.

Note:- As per the policy of the Haryana Government, all Details & documents submitted by applicants shall be forwarded to concerned DC office and decision of allotment including rate of allotment shall be as per concerned DC / Competent Authority.

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1.	Replacement of 27 inch dia water line incoming of Okhla Phase-II UGR at Tughlakabad Constituency under EE(South)IV AC-52	34,00,663/-	2019 DUB 181219_1 30.09.2019	21.10.2019 upto 3.00 P.M.

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S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost/ Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/Time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacing old & damaged sewer line at gal no. 30, gal no 4 TA (Khana Khazana) and gal no. 1 Tughlakabad Extn. under EE(South)III (AC-49).	3280897/- 65700/-	2019 DUB 181480_1 04.10.2019	21.10.2019 upto 3.00 PM

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PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Deputy Director(Hort), DUSIB, invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for following works :-
Last Time and date of submission of bid 19.10.2019 (upto 15:00 hrs.) The bid form and other details can be obtained from the web site (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

NAME OF WORK/NIT No./ Tender Id	ESTIMATED COST (Rs)	EARNEST MONEY	TENDER COST	TIME
Name of work:-C/O Shishu Vatika Sub-Head:-Providing and watering of plants through water tanker of Horticulture features i.e tree,shrubs, hedge/edge, ground cover etc.at the site of work from Delhi Jal Board treatment plants situated at Various location of Delhi for maintenance of Horticulture work in SW/Park 27 Nos for one year	35,51,638/-	71,050/-	500/-	365 days

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(M-II) KPZ
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NIT No. EE(M-II) KPZ/TC/2019-20/43 **DATED: 30.09.19**

Date of start for sale of Tender Document : 30.09.19 upto 18:01 PM
Last date of download of Tender Document : 21.10.19 upto 12:00 PM
Last date of Bid Submission : 21.10.19 upto 12:15 PM
Opening of Financial Bid : 21.10.19 at 12:30 PM

S. No.	Name of work	Head of A/c	Tender Amount	Estt. Amount	Earnest Money	Time of Compl.
1.	Imp./Dev. of road by pdg. RMC from H.No. 109 to 92 in Sandesh Vihar in Ward No. 68, Kohat Enclave. F.T.C. Code: 14/66/XL/VIII-S(d) XL-VIII-S(d) ₹27,174 ₹29,48,900 ₹54550/-					3 Months
2.	Imp./Dev. of road by pdg. RMC from H.No. 201 to 74 in Sandesh Vihar in Ward No. 68, Kohat Enclave. F.T.C. Code: 14/66/XL/VIII-S(d) XL-VIII-S(d) ₹32,67,893 ₹35,33,600 ₹65400/-					3 Months
3.	Imp./Dev. of road by pdg. RMC from H.No. 154 to 380 in Lok Vihar B-Block in Ward No. 68N, Kohat Enclave. F.T.C. Code: 14/66/XL/VIII-S(d) XL-VIII-S(d) ₹46,13,665 ₹49,88,700 ₹92300/-					3 Months
4.	Imp./Dev. of road by pdg. RMC from H.No. 122 to 74 in Sandesh Vihar in Ward No. 68, Kohat Enclave. F.T.C. Code: 14/66/XL/VIII-S(d) XL-VIII-S(d) ₹32,67,893 ₹35,33,600 ₹65400/-					3 Months

Note 1 : From S. No. 1 to 4 for above mentioned each work Cost of Tender is : ₹500/- and Validity of rates hold good for : 6 Months.

Note2 : This tender are also available on the website <http://mcdetenders.com> for bidding by approved and eligible contractor of MCD.

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R.O. No. 114/DPI/North/2019-20 **Executive Engineer (M-II) KPZ**

PAPER WITH PASSION
Pilgrim Manmohan

Capt Amarinder Singh has pre-empted Pak's invitation by including the ex-PM in the all-party jatha to Kartarpur shrine



The Congress, against the backdrop of Indo-Pakistan tension, has had to battle a perception war whenever it has tried to play the responsible Opposition and critique Government policy. For Pakistan has mischievously played up comments made by party leaders in the domestic context to justify its stand on internationalising Kashmir, making them look like its ally than nationalist. This time, too, the Congress was stumped by the Pakistan regime's surprise move to invite its senior leader and former Prime Minister Manmohan

Singh for the inauguration of the Kartarpur corridor, considering his stature as a Sikh notable. This caused embarrassment in Congress circles because an official invite for the corridor, that will connect Darbar Sahib, set up in 1522 by Sikh faith founder Guru Nanak Dev to Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Gurdaspur district on our side, was clearly meant to ignore protocol and bypass Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Had it been well-intentioned, there could have been a joint inaugural from either side or at least an official communication sent. But it was maleficent, aimed at embarrassing an Opposition party, which would look weak-kneed and a pawn in Pakistan's designs to a home audience and rile up the ruling BJP at once. Islamabad's hypocrisy is stark considering it had not responded to Singh's offer of visa-free access to the shrine in 2004 when he was the Prime Minister. The matter though was deftly handled by Punjab Chief Minister and Congress veteran Amarinder Singh. To blunt both Pakistan and any liberal query as to why Singh would not qualify as a Sikh notable worthy of visiting the hallowed shrine, the Punjabi strongman has now proposed that he be part of an official State Government jatha or delegation that would visit the shrine. He also clarified that the jatha would stay clear of the Pakistan-organised ceremony as it was in the nature of a pilgrimage. He has even invited Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind for celebrations on the Indian side. Clearly, now that its level-playing field has been upturned in Jammu & Kashmir, and with both the West and the Islamic world supporting India's position on its changed status, Pakistan doesn't want to isolate the Sikhs or lose the trumpcard of Khalistan. Particularly, after its Prime Minister Imran Khan's "cry wolf" threats of a nuclear war have dented the nation's credibility at international fora. So the Pakistan Army, without whom Khan would not have been in the chair, has decided to up the pro-Khalistan extremist agenda and foment trouble in Punjab. While announcing the Kartarpur project initially, Pakistan had appointed several Khalistani separatists on the committee, much to India's discomfort. Its former Army chief Gen Mirza Aslam Beg openly advised the military and the Government to use the Kartarpur corridor for Khalistan terror and "create trouble for India." Recently, the Pakistan Army even got pro-Khalistani supporters to challenge the reorganisation of Kashmir. No matter how hard India may try to make Kartarpur a matter of people-to-people concern, the fact is that Pakistan's initiative on the Kartarpur corridor will never be free of politics. Pakistan seized the first mover's advantage in the propaganda warfare by declaring its intention to operationalise it soon after Capt Amarinder blamed Pakistan and the ISI for the grenade attack on a Nirankari gathering near Amritsar. With that announcement, it got its own minority Sikhs on board, a favourable opinion from the extended community around the world, revived the hardline Khalistan sentiment and eventually tried to foment disturbance in Punjab. India had no choice but to get into the act immediately before it could assess if it was another attempt by Pakistan to woo the Sikh community. India has to be alert that the base camp on the Pakistan side doesn't become a hotbed for Khalistani propaganda and meetings in the name of allowing faith congregations. Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Bajwa stood in Kartarpur, shaking hands with known Khalistani face Gopal Singh Chawla, much to India's discomfiture. Pakistan is trying to project itself as a champion of minority rights and their religious freedoms and India cannot afford to let its guard down or allow a new proxy war to brew.

Turtle poaching

As the species is culled to cater to the food and medicine market, there is a glaring gap in enforcement of wildlife laws



If there was any doubt about man being the worst predatory species that is depleting animal life as we know it, digest this. At least, 200 freshwater turtles and tortoises per week have been poached in India to cater to the illegal gourmet food, live pet and medicine market since 2009, taking the number to a whopping 1,11,310 till September 2019. It is known that India is a major hotspot in illegal wildlife trade because even though it is only 2.4 per cent of the world's land area, it contributes about eight per cent of known global wildlife. While the main consumer markets are China, South East Asia, the Gulf states, Europe and Northern America, what is alarming is that the domestic demand for exotic meat and pets is also growing. The size of seizures of Indian species within the country is indicative of a well-organised network of collectors, transporters and traffickers operating this trade. Another fact sheet showed how the Indian star tortoise, marked as a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, accounted for 49 per cent of the total reptiles seized and were high in demand by gourmets and mendicants. Most turtles and tortoise species of India are protected under various Schedules of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, under which hunting, trade or any other form of utilisation of the species or their body parts and derivatives is banned. All turtle and tortoise species from India are also listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulating their international trade.

But it's not just these reptiles that are bearing the brunt of the flourishing illegal wildlife trade, some of the species and products incessantly poached and smuggled out of the country are tiger and leopard skins, their bones and other body parts, rhino horns, ivory, sea horses, snake venom, musk pods and rare birds. Despite laws, lack of awareness, anonymous e-commerce, greed and low-risk, high-reward opportunities fuel wildlife crime in the country. Also, in India like in many other countries, the problem is not of the laws but poor communication, implementation and enforcement. Arrests have hardly worked as a deterrent. So making laws is not enough, we need synergy between all law enforcement agencies. In addition to this, providing grant through National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for patrolling in the tiger-rich sensitive forest, combing forest floors in order to keep a check on the snares for the animals by poachers, improved surveillance using thermal cameras are some of the measures needed on a larger scale.

Harness the power of sun

To achieve the target of installing 100 GW of solar energy by 2022, a more comprehensive manufacturing strategy is needed. We cannot remain dependent on imports



KK PAUL

Recently, while addressing the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in the US, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "We believe that an ounce of action is worth more than a tonne of preaching" and announced that India had ambitious plans to harness solar energy. A target of installing 175 gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy by 2022 has been set, which may further increase to 450 GW by 2030. The Government had an initial target of 20 GW of solar capacity by 2022, which was achieved four years ahead of schedule. Encouraged by this performance, the target was revised in 2015 to 100 GW, which has now been further raised, as the Prime Minister informed in his address.

To meet this goal, a series of solar power projects such as the Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects, Canal Solar Power Project and the installation of 1,00,000 solar pumps for farmers are at different stages of implementation. Solarisation of nearly 50,000 petrol stations across the country is also being promoted. Over 3,000 fuel stations are already solar-powered. Considering that India is the fourth-largest emitter of carbon dioxide in the world, solar energy appears to be a very convenient alternative.

India is lucky that sunlight is available in abundance but the challenge lies in the procurement of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) cells, which is one of the major constraining factors in our efforts to realise the full potential. According to a report submitted by the parliamentary standing committee, in order to achieve the target of 100 GW of solar electricity capacity by 2022, India should have had an installed capacity of 32,000 megawatt (MW) by 2017-18. But as of January 31, 2018, the country only had a capacity of 18,455 MW. As per the standing committee, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has to install the remaining 81,545 MW in just four years — this is over 20,000 MW a year and appears difficult to achieve.

A serious lacuna in the entire exercise is our poor record in indigenous manufacturing of solar panels. Today China is the only country that caters to most of the global PV cell demands. It produces the cheapest solar panels. It is difficult for any country to match such low prices. This has led to a situation where China has a virtual monopoly and this may not be desirable in the long run. Our own imports, mostly from China, accounted for 90 per cent of 2017 sales, up from 86 per cent in 2014. Thus, it is paradoxical that both our sources of energy and oil as well as solar are currently heavily dependent on imports.

The world's annual solar capacity reached close to 500 GW last year, which may go up to 3,000/5,000 GW by 2030, a



ten-fold increase. In the next 30 years, this demand is likely to increase by hundred times and the major beneficiary will be China.

Strategically, it will not be logical for India to continue nourishing the Chinese monopoly as it would introduce serious imbalances in the global situation. This calls for the need to prioritise the expansion and investment in the manufacture of PV cell industry. In the near future, hydrocarbon resources are going to be scarce and, hence, the emphasis on electric vehicles (EVs). They can be charged directly using PV cells. This will not only bring down the carbon dioxide emission levels but also reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

To actualise such a situation, we must start investing in lithium ion batteries. Here, too, the Chinese have an upper hand and, hence, the need to look for alternatives. Lithium ion batteries being compatible with PV cells, once they lose their efficiency in cars, can be reused for domestic solar battery applications.

In the years to come, demand for solar panels is bound to see a dramatic rise. Land availability for the estab-

A SERIOUS LACUNA IS OUR POOR RECORD IN INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING OF SOLAR PANELS. TODAY CHINA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT CATERES TO MOST OF THE GLOBAL PV CELL DEMANDS. IT PRODUCES THE CHEAPEST SOLAR PANELS. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ANY COUNTRY TO MATCH SUCH LOW PRICES

lishment of solar plants in a densely populated country like India can become a major issue. It has been estimated that the setting up of a 1 MW power solar plant requires two to three hectares of land. In case the solar panels are thin-film based, requirement of land can go up to four to five hectares. As for the first case, wastelands or land that is not available for cultivation can be used for the setting up of solar parks.

In order to improve efficiency of solar panels in these parks, directional limitations in the existing design have suitably been addressed by devising a tracking system. A solar tracker is a device that is used to orient the panel towards the sun. For flat panel PV systems, a solar tracker ensures that the sun's rays fall at the correct angle of incidence. A solar tracker fitted PV panel can show considerable improvement in its efficiency.

A dual axis tracker rotates on two axis and follows the sun vertically as well as horizontally so that the panel gets the best incidence of sun rays, thus increasing its efficiency by about 20 per cent. Nevertheless, in areas where land is available like Rajasthan,

dust is a major problem, which over a period of time, tends to erode the efficiency of the solar panels.

But all is not lost as we may not have to put all our eggs in the Chinese basket. For direct generation of electricity, the solar thermal route can also be explored. An array of parabolic mirrors helps put the focus of the sunlight at the right place to produce sufficient heat, which raises steam and can be used to run a turbine, thus generate power.

Currently, this technology is being used in the US (California), Israel, Spain and Germany. In India, two plants are already operational in Rajasthan and six others are under construction, all in the private sector. The model experimental plant to harness solar energy through the thermal route was inaugurated just outside Delhi in January this year and is running up to 50 per cent efficiency. The development of indigenous solar manufacturing facilities is important to harness solar energy. This needs attention and on priority.

(The writer is a former Governor of Uttarakhand and a Senior Advisor at the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation)

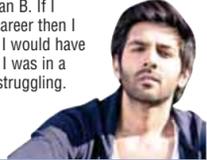
SOUNDBITE

Hindi is a little child in diapers. Compared to Tamil, Sanskrit and Telugu, Hindi is still a young language. It is not with derision that I say this.



MNM leader —Kamal Haasan

I didn't have a Plan B. If I didn't have this career then I don't know what I would have done. Back then, I was in a mess and I was struggling.



Actor —Kartik Aaryan

India is an exception as we are more nationalistic but at the same time, we don't see a tension between being nationalistic and being international.



External Affairs Minister —S Jaishankar

Everybody knows what is going on in the country. In fact, the whole world knows it. We are moving into an authoritarian state. It's clear.



Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No lessons learnt

Sir — Recently, a young software engineer was killed in Chennai after an illegal hoarding fell on her, following which she was hit by a water tanker. The Madras High Court had pulled up the State Government, asking it to take appropriate action against police and corporation officials who were responsible for the incident.

"How many litres of blood do you want to paint the road with," raged the court. Following this, various political parties in Tamil Nadu vowed not to erect hoardings. However, warnings were issued, only to be forgotten soon. It was disgusting to note that under pressure, the same court has allowed the Tamil Nadu and Central Governments to erect banners to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping for their informal meet in Chennai next week. The State Government has claimed that it was customary for the Ministry of External Affairs to welcome a visiting dignitary by way of banners. The Modi Government has

Miles to go before we achieve ODF status

This refers to the editorial, "The ODF challenge" (September 4). In a welcome move, the Government chose October 2, 2019, which also marked the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, to celebrate five years of its flagship programme, the Swachh Bharat Mission. As a proud citizen, I appreciate the efforts put in by the Government to make India open defecation free (ODF). On this front, one must agree, great strides have been made towards ensuring the construction of a record number of toilets. Around 100 million toilets have been built in about 0.6 million villages and another 6.3 million in its cities in the past five years. Success, however, depends not on the number of sanitation facilities but on the availability of water, as well as bringing about definite behavioural change. Toilets have been built but people still prefer to defecate in the open. This shows the lack of awareness among the people about the importance of having a clean and healthy environment. That disparity and unavailability are still prevalent show that the Government has a long way to go to achieve the "ODF" status.



Connected with this is also the issue of manual scavenging. Many of the toilets built under the Government's

programme are not of the twin-pit design, the fecal matter has to be evacuated manually. It is unfortunate that despite a rise in the number of human deaths in the course of cleaning drains and septic tanks, the Government has failed to find a solution to end this practice. A sustainable future involves not just the construction of toilets but a lot depends on ensuring a decent living for the people. Jagriti Bhagat Via email

Act before it's too late

Sir — With the onset of the autumn season, hundreds of farm fires instances have been recorded in Punjab and Haryana. Every year during this time, Delhi is faced with the difficult task of

maintaining its air quality due to crop burning from neighbouring States. Although the Delhi Government has shown that it is alert regarding the situation, a permanent solution is yet to come. The States of Haryana and Punjab have been doing their bit to help the farmers shun the

practice of stubble burning. They have been provided with many alternatives and are being offered subsidies, too. But farmers remain reluctant and have now demanded a bonus of ₹200 per quintal on paddy or compensation of ₹6,000 per acre to make the switch. Perhaps, the Delhi Government can help by pitching in some funds. Kristy Via email

Spread awareness

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "The ODF challenge" (September 4). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration that rural India is open defecation free (ODF) is a tall claim. The fact of the matter is that despite the construction of thousands of washrooms, many villagers prefer to do their business in the open. The rural populace must be enlightened about the importance of hygiene and cleanliness so that they know about the perils of defecating in the open. Kusum Via email

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FIRST COLUMN

Take a page out of UAE's book

Modi should emulate the Gulf nation to attract foreign investment and bring the country out of the economic crisis it is in



ANIRBAN SARKAR

Indian stock markets are worrying investors, the auto sector is going through a bumpy ride, the aviation industry has already witnessed an emergency landing with the collapse of Jet Airways, and in between the land and sky, the rupee is sinking in the foreign exchange markets. All these indicate that the health of the country's economy is not very sound, if not critical. Right now, the dream of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 seems quite distant and with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at five per cent, there is a dire need to get closer to all trade allies, including America, the United Kingdom (UK), Germany and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), if it is to be achieved.

Recently, during his trip to the UAE, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "India has found a valuable partner in the UAE to achieve its ambitious dream of becoming a \$5 trillion economy." He went on to add that, "There has been an increasing interest in investments in India in sectors ranging from renewable energy, food, ports, airports, defence manufacturing and other industries."

Close on the heels of Modi's visit to the UAE, the most recent development which came into focus was National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval's trip to the Gulf nation and his meeting with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Both these diplomatic initiatives are considered quite meaningful for reinforcing trade ties between the two countries, especially oil deals, as the UAE accounts for eight per cent of India's oil imports and is the fifth-largest supplier of crude oil to the country. The NSA also met Tahnoun bin Mohammed Al Nahyan, chairman of the UAE's state-owned oil company, the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). His initiative is expected to foster the joint investment initiative of Saudi Arabia's Aramco and ADNOC as they are planning to invest \$44 billion in a refinery in India's west coast.

After China and the US, the UAE is the third-largest trade partner of India and the trade between the two countries registered a 20 per cent growth in the fiscal year 2018-19. Consequently, Indian exports grew by seven per cent whereas the UAE's exports increased by 37 per cent. Now, the two countries are keen to exceed the \$100 billion-mark in bilateral trade by 2020.

Also, as the UAE accommodates around 3.3 million Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), it is the highest contributor to India's remittance inflow.

The UAE is known for maintaining good relations with its trade allies. Be it the US, the UK, Japan, Germany, China or France, the Gulf state has cordial business relations with all the leading economies of the world. Consequently, due to its friendly trade policies and good infrastructure, the UAE acquired 17th position in the Global Competitiveness Index (GCI). Its smart strategies of enticing foreign investors and retaining them by providing quality infrastructure enables it to perform better even in a difficult scenario.

The demands of foreign businesses and investors are advanced infrastructure, business-friendly policies, 100 per cent foreign ownership, zero or minimal taxation and political stability. The UAE has all these advantages and that's why it attracts investors. Also, its policy reforms like unification of local financial markets, new laws to facilitate mergers and acquisitions, the establishment of the public debt management office and creation of a more efficient labour market have played a vital role in strengthening the country's economy.

India provides ample business opportunities due to the large domestic market, availability of natural and human resources, improved transportation and logistics, plus easy and affordable access to the internet. Besides, it is emerging as a hub for start-ups and the job market is full of competitive talent. In the last few years, the Government has launched some commendable programmes such as 'Make in India' and 'Start-up India' to boost economic growth but they failed to bring the desired results, primarily due to lack of funds. Unfortunately, these initiatives couldn't impress international investors, and many promising ventures were shut down due to the non-availability of working capital. Indeed, attention was not paid by policymakers on factors responsible for assuring foreign investment.

Thereby, to provide the required stimuli to the Indian economy, Modi should emulate the UAE to attract foreign investment and bring the country out of the economic slowdown. Foreign investment is the most pressing need today and all possible steps should be taken to invite it. India has close business allies such as the US, UK, Japan, Israel and Russia and they have enough investment potential. New Delhi needs to convince them that the country is full of highly rewarding opportunities.

(The writer is president, Indo-Arab Chambers of Commerce and Industries)

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

DESPITE THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNSC, KASHMIR IS STILL BESIEGED AND EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE ARE STILL STUCK IN KASHMIR.

—TURKEY PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN



WE URGE TURKEY TO GET PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND BEFORE IT MAKES ANY FURTHER STATEMENTS.

—MEA SPOKESPERSON RAVEESH KUMAR

Toothless tigers

Independent directors should be able to question the promoter group and serve the interest of minority shareholders in boardrooms. For this to happen, the SEBI has to empower them



HIMA BINDU KOTA

A strong independent director is an asset to an organisation if he/she has the ability to objectively analyse affairs to bring about a convergence in the views of different shareholder groups and works towards protecting the interests of minority stockholders and the company as a whole. Such a person increases the transparency and accountability of the board and can pave the way to making it strong.

After the ₹7,000 crore 2009 Satyam financial fraud, several committees were set up and their recommendations paved the way for India's new Companies Act, 2013, which clearly established the responsibility and accountability of independent directors and auditors. Over the years, there has been a sea change in their duties and obligations, with an increased expectation to play an active and vigilant role in the decisions that are being taken by the company at the board level.

In order to make the corporate governance structure stronger, the Government has tightened the norms and taken the relatives of independent directors under its ambit and amended the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014. It has ordained that no relative of an independent director should be in any way "indebted" to the company, its holding, subsidiary or associate company, promoters or directors. Additionally, relatives cannot give guarantee or provide any security in case of indebtedness of any third person to the company or its promoters and subsidiaries. The new rules would govern all transactions involving an amount starting from ₹50 lakh in the preceding two financial years or even the current year.

Now the question arises, whether independent directors are caught in a catch-22 situation with stringent regulations on one side but do not have enough power to govern company operations as they are not involved in day-to-day functioning?

It is common knowledge that many boards are more of a "friends club" with directors rarely raising any contentious issues. According to the theory of critical mass, any person, being in minority in a group, would not be able to exert his/her point of view and generally tends to go with the decisions of the majority. So, any independent director with a divergent view may not be comfortable in expressing his/her views and may choose to follow the crowd. This may have been quite prevalent, considering the fact that many corporate governance mismanagements, like the liquidity crisis among the NBFCs due to the unexpected default by IL&FS, have come to light recently and the independent directors were also caught unawares.

Now, a majority of independent directors are finding it difficult to discharge the stringent statutory duties that have been thrust on them by the changes made to the Companies Act. Consequently, the number of resignations this year went up by 30 per cent and many eligible and experienced members of business and bureaucracy refused to accept positions as independent directors. Although almost all have cited personal reasons for quitting, it's clear that they are resigning because of some inkling of corporate mismanagement. However, Anil Khandelwal, former Chairman and Managing Director of Dena Bank and Bank of Baroda and also independent direc-

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tor of JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company, boldly proclaimed the lack of transparent governance in the company to be the cause for his leaving.

Some departures are appropriate if the board failed in its basic fiduciary duties, especially where the independent directors fail to exercise their liberty. However, on the downside, honest people may be forced to abandon boards, undermining a system that was meant to bring balance to the boardroom.

One cannot expect independent directors to function at their best with possible information asymmetries, which stems from the fact that the structure of Indian companies is quite different from that of firms in the West. In the US, the ownership is diverse and not concentrated in a few hands and the role of independent directors is to protect the interests of shareholders. For instance, 61.1 per cent of Dow Jones-listed technology major Apple, is owned by various institutional investors, 27.89 per cent by mutual funds and 1.06 per cent by individual stakeholders like Arthur Levinson, Chairman and CEO Tim Cook and so on and 9.95 per cent by other investors. Compare this with Indian technology giant Wipro, 74 per cent of whose ownership is with the promoter/promoter group, 16 per cent with institutional investors and a mere 5.66 per cent with the general public or retail investors. This shows that ownership and management are not separate in India, mostly dominated by families and maintaining freedom of independent directors is questionable, peculiar and challenging.

This brings us to the major difficulty that is being faced by independent directors — the selection process. Will the monitoring role not be hampered, given that the majority shareholders have a strong influence on selection and sus-

tenance of independent directors? In an attempt to enhance their eligibility criteria and role, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has accepted the recommendations of the Kotak Committee that an independent director must provide an undertaking of his/her liberty and this declaration must be taken on record by the board of directors of the listed company after duly assessing its veracity. In addition, there must be no "board inter-locks", which means that if A, being a non-independent director of a listed company X, is an independent director of company Y, then any non-independent director of company Y cannot be an independent director of the listed company X.

The second problem faced by them in exercising wisdom is inadequate knowledge about the organisation, as ownership and access to information remain in the hands of the controlling stockholders. This is the case in most companies and independent directors just have a ceremonial presence. They are generally luminaries in their fields and their reputation can get tarnished because of the wrongdoings of firms. For instance, the Satyam episode defamed six famous corporate and academic personalities.

Their plight is apparent from the fact that after the confession by Satyam founder B Ramalinga Raju on January 7, 2009, some 115 independent directors of more than 100 listed companies quit within a month.

As per sub-section four of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013, at least 50 per cent of the board should have non-executive directors. If the chairman is a non-executive director, then at least one-third of the board should comprise independent directors. If the chairman is an executive director, then independent directors should make up at least

half of the board. If an independent director resigns or is removed from the board, he/she has to be replaced by a new one within 180 days. With these changes, it is expected that India Inc. would need an additional 5,000 of them by 2019-end, which is quite challenging in itself. According to the Kotak Committee, there must be at least one independent woman director on the board of the top 1,000 listed companies by April 1, 2020. With the slew of recent resignations, there is a definite gap here. Although databanks are available from where independent directors can be selected, this experience has not been encouraging as companies prefer having a known than an unknown face on their boards.

Concrete steps need to be taken to improve the functioning of independent directors. First, apart from the controlling shareholders having a say in their appointment and removal, minority shareholders should also participate in the process for the sake of transparency. Second, SEBI should also create an ombudsman where independent directors can report any malpractices. If they have to honestly monitor performance, advise the Chief Executive Officer and protect the interests of minority shareholders, they must unite and become a robust team capable of extracting information for better decision-making.

Finally, they should not be held liable for any mismanagement by firms unless they have power and knowledge to prevent the same. Independent directors should have the power to question the promoter group and dispassionately serve the interest of minority shareholders in boardrooms. For this, SEBI has to create structures to ensure that they are more than mute and passive participants in board meetings.

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Igniting the Indo-American dream

The success of Howdy Modi is a reaffirmation of India's global impact and its growing soft power in the world



ABHISHEK PRATAP SINGH

"The USA loves India", tweeted American President Donald Trump as he enthusiastically shared the Indian Prime Minister's Offices' message thanking and applauding the energetic presence of the huge Indian diaspora at Houston, to mark the successful celebration of the Howdy Modi event. The strength and show of personal chemistry between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trump at Houston does mark a watershed moment in Indo-US relations. As Modi called for a standing ovation for Trump from the 50,000-strong Indian-

American community, he also thanked the American people for their "exceptional welcome and hospitality" during his visit to the US.

Beginning from the meeting between former US President Obama and Modi in 2014, to the first-ever trilateral engagement between India, Japan and America in 2018, the leadership of both the countries has reaffirmed the importance of strong Indo-US ties. There is a greater set of convergence between both the nations, ranging from a "free and open" Indo-Pacific region to the fight against global terrorism. Over the years, the relationship between these two mature democracies has evolved significantly, which is not subject to any kind of "transactional framework" and rather is witnessing a more robust "strategic alignment".

India has sought to transform itself from being a "balancing power" to a more "will-ing state" in redefining its pri-

orities in the international system. The same is reflected in India's active public diplomacy in the last few years, seeking increased global footprints with an emphasis on the nation's soft power attributes and civilisational strengths. This includes emphasis on yoga, spiritualism, peace and harmony. It also involves capitalising on the strength of the Indian diaspora. The Indian-American community has been one of most successful in driving the advanced technological revolution in the US.

Modi's charismatic and popular leadership appeal and its hyper-energetic diplomacy have backed this process in recent years across the globe. The Howdy Modi event was an expression of the same desire and objective. The soft power credential of India is now backed by hard power choices in terms of strategic alignment and tactical diplomacy in foreign policy-making under his leadership.



In the last few years, the Indian Government has sought to build on developing new linkages in Indo-US relationship. The Declaration of Friendship to elevate strategic dialogue to a strategic and commercial dialogue in January 2015, the Joint Declaration against Combatting Terrorism in September 2015, developing

International Solar Alliance in 2016 and the initiation of the 2+2 Dialogue between India and the US are some key developments which define the nature of bilateral relations in recent years. Indo-US defence ties have also seen an increased level of engagement. In 2016, the two governments signed the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement

(LEMOA) and in 2018, the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA). It enabled India access to US technology and utilisation of its existing platforms. Today, India is a major defence partner of the US, and there has been a significant amount of increase in military hardware imports to the country. Moreover, after a gap of nearly eight years, the Cope India exercise between Indian and American air forces was organised.

Nonetheless, bilateral relations still face limitations on the trade front as market access has been a key issue of contention. However, Modi pitched for US investment support as India looks to build a \$5 trillion economy. While Modi reassured Trump that he was learning from the President the "art of the deal", it remains to be seen how both the leaders surmount difficulties in bilateral trade negotiations.

On the global level, these

developments do pave the way for a greater understanding and better institutional cooperation. More importantly, the developments in the Indo-Pacific have come with their own set of challenges that underline the necessity of cooperation. The meeting of foreign ministers from India, the US, Japan and Australia expressed their commitment to strengthen "rules-based order" in the Indo-Pacific.

At his speech at the United Nations General Assembly, Modi highlighted the importance of global action to fight against terrorism; climate change and healthcare challenges. The visit in his own words has been an "extremely productive one", as he engaged with a wide and different set of people from industry to diplomacy; civil society; business communities and political leaders. To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Modi invoked his vision for peace and prosperi-

ty for all at the inauguration of the Gandhi Solar Park. In his meeting with leaders from Pacific island nations, he underlined India's commitment to advance their development priorities.

The show of political warmth and trust between both the leaders shall lead to something more tangible in terms of trade negotiations and cooperation. This will allow them to set more long-term objectives for commercial and trade engagements.

As both India and the US seek to consolidate on gains from this comfort in relationship, it is necessary that both move beyond the framework of a "top-down approach" and seek to institutionalise this "strategic alignment" at different levels to make it a more cogent and structural partnership in the future.

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India Inc welcomes RBI move

'Rate cut will spur growth'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The reduction in key policy rate by the RBI is expected to revive investment and encourage consumption, thereby kick-starting the sluggish economy, India Inc said on Friday.

Industry's reaction came as the central bank slashed its benchmark lending rate by 0.25 percentage points to 5.15 per cent. The industry emphasised that it was now critical for banks to facilitate a faster transmission of rate cuts to ensure that the measures reap results.

CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said the cumulative 135 basis points rate cuts this year along with a slew of measures announced by the government to provide growth stimulus to a variety of sectors is expected to lift growth from its current stupor and unleash animal spirits.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

President D K Aggarwal said Friday's repo rate cut will help induce demand and refuel economic growth in coming quarters.

"This further reduction of repo rate will not only bring down the lending rates but also incentivise investment and boost consumption," said Surendra Hiranandani, CMD, House of Hiranandani.

The RBI's latest move to trim repo rate comes at a time when the economic growth has hit a six-year low of 5 per cent. This is the fifth straight rate cut by the central bank in as many policy reviews in 2019, and takes the total quantum of reductions to 1.35 per cent. Exporters body FIEO's President Sharad Saraf however, said the challenges in exports will continue and may aggravate with geo-political situation.

Muthoot Pappachan Group CMD Thomas John Muthoot said for the common

man to get the benefits of these cuts, it is important that banks ease the challenges for NBFCs to get funding from them, eventually pushing consumer sentiment.

"The rate cut is expected to complement other fiscal measures such as the corporate tax rate cut that was announced last month to propel GDP growth," said Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, India, South East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE.

RBI Bank economist Rajni Thakur said the central bank is reaching its lower bound of policy space and has tried to steer support expectations away from monetary side, adding that it does not see more than 15-40 basis points additional cuts in this cycle.

Given the concerns on growth and inflation remaining within the target levels, a majority of analysts were expecting the RBI to cut rates at the policy review meet.

Rate cut to boost housing demand in festive season; banks must pass on benefit to borrowers: Experts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank's decision to cut key policy rate by 25 basis points will boost consumer sentiment as well as housing sales during the ongoing festive season which is a crucial period for the realty sector, industry experts said on Friday.

With this cut, repo rate, at which it lends to the system, will now come down to 5.15 per cent. The central bank must now ensure effective transmission of rate cuts, announced on Friday as well as earlier, to home loan borrowers, they said.

"It is a significant and welcome move by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)... To boost the credit flow and spur the economic growth of the coun-

try," said Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (Credai) National Chairman, Jaxay Shah.

"We hope that the benefit of this reduction is passed on to the home buyers by the banks/financial institutions.

"This, coupled with the upcoming festive season and reduction in corporate tax, will further enhance the sentiment amongst them, thereby providing a fillip to the housing demand and achieving Hon'ble Prime Minister's goal of Housing for All by 2022," Shah added.

Echoing Shah's view, National Real Estate Development Council (Naredco) President Niranjan Hiranandani said the move will boost sales in festive

RBI rate cut, festive season to help induce vehicle demand: SIAM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Auto industry body SIAM on Friday welcomed the RBI's lending rate cut and said the availability of cheaper finance along with the onset of festive season will help generate better demand for vehicles.

The remarks came as the central bank slashed its benchmark lending rate by 0.25 percentage points to 5.15 per cent.

"The reduction of repo rate by 25 basis points is a welcome move indeed by RBI. We hope that the banks would fully pass on the repo rate cut benefit to consumers in the form of lower lending rates," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Rajan Wadhwa said in a statement.

The onset of festive season along with availability of cheaper finance should induce higher demand for vehicles, he added. The automotive sector has been going through a prolonged slowdown with sales plummeting to all-time low in almost two decades in August.

BUSINESS CORNER

SYNDICATE BANK CUSTOMER OUTREACH INITIATIVE

New Delhi: Syndicate Bank, one of the most trusted and technology savvy public sector banks, on Friday announced that it is hosting unique Customer Outreach Initiative in various States across India between October 3-5. The outreach programmes are being organised as a part of Department of Financial Services, Government of India's initiative of providing easy access to credit for customers at public sector banks. Syndicate Bank has been vested with the responsibility of hosting these programmes at 15 cities across India in first phase of the initiative. The 2-days programme is being organised in Uttar Pradesh from October 3 in Mathura, Moradabad & Greater Noida, from October 4 in Kosikalan and October 5 in Ghaziabad, Amroha & Hapur. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, MD & CEO, Syndicate Bank said, "For financial inclusion, it is imperative that our customers, existing and prospective, are completely aware of various innovative products at their disposal by various public sector financial institutions."

ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE CUTS ITS REPO

New Delhi: Following RBI announcement of policy repo rate cut of 25bps, Oriental Bank of Commerce has announced transmission of rate cut to its borrowers availing credit facilities linked to Repo Based Lending Rate (RBLR) wef October 5, 2019. Bank is offering retail and MSE loan products linked to RBLR.

SPMCIL PAYS DIVIDEND OF ₹218.48 CRORE TO GOVT

New Delhi: Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), a Schedule-'A' Miniratna Category-I CPSE, wholly owned by Government of India under the administrative control of DEA, Ministry of Finance has paid a Dividend of ₹218.48 crores to Government of India for F.Y. 2018-19 in compliance of DIPAM guidelines. The dividend cheque was presented on 04.10.2019 by Tripti P Ghosh, CMD, SPMCIL along with Ajay Agarwal, Director (Finance), SPMCIL to Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman in the august presence of Atanu Chakraborty, Secretary, DEA and Meera Swarup, Additional Secretary & amp; Financial Adviser, Ministry of Finance. SPMCIL has achieved the targets in the production of Bank Notes, Coins, Security Paper, Passports, Security Inks and other Security Products during the year 2018-19.



RAJNATH VISITS IISE 2019 AT PRAGATI MAIDAN

New Delhi: The Hon'ble Minister of Defence, Government of India, Shri Rajnath Singh attended an exclusive programme on 'Indian Defence' at India International Security Expo 2019 at Pragati Maidan.



NHPC SIGNS DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

New Delhi: NHPC Limited India's premier hydropower company has signed the Definitive Agreement for implementation of the Approved Resolution Plan submitted by NHPC for takeover and resolution of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Limited, which was implementing the 500 MW (125 MW x 4) Teesta VI HEP on Teesta river in Sikkim. Janardan Choudhary, Director (Technical), NHPC signed the agreement in the presence of Balraj Joshi, Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC and Aniruddha Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power at New Delhi on October 4 on behalf of NHPC with Huzefa Fakhri Stabhan, Resolution Professional, Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Limited and Secured Financial Creditors.

PMC BANK SCAM

Mumbai Police arrests former MD in ₹6,500 cr fraud case

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai police on Friday arrested Joy Thomas, the suspended Managing Director of scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra (PMC) Bank, in connection with the ₹6,500 crore bank fraud.

Thomas' arrest came a day after the arrest of two promoters of the Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited (HDIL) Sarang Kumar Wadhawan and Rakesh Wadhawan and freezing of property worth ₹3,500 crore that had been mortgaged to the bank.

Confirming the arrest of Thomas, Deputy Commissioner of Police and police spokesperson Pranay Ashok said, "Yes. We have arrested the official in connection with the PMC Bank case registered by the Economic Offences Wing of the Mumbai police."

Simultaneously, the EOW agency carried out searches at six places in Mumbai and neighbouring areas linked to the former chairman of the bank and promoters of HDIL.

Rakesh and Sarang, who are executive chairman and Managing Director respectively of the HDIL, have been

remanded by a city court in police custody till October 9.

In a "confession" made to the RBI through a letter, PMC Bank's suspended Managing Director Joy Thomas had earlier admitted to have given loans to HDIL and its related entity to the tune of ₹6,500 crore without informing all the board members.

Last Monday, the EOW had registered a case against the PMC Bank and the HDIL for causing alleged losses worth ₹4,335 crore to the bank.

On the heels of a finding during the investigations that the PMC Bank's exposure to the HDIL group was nearly 73 per cent of its total loan book size of ₹8,880 crore as of September 19, 2019, the police had on Thursdays taken Sarang and Rakesh into custody after they "failed" to give a "satisfactory" explanation to the questions posed by the EOW officials.

The EOW has identified 44 bank accounts relating to the accused associated with the HDIL. It has also found ₹100 crore worth shares in the demat accounts of one of the accused.

Among other things, it has come to light during the investigations that the PMC Bank created more than 21,000 fake accounts to hide the various loans.

Ministers hold meet on proposed mega free-trade pact RCEP

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top union ministers including Home Minister Amit Shah and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman held a crucial meeting on Friday to discuss the proposed mega free-trade agreement RCEP, which has entered the last phase of its negotiations, an official said.

External affairs minister S Jaishankar, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal and minister of state for commerce and industry Hardeep Singh Puri also attended the meeting.

Jio opposes regulatory intervention on call ring time; backs forbearance

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid an industry feud over a call ringing time, Reliance Jio has urged the telecom regulator to abstain from mandating a specific duration for calls to ring, and said the matter should be kept under forbearance as "there is no need for any regulatory intervention".

Jio said if at all the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) wants to take a view on the issue, it should be in form of a "reference guideline and not in form of a mandated value".

"In such case, the range of



20 seconds to 25 seconds may be prescribed as reference guideline," Jio informed Trai, which is in the process of finalising its views on the issue through a consultation paper.

Rival Bharti Airtel — which had charged Jio of arbitrarily shortening the ring time for outgoing calls from its network -- has argued that low

ringing time for calls directly impacts the customer experience, and asserted that standardising the value at both originating and terminating ends "is paramount at this stage".

Airtel has recommended that the terminating exchange timer should be fixed at 45 seconds and the origination exchange timer at 75 seconds.

In its submission, Vodafone Idea has argued that the minimum ringing timer should be retained at 30 seconds, which, the company claimed is in tune with global practices.

HDIL homebuyers send SoS to Modi

PTI ■ MUMBAI

A group of aggrieved homebuyers of the scam-hit realty developer HDIL have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to resolve their distress.

The Whispering Towers Flat Owners Welfare Association, representing over 450 home-buyers of the HDIL project in suburban Mulund, have in a letter dated September 1, to Modi said they are seeking his intervention as a last resort.

According to the letter, over 450 families have paid around ₹350 crore to the now

bankrupt HDIL but the project has been stuck since the past nine years.

"The project was launched in 2010 and bookings were accepted since then. But, in the past nine years, only 18 floors of the 46 storeyed-tower have been built, while work has not even started on the second phase," the association said.

Shyam Chittari, a member of the association, has posted the letter on his twitter account.

The letter claims HDIL had taken ₹175 crore from Allahabad Bank, J&K Bank and Syndicate Bank for the project.

RBI Gov: Nothing to panic about banking system; to review co-op banks regulations soon

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Allaying fears of any threat to the banking system, Reserve Bank governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday asked the public not to panic as the entire banking system, including cooperative ones, continue to remain sound and stable.

Das also said in the wake of the crisis at Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, the RBI is reviewing the existing regulatory framework for cooperative banks and will discuss the matter with the Government.

The statement assumes importance as PMC is the 24th

cooperative bank to be placed under RBI administrators in 2019 and there are many regulatory and administrative gaps in the system as the states have a big say in their matters.

Also, there is political interference in their functioning. Urban cooperative banks are registered as cooperative societies either with the State Cooperative Societies Act or the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 and are regulated and supervised by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies of the respective states or by the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

Textiles Minister to represent India at World Cotton Day celebrations in Geneva

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani will participate in the plenary session of the World Cotton Day celebrations in Geneva, which will shed light on the challenges faced by cotton economies.

The plenary session will be attended by heads of states, heads of international organisations and executives from the private sector.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) is hosting the event at the request of Cotton — 4 countries, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali, to celebrate their official application for recognition of October 7 as World Cotton Day by the United Nations.

"The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, is participating in the World Cotton Day being observed from October 7 to 11 in Geneva," an official statement said.

'Bullet-resistant jackets based on BIS standards safer, cheaper, lighter'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan on Friday said bullet-resistant jackets manufactured according to the national BIS standards are safer, lighter, 50 per cent cheaper and even being exported.

The formulation of the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) standard on bullet resistant jacket has placed India in the select league of nations like the US, UK and Germany who have their own national standard.

"BIS has formulated a national standard on bullet proof jacket which will promote Make in India. This jacket is of best quality in the world and is also lighter in weight which is convenient for our jawans. Prices of these jackets are 50 per cent lower and as a result more exports are taking place," Paswan told reporters.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Age : Approx. 70-75 years, Height : 5'6", wearing blue & white colour T-shirt, payjama and black colour thread around the neck, was found unconscious on 30.09.2019 in Distt. Park, Sec.-16, Rohini,

Delhi. He was admitted in Dr. BSA Hospital, Sec.-06, Rohini, Delhi. During the treatment he died. In this regard DD No. 14-A Dated 30.09.2019 has been registered at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-27571162, 27571171

DP/3338/RD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 168 Cms., Built: Normal, Face: Round, ID Mark: A Mole on left side of abdomen and right side of neck, was wearing White Green Shirt, White Baniyan and Black Pant, was found dead at Waiting Room, near Gate No. 4,

LNJP Hospital, Delhi. Who as declared brought dead at casualty, LNJP Hospital. In this regard a DD No. 72, dated 27.09.2019, has been lodged at P.S. I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. I.P. Estate, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-23370928, 23370999

DP/6626/CD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 40 years of age whose name, residence and family is unknown has been declared dead at BSA Hospital, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi on 22.09.19. In this regard a vide has been registered with FIR/DD No: 246/19 at P.S. Budh Vihar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: 40 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Dark blue, white & grey mix colour shirt and blue colour jeans.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Budh Vihar, New Delhi.



SHO
P.S. Budh Vihar, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-27052772, 27052773

DP/3339/RD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Nishar Ahmed S/o Abdul Wahid R/o C-137 Rama Park, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi. Also at L-30, Rama Park road, Mohan Garden Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No. 303/15 & FIR No. 308/15 U/s 454/511/380/411/34 IPC has been registered at P.S. Rajinder Nagar Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Nishar Ahmed S/o Abdul Wahid, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Nishar Ahmed S/o Abdul Wahid has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nishar Ahmed S/o Abdul Wahid, FIR No. 303/15 & FIR No. 308/15 U/s 454/511/380/411/34 IPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.11.2019.

By Order
Viplav Dabas,
MM-03 Central District,
Court matter Room No.150, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o : Unknown, Age : 45-50 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 3 Inch, Complexion : Shallow, Wearing : Dark Pink-Blue Colour Checkdar Shirt and Brown Colour Pant, has been found dead on 26.09.2019 at 02:27 pm at Punjabi Basti, Nangloi Underpass Railway Fatak, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 62-A Dated 26.09.2019 has been lodged at PS. Nangloi, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
SHO
DP/2766/OD/19.
PS. Nangloi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25949470, 25947225, 7065036127

PROCLAMATION AUCTION OF VEHICLE

General Public is hereby informed that an auction of Vehicle No. UP-17AT-0458, in case FIR No. 456/17 u/s 279/337/304A IPC & 146/196, M.V. Act, dated 18.10.2018, has been registered at P.S.Vasant Kunj South, New Delhi. Interested person can come to the auction of the vehicle on the below mentioned location, date and time.

Location: P.S. Vasant Kunj South, New Delhi
Date: 10.10.2019 Time: 3:00 P.M.
OR
Contact on below mentioned Number

DP/6936/SW/19

S.H.O.
P.S. Vasant Kunj South, New Delhi
011-26139360, 26139362

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/04/2019 Date 01/10/2019

S.N.	Short Description of Items	Quantity	T.O.D.
100	Front Contact Assy.	125 Nos.	15.10.19
101	K Type Non Asbestos Composite Brake Block	123039 Nos.	17.10.19
102	Valve Assy.	108 Nos.	17.10.19
103	Repair Kit for Purge Valve	45 Set	21.10.19
104	Various Child Parts of Microprocessor Controlled Air Brake system	50 Nos.	21.10.19
105	Bolt Assy, Hex Head	1130 Nos.	21.10.19
106	Detector Repair Include Crankcase and Low Water Kit	120 Nos.	23.10.19
107	Cylinder High Pressure	23 Nos.	23.10.19
108	Set of VRLA Battery	140 Set	24.10.19
109	Welding cable with copper conductor 70 sq. mm	9204 Mtr.	24.10.19
110	Double Row Self Aligning Spherical Roller Bearing	373 Nos.	24.10.19
111	Brake Shoe Complete	15536 Nos.	24.10.19
112	Sliding Door	15 Nos.	24.10.19
113	Swing Door Bolt Eye	3048 Nos.	24.10.19
114	G.I.Mild Steel tubes 15mm medium.	16786 Mtr.	25.10.19
115	G.I.Mild Steel tubes 40 mm	13250 Mtr.	25.10.19
116	Deep Groove Ball Bearing Electrically Insulated for NDE	11 Nos.	25.10.19
117	Simplified Battery Charger	1 No.	25.10.19
118	Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of Hydraulically operated lifting & swiveling platform	10 Set.	28.10.19
119	R/M Paint Synthetic Enamel Smoke Grey.	14397 Ltr.	30.10.19
120	Battery Box for Non AC Coaches	280 Nos.	30.10.19
121	Diesel Loco Starter Battery 8V.500AH	684 Nos.	30.10.19
122	ICD Dual Chamber	3 Nos.	30.10.19
123	Automated Immuno Assly. System	1 No	30.10.19
124	Knee and Heap Implants	135 Items	30.10.19
125	Relay (GP).	106 Nos.	30.10.19
126	Disconnecting and Earthing Device 8 Pole	65 Nos.	31.10.19
127	Dental Chair and Unit with Accessories	1 No.	31.10.19
128	Door Hinge Floor	3720 Nos.	31.10.19
129	Gear oil optigear RMO	1967 Ltr.	31.10.19

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.irps.gov.in and www.wr.inclanrailways.gov.in.

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LITTLE ONES WILL DO BIG WONDERS WE WILL DEFEAT DENGUE TOGETHER



Dear Children,
Come, let's make our Delhi, 'Dengue-Free'.
Every Sunday, you have to do 10 minutes of homework.
Ensure that there's no stagnant water stored anywhere.

If there is, simply spill it out.

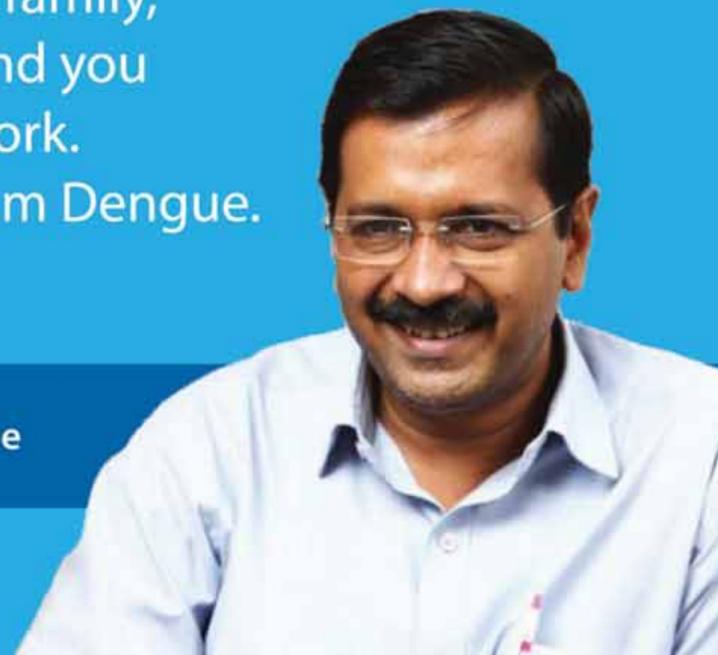
Not only you but make sure your family,
your parents and everyone around you
become a part of this homework.

Come, let's save our beloved Delhi from Dengue.

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And yes, do not forget to put the sticker
outside your home and your neighbour's home
that you will get in school.

दिल्ली कर दिखाएगी



Trump calls on Ukraine, China to probe Biden



Washington: US President Donald Trump openly called on China as well as Ukraine to investigate his potential 2020 election rival Joe Biden, taunting Democrats seeking his impeachment for inviting foreign election interference.

Speaking in Florida, Trump blasted his accusers as “maniacs” pursuing “impeachment crap” as he sought to turn the tables on a probe that threatens to make him only the third US president ever impeached in the House of Representatives, and face a trial in the Senate.

Adam Schiff, the Democrat leading the impeachment probe in the House of Representatives, said Trump was acting “with impunity” in the face of the law.

“Once again we have a president of the United States suggesting, urging a foreign country to interfere in our presidential elections,” Schiff said.

“It endangers our elections, endangers our national security and ought to be condemned by every member of this body, Democrats and Republicans alike.”

As a former State Department diplomat testified behind closed doors in Congress on his role in the Ukraine scandal, Trump doubled down by calling for Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky and Chinese leader Xi Jinping to go after Biden, who leads the race for the Democratic presidential nomination next year. **AFP**

Ukraine reviews cases on firm linked to Biden's son: prosecutor

Kiev: Ukraine's prosecutor-general said on Friday he would review cases related to a gas firm where Joe Biden's son used to work, after US President Donald Trump pushed his Ukrainian counterpart to look into the issue.

Trump's request that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky probe the activities of Hunter and Joe Biden, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential candidacy, has sparked an impeachment probe in the US.

Prosecutor-General Ruslan Ryaboshapka told reporters his office would revisit about 15 cases but stressed that they were not necessarily connected to Biden's son, Hunter Biden.

“We are conducting an audit of the cases that were earlier overseen by the Prosecutor-General's Office,” said Ryaboshapka, who was appointed in August.

“We are reviewing all cases that were closed or broken up into separate cases, to make a decision on whether this was illegal,” Ukrainian authorities have previously said the investigation into gas firm Burisma focuses on a period before Hunter Biden joined the company's board.

Ryaboshapka also suggested the prosecutors may focus not on Hunter Biden but on Burisma's founder Mykola Zlochevsky and other figures.

“As far as we can see, this is more a question of Zlochevsky and Ukrainian businessman (Sergei) Kurchenko than Burisma and Biden,” he said. **AP**

Diplomats pushed Ukraine to investigate, dangled Trump visit

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Top US diplomats encouraged Ukraine's newly elected president to conduct an investigation linked to Joe Biden's family in return for a potentially high-profile visit to Washington with President Donald Trump.

That's according to a cache of text messages released late Thursday by House investigators following a 10-hour interview with one of the diplomats, Kurt Volker, who stepped down as special envoy to Ukraine amid the Democrats' impeachment inquiry.

The pages of text messages convey a distinct campaign among the three diplomats, who — apparently against some of their stated better judgment — appear to be trying to help Ukraine reset its relationship with Trump by pushing his interest in investigating his Democratic rival.

Volker, in a text message on the morning of a planned July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, wrote: “Heard from White House — Assuming 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.”

An adviser to the Ukrainian president appears to go along with the proposal, which entailed investigating Burisma, a Ukrainian gas company where Joe Biden's son Hunter served on the board.

PARIS POLICE ATTACKER SUFFERED 'PSYCHOTIC FIT'

Paris: The wife of a man who stabbed to death four police officers outside the central police HQ in Paris, before being shot dead, has said that he had a psychotic episode, was incoherent and heard voices the night before the attack, the media reported on Friday.

DROPS IN INCOME CAN HARM YOUR BRAIN: STUDY

New York: Young adults who experienced annual income drops of 25% or more might be more at risk of having thinking problems and reduced brain health in middle age, a study said.

UKRAINE: 5 DEAD IN CRASH OF CHARTERED PLANE

Kyiv (Ukraine): 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.

TOLL IN IRAQ PROTESTS CLIMB TO 26

Baghdad: The death toll from the violent protests in Iraq has increased to 26, with over 1,500 injured persons, authorities said.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI- 110001.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Date:- 07.09.2019
R.C. NO. 34/2016

ICICI BANK V/S MR. RAJIV SINGH
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACT, 1993

CD#1 Mr. Rajiv Singh S/o Mr. Tek Chand R/O RU-161, Pitampura, Near Power House, Delhi- 110088.
Also At Flat No. PP/B-1201, 12th Floor, Plot No. 1/2 Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad UP- 201010.
Also At M/s Seema Enterprises, E-3/49, Basement Chankya Palace, Part-1, Sita puri, Delhi- 110082.
CD#2 Ms. Seema Singh R/o RU-161, Pitampura, Near Power House, Delhi- 110088.
Also At Flat No. PP/B-1201, 12th Floor, Plot No. 1/2 Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad UP- 201010.
Also At M/s Seema Enterprises, E-3/49, Basement Chankya Palace, Part-1, Sita Ourt, Delhi- 110082.
CD#3 HRC Engineers Estate Pvt. Ltd. Having its Registered Office At 914, New Delhi House, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001.
Also At HRC Engineers Estate Pvt.Ltd. Having its Registered Office At 902, New Delhi House, Baeakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi- 110001.
Also At HRC Engineers Estate Pvt.Ltd. Having its Registered Office At Plot No. 1/2 Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP 201010.
CD#4 Jagdish Singh Purohit S/o Sh. Hem Singh Purohit R/o H.No. C-28, Gaurav Apartment Patparganj, Delhi- 110092.
Also At Flat No. PP/B-1201, 12th Floor Plot No. 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, UP 201010.

ORDER
As per my order dated 07.09.2019, the under mentioned properties will be sold by public e-auction on 23.10.2019 in the said Recovery Certificate.

The auction sale will be “online e-Auctioning” through website www.bankerauctions.com
Date and Time of Auction; 23.08.2019 between 03.00 pm and 04.00 pm
(With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04.00 pm if required)

Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
Flat No PP/D-1201, 12th Floor, Plot No. 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh	43,00,000/-	4,30,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITION
1. The auction sale will be “online through e-auction” through website portal: www.bankerauctions.com
2. The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay order in favour of the “Recovery officer -II, DRT- II, Delhi-A/c R.C. No.34/2016”. The said Demand Draft/Pay order qua EMD along with self-attested copy of identity (voter I- card/ driving license/ passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation / attorney of the company also, must reach the office of the recovery officer - II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 21.10.2019 before 4.00 pm The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
3. The envelope containing EMD, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID And Mobile Number Etc. Should Be Super- Scribbed “RC No.34/2016”
4. The property is being sold on “as is where is basis”
5. The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.bankerauctions.com for detailed terms and condition for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and / or contact Sh. Mukesh Sharma Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extn. Delhi. Mobile No. 7087239052. Email ID: mukesh.sh@icicibank.com.
6. Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana- 122015, Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan Mobile no. 9813887931 Email Id: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankerauctions.com
7. The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction after deposit of EMD, From M/s C1India Pvt Ltd. Udyog vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015. Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan Mobile no. 9813887931 Email Id: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankerauctions.com
8. Only Those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order shall be eligible to participate in on line e-auction
9. The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 14.10.2019 and 15.10.2019 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM along with the pondage fee @ 2% up to Rs 1000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).
7.8 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
8. The property is being sold on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS” and “AS IS WHAT IS BASIS”
9. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bid if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Description of the Property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Detail of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
Flat No PP/D-1201, 12th Floor, Plot No. 1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram Ghaziabad-201010, Uttar Pradesh	Not known	Not known	Not known

Given Under My hand and seal on 07.09.2019

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

Top Shia cleric endorses protests in blow to embattled Iraq PM

AFP ■ BAGHDAD

Iraq's Shia spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani called on the Government on Friday to heed the demands of protesters who have thronged Baghdad and other cities for four straight days and condemned the mounting death toll from clashes with police.

The endorsement from Sistani, who is revered among Iraq's Shia majority community, prompted celebratory gunfire from protesters and piled new pressure on Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi as he battles to quell the intensifying unrest.

Many had been waiting for a signal from Sistani in his Friday prayer sermon read out by representatives in Shiite holy places across Iraq before deciding whether to join other protesters in defying the daytime curfew in force in Baghdad and other cities.

The Prime Minister has appealed for patience from the young unemployed who have formed the mainstay of the protests, saying his not yet year-old Government needs more time to implement reforms.

But Sistani retorted that the Government needed to act now “before it's too late” to address popular grievances or the protests would simply intensify. The crisis required “clear and practical steps” or the protesters will “simply come back even stronger”, he said.

PM Imran did not meet Af delegation: Pak PM's top aide

Islamabad: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan did not meet a high-level Afghan Taliban delegation to discuss the revival of the stalled peace process in Afghanistan, his top aide said on Friday, dismissing reports of the meeting in the local and international media as “not true”.

Several local and international media outlets had reported that prime minister Khan and the Taliban Political Commission (TPC), led by its head Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, discussed the Afghan peace process during a meeting.

Geo News channel reported that Khan stressed the need for peace in Afghanistan and termed it as key to peace and stability in the region. **PTI**

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1 N.I.T No.	232-Elect-EMU-WC-06-19-20
2 Name of the work	Removal, dismantling, overhauling and re-fitment of Inter and after cooler of Main Air Compressor fitted with EMU/MEMU Coaches.
3 Tender cost	Rs. 2360.00 (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
4 Approximate cost	Rs. 10,45,130.40/- (Rupees ten lakh forty five thousand one hundred thirty and forty paise only)
5 Earnest Money	Rs. 20,900/- (online payment mode available on IREPS website)
6 Completion period	24 Months
7 Validity of offer	45 days
8 Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website	01.10.2019 (17:19 Hrs.)
9 Date & Time from tender submission start and end	18.10.2019 to 01.11.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)
10 Tender closing Date & Time	01.11.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)
11 Date & Time of tender Opening (Immediately when tender submission ends)	01.11.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)

Note 1: All participant Tenderer/Tenders will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. “No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void”.

Note 2: Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/uploaded.

Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in No. 232-Elect-EMU-WC-06-19-20 Date : 01.10.2019 3192/2019

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Turkey must 'take responsibility' for migrants: Greece

ATHENS: Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Friday called on Turkey to “take responsibility” for a renewed wave of migrants to Greece, and for an EU-Turkish deal to be revised so Athens can speed up the return of rejected asylum-seekers.

“Turkey must take responsibility” and “control the migrant flow in the Aegean Sea,” the conservative Greek leader said during a debate in parliament on migration.

Greece has felt under increasing pressure. For the first time since 2016, the country has become the main port of entry into the European Union for migrants and refugees arriving via Turkish shores.

The UN refugee agency (UNHCR) announced on Tuesday that arrivals by sea from Turkey to Greece, mostly Afghan and Syrian families, increased to 10,258 in September.

It said this was the highest monthly total since 2016, when the European Union reached an accord with Turkey to stem the flow of arrivals.

Turkey has welcomed nearly 3.6 million refugees, the vast majority from neighbouring war-ravaged Syria.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened in early September to allow a new wave of migrants to go to the EU if he did not receive more international aid.

Ankara wants to create in Syria a “security zone” so migrants could return there. **AFP**

Many protest mask ban as HK leader toughens stance

Hong Kong: Thousands of defiant masked protesters streamed into Hong Kong streets on Friday after the city's embattled leader invoked rarely used emergency powers to ban masks at rallies in a hardening of the Government's stance after four months of anti-government demonstrations.

Challenging the ban set to take effect Saturday, protesters crammed streets in the central business district and other areas, shouting “Hong Kong people, resist”.

Carrie Lam said at an afternoon news conference that the mask ban, imposed under a colonial-era Emergency Ordinance that was last used over half a century ago, targets violent protesters and rioters and “will be an effective deterrent to radical behaviour”.

The ban applies to all public gatherings, both unauthorised and those approved by police.

Lam stressed it doesn't mean the semi-autonomous Chinese territory is in a state of emergency. She said she would go to the legislature later to get legal backing for the rule.

“We must save Hong Kong, the present Hong Kong and the future Hong Kong,” she said.

“We must stop the violence ... We can't just leave the situation to get worse and worse.”

Two activists immediately filed legal challenges in court on grounds that the mask ban will instill fear and curtail freedom of speech and assembly. The High Court was hearing a bid late Friday to halt the ban. **AP**

PUBLIC NOTICE

“Form No. INC-26”
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another Before the Central Government Delhi National Capital Region

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

In the matter of Wapllus Energy Private Limited having its registered office at RZ-4-877, Jhat Dharm Sala, Gali No-13, Rainagar-2, Palam Colony, New Delhi, South West: Delhi, DL-110077, Pttioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extra ordinary general meeting held on 19th August 2019 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from “National Capital Territory of Delhi” to “State of Haryana”.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address B-2 WING, 2ND FLOOR, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, CGO COMPLEX, NEW DELHI-110003 within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

RZ-877, JHAT DHARM SHALA, GALLI NO-13 RAJNAGAR-2, PALAM COLONY NEW DELHI SOUTH WEST DELHI DELHI -110077

For and on behalf of the Applicant
WATTLUS ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED
Date: 17.09.2019
Sd/-
Place Delhi Director

RAMSONS PROJECTS LIMITED
Regd. Off.: 815, 8th Floor, Hemkunt Chamber, Nehru Place New Delhi 110019

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOS3/CIR/P/2018/139 dated 6th November 2018, the Company has received requests from the following transferee to transfer the below mentioned securities held in the name of the security holder mentioned there against as detailed below, to his name. These securities were claimed to have been purchased by him, detailed hereunder:

Folio No.	Name(s) of the Holder(s)/ Transferor	Security Type and Face Value	Number of Securities	Share Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos. From - To	Name(s) of the Transferee(s)
0000444	C. RAMA RAJU	10/-	1000	15247-15251 22841-22841 22903-22906	1524601-1525100 2284001-2284100 2290201-2290600	VINOD MADAN

Any person who has a claim in respect of the above mentioned securities, should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 30 days from this date along with appropriate documentary evidence thereof in support of such claim, else the Company will proceed to transfer the securities in favour of the above proposed Transferee(s), without any further intimation.

Sd/-
Date: 04.10.2019
Ramsons Projects Limited

Govt. of Bihar

BIHAR RURAL LIVELIHOODS PROMOTION SOCIETY (State Rural Livelihoods Mission) 1st Floor, Annex-II, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna
Phone: +91-612-2504980, Fax: +91-612-2504960
Email: info@brlp.in, website: www.brlp.in

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTANCY SERVICES- INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), popularly known as JEEVIKA, a registered society under the aegis of Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar. The aim of JEEVIKA is to improve rural livelihood options and it works towards social and economic empowerment of the rural poor and women by promoting self-managed community institutions and further strengthening their livelihoods. The detail in this regard is available on website www.brlp.in.

Jeevika is promoting livelihoods of SHG members besides other interventions through livestock interventions like Goatery, Poultry and Dairy. The major objective of goatery intervention is to increase the income of rural landless/marginal farmers by reducing the mortality and enhancing the productivity by providing different preventive and other services through a community cadre called Pashu Sakhis.

For this, JEEVIKA requires experts in the form of individual consultant, having vast experience in Livestock field to scale up the Goat intervention across the districts of Bihar. The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) – JEEVIKA intends to hire 7 (Seven) Consultants for Goat Intervention. Each consultant will be assigned to support any 2 adjoining districts in Bihar for providing her/his services.

The interested candidates can submit their Resume along with Cover Letter via e-mail to niranjan@brlp.in as well as anamikamadhu14@gmail.com and cc to pm.is@brlp.in and spm.is@brlp.in. Hiring of the consultants will be done on the basis of qualification, experience in relevant field and their performance in interview.

The details regarding eligibility criteria, duration of contract, remuneration etc. is given in the ToR and JEEVIKA Consultant Policy at the official website <http://brlp.in/web/brlp/consultancy-services> The EOI may be submitted at the e-mail address mentioned above and to the postal address mentioned below, within 14 days from the date of publication of advertisement till 17:00 hrs through e-mail/hardcopy. E-mail/Envelope should bear the caption “EOI for Full Time Individual Consultants under Livestock”.

Address for submission of EOI:
Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society Annex-II, Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna - 800 021, Bihar, India
Tel: 91-612-2504980; Fax: 91-612-2504960
E-mail: info@brlp.in

Chief Executive Officer
BRLPS (JEEVIKA)
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PUBLIC NOTICE



ICICI Bank Limited

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007, Gujarat.
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400051
Branch Office: ICICI Bank 2nd Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Ext, New Delhi-110055

A notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice dated were issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, that in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Raj Kumar, Shashi, Flat No- 4a Plot No- 9 Radhey Shyam Park Rajinder Nagar, Sahibabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh A/c No- LBDEL00001935446 & LBDEL00001933704	Plot No- 197 Block- Bsector- P- 3 (PHI-01), Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, North East: Plot No 192, South East: Plot No 196, North West: Plot No 195, South West: 12mtr Wide Road, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	16-Aug-2019, Rs. 7,22,647/- Rs. 13,35,688/-	28/02/2019

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated mentioned above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Aro granite industries Ltd.

CIN : L74899DL1988PLC031510
Regd. Office : 1001, 10th Floor, DLF Tower A, Jasola, New Delhi - 110025
Ph. : 011-41686169, Fax : 011-26941984,
Email : investorgrievance@arotile.com, Website : www.arotile.com

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 19th October, 2019 inter-alia to approve the Audited Financial Results for the second quarter and six months period ending 30.09.2019.

The above details of the said meeting are also available on the website of the Company www.arotile.com and also at the website of the Stock Exchanges www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

For **Aro granite industries Ltd.**
Sabyasachi Panigrahi
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

SHORT CIRCUITS



SHAH RUKH KHAN

I am thinking and taking time. I am working on two or three scripts and, *Inshallah*, as soon as they are ready, I will announce it myself. I feel till the time rumours are floating around, it's good because some of them have given me ideas. But in a month or two, I will figure out everything.



VIKRANT MASSEY

Working with Deepika (Padukone) and Meghna (Gulzar) *ji* was always on my wishlist. I never knew I would get this opportunity so early in my career. It feels incredible and I am really looking forward to the film (*Chhapaak*). Also, getting to work with him, I would definitely make me feel really lucky.



GAUHAH KHAN

Working with him (Srijit Mukherji) in any capacity is an amazing experience. He is a genius. The way he perceives things, thinks about a scene, and directs, is very unique and intelligent. I am in awe of everything he does. Any opportunity to work with him, I would definitely take it up.



CARDI B

Artists, we have long days but it's just full of excitement, like we move around we're doing something. Like, you need to wait in the trailer until it's your turn, you need to do the same scene like 20 times. I am going to shoot for a film this month.

DEMI LOVATO

I'm extremely frustrated. This was meant to be a spiritual experience for me, and not a political statement. Now I realize it hurt people and for that, I'm sorry, I'm not more educated. I'd rather get in to trouble for being authentic to myself than staying quiet to please other people.



ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

IN A LEAGUE OF HER OWN

PRIYANKA CHOPRA JONAS is a contemporary global Indian icon and has undoubtedly mapped her own path, riding crests and jumping troughs her way. Her life lessons have shaped her truth, the only one she walks with, facing life head on and punching above her weight, and now, building cross-cultural bridges. An actor, producer, speaker, UN ambassador and techpreneur, she met us during the promotions of *The Sky is Pink*, which she is co-producing. In between conversations, she was clued into social media updates about trailers and campaigns, never once dropping guard on what matters in the film business. It is no secret how driven she is. But underneath all that, she is a great conversationalist, who enjoys being with people. Excerpts from a tete-a-tete with RINKU GHOSH:

While you are continuing your acting career, you have also turned into a successful producer, foraying majorly into regional films before *The Sky is Pink*. What's the story of Purple Pebble?

I started my production house because I wanted to create something that would stand outside of me and engage with meaningful cinema. Which is why I've produced regional films that have amazing stories to tell, be they Marathi, Sikkimese, Punjabi and Gujarati. You can call Purple Pebble my dream, so named because purple is the colour of royalty and I consider myself a queen (laughs). And like a little pebble, like a rolling stone, I go from one place to the other, chasing newer horizons. It has a very deep meaning but it's also a cute name. When I started the production house with my mother, who is also a director in the company, the idea of it was to be able to tell a story that I wanted to tell but couldn't always as an actor. And I believe a lot in the kind of cinema I want to make, which is content-heavy. I chose to co-produce *The Sky is Pink* not because it is a Hindi film but it being a real human story. The characters are not superheroes, they are just everyday people, a regular couple, who have thrived in extraordinary circumstances and survived them in such a positive and amazing way. I feel in such a cynical world, people look for inspiration and surprisingly, we forget that they exist among us. Families should watch this film and see how if you stick together, you can come out of difficult circumstances. It is one of those films.

Considering you are a global star, how do you manage your projects?

I worked around the clock for a year. Now I am just dividing my time between what I do in the US and what I do here. But that is manageable because I have always been selective about all my characters. If you go through my filmography, I have never played the same person ever. I get bored by doing the same things. Once I choose not to repeat myself, I find newer areas to work on.

How do you manage this multi-national to and fro?

It is multi-continental, actually. It was a very difficult balance to achieve but I was up for the challenge.

What made you take up the TV show *Quantico* in Hollywood? You were anyway at the top of your game here, why did you choose to begin again from the base in another industry, especially one that isn't too absorptive of Asians?

As I said, I do not like repeating myself and I was honestly looking to evolve. I did my rounds of the studios and had to introduce myself all over again. The struggle was tremendous. I had to take meetings and tell them, 'I am Priyanka Chopra. I am an actor from India and this is the kind of work I want to do.' I had the humility to do that and I feel that it is required when you want to start any-



thing new, not just films. Just because I am a star here doesn't mean the world knows me.

But let's face it, keeping it real is a difficult adjustment to make, right?

It is difficult for people who don't have humility, whose pride is bigger than them or the end result. I am sorted that way. I started from scratch and I didn't have my career handed over to me. I made my career bit by bit. Since I had done it once, I did it again this time. Of course, this was a tougher task because I did it in my 30s, when they say that a woman's career in showbiz is over. I am very happy to be proving them wrong. I have an almost two-decade long career now. I think it's all because I had humility and though it was difficult at times and took a mental adjustment, I knew what I wanted to do. And I wanted to do it well. I didn't want to do sidekick roles in Hollywood. Since I had been a leading lady here, I wanted to take off from that point and start out in a lead role there. I have to give kudos to ABC that they could see me as the leading lady. In the process, I became the first Asian ever to helm their show. It had never happened before. So that was a big achievement and post that, it has been an amazing experience, doing the work that I have, people giving me that space and accepting me in the US. Yes, it did take a lot.

As somebody who is a fan of technology, your app, Bumble, is now a big hit in India. So now, you are a techpreneur?

I love technology and wanted to be an aeronautical engineer when I was young. Physics and Mathematics were my favourite subjects in school and I have been a nerd all my life. (Laughs) Like they say, nerds will rule the world, if they don't already! Anyway, my manager in the US is a venture capitalist. And I told her that if I ever wanted to diversify, I would want to focus on something related to women and their education. I was having dinner when Bumble got launched in New York. Its founder Whitney (Wolfe Herd) was giving a speech, detailing why she decided to create it. At that instant, I thought how amazing it would be to take this to women in India to encourage conversations that they may be diffident about, and to help them express themselves better. I lost no time and asked her if she was planning to expand overseas? She said "no" but I told her that I was thinking of taking the platform to India. An application, which allows women to make the first move, is such a powerful tool as women making the first choice doesn't happen too often in our country. She liked the idea and we worked on it for a year. I'll never forget the date when I launched it in India, which was right after my wedding — December 5. I was super excited about it. We never expected the numbers we got.

The only thing I told Whitney was that you have to culturally reform it to be able to protect the girls in the country. So we added the privacy feature and gave the user the right to send the first text and not be inundated by queries. There is also a photo verification option, so that you know the person you are speaking to is actually the person you're speaking to. Besides, Bumble BFFs and networks allow women to not just date but also

time. But the most important thing is to have women support each other and have each other's backs. Who else is going to do that if not women themselves? The reason why it didn't happen for a long time was that women didn't have the time and opportunity. There were such few opportunities that they had to fight each other off to get what they wanted. Now, we are creating more opportunities for women and have men who are feminists. For example, in this film, Farhan (Akhtar), Sid (Siddharth Roy Kapur) and Ronnie (Screwavala) are feminist men. They believe in a female filmmaker and a producer. So that is the world we want to create in our generation in the hope that may be and hopefully, the work that we do is what our grandchildren also follow without even thinking about it. It really depends on us and I am seeing such a massive change, not just in India but around the world. Of course, it is a really long conversation and has to go deep. Education is a really big part of it and I think the government is taking necessary steps and initiatives when it comes to that. I think that it will also require parents to have that understanding of giving exposure to the girl child instead of devaluing her. They need to give her the ability to stand up on her feet and understand that for her, education matters a lot. This kind of thought process will dig a deeper road to a smarter India. And I feel it will require us talking about it more often.

Women in our country are also deeply circumscribed by societal taboos. You yourself have been at its receiving end in public life, as recently as when you chose to marry. How do you fight them?

We are one of the oldest civilisations and cultures in the world, so traditional taboos have existed for thousands of years. But they will take as much time to be obliterated as it will take us not to succumb to societal pressure. I don't succumb.

How do you handle trolls?

I really want young boys and girls to consider seriously what I say right now. These young people seek validation through social media, from people who are not even their friends. They are not "your people" and their validation wouldn't even matter. That should come from your friends and loved ones and those who are, most importantly, invested in your growth. Criticism from those people shouldn't be taken seriously as someone sitting behind the anonymity of a computer, telling you how you should behave doesn't matter. There is a reason why they are called trolls. But why has trolling become news I never understood! I have blamed the media a lot for it about how they have started to literally report tweets. We should just stop magnifying their worth; it's just crazy. You can react to tweets where may be my mother is saying something about me. But it's crazy when some random people starts writing anything s/he fancies and that becomes news. And if you see the numbers of trolls, they are just about 100-150 people. So it's basically making a headline out of 100-150 people writing something absurd.

How do you maintain a work-life balance?

The most important thing is to have a partner who understands and supports your individual ambition outside of him. Nick and I may be a unit but we are also individuals. We both support our personal ambitions.

And the second bit, which me and he have, is communication. No matter where we are, we update each other about the entire day. I tell him if I am doing interviews or having dinner. He knows what is happening in my life just as I know what's happening in his. Besides, video-calling has saved our long-distance relationship tremendously. We video-call each other all the time. I think eventually it is also about how much you want to make it work with the other person. And most importantly, to have time for each other and support each other's ambitions and not just boast one's own.

(The film releases on October 11.)
Photo: Pankaj Kumar

“ I WAS LOOKING TO EVOLVE. THE STRUGGLE IN HOLLYWOOD WAS TREMENDOUS. I HAD TO INTRODUCE MYSELF ALL OVER AGAIN AND TELL THEM THE KIND OF WORK I WANT TO DO. I HAD THE HUMILITY TO DO THAT AND I FEEL THAT IT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU START ANYTHING NEW. JUST BECAUSE I AM A STAR HERE DOESN'T MEAN THE WORLD KNOWS ME ”

find like-minded people and friends. And in case, you're a homemaker or a home entrepreneur and are looking to expand your business, you can also find people who can help you do that. So it is just a tool to empower Indian women and take command of their own lives in their own hands. I just knew it in my gut that this is what I wanted to create for the girls here. And I'm happy that it has done so well.

How do you see the transformation of Indian women over the years, having traversed a bit of that journey yourself?

To reach a place of equality and be treated the same as guys is going to take a long



FOOD 'O' CLOCK 30 MINUTES

From grandma's cookbook

Durga Puja is a time when long-lost delicacies and traditional Bengali recipes could be revived. TEAM VIVA lists some



While traditions might have been lost amid the glitter and glamour of the modern culture, they are being revived with great intensity through food today. And what could poignantly remind of this better than the time around Durga Puja, the annual highlight of Bengali social and religious calendar? It is time when long-lost delicacies and recipes could be brought back as the Puja is not just a religious festival but something that is experiential in itself — with pandal-hopping, feasting around and reliving childhood and bittersweet memories. Unlike North India, where fasting is observed throughout the nine auspicious days of Navratri.

Festive food is one thing that helps create memories. However, with the changing times and a growing dependence on pre-packaged foods, takeaways and dining out, today's generation doesn't fit into the picture. As a result, many delicacies have confined themselves only into cookbooks and long-lost grandmother's recipes. Manoj Rawat, executive chef at Hilton Garden Inn Gurgaon Baani Square, tells us that this time "there is again a shift towards traditional dishes," which have stood the test of time and are sure to keep their presence alive. Be it *Sondesh*, *Mishthi doi*, *Bhapa doi* or *Rasagulla*, no puja celebrations can be complete without these. However, apart from these delicacies, which are conventional, one will be surprised to know how much more could be explored. For instances — *Shukto*, plethora of vegetables

cooked in various spices with creamy, milky gravy and the slightest hint of sweetness and a core taste of bitterness; *Mochar ghonto*, a traditional Bengali preparation, where the banana flowers are cooked along with potato and aromatic spices; *Kabiraji* cutlets, a crumb fried cutlet, preferably filled with chicken, mutton or fish; *Khichdi bhog*, a mixture of regular rice and dal with a few additions like spices, peas, potatoes and tomatoes; *Charchari*, a medley of

mixed vegetables cooked in Bengali style to make a dry curry.

Other special dishes that, chef Lalit Mohan, director at Asian Academy of Culinary Art, says, "evoke a distinct sense of nostalgia for the years gone by" and could be revived today are *Aakhir joler niramish pulao*, *Muger dal dhonepata diye* (*Moong dal*), *Meti chorchori* (stir-fried goat liver), *Panch phoran* (five-spice fish) and many more.



MOCHAR GHONTO
Mocha in Bengali means plantain flowers or banana blossoms. Plantain flowers have amazing health benefits. They are high source of vitamins and minerals and helps to prevent infections. They are beneficial for nursing mothers, as it is believed to increase breast milk. It is a dry curry recipe and is often served along with steaming hot rice and ghee.



MISTHI PULAO
WHAT YOU NEED

- Rice: 1 cup
- Ghee: 2 tbsp
- Water: 2 cups
- Cardamom: 2-3
- Cloves: 2-3
- Cinnamon: 1 inch
- Bay leaf: 1
- A pinch saffron
- Sugar: 3-4 tbsp
- A few drops of *keura* essence
- Dry fruits

METHOD

- Soak the rice for 20 to 30 minutes. Heat ghee in a pan. Add the dry fruits and fry it until golden brown.
- Add cardamom, cloves, cinnamon stick and bay leaf, stir fry for a few seconds.
- Drain the rice and put them into the pan. Add water, sugar and saffron. Cook it on low flame. Then remove the pan from the heat and let the rice rest for five to 10 minutes.
- Stir the rice gently. Garnish with slivered dry fruits and saffron strands. Serve it hot.

Courtesy: Chef Lalit Mohan, director at Asian Academy of Culinary Art

WHAT YOU NEED

- Banana flower (chopped): 1
- Potato: 1
- Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 1/2 tsp
- *Garam* masala powder: 1/4 tsp
- Sugar: 1/2 tsp
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coconut (finely chopped): 1/4 cup
- Green chillies: 2

FOR TEMPERING:

- Mustard oil: 2 tsp
- Bay leaf: 2
- Cumin seeds: 1/2 tsp
- Ginger (grated): 1/2 inch
- Garlic (grated): 4

FOR GARNISH:

- Ghee: 1 tsp

METHOD

- Clean the banana blossom or the plantain flower. Oil your hands and start to peel the purple layers. Remove the florets. In each floret, remove the longest string with a round head called the 'stamen' and the translucent thin cover.
- Now chop the florets and soak them in diluted buttermilk or plain water.
- Add turmeric and salt to the buttermilk and allow it to soak overnight or

minimum for 30 minutes.

- To cook the banana blossom, drain the water from the florets. And cook them in a cooker with 1/2 cup water upto two whistles. Once cool, gently mash using the back of a ladle.
- The next step is to make the curry. Heat a heavy bottomed pan with mustard oil over low flame. When the oil heats up, add bay leaves and cumin seeds. Now add the grated ginger and garlic and sauté for 30 seconds.
- Stir in the cubed potatoes, chilli powder, salt and 1/4 cup water. Let the potatoes cook for five to seven minutes.
- Once the potatoes are cooked and dry, add the cooked banana blossom, sugar and mix well. Cover it and cook for two minutes.
- Adjust salt according to your taste and add the ground coconut-chilli mixture. Immediately add the *garam* masala powder, stir well over medium flame and switch off. Add a bit of ghee on top of it.

TIP: Mochar Ghonto is a dry curry recipe and is often served along with steaming hot rice and ghee.

Courtesy: Executive chef Manoj Rawat at Hilton Garden Inn Gurgaon Baani Square



'Every new song I create excites me'

New-generation singer Armaan Malik is out with his new single, *Tootey khaab*, and fans are applauding not just at his singing skills, but also his screen-presence in the music video. Armaan says he has no big plans to give acting a shot, but he would probably not be able to resist the idea of facing the camera if a true-blue musical-came keep it real.

He said, "Singing is a part of who I am but it is also true that I am a performer. Acting is a performing art. So if I am offered something like *Aashiqui 2* or *Rockstar* where I have to portray an artiste or a musician, it would be relatable to me. That might intrigue me enough to become an actor. I would love to be part of a Bollywood musical film, as an actor and a singer because music has to be there for my act." However, he adds that currently, he has no big plans to step into the acting business because "I am quite engrossed in my music and my live gigs."

This was the first time he has appeared extensively in a video of his song, and he admits enjoying the experience.

Armaan, who has scored hits such as *Naina*, *Hero*, *Bol Do Na Zara*, *Main Rahoona Ya Na Rahoona*, believes that social media plays an important role in image and popularity building exercise, but if only the star can keep it real.

So, how "real" is he on social media?

He said, "I keep it 90 per cent real (laughs). The rest 10 per cent is my personal space that every individual should have. Youngsters — whether celebrities or regular persons —



image as a celebrity. You can't be fake to look real," he added.

His new song *Tootey khaab* is a breakup number. The singer said that although he has never faced heartbreak in life so far, it was a very relatable song for youngsters and that he created it observing people around him.

"We live in an era where we fall in and out of love very easily. We are not those lovers anymore who sulk after a breakup as it used to happen in the case of old-world romance. But I also have seen friends who went through rejection and heartbreak, and cried before moving on. In the video that is what I have tried to capture. The boy, after the break-up, feels upset for a while. During this phase, he writes a song, and that breakup song makes him a singing sensation. You see, it completely makes sense in a real context!" he smiled.

Starting his career in Bollywood playback singing with *Bum Bum Bhole* for the film *Taare Zameen Par* in 2007, Armaan has garnered a lot of popularity among the young music-lovers. However, he says that every new song gives him the same excitement to know people's reaction on his creativity.

"I am always excited about a new song because I am always aiming to make my new song bigger and better from my last released song. So, no matter how much love and appreciation my last song received, I have to offer something new to them, I have to surprise them with a new side of me. I am glad that *Tootey khaab* does that," Armaan signed off.

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Name of The Borrower / Address/ Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Notice	Loan Amount (Rs.)	Property Address Of Secured Assets
1. Mr. Hanuman Prasad Bansal, S/O Mr. Banwari Lal Bansal House No. L-45, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida-201301, U.P. Also At Mr. Hanuman Prasad Bansal S/O Mr. Banwari Lal Bansal M/S Data Ram Ansu Kul Plot No. B-11, Sector-19, Noida-201301, U.P. Also At Mr. Hanuman Prasad Bansal S/O Mr. Banwari Lal Bansal Plot Bearing No. 191, Block A, Sector-92, Noida-201301, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)	12-Jul-19	17-Aug-19	Rs. 90,30,475/-	Rs. 2,00,00,000/-	Leasehold Land Having Area Measuring 450 Sq. Mtrs. Being Residential Plot Bearing No. 191, Block A, Sector-92, Situated In The Layout Of Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) & Residential Building Having Covered Area 146.76 Sq. Mtrs. Construction Category-I/II Class, Built Thereupon The Said Residential Plot Bearing No. 191, Block-A, Sector-92, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) Together With Rights, Titles, Interests Including Leasehold Rights And All The Appurtenances And Utilities Attached With Property And Bounded As Under: North: Plot No. A-192 South: Plot No. A-190 East: 12 Mtrs Wide Road West: Plot No. A-172
2. Mrs. Sonia Bansal W/O Mr. Ramesh Bansal House No. L-45, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida-201301, U.P. Also At Mrs. Sonia Bansal W/O Mr. Ramesh Bansal Plot Bearing No. 191, Block A, Sector-92, Noida-201301, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)					
3. Mr. Ramesh Bansal S/O Mr. Hanuman Prasad Bansal House No. L-45, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida-201301, U.P. Also At Mr. Ramesh Bansal S/O Mr. Hanuman Prasad Bansal Plot Bearing No. 191, Block A, Sector-92, Noida-201301, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)					
Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma S/O Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma R/O F-67, Delta-I, Greater Noida U.P.-201308. Also At Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma S/O Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma Vill-Nagla, Chabachha Post-Miraichhi Dist-Etah Uttar Pradesh-207120 Also At Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma S/O Mr. Tiwari Lal Verma Plot No. 175, Block-B, Gulmohar Estate, Sector-Omtron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar(U.P.)	9-Aug-19	26-Aug-19	Rs. 3,096,081/-	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Immovable Assets: Leasehold Plot No. 175, Block-B Gulmohar Estate Sector-Omtron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar(U.P.) Measuring Total Area-162 Sq. Mtrs. And Bounded As Under:- East: As Per Lease Plan West: As Per Lease Plan North: As Per Lease Plan South: As Per Lease Plan
Mrs. Asha Lodhi W/O Rakesh Kumar Verma R/O F-67, Delta-I, Greater Noida U.P.-201308 Also At Mrs. Asha Lodhi W/O Rakesh Kumar Verma Vill-Nagla Chabachha Post-Miraichhi Dist-Etah Uttar Pradesh-207120 Also At Mrs. Asha Lodhi W/O Rakesh Kumar Verma Plot No. 175, Block-B, Gulmohar Estate, Sector-Omtron-03, Greater Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar(U.P.)					
1. Mr. Balbir Singh S/O Mr. Harbhajan Singh A-2/12, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110085 Also At Mr. Balbir Singh S/O Mr. Harbhajan Singh Delhi Police 8th Floor, Admin Bldg Mso Building, Police Headquarters Delhi-110085	11-Sep-19	23-Sep-19	Rs1,383,805/-	Rs. 19,50,000/-	Residential Flat/Dwelling Unit No. 1035/Go-06 On The 10th Floor, In Tower No. "E" Consisting Of Three Bed Rooms, One Drawing Cum Dining Room, One Kitchen, Two Toilets, Five Balconies, One Store, One Study Room And Powder Room Having A Total Area Measuring 1470 Sq. Ft. In The Go-06/06th "Avenue" Situated At Plot No. Gh-01, Sector-04, Greater Noida, District, Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.) Alongwith Undivided Impartly Unidentified Lease Hold Rights In The Portion Of The Said Land Underneath The Building, Consisting Of Several Blocks Comprising The Complex, In Proportion Of The Super Area Of The Said Flat/Dwelling Unit.
2. Mrs. Baljeet Kaur Bhalla W/O Mr. Balbir Singh A-2/12, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110085					
M/S Dhaval Impex Through Proprietor Mr. Siddharth Jain 1118 Diamond Palace Shop No. 11 Chahatta Madan Gopal Malwara Chandini Chowk, Delhi-110006	29-Dec-18	23-Sep-19	Rs.74,56,416/-	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-	A Residential Plot Bearing No. 16 In The Lay Out Plan Of I.M.D. CHRS Ltd. Measuring 202.66 Sq. Yds. Mausam Vihar, New-Delhi Boundaries:- North -Road 45 Wide South -Drain East -Plot No. 15 West -Distt. Park
Mr. Siddharth Jain S/O Kamal Prasad Jain 16, Mausam Vihar Delhi-110051					
Mr. Kamal Prasad Jain S/o Bimal Prasad Jain 16, Mausam Vihar Delhi-110051					
Late Mrs. Ashok Jain Through Legal Heirs					
Mrs. Rinku Jain W/O Mr. Munish Jain R/O B-204, Salasar Angan, C.H.S. Near Ronak Restaurant Ram Nagar, Near Ramdev Park, Kanakia, Mira Road East, Thane Mumbai-401107					
Mr. Nitin Jain S/O Mr. Kamal Prasad Jain R/O 17126, Pomard Ct, Poway, C.A. 92064 (USA), Post Office Address At 2017-2017 P.O. Box 12753, La Jolla, C.A. 92039 (USA) Office At Jewels Bazar INC. P.O. Box#28911, San Diego, C.A. 92198 (USA) Email: Jaincaifornia@yahoo.com					
Also At 16, Mausam Vihar Delhi-110051 Also At C/o Sh. Umesh Jain A5/14, Jhilmil Industrial Area, 2nd Floor, Delhi-110095					
Mr. Siddharth Jain S/o Kamal Prasad Jain 16, Mausam Vihar Delhi-110051					
Mr. Kamal Prasad Jain S/o Bimal Prasad Jain 16, Mausam Vihar Delhi-110051					
Late Sh. Gokal Chand S/O Sh. Bishamber Dayal Through Legal Heirs	12-May-18	17-Sep-19	Rs. 7,279,830/-	Rs. 64,75,000/-	Freehold Plot No. 274, Measuring 172.80 Sq. Mtrs. (206.66 Sq. Yards.) Situated In The Residential Colony Known As Sector-28, Urban Estate Gurugram, Tehsil & Distt. Gurugram (Haryana)
Sh. Deepak Bhardwaj S/O Late Sh. Gokal Chand R/O 1716, First Floor, DLF Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana					
Ms. Sonam Bhardwaj D/O Late Sh. Gokal Chand R/O 1716, First Floor, DLF Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana					
Mrs. Prem Vati W/O Late Sh. Gokal Chand R/O 1716, First Floor, DLF Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana					
Mrs. Jyoti Bhardwaj W/O Sh. Harsh Bhardwaj R/O R/O 1716, First Floor, DLF Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana Also At Unit No. 6/504, Church Street North Parramatta, NSW-2151, Australia					
Mrs. Prem Vati W/O Late Sh. Gokal Chand R/O 1716, First Floor, DLF Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana					
1. Mr. Hitesh Agarwal S/O Mr. Ramesh Chand Agarwal U-23/35 Ground Floor, Pink Town House, U Block, DLF Phase-II, Gurgaon-122022, Haryana	9-Sep-19	23-Sep-19	Rs7,116,421/- & Rs. 495,378/-	Rs. 73,50,000/- & Rs. 5,00,000/-	Residential Ground Floor Dwelling Unit Called 'Town House' Having Its Covered Area Of 76.50 Sq. Mtrs. (823 Sq. Ft.) Bearing No. U-23/35 Together With Impartible And Undivided Prorate Share Of Land In Plot No. 35, Road No. U-23, Measuring 125.07 Sq. Mtrs. In The Residential Colony Known As Dlf City, Phase-II, (Earlier Known As Dlf Outub Enclave Complex), Situated In And Around Village Nathpura, Tehsil & Distt. Gurgaon (Haryana) and Bounded As Under:- East: Property No. U-23/36 West: Property No. U-23/34 North: Road, South: Property No. U-22/19
2. Mrs. Khushboo Garg W/O Mr. Hitesh Agarwal U-23/35 Ground Floor, Pink Town House, U Block, DLF Phase-III, Gurgaon-122022, Haryana Also At Mrs. Khushboogarg W/O Mr. Hitesh Agarwal Shastri Nagar Colony, Ajmer Road Keshi, Ajmer, Rajasthan-305404					
Mr. Mohd Sazid S/O - Noor Hassan R/O Flat No - 1301, Tower -1, Ashiana Upvan Indrapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010 Also At: Mr. Mohd Sazid S/O - Noor Hassan Anarjali Group C- 58/29 Sector 52 Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301 Also At: Mr. Mohd Sazid S/O - Noor Hassan Plot No 50, 2nd Floor Pocket 10 sector 9 Ramprastha Green Vaishali Extn Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010	11-Sep-19	17-Sep-19	Rs. 4,634,679/-	Rs. 4,734,742/-	Residential Flat No -06051 On 5 th Floor In Type A, Tower No -06 In The ATIS Advantage Situated At Plot No 17, Ashishkhandhira puram Tehsil -Dist - Ghaziabad Up, Along With Share And Interest In The Said Land Underneath The Building In Which Said Property Is Located And In the Common Areas and Facilities Provided in The Building/ Scheme/ Complex And Bounded As Under (According To Sale Deed): East : As Per Sale Deed / West: As Per Sale Deed North: As Per Sale Deed / South: As Per Sale Deed
2. Mrs. Reshma, W/O -Mohd Sazid R/O Flat No - 1301, Tower -1, Ashiana Upvan Indrapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010 Also At: Mrs. Reshma, W/O -Mohd Sazid Plot No 50, 2nd Floor Pocket 10Sector 9 Ramprastha Green Vaishali Extn Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010					
Mrs. Nilofar Singh, W/o Mr. Ipinder Singh R/O 607, aravariyaviharapartments, Sarvapriyavihar, New Delhi 110016 Also At: Mrs. NILOFER Singh W/o Mr. Ipinder Singh F-9033, Okhla Industrial Area Phase -1 New Delhi-110020 Also At Mrs. Nilofar Singh W/O Mr. Ipinder Singh H. No-503, Second Floor, Block-E, G.K -2 New Delhi 110048	9-Sep-19	16-Sep-19	Rs. 10,181,267/-	Rs. 172,840,000/-	Entire Second Floor Of The Property No 503, Block -E, Measuring 248 Sqyds., Situated At Greater Kailash Part -2, New Delhi With Three Bed Rooms, Three Bathrooms , One Drawing Dining Room, One Kitchen , One Servant Room , Open Car Parking Space In The Back Side Of Basement , Half Top Terrace To Be Used Commonly With Owner Of The First Floor Along With Share And Interest In The Said Land Underneath The Building In Which Said Property Is Located And In The Common Areas And Facilities Provided In The Building/ Scheme/ Complex.
2. Mr Harman Singh S/O Mr. Ipinder Singh R/O 607, Sarvapriyaviharapartments, Sarvapriyavihar New Delhi 110016 Also At Mr. Harman Singh S/O Mr. Ipinder Singh H.No-503, Second Floor, Block-E, G.K -2 New Delhi 110048					
3. M/S Nitex Overseas Through Its Proprietor Mrs. NILOFER Singh F-9033, Okhla Industrial Area Phase -1 New Delhi-110020 Also At M/S Nitex Overseas Office At 287, Santnagar, East of Kailash , New Delhi 110065					
Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanjil Lal R/O 3291, Gali No. 28, Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Also At Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanjil Lal Sridhar Insurance Broker Pvt. Ltd. A-125, Sector-63,Noida, Delhi-201301 Also At Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanjil Lal Flat No. 703, 7th Floor, Supertech-Livingston, Tower E, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad U.P.-201016	9-Sep-19	16-Sep-19	Rs. 2,573,358/-	Rs. 27,15,000/-	Residential Flat No. 703, On 7 th Floor, Super Area 850 Square Feet 78.97 Square Meter, Consisting Two Bedrooms Accommodation In The Said Building Known As "Supertech-Livingston" Tower E, Built On Gt Plot No. 6, In The Township Known As "Crossing Republik" Situated At Village Dundera, Ghaziabad (U.P.)
Mr. Charanjil Lal S/O Sh. Badri Prasad R/O 3291, Gali No. 28, Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Also At Mr. Charanjil Lal S/O Sh. Badri Prasad Flat No. 703, 7th Floor, Supertech- Livingston, Tower E, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad U.P.-201016					
Mr. Veerpal Singh Chaudhary, S/O Late Sh. J.D. Singh R/O House No. 658, Sector-16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002 Also At Mr. Veerpal Singh Chaudhary S/O Late Sh. J.D. Singh Post Office & Village Palseda, Tehsil Khair, Aligarh, U.P.-202137 Also At Mr. Veerpal Singh Chaudhary S/O Late Sh. J.D. Singh Apartment No. 102, Tower No. C-5, Group Housing Colony "The Pranayam" Sector-82.85, Faridabad Haryana-121002.	9-Sep-19	16-Sep-19	Rs. 3,278,242/-	Rs. 57,00,000/-	Apartment No. 102, Located In Tower C5, On First Floor, Along With Car Parking Space(S) One (1) & One (1) Open In The Multi Storey Building Known As "The Pranayam" Constructed On Plot Of Land Forming Part Of The Group Housing Scheme, Situated In The Revenue Estate Of Village Bhatola, Tehsil Tisason And District Faridabad (Haryana) Having A Super Area Of 1857 Sq. Ft.
Mr. Hitesh Chaudhary S/O Sh. Veerpal Singh Chaudhary R/O House No. 658, Sector-16, Faridabad, Haryana-121002 Also At Mr. Hitesh Chaudhary S/O Sh. Veerpal Singh Chaudhary Post Office & Village Palseda, Tehsil Khair, Aligarh, U.P.-202137					
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Mr. Ravi Pal Udar S/O Mr. Dharam Pal Udar R/O House No. 510, Mass Housing Society, Plot No. 24, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 Also At Mr. Ravi Pal Udar S/O Mr. Dharam Pal Udar M/S Janak Medicos, B9 Basement, Shankar Garden, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018	13-Apr-19	29-Apr-19	Rs. 1224166/- & Rs. 164275/-	Rs. 1735000/- & Rs. 310899/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Built Up Apartment Bearing No. C-748 On 7th Floor In Building/ Tower No. 12 Having A Super Area Of 109.63 Sq. Mtrs (1180 Sq. Ft.) (Covered Area 846 Sq. Ft. Balcony & Utility Ward 140 Sq. Ft. And Common Area 194 Sq. Ft.) Alongwith Undivided And Impartibly Proportionate Share In The Land Underneath The Building And Undivided Proportionate Share In The Common Areas Of The Building Including All Easementary Rights Attached Thereto Alongwith Right Of Use To General Commonly Used Areas And Facilities Earmarked For Common Use Of All Occupants Within The Said Complex Together With Right To Use The Reserved Car Parking Space In The Complex, Being Part Of The Residential Complex Named "River Heights" Situated At Village Noor Nagar, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, U.P.
Mrs. Rachna Udar W/O Ravi Pal Udar R/O House No. 510, Mass Housing Society, Plot No. 24, Sector-10, Dwarka, Delhi-110075					
Also At: Mrs. Rachna Udar W/O Ravi Pal Udar M/S Janak Medicos, B9 Basement, Shankar Garden, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018					

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder. Kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s) Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date : 05-10-2019,
Place: Delhi

Sd/-, Authorized Officer,
Axis Bank Ltd.

Dean's class

Elgar, de Kock score hundreds to lead fight back

AFP ■ VIZAG

Dean Elgar and Quinton de Kock centuries helped South Africa fight back on Friday to reach 385 for eight in response to India's mammoth first-innings 502. De Kock made 111 and put on a key 164-run stand with Elgar, who scored 160, to thwart the Indian bowling attack on day three of the first Test in Visakhapatnam.

Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin kept chipping away at the batsmen however to claim his 27th five-wicket haul in 66 Tests.

At stumps, the Proteas still trail by 117 runs as they chase India's first innings score of 502 for seven declared. Debutant Senuran Muthusamy, on 12, and Keshav Maharaj, on three, were at the crease after the long day with 98 overs bowled to make for lost time because of storms on day one.

Wicketkeeper-batsman de Kock completed his fifth Test

India vs SA (Day 4)
Live from 9:30am IST
STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK

hundred in the final session with a six off Ashwin before eventually being bowled by the off-spinner.

Ashwin struck again with the wicket of Vernon Philander for nought.

The left-handed Elgar, who started the day on 27, led the revival after South Africa slipped to 63 for four in the morning session.

NO FLUKE

The 32-year-old credited his stint with Surrey in the English county championship for his impressive show.

"I have played five months of county cricket. That's an extremely big motivating factor for my career that always improves me as a player," said Elgar.

"I'd like to think that this innings didn't come by fluke, but came because I have done the



Dean Elgar & Quinton de Kock run between wickets during third day of 1st Test AP



hard work. I have spent a lot of time away from home which you have got to sacrifice."

Elgar put on 115 with skipper Faf du Plessis for the fifth wicket to put pressure on India's bowlers.

Ashwin, back in the Indian XI after his last outing in Australia last year, also said playing county cricket for Nottinghamshire had helped him during his time away from the Indian team.

"I am elated to be back. It is always special for India. There is nothing like picking up a five wicket haul for your country," said Ashwin.

"This place is very special for me but I enjoyed a five wicket haul for Nottingham too. One is not too lesser than the other."

SELFIE WITH KOHLI

Ashwin's spin partner Ravindra Jadeja also made it count with Elgar's wicket in the final session as he moved to 200 Test scalps.

South Africa started the

Jadeja 2nd fastest Indian to 200 Test scalps

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM

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 centurion Dean Elgar (160) during South Africa's first innings on the third day.

Jadeja took 44 Tests to reach the milestone and is

now only behind off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who needed 37 matches to enter the 200-wicket club.

Former India spinners Harbhajan Singh and Anil Kumble needed 46 and 47 matches respectively to reach the milestone.

Jadeja is also the fastest left-arm bowler to achieve the feat ahead of Rangana Herath (47 matches) and Australia's Mitchell Johnson (49).

opening stand with Rohit Sharma, who hit 176 of India's giant score.

An over-enthusiastic fan caused a brief security scare when he rushed on the field to get a selfie with the India captain Virat Kohli.

Kohli, who is treated as a national hero, was taken by surprise by the intrusion in between overs when the youth

tried to hug him before taking a picture and touching the star player's feet.

Kohli tried to order the teenager off and vice-captain Rahane also intervened but the persistent fan stayed on the field for more than two minutes.

Security officers eventually overpowered him as he ran off, while the crowd roared and clapped.

SINGLES

TOOR, JINSON OUT OF WORLD C'SHIPS

DOHA: India's Asian Games Gold medalist duo of shot putter Tejinder Pal Singh Toor and 1500m runner Jinson Johnson crashed out of the World Athletics C'ships 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 runners.

JAMUNA GIVES INDIA WINNING START

ULAN-UDE: Jamuna Boro (54kg) gave a flying start to India's campaign in the World Women's Boxing Championships by advancing to the pre-quarterfinals with a facile win here on Friday. Boro defeated Mongolia's Michidmaa Erdenedalai 5-0, recovering from a slow start for a resounding victory. The 22-year-old, employed with Assam Rifles, has a tough one next up as she will square off against Algeria's fifth-seeded Ouidad Sfouh in the pre-quarterfinals. Today, former national champion Neeraj (57kg) and Saweety Boora (75kg), a ex-Silver-winner at the event, will be in action for India.

INDIAN WOMEN LOSE BY 105 RUNS

SURAT: 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 clinched 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). Chasing 176 for a win, India never got going as South Africa produced a lethal bowling effort to reduce the hosts to 13 for six after 6.2 overs. Veda Krishnamurthy (26) and Reddy (22) showed some fightback, stitching 49 runs for the seventh wicket but once the duo departed, it was all over for India. India was bowled out for 70 in 17.3 overs.

WRESTLER RAVI INCLUDED IN TOPS

NEW DELHI: 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 which also ensured an Olympic quota for India in next year's Tokyo Games. 2016 Rio Olympics Bronze medalist Sakshi 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.

NADAL TO MISS SHANGHAI MASTERS

SHANGHAI: Rafael Nadal pulled out of next week's Shanghai Masters on Friday saying he had failed to recover from a wrist injury. It is the second year in a row that the 19-time Grand Slam champion will have failed to appear in Shanghai. "As you all probably know, I had an inflammation on my left wrist during the Laver Cup and I haven't had the time to recover and practise to be ready for this amazing event," the 33-year-old said in a statement. "I hope to be back in Shanghai for the 2020 tournament."

JETER INT'L AMBASSADOR FOR ADHM

NEW DELHI: In a quest to bring the world's best athletes who inspire, Procam International announced the fastest woman alive Carmelita Jeter as the international event ambassador for the 15th edition of Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2019 scheduled for 20th October in New Delhi. Jeter holds the record for the second-fastest timing in 100m (10.64 seconds) behind Florence Griffith-Joyner. Griffith-Joyner passed away on September 1998. The sprinter clinched Gold in 4x100m relay, Silver in the 100m event and Bronze in 200m at the 2012 Olympics. AGENCIES

Osaka wins Next Gen battle

AFP ■ BEIJING

World number one Ashleigh Barty said she produced some of her best tennis this year as she battled into the China Open semi-finals on Friday with a gutsy victory over Petra Kvitova.

The Australian came from a set down to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and will play Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands in the last four in Beijing.

"From my opinion, that was one of the highest-quality matches I played all year," said the 23-year-old, the reigning French Open champion.

"Petra always has a way of bringing out the best in me, she really does.

"From both of us, I think the level was incredible.

"Regardless of winning or losing, I think I'd be sitting here with the exact same perspective, kind of the same feeling of the match afterwards."

This was the sixth meeting between Barty and two-time Wimbledon champion Kvitova, with the former winning only one of her previous encounters against the Czech.

Barty, who had strapping on her left calf, was under the cosh in the deciding set after seventh-ranked Kvitova broke her first service game.

But Barty grabbed the break back and, with the clock ticking past two hours on court, broke Kvitova again for a decisive 5-3



lead.

Bertens, eighth in the world, sealed her spot in the semi-finals with a two-set victory over Elina Svitolina of Ukraine.

'IT WAS FUN'

In another battle of Grand Slam champions, Japan's Naomi Osaka beat US Open holder Bianca Andreescu 5-7 6-3 6-4 in a thrilling encounter, ending the Canadian's 17-match winning streak to book her place in the semi-finals.

"I forgot how it felt and honestly it sucks, I didn't miss it," Andreescu said after her first loss since the Miami Open in March and her first loss against a top 10 opponent.

"Hopefully that was fun. "I think we're going to have many matches like this. Our game styles are

MACHINE-LIKE TENNIS

AFP ■ TOKYO

World number one Novak Djokovic on Friday put on a stunning show of supremacy at the Japan Open with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Lucas Pouille of France.

The Serb overwhelmed his opponent in the quarterfinal match, showering Pouille with a barrage of powerful, precision shots to deep, wide corners mixed with delicate drop shots.

"I am not a machine. But I did play like one

pretty different, but they level up pretty equally."

Osaka fired 10 aces, 31 winners and won 78% of her first service points in a see-saw encounter that had

today," he said after their 50-minute contest.

"This was one of the best matches I played this year. Very, very pleased with the way I feel and played on the court," said Djokovic.

"I am looking forward to another battle on Saturday, hopefully I will be able to keep up with this quality of tennis."

In the semifinals, Djokovic will face 2017 champion David Goffin, who also comfortably defeated Chung Hyeon 6-2, 6-2.

a total of 11 breaks of serve. She will play defending champion Caroline Wozniacki, who beat Russia's Daria Kasatkina 6-3 7-6(5).

UP & running

Yodha's captain Nitesh says team is determined to win all games of Greater Noida leg

HARSHIT BISHT ■ GREATER NOIDA

They need just one win out of the remaining four matches to secure playoffs spot in the Pro Kabaddi League season 7 but Nitesh Kumar led UP Yodha (58 points in 18 games) want to keep the winning momentum going and win all four matches of the home leg to not just only seal the remaining playoffs spot available but also keep them on the winning track before the final tussle for the glory.

Going into the home leg which they will play at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida from today, last season's star defender (100 tackle points in season 6) and team captain Nitesh Kumar says that though the team just need one win to pip Jaipur Pink Panthers (57 points in 21 games) to advance further in the tournament but that in no way will stop the side to play for win in the remaining matches and maintain winning run.

"Going into the home leg we expect a lot of things to go in our



favour. We have a chance to seal play-off spot and what's better than doing it in front of the home fans. We need one win out of four matches to advance further, so this in some way takes out a lot of pressure from us and we can go with a positive mindset. However, let me make it very clear that even though one win will do the job for us but we want to win all the four games in front of our fans and maintain the winning streak."

Going into the last phase of the league, UP Yodha will face table-toppers Dabang Delhi and defending champions Bengaluru Bulls along with Telugu Titans and Puneri Paltan and according to the captain the team management has plans to keep

Naveen Kumar (Delhi) and Pawan Sehrawat (Bengaluru) silent during the tie which will help them to achieve the goal.

"Delhi and Bengaluru are two sides that heavily depend on their raiders and if we want to win against them then we have to make sure that we keep their main raiders Naveen and Pawan out of action for as much time as possible."

"We have played them against before and in those games also they were not able to take many points from us, so this is going to be a sort of motivation this time even and we are confident that we will keep them under check this time too," the captain said.

The team during the course of four month-long tournament suffered because of injuries to senior players like Rishank Devadiga and Monu Goyat but now that when they are fit and back in the side, the captain says that the return of senior pros in the squad will further boost their chances to go a step beyond this time and win the trophy.

"Rishank and Monu are the two most experienced players in our team and their return from injury is a massive boost for us in this last two weeks of the tournament. They have a lot of experience and their presence is going to matter a lot during crunch situations and I am sure that together we will achieve better results this time," the captain concluded.

NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

Sub:- Re-engagement of retired railway employees in exigencies of services.

Ref:- NR PS No. 14820/2017

In terms of PS No. 14820/2017 issued under GM/P.N.Rly's letter No. 831-E/0/169/2V/EIV/Pt. 1 dt. 15.12.2017, it has been decided to fill up the existing vacancies of Signal Workshop, GZB by re-engagement of retired railway staff on remuneration basis.

Application in the prescribed Proforma with required enclosures are invited from the retired Railway employees, which should reach to CWM Office, Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad latest by 15.11.2019 (proforma Enclosed) Application forms can be downloaded from Railway website http://10.2.2.19/dept/personnel/Re_engagement.html or can be obtained from "CWM Office, Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad." Detail of vacancies are given in the attached annexure.

The term and condition for the re-engagement of retired staff are as under:-

1. Only retired railway employees of Railways are eligible to apply.
2. The employees retired under Safety Related Retirement Scheme (SRRS)/ Liberalized Active Retirement Scheme for Guaranteed Employment for Safety Staff (LARSCESS) are not eligible for re-engagement.
3. The employees Removed/Dismissed/Compulsory retired or retired under the instruction of NR PS. No. 14471/2015 as a result of disciplinary action or in review are not eligible for re-engagement.
4. Safety record for the last five years and or service record for last five year will be examined.
5. Must not have undergone any major punishment (as per SF-5) in last five years.
6. Essential eligibility criteria
 - a. General Criteria
 - (i) Should be retired railway staff of the same category/trade.
 - (ii) Maximum age 64 years 6 months as on 30.09.2019
 - b. Should be willing to work in Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad.
 - c. Should be medically fit for the category for which applying for.
7. Monthly remuneration of re-engaged retired employee will be paid by reducing his/her pension from last pay drawn (i.e. Basic Pay+ DA)
8. The re-engagement of retired railway employee shall be purely on temporary basis and services are liable to be discharged at any time due to unsatisfactory performance or due to receipt of fresh panel from RRB/RRC.
9. The Re-engagement can be terminated by giving 15 day notice without any explanation or any notice.

No. SWG/GZB/15-E/28. For Chief Workshop Manager, Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad. Dt. 03.10.2019

Performa for Re-engagement of Retired Staff in Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad.

1	Name of the applicant in capital letter	Passport size Photograph (duly Self attested)
2	Father's Name/Husband's Name	
3	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)	
4	Date of Appointment in Railway (DD-MM-YY)	
5	Pay Band + GP/Pay Level (at the time of retirement)	
6	Last pay drawn	
7	Date of superannuation (DD-MM-YY)	
8	Retirement due to superannuation V/R/ Compulsory/SRRS	
9	Unit/Office/Division/Railway from where retired (enclose copy).	
10	PPO No.	
11	Date of attaining the age of 64 years 6 months	
12	Educational Qualification	
13	Award, if any	
14	Bank's Name & address at which monthly remuneration will be transferred	
15	Community (General/SC/ST/OBC)	
16	Aadhar No.	
17	RELHS/Medical Card	
18	Residential address with PIN	
19	Mobile No.	
20	Alternative Mobile No.	
21	E-Mail ID	

Declaration

1. I, the undersigned do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true and correct. I shall be held responsible for submission of any wrong and/or incorrect information and that my engagement may be terminated for this wrongful act.
2. I am willing for re-engagement subject to the terms and conditions enumerated in Railway Board's letter E(NG)-II/2007/RC-4/CORE/1 dated 16.10.2017 and Northern railway relevant rules.
3. I am aware that my services are liable to be discharged at anytime due to unsatisfactory performance or due to receipt of fresh panel from RRB/RRC, without any notice.
4. I am herewith enclosing self attested photocopy of my service certificate & PPO.
5. I agree with all the terms and conditions of re-engagement.
6. The re-engagement can be terminated by giving 15 days notice without any explanation or any reason.

Date : _____
Place : _____
Signature of the Retd. Rly. Employee
Annexure

Applications are invited for re-engagement of retired Railway Employee on remuneration basis for the following posts in Signal Workshop, Ghaziabad

S.N.	Shop/Section	Trade	Category	Pay Matrix Level/Grade Pay	No. of Posts	Remark
1	Block Shop	Filter Block	Sr. Tech. Tech.I	Level-6/ GP 4200 Level-5/ GP 2800	04	Only those retired Railway Employees will be Re-engaged who have experience mentioned below this table.
2	WAO/GZB Office	Group C, Account staff	Account Clerk, Junior Account Assistant, Account Assistant	Level-2/GP 1900 Level-5/GP 2800 Level-6/GP 4200	02	

Experience required for Re-engagement in Fitter Block Trade.

In Fitter Block Trade two post will be filled from such retired Railway Employees who have work experience of Mechanical work of the Overhauling of Diado Single Line Block and two post will be filled from such retired Railway Employees who have work experience of Electrical work of the Overhauling of Diado Single Line Block.

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