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The Silence of Shahjahanpur

In that, lies a story. Of a town reliant on a former Union minister's educational institutions, of people not unaware of what it might hide.

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Come Oct 11, four Kochi apartment complexes will be brought down as the SC goes by the letter on stringent coastal rules.



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Why anxiety has become the prime disorder of our mindscape

PMJAY, first year: 90,000 cancer claims, TN tops list

ABANTIKA GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IN ITS first year, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), the tertiary care arm of Ayushman Bharat, has funded the treatment of 90,000 cancer patients through 1.8 lakh hospital admissions.

This is according to data available with the Union Health Ministry, which also show that every year there are 11.57 lakh new cancer patients in India and 7.84 lakh cancer deaths. At any given point, there are 22.5 lakh Indians living with cancer.

Tamil Nadu, with 40,056 cases, tops the state where the most cancer patients availed treatment under PMJAY, followed by Kerala (22,000), Madhya Pradesh (19,455), Chhattisgarh (15,997) and Gujarat (14,380).

Officials say the figures reflect not just cancer incidence in these states but also the availability of treatment facilities and how well PMJAY is performing in these states. The cancer care claims under PMJAY show a steep rise over the past year. In September 2018 — the scheme was launched on the 23rd of that month — there were just 906 hospitalisation claims across the country for cancer. In September 2019, the figure was 87,382.

The National Health Authority (NHA) has so far sanctioned Rs 321 crore for cancer care. Of the total cancer packages claimed, 30,376 are for cancer of the reproductive system such as the cervix, ovary, testes etc.

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HASINA IN INDIA

India, Bangladesh sign security, trade deals, speak in one voice on terror

Discussion on NRC along same lines as in NY meeting

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

INDIA AND Bangladesh took steps to expand and strengthen their bilateral relationship for mutual benefit Saturday, agreeing on the setting up of a coastal surveillance radar system, use of two Bangladeshi ports for movement of goods between the countries, supply of Bangladeshi cooking gas for India's Northeastern states, and the lifting of water for drinking from a transnational river in Tripura.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the visiting Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina in New Delhi — the second bilateral meeting between the two leaders after their talks in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on September 27.

The two sides signed seven pacts, and the Prime Ministers jointly inaugurated by remote control three high-impact community development projects. The two countries have now started 12 such projects in the past one year alone.

After his meeting with Hasina, Modi said that India accords priority to its partnership with Bangladesh. "We are proud

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in New Delhi, Saturday. Tashi Tobgyal

EXPLAINED Opportunity in the East

BANGLADESH HAS emerged as the good news story for India among its neighbours, and an anti-thesis of India's western neighbour, Pakistan. Bangladesh's galloping growth engine promises prospects of mutual benefits.

Poised for 'golden chapter', neighbours look to build a bright shared future

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

BEHIND THE noise over the controversial National Register of Citizens (NRC), New Delhi and Dhaka are looking at consolidating the gains from the bilateral relationship of the past decade, and to make the progress "irreversible".

What started as an attempt to reset the relationship with Dhaka back in 2008 when Sheikh Hasina became Prime Minister, is today India's good-news story in South Asia.

The reset in the relationship was particularly important after Khaleda Zia's BNP-Jamaat-Islami government, which was a bitter experience for New Delhi in terms of terrorist attacks and

anti-India activities from Bangladesh soil.

In Hasina's first term, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government found the momentum to initiate the resolution of the long-pending Land Boundary. But while the text was finalised, it was stalled by the BJP in Parliament. And in 2011, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata

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29 protesters held, prohibitory orders around Mumbai's Aarey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

THE MUMBAI Police arrested 29 people and imposed prohibitory orders in and around Aarey Colony Saturday, where protesters camped for 24 hours to prevent the felling of trees for a metro car shed.

The felling began Friday night, hours after the Bombay High Court dismissed four petitions challenging the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation permission to cut 2,646 trees on 33 hectares of land at Aarey for the construction of a Metro Line 3 rake depot.

Police said between 100 and 200 protesters gathered at the Picnic Point in Aarey Colony between 8.30 pm and 11 pm Saturday after news spread that trees were being cut at the site acquired by the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL).

In the melee that followed, several protesters entered the



Police imposed prohibitory orders Saturday. Prashant Nadkar

site and allegedly assaulted Aarey police station senior inspector Nutan Pawar and a male constable, according to police. Soon after, police personnel from across the northern suburbs were rushed to the site to round up protesters, some of whom claimed they were assaulted in the process of being detained.

Police said more than a hundred protesters were put in vans

and taken to seven different police stations. While most were released late Friday and early Saturday, 29 people detained at Aarey police station were booked for unlawful assembly and using criminal force to deter public servants from carrying out their duties under the Indian Penal Code.

On Saturday afternoon, the

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Days before Haryana election, former Cong chief quits, blames party leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

BARELY 15 days before elections in Haryana, the Congress was left stunned Saturday after its former state chief Ashok Tanwar quit the party, calling it an "anti-thesis of democracy" and "plagued by feudal attitudes and medieval conspiracies".

Ending his nearly three-decade association with the Congress, Tanwar, who made his



Ashok Tanwar said Cong was the anti-thesis of democracy



Using cyanide, Kerala woman murdered six members of family over 14 years, say police

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
OCTOBER 5

POLICE IN Kerala Saturday arrested a 47-year-old woman for allegedly murdering her husband, parents in law, and three other members of the extended

family by giving them cyanide in food over a period of 14 years. Two alleged accomplices of the woman have also been arrested.

The woman, Jolly Joseph, who belongs to Koodathai village in Kozhikode district of North Kerala, has confessed to all six murders, Kozhikode Rural superintendent of police K G

Simon told reporters. However, her arrest has been recorded in the murder of her husband, Roy Thomas, 40, in which police had got scientific evidence from the autopsy in 2011, Simon said.

The report of the post mortem examination had revealed the presence of cyanide

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District SP in UP says English, smartphones must for cops

AVANEESH MISHRA  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 5

LEAVE APPLICATIONS are to be submitted only in English; every police personnel must own a smartphone and learn how to use WhatsApp before being posted to police stations; they must also buy and read English newspapers as well as a dictionary and learn at least five new English words every day.

These are among the new directions issued by the Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur SP Dev Ranjan Verma to all police personnel in the district.

The order was issued following classes and workshops organised at several police stations, the district headquarters and the police lines over the past week. Following the directives, district police personnel have started purchasing books and dictionaries to learn English.

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In this parched Bihar district, how farmers keep drought at bay

SANTOSH SINGH  
KATORIA (BANKA), OCTOBER 5

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THE DRY belt of Naxal-hit Katoria and Chandan in Bihar's Banka district has mostly been a one-crop zone — paddy or sugarcane. Agriculture was entirely dependent on rainfall with the state government only recently starting work on reviving old sources of water such as rivulets, embankments and ponds.

But over the last decade, at least 10 panchayats in the region have brought about a green revolution of sorts on their own — they are no longer dependent on

benefited about 1,000 farmers from 30 villages, while at least 10,000 farmers from 200-odd villages have followed his model to harvest water on their land. And since their success, these farmers have been growing two crops, paddy and wheat.

The experiment has now expanded to "mobile lift irrigation" — taking water up to 1,000 feet away from the origin by linking foldable pipes. The main beneficiaries are farmers from the panchayats of Kathaun, Katoria, Harhad, Bhikhuvasar, Bhairaganj, Lalpur and Varney, all semi-hilly and sandy areas with a mixed population of



Farmers help Anirudh Prasad in Katoria block. Santosh Singh

OBCs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, mainly daily wagers, sharecroppers and marginal farmers.

At Panjarpatta village, farmers Malik Singh, Rajinder Yadav, Naresh Singh, Dwarika Yadav and Dukhan Yadav help Anirudh Prasad Singh, whose legs are partially paralysed, move around their green paddy fields.

Five years ago, Singh suffered serious injuries on his legs in a road accident and is now being helped by his son Chiranjiv Singh. "But that has not deterred him. What he has done is visible. When the state government declared drought in several dis-

tricts including some blocks of Banka, Katoria was not on the list... it had completed about 70 per cent paddy cultivation," says Malik Singh, a farmer of Panjarpatta.

"A lot has to be done. More government and individual efforts are needed. I am happy about the impact of my work... Our land is very conducive for potato but we are not yet able to get the water required. We have been working with farmers on how to do it," says Anirudh Prasad Singh.

Malik Singh, who has five bighas of cultivable land, says: "For us, Anirudh babu has been

the 'green man'. I have been growing two crops a year for the last six-seven years. Growing wheat was unheard of in this belt earlier."

For instance, around a 500x60 ft pond in Dumarsolva, constructed in 2008-09 by Singh's Mukti Niketan Bhagalpur with funds from NABARD, paddy is now being grown on about 50 bighas of land.

"Before the pond came up, this area was largely arid and dependent on rains alone. The paddy crop yield was about 500 kg per 20 cottah, it's now about 1,000-1200 kg. Fields on the

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**MUMBAI'S AAREY PROTESTS: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Mumbai Police registers an FIR against as many as 40 protesters under IPC sections 332, 353, 143 and 149, a police spokesperson told The Indian Express

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'Save Aarey' protests have been engulfing Mumbai

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PM Modi says talks with Hasina will energise relations

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**'Golden chapter'**

Banerjee stilled the Teesta water-sharing agreement for the first time.

After Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014, the BJP made a U-turn on the land boundary agreement, leading to the resolution of the historical dispute. However, on Teesta, Dhaka's biggest complaint has been New Delhi's inability to deliver on its commitment over the last five years.

On Saturday, Hasina said that the people of Bangladesh were awaiting early signing and implementation of the Framework of Interim Agreement for sharing of the Teesta waters, as agreed upon by both governments in 2011. Modi said that his government was working with all stakeholders in India for conclusion of the agreement "soonest possible".

"It's not that we don't want to sign. But political compulsions have prevented us from signing," a source in the government said.

Now, with the BJP in West Bengal challenging Banerjee, it seems that this diplomatic hot potato has become an even more complicated question.

But the two sides are confident that they will not allow this to become an irritant in the relationship. As Modi met Hasina on Saturday, he is learnt to have told her in Bangla that the two countries are poised for a "shonali adhyay" (golden chapter) in the soon-to-be 50-year-old relationship.

Indeed, over the last decade, the two sides have broadened their areas of cooperation from

economy to nuclear, and from connectivity to terrorism. They are now looking at shared prosperity and opportunity, cutting across fields, and at a shared future.

A Bangladeshi diplomat said on Saturday: "There is a saying in Bangla, 'jodi-r kotha nodi-te,'" which translates literally as "worries about 'ifs' are best thrown in the river". For the present, the two countries were looking at a "mutually beneficial" partnership, and to make the progress they achieve "irreversible", the diplomat said.

Bangladesh is growing at a rapid 8% annually; its economy has grown by a huge 188% since 2009. Its per capita income is around \$ 2,000, and the value of its exports to India crossed \$1 billion in 2019, a year-on-year growth of 52%. Hasina wants Bangladesh to rise from being a Least Developed Country (LDC) to a Developing Country by 2021, and a developed country by 2041. Both India and Bangladesh are now looking at a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

For decades, India has faced difficulty in accessing the Northeast of the country, having to negotiate the so-called chicken's neck in North Bengal. The friendly government in Dhaka, with an assured political mandate, has more flexibility in giving access to India's Northeast through Bangladeshi territory. Several insecurities of the past are fading.

A Bangladeshi diplomat said that the two countries were now the "most-connected" in the South Asian region. After Hasina's

visit, the two countries will increase flights from 61 to 91 per week in summer, and to 120 per week in winter. The frequency of the Maitree Express will go up from 4 times to 5 per week, and that of Bandhan Express from once to twice per week. Both sides on Saturday welcomed plans for a Dhaka-Siliguri bus; there are services between Kolkata and Dhaka and Agartala and Dhaka already.

As the SAARC has become moribund due to Pakistan's attitude, New Delhi and Dhaka have focussed their energies on BIM-STEAC, a key grouping in which they have shared interests.

New Delhi hopes that as Bangladesh's economy improves and more people come out of poverty, the illegal migrations into India would automatically stop.

**China envoy**

which has always maintained that the issue of Kashmir is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan, and the two countries must resolve this dispute bilaterally. Yao's statement is also seen by Delhi as interfering with India's "internal matter" and "not keeping in spirit" with the proposed visit by Xi.

This also comes just after Chinese Vice Minister Luo Zhaohui, who was Chinese envoy to India, raised the issue of the Himgiri military exercises in Arunachal Pradesh with Foreign secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale. Luo, who is visiting India to lay the groundwork for Xi's visit for the informal summit, had raised the issue of military exercises in Arunachal Pradesh, which China claims to be part of its own territory. India rejects such claims.

Meanwhile, Chinese Embassy spokesperson Ji Rong also disputed Saturday a report in the media that the 150th birth anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi was held in the Indian Embassy premises in Beijing because the relevant local authority denied permission for it to take place in its chosen venue at Chaoyang Park of Beijing.

Ji said, "I have noted the relevant report. We have learned that due to the celebration activities of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Indian embassy in China has been advised to hold this year's 150th birth anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi somewhere else. It's purely for technical reasons. Mahatma Gandhi is an important historical figure who led India to shake off colonial rule and win independence. He is widely respected in China and the world. The Chinese side welcomes the hosting of relevant events in China to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi."

The string of strong statements comes days before the informal summit for which India has already been making preparations.

While officials have made arrangements for the two leaders to meet in an informal environment around the temples in Mamallapuram, Delhi and Beijing are yet to confirm the visit officially. According to the proposed schedule, Xi is likely to arrive in Chennai on October 11 and leave on October 12, a shorter duration than what Modi's when he went to Wuhan for the first informal summit.

**Aarey**

arrested protesters — 23 men and six women — were produced before a magistrate in Borivali. The public prosecutor sought police remand of four of the arrested. "We need to investigate their role in the case and verify whether they have links to any other organisations," the prosecutor told court.

However, the magistrate dismissed the police's plea and remanded the protesters to judicial custody for 14 days. The offences for which the protesters have

**India, Bangladesh sign security, trade deals**

that India-Bangladesh relationship is a great example of cooperation between two friendly neighbours. I am glad that our interaction today will give more energy to our relationship," he said in the presence of Hasina.

In her remarks, Hasina said the ties between the two countries have been on an upswing in the last few years, including in areas of maritime security, civil nuclear energy, and trade. Her visit to India is an "eternal milestone" in the bilateral relationship, she said.

India and Bangladesh also discussed the National Register of Citizens (NRC), on which the conversation was on lines similar to the one in New York.

Hasina had told Modi in that meeting that the NRC had become a matter of "great concern" for Bangladesh, and Modi was learnt to have replied that there was "nothing to be worried", since India and Bangladesh have good relations. India has conveyed to Bangladesh that the NRC is a "court-mandated process", and it will have to see where the process ultimately leads, sources said.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque said

at a press conference: "We were told that this is an internal matter of India. Our relationship is best of the best at present. But at the same time we are keeping our eyes open (on the NRC issue)."

Asked about Home Minister Amit Shah's comments that illegal Bangladeshis from Assam would be deported, Haque said: "We should not make a crisis out of nothing at this stage and we should be able to wait and see... We think this is an internal matter of India. Prime Minister Modi has explained to Prime Minister Hasina the process that India has put up in terms of making sure that everybody is eventually included in this (NRC)."

Modi and Hasina also discussed the long-pending agreement on the sharing of Teesta waters on Saturday.

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Agreement soonest possible," the joint statement said.

The leaders emphasised the importance of effective border management to ensure a "tranquil, stable and crime-free border," the joint statement said. As a step towards this goal, the leaders directed their respective border forces to complete border fencing at all pending sectors at the earliest.

The two PMs welcomed the initiatives for the development of a closer maritime security partnership, noted the progress made towards finalising a Memorandum of Understanding on establishing a coastal surveillance radar system in Bangladesh, and encouraged both sides to ensure an early signing of the MoU.

They also agreed to expedite work towards drawing upon the \$500 million Defence Line of Credit extended by India, the implementation arrangements for which were finalised in April.

The leaders also discussed the issue of the Rohingya refugees. Modi appreciated Bangladesh's "generosity in sheltering and providing humanitarian assistance to forcibly displaced persons from the Rakhine State of Myanmar".

On the economic side, the two countries agreed to expedite the commissioning of the joint study on the prospects of entering into a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Modi appreciated Bangladesh's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, and commended Hasina for her "resolute efforts to ensure peace, security and stability in the region", the statement said.

"Recognising that terrorism remains one of the most significant threats to peace and stability of both countries and the region, the two Prime Ministers reiterated their strong commitment to eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and stressed that there can be no justification whatsoever for any act of terror. Both leaders referred to the successful discussions between Home Ministers of both countries during the recent visit of the Home Minister of Bangladesh to India in August 2019, and agreed that closer co-operation against extremist and radical groups, terrorists, smugglers, smuggling of fake currency, and organized crime remain a shared priority," the joint statement said.

istential crisis, not because of its political opponents but because of serious internal contradictions." Tanwar's rift with the Congress had widened in June after the party's disastrous performance in the Lok Sabha polls - it won none of Haryana's 10 seats. Then, at a state coordination committee meeting, Tanwar had said: "Mere ko agar khatam karna hai, toh mujhe goli maar do (If you want to finish me, just shoot me)."

Levelling serious allegations against the party in his letter, Tanwar said, "My experience of last few years has been that democracy in the party is being killed by selfish interests of a few lobbies. Devoted people like me are not allowed to work with full freedom."

"...but unfortunately personal allegiances and fixing with Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad and others have been the top criteria for selection of candidates in most cases," he said.

**Grenade attack**

initiated. Police on job to identify and nab the culprit," said the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Twitter.

According to Dr Ahmad, most people sustained splinter injuries and were discharged immediately from the hospital after first aid was provided.

On September 28, a CRPF spokesperson had said in a statement that a grenade was lobbed at troops of 49 battalion of CRPF in Nawakadal area of Srinagar city. No one was injured in the attack.

Later in Anantnag, PTI, quoting police, reported that militants opened fire at a former PDP worker, leaving him injured. Sajad Hussain Mantoo was shot at by the militants at his residence in Kokernag area of Anantnag, according to police.

**UP police officer**

"The reason behind the initiative is that all cybercrime and surveillance information is mostly in English. Amendments, new regulations are in English and if there are discrepancies in the English and Hindi version, the English one is considered valid," he said.

"But more than all this, in the recent past, I have seen policemen making blunders in understanding court decisions in English. Following that, I decided to take the initiative to ensure police personnel learn at least basic English," said Verma, a 2011 batch IPS officer, who joined the district on June 9 this year.

"For this, I made it mandatory that all leave applications coming to me are in English. Everyone from a police constable to senior officers has started taking help from others or Google to write applications. I personally check the applications and make corrections if needed," he said, adding that he "will be going to police stations and outposts at random to ensure everyone has all this".

"Another important decision I have taken is making a smartphone and applications like WhatsApp, Cam Scanner and Google Drive mandatory for everyone. No police personnel will be given posting at police stations or police outposts if they do not own a smartphone and do not know how to use these applications," he said.

According to Verma, some personnel who had objected initially were sent to the police lines. "I said that those who do not agree to this will be suspended. It is simply that in the present world, those who do not know how to use Whatsapp and cannot send texts and photos on it are of no use to us. We need people who can share information as fast as possible," he said.

Devipatan DIG Rakesh Singh said he was not given any official information about the decisions.

**Ashok Tanwar**

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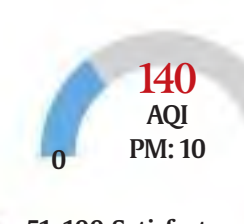
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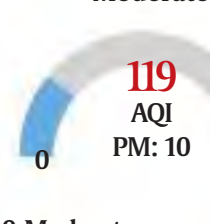




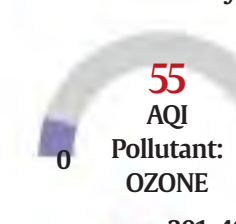
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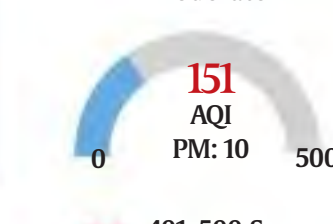
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51-100 Satisfactory

101-200 Moderate

201-300 Poor

301-400 Very Poor

401-500 Severe

**BRIEFLY**

**100 more sewer-cleaning machines to be deployed**

*New Delhi:* The Delhi government is set to deploy 100 more sewer-cleaning machines, in addition to the existing 200, under a collaborative scheme involving the city's SC/ST/OBC welfare corporation and safai karamcharis.

**4 injured in accident**

*New Delhi:* Four people were injured after a DTC bus hit two motorcycles and a scooter in West Delhi's Mayapuri Saturday night. The bus driver has been arrested, said police. "The injured have been taken to DDU Hospital and one victim is serious," said DCP (West) Deepak Purohit.

**CM gets threat mails, techie held**

*New Delhi:* A 36-year-old techie was arrested from Jaipur for allegedly sending two "offensive and threatening" emails to CM Arvind Kejriwal last month, said police.

**Couple held for fraud**

*New Delhi:* A 35-year-old man and his wife were arrested for allegedly embezzling Rs 92 lakh from the firm where he had worked as an accountant for the last 10 years. **ENS**



**AT THE RAMLILA**

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his wife Sunita at a Ramlila event in Jhilmil Colony, Saturday. *Gajendra Yadav*

**Dwarka to get sports complex, golf course**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A SLEW of projects in Dwarka — including a sports complex, golf course and centre for excellence for football — will be inaugurated by Union Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday.

A senior DDA official said the projects, with a budget of around Rs 300 crore, also include a foot overbridge and a cycle track.

He said the sports centre will serve as a centre of excellence for games such as wrestling, weightlifting, boxing, judo and kabaddi. The project will cost Rs 66 crore and is likely to be completed in two years.

Another sports complex in Dwarka Sector 23 will also be de-

veloped as a centre of excellence for football, and will be completed in 24 months at a cost of Rs 39 crore.

The golf course at Dwarka's Sector 24 will cost around Rs 62 crore, and is likely to be completed within 24 months. It will be an "international golf course" with 18 holes, the official said.

"A cycle track is also proposed in Sector 11 at a cost of Rs 9 crore; it is likely to be completed by April next year. Besides, the foundations of four foot overbridges will also be laid," he said. This will cost Rs 12 crore and is likely to be completed by August 2020.

These foot overbridges will provide safe crossing facilities to more than 16,200 pedestrians per day, reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic speed.

## German Embassy employee dragged on road by snatchers

In another incident in Rohini, DCPCR staffer falls off scooter during snatching

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

TWO BIKE-BORNE men allegedly snatched the bag of a German national Friday night as she was about to board a bus to Varanasi from Mayur Vihar Phase I. When the woman tried to resist, she was dragged behind the motorcycle and received minor injuries. She was accompanied by a friend, another German national. Both women are employed at the German Embassy.

"The incident took place around 9.30 pm and a case of robbery has been registered at Mayur Vihar-I police station. The

woman said the bus had arrived and she had just climbed on to it when two men on a bike snatched her bag," said DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh.

The women, who are in their 20s, were going to Varanasi for a holiday, and had arrived in India earlier this year. Police said the woman's bag had her passport, some paperwork, Rs 500 and a mobile charger.

"When the woman reached the police station, an FIR was filed and she was taken to Jeevan Anmol Hospital for a medical check-up. After first-aid, the two were dropped home," said a police officer.

Police said the woman was dragged on the main road for a

few metres and received bruises on her knees and elbows. "There is no CCTV footage available. The two women couldn't note down the number plate of the bike. We are investigating the matter by looking at previous records of snatchers in the area," said Singh.

Meanwhile, in Rohini's Prashant Vihar on Friday morning, a woman's gold chain was snatched by two bike-borne men while she was returning home after dropping her son to school. The victim, Jyoti Rathee, is a member of the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) and was riding a two-wheeler at the time of the incident.

She said, "The accused's bike

hit me from behind and the men snatched my gold chain. I fell down and the locket in the chain fell on me. I held on to that even as the men tried to snatch it. They left as people gathered." She suffered minor injuries on her chest and hands.

Rathee said that when she went to Prashant Vihar police station, an e-FIR was filed. "I thought that was not right and a proper FIR should have been filed," said Rathee.

DCP (Rohini) SD Mishra said an FIR under sections of robbery was filed Saturday. "Inquiry has shown that she communicated with an ASI and disciplinary action will be taken against him," said Mishra.

Ahead of Diwali, green crackers launched in city



At the launch, Saturday. *Praveen Khanna*

*New Delhi:* Union Minister of Health Harsh Vardhan Saturday launched green firecrackers ahead of Diwali, in a bid to "resolve the crisis of air pollution" in the capital. These environment-friendly crackers have been developed by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

The Minister said the firecrackers have been manufactured and are already in the market for sale. He also pointed out that green crackers cost almost the same as conventional ones. **ENS**

## Woman who 'stole' cards, cash from SRCC hostel arrested

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THREE WEEKS after a series of thefts were reported from the girls' hospital of Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), a 34-year-old woman was arrested on October 2.

During questioning, the woman, who hails from Maharashtra's Nagpur, told police that she had conducted similar thefts across colleges in Delhi and Mumbai as she "liked doing them", and had to "support her lifestyle". Police said these cases are yet to be verified.

"On October 2, she created a ruckus outside a hostel in Mukherjee Nagar after she was

denied entry by guards, and a PCR call was made. When police reached there, she was aggressive and seemed a bit unstable. She was referred to the Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS). By that time, we realised that she was the woman caught on CCTV in the SRCC college theft case on September 12. Once she was released from IHBAS, we arrested her," said a senior police officer.

The woman had allegedly stolen debit cards and cash worth Rs 3,000 from some hostel rooms of SRCC.

Police claimed she made transactions worth Rs 50,000 from the stolen debit cards. "We traced the transactions and CCTV footage from those places too was found," said a police officer.

The case was registered at North Delhi's Maurice Nagar police station.

The woman said her mother and brother live in Melbourne and that she had worked at call centres in Pune and Bengaluru.

"She was visiting Delhi and staying at a hotel in Paharganj. When she ran out of money, she went to SRCC to conduct thefts," said police.

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Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

- A resolution to follow the path of Mahatma Gandhi was passed in a special session of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly held on 2-3 October, the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
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- Thousands of children took out 'Prabhat Pheri' on the theme of 'Bachcha-Bachcha Gandhi' on the occasion of 'Gandhi Jayanti'.
- With the inauguration of 'Nahar Satyagrah Sthal Memorial Inscription', a weeklong 'Gandhi Vichar Padyatra' has started from October 2, led by Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel from village Kandel of district Dhamtari, a place graced by the presence of Bapu during his first Chhattisgarh visit in 1920.
- This 'Gandhi Vichar Padyatra' will be organized in every Block of the state from 11-17 October.

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# DURING FESTIVE SEASON Traffic police wing to focus on road fines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

IN A bid to improve traffic regulation in the capital during the festive season, Delhi Police has bifurcated the traffic department into two teams — more than 300 teams have been deployed for prosecution and over 350 to regulate traffic.

Sources said this is a pilot project of the traffic police, and they will monitor the situation.

"If we receive a positive response, we will go ahead with this plan. As of now, we have installed 34 speed cameras in several areas across Delhi to detect speed limit violations, which continue to remain one of the most common offences. We are installing more cameras in the coming days," a senior police officer said.

The amended Motor Vehicles Act, which came into effect on September 1, imposes stricter penalties to ensure road safety. Police said this has brought down the number of violations.

Special CP (Traffic) Taj Hassan said, "In view of the festive season, we have done strategic planning for regulation of traffic and enforcement of traffic laws. Our special priority is smooth regulation of traffic during the morning and evening peak hours. As of now, we have bifurcated traffic staff into two groups, in which one set of teams will focus on smooth regulation of traffic at vital junctions, so that there is no traffic

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## Desired effect

DATA provided by traffic police shows that 236 people died in traffic accidents in September 2018, while 92 people died in September 2019, after the amended Motor Vehicles Act came into force. Data also showed the number of traffic challans dropped in the city, suggesting that heavier fines seem to be having the desired effect.

congestion. We have formed over 300 teams for prosecution and over 350 for regulation of traffic."

JCP (Traffic) Narendra Singh Bundela said regulation teams will be assisted by a prosecution team, which is responsible for detecting and prosecuting vehicles violating road rules.

"This ensures that regulation of traffic is not affected while enforcing laws and rules for the safety of passengers. Special deployment has been made in places of Durga Puja, Diwali Mela and market areas in view of increased footfall," he added.

# No senior school at Chilla village, many girls drop out after Class VIII

SAKSHIDAYAL  
TAURU, OCTOBER 5

A YEAR ago, 14-year-old Rubaiyaan sat in a classroom of the Government Middle School in Tauru's Chilla village as a student of class VIII, hoping for a "miracle" that would allow her to continue her education and become "a doctor or a teacher".

But with no government senior secondary school in the village or vehicle to help her get to the closest such institution for girls 7 km away, her prayers remained unanswered. Earlier this year, she joined the ranks of many girls in the village who gave up their education after class VIII.

"We want to study, but there are no facilities. The closest senior secondary school is in Tauru, and the only way to go there is to take an auto by paying Rs 40," said Rubaiyaan's sister Anjum, who also gave up her education after class VIII in 2014.

Their father is a labourer, and the sisters said the auto fare is beyond their means. The girls now help with household work and look after their four younger siblings.



The middle school offers education till class VIII. Praveen Khanna

Similarly Imrana, who completed class VIII from the middle school last year, spends her days collecting fodder for cattle tied in her yard. Her father, Jaikamdim, said he enrolled her in the senior secondary school in Tauru where she finished class IX, before dropping out.

"The commute was very difficult. There are no autos or tempos here until 8 am, so she would have to walk to the next village around 3.5 km away to find transport," said Jaikamdim. "It would take her over 1.5 hours each way, which wasn't safe. We

didn't want her to travel alone in this area. There is nobody who could accompany her to school and pick her up."

According to teachers at the middle school, Imrana was among three girls who completed class VIII last year and enrolled for further education. Fourteen more girls, who graduated from class VIII in the last few years, resumed their education this year after teachers convinced residents to let their children finish school.

"There is a major lack of support from the administration.

Very few people have their own vehicles or the money to arrange for transport. It is safer for boys, as they can sit on roofs or hang from the sides of tempos... Many girls stop studying because the commute is strenuous," said a teacher at the school.

Last year, the gram panchayat of the village had written to the principal of the Girls Senior Secondary School, requesting that transport be arranged for 20 female students, but in vain. The headmaster of the middle school had, similarly, written to the block education officer of Tauru in February last year, seeking upgradation of the school.

"The request for upgradation has been forwarded to the director of education in Chandigarh, and they will have to take a decision on it," said Sunil Yadav, block education officer, Tauru.

On transportation issues, he added, "We have arranged four buses that travel around the Tauru block to transport girls to and from the school. However, they stick to the main roads and only go into local villages when there are at least 10 girls seeking transportation from there. That is not the case in Chilla so far."

# Tutor held for killing former student who wanted to marry him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5



The accused, Naushad Ali

DAYS AFTER the body of a 22-year-old student was found in a sack, police Saturday arrested her former tuition teacher and his brother-in-law from Karawal Nagar on charges of murder.

According to police, the woman had been pressuring the accused, Naushad Ali (35), to marry her, so he allegedly decided to kill her. On September 26, when she went to meet Ali, he allegedly hit her on the head with a rod and she fell unconscious. Police said he and his brother-in-law, Mohammed Rajji (28), allegedly put her in a sack and dumped it in a drain. The woman, however, was still alive and died due to drowning.

The woman's body was found in the drain last Sunday. "On September 26, she left home after telling her parents that she was going to meet her former tutor. She had been missing since then. Her family tried to call her but her phone was switched off. They later lodged an FIR," a senior police officer said.

Police approached her family members, who identified the woman from her clothes and earrings. During investigation, police went through her call detail records and detained Ali.

"During questioning, he confessed to his crime. He told police that he used to give tuition to students from classes VIII to XII. The woman used to be his student... They later entered into a relationship. She was persuading him to marry her, so he decided to get rid of her," an officer said, adding that a day after the murder, he celebrated his birthday with his friends at home.

The family had earlier suspected the accused may be involved. "She was studying under the tutor when she was in school. Later, she also started teaching at his centre without informing her family," said her uncle.

# AAP legislators take to streets, in search of potholes

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

DIGGING, SEEPAGE, encroachments, waterlogging, delayed tenders — several factors have left long stretches of roads that come under the Public Works Department (PWD) damaged, inspections undertaken by teams of 50 AAP MLAs and engineers on Saturday found.

Armed with smartphones equipped with a customised app, AAP MLAs, accompanied by local PWD engineers, fanned out across the capital to create a database of potholes and uneven stretches under the instructions of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Around 1,260 km of roads in

Delhi, with a width of 60 metres or more, come under the PWD.

The Indian Express tracked Greater Kailash MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj, who undertook the survey with PWD assistant engineer (Malviya Nagar) S K Dohrey between 10 am and 1 pm. Bhardwaj, the party's chief spokesperson, began by uploading images of an uneven stretch outside Chirag Delhi Metro station on the now defunct BRT corridor — one of the busiest arterial roads in South Delhi.

Each MLA was given a separate username and password to upload images of damaged stretches on an app, Commcare, which had the geographical coordinates embedded in them. While uploading, MLAs had to



G K MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj during the PWD road survey

choose among "potholes, uneven stretches and others" options. The "others" option covered damage caused by digging carried out by agencies such as the Jal Board and

private power discoms.

The government had implemented the amended road restoration policy in May 2018, under which agencies which dig roads for laying pipelines or cables have to restore them as well. But a round of GK revealed that the amended policy has achieved little. Dohrey said the agencies usually do patchwork using "instantaneous bitumen", which doesn't last.

The team next visited Zamrudpur near East of Kailash, where constant seepage from an overflowing drain line had damaged a busy junction. The underground drain overflows as many people connected their sewer lines directly to it, said Bhardwaj. The team also visited upscale

areas such as GK 1, CR Park and Pamposh Enclave, where it came across roads left unattended after digging work and large-scale encroachments on sidewalks.

Ravidas Marg, which connects Tughlaqabad with Kalkaji Mandir, and the Sheikh Sarai-Appeeja School road were found in particularly bad condition. Dohrey claimed the Sheikh Sarai road is part of 10 roads in the area which are up for strengthening. "PWD roads are relaid every five years. Ten roads in this constituency will be strengthened as part of that; tenders will be floated this month," he said.

Bhardwaj, however, alleged the PWD has been making the same claim for the last few months. Dohrey said the agencies

laying utility lines are supposed to ensure that cables or pipes are at a depth of at least 1.2 metres from the road surface, but the stipulation is routinely flouted.

The government has tried carrying out post-repair surveys involving MLAs and officials several times in the past. The attempts did not meet with much success, prompting a rethink and the resultant pre-repair survey.

The CM tweeted that such a survey was being carried for the first time in the country. Each MLA will cover 25 km and instant repairs will follow, he added. However, on the ground, MLAs and PWD officials said it will take time as repairs will be carried out after evaluating the uploaded posts.

**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
Office of the Ex. Engineer (M-I) Narela  
Zonal Office, Narela, Delhi-110040  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
No. : EE/M-I/Narela/2019-2020/11 Date : 04.10.2019  
Start Date of Sale/Download of Tender Document : 04.10.2019 17.30 Hrs.  
Last Date of Tender Document : 25.10.2019 upto 12.00 Hrs. online submission  
Opening of Financial Bid : 28.10.2019 upto 12.30 Hrs.  
For online tendering time table please refer <http://mcdetenders.com>  
Sealed percentage Rate tenders are invited for execution of the following works by the North DMC from eligible registered contractors having experience in the similar field and will be received as per time table and will be opened at 28.10.2019 at 12.30 Hrs. on website <http://mcdetenders.com> by MCD E-Tendering in the office of EE(M-I)/Narela Zonal Building, Narela Zone, Delhi-110040. The eligible contractors have to quote their rates subject to the conditions that they are neither blacklisted nor debarred at the time of submission of their tenders through e-tendering process.

S. No.	Name of Work	Tender No.	Tender Amount (Rs.)	E.M.D. (Rs.)
1.	Construction of boundary wall at open land near Ramdev Chowk in Mamoorpur village in Ward No. 1, Narela in Narela Zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.1	1,21,76,128/-	2,43,523/-
2.	Imp. of lanes by pdg. CC pavement and drain in Swatantra Nagar Part A in Ward No. 5N (Bankner) in Narela Zone. SH:- Gali No. 10 A to Railway crossing, Gali No. 21, Gali No. 23, from Anil to Ashish house in 1A, Sunil to Anil house in 7A, Mahbir to Ajit house in 9A, Roshan to Mehtab in 15A, Krishan to Shiv Kumar, Kuldeep to Laxmi Narayan, Suresh to Subhash, Vimla to Naresh house. H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I	EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.2	1,12,44,518/-	2,24,890/-
3.	Improvement and Development of lanes in Sector A-5 Pkt 8 in Resettlement Colony Narela in Ward No. 5N, Bankner in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-S (d)		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.3	1,81,89,011/-	3,63,780/-
4.	Improvement and Development of lanes in Sector A-5 Pkt 14 in Resettlement Colony Narela in ward No. 5N, Bankner in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-S (d)		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.4	1,50,28,094/-	3,00,562/-
5.	Improvement and Development of lanes in Sector A-10 Pocket 7 in Resettlement Colony in ward No. 1N, Narela in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-S (d)		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.5	1,83,93,082/-	3,67,862/-
6.	Improvement of drain by pdg. RCC box type drain on Bankner Munipur road from main road Bankner to FC drain in village Bankner in ward No. 5N (Bankner) in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.4	1,46,50,990/-	2,93,020/-
7.	Improvement of drain by pdg. RCC box type drain on phiri road from Moolchand to Sr. Sec. School and Sudesh to M.C. Priy School in village Ghoga in ward No. 5 in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.7	1,24,04,154/-	2,48,083/-
8.	Improvement of lane by providing CC pavement and RCC drain from Ved Singh house to Holly Chowk in village Bankner in ward No. 5N (Bankner) in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.8	1,12,15,096/-	2,24,302/-
9.	Improvement of lane by providing CC pavement in village Bankner in ward No. 5 (Bankner) in Narela Zone. SH :- Lane from Jai Kumar to Raj Singh house, Jage Ram to Dhrambir house, Pale to Prem house, Bhonda to Balwan, Rohitash to Nafe house, Ramesh to Harizan choupal, Mauji Ram to Vedpal house and Bhoop Singh to Kartar house, Union Bank to Nafe house, Choupal to Bijender house and side lanes and repair of drain from Holly chowk to Railway boundary.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.9	1,14,83,658/-	2,29,673/-
10.	Improvement of lane by providing CC pavement in village Mamoorpur in ward No. 1 (Narela) in Narela Zone. SH:- Lane from Chandram to Mahabir house, Dr. Rohilla to Bale Ram, Babu Ram to Net Ram house, Jitender to Laxmi house, Pratap to Hari Ram house, Kishan to Rajbir house, Dharampal to Jagat Ram, Anand to Anoop house, Kesar to Azad house, Prakash to Toilet Block, Dalal to Ratan house and Pritam to Satpal house.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.10	1,01,04,554/-	2,02,091/-
11.	Improvement and Development of road from main road to Vishnu house and Ramashray house to NDPL boundary in Indra Colony Narela in ward No. 1N Narela Zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-S (d)		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.11	66,36,787/-	1,32,736/-
12.	Improvement and strengthening of village Saboli Road from Narela to ITBP Camp in ward No. 1N (Narela) in Narela zone.	H/A:- XL-VIII-ZF-I		
		EE/M-I/Narela/TC/2019-2020/11.12	2,22,33,270/-	4,44,665/-

**Time of Completion : 6 Months each, for S.No. 1, 2, 5 to 12, 8 Months each, for S.No. 3 & 4; Validity of Rates : 5 Months each, for all the above works; Tender Cost : Rs. 1,000/- each, for S.No. 1 to 11, Rs. 2,000/- for S.No. 12.**  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Online e-tenders are invited in two parts Namely Part-Ist (Technical Bid) and Part-IInd (Price Bid) up to 14:00 Hrs. on 05.11.2019 for the following work as listed below from the contractors having requisite work experience and financial capabilities. The tender documents can be downloaded from and uploaded on e-procurement website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in). The tenderers will have to pay a non-refundable fee as the cost of tender documents before schedule time of opening of the tender Part-Ist inform of demand draft issued by nationalized bank of India in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonabhadra (U.P.) Payable at Obra. Part-I shall contain the pre-qualifying details, along with duly signed documentary evidences, technical & commercial terms and conditions, scanned copy of Earnest money in the form of FDR/TDR/CDR etc(Fixed) only in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonabhadra (U.P.) Payable at Obra as well as demand draft towards tender fee. Part-IInd shall contain price bid only. Tenderers are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow so as to obtain digital signatures for the participation. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. The bids of the firms without Demand draft towards the cost of tender document and without Earnest Money deposit will not be opened and rejected. In the event of date specified for bids opening, being declared a holiday then bid shall be opened on next working day at schedule time.

1. Last date and time for submission of e-bids (Technical and Financial) at e-procurement website <a href="http://etender.up.nic.in">http://etender.up.nic.in</a>	05.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs
2. Last date and time for submission of Hard original documents of tender fee and earnest money along with copy of all other required certificates and documents in the undersigned office.	06.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs
3. Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-Ist)	07.11.2019 After 14:00 Hrs
4. Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-IInd)	Shall be intimated Later
5. Venue of opening Bid	Office of Executive Engineer, HOPS, Obra, Distt.-Sonabhadra (U.P.)

**1. Tender Specification No: T-05/HOPS/2019-20**  
**Name of Work :** Procurement of 145KV, 3-Core potential transformer for metering system of 3x33 MW capacity Hydro machines installed at Hydél Obra Power Station (3x33MW), Obra, Sonabhadra (U.P.).  
**Earnest Money :** Rs. 21,000/- **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 10,50,000.00  
**Tender Cost :** Rs. 1239/- including Taxes.

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**C.D. P.W.D. Khurja, (Bulandshahar)**  
No. 1873/6A/E-TENDER/2019 Dated. 20.9.19  
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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Work Completion	Tender document fee including GST	Contractors Category
1	SR of Dashara Paladajhal road to aachapur Link road	2.00	0.20	1 Month	Rs. 650.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 120.00 G.S.T.	A, B, C, D

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Letter No-1409/RED/Tender/File No-02/ Bond Clerk/2019-20 dated: 01-10-2019

1. The Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Department, Division Budaun on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through e-procurement: 01-11-2019 at 04.00 pm.  
2. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 01-11-2019 at 04.00 pm.  
3. Date of availability of Bid documents on website: 21-10-2019  
4. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 01-11-2019 at 04.00 pm.  
5. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: 01-11-2019 at 04.00 pm.  
6. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-9 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.  
For further details please log on to <https://etender.up.nic.in> and download the bid document.

S. No	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh)	Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid docu: lation including GST (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1.	Budaun Construction of Interlocking taylari road in Village Bastoi Sikari Block Dehagwan Rajendr. Pali Home to Primary School	12.664	0.260	766.00	90Days

Sd/-  
(Rajendra Singh)  
Executive Engineer  
Rural Engineering Department  
Division Budaun  
On behalf of Governor of UP

UPID-144430 DATE 04/10/2019  
WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**  
**COMMISSIONERATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE**  
CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005.  
Tender Notice No.02 (2019-20) Dated : 04.10.2019  
**TENDER NOTICE - INVITING TENDERS UNDER FIXED RATE CONTRACT FROM MANUFACTURERS OF GIRLS AND BOYS BI-CYCLES WITHIN INDIA**

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sealed Tenders are invited under fixed rate contract for the supply of Girls' Bi-cycles and Boys' Bi-cycles under Two Cover System by the undersigned from reputed Bi-cycle Manufacturing Firms within the Union of India producing Bi-cycles conforming to ISI Specifications (ISI No. 10613: 2014) as specified in the Tender Document and having valid ISO certification and capacity to deliver the Bi-cycles as per the requirements.

**DETAILS OF TENDER.**

Tender No	02 / 2019-20
Description of item	Procurement of approximately 462222 numbers of Boys bi-cycles and 618510 numbers of Girls bi-cycles. Total 1080732 number of bi-cycles to be supplied in Two phases for the year 2019-20 & 2020-21
Period of supply	90 days from the date of receipt of Purchase Order in each phase/year.
Earnest Money Deposit.	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only)
Sale of Tender Document	From office of the undersigned from 06.10.2019 to 04.11.2019 between 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. on any working day. Alternatively Tender Documents can also be downloaded free of cost from the website <a href="http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in">www.tenders.tn.gov.in</a> from 06.10.2019 to 04.11.2019
Cost of tender Document	Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) + GST applicable
Due date, time and Place for submission of Tender along with sample bi-cycles	Upto 3.00 P.M. on 05.11.2019 Room of Deputy Director, Commissionerate of Backward Classes Welfare, Esilagam Annex building (Second Floor) Chepaug, Chennai - 600005.
Date and Time of opening of Tender	05.11.2019 at 3.15 P.M

DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
COMMISSIONERATE OF BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, Chepaug, Chennai-5.

DIPR/2512/Tender/2019

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No. 16/MC/OTW/SDGS/2019-20 Dhanbad 03/10/2019  
E-Tender in Two Packet System are invited for execution of the following work by Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W), East Central Railway, Dhanbad.

**1. Name of Work with its Location :** On train welding repairing work of unloadable BOXN wagons at Various loading sidings of CPU, BRKA and DHN area of Dhanbad division for a period of 01 year (365 day).  
**2. Approx. Cost of the work :** Rs. 5,14,47,423.22/- (Five crore fourteen lakh forty seven thousand four hundred twenty three & twenty two paise only)  
**3. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 4,07,300.00/- (Four lakh seven thousand three hundred only) **4. Date & Time for submission of tender :** 10/10/2019 to 24/10/2019 upto 17.00 Hrs. **5. Date & time of opening of Tender (Technical Bid) :** At 12.30 hrs on 25/10/19. **6. Date & time of opening of Tender (Financial Bid) :** Will be informed after scrutiny of technical bid. **7. Website particulars :** <http://www.ireps.gov.in> No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering.

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W)  
E.C. Railway, Dhanbad  
PR/1367/DHN/MECH/T/19-20/36

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**STORES DEPARTMENT**  
**OPEN TENDER**

Batch No. 04/19 Dated : 04.10.2019  
E-Tender Notice for supply of materials - participation in through web portal of IREPS- [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) offers are invited for supply of the following materials : The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hrs.

**Sl. No. 01. Tender No. :** 031850295  
**Brief Description :** High Capacity Compressor 1750 LPM Quantity : 15 Nos Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 172500/-  
**Closing on :** 31.10.19 Sl. No. 02.  
**Tender No. :** 03191140  
**Brief Description :** 21 Teeth Shaft Pinion for WAG-9 locos. Quantity : 250 Nos Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 118130/-  
**Closing on :** 31.10.19 Sl. No. 03.  
**Tender No. :** 11190001  
**Brief Description :** Grease shell 2858 narita H.V./SHELL Quantity : 1590Kgs. Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 30210/-  
**Closing on :** 04.11.19 Sl. No. 04.  
**Tender No. :** 11190002  
**Brief Description :** Converter Oil Shell Dials S4ZX. Quantity : 10703Ltrs. Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 71870/-  
**Closing on :** 04.11.19 Sl. No. 05.  
**Tender No. :** 11171138  
**Brief Description :** Oil Machinery/general purpose machinery. Quantity : 59928-52878 Ltrs. Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 118450/-  
**Closing on :** 04.11.19 Sl. No. 06.  
**Tender No. :** 11197128  
**Brief Description :** Oil SHELL CORENAP-100/Oil shell corena S2P100 Quantity : 4200 Ltrs. Amount of EMD (Rs.) : 23940/-  
**Closing on :** 04.11.19 Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS- [www.](http://www.ireps.gov.in)



Electrician dies while working at NSCI: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

A 56-YEAR-OLD electrician was electrocuted while working at a badminton court in the National Sports Club of India (NSCI) premises Thursday night.

The victim's family alleged negligence on part of the club's maintenance department for asking him to fix an issue in the premises without safety gear.

DCP (New Delhi) Eish Singhal said the man, Anoop Kumar, was the club's permanent electrician and was retiring in three years.

Police said the incident came to light at 11.22 pm on October 3. Anoop was found unconscious by the club's plumber and rushed to RML Hospital, where he died during treatment.

Hindu College students write to PM on Kashmir

New Delhi: After St Stephen's College, students of DU's Hindu College have now written postcards to the Prime Minister against the communication ban in Kashmir, asking him to lift the decision. ENS

KILLED HOMELESS PERSON, SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON PCO call led Noida Police to RTI activist who faked his own death five years ago

AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, OCTOBER 5

APCO call, a t-shirt with a 'Honda logo' and a tattoo were some of the few things that helped nail RTI activist Chandra Mohan Sharma (43), who had faked his own death in 2014 to live with his girlfriend, Preeti Nagar (30).

Last week, Sharma was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Gautam Budh Nagar district court while Preeti faces prison for up to six months. The lawyer representing Sharma plans to challenge the sentence.

The case dates back to May 2, 2014, when a call was received about a car found burning near Greater Noida's Jaypee Greens. As

the fire was brought under control, a body charred beyond recognition was found in the back seat. A tiny piece of cloth with the 'Honda' logo was recovered as a possible clue to the accused's identity.

Soon after, an FIR was filed by Savita, wife of Chandra Mohan Sharma, that her husband, an RTI activist, had been killed over an alleged land dispute. Sharma, who worked with Honda at the time, had filed several RTIs over alleged illegal land occupation for a temple in Kasna, as per statements submitted in court. Police began looking for the accused named in the FIR filed by his wife.

A month later, Preeti's family filed an FIR under IPC section 364 (kidnapping) at a Greater Noida

police station, stating that she had been allegedly abducted. Three months on, no leads were found in either case, and the trail seemed to go cold.

Then, on August 9 this year, Preeti's father Santram received an anonymous phone call claiming his daughter was in Tirupati.

"We travelled with Preeti's father and another relative to Tirupati, but found that the number belonged to a PCO in Bengaluru. We located the phone booth to Hoskote; next to it was a jewellery shop with a CCTV. The PCO and shop owner recalled that the caller was wearing a 'Honda uniform'." Vinay Sharma, a Kasna police officer investigating the case, told the court. The caller had stood out since most callers at the

PCO didn't talk in Hindi.

Police found that the caller worked at Honda Motorcycle India Pvt Ltd and his name was Nitin Sharma. When police traced him, they noticed a tattoo on his hand which read 'Chandramohan and Savita'.

This was the point police realised Nitin was, in fact, Chandra Mohan Sharma. Sharma then allegedly offered a bribe to the police officer and asked him to not reveal his true identity.

On further investigation, police found that Sharma had been having an affair with Preeti. The two had secretly married in an Arya Samaj Mandir and wanted "a new start". On the day of the incident, Sharma and his brother-in-law strangled a homeless,

mentally challenged man near Ansal Plaza and placed him in the car, which was set on fire. Soon after, Sharma fled to Bengaluru and assumed a new identity. He got fake documents and even got a job in Honda, the same company he had been working at earlier, police said.

But financial problems arose when Sharma and Preeti began living with each other in Bengaluru, which prompted him to make calls to her father about her location, hoping he would take her away.

His counsel, however, alleged that the case needs to be looked at again. "We are looking to challenge the case on technical grounds," said Yogesh Solanki, Sharma's lawyer.

Delhi joins Centre scheme, Gol Gumbad 'adopted'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE DELHI government has joined the Centre's 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme, with a private firm adopting the Gol Gumbad through the city's Archaeology Department, which will oversee a facelift of the Lodhi-era tomb.

Prominent Delhi monuments like the Red Fort, Qutub Minar and Jantar Mantar were already adopted through the scheme, under which 26 MoUs have been signed so far. However, the state archaeology department was not involved in the process so far, a senior official said.

The Gol Gumbad has been



Gol Gumbad, a Lodhi-era tomb, has been adopted by a private firm for a facelift under the scheme. Archive

adopted by the ResBird Technologies group, which signed an MoU with the Tourism Ministry and the Delhi

Archaeology Department on October 3. "The private firm will develop infrastructure at Gol Gumbad using its CSR funds. It

will also be in charge of maintenance, upkeep, and ensuring ease of access. It will also have to ensure basic amenities such as clean drinking water and WiFi services at the site," the official said.

The illumination of the monument at night, opening souvenir shops, food courts and installing Point of Sale (PoS) machines at counters are also part of the list of activities that the firm, which will now be known as 'Monument Mitra', will have to undertake.

The initial steps must be taken in the next four to five months. "The ResBird group will now submit an action plan, listing the steps it aims to take. We hope to clear the plan in the next three weeks," the official added.

The 'Adopt A Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan', scheme, launched on September 27, 2017, is a collaborative effort among the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and the states.

The private firms, PSUs or individuals who adopt monuments under the scheme are expected to fund the development and maintenance activities on their own, and will get visibility at the sites and the Incredible India website in return.

The official said two more sites, Bara Lao Ka Gumbad and Mehrauli Archaeological Park, which are on DDA land, will also be adopted soon.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI. 4th Floor, Jawahar Tara Building, Parliament Street, Sarvodaya Marg, New Delhi-110001. Notice under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts and Dues Act, 1993...

punjab national bank पंजाब नैशनल बैंक. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. Sale of immovable property lies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002)...

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Name of the property, Details of property, Outstanding Amount, Bid Increase Amount (IN LAKH), Bid Time. Contains multiple rows of auction details.

U.P. Council of Sugar cane Research, Shahjahanpur. TENDER NOTICE. Sealed Tender are invited from reputed manufacturer/Authorised retailers / dealers for Soap stone (Fine talc powder) 20 Ton.

मेरठ विकास प्राधिकरण, मेरठ. विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपयोग की सम्पत्ति को E-AUCTION/ON LINE BIDDING के द्वारा प्राप्त करने के सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक सूचना.

Ministry of Defence, Government of India. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare. Director General Resettlement. Notice for Invitation of e-Bids. 1. DGR invites online bids from Institutes for Conducting NSQF Compliant Skill Development Training Programmes as Resettlement Training Programme for the FY: 2020-21 & 2021-22...



# As infighting rages, Cong looks set to stretch losing streak in Haryana

**VARINDER BHATIA**  
CHANDIGARH,  
OCTOBER 5

JUST OVER a fortnight left for D-day on October 21, things aren't looking very bright for main opposition Congress in Haryana. The party has failed to put its house in order despite effecting a change of guard in the state unit weeks before the elections.

From infighting, factionalism, defections and uncertainty in party leadership to a "rebellion" through a show of strength by former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and now state unit chief Ashok Tanwar's resignation — nothing seems to be going right for the grand old party.

On Saturday, Tanwar accused the Congress of conspiring to commit "political murders" and "ignoring" dedicated and committed soldiers. Accusing Hooda and Ghulam Nabi Azad, the party in-charge for Haryana, of hijacking distribution of election tickets, Tanwar announced his resignation and said he and lakhs of party workers are "feeling suffocated".

In the Lok Sabha polls just this summer, the Congress lost all 10 seats to the BJP by huge margins. In

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**Do-or-die battle for Hooda, Selja**

OCTOBER 21 poll will be a do-or-die battle for Kumar Selja and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who replaced Ashok Tanwar and Kiran Choudhry as Haryana Congress president and Congress Legislature Party leader, respectively. Hooda had the lion's share in ticket distribution and got a majority of his close aides party tickets. Besides other stalwarts of Haryana Congress, both Selja and Hooda lost this summer's Lok Sabha polls by big margins. Hooda and at least 13 Congress MLAs — all of them contesting this time — were demanding Tanwar's removal for the party to improve its prospects.

the 90-member Assembly elected in 2014, the party had a strength of 17, before one of its MLAs, Jai Tirath Dahiya, recently resigned, allegedly did to infighting, reducing the strength to 16.

While the BJP is constantly increasing its vote base in Haryana — from 17 per cent in 2009 Assembly polls to 34 per cent in 2014 and over 58 per cent in 2019 Lok Sabha polls — the Congress has been on just as steady a decline. The party lost each election by

big margins — mayoral, byelection to Jind Assembly seat earlier this year, and the Lok Sabha polls.

A senior Haryana Congress leader, not willing to be named, said, "It is a pity the way the Congress is functioning, barely days before the polling. All this will cost the party dear. At a time when the entire leadership should have got together, led the party workers and exposed the BJP government, leaders here are fighting each other and accusing the leadership of conspiracies".

Another Haryana Congress leader, who is a candidate in the upcoming polls, said, "Developments such as Hooda's rebellion or resentment shown by Capt Ajay Yadav and Kiran Choudhry, or Tanwar's resignation, will definitely have a bearing on our prospects. Congress candidates are virtually looking for a miracle, as the kind of support they required from senior leadership is nowhere to be seen."

Hooda, however, remains unfazed. He said the party's slogan this time is "Abki baar, Congress sarkaar", an apparent contrast to the BJP's "Ab ki baar, 75-paar" slogan.

On Friday, Selja had rejected Tanwar's allegations and said that the Congress "does not belong to any individual".

# In poll season, parties out to milk Aarey issue

Uddhav, Aaditya back protesters; Oppn slams Sena, BJP

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

THE SHIV Sena, which never loses an opportunity to take on ally BJP, on Saturday took the issue of tree felling at Mumbai's Aarey Colony to slam Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) and hit back at the BJP-led state government, of which it is a part. While Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray, the party's candidate from Worli constituency in Mumbai, said late Saturday that his party would ensure Aarey is declared a forest after it comes to power in the state, another Sena leader, Maharashtra's Minister of State for Housing Ravindra Waikar, told *The Sunday Express* that "relocation of the (Metro) car shed on an adjoining plot would have saved large-scale destruction of trees".

Waikar, who is also MLA of Jogeshwari (East), where both sites are located, said he had discussed the option with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and officials of MMRCL in the past.

Throwing his weight behind activists protesting against felling of trees, Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray said, "Aarey is the most important issue for me right now. Whatever is happening today, whatever was happening yesterday, and whatever will happen in future... I will collect detailed information of what the situation is and will speak firmly and directly on the issue."

Firing a barb at ally BJP, Thackeray said, "The upcoming government will be ours, and once it comes into power, we will deal with the murderers of Aarey forest in the best possible way we can."

Interacting with the media in Worli constituency, Aaditya said, "I am angry and sad. I never felt MMRCL would steal the plot in such a manner. If they had guts after the court gave the order in their favour, they should have



Aaditya Thackeray at a rally in Mumbai Saturday. Nirmal Harindran



done it in daylight. It is wrong to do such work by using so much police force, treating it as PoK. "We will not tolerate *dadagiri* on Mumbaikars."

Seeking to explain why the Sena has not taken a more proactive role in saving the trees, Aaditya said: "Our hands are tied due to the elections and the code of conduct. But when we return to power, we will ensure that Aarey is declared a forest."

While the hacking of trees is going on at a 30-hectare green portion that was earlier reserved by the Fadnavis government for a "Metro car shed and allied uses", minister Waikar said, "I feel the entire ordeal could have been avoided. The adjoining plot (partially slum encumbered) is big. I had suggested that the car shed be constructed there. The hutments could have been redeveloped or rehabilitated. That way, the car shed could have come up without destruction of

the trees."

Meanwhile, Congress candidate Sunil Kumre questioned Waikar's lack of interest in the movement. "Every Sunday, a 'Save Aarey' protest was held. The MLA of the area has never come." He said the state government showed unprecedented hurry following the Bombay HC judgment and gave "no time to activists to approach the Supreme Court".

By Saturday afternoon, former Mumbai Congress president Sanjay Nirupam reached the site and joined the protest. He blamed the Sena for exhibiting "hypocritical attitude" towards the Aarey issue. "They should take a stand but they aren't. Sena must break coalition with BJP if it supports the Aarey cause," Nirupam said.

Former mayor Shubha Raul, who was detained on Saturday morning, said the local Sena cadre has been supporting the Aarey cause.

NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik also questioned the BJP-Sena alliance over Aarey issue. "Now that trees are being felled where are those environment lovers who banned plastic?" he said in a statement.

# Won't allow Tanwar entry into BJP: Khattar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

SOON AFTER Haryana Congress president Ashok Tanwar made public his resignation on Saturday, the BJP sharpened its attack on the Congress.

While there was speculation in political circles that he would switch over to the BJP before the polls, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar ruled out the possibility. "We will not give him (Tanwar) entry (into BJP)," he said.

On Tanwar's reported remarks that the BJP had invited him, Khattar said, "The BJP has not established any contact with him (Tanwar). Had the BJP called him, he would have joined us long time ago."

Khattar said Tanwar's allegations of irregularities in ticket allotment have exposed the Congress. He said, "Now people and leaders have understood that they should not remain in such a party. A lot of their people are contacting us and we are saying that we will take people whose past is clean and who face no allegation and carry on to baggage."

# I DECLARE



**DUSHYANT CHAUTALA**  
JJP, Uchana Kalan

**₹74.77 cr**  
TOTAL ASSETS (Self, Spouse, Coparcener Ajay Chautala HUF)

**IMMOVABLE ₹23.47 cr** **MOVABLE ₹51.30 cr**

**CASH (self) ₹9.32 lakh**  
Income in 2018-19 ₹65.45,878 lakh (self, spouse, HUF)

**CRIMINAL CASE 0**

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
Following an order of the Railway Board, details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

**TENDER NOTICE No.23/19 dt.04.10.19**

**SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS.**

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

The following Tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is 14.30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Tender No.	Short Description
45.19.1065	V deep 6 grooved axle pulley
83.19.1150	Paper/duplicate White (Semi absorbent) size-21 x 29.7 Cms conforming to IS: 1848 (Part-2) 2018
38.19.2187E	Outer Spring
38.19.2363	L Type Composition Brake Block
56.19.1193A	Relay, AC immune, Plug-in type, style QBCA1
38.19.2196B	Auxiliary Reservoir Supporting Bracket
65.19.5025A	Elevators 13 passenger capacity
30.19.3650	Equalizing Slay
30.19.1192	Hanger Block
30.19.1202	Wearing Piece
30.19.1106	Rear Cover for Axle Box
30.19.1903A	Battery Box
38.17.1544B	Air Brake Hose Coupling

**Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening:** S.Nos. 01 to 04 on 28.10.19 S.No. 05 on 31.10.19 S.No. 06 on 01.11.19 S.No. 07 on 04.11.19 S.Nos 08 to 10 on 07.11.19 S.Nos.11 to 12 on 08.11.19 S.No. 13 on 2.11.19.

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value below Rs. 25 lakhs. For details, please visit above Railway website.

**Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad**

**A1633/19**  
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or [www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in)

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**No. S&T-Con-I-SPJ-21R**

Dy CSTE/Con-I/ECR/Samastipur for & on behalf of president of India are invited Open online E-Tender.

**E-Tender No. : S&T-Con-I-SPJ-21R.**

**Name of Work:** Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Track detection equipments (MSDAC/TRACK CIRCUIT) and Laying of S&T Cables through Microboring method/underground horizontal drilling tunneling method in Muzaffarpur yard in connection with Design, testing and Commissioning of ROUTE RELAY INTERLOCKING SYSTEM AT MUZAFFARPUR STATION of Sonpur Division (Indoor & Outdoor) of East Central Railway. Approximate Cost: Rs. 123625717.24. Earnest Money: Rs. 10000.00. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 768100.00. Completion Period: 04 (Four) Months. Last Date & Time of submission of online E-Tender: 23/10/2019 up to 12:00. For details information, may kindly see the tender notice and tender documents which are available at Indian Railway website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

**Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Con-I East Central Railway, Samastipur PR/1371/CONS&T/119-20/36**

**केन्द्रीय मण्डलर निगम**  
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)

**Regional Office:** Vibhuti Khari, Near Roadways workshop, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010, Ph. No.: (0522) 2720556, 2720827, 2720761 | Fax: 2720686

**Website:** [www.cwaacnrc.in](http://www.cwaacnrc.in), E-mail: [mko@cwacnrc.in](mailto:mko@cwacnrc.in) | Corporate Office: Warehouse Bikaner, 4/1

**पत्रांक : के.अ.नि./ओ.का.लख./ई.ई./19-20/ दिनांक: 05.10.2019**

**कार्यालय उपयोग हेतु रिक्त स्थान किराये पर देने के सम्बन्ध में सूचना**

केन्द्रीय मण्डलर निगम, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, विमुक्ति खण्ड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ अपने क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय भवन में मूलतः एवं प्रथम तब जिसका कार्यालय 43669 वर्ग फुट है, 'जेसा हे जहाई है' के आधार पर केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार के विभागों/निगमों/एजेंसी/सर्वजनिक उपक्रमों, स्वायत्तशासी संस्थानों, सहकारी संस्थानों आदि को किराये पर देने का इच्छुक है।

इच्छुक विभाग के प्रतिनिधि दिनांक 07.10.19 से 25.10.19 तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 04.30 बजे तक की अवधि में उपरोक्त स्थान का निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं।

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# DMK hits out at sedition case against celebs

**Chennai:** DMK president M K Stalin on Saturday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi take steps to withdraw the FIR filed in Bihar against celebrities on Friday.

Condemning the move, he said "labelling them as anti-nationals" for writing an open letter to Modi, voicing concern over growing incidents of mob lynching, was "unacceptable".

Targeting the PM, Stalin alleged that the government was involved in acts against freedom of expression, which was "unacceptable." Hence, the PM should "take steps to immediately withdraw the case and protect Indian democracy, he said. PTI

# Mizoram civil society groups meet Shah with concern over citizenship Bill

**ABHISHEK SAHA**  
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 5

CIVIL SOCIETY groups in Mizoram on Saturday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is on a visit to the north-east Indian state, and submitted a memorandum, expressing concern over the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and stating that the Bill should not be passed "until there are provisions for safeguard of Mizos".

The memorandum also highlighted the issue of repatriation of Brus to the state from camps in neighbouring Tripura, Lalmachhuana, secretary of Mizoram's NGO co-ordination committee, said.

Stating that Shah assured them on both issues, Lalmachhuana said, "The Home Minister said that a provision will be inserted in CAB for protection of the people of states where the ILP [Inner Line Permit] regime is in place — states such as Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. On repatriation of



Amit Shah at the Northeast Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition 2019 in Aizawl. PTI

Brus, he told us that an interlocutor will be appointed through whom the issue should be settled amicably."

On Saturday, Shah also met Chief Minister Zoramthanga, who tweeted, "I am glad I could convey the need of my people to the Hon'ble Amit Shah ji who is very keen on uplifting the socio-economic status of Mizoram."

Zoramthanga told Shah that people of Mizoram are against the proposed amendment to the Citizenship Act,

1955, and the Citizenship Bill, 2019, could open a "floodgate of illegal immigrants" in Mizoram, according to an official statement issued in Aizawl.

Shah was in Aizawl to inaugurate the Northeast Handloom and Handicraft Expo.

Speaking at the exhibition, Shah called Mizoram the most beautiful state in India and maintained that the state has now taken a lead in development and peace after over-

coming violence of the past. "The Narendra Modi government is committed to development of Mizoram and solving all its problems," he said.

Shah said Mizoram received only Rs 19,974 crore during the 13th Finance Commission under the Congress-led UPA government, and the amount was increased to Rs 42,972 crore by the Modi government in the next Finance Commission. He stressed on bamboo cultivation and listed the various sectors in which the Centre has enhanced development in the Northeast.

Shah had visited Guwahati last month and said that constitutional safeguards to states and communities in the north-eastern states will not be overridden when the CAB is passed by the government, nor will any illegal migrant be allowed to stay in the country.

In the BJP-led NEDA meet which Shah attended in Guwahati, Zoramthanga had requested Shah to exclude the Northeast from the purview of the Bill.

# Nath meets PM, asks for Central team to assess flood damage

**Bhopal:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to send a Central team for assessing the damage caused by excessive rain and floods that hit the state earlier this month.

As many as 20 out of 52 districts in the state received 60 per cent or more rainfall than normal. ENS

During their 45-minute interaction, Nath apprised Modi of the damage. The CM also submitted a memorandum saying the devastation should be categorised as a major calamity, and demanded that the Centre release Rs9,000 crore from the National Disaster Relief Fund immediately for reconstructing the damaged infrastructure. ENS



Devendra Fadnavis

# Three objections against Fadnavis poll affidavit, RO dismisses them

**VIVEK DESHPANDE**  
NAGPUR, OCTOBER 5

THREE OBJECTIONS were raised on Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' election affidavit on Saturday. However, after going through the submissions made by Fadnavis' election agent, Sandip Joshi, the Returning Officer (RO) dismissed the objections and held the affidavit valid.

The first objection was raised by Congress candidate from Nagpur South-West constituency, Ashish Deshmukh. He pointed out that the stamp of the notary before whom Fadnavis had made his affidavit showed that the validity of his licence had expired on December 28, 2018.

Joshi in his written submission to the RO said that the notary, V P Sontakke's, licence was extended for five years on December 29, 2018 and that the old stamp error "was inadvertently put and was hence inconsequential". He also submitted a copy of notary's licence.

The RO, Shekhar Ghadge, in his ruling, said: "Sandip Joshi has submitted the copy of the licence of the notary that shows the five-year extension granted to him. Hence, the objection is rejected as no substance was found."

The second complaint was raised by AAP candidate from Nagpur South-West, Amol Hadke. He said, "Fadnavis was an MLA from 2009-2014. He is Chief Minister from 2014. During this period, he had a room reserved for him at MLA hostels in Mumbai and Nagpur. He also occupied the government bungalows in Nagpur and Mumbai. The CM had not furnished 'no dues certificate' for these places in his affidavit..."

The RO rejected the objection, saying that the 'no dues certificate' had been submitted by Fadnavis "independently".

The third objection was raised by lawyer Satish Ukey. He alleged that Fadnavis' affidavit was "forged".

In his ruling, the RO said it wasn't within his jurisdiction to decide the issues raised by Ukey. He added that the lawyer should approach appropriate authority for redressal.



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## NORTH

### 3 killed as tractor-trolley rams into motorcycle in UP

**Hardoi:** Three men were killed after the motorcycle they were travelling on was hit by a tractor-trolley in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi district, police said on Saturday. The accident occurred on Hardsapur under Kotwali Kachauna police station limits on Friday night.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Alok Priyadarshi said. He said Sripal (32), Gokaran (40) and Lalit (45) were returning home when the tractor-trolley rams into their motorcycle. The three were rushed to a hospital where doctors declared Sripal and Gokaran brought dead and later Lalit succumbed to injuries. **PTI**



Construction work underway for the Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur, Punjab. **PTI**

## EAST

### Rs 1.64 cr looted from cash van in Chhattisgarh, 3 held

**Bemetara:** Four armed men on Saturday looted Rs 1.64 crore cash from a van on its way to replenish an ATM in Bemetara district, police said. However, three of the accused were arrested within hours with help from local residents of Baghul village. The incident occurred around 11:30 am when the van was on its way to an SBI

ATM to deposit cash, said Bemetara SP Prashant Thakur. The accused looted the van when it had stopped because of a flat tire, he said. Following the incident, Thakur said the robbers abandoned the car at Baghul and were trying to flee when some villagers spotted them and managed to overpower three of them, he said. **PTI**

## WEST

### Man goes looking for missing cattle, killed by tiger

**Chandrapur:** A 60-year-old man was killed in a tiger attack in Chichpalli forest range in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district, an official said on Saturday. Santosh Vittal Gurnule, resident of Kavadpeth village, noticed some of his cattle missing and ventured into a dense forest patch late Friday evening looking for them and

was killed by a tiger, said Chandrapur divisional forest officer AL Sonkusre. "We noticed tiger pug marks near the spot where Gurnule was killed. Immediate cash relief of Rs 30,000 was given to his kin," he said. Last week, a cattle grazer, Tuslidas Pakewar (55), was killed by a tiger in Shivni forest range, some 80 kilometres from here. **PTI**

## SOUTH

### Arvind Swami to play MGR in Jayalalitha biopic

**Mumbai:** Actor Arvind Swami is set to portray former Tamil Nadu chief minister M G Ramachandran in a biographical drama film on J Jayalalitha. Titled *Thalavai* in Tamil and *Jaya* in Hindi, the movie will be directed by Vijay. Actor Kangana Ranaut will portray Jayalalitha in the film. Jayalalitha, the former CM of Tamil Nadu,

passed away on December 5, 2016. Ramachandran, an actor-turned politician, was popularly known as MGR among his followers. He had formed the AIADMK, after quitting the DMK in 1972 and capturing power in the state in 1977. He continued as the CM for 10 consecutive years till his death on December 24, 1987. **PTI**

## NC delegation gets J&K Governor's assent to meet with Omar, Farooq

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

THE ADMINISTRATION of Governor Satya Pal Malik in Jammu and Kashmir has given permission to a delegation of leaders from the National Conference to meet their party president Dr Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah, who are under detention in the Kashmir Valley.

"The delegation led by provincial president Mr Devender Singh Rana and comprising former party legislators will leave for Srinagar by an IndiGo flight from Jammu on Sunday morning," party spokesperson Madan Mantoo said in Jammu on Saturday afternoon.

Mantoo said the permission to meet the two leaders under detention was conveyed to Rana by a senior official in the admin-

istration on Friday evening.

A day after he was himself allowed to move out of home after nearly two months, Rana had, on Thursday, asked Governor Malik to allow an NC delegation to meet the party's president and vice president so they could decide the next political steps.

Rana, who also happens to be the younger brother of Union Minister of State in the PMO Dr Jitendra Singh, was among the nearly a dozen mainstream politicians who were made to stay indoors by the administration after the removal of special status under Article 370 on August 5.

Restrictions on Rana and nearly a dozen other Opposition leaders in Jammu were lifted on Wednesday evening. Mainstream politicians in Kashmir continue to be under detention. Farooq Abdullah has been detained under the strin-

gent Public Safety Act (PSA).

The day after the restrictions on him were lifted, Rana chaired a meeting of senior NC leaders, which unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "concern over the situation in the wake of unfortunate political developments during the past two months".

The meeting expressed "anguish over the continued detention of senior leaders of National Conference and other mainstream political parties in Kashmir, including Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah". They appealed to the Governor to allow a delegation to meet them, saying "the party will chalk out the future course of action after meeting the top leadership".

The NC leaders sought the immediate release of all political leaders and the withdrawal of restrictions on free movement

and expression, and called for "ensuring liberty by restoring democracy".

They condemned the detention of Farooq Abdullah under the PSA "notwithstanding his immense and crucial role in democratic polity of the country and contribution in steering the state to peace, progress and development, braving all odds", and sought the immediate release of not just the Abdullas, but of all detained political leaders.

They also pledged to "strengthen bonds of communal harmony, unity, togetherness, and inclusive democratic polity — a long cherished agenda set for the state by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah", and said they would work to "safeguard the interests of the people of the state" so "they are not deprived of their rights and privileges".

### J&K Police: Nine held for bid to revive militancy in Chenab Valley

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, OCTOBER 5

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police has arrested nine people planning to revive militancy in the Chenab Valley region, which comprises Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban districts.

The nine have been identified as Mohammad Jaffer, Liyaqat Ali, Kousar Hussain, Nissar Ahmed Rather, Imtiaz Ahmed Butt, Arif Nisar, Manzoor Ahmed Ganie, Noor Mohammad Malik and Farooq Ahmed Bhat — all residents of Kishtwar. All barring Rustam and Masood were remanded to 12-day police custody by NIA/TADA Court Special Judge Subash Gupta on Friday.

With their arrest, the number of militants and their supporters held for alleged involvement in militancy, or for providing logistics to militants including shelter, has risen to 14.

Earlier, police had arrested three Hizbul Mujahideen militants and two underground workers (OGWs) for the murder of a senior BJP leader and an RSS functionary among four people in Kishtwar over the past year. Apart from these four killings, militants had also snatched AK rifles from the PSO of Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner in March and of a PDP district president last month.

The arrested were identified as Nissar Ahmed Sheikh, Nishad Ahmed and Azad Hussain, and OGWs Rustam and Masood Mattoo. According to police sources, all these people were part of a conspiracy to revive terror in the Chenab Valley region.

The conspiracy was hatched by Hizbul Mujahideen commander Jahangir Saroori with Osama, Zahid and Nissar Ahmed Sheikh. Another militant Moinul-Islam also joined them later. Osama along with Zahid was among three militants killed in an encounter with security forces in Ramban district on September 28. An Army jawan was also killed.

## Cancer patient held under PSA: cops cite 'threat', kin ask how

BASHAARAT MASOOD  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 5

THE FAMILY of a cancer patient from Kulgam in south Kashmir, who has been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and sent to jail in Baramulla, Uttar Pradesh, has moved the J&K High Court seeking release of their son on medical grounds.

The police dossier on Parvaiz Ahmad Palla, 33, from Matibugh village in Kulgam, calls him a "threat to safety and security of general public and sovereignty of the nation".

According to a letter from Dr Tanveer A Rather, additional professor head of Nuclear Medicine department at Srinagar's SKIMS, Palla is on "regular follow-up for further management of the disease and has to attend outpatient services on regular basis". His family had earlier submitted the letter to the then Kulgam DM.

Palla was detained from home in the Valley on August 6, booked under PSA a day later, and moved to Baramulla jail in UP.

His family, however, questions how he can be a threat when he is living on "life-saving drugs".

The police dossier on Palla states: "The subject has links with unlawful association and has been providing every logistic support to militants of banned organisation, who are carrying unlawful and subversive activities to secede the state of J&K from Union of India. As such, the activities of subject are highly prejudicial to the security of the state. It is apprehended that if the subject is free, the subject may plot any subversion or may join militant ranks, which can cause threat to safety and security of general public and sovereignty of the nation."

While recommending his detention, the police have said that Palla is named in an FIR (83/2017) at Kulgam Police Station when his name surfaced during investigation of a militant activity.

The dossier reads: "In 2018, the subject was apprehended by forces for his involvement in subversive activities. The subject is a hardcore OGW [Over Ground Worker] of terrorist organisation Hizbul Mujahideen, who provide all logistic support to this organisation for carrying out subversive activities. The subject has facilitated active militants in all possible ways..."

As grounds of detention, the Kulgam DM has reproduced the police dossier, replacing the word "subject" by "you".

Kulgam Deputy Commissioner Showkat Ajaz told *The Sunday Express* he doesn't have any off-hand information about the case. "I will look into it," he said.

Palla's family said the district authorities have been informed about his life-threatening disease. The letter issued on October 26, 2018, by Dr Rather stated that Palla "...is registered in the department of Nuclear Medicine SKIMS under RCC (Regional Cancer Centre) No 1602/1 (MRD No 002324 & 436314) as a case of papillary cancer thyroid. He was treated with 1131 High Dose therapy on 01-07-2015 on indoor basis....(The) patient needs daily medication and investigation on regular basis..."

Palla's father Mohammad Ayub Palla said he was not allowed to take his medicine when he was picked up on the night of August 6. "On August 15, I went to Baramulla to meet him but officials told me they have directions not to allow any meeting. When I requested them to at least give him his medicines, they refused," he said.



### STILL STRUGGLING

A rickshaw-puller wades through a rain-inundated road in Rajendra Nagar, Patna. **PTI**

## BSF pilot who impersonated superior to pilot Amit Shah resigns

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

KARGIL WAR hero Wing Commander (ret'd) J S Sangwan, who is facing an inquiry for impersonating his superior officer in a bid to pilot for Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has resigned from the BSF Air Wing.

His resignation is yet to be accepted by the BSF. The force, however, is non-committal on whether Sangwan would be allowed to go, as it has merely said his application is "under process". Sources said accepting Sangwan's resignation would mean letting him go without any enquiry at all.

The *Indian Express* had on August 27 reported how Sangwan, a Kargil War hero from the Indian Air Force, is under investigation by BSF and the Delhi Police for impersonating and

misrepresenting a superior officer in a bid to fly Shah's aircraft.

Days later, on September 2, Sangwan petitioned the BSF for "voluntary resignation" from service. Under the norm, petitions for resignation or retirement are not accepted if the person is facing an enquiry.

"Wg Cdr Jitendra Sangwan, Comdt (Pilot) has submitted a petition dated 02 Sept 2019 for voluntary resignation from service and again submitted a second application dated 16 Sept 2019 for seeking voluntary resignation from service w.e.f 31 Oct' 2019. The case is under examination and process," the BSF said in statement to *The Indian Express*.

However, it added that the "Staff Court of Inquiry is in progress" and that BSF Air Wing "has provided necessary details to PS domestic Airport Palam as requested".

The police, with which a complaint had been filed, had asked for CCTV footage of the BSF Air Wing computer room and necessary documents related to rules and regulations.

The Indian Express had reported that through June and July, engineering, construction and manufacturing giant Larsen and Toubro received a series of mails from the BSF Air Wing, which flies Shah. The mails requested that Sangwan be given a chance to fly L&T flights.

The mails highly recommended Sangwan, saying he was a trained Embraer pilot with Pilot in Command grading and had over 4,000 flying hours under his belt. Given the high recommendation, L&T agreed and offered to allow him to pilot its flight from Chennai to Delhi to Mumbai in July.

A day before he was to leave for Chennai, however, L&T called

the BSF Air Wing office for some clarification. To its horror, it was told that the BSF had made no such recommendation and that Sangwan was not rated even as a co-pilot. An examination of the mails revealed that Sangwan had recommended himself, impersonating as his superior, and in one of the mails had given his own number for verification calls.

A preliminary inquiry found that the officer was, perhaps, trying to clock in enough flying hours on an Embraer so that he could quickly begin to fly the Home Minister — for any VIP flying, a pilot needs a minimum of 500 hours of flying under his belt. To fly the home minister, the requirement is in excess of 1,000 hours.

A complaint was handed over in this regard to the Domestic Airport police station while an internal enquiry was launched by the BSF.

## SHAHJAHANPUR CASE

# SIT gets nod for voice samples of Chinmayanand, law student

MANISH SAHU  
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 5



Chinmayanand

A SHAHJAHANPUR court on Saturday gave permission to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to take voice sample former Lok Sabha MP Chinmayanand and the 23-year-old law student who has accused him of sexually assaulting her.

The woman and three men have been booked for allegedly blackmailing and trying to extort Rs 5 crore from the 72-year-old. All five are lodged in Shahjahanpur jail.

On Thursday, the SIT had moved an application in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Omvir Singh and sought permission to take voice sample of all five.

Government counsel, Shahjahanpur, Lal Sahab Singh said: "All five persons, through their lawyers, raised objections on the SIT application. After hearing the arguments, the court on Friday reserved its order. On Saturday, Chief Judicial Magistrate Omvir Singh allowed application of the SIT in which they sought permission to take all five persons, including the woman and Chinmayanand, to Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Lucknow to take their voice samples."

Lal Sahab said since the court did not specify any date, the SIT can take a decision on when and how to take them to FSL for tests.

Chinmayanand's lawyer Om Singh said, "The SIT wanted to verify voices of all five persons with video clips which they had obtained through different sources during investigation."

The victim had provided 43 video clips in a pen drive to SIT, and Om Singh provided four clips to the investigating agency on behalf of Chinmayanand.

One video purportedly shows Chinmayanand getting a message from the woman and allegedly making objectionable remarks about her. Another clip

purportedly has the woman and three men speaking about the Rs 5-crore extortion call allegedly made to Chinmayanand.

The SIT had sent all the clips to forensic lab for examination, and has stated that the FSL report shows all of them are genuine, and there is no editing on the clips.

A senior SIT officer said, "To collect concrete evidence against accused, we are getting their voice matched with the video clips... We will coordinate with FSL authorities before taking them to Lucknow."

Meanwhile, Om Singh claimed that Chinmayanand has developed problems in his eyes. "I requested jail authorities today to get his eyes medically examined. The jail authorities assured that they would look into it," he said.

The SIT has booked Chinmayanand under IPC Sections 376C (sexual intercourse by a person in authority), 354D (stalking), 342 (wrongful confinement) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

The woman and the three men have been booked under IPC Sections 385 (putting a person in fear of injury in order to commit extortion), 506 (criminal intimidation), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender). The SIT has also invoked Information Technology Act against them.

## Thomas Cook collapse gives Goa tourism operators sleepless nights

SMITA NAIR  
PANAJI, OCTOBER 5

WITH THE fall of global tourism travel major Thomas Cook, stakeholders in the travel and tourism industry in Goa have requested Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to lobby with the Centre to expand the scope of bilateral agreements under civil aviation and help facilitate international tourist footfalls.

Around 50 high-end hotels in the state were always booked to charter to Thomas Cook, which flew down an average of 270 European travellers each day, with bookings done for a minimum week and extending to 21 days.

The travel and tourism industry stakeholders have pegged the loss in revenue at Rs 100 crore if a serious remedy is not arrived at soon.

"We are looking at a situation where Europeans have got their visa, but there are fewer flying options as the flights of the airlines are connect flights which are not carrying full capacity. At least for five months we are pleading that some arrangement needs to be done so that tourists' footfall increases," said Savio Messias, the president of the Travel and Tourism Association of Goa, the parent body which is now negotiating with the government on behalf of the sector.

"Flight fares have gone up in other airlines, with the knowledge that the Thomas Cook's customers will look for options. There are hotel chains and labels who plan their entire budgets

## EXPLAINED Why industry feels need for global tourists

TOURISM INDUSTRY stakeholders say European charters involve engagements with hotels, restaurants, shacks, week-long taxi bookings, excursion operators, cruise vessels, bulk bookings of jeeps at waterfall sights, and dental clinic bookings.

They say while the domestic tourist footfall in Goa has been on an increase, bulk bookings do not extend more than a long weekend, with travel usually limited to rented two-wheelers.

based on bookings from this charter. These people stand to lose huge amounts if their rooms are not occupied," Messias said.

"We also now have an added problem of another charter, which comes from Europe, losing its traditional parking spot at the Dabolim airport, which will further mean a loss of 250 seats a week. These are difficult calculations and need to be resolved soon as we have the tourist season by November," he added.



# 10 IDEA EXCHANGE

## NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

Haryana was doing very well, but now has highest unemployment — 28%. Maruti has cut its production... All industries are suffering because of NDA govt's bad policies — from demonetisation to GST"



**MANOJ C G:** Elections have been announced, and the perception is that it's an uphill battle for the Congress, both in Maharashtra and Haryana. How difficult are these polls for the party, according to you?

I admit it is a challenge. While we have just lost the Lok Sabha elections, I would also say that it doesn't really mean that much in a democracy. For example, in the 2009 (general elections), we won nine out of 10 seats in Haryana. Then, within months, the state elections were announced, where the Congress did not do very well. The situation could, perhaps, be the same now as well because the issues at the national and state level are very different. Let's face it, every election is a challenge. This election is also a challenge and I got this responsibility only a little while ago. But there is work going on in the party, and there has been a change.

**MANOJ C G:** Talking of issues, senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda backed the abrogation of Article 370, taking a different stand from the party, and said that 'my party has lost its way'. Was he responding to the public mood in the state?

The time was different then, and now things have changed. I don't think he has articulated that view since he was made the Congress Legislative Party leader in Haryana. Also, while the BJP government in Haryana is talking about Article 370, let's be careful. Listen to what the Chief Minister (Manohar Lal Khattar) is saying. One of the things that he referred to (at a speech after the abrogation of Article 370) is that now you will be able to get girls from Kashmir. Now, if this is how they are going to explain Article 370 to the people of Haryana, then it's a very sorry state of affairs. It reflects their mindset, the RSS's mindset. (The Haryana BJP claimed the statement had been twisted 'under an agenda').

Secondly, how does Article 370 affect the common man in Haryana? It may be a national issue... but I think even that is behind us now. The BJP needs to answer for things happening on the ground. They are not talking about the issues affecting people of Haryana. And, suddenly, they bring in Article 370, the National Register of Citizens (NRC). This shows that they do not really have a grasp of the real ground issues.

**MANOJ C G:** But even on the NRC, Mr Hooda backed the Chief Minister's idea of implementing it in Haryana.

I think it may have been interpreted in a different way. I think what he may have meant is that why was the NRC issue not raised in Haryana for five years. He may have meant that. That is a fair question to ask the government.

**HARISH DAMODARAN:** How much of an issue is the demolition of the Ravidas temple in Delhi, in the polls?

It did resonate. Please understand the whole scenario here. For the Scheduled Castes, it is a big issue. They feel that somewhere this government, and the BJP, is not really sensitive to a certain section. The temple had been there for centuries. There was also *samaadhis* there. If the government wanted, they could have re-planned that whole area and let the temple stay. They did not do that. They may take refuge behind what the Supreme Court said, but they could have re-planned it. So yes, the move has affected a certain section, including the SCs of Haryana.

**ANOOP PHILIP:** Former state party chief Ashok Tanwar, who you replaced, did not join you in your state-wide tour. Also, in a veiled dig at Hooda, he said that 'those who contested the Lok Sabha polls this year should give a chance to other party colleagues'. How do you plan on tackling the infighting in the Haryana Congress?

He may be feeling a little left out since the change came at the last minute... This is the way the party takes decisions at certain times for certain people. It is an ongoing thing. He may be feeling some things, but even then he has been active for the party. He has been holding meetings and he has been talking about the party.

**LIZ MATHEW:** What are the Congress's alliance plans in Haryana?

No, there is nothing like that for us. We are going solo.

**LIZ MATHEW:** During the Kashmir debate in Parliament, many Opposition leaders spoke up for Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, your former allies who are under house arrest. Why is the Congress hesitant to talk about them?

I think (Ghulam Nabi) Azad sir may have spoken on that. Farooq Abdullahji is

### WHY KUMARI SELJA

Appointed Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president just a month before the state goes to polls (October 21), Kumari Selja has her task cut out — from handling the faction-ridden party and senior leaders such as former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who has publicly taken divergent positions on Article 370 and

the NRC, to taking on the BJP, that won all the 10 seats in Haryana in the general elections this year. While the Rajya Sabha MP and Congress Legislative Party member admits she was appointed the Haryana chief a "little late", she says the party is working to expose the state government with "renewed vigour"



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## 'How does Art 370 affect common man in Haryana? BJP raising it, NRC... shows they don't know ground issues'

Haryana Cong president Kumari Selja admits Oct 21 polls are a challenge, denies differences within state unit will hurt party, defends Rahul Gandhi's focused attack on PM Modi before the Lok Sabha polls and says Cong will accept the Ayodhya verdict, whatever it is



Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Kumari Selja with Deputy Associate Editor Manoj C G in *The Indian Express* newsroom. Praveen Khanna

a respected leader of J&K. He was also an ally of the BJP government earlier... We have been saying that what are you going to gain in a state by putting all political leaders behind bars? On the one hand you say you want to restore normalcy, and then, on the other hand, you fear an 80-year-old man, who has been your ally. What is the BJP actually trying to prove? Their claims and actions are very contradictory.

**PRADEEP KAUSHAL:** At a public rally in Rohtak, Mr Hooda made a lot of promises such as increasing old age pension, free bus travel facility for women on Haryana Roadways etc. What is the party's position on it?

The party's position is very clear. We are seeking inputs from everybody, people, organisations... If they are workable, we will include them in our manifesto. If something is not feasible, the committee will look into it. If there are good suggestions, we have no problem in taking them up.

**RAVISH TIWARI:** After Rahul Gandhi's resignation from the post of party president, it seemed the party would use the crisis to come up with something new. But the Congress Working Committee reinstated Sonia Gandhi as interim president.

It is a new thing... At that point we all felt that to hold the party together a senior leader like Soniaji (Was then)... At first, she was very reluctant. But then we all told her that till we actually elect a new leader, her experience may benefit the party. So she agreed only to be the interim president. Recently, she held a meeting to launch a membership drive. We will also have a schedule for electing a new president. She is there only as an interim president.

**MANOJ C G:** Most Congress leaders say that the appointment of Sonia Gandhi as the interim president was to keep the party united, that she is a unifying factor etc. But what makes the party believe that if you appoint some other leader, the party will break?

It wasn't just that the party will remain united. To elect a new president, we need to go through a proper process. You must understand that it was a big change for the party... For the Congress president to resign... We were trying to persuade him to carry on but he stuck to his word. This put the party in a certain situation, and so we thought that her (Sonia Gandhi's) experience will help us. So we requested her and she agreed. Of course, there is a timeline (for election of new president)...

**P VAIDYANATHAN IYER:** Do you think the time has come for the Congress to move beyond the Gandhi family?

In the past too, the party has looked beyond the Gandhi family. Then, we came back to the Gandhi family... Now we have decided that we will go in for elections and we will have a proper schedule, and that Soniaji will be the interim president. Now, based on the organisational elections, we will decide the future.

**P VAIDYANATHAN IYER:** But what about fixing accountability for the general election loss, and the party's decline in the states?

I think all of us are accountable — all of us, at every level. You can't place the accountability and blame on one person.

**MANOJ C G:** There was a view that the 'Chowkidar chor hai' campaign, and too much negative personal attack on the Prime Minister, backfired.

You are saying this with the wisdom of hindsight. He (the Prime Minister) is always attacking the Gandhi family, starting from (Jawahar Lal) Nehruji. There was definitely something going on in the Rafale deal, and Rahulji was talking about it. What was the harm? And it was just one of the things. He was also talking about other issues. But the media just focused on that (Rafale). Please don't forget that in the entire election the only person taking on Mr Modi was Mr Rahul Gandhi.

**HARISH DAMODARAN:** Haryana always had a good mix of agriculture and industry. There were a lot of rice mills from Sonapat to Ambala. There were textile mills. Then, there was Gurgaon, Manesar and Jhajjar. However, in the past few years it seemed to have really slipped. Why is that?

Yes, Haryana was doing very well. Today, Haryana has the highest unemployment rate — 28 per cent. The national average is around 8 per cent. What are they (the BJP government in the state) doing? They

have no policies, whether it's the auto industry or other industries. Look what they have done to Maruti. The company has cut its production in Haryana. All the auxiliaries are suffering. We have the plywood industry, metal industry, the industry in Panipat from where exports would take place... In Ambala, we had the scientific instruments industry. There was the IT industry... They have all suffered because of the bad policies of the NDA government — from demonetisation to the bad implementation of the Goods and Services Tax.

In the state, the (Manohar Lal) Khattar government has no policies for industry, unemployment, or for farmers. Can you imagine, sugarcane farmers are getting cheques dated 2020. What is happening? When they say that they will give direct payment to farmers... first they cut money for their loans... what is the farmer getting in hand? What kind of employment are you giving the people of Haryana? Out of 80 posts, 78 go to non-Haryanis. At the lower levels, what are you doing? People with Masters' degrees, BTech graduates, are opting for Class IV jobs.

Look at the drug menace among farmers, in the younger lot. There is a crackdown in Punjab and Rajasthan, and the entire mafia is now moving towards Haryana. What are you doing to our youth? You reduce corporate tax for the richest people but how will you make up for the shortfall in revenue?... Your welfare schemes are going to suffer. It is obvious. The whole economy is going to suffer and when the whole economy suffers, Haryana will suffer.

**PRADEEP KAUSHAL:** You were appointed the state Congress president very recently. Would it have been better for the party to have done it, say, two years ago?

I don't think one should get into that. Let the past be the past. We have to move forward. We have to work and expose this

government with renewed vigour. Mr Hooda and I, and the other leaders, have been travelling across the state. We have held 10 workers' meetings in each parliamentary constituency. We have received tremendous response from our workers. The workers only respond if they see change on the ground. Otherwise, they get despondent. I am very happy with the response. We shall fight this.

**RAVISH TIWARI:** You are a CWC member as well. Looking at the events of the past 100-150 days, it seems there is a lack of ideological coherence within the Congress. Like what is the party's stand on Article 370? What is its approach towards Narendra Modi? There is not much clarity on the party's stand on these issues.

Please understand that the party has always encompassed all kinds of views. Even historically, we had different wings where you could articulate your views. If you had, say, a socialist view, you could have that. If you leaned towards the Right, you were allowed that. The Congress is such a forum and yet we are all part of a party. And, when the CWC passes a resolution, we are all a part of that too, we accept it.

**P VAIDYANATHAN IYER:** The nationalist agenda seems to have been usurped by the BJP, and your party doesn't seem to have a strong counter-narrative to it.

See, the BJP has always had a divisive narrative. The Congress has always believed in holding together the fabric of this country. For the BJP, the Congress becomes an obvious target because they only want to talk about a certain section. The Congress party talks about every section — which also includes that certain section — whether it is Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Parsi or Jain. The Congress has held the country together. You cannot make selective historical references, the way the BJP does. Suddenly, for one issue, you want to condemn Nehru, and for another issue you want to praise another leader. Where was the BJP when the country was fighting for Independence? Where was the BJP and its ideology? They were not *deshbhakts* or nationalists. In fact, they opposed the Quit India movement. Today, they do not have a nationalist legacy to call their own, so they want to appropriate our leaders of that time. They are able to project themselves as the only nationalist party because of their propaganda machinery. I can tell you that only the Congress's ideology works in this country. The Congress as a political party may have lost power, but it does not mean that the Congress's ideology is lost in the country. It is the real nationalist ideology. The Congress does not

need to redefine nationalism. The Congress is steeped in nationalism, and nationalism is steeped in the Congress ideology.

**RAVISH TIWARI:** Would you admit that the Congress has failed to communicate its secularism and its merits to the electorate?

This ultra-Right view is a global phenomenon today. You see it all over. They have been able to project it and, in a way, that has got them power. The Congress has not pandered to different kinds of views just to retain power. For us, secularism includes everybody, Hindus too. This is what Soniaji was also trying to say, that it suits the BJP to use their propaganda to tell people that the Congress is for Muslims. It's a very insidious propaganda... The word polarisation is not in the best interests of the country. You can't push people in different directions simply based on their religion. To say that the Congress is anti-Hindu and pro a certain section is blatantly wrong.

**KRISHN KAUSHIK:** So what is the Congress offering now?

We need to take our youth along. We need to give them a better future. We need to give a better future to the people who are forgotten by the BJP. They are only talking about polls and divisive issues. The youth, forgotten people like the SCs and STs... they deserve a better future and we will try to do that. We are the ones who brought the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. We are the ones who brought food security. We gave these rights to the people because we wanted everyone to grow. The BJP's divisive agenda is simply to divert the attention of the people from real issues. We want to take the agenda and the narrative to where it belongs. What are they doing about the dignity of women? Look at the Chinmayanand case. What are they doing for farmers? The farmers have never faced such misery before. Look at the poor implementation of the MNREGA. There is no money. These are the issues that the Congress will focus on. They (the BJP) have managed to prevail because they have made one issue the overriding issue... You are asked to choose sides over nationalism. Are you a nationalist or anti-national? Which citizen will call herself or himself an anti-national? Which citizen will not support that? The Congress has never made it out like that. You cannot take sides like that.

**MANOJ C G:** In a month or so the Supreme Court may give its verdict in the Ayodhya case. Has the Congress decided its stand on the issue?

We have left it to the Supreme Court. Whatever the verdict is, the Congress will respect it.



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# 11 SUNDAY STORY

## THE SILENCE OF



In that, lies a story. Of a town reliant on a former Union minister's educational institutions, of people not unaware of what it might hide, of a young woman's dreams, and of might vs a "middle-class family's resolve for justice". SOMYA LAKHANI reports



**K**UCHCH BOL nahin rahen hain... iska matlab yeh nahin ki kuchch bolne ko hai nahin humaare paas (We are not saying anything... that doesn't mean we have nothing to say), says a law student angrily, wrapping her dupatta closely around her face outside her college in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur. The classes for the day over, other students are milling around her. Looking around, she adds, "My parents will pull me out of college if they come to know I am speaking to a reporter... I feel bad for her, we all do. But we have to mind our business in such cases."

It's one-and-a-half months since a 23-year-old LLM fellow student of this college accused former BJP minister Swami Chinmayanand of rape and sexual harassment. In a town where the 73-year-old's writ runs large, they only talk about 'her' in whispers. Any voices have been muffled further by her arrest on the charges of extortion.

Says her lawyer Anup Trivedi, "The SIT investigation is problematic. The woman's complaint that details the rape has not been turned into an FIR, while her hostel room and Chinmayanand's Divya Dhaam (where the alleged rape happened) were sealed after a delay. Crucial evidence has gone missing."

Located around 70 km from Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, with its literacy rate of 59.54% (female 49.57%) and sex ratio of 872, figures among the poorest performing districts in Uttar Pradesh. With its government colleges barely meeting demand, the five educational institutions run by Chinmayanand's Mumukshu Ashram trust fill a void.

This is where the story of the woman, a student at a law college owned by Chinmayanand, who turned 24 behind bars on October 1, falls.

At her nine-room house located near the college, six police officers note down names, phone numbers and entry and exit timings of all visitors — mostly journalists and lawyers. Neighbours, relatives, have stopped coming. Says the mother, "My daughter was very reserved, she didn't make friends easily."

The 45-year-old, a teacher, who has not gone to work since the allegations broke, adds that she always wondered how her three children, growing up amidst a large, conservative joint family, learnt to "dream so big".

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In her complaint, the woman said she was paid Rs 5,000 a month, and alleged that her troubles started with the job, as it required her to stay till late in college. The authorities next told her to move to a hostel, she said.

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college during her five-year LLB course — demanding that she go "twice a month".

In 2011, the principal of a college run by the Mumukshu Ashram had alleged rape by Chinmayanand at his ashram in Haridwar. Police filed a chargesheet and last May, the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court of Shahjahanpur rejected a government plea to withdraw the rape case. Currently there is a stay order on the case.

The Mumukshu Ashrams are governed by the Rishikesh-based Shri Daivee Sampad Mandal. A Chinmayanand aide said that in 1989, he was given the responsibility of the ashrams. Two years later, Chinmayanand was elected to the Lok Sabha from Badaun, and won twice again. "Now he is not in any political party but does a lot of work for the BJP. It's an old relationship," says the aide.

There are at least 17 Mumukshu Ashrams across the country, but the trust runs schools and colleges only in Shahjahanpur. The law college was started in 2003.

Explaining their success, Shahjahanpur District Magistrate Indra Vikram Singh says, "In rural areas, government infrastructure is a bit weak and anyone with some money wants private institutions for their children."

The college where the woman enrolled has 1,300 students in LLB plus LLM. "At least 25-30% are women," the principal says. She confirms that during her LLB, the woman hardly attended college. "All her documents have been submitted to the SIT."

In 2018, after her LLB, the woman again fought with her family to get enrolled in LLM. In the September 5 complaint that she filed at Delhi's Lodhi Colony police station, which is yet to be converted into an FIR, the woman said that at the time of admission to the Masters course, the principal asked her to meet Chinmayanand.

A student of the college who graduated this year says this was the "norm", that college authorities would "select some female students during admissions and find an excuse to introduce them to Chinmayanand".

Refusing to be identified, he adds, "Chinmayanand would be invited to cultural programmes. Women students would be asked to welcome him, he would show interest in their education, and then find them on a social media platform and chat with them."

Another former student, who is as reluctant to identify herself, says, "During the admission process, the men wouldn't have much trouble... somehow, their paperwork was always complete. But with women, that was not the case... I was lucky to have not come under Chinmayanand's radar."

Initially, after admission in LLM following her meeting with Chinmayanand, the woman stayed at home. One day, the mother claims, she said Chinmayanand had offered her a job as a supervisor at the college's e-library. "She was reluctant to join... Her father didn't want her to join either, but she felt it may help her earn some pocket money."

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(Top) With dismal literacy rates, sex ratio, the district is among UP's worst performers; Chinmayanand's ashram in Shahjahanpur. Photos by Gajendra Yadav

### FIR, COUNTER-FIR

**AUG 24:** A 23-yr-old posts video alleging harassment by an "influential sant-politician"

**AUG 25:** She cannot be traced; her father claims Swami Chinmayanand is behind her disappearance; FIR filed

**AUG 27:** On Chinmayanand's complaint, extortion case filed against unknown persons

**AUG 30:** The woman is found in Rajasthan and brought to Delhi; her family too brought to Delhi on Supreme Court direction

**SEPT 2:** SC directs UP to form SIT to

investigate the woman's claims

**SEPT 5, 9:** In complaint to Delhi Police, woman alleges Chinmayanand raped her; holds a press conference saying same

**SEPT 10:** Purported video of Chinmayanand getting a message from the woman appears online

**SEPT 14:** Woman submits 43 videos as 'evidence', says used spectacles with a hidden camera to record them

**SEPT 21:** Chinmayanand arrested

**SEPT 26:** Woman arrested

dents though she is not an OBC, and that she had a shared bathroom. She believes this was deliberate and told *The Indian Express* earlier that Chinmayanand blackmailed her by showing her a video of her taking a bath.

Spread across a few acres, the Mumukshu Ashram in Shahjahanpur wears a deserted look on a Friday afternoon. Behind the gates is a nursery with potted plants and flowers. In a nearby parking, stands an SUV. The premises hold a Sanskrit school, a temple, quarters for the staff, and Chinmayanand's room 'Divya Dhaam', where the alleged rape happened, and which is now sealed by the SIT with a chair and a stick. "Swamiji manages everything, there is no other head," says a guard.

The woman has alleged that her harassment began in October last year, when Chinmayanand got her to give him a daily massage at 5.30 am at Divya Dhaam. She said she would be escorted to his room by his bodyguards, and he would be undressed at the time. After her classes, the woman wrote in her complaint, she would be made to return to his room, where he would sexually assault her and often record the same. She wrote that she sometimes lied about having periods to be spared, and that he threatened to kill her family if she told anyone.

It's then, she said, that she decided to use spectacles with a hidden camera to "trap" Chinmayanand. She had told *The Indian Express* she handed over 35 videos to the SIT. She told police that she decided to run away in August, after Chinmayanand threat-

ened her that "more people would do to me what he had been doing". "I had sufficient evidence against him anyway."

SIT sources said that the woman had given them 43 videos, which were being investigated, but that a video she had claimed of her bathing was yet to be found.

Denying her allegations of assault, Chinmayanand's lawyer Om Singh says it was the woman who approached the former MP offering message. "Swamiji has a skin condition. He never looked at her in that manner at all. Unko bada khed hai ki umhone ek ladki se maalish karwaayi (he is very sorry that he allowed a woman to massage him)... this is the only statement of confession made by him. The rest was misunderstood by the media."

Om Singh also denies the 2011 allegation of rape as "fake", saying the woman wanted funding for her political ambitions. "When she didn't get that, she levelled the charges."

The lawyer also shows a letter purportedly written by the LLM student's mother to the Shahjahanpur DM, complaining about her husband, and explaining that this was why her daughter had moved to a hostel. "We found the letter in her college records, which she gave for a hostel room," says Singh.

The DM said he had joined two months ago and did not know about the letter.

On August 15, the woman came home for

Rakhi. It was a raucous affair, with siblings, cousins, uncles and aunts — with one sour note, says the mother. "I asked her why her phone was switched off or unavailable often. She said, 'Mummy, if my phone is ever switched off for longer than 24 hours, it means I am in trouble'."

The parents say her remark worried them, and they asked if there was any problem at college. She denied it. "She went back to the hostel two days later and again her phone was off. I went to her hostel a few days later to check and was told she was busy and unavailable... By August 24, we were scared as her hostel room was locked and no one knew where she was," says the mother.

The 45-year-old says that same day, the woman called up from an unknown number and broke down, but didn't say anything. The mother says when she called back on that number, a man picked up, said he was a receptionist at a hotel in Delhi.

Later that day, the woman uploaded a video on Facebook, accusing "an influential sant-politician of destroying the lives of many girls in my college". As local papers picked up the news, someone tipped off the woman's sister. The family says they went to Facebook and were shocked to see their daughter speaking to a camera, tears rolling down, requesting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for justice.

The mother says, "I called up Chinmayanand and he said he was in Haridwar and that he would look for her. He said she had fallen into *buri sangar* (bad company)... I had never spoken to him before, someone gave us his number."

The next day, the woman's father publicly named Chinmayanand as behind her disappearance. As the accusations went viral, an FIR was registered against the former MP. Chinmayanand responded by filing a complaint against "unknown persons" for trying to extort Rs 5 crore from his client.

On August 30, police claimed to have traced the woman to Rajasthan's Dausa along with a male friend. She was brought to Delhi where a Supreme Court bench met her. On September 2, the court directed the Uttar Pradesh government to form an SIT to investigate the two cross-FIRs, and to escort the woman's family to Delhi. The Delhi Police sent her 12-page complaint detailing her alleged harassment by Chinmayanand to the SIT.

On an FIR not being filed since the woman's complaint, Superintendent of Police, Shahjahanpur, Shivasimpi Channappa said, "The investigation is being conducted by the SIT. We have no jurisdiction in the matter now."

However, an SIT source said that filing of the FIR "is under the jurisdiction of the Shahjahanpur police."

On September 21, Chinmayanand was arrested by the SIT, and sent to 14-day judicial custody, which he spent largely in a government hospital in Lucknow.

Thinking back to that Rakhi day, the woman's family says they wish they had noticed earlier that something was wrong. They admit that after she started staying in the hostel, her visits home and phone calls fell sharply. "She would keep saying there was a network problem. Even when she came home, she would rush back saying there was too much work," says the mother.

Adds the father, "Chinmayanand ne usko bandi bana diya tha, woh ghar bhi aati thi toh iske aadmi nigraani rakhte thay. Humein toh baad mein pata chala ki yeh kitni dehshat mein thi (He had made her a slave. They kept a watch even when she was home. We realised the terror in which she lived much later)."

However, little had prepared them for September 26, when the SIT arrested the woman, along with three others, on extortion charges. While one of the men held with her is known to the family as her college mate and friend, the other two are his cousins. The SIT has said that while no money changed hands, they have proof of a conspiracy.

According to Chinmayanand's lawyer, early August, a man approached the former MP claiming to be a reporter and saying he had incriminating videos against him. "Swamiji ignored him. Then, on August 22, he received a long WhatsApp message from an unknown number repeating the threat and demanding Rs 5 crore. I forwarded the message to the Superintendent of Police, Shahjahanpur," says Om Singh.

SP Channappa said that as soon as the police received the complaint about an extortion message sent on Chinmayanand's phone on August 22, "we began investigating the matter." "The number from which the message came was put under surveillance."

The woman's lawyer, Trivedi, says her arrest on September 26 morning was unnecessary. "There are policemen posted at their house, where would she have gone?"

The family of the woman's 28-year-old friend, who is among those arrested, says they had never heard of her. His wife said he lived away from her and their daughter as their house is over 15 km from the law college. "Commuting was difficult," says the wife.

The cousin, also in jail, lives next door. Police say it was he who met Chinmayanand claiming to be a reporter. His mother says the 28-year-old had dragged her son into the "mess". "My son is a Chinmayanand bhakt, you can say. They tried helping the woman flee when she was being abused, but I refuse to believe they tried to extort money," she says.

A source at the SIT said, "The extortion case against the woman is very strong. We have also included her complaint and sent Swami's phone to the CFLS (Central Forensic Science Laboratory) in Gandhinagar."

At the law college, while they are reluctant to talk about the woman, some students recall her 28-year-old friend as part of "Chinmayanand's inner circle". Says a former student, "He was a bit of a bully and could afford to behave like that because of his links." Another student, who finished college this year, says everyone knew the woman had "Swamiji's blessings", and that this is why she got a hostel despite her home being so near.

The parents of other students at the college say they are worried. "It's mid-semester so I can't withdraw my daughter. Also, all good institutions in Shahjahanpur are run by Chinmayanand," says a 44-year-old.

Another parent points out, "For some, sending boys out for studies may be an option, but for girls, it is unthinkable... The trust's colleges are our only choice."

The family has visited the woman twice in Shahjahanpur jail, where she is lodged. Senior CPM leader Brinda Karat accompanied the mother one time. Addressing the media, Karat said, "The system has worked to demoralise (her), and the system has worked to protect the accused. Why is the rape victim being treated like an accused?"

This time though, the mother says, the system may be the one defeated. "They think how far will middle-class families go to fight for justice. Well, we will show them," the mother says. "It's not my daughter's fight alone. She is doing this for every woman who has been treated like this by a powerful man. Hum toh apni beti ka saath nahin chhorenge (We won't desert our daughter)."



## Sledgehammer

Come Oct 11, four Kochi apartment complexes will be brought down as the Supreme Court goes by the letter on stringent coastal rules. UMA VISHNU finds 1,500 people without home and at a loss for options

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Amma, you can't lie down today. You'll have to sit around somewhere. We will figure out something for you by night," the domestic help tells Shantamma. On the 90-year-old's bed are suitcases and assorted rods, and plaster chipped off from the adjoining wall, where workers have just removed the air conditioner. The large balcony window, by which she had spent countless evenings looking at the ferries and boats carrying honeymooners from the Le Meridien sun down the waterfront, is now a skeletal aluminium frame, the glass dismantled.

Shantamma blinks back tears and, wheezing as she leans heavily on her quadripod walking stick, mumbles, "Enne kondu bharam matram (I am of no use, just a burden)."

It was in 2011 that Shantamma and her daughter Maya Premnohan moved into this three-bedroom apartment in Holy Faith H2O, an upmarket residential building by the Kundanoor backwaters in Kochi city, one of four apartment complexes that are now under the demolition hammer over alleged violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) rules.

"Maya bought this flat after selling her share of her late husband's ancestral property in Thiruvananthapuram and multiple in Kuwait pitched in with some money too. When we moved here, it though Maya could finally relax, she was in her 30s when her husband died, leaving her with her two daughters and a lifetime of struggle," says Shantamma, adding that Maya is out looking for a flat to rent. "She is not young either...60, not the age to be running around like this."

On May 8, a Supreme Court bench of Justices Anur Mishra and Navin Sinha ordered the demolition of four apartment complexes, with 343 flats all — of which 266 are occupied — in the Maradu municipality area of Kochi in Kerala's Emakulam district over alleged violation of CRZ guidelines. These buildings, like several others in the municipality, and the larger Emakulam district, are by the banks of a network of canals and backwaters that snake their way through the region before draining their waters into the Vembanad lake further south.

With days left for the court mandated deadline of October 11 for the buildings to be brought down, and with at least two review petitions struck down by the apex court, most of the families in H2O and the other three buildings — Golden Kayaloram, Alfa Serene and Jains Coral Cove — have decided that they have little option but to move out.

They hope to take along anything they can salvage before the "controlled explosion" that the district administration is preparing to carry out.

"It shouldn't take more than half a day. We will vacate people in about 1,000 homes in a 1-km radius of each of these apartments, and they can come back after the dust has settled down. It will all be done very scientifically," says an official in the Emakulam district administration. "See, we don't want to use force," he says of the residents, some of whom have decided to dig in for as long as they can. "We have told them they can take whatever they want, but must leave within the deadline. We don't have a choice, our hands are tied by the court order."

By now, Shantamma has slowly made her way to the living room, settled down on the sofa and caught her breath: "What was wrong with this house? Why do they want to bring it down? And where will we take all this?"

The workers look up at Shantamma, smile. The doors and glass panes of windows have been stacked in a corner, a worker lies down on one of the beds for a break, and the walls have been stripped of everything except the wallpaper and the nails that once held memories of better times.

Two floors below, in the ritzy lobby of H2O, residents discuss their moving-out plans, and submit their documents — ownership papers and bank accounts, among others — to municipal authorities who come calling every now and then. On September 30, with the Supreme Court striking down another writ petition filed by the flatowners from H2O that morning, the demolition has begun. The makeshift protest site, where some residents had turned up until the previous day, has been wound up. Outside the gates are banners and flags put up by political parties in solidarity.

Among the few still left with some fight is Shamsudeen Karunagappally, an H2O resident and chairman of the Maradu Home Protection Council. "The court order is like the blow of a hammer on our heads. They have dismissed all our petitions without even considering the worth of the paper on which they are printed," he says.

While the administration has agreed to help the home owners find temporary accommodation in

apart from the Rs 25 lakh that the apex court ordered as interim compensation, Kannagappally alleges the promises are "baseless". "Yesterday, after a meeting, the district administration gave us a list of 50 high-class flats as temporary accommodation. But when we called on the numbers listed, the property owners denied that they were letting out their flats. In fact, some of them yelled, asking why we were calling them again and again. We won't move out unless we get alternative accommodation."

The administration, however, denies the list is faulty. "First of all, they should have gone through us, instead of calling on the numbers themselves. Some of them even started negotiating with the property owners, telling them to waive off the rent till they got the compensation from the government. Now, why would anyone let out his flat for free?"

As the hammers come down on the remaining air conditioners, wardrobes and other fittings, the beguilingly still Vembanad waters carry their echoes far beyond the four apartment buildings. The demolition and the Supreme Court ruling have raised questions over the interpretation and implementation of CRZ rules that mandate the minimum distance between a water body and any construction activity, and which have seen successive amendments and multiple court rulings.

In its May 8 ruling, the court had upheld the contention of the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority, the agency responsible for implementing CRZ rules in the state, that the area on which the four buildings stood fell under CRZ-III, making them critically vulnerable and thus forbidding construction within 200 metres of the high-tide line. Experts say it's a condition that would render several buildings in the city illegal.

Additional Chief Secretary (local self-government) T K Jose had earlier said that while an exercise to identify CRZ violations was still on, they suspect at least 800 such violations in Maradu alone.

In the lobby of Golden Kayaloram, a 40-flat building along the Champakara canal and the least adorned of the four slated for demolition, neighbours Shubha Rajmohan and Tara Anup John discuss how their building has been unfairly clubbed with the others since their facts and pleas are "distinct" — the basis for a curative petition pending in the Supreme Court. Behind them, an indoor plant holds up a child's poster: "Save My Home", it reads.

"What you see here is Champakara canal. It's a man-made canal. There's also a public road and a municipality building (an anganwadi) separating us from the canal. How can it fall under CRZ-III?" says Tara, adding that since the Supreme Court order, they have spent countless evenings here in the lobby discussing what can possibly save their homes.

"Our lives have come to a halt. Nobody wants to cook or do anything else. It all seems so pointless. Some of the younger children haven't been going to school and some of our children, who have settled in other cities and countries, have had to rush home to help their parents move out," says Shubha.

Around her, as residents make multiple rounds to their cars, fill trunks with cardboard cartons and photo frames, she adds, "It's just so hopeless. Do you think there's any chance that our homes won't be pulled down?"

While that's the most pressing question among residents, the impending demolition has also raised questions of whether there could have been another way out.

Harish Vasudevan, an advocate who specialises in environmental law, says questions of whether the constructions are legal or illegal and if illegal, should they be regularised or demolished, need to be addressed by the executive, not the judiciary. "If there was a CRZ violation, someone should issue a notice saying the construction is illegal. If the other party has an objection, they have a statutory remedy now in the NGT. If the authority thinks it is bad in law, they can decide whether to demolish or regularise. That process was totally absent here. The Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority never issued a notice to the builders or directed them to stop construction. When the Supreme Court took up the matter, the question before them was whether the notice issued by Maradu municipality is right or wrong. The SC's power stops there. The notice starts. More than the environmental damage, I am worried about this dilution of the system/procedure. When Parliament gives a statutory right for you to challenge a notification affecting you, how can those procedures be taken away by the Supreme Court without reasonable orders?"

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### GOLDEN KAYALORAM

Came up in	Total apartments	Total area	Number of floors	Distance from canal
<b>1995-96</b>	<b>40</b> (all occupied)	<b>0.47 ACRE</b>	<b>GROUND + 15</b>	<b>10 METRES</b>

**THOMAS KARIATH, 35**  
ARCHITECT,  
GOLDEN KAYALORAM



IT WAS in 2016, just as his wife Blessy was going into labour, that he got a call from the owner of the house in Golden Kayaloram where they had been staying on rent. "He asked if we wanted to buy the flat. We saw it as some kind of sign and quickly said yes. Eva was born soon after," smiles Thomas "Tony" Kariath about the turn of serendipity, that barely lasted three years.

The house, the first the architect couple bought together, cost them over Rs 40 lakh, besides the registration fee. "When I bought the house, I was aware of the CRZ ambiguity in this area, but then I saw that there were these two High Court verdicts earlier

"I was aware of the CRZ ambiguity, but saw that there were two favourable HC verdicts earlier"

that were favourable and I thought it was a safe investment to make," says Kariath, who moved from Mumbai, where he grew up and his parents still live, to Kochi some years ago because "there was more scope for building projects here", unlike Mumbai, where he mostly did interior designing.

As secretary of the housing society, these days Kariath spends much of his time collating residents' documents to be submitted to the municipality and helping them with moving-out formalities. "My work has suffered — I had to let go of two projects. Blessy has been working on a book with the Preserve Alleppey Society and has anyway been busy of late with that. So we have been spending very little time with Eva. She hasn't been going to her playschool since the Onam break," he says.

For now, the couple plan to rent a flat

near Kariath's uncle's home. "Eventually, we will have to move to a place closer to my daughter's school in Edappally," he says.

In the midst of this uncertainty, there is another hope — a plan — that keeps Kariath going. "Blessy and I want to build a home all by ourselves, even get Eva involved. Actually, if planned well, it's not that tough.

Here's how it goes.



### HOLY FAITH H2O

Came up in	Total number of apartments	Total area	Number of floors	Distance from canal
<b>2010</b>	<b>90</b> (all sold)	<b>1 ACRE, 6 CENTS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22 METRES</b>

**MATHEW CHANDY, 64 & SHOBA CHANDY, 54**  
RETIRED BANKER,  
HOLY FAITH H2O



IN HIS 40 years as a banker Mathew Chandy says he moved 22 homes. "I thought this would be the last. It wasn't to be," says Chandy, who bought the second-floor waterfront house in Kochi for Rs 1.25 crore in April 2018.

"I had paid some cash component. I could have bought a flat like this for under Rs 1 crore. But I didn't want to do it, neither did the gentleman who was selling me the flat. So much for honesty," he shrugs.

As he sits by the balcony window, he says, smiling, "I can spend hours here. Bible in hand, the cool breeze. This is paradise."

With the demolition thrusting H2O and

"I am not a 30-yr-old who can start all over again. I don't know what I will do next"

its occupants under the harsh glare of the spotlight, Chandy, who, post retirement, has been working as CEO for a palliative hospice in Bengaluru, says, "People call us croparis. Say we deserve this. Anybody who understands how compound interest works,

wouldn't say this. I have spent all my life savings — 30 per cent of my salary every month. If saving is not your habit, I can't help it. When we were just married, we used to get a festival advance once a year. That, and the new clothes I would buy my two children once a

year were our only indulgences."

With days left for the deadline, the curtains have been taken off and clothes packed into suitcases. "A lot is still left to be done. It's just the two of us. We will do what we can, take what we can. But how much?" says Chandy's wife Shoba, adding that she will miss her morning walks on the Kundanoor-Thevara bridge in front of the apartment.

As he leaves with a worker to buy packing material, Chandy says, "I am not some 30-year-old who can start all over again. I have no clue what I am going to do next."

P.S: The Chandys have for now moved to Shoba's sister's house nearby. On October 21, Shoba is flying to the US for six months to be with her son and daughter-in-law who are expecting their first child. Chandy will go to Bengaluru and wait for Shoba to come before deciding what to do next.

### INTERVIEW

Dr K Padmakumar, ex-member, Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority, and former Pro-VC, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies

'Considering Kerala's peculiar situation... CRZ norms a big challenge here'

What is your opinion on the Maradu issue?

The CRZ violations in this case took place several years back, but the issue came to light only in the last four to five years... As per the coastal zone management plan approved earlier this year, these buildings are in compliance with CRZ norms now. Hence, I would say the issue of violations today is only a technical matter.

What are the challenges in implementing the CRZ norms?

Considering Kerala's peculiar situation — long coastal land, network of backwaters and high population density — implementing CRZ norms in the state is a big challenge.

This type of law does not exist anywhere else in the world. We have to ponder what we have gained with this law in last two decades. This is an archaic law that needs to be re-worked factoring in local conditions.

Are CRZ violations rampant in the state?

The rules are very strict and there is a strong tendency in Kerala to violate them due to real estate pressure and high land prices. There is no parity in implementing the CRZ norms.

Has the KCZMA failed to effectively implement the CRZ norms?

The KCZMA can only ask local bodies and the revenue department to act against the violations. The functioning style of the KCZMA needs to be changed. The members of the KCZMA, including the appointees, are often under pressure from politicians and builder lobbies to wink at violations. The organisation should comprise experts.

SHAJU PHILIP

### HOW OFFICIALS LOOKED THE OTHER WAY

IN 2005-06, the Maradu panchayat issues five permits for construction of waterfront apartments. While there is no construction in one work, work begins in the others and people buy flats.

Trouble arises when it is realised that then Maradu panchayat secretary, M Asharaf, issued the permits without CRZ clearance from the Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA), as was required.

In 2007, following a complaint from a local resident, who alleged that the secretary wasn't sanctioning her house, a team from the Town Planning wing of the Local Self-Government Department raided the office of the Maradu panchayat secretary and seized several documents from Asharaf, including 31 building permits issued in alleged violation of norms and without KCZMA clearance. The four apartment buildings in question now were among the 31. Asharaf was asked to issue stop-memos to builder, but by then, construction was in full swing.

In 2007, the builders approached the single bench of the High Court, which stayed the stop-memos, calling them arbitrary.

Asharaf was removed. His successor, P J Antony, submitted an affidavit in the High Court in 2007, stating that given Maradu's "well-developed nature", the region should be categorized as CRZ II — that is, areas that have been developed up to or close to the shore line. Such a categorisation, instead of the more stringent CRZ III, would have made many of the constructions above board. The KCZMA did not object to it. Construction progressed.

In 2010, Maradu became a municipality. In 2013, the Maradu local body moved an appeal in the High Court against the verdict of 2007. The immediate provocation was the debate over alleged CRZ violations by DLF in Kochi. By then, most of the flats had been occupied. The KCZMA, which had remained silent for over a year, implicated in the case, saying the constructions should be in accordance with CRZ norms.

In its verdict in 2015, the division bench of the High Court blasted the local body and KCZMA, asking why they hadn't acted earlier.

In 2016, the KCZMA moved the Supreme Court, demanding that the High Court's remarks against it be expunged.

On May 8 this year, the court ordered the flats demolished.

SHAJU PHILIP



### ALFA SERENE

Came up in	Total number of apartments	Total area	Number of floors	Distance from canal
<b>2012</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1.71 ACRES</b>	<b>2 towers with 13 floors each</b>	<b>21 METRES</b>

**SMITA JOY, 43**  
HOMEMAKER, ALFA SERENE

WHEN SMITA, her dentist husband and stop construction. When the Supreme Court took up the matter, the question before them was whether the notice issued by Maradu municipality is right or wrong. The SC's power stops there. The notice starts. More than the environmental damage, I am worried about this dilution of the system/procedure. When Parliament gives a statutory right for you to challenge a notification affecting you, how can those procedures be taken away by the Supreme Court without reasonable orders?"

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"My daughters' friends are going to miss this house as much as we do. They would come here and spend all day taking pictures on the balcony. And upload them on social media of course," laughs Smita, who has been living in the flat for 7 yrs

Kuwait, while interior designers worked on their four-bedroom house in Alfa Serene. "Now I am going back. There is enough space for all of us there, but it hurts to lose a home. It's cruel to take our home

away from us," she says. What she is left with are memories of the seven years she spent here — the kitchen where she spent long hours baking, the bake sales that were a hit with her daughters' friends and the curious she got back from Kuwait.

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Workers and packers move about, clearing out the bedrooms and the balcony, leaving behind only that splendid view of the backwaters. "These days, people simply walk in and out of the house. We have been reduced to a spectacle. The other day I was packing my clothes when

I saw a few people inside. I asked them if they were workers... they said they were the media. I was shocked. I said this is a home, there is a bell to ring. You can't just walk in," she says.

Though the carpenters suggested that she remove the bedroom wardrobes, she preferred to leave them intact. "These are things we planned with a lot of love and effort. I don't want to rip them off and damage them. If all has to go down in the mud, so be it. But I am still hoping for a miracle. If they don't pull my home down, I'll come back for sure... even if no one else does," she says.

P.S: The family has still not moved out. "The kids refused to leave. They said they wouldn't till the last possible day."



### JAINS CORAL COVE

Came up in	Total number of apartments	Total area	Number of floors	Distance from canal
<b>IN LAST 10 YRS</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1.7 ACRES</b>	<b>16</b> (plus 2 parking floors)	<b>13 METRES</b>

**K V SUDHAN, 63**  
JAINS CORAL COVE



WHEN SUDHAN moved into his third-floor house in Jains Coral Cove in 2013, he knew the view from the balcony would help his wife. And it did. "She had been under medication for depression for several years. Once she came here, her mood lifted instantly," he says.

Now, as he and his wife prepare to leave, Sudhan says he is worried about his wife slipping back again.

"What will I do if that happens? Where will I go now? How will I find the money to start afresh? I have no answers to any of these questions," says Sudhan, who, after his catering contract for

Lakeshore Hospital in Kakkandam came to a close 2017, has been largely without any work.

He has in the past worked with the Taj Group as an executive chef and has also had stints in other countries — in Saudi Arabia and Switzerland, among other places.

While an angioplasty in 2010 had slowed him down, Sudhan says he never thought twice before buying the Kochi flat.

"After all, it's just the two of us. Our children are settled abroad (daughter in the UK, son in Australia) and we have few needs. So even when I pooled in all my savings and the money from my share of the ancestral house to buy this flat, I didn't think I was doing something risky.

Who would have thought we would be so thoroughly duped?" he says.

Sudhan has more questions: "Why did the government sanction this building if there was a problem? And how can the court pass rulings like these? How could the administration disconnect electricity in the middle of the night like that? Are we terrorists? Of course we will raise our voice, aren't we? Where was the need to treat us like this?"

P.S: He has sent his wife to Chennai, where her sister lives, and has moved his furniture to a godown in Aluva, over 30 km from the Kochi flat.

"I am staying at a friend's home. I still can't believe it — I don't have a home. Can you imagine?"



SANTANU CHOWDHURY &amp; ATRI MITRA

**W**ITH THE violent scuffle involving Union minister Babul Supriyo and students on the Jadavpur University campus on September 19, the BJP has announced its ambitions for one of the state's most prestigious universities and one of its last remaining Left bastions.

For a party that sees the Left as its ideological rival and which is eyeing West Bengal for expansion, the Kolkata university is a natural battleground — representing to the East what the BJP believes Jawaharlal Nehru University represents to the rest of the country. In the past few years, Jadavpur University has seen protests in support of both JNU students charged with sedition as well as against the suicide of Dalit student Rohith Vemula, prompting the ABVP to call for quelling “anti-national” sentiments on its campus.

On September 19, Supriyo, who had come to address an event organised by the ABVP, was assaulted by a section of students. He refused to stand down, even after Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das intervened. Eventually, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar intervened, escalating the situation to the level of the Centre — a development that suited the BJP just fine.

Says BJP national secretary Rahul Sinha, “It is unacceptable to witness a Union minister being assaulted inside a university. In such places, there must be a democratic space for everyone. Those who speak of intolerance must be tolerant towards voices from people believing in ideologies different from theirs.”

However, to others like Anandadev Mukherjee, JU's Emeritus Professor, who has been associated with the university for more than 50 years, the RSS brand of politics is a complete anti-thesis to what it represents. Set up in 1955, JU has had a “revolutionary character” from the start, says the 82-year-old, who was part of the university's first Geology Department batch to graduate. “CPI founder Manabendra Nath Roy, former CPM state secretary Pramode Dasgupta, CPI MPs Nurul Huda, Ganesh Ghosh, and former Union minister for education and first JNU V-C Triguna Sen were all students of JU or its predecessor,” Mukherjee says.

Former leader of SFI (CPM student body Students' Federation of India) Abdul Kafi, who studied at JU and is now a professor in its Bengali Department, says, “Here, we learnt to question the establishment and to accommodate each other. That is the basic theory of the Left movement.”

Over the years, Left student fronts gave space to ultra-Left ideology at JU. But, even then, the differences never crossed into vio-



An ABVP and Left protest at JU. ABVP claims that since it set up a unit at the university in 2014, it has grown into a “100-member committee”. Partha Paul



## JNU

The September 19 scuffle involving Union minister Babul Supriyo reflected the importance to the BJP's Bengal plans of Jadavpur University — a Left bastion that has held off even Trinamool might

lence, students and teachers say. Says Professor Manas Ghosh of the Film Studies Department, “Jadavpur never followed any leader, rather it followed ethics. That is the university's beauty.”

JU also gained strength from the area where it was located, with Jadavpur continuing to remain a Left vote-bank. Former chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee was a five-time MLA from the Jadavpur Assembly constituency. In the 2016 Assembly elections too, when the Trinamool retained power in West Bengal, CPM leader Sujan Chakraborty won from here.

So even as the Trinamool has been push-

ing the Left out from the rest of Bengal, including more than 90 per cent of its colleges, its Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) has struggled to gain ground at JU. Most of the posts in JU's three student's unions — Faculty of Engineering and Technology Students' Union (FETSU), Science Faculty of Students' Union (SFSU) and Arts Faculty of Students' Union (AFSU) — are held by pro-Left bodies.

Says JU professor Nandini Mukherjee, who contested the 2019 Lok Sabha polls on a CPM ticket from Kolkata Dakshin seat but lost, “The university has always been a place for open discussions and a platform to raise questions. And teachers support the students for their

openness.” However, gradually, since 2017, both the TMCP and ABVP have made ground. After the Pulwama attack in February 2019, JU saw a Tiranga rally expressing solidarity with the Army. Says Subir Haldar, ABVP state vice-president, “We started a unit here in 2014. We now have a 100-member committee in JU and enjoy the support of some teachers too. In 2016, we took out our first rally on campus against Left students' organisations for their objections to the screening of a film (Vivek Agnihotri's *Buddha in a Traffic Jam*).”

SFI member and JU student Joydeep Das says “the right-wing forces have a long way to go”. “Left organisations have been here for

decades and it is difficult to shift the support base all of a sudden. It is the Jadavpur mentality which helps one succeed here. All do not possess the same temperament.”

Officially ‘Lakhan da's Tea Stall’, the kiosk near JU's Gate No. 4, which bore witness to the violence following the September 19 scuffle, is more popularly referred to as ‘Nasir da's dukaan’. When he was young, Lakhan da looked like Nasiruddin Shah; hence the name. Running the stall now for 37 years, Lakhan da aka Nasir da says, “I have seen police entering the campus, confrontation between political groups, but never this type of hooliganism.”

ABVP students attacked Gate No. 4 that

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MEHRAJ U DIN, 50, OWNER, MEDICINES SUPPLY FIRM, SRINAGAR

‘My staff would go out, face forces, angry people. If they failed, they tried again’

Queuing up outside courier companies, doing rounds of chemists and hospitals, and even advising patients, Srinagar's largest oncology drug supplier has had a difficult job since Aug 5



He visits courier firms to collect drugs, does rounds of hospitals, chemist shops to check supplies. Shuaib Masoodi

ADIL AKHZER

FOR THE past two months, Mehraj U Din has had a very hectic schedule. “I visit courier companies to collect critical care drugs ordered from pharma companies outside the state. I also go to chemist shops and hospitals to check on supplies. Earlier, most medicines would be delivered to my office,” says the 50-year-old, owner of MRS Enterprises, one of the largest suppliers of oncology drugs in Kashmir.

In the early days, after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, most medical stores in the Valley shut shop, and the communication blockade made it tough for Din to reach out to pharmaceutical firms. “We are associated with 30 firms. Apart from cancer drugs, we are also one of the primary distributors of high-end antibiotics,” says Din. Most of the chemist shops have now opened.

A medicine distributor since 2004, he these days gets up at 6 am, and after prayers and a quick breakfast, leaves his home in the Old City of Srinagar on his two-wheeler. His first stop today is a courier company 4 km away, from where he picks up two parcels of “cold-chain” drugs.

An hour later, he arrives at his office located in an old building in Srinagar's Karan Nagar area. Divided into two parts, the office has a big refrigerator in one corner and shelves lined with medicines. Din punts the medicines in the godown and leaves for home again. “The courier company opens only for a few hours in the morning. We can collect the drugs only then,” he explains.

Around 11 am, he returns and settles down in his office with a cup of tea and some Kashmiri bread. Three managers from a local

n't get better. “One time, when I was on my way to work from the airport, my car's front mirror was damaged in a stone-pelting incident. Since then I have been using my two-wheeler,” Din says.

There have been moments he has been helpless too. “In the last week of August, a family reached out to me for anti-cancer medicines. Since I could not contact the pharma company, the patient was discharged from hospital for that week. The medicines arrived only after several days. Fortunately, the patient survived.”

Around 1 pm, a young man arrives. “My father is a cancer patient. Which drugs are better for him — Indian or imported?” he asks. Din explains to him patiently that both are good, but the imported ones are costlier. “But a doctor can guide you better,” he says.

“Since most shops are shut, many people land here, not just for medicines but also advice,” Din smiles. As his staff serves him more tea, he adds, “I don't have lunch, I prefer a strong cup of tea.”

A while later, a family member of a labourer who has suffered an accident and is admitted in hospital comes and requests Din to help buy medicines at a cheaper rate. As the 50-year-old instructs his staff to give him the drugs, he says, “Every pharma company gives drugs at cheaper rates to the poor patients. It's done under a quota. But there is an online process we need to complete. So far I have been giving them medicines at lower costs on my own. Once the blockade is lifted completely, I will send the reports to the company,” he says.

At 5 pm, as he prepares to wind up for the day, one of Din's doctor friends, who is also a cancer patient, walks in. “I have to spend Rs 2 lakh for 10 tablets of a cancer drug. The company has assured me that they will send me one free strip if I send them the invoice. I have dosage left for only four days now. Please see what you can do,” he tells Din.

After giving it some thought, Din comes up with a plan. “Two of my friends, pharmaceutical officials from Chandigarh, are going soon and I will request them to email the invoices from their office,” he says.

“This is how we have been working, coming up with plans to sort out regular issues,” he smiles.

On his way home, the 50-year-old has to make one last stop, at the SMHS Hospital, to see if their stocks are sufficient. “The communication lines are patchy. So I go and check myself...I should get home by 8 pm,” he says, starting his two-wheeler.



At a school in the Shivaji Nagar slum. Parents enrol children for all kinds of classes hoping for some supervision. Amit Chakravarty

## A ‘good’ boy, and a ‘murderer’

A 12-yr-old may be Mumbai's youngest murder accused. Family missing, police clueless, teachers, neighbours talk of a boy who stood out in his slum cluster

MOHAMED THAYER

AROUND 5 PM September 16, as she was leaving school, Rubina bumped into one of her students. Hours later, came the news that the boy had killed the school's principal, who was also his private tutor.

Now lodged at an observation home in Mumbai, the 12-year-old is believed to be the youngest person in Mumbai charged with murder. A shocked Rubina says the boy was among her best students. “He held the top rank in my class. There was no indication that anything was amiss.”

Another teacher, who taught him in Class 6, describes the boy as a good student who was also “mazakiya (mischievous)”. “Whenever I would reprimand him, he would crack a joke and I would start laughing.”

Police remain as clueless about what led to the murder. His family, including parents and four siblings, went missing soon after the murder. Traced by police to Bihar, they have moved to an unknown location.

Officers claim under questioning the boy keeps changing the reason for allegedly killing his teacher. He has reportedly told them the principal had refused to lend the Rs 2,000 his mother asked him to borrow, that he wanted money for a phone, to claiming someone had paid him to kill her. Soon after the arrest, the parents denied to *The Sunday Express* that they had asked him to get money. Police say the parents told them the same. Says Senior

Inspector, Shivaji Nagar Police Station, S Paithankar, “We are sure he is involved. We are trying to understand the motive.”

The school, the boy's home and the teacher's lie within a 200-metre radius in a slum cluster in Shivaji Nagar area of eastern Mumbai. Run by a private trust, the school has around 300 students up to Class 8. The boy got enrolled seven years ago, and studied there with all his siblings. The teacher who was killed had been its principal since 2010 and lived alone.

The boy's family, originally from Bihar, shared a one-room kitchen space. While the father is a tailor, the mother doesn't work.

Apart from her school duties, the principal took tuitions, teaching roughly 20 students. That day, the boy had arrived at her house at 5.30 pm for classes. He says he returned home around 8 pm, only to go back almost immediately. This wasn't unusual, as he often ran small errands for the teacher. Police say when he went back, he was carrying a knife, and at a moment when the teacher's back was turned, he stabbed her. He reportedly kept sitting in the house as a crowd gathered.

In the absence of details, what police have is a rough sketch of the boy, with one fact repeated constantly — by teachers, neighbours, anyone who knew him: that he studied hard, and that he was “different” from youngsters his age in the area caught in drugs and crime.

Adjoining the Deonar dumping ground, the slum cluster where the murder happened has over six lakh people packed into a

day, ransacked a stationery shop, and set fire to tea stalls, and vehicles, including his, he adds. “I ran away to save my life. Many of them stole my provisions, even cash.”

Tarit da, the owner of a stationery shop, says, “I managed to close the main door, but they broke my window and ransacked everything. I was a student at this university, for last 26 years I have been associated with it. But I have never seen this. The authorities and students helped me rebuild the shop.”

JU alumni started a Facebook group and collected approximately Rs 9,000 to help shop owners like Tarit and Lakhan.

After the September 19 incident, it is this tradition of rallying together that JU old-timers are hanging on to. They talk about 2010, when one of the students' unions showed black flags to then chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and boycotted an exam the next day when students were lathicharged. They talk about 2014 when JU saw one of its biggest student protests, which lasted four months, against an incident of molestation on the campus. The protests lasted till CM Banerjee came to the campus and ensured the then V-C's resignation.

But, citing one such student protest, in July 2018, against a decision to scrap entrance tests for admission to the Arts faculty, ABVP state vice-president Subir Haldar says such agitations have only served vested interests. “The TMC government had tried to rein in the practice of Left-minded students being inducted into JU Arts department, but they had to back off following protests. Why should students not be admitted based on merit, as in Engineering and Science Departments? Why is the Arts faculty given the freedom to conduct entrance tests? This is mainly to keep up the flow of Left-minded students into campus so that the tradition of the Left is continued. This is done with the support of a section of pro-Left teachers at JU.”

Some among the Left admit a dilution in the ideology of JU politics over the years, but stress that its basic character has not changed. Chairperson of AFSU and SFI leader Somasree Chowdhury says they are determined to ensure this. “I can't deny that JU's political character is changing. But we will fight that unitedly.”

CPM Politburo member Mohammad Salim says the Left would retain its hold on JU, like it continues to do at other campuses, as it fights for the causes that matter. “Everywhere students are fighting against privatisation of the education sector and communal onslaught. Be it JU, JNU or Hyderabad Central University, students here have always stood up against government high-handedness.”

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh is as clear that it's time to end “anti-national sentiments” on campus. “We have been saying that JU has become a hub of anti-national elements. Attempts must be made to drive these students in the right direction.”



Dalitalty

NUTAN

LOVE HAS sexuality. It comes with conditions and it is impenetrable to homophobic minds — which includes your family too — mother, sister, brothers all gang up to end the pursuits of your life.

I was born in a male body. But nothing else made me feel like a male. My feelings were woman-like. I had started to feel this early on in my childhood — I always loved spending time with women and girls. I enjoyed their company and the comfort they offered to my being. I loved trying out women's clothes, enjoyed playing with girls and doing all the things they did in their groups.

After clearing my matriculation, I got admitted to an Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Nanded. There, I used to spend time with men and women alike. Due to my male body and family pressures, I was trying to fit in by spending more time with men and dressing like them. I appreciated their company, but it was not my primary volition. From my behaviour the transgender community got the sense of me being one of them. I used to love their company because we instantly connected with each other's feelings and it was an exalting experience.

But at my house, everyone was unhappy about it. When my family members got to know that I was hanging out with the transgender community, I faced unbearable wrath from them. My elder brothers tortured me mercilessly. At night, while

# We, the twice-untouchables

asleep, my elder brothers would walk over me, stamping my face with their feet.

They were on the lookout to find reasons to beat me. Once my elder brother pushed me to the floor and beat me ruthlessly. I struggled to breathe. I thought I would die. All this happened in the presence of my mother and elder sisters. They partook in my oppression. No one came to my rescue. I would cry out to my mother, asking her whether I was her child. Why didn't she have empathy for her child who was being beaten blue? She was reticent. No one loved me inside the concrete walls that I thought of as my home.

I couldn't take it. It was extremely painful so I decided to leave home when I turned 21. I chose my guru. The guru is our guardian and we are known by our guru. The guru taught me the world of transgenders — the lingo, lifestyle, how to clap, etc. and also the defined territory where I could beg. In return, I had to give a share of my earnings. This is a common practice across the transgender community.

After this spell, I long wished to leave my hometown and so I got into a train that took me wherever, but my home.

The journey took me to Itarsi in Madhya Pradesh. I made a living begging on trains. I decided to save some money and get a sex change. I knew of a place in Mumbai that helps do this surgery. So I went to the place with my friend, who is a transgender. I had no support network

and no one from among my near and dear ones close to me at this very crucial moment of my life.

The surgeon charged a fixed amount for the surgery. I was short on cash. I pleaded with the doctor, but he wouldn't go ahead with it. I phoned my friends in Nanded, to no avail. My friend who accompanied me begged on the streets in Mumbai to put me through the surgery. The surgery was done haphazardly. With many stitches still afresh, I was asked to vacate the hospital just a few hours after the surgery. With nowhere to go, I decided to return to Nanded. I hired an autorickshaw to the station. The surgeon commented that I might be the only patient leaving on an auto, the others who got discharged would opt for a comfortable car or taxi. As I stepped out of the hospital, the pain was nerve-wracking. The auto ride was bumpy and the stitches came out in the middle of the street. The auto-wallah wouldn't budge, and my entire lower part was soaked in blood.

I had neither money nor energy to buy the train ticket. I requested the ticket collector that I have just gone through a surgery so I need a place to sit. He was in no mood to listen. I showed him the urinal bag which was put after my operation, but he still did not give me a seat. Helpless, I squatted near the toilet. Due to the uncomfortable seating, the bleeding continued. It was in such a condition that I ar-

rived in Nanded, after nearly 12 hours and a sleepless night.

In the transgender community, there is a ritual after a successful surgery. On the fifth and sixth day, they serve you a hodge-podge of vegetables. On the eleventh and twenty-first days, they apply a turmeric paste to your body and give you a bath. I had to stay indoors for 40 days. On the forty-first day, I stepped out for the first time as a transgender woman. I felt relieved. I was a newborn.

For employment, I have certificates from ITI, 3D Max, and AutoCAD, yet nobody is willing to give me an opportunity to demonstrate my skills. If I start my business, no one will buy things from me, this has been my experience. Thus, the only option I am left with is to beg on trains or at marketplaces.

After the surgery, now that I was openly a transwoman, nobody agreed to rent their place to me. People were afraid that if I lived amidst them, their children would be come under bad influence. When I finally managed to get a place on rent, my house owner had to face abuses from neighbours for renting me the room. After some days, the same people submitted an application to the area councillor, asking him to get me to vacate, saying that their prestige was at stake.

There was an empty plot close by and a friend and I thought we would purchase it, but the plot owner refused to sell it to us,

only because we are transgender.

During my difficult times and physical painful transition, a grandmother, unrelated to me, took care of me. She fed me and ensured my safety, she loved me for who I was.

I have faced severe blows from society and family. Yet, I yearn for my family who has abandoned me. Of all the things that have happened to me, the one thing I feel bad about is that I am away from my family. I always miss them. My mother, sisters, and sister-in-law are in touch with me on phone. They enquire about me but seldom invite me home. I feel that my birth is a tragic accident. Humiliation rules. Perhaps, love is dormant for people like us. We have to love ourselves. We are twice-untouchables.

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Fifth COLUMN

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# Hatred harms India

THERE ARE people on Narendra Modi's team who are doing their best to prove Imran Khan right when he says that India is being led by a 'Hindu fascist' who hates Muslims. These people make it clear every time they speak or tweet or participate in a TV debate that they despise Muslims as 'heirs' of Jinnah and despise Islam for being an 'intolerant' religion. And, because they are in the BJP or proud supporters of Modi, they confirm the charges being made from the Islamic Republic next door that India is no longer a country in which Muslims have the same rights as Hindus.

Since the abrogation of Article 370, Imran Khan has hardly made a speech in which he has not charged Modi with 'hating' Muslims. He has said more than once that Kashmir's special status was removed only because its population is mostly Muslim. In his speech at the United Nations General Assembly, he made the 'fascist' India charge and repeated it in every interview he gave (and he gave many) to international TV channels and newspapers. On returning home he told a huge, volatile gathering at Islamabad airport that he was now fighting a jihad in the name of Allah. Then, after declaring that India was preparing for a 'massacre in Kashmir' he said that the RSS 'believes in killing Muslims' and that he would never talk peace with Modi because he was an RSS man.

Modi has not responded, which is good. It is also good that he never fails to remind us that the spectacular welcome he was given in Houston by Indians of the diaspora was because he represents '130 crore Indians'. Of these, roughly 25 crore are Muslims. So he needs to do more to reassure them that the bile spewed against them by some of his ministers and Twitter supporters does not reflect what he feels. I am not repeating the things that have been said because they are unrepeatable and also because I refuse to give hate-filled bigots the oxygen of publicity. But, it could be time for the Prime Minister to speak up. He took too long in his first term to condemn the lynchings, so by then it was not just Muslims who were being targeted but Dalits as well.

The lynchings have continued in his second term. But, now a menacing new ugliness hangs in the air that is alienating the Muslim community. Those causing the ugliness seem not to have noticed that they could not have chosen a worse moment to start spewing venom against Muslims and Islam. There is still no sign of peace or normality in the Kashmir Valley and bringing this about is going to take a lot more effort than it took to remove Article 370. With a large number of Muslims in the Kashmir Valley already alienated because of the removal of Article 370, and this endless lockdown, it is wise to alienate them further by abusing Muslims in the rest of India?

It is true that a huge majority of people who constitute Modi's base have a visceral hatred of Muslims. I have in my dealings with far too many of them heard them speak of how Muslims breed in such large numbers that it will not be long before they take over India just through demographic might. I have also heard many, many times the grievances about Partition. My father's family were refugees so I spent my childhood in half-built houses amid people with broken lives. Many had left for the first time the villages where their lands and their homes were. Many of them had come without anything. The compensation they were given by the Indian government was so meagre that it was a mockery of what they left behind. But, they did not have time for bitterness or grievance because they had to save all their energy for putting back together the pieces of their shattered lives.

It was only after I became a journalist and attended a few RSS 'shakhas', by way of research, that I came across real bitterness and hatred against all Muslims. These emotions run deep and have now been compounded by the legitimate anger against the ethnic cleansing of the Pandits from the Kashmir Valley. Jihadist terrorism from Pakistan has made things worse. So I can understand why Modi hesitates to say openly anything that would alienate his base. But, may I humbly offer some advice. I happened to witness a conversation between Shimon Peres (former president of Israel) and Yasser Arafat (former chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation) some years ago. It was a particularly fraught moment and Arafat railed against Israel and what it was doing to his people. Peres listened quietly for a while before finally saying, 'For leaders there is a time to follow and there is a time to lead'. Mr Modi, it is your time to lead.

# Finding Gandhi

GAINED IN TRANSLATION



KAAJAL OZA-VAIDYA

शुद्ध गांधी जी

A BOY named Mohan, who was afraid of the dark, saved this country from the darkness of slavery. Before him, another Mohan, born in a prison cell from a mother mortally afraid of carrying him in her womb, was born fearless. Both went different ways but an irony of fate united them — one was born on the Saurashtra coast and attained salvation on the banks of the Yamuna. The other one was born on the banks of the Yamuna and left the world from the Saurashtra coast.

Both these Mohans struggled to keep our country united. One was an advocate of violence for *dharma*, the other, a lawyer, made non-violence his *dharma*.

We celebrate both their birth anniversaries with great fanfare. And they both have proved to be models for marketing many things. One is Krishna Vasudev Yadav; the other, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Every year on October 2, the entire country remembers Gandhi. Khadi produce goes on sale, events are planned, schools and banks are shut, and bars go dry.

Nobody remembers him from October 3 to January 30. Then the cotton hanks come out to decorate his memorials. And then quiet again till October 2.

During these two days, everyone, in the name of homage to the Father of the Nation, collects 'likes' to their posts on social media. If we were to take a test on who among them has understood Gandhi and to what extent, then probably all of them would fail.

Who was this man who continues to be discussed even 150 years after his birth? What was so special about him that a word on him would provoke an entire country, and another would turn them peaceful?

It is surprising that today 'Gandhi' is not an individual, but one of the biggest marketing strategies. One can sell anything in the name of Gandhi — both good and bad.

Gandhi is blamed for preventing Sardar Patel from becoming India's first prime minister as also for the Partition. In the same breath his is the name to market *Swachhata* (cleanliness) and *Swadeshi* (of the country).

Mohandas Gandhi was not merely a man born in 1869 and shot in 1948. He was a phenomenon that lived and moved amongst us, just like in the film *Rashomon*, everyone has a different version of him.

Many people who know nothing of Gandhi hold the rights to opine on him. Gandhi has become such a public property only because everyone thinks of him as their own.

The sad part is that we are not as sensitive about Gandhi as we are about movies like *Jodha Akbar* or *Padmaavat*. Be it films, plays, or books, people take liberty to portray him as they think right. Nobody — writer, reader or audience — is interested in verifying facts about the portrayals.

The generation that knew something about him and believed in him is gone. Those around are more interested in distorting the stories and thinking of Gandhi to suit their ends. These suave and fussy Gandhians who wear khadi, with their glasses perched on their noses, have been busy pointing out flaws in the newer generation. Little do they know that no leader ever had such a following among youth. The reason is that Gandhi never opposed new thoughts. And so, his newspaper was called *Young India* and not *Old and Rigid India*.

When the Congress met in Harijura, Gandhiji proposed the name of Subhas Chandra Bose to preside over the party. He was warned, "But he is against you..." Babu said, "All the more reason! There should be someone who dares to speak the truth!"

Today, most of what is being peddled, sold or read in the name of Gandhi is largely fictitious and a lie. If Gandhi was what he is being blamed for, then why is it that the whole world is honouring him? Historians are yet to take note of a person who continues to have such an imprint on the world.

If we are to call ourselves Indians, then for the sake of understanding our own identity, it is essential to understand Gandhi, the person, his thoughts and his ideology.

The new generation will have to think of a new way to understand Gandhi. It may not understand the concept of Gram Swaraj but certainly it can understand cleanliness and self-help. What he said a century ago is relevant even today. That itself proves that Gandhi was ahead of his time. Satyagraha means the persistence of truth and integrity, the path to which cannot be of violence. However, if a law or the government seems wrong, it is okay to protest, but with humility. If today's youth understands this, many lives would chart the right course.

Gandhi also believed in the virtue of non-possessiveness (*aparigraha*), and fearlessness. Minimalism in possessions, giving them to the needy, recycling them — these are very much his ways. Only the fearless can speak the truth.

If the new generation understands Gandhi in the true sense, then his dream of *sarvodaya* (upliftment for all) and *antyo-daya* (upliftment of the last human) can be realised soon.

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She SAID

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FIRST THINGS first. My father, like his fellow park walkers, his friends, his WhatsApp groups, and most of our extended family, is a big fan of our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. But what Modi isn't is my father — whatever US President Donald Trump who called him "the father of India" might think (and what was he thinking?), and whatever Union minister Jitendra Singh may say (that I am "not Indian", for one).

1. Navratras are on, but in his 73 years, I have never known father to fast. Away from mother's frowning eyes, he may even nibble a meat piece or two during these nine days. But yes, away from mother's eyes.

Getting him to fast would be tortuous after all. In his free time, which is rare as he sees himself as this dynamic youngster, father can always be found munching. Mostly snacks and, to our ever-lasting envy, doing so unapologetically, sitting sprightly in the living room.

2. I don't know the size of my father's chest — for good reason. Come to think of it, I don't know the size of any man's chest.

On the other hand, like anyone who has had the faintest brush with North Indian genes, he is perfectly groomed at all times — from his now-balding pate to the tip of his polished shoes (a habit he tried hard to pass on to his recalcitrant grandchildren). The fastidiousness never ceases to amaze my laid-back Eastern Uttar Pradesh in-laws.

3. At most gatherings, father enjoys his drink, admittedly frustratingly slowly. These days, an old men's club where they all get a little tipsy and dance to old Hindi songs once in three months is one of the highlights of his calendar.

Granted he is no Elvis Presley (as Trump said Modi was) — who is? — but did the King's repertoire include the *thumka* perfected by Indian men from long practice at weddings is the question.

4. Father had a tough childhood, as one of nine siblings (though I doubt he would qualify it as tough), and was expected to do his share of hard, daily chores.

But, yes, he was never a *chaiwallah*. Does the fact that he is the one who mostly makes tea now at home, as mother lazes around, count?

5. Belonging to a generation that believed in saving every pie, he may have retired as a senior executive, but his list of what constitutes a luxury stretches re-

# Here go... a dozen facts about a father



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

ally long. How long? Well, he still frowns at FabIndia and will only ride Uber Pool, taking his time to get used to both the idea of hopping into taxis, and that "odd name". We haven't got around to discussing 'Howdy'.

6. Like everyone in the flush of youth, or in the returning blaze of old age, father too believes he has the solution to every problem.

Thankfully, there are enough of us around to curb his enthusiasm.

7. While in the world according to Trump, Modi has been a unifying force for an India "that was torn", father used to take vicarious delight in watching my sister and I fight it out.

For, unfailingly, it would prove his dictum: siblings may not be able to live with each other, but try making them live apart. Could India-Pakistan have a lesson there?

8. While he may often be seen exercising in shorts that need fitting, father only fleetingly contemplated the thought of joining a *shakha*.

It was purely the informal Modi government retirement age of 75 years that made him pause. Or, so he says.

9. In his retired avatar, father takes great pleasure in his role as his society's RWA president — elected by popular demand. He takes his responsibilities, including Independence Day speeches, very seriously, as well as gets my reluctant kids to make some good-message posters for him if he can collar them.

So, you know, what could have been... 10. Much as father may deny it, age is catching up and he now often forgets train and flight timings, and his glasses and car keys everywhere. Lately he just has to lie down anywhere, anytime to fall asleep.

The whole household is just glad our homegrown superhero is human too.

11. Above all, it was to father that my sister and I sang out a Bollywood song every time he left on one of his work trips (we were children then, okay), basically crooning, 'From across the seven seas... get us a beautiful doll... but Papa, come back soon'.

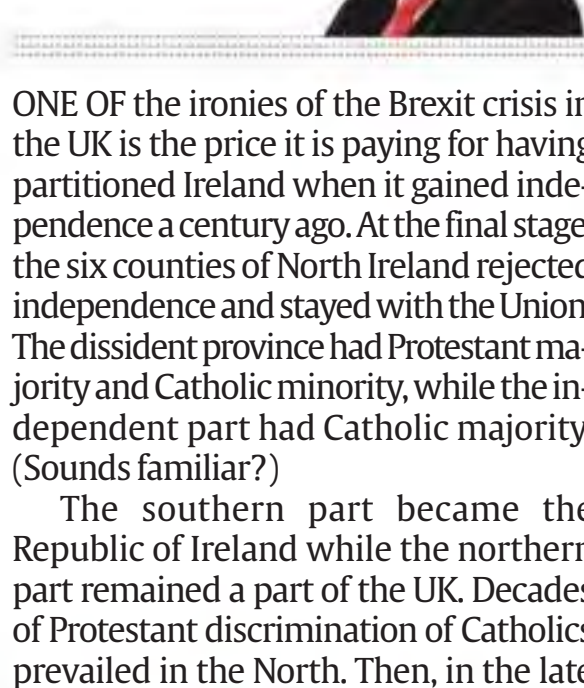
And, whether it was a trip to a remote plant site in Uttar Pradesh or the then-exotic-sounding Imphal, a doll or a dress, a diary or a pen, he never failed us.

Try matching that. 12. And lastly, because it must be asked, if there are two "fathers of India" now, where does that leave 'Mother India'?

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Out of MY MIND

MEGHNAD DESAI



# Brexit: The fruits of a partition

1960s, a civil rights movement for the Catholics began with a revived Irish Republican Army (IRA). 'Troubles' followed with bombings and killings in the province and the British Army had to be stationed for 50 years to control the troubles (Kashmir anyone?).

The troubles got very violent and the only solution possible had to be brokered by the Americans. So in 1998 the Good Friday Treaty was signed. It pledged that any government in the Province will have representatives of both communities regardless of the numbers in the Assembly. This was a way of making sure that a majority does not oppress the minority. As both the UK and the Republic were in the European Union, there could be free flow

of goods, and being in the Common Market the same rules applied about health regulations to be observed in growing food etc.

But come Brexit a problem came up. It was alright for England, Scotland and Wales — Great Britain — to leave the European Union and get out of the Customs Union and the Single Market. But what of Northern Ireland, which shared the island with the Republic which wanted to remain in the EU?

This conundrum has become the obstacle to Brexit. If the Province is to continue with a free border between the two parts of the island, then it cannot leave the EU. If it does, then it cannot have free movement where goods cross the border

freely. There have to be Customs checks at the border. But then by an international treaty, the border has to be free. How do you square the circle?

This is called the Backstop problem. For a transition period of 21 months agreed between the EU and the UK after Brexit, things will continue as usual. Within that period a new free trade agreement could be arrived at and things will continue with the UK trading with the EU as a separate country, not a member of the EU. If there is no free trade agreement at the end of the transition period, what happens? Great Britain, the mainland, can become subject to tariffs and goods can be inspected on import and export.

But as between the Republic and the Province, how can goods go across without inspection?

Former prime minister Theresa May tried an agreement (the Deal) in which not just the Province but the UK would continue in the EU till a solution was found. Her deal was rejected three times. Now current PM Boris Johnson is trying his luck. He has proposed that even if the Mainland exits, the Province could have a special arrangement as if it was still in. Every four years after 2020, the Assembly of the Province would vote whether to stay in the Common Market.

For trade purposes the partition of a hundred years ago is to be de facto annulled.

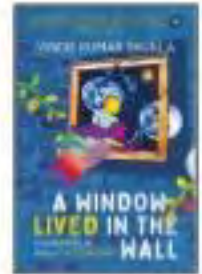


## 16 BOOKS

EXPRESS EDITORS  
RECOMMEND

Translation finally appears to be enjoying its moment under the sun in India, with publishers investing more money in the genre and literary prizes recognising their merit. Here are our suggestions for the week:

**A Window Lived in the Wall**  
VINOD KUMAR SHUKLA  
Eka



ONE OF Hindi literature's foremost exponents, Vinod Shukla's novel *Deewar Mein Ek Khirkee Rahati Thi* has been translated by Satti Khanna of Duke University,

USA. Shukla's narrative presents a delicate fabric of the ordinary middle-class life that contains the many extraordinary which make navigating the mundane worthwhile.

**Pather Panchali**  
BIBHUTIBHUSHAN  
BANDOPADHYAY  
Penguin



A TIMELESS, classic, Bandopadhyay's book intersects love, family and personal aspirations in the backdrop of a rapidly changing social order in Bengal. It was immortalised on screen by filmmaker Satyajit Ray and the cover of the translation by Rimi draws from a sequence in the film.

No Presents Please: Mumbai Stories  
JAYANT KAIKINI  
HarperPerennial



KANNADA POET, short story writer and dramatist, Jayant Kaikini presents vignettes of Mumbai in stories that are as evocative as they are intimate. Translated by Tejaswini Niranjana, the book won the DSC Prize last year

**There's Gunpowder in the Air**  
MANORANJAN BYAPARI  
Eka



A TEASHOP boy, a sweeper, a *dom*, a rickshaw-puller — Bengali writer Manoranjan Byapari draws inspiration from his many lives and many struggles

for his short stories and novels. An unlettered Dalit man, Byapari's life took a dramatic turn after he met noted writer Mahasweta Devi, while working as a rickshaw-puller. *Batashe Baruder Gondho*, his best-known work, has been translated into English by Arunava Sinha.

**A Lonely Harvest**  
PERUMAL MURUGAN  
Penguin



ONE OF two sequels to Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's pathbreaking — and controversial — novel *Madhorubagan (One Part Woman)* about an infertile couple in

1940s Tamil Nadu, *A Lonely Harvest* is the story of Ponna's struggle after her husband Kali commits suicide. It has been translated by Aniruddhan Vasudevan, who had won the 2016 Sahitya Akademi award for his translation of *One Part Woman*.

## LOOKOUT NOTICE

**The Trial of Warren Hastings: Classical Oratory and Reception in Eighteenth-Century England**  
CHIARA ROLLI  
Bloomsbury



THE IMPEACHMENT trial of Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of Bengal in British India, lasted from 1788 till 1795 and went on to have

great impact on the political imagination of contemporary Britain and the world.

**Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide**  
CASS R SUNSTEIN  
Harvard University Press



HARVARD LAW professor Cass R Sunstein puts into context the criteria — including what qualifies as "high crimes and misdemeanours" — for the impeachment of an American president. Of particular interest now, given the impeachment inquiry in progress against Donald Trump.

## CHAPTER 1, LINE 1

Ursus and Homo were fast friends. Ursus was a man, Homo a wolf. Their dispositions tallied. It was the man who had christened the wolf: probably he had also chosen his own name. Having found Ursus fit for himself, he had found Homo fit for the beast. *The Man Who Laughs* (1869), Victor Hugo

Abhinav Saha



A Rohingya refugee fixing his tent at a camp in New Delhi's Kalindi Kunj

## A Stranger in My Own Land

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

ONE OF the first lessons of life that Habiburahman learnt from his father as a schoolchild was never to identify himself as Rohingya. "We only use it among ourselves in the hut. It is our secret identity. Dad insists we use the term 'Muslim' when we introduce ourselves. If we say that we are Rohingya, we would be signing the family's death warrant, he says. So we never do," writes Habib, in this memoir of growing up Rohingya.

By then, Myanmar had already delegitimised the group's existence. In 1982, Rohingya were not included in a list of 135 ethnic groups recognised by the Ne Win military regime as indigenous. "I am three years old, and don't know yet that I am stateless. A tyrant leant over my cradle and traced a destiny for me that will be hard to avoid: I will either be a fugitive or a I won't exist at all".

Habib believed he could beat that destiny by getting an education in another province, and left home at 19, to escape the open prison that Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine (Arakan) state, had become. But from that moment on, he became a fugitive and remained one for the following 17 years, until his plea for asylum was accepted by Australia in 2014, but not before he had spent nearly three years in that country's detention centres. He lives in Melbourne now, but

remains stateless, and cannot travel because he has no passport.

The memoir is Habib's, but it could be any Rohingya's life story — the frantic process to get false documents as a Shan Muslim; the bribing of policemen who refuse to believe the documents because they identify Rohingya by their skin colour; a sojourn at a government technical institute and a dalliance with the National League of Democracy, whose leader Aung San Suu Kyi was at the time a beacon of hope, all cut short by the junta's spies on campus; the hopelessness of prison; more bribes for release; the desperate run to Thailand, and from there to Malaysia and Indonesia, pursued in all three countries by special police hunting down illegal immigrants; the escape from human traffickers; and the even more desperate journey across choppy seas in a small boat, all the way to Australia.

The last Habib heard from his brother, he was in China. One of his sisters and her husband fled to Bangladesh in 2017. Another sister was arrested from Yangon after she fled Sittwe with her husband in the anti-Rohingya conflagration of 2012. After bribing officials, she was released, and fled to Norway. After 18 months in the notorious

## Growing up Rohingya, an account of the horror that a narrow vision of nationhood and nationality can wreak on the people



**FIRST, THEY ERASED OUR NAME — A ROHINGYA SPEAKS**  
HABIBURAHMAN WITH SOPHIE ANSEL  
Penguin Viking  
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₹ 499

Insein prison, another sister fled to Australia, where she is seeking asylum, while his mother remains a fugitive in Yangon. The father whom he worshipped died in Sittwe after undergoing several arrests and torture.

Habib's chilling, powerfully narrated personal history, originally written in French with the help of a French journalist and translated into English, is a rare first-hand account of the persecution of Rohingya, and of the futureless escape of hundreds of thousands of the community from Myanmar. It is no accident that there are few other such accounts. An estimated 90 per cent of Rohingya are illiterate, having had no access to education. Along with being prevented from laying any claim to land ownership, extreme restrictions on mobility, and other such poverty-causing repressive measures, it has ensured that there are no strong Rohingya voices speaking up for the group, within Myanmar or in the world.

This is why Habib's book is important. "Until now, we have been dependent on others to tell our story," he writes, also pointing out how only one voice from Myanmar mattered to the world even through the killings of 2012, that of Aung San Suu Kyi. "The one voice of Myanmar had not spoken

for us, and so now, we would have to speak for ourselves".

Habib, who runs a blog called Arakan Diary ([www.arakandiary.com](http://www.arakandiary.com)) lays bare the lengths to which a country can go to enforce a narrow vision of nationhood and nationality, and the unmitigated hatred that goes with othering on the basis of skin colour, features and religion.

"Kalars are like salt for us. We're going to dissolve you on our tongues until there's nothing left of you," a group of Rakhine Buddhists tell a 16-year-old Habib one day as he stops at a tea shop in Sittwe. At the level of government, too, there was nothing secret about this plan. In 1991, an anti-Rohingya military operation was code-named 'Clean and Beautiful Nation'.

Citizenship in many countries is straightforward enough. There are places where they say, if you are born here, you belong here. Myanmar is not the only place where citizenship is not that simple. In India, the idea of citizenship, belonging, of who is welcome and who is not, is changing before our very eyes. Every country commits its own wrongs. But the story of Habiburahman's journey from childhood in a little village in the Chin state of Myanmar bordering Rakhine, to growing up in the more polarised Sittwe, to the escape that consumes his entire youth, is a chilling eye-opener for those who dismiss the human, moral and ethical aspects of building nation and nationality.

## The Middle Ground

Despite some omissions, an eclectic volume of writings by one of India's longest serving politicians

HARSH MANDER

DR KARAN Singh has long straddled a unique position in Indian public life. Who else could boast of an uninterrupted and distinguished political career of 70 years? He was head of state in Kashmir for 20 years, first as regent from the age of 18 and then as governor; minister in successive Union governments; and member of Parliament for eight terms over 40 years. He worked closely, in one capacity or another, with all of India's prime ministers. In addition, he is an erudite and sophisticated philosopher, well-versed in ancient Hindu texts.

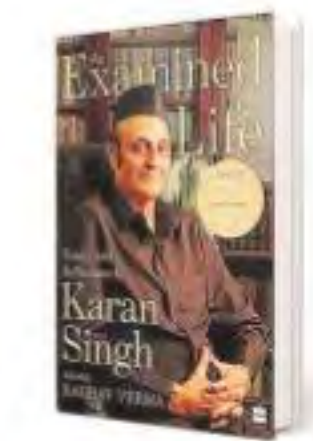
Therefore, in the wake of his farewell speech in the Rajya Sabha at the age of 88, a collection of his writings and interviews is something to savour. His editor Raghav Verma has brought together an eclectic and diverse range of writings and discussions in this volume. It begins with an extensive interview with Verma which illuminates many themes of the book, and includes scholarly essays and a dialogue on Hinduism, memoirs of his political life, his exchange of letters with prime ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, travelogues, poems (to which I was equivocal), and even a whimsical novella about friendship, betrayal and a chance but tenuous reconciliation.

Given the current upheaval in Kashmir, his accounts of the history of J&K are of greatest topical interest in this anthology. He records his "surprise" about 'right-wing' re-

sentment against the special status of J&K. He counsels us to be "large-hearted", mindful that J&K came into India "under complex and difficult circumstances". He adds we "should feel so lucky" that "a Muslim-majority state" became "part of India despite the religion-led Partition. Cherish that, cherish that, honour that".

This is wise counsel, which India should take to heart amidst the triumphalism that has gripped many Indians after the special status of the state was withdrawn, and its territory peremptorily bifurcated into two Union Territories. I am perplexed, though, by the far more guarded public comments by Karan Singh following this constitutional coup. He refused to condemn this unequivocally, so contrary to his views in the book.

There is much, though, about Jammu and Kashmir that the book does not speak of. It is silent about the massacre of Muslims in Jammu in 1947, the traumatic expulsion of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley, and decades of militancy. He describes his own role in the dismissal of an increasingly restive Sheikh Abdullah as Prime Minister of J&K. (He says he did not support Abdullah's long incarceration after this, although he did not attempt to prevent or reverse it). He records his conviction that what he did was for the "national good", and that "all the risks and dangers were worth taking if it served the country". But history would require much more searching self-critical introspection with hindsight, of unhealed wounds left by these



**AN EXAMINED LIFE**  
KARAN SINGH  
HarperCollins  
416 pages ₹ 799



Dr Karan Singh, then union minister of Education and Social Welfare, with King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah of Nepal at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, September 1979 *Express Archive*

**There is much, though, about Jammu & Kashmir that the book does not speak of. It is silent about the massacre of Muslims in Jammu in 1947, the traumatic expulsion of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley and decades of militancy**

momentous political decisions, destined to cast their long shadows for decades.

There are significant silences also in his learned and often lyrical interpretations of Hindu texts, such as the *Vedas* and the *Upanishads*, and most of all the Gita, which he regards to be the most influential text in the world after the Bible and Quran, and

which he believes is a fitting guide for ethical action in the complex and turbulent times in which we live. He speaks fleetingly (and uncritically) of caste, and acknowledges even more passingly the suffering of the out-caste. But he does nothing to address the profound critique of Hinduism by Ambedkar: of the savagery and cruelty of what caste did to millions for millennia. He does not mention, let alone reject, the valorisation of ruthless caste and gender inequity and violence. However, Singh does celebrate the acceptance of same-sex love in the Hindu tradition and welcomes the belated decriminalisation of homosexuality in India.

In a significant essay, he speaks of three approaches to secularism. One junks religion as a burden from the past "hung around the neck of the present", and, therefore, rejects religious values in both personal and public life. A second, he says,

would have liked an India in which everyone follows the Hindu faith, but because that is not a reality, secularism is accepted as a necessary evil. A third approach, to which he subscribes, is that the true sanction of secularism is that all religions are approaches to the same divine. My problem is that although his definition leads us to the idea of equal respect for every faith, it needed to include also equal respect for the absence of faith.

Singh is at his strongest in his affirmation of what is best in our civilisational values, of "respecting different traditions of living, of praying, of any sort of culture however strange it may seem to us." If there is anything to take away from this assorted volume, it is his celebration of "tolerance, of inclusiveness, of living in religious and cultural harmony with each other"; and, of maintaining "respect for oneself and the other".





Devotees carry out rituals during Mahasaptami ('Kola Bou' bathing) as part of the Durga Puja festivities on the banks of the Hooghly in Kolkata on Saturday. Partha Paul

## Rain likely to play spoilsport on Maha Ashtami today in Bengal

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KOLKATA, OCTOBER 5

WITH THE monsoon yet to begin its retreat, Durga Puja festivities in West Bengal may get partially affected by thunderstorms or sharp showers, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said here on Saturday.

A cyclonic circulation lies over north-east Jharkhand and another such weather system is hovering over Jharkhand and North Odisha, which may bring rain at one or two places in West Bengal affecting revelries during the four-day long Durga Puja, the biggest festival of the state.

The Met department had forecast thunderstorms at places in the state on Maha Saptami on Saturday. The weather may also play spoilsport on Maha Ashtami on Sunday with thunderstorms having been forecast at one or two places in South Bengal, including

Kolkata, the Met said. The weatherman has, however, forecast heavy rain at one or two places in Gangetic West Bengal on Vijaya Dashami on Tuesday, the day when Goddess Durga goes back to Kailash with her progeny Kartik, Ganesh, Saraswati and Lakshmi. On Vijaya Dashami, the idols of Goddess Durga and her children are immersed in rivers and other water bodies as a ritual, bidding farewell to them for a year.

## Rights activist Soni Sori held, released on bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 5

THE CHHATTISGARH Police on Saturday arrested AAP leader and tribal rights activist Soni Sori after she allegedly insisted on leading a rally against government inaction on the poll promise of freeing tribals under illegal arrest in Bastar.

Senior police officials said Sori was arrested under the preventive section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code, which is a bailable offence. She was produced before the SDM on Saturday, and was released on bail.

Abhishek Pallava, Superintendent of Police, Dantewada said, "On Friday, Soni Sori gave an application to the SDM and the tehsildar stating that they are going to hold a rally in Palnar or Kuakonda, and asked for permission. For permission, the rules state that you must tell the exact venue, the number of people assembling and the time. This was asked but no answer was received, and this was officially denied... Palnar is a hyper-sensitive area... Any law and order situation could have happened..."

## GOVT AWAITS GOVERNOR'S NOD

## In MP, politics over civic body polls

MILIND GHATAI  
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 5

THE MADHYA Pradesh government is waiting Governor Lalji Tandon's clearance to an ordinance that will allow indirect elections for the post of the mayor and presidents of smaller municipal bodies.

A top official confirmed that the ordinance reached the Raj Bhavan several days ago. "It's under the Governor's consideration," he said. The MP cabinet had cleared the ordinance on September 25.

The Kamal Nath government's decision not to hold direct elections has not gone down

well with the BJP, which has alleged that the Congress is afraid of losing. In direct elections, citizens choose the Mayor and other candidates, and not councillors.

All 16 municipal corporations in the state have BJP mayors. A delegation of office-bearers of All India Council of Mayors called on Tandon on Friday requesting him not to endorse the Congress government's decision.

The council's organisation secretary and former BJP minister, Umashankar Gupta, told *The Sunday Express*, "We requested him to examine the proposal because it's not legally appropriate."

Gupta, also a former mayor of Bhopal, said the proposal is con-

trary to the spirit of the 74th Amendment to the Constitution and it's not proper to turn the clock backwards.

The delegation, which also comprised former and current mayors, argued before the governor that when councillors choose the mayor, the latter is always under pressure to save his chair.

Congress media in-charge Shobha Oza responded saying the BJP was misleading people. When reminded that all 16 municipal corporations have BJP mayors, she said that was because the BJP was in power then.

"Things have changed now and they are scared of defeat," she said.

## RUN-UP TO BYPOLLS IN KARNATAKA

# Cong committee blames tie-up with JD(S) for Lok Sabha loss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 5

A FACT-FINDING committee of the Congress in Karnataka, which explored the reasons for the party's poor showing in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, has blamed the coalition forged with the JD(S) as the main reason.

The committee, comprising six party leaders, presented its report to state Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao on October 1. The committee expressed a point of view held by several Congress leaders, including former chief minister Siddaramaiah, who were opposed to the alliance with the JD(S) from the outset. The Congress-JD(S) coalition govern-

ment collapsed in July, two months after the Lok Sabha polls, with 17 legislators from from both parties defecting to the BJP.

The report comes at a time when the Congress central leadership is considering allying with the JD(S) to contest the by-polls for 17 Assembly seats in December, which could determine the future of the present BJP-run government.

"In the history of Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka, the party has not suffered such a big setback, the committee has observed. This is a sad development in terms of the state and the party," the committee stated in its report.

"In the Lok Sabha elections, at the booth level, block level and

the district level, the coalition with the JD(S) worked only in Shivamogga, Hassan, three constituencies of the Bengaluru Urban district and the Bengaluru Rural constituency. In the remaining 22 constituencies, the coalition did not function at the ground level," the report said.

"The committee is of the view that the constant infighting between the Congress and JD(S) in the coalition government was not acceptable to the people of the state."

The Lok Sabha had thrown up a landslide victory for the BJP, with the saffron party winning 25 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka, while the Congress and JD(S) won one seat each. The remaining seat was won by an Independent candidate, who

was backed by the BJP and Congress rebels.

"It is the opinion of all candidates of the Congress party, office bearers and leaders at various levels that the party must not ally with the JD(S) to contest future polls for local bodies, the state Assembly and the Parliament. Such alliances should be considered only if it is inevitable in order to keep our main rival the BJP away from power," states the report.

"It is essential that the party must be strengthened from the grassroots and the party president must take steps in this direction. Giving tickets to family members of party leaders and ignoring long term workers is detrimental to the morale in the party," the report says.

## Former CEO of TV9 held for 'fraudulent withdrawal'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 5

HYDERABAD POLICE on Saturday arrested former CEO of TV9, Ravi Prakash, for alleged fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 18 crore with two others from the accounts of the Associated Broadcasting Company Pvt Ltd, the promoter of TV9.

The media organisation was bought by Alanda Media Pvt Ltd in August 2018 and Ravi Prakash was ousted from the CEO's position. On September 24, the new board of directors lodged a complaint against Ravi Prakash and former directors MKVN Murthy and Clifford Pereira, accusing them of withdrawing over Rs 18 crore between September 2018 and May 2019 as bonus or ex-gratia to themselves.

"... it has come to light that directors... have fraudulently drawn huge sums from the bank accounts of the company without substantiating any entitlement under law... causing wrongful loss to the company..." the complaint said.

## Govt plans month-long rafting, kayaking expedition on Ganga

HARIKISHAN SHARMA  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

THE UNION government has planned a month-long rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga starting October 10. The move aims to spread awareness about water conservation and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) among Ganga basin states.

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said he has reached out to more than 50 MPs across party lines whose constituencies straddle the river. Prominent Opposition leaders to

whom Shekhawat has written include Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar.

The minister told *The Sunday Express* that he also will join the expedition, and is expected to join a team between Devprayag and Rishikesh.

NMCG DG Rajiv Ranjan Mishra said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave out a call for water conservation as well as a renewed focus Ganga rejuvenation. As a part of NMCG's ongoing initiative to reach out to the masses, we are organising a

month-long rafting and kayaking expedition on the Ganga. It will start from Devprayag, Uttarakhand on October 10 and conclude at Frazierganj in West Bengal on November 12."

Mishra said IAF Wing Commander Paramvir Singh will lead the expedition team of 16 members, which will have representation from the Army and Navy too. "The team also includes scientists from the CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research for water testing and collection of samples, and members from the Wildlife Institute of India to record flora and fauna," he added.

## Meeting held for plan to increase Ganges dolphin population by 2030

New Delhi: A one-day workshop was organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and WWF-India on Saturday for developing a charter that aims to enhance the population of the Ganges River Dolphin by 2030. Today, the to-

tal population of the Gangetic Dolphin stands between 2,500-3,000, of which, more than 80% inhabit the Ganga and its tributaries. "NMCG has been relentlessly working for the conservation and protection of the species... We will develop enabling policies for the integration of Dolphin conservation at State

and national level," said the Director General of the NMCG.

Ravi Singh, SG & CEO, WWF-India, said, "We have lost the Yangtze River Dolphin species found in China and we should focus on protecting our remaining dolphin species including the Ganga River Dolphins and Indus River Dolphins in India."



Goa CM Pramod Sawant

## Goans handing over jobs to temporary migrants: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
PANJIM, OCTOBER 5

CHIEF MINISTER Pramod Sawant on Saturday expressed concern over the state's dependence on migrant workers and exhorted Goans to "wake up" and start taking advantage of the opportunities in the state.

Sawant was speaking at an event where loans were being given out for setting up small and medium enterprises in his home constituency of Sanquelim.

"I am making a straight statement. We hand over our jobs to them (migrant workers). I feel sorry to say this, nevertheless, I will, take for example the women's tailors. All the stitching for women's clothes is being done by Bengalis today... the plumber, electrician or any home service we call for, who are they, where do they come from? They are not Goans," Sawant said.

"Every day, our population is shrinking and their population is increasing. It's happening in huge numbers. It's time Goans woke up. This will not change till Goans start small businesses from their home, from villages; it is not possible till then," he said. He iterated that he was not speaking about those that settled in the state.

"The current condition in our state is very bad. Let me tell you, I am saying this on purpose. Our state has a small population of just 15 lakh. But we get more than sixty lakh tourists and sixty lakh migrants... They become Goans if they permanently settle here. Please do not interpret my views or comments in a different way. Many came here over a decade or more ago and are settled here... We need temporary labour, those who come here for six months and then go away. Roughly, it's 60 lakh tourists and 60 lakh labourers. How are we taking advantage of these numbers?" he asked the crowd.

MORE FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2019									
In addition to already announced Festival Special Trains, Railways have decided to run additional Festival Special Trains as per the schedule given below:-									
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04001	Bhagalpur	18:45	Anand Vihar (T)	17:40	Weekly	Fri 25.10.19 to 01.11.19			
04404	New Delhi	19:25	Barauni	18:00	Bi-Weekly	Tue, Fri 22, 25 & 29.10.19	AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur & Shahpur Patoree stations	
04403	Barauni	19:30	New Delhi	22:10	Bi-Weekly	Wed, Sat 23, 26 & 30.10.19			
04406	New Delhi	19:25	Darbhanga	19:15	Weekly	Fri 18.10.19	AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur & Samastipur Stations	
04405	Darbhanga	20:55	New Delhi	22:10	Weekly	Sat 19.10.19			
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Muzaffarpur	16:30	Weekly	Tue 05.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra & Hajipur stations	
04407	Muzaffarpur	23:20	New Delhi	22:10	Weekly	Wed 06.11.19			
04414	New Delhi	19:25	Naharsa	20:00	Weekly	Fri 01.11.19	AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Barauni, Begu Sarai, Khagaria & S. Bhaktiyarpur stations	
04413	Saharsa	22:15	New Delhi	22:10	Weekly	Sat 02.11.19			
82404	New Delhi (Suvidha)	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	Tri-Weekly	Fri, Mon, Thu 25, 28 & 31.10.19	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations	
04079	Patna Jn. (Suvidha)	12:00	New Delhi	04:00	Tri-Weekly	Sat, Tue, Fri 26, 29.10.19 & 01.11.19			
04078	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	Tri-Weekly	Sat, Tue, Fri 26, 29.10.19 & 01.11.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	New Delhi, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations	
04077	Patna Jn.	12:00	New Delhi	04:00	Tri-Weekly	Sun, Wed, Sat 27, 30.10.19 & 02.11.19			
04084	Delhi	22:40	Purnea Court	22:30	Tri-Weekly	Fri, Mon, Thu 25, 28 & 31.10.19	General	Kanpur, Allahabad, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Mokameh Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria, Mansi, S Bhaktiyarpur, Saharsa, Dauram Madhepura & Barmankhi Jn stations	
04083	Purnea Court	15:00	Delhi	18:20	Tri-Weekly	Sun, Wed, Sun 27, 30 & 03.11.19			
04052	Anand Vihar (T)	11:45	Katihar Jn.	12:45	Tri-Weekly	Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri 23, 26, 29.10.19 & 01.11.19	Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Cantt, Gonda Jn, Mankapur, Basti, Gorakhpur (RL), Siwan Jn, Chhapra (RL), Hajipur Jn, Barauni Jn (RL), Khagaria Jn. & Naugachia stations	
04051	Katihar Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	23:00	Tri-Weekly	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat 24, 27, 30.10.19 & 02.11.19			
82416	Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha)	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Bi-Weekly	Wed, Sun 23 & 27.10.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Sitapur Cant, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Purnea, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Stations	
04093	Jogbani (Suvidha)	09:00	Anand Vihar (T)	16:05	Bi-Weekly	Fri, Tue 25 & 29.10.19			
04202	New Delhi	15:30	Varanasi	07:00	Weekly	Wed 09.10.19	AC 3 Tier & Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur Stations	
04201	Varanasi	09:50	New Delhi	01:45	Weekly	Thu 10.10.19			
04204	Anand Vihar (T)	00:30	Varanasi	16:45	Weekly	Tue 08.10.19	1AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur stations	
04203	Varanasi	22:45	Anand Vihar (T)	13:00	Weekly	Wed 09.10.19			
04205	Lucknow	19:05	Anand Vihar (T)	05:30	Weekly	Wed 09.10.19	1AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Bareilly, Moradabad & Ghaziabad stations	
04206	Anand Vihar (T)	09:30	Lucknow	17:25	Weekly	Thu 10.10.19			
82402	Delhi (Suvidha)	13:30	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	Weekly	Tue 29.10.19	Sleeper	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj, Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe, Siwan, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn & Hajipur Jn stations	
04069	Muzaffarpur Jn. (Suvidha)	14:15	Delhi	13:45	Weekly	Wed 30.10.19			
82410	Delhi (Suvidha)	11:00	Darbhanga	08:30	Bi-Weekly	Mon, Thu 07.10.19 to 04.11.19	AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur & Samastipur stations	
04023	Darbhanga (Suvidha)	12:00	Delhi	12:40	Bi-Weekly	Tue, Fri 08.10.19 to 05.11.19			
82414	Delhi (Suvidha)	00:20	Darbhanga	23:45	Bi-Weekly	Tue, Sat, Wed 22, 26 & 30.10.19	Sleeper	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Panyia, Narkatiaganj Jn, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations	
04059	Darbhanga (Suvidha)	04:30	Delhi	05:55	Bi-Weekly	Wed, Sun, Thu 23, 27 & 31.10.19			
82411	Allahabad (Suvidha)	19:00	Anand Vihar (T.)	05:30	Bi-Weekly	Mon & Wed 28 & 30.10.19	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General	Fatehpur, Kanpur Centre, Aligarh & Ghaziabad stations	
82412	Anand Vihar (T.) (Suvidha)	07:50	Allahabad	17:00	Bi-Weekly	Tue & Thu 29 & 31.10.19			

## RAJASTHAN 3 detained for harassing minor Dalit girl, cousin

Jaipur: Police have detained three people after a video, in which they are seen harassing a minor girl and her cousin, surfaced on social media in Rajasthan's Karauli district on Saturday.

In the video, the accused can be seen forcibly trying to remove the clothes of the girl and also roughing up her companion, who are said to be Dalits.

Police said the incident took place around 10-15 days ago. "After the video surfaced on social media, we instructed the SHOs of all police stations in the district to identify the victims and the accused. We learnt that the girl and the man are cousins," said Karauli SP Anil Kumar Beniwal. ENS

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KRCL invites applications for One Post of Full Time Medical Officer on Contract Basis to Work at Udhampur - Srinagar - Baramulla Rail Link (USBR) Project, Jammu & Kashmir. The walk in interview is scheduled to be held on 08/11/2019 from 09:30 hrs. onwards at "USBR Project Head Office, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited", Satyam Complex, Marble Market, Extn-Trikula Nagar, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir-180 011. Candidates should see the details notification, eligibility criteria, date and time of Walk-in-Interview on the KRCL website [www.konkanrailway.com](http://www.konkanrailway.com) at the link → Recruitment → Current Notification and may report directly for walk-in-interview at the above address.

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PERSONAL

I, Sarita Maharolia, D/o-Inder Jeet Maharolia, Mother Sunita Maharolia, R/o-H.No. 3735, Daribapan, Ganj, N.Delhi-110055, have changed my name Sarita Jeet D/o-Inderjeet, Mother-Sunita. 0040514880-3

I, Preeti Arora d/o Suresh Arora R/o H.No-35-L, new-colony, Gurgaon have changed my name to Preeti. 0040515163-9

I, Pooja Rani W/O Jeetesh Gera R/O-RZ-71, Extension-2, Subhash-Park, Uttam-Nagar, West Delhi-110059. Have Changed my Name to Pooja Gera. 0040515136-2

I, Parvinder Kaur W/O Jasvir Singh R/O Village-Pheroke, Firozpur, Punjab-142047. Have Changed my Name to Parminder Kaur. 0040515136-8

I, Juli/July/Julia Jha/Julia W/O Late Akhlesh Kumar R/O C-206/A, Arjun Park, Gali No-1, Nangli Dairy, Najafgarh, Delhi-43 have changed my name to Ratna Jha for all purposes. 0040515174-5

I, Hitherto Know as Vakeela S/O Netrapal R/O-J-21,T, Camp, Krishna Colony, Hastal, Uttam-Nagar, West Delhi-110059. Have Changed my Name and Shall hereafter be known as Rohit. 0040515152-8

I, Suresh Singh S/O Late. Darshan Singh R/O-G-30/105, Sector-3, Delhi. Inform that my name is wrongly written as Surinder Singh in my daughter's Sriyshi Singh School-record. But my correct name is Suresh Singh, one and same person. 0040515152-3

I, general information that I, Asha Rani, W/O Tara Chand R/O-D-168, Police-station, New- Seelampur, Delhi-110053, inform that my name is wrongly writing as Asha in my son Palaksh Aksholya school records. That my actual name is Asha Rani which may be amended accordingly. 0040515152-4

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I, Shamsuddin S/O Abdul Shakoor R/O-M-32/C/5, Abul Fazal Enclave, Jamia Nagar, South Delhi-25, have changed my name Shamsuddin Saifi to Shamsuddin for all purposes in future. 0040515151-1

I, Ram Khilwan, S/O-Late Karu Mishtri, R/O-C-112, Karan-Vihar, Part-3, Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-86, Inform that my name in Aadhar-card is Ram Khilwan & in bank Record, my name is Ram Khilwan Sharma, both, name are one & belong to same person. 0040515174-6

I, Rajiv Bhasin, S/O Late Sh. Sunil Bhasin previously R/O-D-37, South-Extension Part-I, New-Delhi-110049, presently, Residing at C-41, Oakwood-Estate, DLF-Phase-2, Sector-25, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, that inadvertently in the class-10th and-12th School-records my name has been wrongly written as Rajeev Bhasin and also in my college-records my name has been written as Rajeev instead of Rajiv Bhasin. 0040515152-1

I, Puneet Sachdeva S/O Kishor Lal Sachdeva R/O H.No.246-247, 3rd floor, pocket-8, sector-24, Rohini New Delhi-110085, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from Ananya Sachdeva to Ananya Sachdeva for all future purposes. 0040515151-4

I, Mukesh Kumar, S/O Late. Deendwal, R/O H.No.92, Gali.No.3, Jwala-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Also at: 7/50-B, Amar-Ashram Gali jwala-Nagar Shahdara, Delhi-110032, hereby inform that I, have changed my name, from Mukesh Kumar to Mukesh Khandelwal and my true & correct date-of-birth is 03/10/1967, which is wrongly-mentioned in my-documents as-02/10/1970. 0040515152-5

I, Kum Asha Kodumal Lulla, W/O-Ghaanshyam Das Lalwani, R/O-C-603 Mayurdhari-Apartment, Plot.No-60, I.P, Extn, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, Changed My Name To Asha Lalwani. 0040515145-10

I, Khalid Rashid Salmani S/O Ahmed Nabi R/O-B-236, Gali.No.-20, Subhash Mohalla, North Gonda, Delhi-110053, Have changed my name to Khalid Rashid for all future purposes. My actual & correct date-of-Birth is-22/01/1979. 0040515151-5

I, Rahul Bafna S/O-Mahendra Shantichandra Bafna R/O-B 401, Ireo-Victory-Valley, Golf-Course-Extension-Road, Sector-67, Gurgaon-Haryana,- Have Change My name to Rahul Mahendra Bafna. 0040515136-5

I, Pawan Kumar Garg S/O Phool Chand R/O 13 GFG Road No-7, East Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Pawan Gupta permanently. 0040515086-1

I, Yatin Midha S/O SH. Ashwani Kumar R/O-D-1203, The Golden Plains, Sector-168 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P.-201301, Have Changed My name Yatin to Yatin Midha for all future purposes & hence I will be known as Yatin Midha. 0040515108-1

I, Vishal, S/O-Devidera Singh, R/O-A-492, Gharoli Dairy Farm, Mayur Vihar-3, Delhi-96, has legally changed my name to Vishal Singh. My 10th and 12th-school rollno. are 8121021 and 9116410 respectively. 0040515174-4

I, Ved Prakash S/O-Vidya Sagar R/O-Flat No-103, Gauri Heights, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P. Changed My Name To Ved Prakash Sagar. 0040515145-7

I, Vanita Hasija D/O Late Sh. Ram Swaroop Hasija R/O H.No.71, Nandwani-Nagar Sonapat, Haryana. Have changed my name to Vanita Hasija. 0040515163-5

I, Sushil Kumar S/O Bhimsain Juneja R/O-127A, LIG-flats, Rajouri-Garden, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Juneja. 0040515136-3

I, Meena W/O-Anil Kumar Singh R/O-A-19 Gali No-2 Khajuri Khas Delhi 110094, Changed My Name To Meena Verma. 0040515145-3

I, Mayank Goyal S/O Ramesh Babu R/O-RZ-170, 2nd-floor, Street. No.4, Vaishali Colony Delhi have changed my name to Mayank Goyal. 0040515174-3

I, Mamta Sharma W/O Ratish Sharma R/O-R-248, Jalvayu Vihar Sector-21, Noida-201301, Gautam-Budh, Nagar, UP. Changed my name to Mamta Sharma for all future purposes. 0040515163-6

I, Mahend Choudhary S/O-Soharai Chaudhari H.No-103, Jhamera-Village, Delhi-Cantt, New-Delhi-110010, Changed My Name To Mahendra Chaudhari. 0040515145-6

I, Lilu Ram S/O Rattan Khan R/O H.No. 777, Holli Chowk, Kumaro Ki Choppal, Village Bankner, Delhi-40 Have Changed My Name To Lal Mohd. 0040515163-7

I, Laxmi Rani W/O Yeshvir Singh R/O-266 D, 5/A, Ward-2, Mehrauli, Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Laxmi Chaudhary. 0040515136-1

I, Krishana Devi W/O Sh. Tilak Raj Sandhu D/O Late Sh. Samma Ram R/O FD-31, Shivaji Enclave, New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Krishna Devi for all purposes. 0040515087-1

I, Kishan Kumar / Kishan Lal S/O Keshar Dass R/O-13, Rashid-Nagar, Gali No-2, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, Changed My Name To Kishan Taneja. 0040515145-5

I, Karthik Rajagopal S/O Sh. Achal Rajagopal, R/O Flat No. 135, Vasundhara Apartments Sec-9, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, informs that my name in some documents is mentioned as Karthik Rajagopal & in other documents (employment) it is mentioned as Karthik Rajgopal. Both Karthik Rajgopal and Karthik Rajagopal are the same person. 0040515135-1

I, Hemant Kawatra R/O-325(3rd-Floor)/Sant-Nagar, East-Of-Kailash, Delhi-110065-Have Changed My Daughter's Name-From Vanshika Kawatra To Khanak Kawatra. 0040515136-4

I, Imran S/O Inayat Ali R/O H-617 Shakurpur, Delhi, have changed my name to Imran Ali Dev permanently. 0040515120-1

I, Nitika D/o Darshan Lal R/O 1508 Rani Bagh, Delhi, have changed my name to Nitika Arora permanently. 0040515086-3

I, Harbhajan Singh S/O Amarjit Singh R/O-B-35, 4th Floor Kirti Nagar, Delhi have changed my name Harbhajan Singh Baweja all purposes. 0040515091-1

I, Enayat Ali S/O Abdul Hameed R/O H-617 Shakurpur, Delhi, have changed my name to Inayat Ali permanently. 0040515120-2

I, Diwakar Kashyap S/O Bhagwan Swaroop R/O-A-607, Tower-7, Silver City-2, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Diwakar Swaroop to Diwakar Kashyap for all future purposes. 0040515151-3

I, Devendra Singh S/O Balbir Singh R/O-11-B/9 Kishangarh Vasant-Kunj New Delhi-110070, Have Changed My Name To Davender Singh, Permanently. 0040515163-1

I, Deepak Kumar S/O, Lal Babu Shah R/O-L-2/42, Third Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-52, have changed my name to Deepak Shah for all purposes. 0040515169-1

I, Biji Valamkotte Mathew W/O Saiju Varghese Karuthedam R/O-Flat.No-22-E, Pocket-A-2, Mayur-Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096. Have Changed My Name To Biji Saiju. 0040515163-3

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Parmod Kumar Garg S/O Sh. Ram Bales R/O H.No. 254, Pocket C-11, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have lost original Sale Deeds of above-said property Registration No. 6666, Volume 254, Book No. 1, Page-1-5 Dated 10.11.2005. In favour of Veena Batra W/o Satish Batra executed by Sudha Rani W/o P.K. Mahindratia & Registration No. 12016, Book No. 1, Volume No. 6112, Pages 163-169 Dated 04.04.2005 in favour of Sudha Rani W/o P.K. Mahindratia executed by Chauhan Chauhans W/o K.C. Chauhan. Finders may contact at box address. 0040515163-10

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My clients, Sh. Dharam Pal-S/O-Late Dev Raj, and his wife Smt. Sushila, both R/O-27, Sirinivas Puri, New Delhi-110065 have debar their son namely Bharat Bhushan and his wife Mrs. Dolly Madan and their children from all movable and immovable properties and my clients and their eldest son Pawan Kumar & his wife Diksha have severed their relations from the above named Bharat Bhushan, his wife Diksha and their children. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk and my clients shall not be responsible for their acts/deeds/ things with immediate effect. Sd/- JITENDER KUMAR (Advocate) Chamber No. 104, Lawyers Block, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Under instructions from my client, Satnam Singh S/O Pyara Singh R/O C-2, Gali No. 5, Vignya Garden, New Delhi-110026, Public is informed that my client has debarred his son, Sargaj Singh, his wife, Prabhjot Kaur and their children from all his immovable properties and movable assets as they have become undisciplined, irresponsible, disrespectful and bad behavior towards my client. My client and other family members will not be responsible for any kind of liabilities, obligations, financial transactions, claims etc. My client has severed all relations with them. J.C. Trikha (Advocate) M-4, C.S. Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

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Under instructions from my client, Manish Khanna S/O Pawan Kumar Khanna R/O-72A, T28 Nagar New Delhi-110018, Public is informed that my client has entered a new partner, Mrs. Neena Khanna W/o Pawan Kumar Khanna, in the partnership firm 'T28 Nagar, New Delhi-110018'. In the event of any dispute between the partners, my client's partnership deed dated 02.06.2018, if any dispute arises from my client's partnership deed, my client is writing within 14 days from the date of publication, otherwise I shall be presumed that to give my client's partnership deed to J.C. Trikha (Advocate) M-4, C.S. Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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**USA**  
Sanders had heart attack, released from hospital, his campaign says

Las Vegas: Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders had a heart attack, his campaign confirmed Friday as the Vermont senator was released from a Nevada hospital. The 78-year-old was at a campaign event Tuesday when he experienced chest discomfort and was taken to a hospital where he was diagnosed with a heart attack. The senator was transferred to Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center, where doctors inserted two stents to open up a blocked artery in his heart, according to a statement from the Las Vegas doctors.

**THAILAND**  
Judge shoots himself in court

Bangkok: A Thai judge shot himself in the chest in front of a packed court after acquitting several murder suspects and decrying the kingdom's judicial system in an impassioned speech broadcast on Facebook Live. Kanakorn Pianchana, a judge at Yala court in the heart of the insurgency-battered Thai south, was delivering the verdict for five Muslim suspects in a gun murder case on Friday afternoon. He acquitted the group, delivered a courtroom plea for a cleaner justice system, before pulling out a handgun and shooting himself in the chest. He was taken to hospital and is out of danger, a government spokesperson said.

**PAKISTAN**  
Govt: UN envoy replaced as she finished tenure

Islamabad: Pakistan has said Maleeha Lodhi was not sacked and was replaced with Munir Akram after the completion of her tenure as the country's permanent representative to the UN, according to a report. Prime Minister Imran Khan in a surprise move this week appointed Akram, known for his strident anti-India stand, as Pakistan's new permanent representative to the UN. The development came a day after Khan returned from New York, where he raised the Kashmir issue in his speech to the UN General Assembly.

TRUMP IMPEACHMENT PROBE

## Investigators subpoena White House, seek records from Pence

NICHOLAS FANDOS  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 5

US HOUSE impeachment investigators widened the reach of their inquiry on Friday, subpoenaing the White House for a vast trove of documents and requesting more from Vice President Mike Pence in a bid to better understand President Donald Trump's attempts to pressure Ukraine to investigate his political rivals.

The subpoena, addressed to Mick Mulvaney, the acting White House chief of staff, calls for documents and communications that are highly delicate and would typically be subject in almost any White House to claims of executive privilege. If handed over by the Oct. 18 deadline, the records could provide keys to understanding what transpired between the two countries and what steps, if any, the White House has taken to cover it up.

The request for records from a sitting vice president is unusual in its own right, and Pence's office quickly signaled he may not comply. In a letter to Pence, the chairmen of three House committees conducting the impeachment inquiry wrote that they were interested in "any role



US President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence at an event in the White House on Friday. AP

you may have played" in conveying Trump's views to Ukraine. They asked for a lengthy list of documents detailing the administration's dealings with Ukraine, to be produced by Oct. 15.

Katie Waldman, Pence's press secretary, promptly said that "given the scope, it does not appear to be a serious request but just another attempt by the 'Do Nothing Democrats' to call attention to their partisan impeachment."

But that will not help Trump's case on Capitol Hill. Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the chairmen leading the inquiry have consistently warned the White House

that noncompliance with their requests will be viewed as obstruction of Congress, a potentially impeachable offense.

In addition to the new subpoena and request, a significant subpoena deadline for the State Department to hand over similar material in its possession was also scheduled to arrive by the end of the day. The State Department missed the deadline, a House official said late Friday, but department officials were in contact with the committees and lawmakers were still hopeful they would cooperate soon. **NYT**

## '2nd intel official weighs complaint over Trump dealings with Ukraine'

MICHAEL S SCHMIDT & ADAM GOLDMAN  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 5

A SECOND US intelligence official who was alarmed by President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine is weighing whether to file his own formal whistleblower complaint and testify to Congress, according to two people briefed on the matter.

The official has more direct information about the events than the first whistleblower, whose complaint that Trump was trying to get Ukraine to investigate his political rivals sparked an impeachment inquiry. The second official is among those interviewed by the intelligence community inspector general to corroborate the allegations of the original whistleblower, one of the people said.

The inspector general, Michael Atkinson, briefed lawmakers privately Friday about

A new complaint, from someone closer to the events, would likely add further credibility to the account of the first whistleblower

how he substantiated the whistleblower's account. It was not clear whether he told lawmakers that the second official is considering filing a complaint.

A new complaint, particularly from someone closer to the events, would potentially add further credibility to the account of the first whistleblower, a CIA officer who was once detailed to the National Security Council. He said he relied on information from half a dozen US officials to compile his allegations about Trump's campaign to solicit foreign election interference that could benefit him politically. **NYT**

## Trump set to block immigrants unable to pay for healthcare

MICHAEL D SHEAR & MIRIAM JORDAN  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 5

THE TRUMP administration will deny visas to immigrants who cannot prove they will have health insurance or the ability to pay for medical costs once they become permanent residents of the United States, the White House announced Friday in the latest move by President Donald Trump to undermine legal immigration.

Trump issued a proclamation, effective Nov 3, ordering consular officers to bar immigrants seeking to live in the US unless they "will be covered by approved health insurance" or can prove that they have "the financial resources to pay for reasonably foreseeable medical costs."

In the proclamation, Trump justified the move by saying that legal immigrants are far more likely than US citizens to lack health insurance, making them a burden on hospitals and taxpayers in the United States.

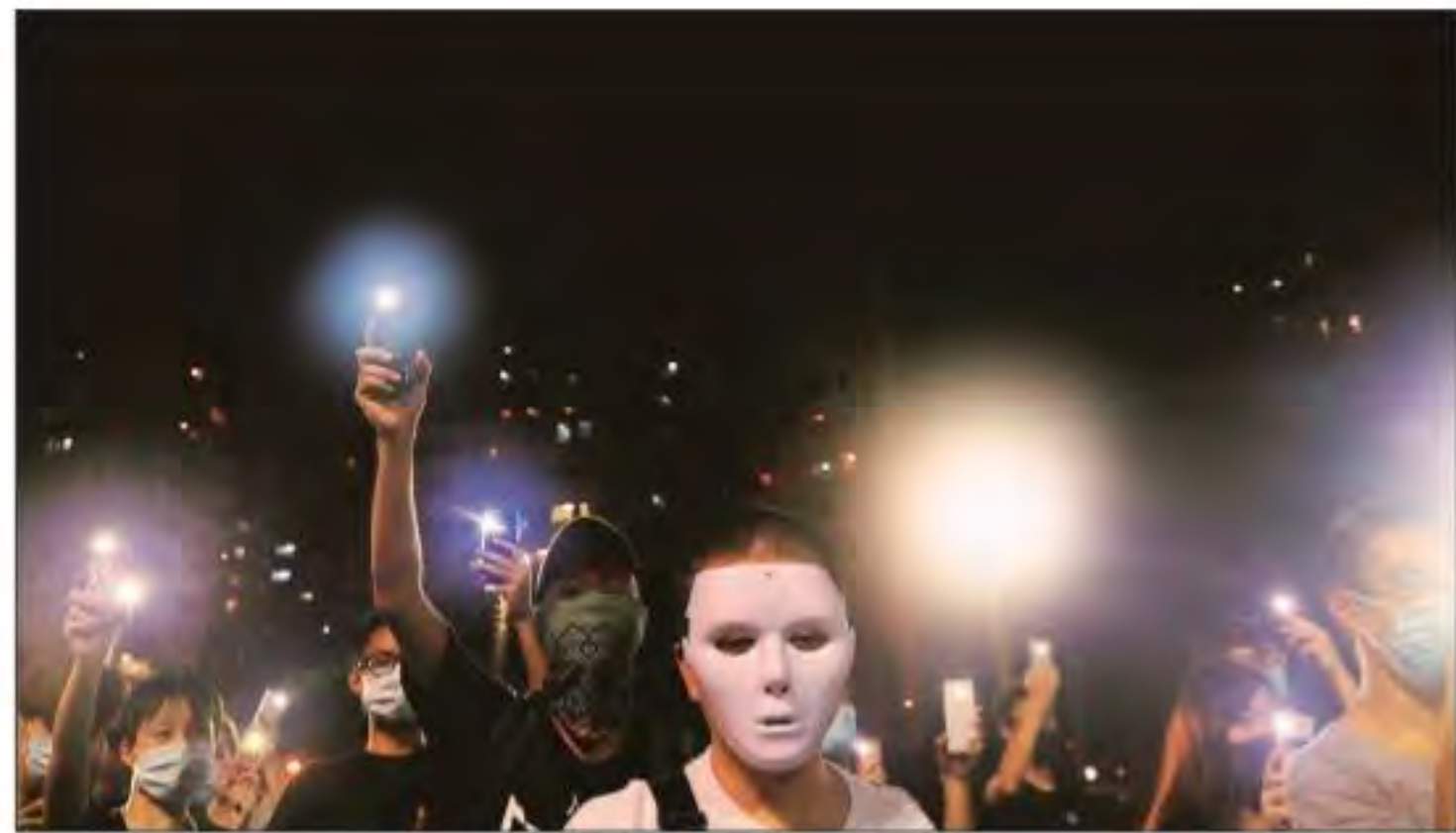
The surprise order is the latest step in a long effort by Stephen Miller, the President's top immigration adviser, and others in the administration, to limit what they consider the financial burdens of allowing immigrants into the United States. Thousands of people annu-

**EXPLAINED**  
**E** Humanitarian, legal & logistical challenges ahead

THE BAN on giving visas to immigrants who cannot prove they'll get health insurance within 30 days of entering the US does not apply to those already in the US. However, it is likely to affect plans that US residents may have to bring their parents, spouses or other relatives from outside the country unless they have insurance that covers these family members. The rule, which is set to come into force on Nov 3, is almost certain to face legal challenges. Implementing the rule is also expected to be a logistical challenge as thousands of officials will have to be taught in a short period of time how to determine if an immigrant has the capacity to get health insurance.

ally would be denied green cards if the executive order takes effect, said Steve Yale-Loehr, an immigration scholar at Cornell Law School. **NYT**

## Hong Kong goes quiet as trains, shops shut after violent night



Masked anti-government protesters at a rally in Hong Kong on Saturday. Reuters

Govt says Friday violence justified use of emergency law

FELIX TAM & GREG TORODE  
HONG KONG, OCTOBER 5

HONG KONG fell eerily silent on Saturday, with the subway and most shopping malls closed in an unprecedented shutdown of one of the world's biggest commercial centres after the government invoked emergency measures to curb months of unrest.

Hundreds of anti-government protesters defied a ban on face masks and took to the streets across the Chinese-ruled city earlier in the day. But by evening they had largely dispersed in preparation for bigger marches planned for Sunday.

Rail operator MTR Corp suspended all services, paralyzing transport in the Asian financial hub, while malls and shops

**“The extreme violence clearly illustrated that Hong Kong's public safety is widely endangered.”**

—CARRIE LAM  
HONG KONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

closed early after a night of chaos in which police shot a teenage boy and protesters torched businesses and metro stations.

Protests had erupted on Friday across the former British colony hours after its embattled leader, Carrie Lam, invoked colonial-era emergency powers for the first time in more than 50 years to ban the use of face masks demonstrators have been using to hide their identities.

The night's "extreme violence" justified the use of the

emergency law, Beijing-backed Lam said in a TV address Saturday.

"The extreme violence clearly illustrated that Hong Kong's public safety is widely endangered. That's the concrete reason that we had to invoke emergency law yesterday to introduce the anti-mask law," she said.

Undeterred by the ban and transport shutdown, several hundred pro-democracy protesters — many wearing masks — marched through the normally bustling shopping district of Causeway Bay on Saturday, but there was no repeat of Friday's violence.

Other groups gathered in Sheung Shui close to the border with mainland China and in the busy shopping and tourist district of Tsim Sha Tsui. "We felt we had to get out and show our basic right to wear a mask," said Sue, a protester. **REUTERS**

AFGHAN PEACE TALKS

## Taliban meet US envoy for first time since Trump declared peace deal dead

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
KABUL, OCTOBER 5

THE TALIBAN met US peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad in the Pakistan capital for the first time since President Donald Trump declared a seemingly imminent peace deal to end Afghanistan's 18-year war 'dead' a month ago, a Taliban official said early Saturday.

He offered few details of Friday's meeting between Khalilzad and the Taliban delegation led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, a co-founder of the movement that was ousted in 2001 by the US-led coalition. The official spoke on condition of



US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad's meeting with the Taliban is not a resumption of peace talks, officials said

anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media.

US officials, however, have been keen to say there is no re-

sumption of peace talks, at least not now in Islamabad.

Still, the meeting is significant as the United States seeks an exit from Afghanistan's 18-year war.

Khalilzad has been in Islamabad for much of the week meeting with senior government officials in what the US State Department described as follow-up meetings he held in New York during last month's UN General Assembly session. At the time he met Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has been calling for a resumption of peace talks.

The Taliban delegation led by Mullah Baradar — one of its more powerful members — arrived separately in the Pakistani capital

for meetings with government officials they said were being held to discuss a wide range of political issues relating to the more than 1.5 million Afghans still living as refugees in Pakistan.

Baradar was arrested in Pakistan in 2010 in a joint Pakistani-CIA operation after he secretly opened peace talks with the then-Afghan President Hamid Karzai, attempting to sideline Pakistan and against the US strategy at the time, which did not support talks with the Taliban.

In 2018, Baradar was released from jail to facilitate talks after Khalilzad was appointed US peace envoy as Washington sought to end its longest war.

## Paralysed man walks again with brain-controlled exoskeleton

KATE KELLAND  
LONDON, OCTOBER 5

AMAN paralysed from the shoulders down has been able to walk using a pioneering four-limb robotic system, or exoskeleton, that is commanded and controlled by signals from his brain.

With a ceiling-mounted harness for balance, the 28-year-old tetraplegic patient used a system of sensors implanted near his brain to send messages to move all four of his paralysed limbs after a two-year-long trial of the whole-body exoskeleton.

The results, published in *The Lancet Neurology* journal, bring doctors a step closer to one day being able to help paralysed pa-



A patient with tetraplegia walks using an exoskeleton in Grenoble, France. Reuters

tients driving computers using brain signals alone, according to researchers who led the work.

But for now, the exoskeleton

is purely an experimental prototype and is "far from clinical application", they added.

"(This) is the first semi-invasive wireless brain-computer system designed... to activate all four limbs," said Alain-Louis Benabid, a neurosurgeon and professor at the University of Grenoble, France, who co-led the trial. He said previous brain-computer technologies have used invasive sensors implanted in the brain, where they can be more dangerous and often stop working.

In this trial, two recording devices were implanted, one either side of the patient's head between the brain and the skin, spanning the sensorimotor cortex region of the brain that controls sensation and motor function. **REUTERS**

## FIR registered against Nepal's ex-Speaker over rape allegations

SHIRISH B PRADHAN  
KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 5

NEPAL POLICE on Saturday registered a case against the former Parliament Speaker Krishna Bahadur Mahara, who has been accused of raping a member of the parliamentary staff, according to a media report.

Police lodged an FIR after receiving a formal complaint from the woman, *The Himalayan Times* reported.

Police said they have filed a case of attempt to rape against the former Speaker.

In a video released by online news portal Hamro Kura, the woman said that she had known Mahara for years and that he had behaved indecently with her in the past as well.

The woman said Mahara visited her rented room on September 23 while she was alone.

She said she tried to stop Mahara, who was in an inebriated state, from entering her home, but he did not listen.

She alleged that Mahara forced himself on her, and when she tried to stop him, he abused her.

In the video, the woman displayed blue marks on her body, saying they were a result of Mahara striking her.

Mahara resigned from his post of Speaker on October 1 after pressure from the ruling Nepal Communist Party over the allegations. However, he continues to hold his position as a member of the House of Representatives.

The police said it will carry out further investigation. **PTI**

BRITISH ROYAL SUES TWO TABLOIDS OVER ALLEGED PHONE-HACKING

## Prince Harry goes to battle with tabloids, rupturing old relationship

BENJAMIN MUELLER  
LONDON, OCTOBER 5

PRINCE HARRY has started legal proceedings against the owners of two British tabloids over accusations that they hacked his phones. Buckingham Palace confirmed Friday, opening a new front in a remarkable crusade against the British press.

Coming at the end of a 10-day royal tour of southern Africa that was lavishly covered by the British news media, Harry's broadsides raked some royal insiders and stunned longtime palace observers. They amounted to an un-

usually public rupture in an old, symbiotic relationship, one that shatters a longtime royal mantra: "Never complain, never explain."

The legal claims address allegations that the tabloids illegally intercepted Harry's voicemail messages, perhaps as far back as in the early 2000s, British news reports suggested.

Those accusations could potentially excavate a phone-hacking scandal of that period that touched a vast number of victims, eventually leading to the conviction of a tabloid editor, the shutdown of a popular newspaper and sweeping changes to the rules governing news coverage in Britain.



Harry's wife Meghan had sued a tabloid days earlier. AP

Harry's claims were brought last week against the owners of *The Sun* and *The Daily Mirror*, according to court filings. Reach PLC,

which owns *The Mirror*, declined to comment Friday night. A message left for Rupert Murdoch's News Group Newspapers, which

owns *The Sun* and published the *News of the World*, was not immediately returned.

But the claims were only one part of a combative campaign by Harry and his wife, Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, to highlight what Harry has described as the "relentless propaganda" and "continual misrepresentations" of the tabloid press.

The newspapers, he warned in an emotional 10-paragraph statement earlier this week, threatened to repeat the suffering inflicted by the tabloids' treatment of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales.

She was hounded by the paparazzi for years, especially to-

ward the end of her marriage, and she died in 1997 in a car crash in Paris, as her driver tried to elude photographers.

"I've seen what happens when someone I love is commoditised to the point that they are no longer treated or seen as a real person," Harry wrote this week. "I lost my mother and now I watch my wife falling victim to the same powerful forces."

Meghan, known as Meghan Markle when she worked as an actress, has faced an abundance of unflattering coverage, and Harry and others have accused the news media of drawing on racist attitudes about the relation-

ship. The couple has also reportedly stewed over more straightforward criticism, like that for the 2.4 million pound, or \$3 million, price tag for taxpayer-funded renovations to their house.

Several days after Harry filed his phone-hacking claims last week, Meghan also issued legal proceedings against a tabloid, *The Mail on Sunday*. She argued that the paper had breached her privacy and infringed on copyright by publishing a private letter.

English law dictates that the author of a letter owns its content, giving the duchess a strong case, legal experts said. **NYT**



# 20 ECONOMY

**JOY THOMAS WAS ARRESTED BY EOW ON FRIDAY FOLLOWING INTERROGATION**

## Ex-MD of PMC Bank remanded to Mumbai Police custody for 2 weeks

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

A MAGISTRATE court on Saturday remanded Joy Thomas, former managing director of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank to the custody of Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police for two weeks.

Thomas, who had been issued summons by the investigative agency earlier, was arrested on Friday evening following interrogation.

The police told the court that Thomas was one of those allegedly involved in the conspiracy that led to the Rs 4,355-crore scam at the bank and they needed his custody to interrogate him about other aspects of the crime.

In the remand copy seeking the custody of Thomas, the EOW argued that the accused was a key managerial person of PMC Bank and played active role in commission of offences.



**Joy Thomas being produced at Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Mumbai on Saturday. Nirmal Harindran**

Hence his custodial interrogation is necessary to find out details of alleged disbursement of loans to HDIL Group.

The EOW further argued that PMC Bank had lent various credit facilities to HDIL Group of companies, most of which allegedly were guided/committed by Thomas.

### EXPLAINED **E** Interrogation may reveal details of loans given to HDIL

ON FRIDAY, former MD of PMC Bank Joy Thomas had said that the bank had extended loans amounting to Rs 2,500 crore — nearly 30 per cent of the lender's total loan portfolio — to HDIL over several years.

With the EOW of Mumbai Police getting the custody of Thomas, aspects of the alleged Rs 4,355-crore scam that are yet to be known to the public may be revealed soon. The EOW has stated that Thomas' interrogation is necessary as he was a key managerial person and could reveal details of the loans disbursed to the HDIL Group.

EOW argued funds availed by HDIL from PMC have not been utilised for designated purpose of borrowings.

"Accused Mr Joy Thomas had deliberately kept it undisclosed for too long a duration of three years which concludes to be a deliberate act to benefit," the agency argued.

The police further submitted that his custody was necessary to find out the modus operandi of the fraud with regards to false records submitted to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Rakesh and Sarang Wadhawan, promoters of HDIL, are currently in police custody. On Monday, police had reg-

istered an FIR against Rakesh Wadhawan, executive chairman of HDIL; Sarang Wadhawan, vice chairman and managing director of HDIL; Joy Thomas, former managing director of PMC Bank; Waryam Singh, former chairman of PMC Bank; and unidentified employees of the bank and HDIL.

On Saturday night, the EOW arrested Singh in connection with the alleged PMC Bank scam, taking the total number of persons arrested in the case so far to four.

In the FIR, police said the actions of the accused allegedly led to bank losses totalling Rs 4,355.46 crore.

Police had first registered an offence on a complaint from the Reserve Bank following the collapse of PMC Bank.

The central regulator had stepped in and placed restrictions on withdrawals after the crisis at the bank came to light last week owing mainly to massive non-performing assets (NPA) that were under-reported.

**INTERVIEW WITH LEAD, DRONES & TOMORROW'S AIRSPACE, WEF**

## 'We should look at how to protect society and what technology can be used to protect ourselves'

IT IS the responsibility of the government to understand the technology before it is allowed to proliferate, but once understood, it is the responsibility of the government to move fast and let the technology grow, HARRISON WOLF, Lead—Drones & Tomorrow's Airspace, World Economic Forum, told PRANAV MUKUL in an interview. Speaking about India's drone regulations, Wolf also said how the first step in maintaining safety, as far as drones are concerned, should be distinguishing between those following the rules and those breaking them. Edited excerpts:



**"... I think Indian government is far ahead of many governments because of their requirement for registration, and the NPNT process" HARRISON WOLF**

**India saw a bit of a caution as far as the beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) drone operations were concerned. Do you think that apprehension is justified and when do you think could be the right time for a country to accept BVLOS operations?**

Let me say at first, that I've been inspired by what I've heard speaking with the Minister of Civil Aviation as well as representatives from the DGCA, who are all very focused on opening the skies for beyond visual line of sight operations and more autonomous operations in a way that I believe will move beyond what many countries are doing internationally. In their discussions around the civil aviation regulation 2.0, they've recognised the need to allow for more advanced operations.

They recognised that you have to be able to accomplish BVLOS in order to realise the benefit of operations like medical delivery of blood or vaccines or organs, and for more support of the community you need to be able to operationalise that. Getting back to your first point as to whether governments are right to go very slowly at first: I think that governments need to protect their people first. They have to understand the technology before they can let it proliferate. They wouldn't be doing their

jobs if they weren't thinking about the safety, security and trust of the community. I think as the technology matures, I believe the government now has the responsibility to move fast. What we heard is that the Indian government has seen this as well. And they're really looking at moving quickly, while still maintaining safety and security and a very proper balance.

**But regulation is one thing and it doesn't guarantee that the industry grows. So, what are the challenges that the government might need to address to ensure the drone industry in India grows?**

I think that actually India has begun to lead in this capacity through their digital sky platform by setting up early a digital interface for the NPNT (no permission, no take-off) policy. I don't believe that would work anywhere else in the world where this digital infrastructure wasn't also created concurrently. That's been very inspiring to see.

When it comes to infrastructure, you have to ensure that you have good connectivity that is easily accessible to ensure that

you can maintain your flight and your video. And so ensuring that 4G or LTE connectivity exists, and then moving forward five or 10 years from now, looking at 5G technologies to ensure you can establish fully autonomous operations flown from a hub at scale. So right now, it really is reliant on the wireless infrastructure. And so where wireless infrastructure is good, flights are easier to monitor and where it is less good, it will be difficult.

**There are also issues of privacy and safety when it comes to drones. To this extent, what can be done?**

That debate is ongoing right now. I think when we develop policy and governance framework, we have to think not about the malicious intent for regulation. We should always look at how to protect society and what technology can be used to protect ourselves. But for the regulatory path, you have to establish something that can maintain the opportunity for security.

We look at things like counter unmanned aircraft system, or CUAS, but I think the most effective is a base registration system or the need for remote identification. Basically what that is, is creating a digital license plate for every drone. And it allows us to recognise every drone that is supposed to be in the sky, or that has filed the flight plan. The first step is discerning between somebody following the rules and somebody not following the rules. And right now, we don't have that system in place. So, you have to have that first element and the government is working on that and I think Indian government is far ahead of many governments because of their requirement for registration, and the NPNT process.

The second step, beyond identification, is the ability to mitigate threats that are not allowed to be there and those systems are in development right now and being tested.

### BRIEFLY

#### EU tariffs: US importers pile up cheese stock

Washington: Importers in the United States began ordering millions of dollars of extra wheels of Parmigiano Reggiano and other harder cheeses after the US Trade Representative's office in July added cheese to its list of European Union products potentially facing tariffs due to the dispute over aircraft subsidies. The Trump administration Wednesday added 25 per cent tariffs on cheese and other EU products ranging from whisky to woollens, in retaliation for EU subsidies on large aircraft. Both sides say they are open to negotiations, but trade experts see little chance of averting the duties - at least in the short run. **REUTERS**

#### Glenmark Baddi facility gets FDA letter

New Delhi: Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Saturday said it has received a warning letter from the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) for its Baddi facility in Himachal Pradesh. The FDA had inspected the facility between April 15 and 20 and earlier classified the inspection as an official action indicated, Glenmark said in a filing to the BSE. The warning letter issued is regarding the same inspection, it added. "The company is committed to work along with the USFDA to implement all the necessary corrective actions required..." Glenmark said. **PTI**

## 'Over 90% of promoter stake in Zee pledged'

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

PUNIT GOENKA, CEO of Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL), said on Saturday that over 90 per cent of the promoter holding in the company has been pledged. Goenka was addressing analysts following a disclosure made by VTB Capital on Friday "... in respect of creation of encumbrances over the shares of Zee Entertainment Enterprises, held by Essel Media Ventures Limited."

There is also a possibility that the promoters of Zee Entertainment may have to sell their entire stake to repay debt.

In a bid to bring down debt, the promoter group is open to selling a majority stake in the flagship company. Goenka also said the

### ZEEL CEO Punit Goenka on Saturday said the management was doing everything to repay the outstanding debt of Rs 7,000 crore

promoters' stake in the company stood at 22 per cent, and that the management was doing everything to repay the outstanding debt of Rs 7,000 crore.

Goenka said, "Even if left with single-digit holding, I will be willing to work with the company if due process allows it." He did not rule out the possibility of promoters having to sell their entire stake in Zee Entertainment if required to pay lenders.

Shares of ZEEL have fallen by nearly 50 per cent since January this year, amid piling debt woes of the Subhash Chandra-led Essel

Group. The current outstanding of the Essel Group is at Rs 7,000 crore (loan against shares) while the value of the promoter group's stake is valued at Rs 5,000 crore. When asked how the Essel Group proposed to reduce the debt given the challenging environment and delay in the sale of non-media assets, Goenka said, "We are looking at all problems. Whatever stake promoters are left with, I am committed to the company. If process allows, I will continue to run the company. We are looking to resolve this in three months."

Goenka also expressed hope

that the lenders would continue to support the management in the long-term interest of the firm.

While some lenders to Essel Group in India may have agreed to a standstill, it is not clear whether VTB Capital has also agreed to a similar arrangement and nor was it clear if its covenants had been breached too. Commenting on the indirect pledge that VTB Capital had on its shares, Goenka said the pledging was not a direct one. But with Sebi's new norms on such disclosures, Goenka added that these disclosures were made. Interestingly, VTB Capital can invoke and sell shares in ZEEL like some other lenders have done if its covenants are breached, even if maturity was a year away. He did not confirm if the covenants had been breached for VTB Capital. **FE**

## 'Further policy easing expected in December'

Doors remain open in India for further policy easing in December and likelihood of more into 2020, possibility of which was flagged recently, Singapore-based DBS Bank said on the Reserve Bank's Friday rate cut

**Factors that could ensure effective rate transmission:**

- Surplus liquidity conditions
- Market-driven lending rates
- Stable financial system to allow all sectors to benefit from lower borrowing costs

**PSBs opt for repo rate:** Most public sector banks have opted for RBI's repo rate as a reference rate, plus a spread fixed by each of them and a mark-up for operational costs

**Fresh concerns likely on the horizon:**

- Fallout of rating downgrades in stressed sectors (real estate,



**10.3%** Non-performing asset (NPA) ratio of country's banking sector in March 2019, as against a peak of 11.2 per cent, after undergoing a challenging period in last five years

construction and telecom, among others)

- Manageable but rising

exposure to non-bank institutions

- Balance sheet troubles in

**"The cut was as crucial as the forward guidance, both of which reinforced the MPC's dovish stance,"**

**RADHIKA RAO,**  
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND ECONOMIST, DBS BANK

non-banks reflecting in credit and equity markets

**Slowdown in incremental credit growth:** With non-banks preoccupied with deleveraging and sorting out their asset-liability mismatch, incremental credit growth is likely to slow

## MRPL operations back to normalcy: MD

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
MANGALURU, OCTOBER 5

THE PROBLEMS faced by Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) by way of ground soil erosion following heavy rains in August this year have been resolved and all operations were now smooth, company managing director M Venkatesh said on Saturday.

Addressing reporters here, he said the MRPL refinery complex had faced the soil erosion due to the intense rainfall during the first and second week of August, affecting the foundation of one of the pipe racks in phase 3.

Crude oil supplies to MRPL were not affected due to recent attack on Saudi oil facilities.

## Deliberate on issues where we must improve: President tells company secretaries

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 5

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind on Saturday said company secretaries must ensure that stakeholders understand the difference between profit and profiteering, while fostering responsible business and balance economic objectives with larger socio-economic goals.

Addressing the 51st Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), he said, "we have seen how some business enterprises have broken the trust of the people. Companies have either faltered or have come to a standstill. In the process, common people have had to suffer."

Kovind said company secre-

taries play the role of a governance professional and an internal business partner and they must foster "responsible business and balance economic objectives" with larger socio-economic goals.

"And they must deliberate on issues where we need to improve, so that mistakes or limitations of the past are adequately addressed," he said.

The President further said that the concept of corporate governance is complex, but the principles on which it is based are clear and well marked. Transparency, accountability, integrity and fairness are its four pillars.

He stressed that company secretaries should responsibly determine how these principles are put into practice.

## As Fed policymakers comb data, few decisive signals on outlook

**ANN SAPHIR & LINDSAY DUNSMUIR**  
SAN FRANCISCO/  
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 5

FEDERAL RESERVE policymakers on Friday signalled they are on high alert for signs that uncertainty over trade policy and slowing global growth are beginning to hold back the broader United States economy, but so far they have flagged little in the data that is pointing one way or the other.

A report on Friday showed jobs growth slowed down in September and wage growth stalled, even as unemployment dropped to a 50-year low.

Surveys released earlier in the week showed factory activity is contracting and growth in the services sector is stagnating. Each report sent traders

scrambling to bet on how the Federal Reserve might react: on Friday, they pared bets from only days earlier that the Fed would deliver two more rate cuts this year, and they now expect it to stop at just one.

But for their part US central bankers, a few of whom opposed the Fed's two interest-rate cuts so far this year and two of whom wanted even bigger rate cuts, generally stuck to their scripts, some more literally than others.

"While not everyone fully shares economic opportunities and the economy faces some risks, overall it is — as I like to say — in a good place," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said in brief remarks in Washington. "Our job is to keep it there as long as possible."

Powell and Fed Vice Chair Richard Clarida have repeatedly used "in a good place" to de-

scribe the economy, even as the central bank delivered rate cuts in both July and September designed to keep growth on track.

As Fed policymakers sift through the economic data ahead of their next interest-rate setting meeting on October 29-30, they remain divided as they assess the downside risks of the trade dispute and of geopolitical tensions to the economic outlook.

September's rate cut drew three dissents out of 10 votes; at least two non-voters have since said they too disagreed with the decision.

Policymakers are "wrestling with" figuring out if the US economy is headed for a "soft landing" or a "steep decline," Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic said during a moderated discussion at Tulane University in New Orleans. **REUTERS**

## WITHDRAWING FROM LIBRA ASSOCIATION SO IT CAN FOCUS ON ITS EXISTING BUSINESSES

### PayPal drops out of FB's payments project Libra

**KENSWEET**  
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 5

PAYPAL HAS pulled out of Facebook's digital currency project, known as Libra, a blow to the social media company that has faced stronger-than-expected scrutiny over its proposed creation of an alternative payments system.

The digital payments company said Friday it is withdrawing from the Libra Association so it can focus on its existing businesses. "Facebook has been a long-standing and valued strategic partner to PayPal, and we will continue to partner with and support Facebook in various capacities," PayPal said.

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#### FIRST FIRM TO PUBLICLY END PARTNERSHIP

■ PayPal Holdings Inc., which is based in San Jose, California, is the first company to publicly end its partnership with Libra, but other companies have been reportedly having second thoughts

■ The Wall Street Journal reported this week that Mastercard and Visa, the

world's largest payment providers, were considering ending their relationships with Libra, Facebook's upcoming digital currency

■ Facebook has presented Libra as a currency that could be used for digital payments, particularly outside the US It would be backed by real currency, unlike other digital currencies like Bitcoin or Ethereum.

The Libra Association, based in Switzerland, was supposed to give the currency project a comfortable arm's length distance from Facebook, which wouldn't own Libra. Despite Facebook's efforts, financial regulators as well as members of Congress have questioned the company's motives for creating a new digital currency, particularly in light of criticisms

that Facebook's business model is too invasive of its users' privacy.

Representative Maxine Waters, the chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, has demanded Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg testify in front of her committee before Libra is rolled out. Along with privacy concerns, Waters' has cited the potential for Libra to be used in money laundering and other financial crimes.

Republicans and Democrats and even President Donald Trump have called for in various degrees for Facebook to be subject to US banking laws — an arduous, complicated prospect — if the social media company does move forward with the Libra project. In response, Facebook has reportedly hired several prominent Washington lobbyists to convince politicians to give their approval

to Libra.

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The Libra Association said it plans to continue to move forward with the project without PayPal. "Building (Libra) is a journey, not a destination... each organization that started this journey will have to make its own assessment of risks and rewards of being committed to seeing through the change that Libra promises," said Dante Disparte, head of policy and communications for the Libra Association. **AP**



BRIDGE

When you lead low from three or four small in partner's unsupported suit, play the lowest remaining card the second time if you started with four and the higher remaining card if you started with three (present count).

One way to kill a long side suit in dummy that has been set up with a ruff, the only side suit entry being in the trump suit, is to force dummy to trump leaving one defender with more trump than dummy.

Dir: South Vul: Both

NORTH (DUMMY)		SOUTH	
♠ Q108	♠ 63	♥ AKQ102	♥ 93
♦ AKJ52	♦ Q93	♣ AJ10	♣ 43

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	2 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

OPENING LEAD: H4

You win the opening lead with the queen, declarer playing the seven and continue with the HA, declarer playing the jack and partner the six. Now what?

THE WEST HAND: ♠ 752 ♥ 654 ♦ 876 ♣ 8762

THE SOUTH HAND: ♠ AKJ94 ♥ 107 ♦ 104 ♣ K95

Declarer is marked with the AKJ of spades and the CK for the opening bid, so you need two club tricks. However, if declarer has a doubleton diamond he can set up the suit with a ruff and using dummy's third spade as the entry to the established diamonds. However, you have a counter. Force dummy to trump so declarer can not draw trump ending in dummy. Lead a third heart.

By the way, declarer has another heart. If that jack were a true card, partner would have started with the 8654 and should play the five the second time (present count).

Dir: West Vul: N-S

NORTH (DUMMY)		SOUTH (YOU)	
♠ AJ74	♠ 98	♥ A73	♥ J75
♦ 65	♦ KJ7	♣ AJ10	♣ 873

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠
Dbl	2 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: HK

West continues with the H2 and you are on lead. What trick three? What now?

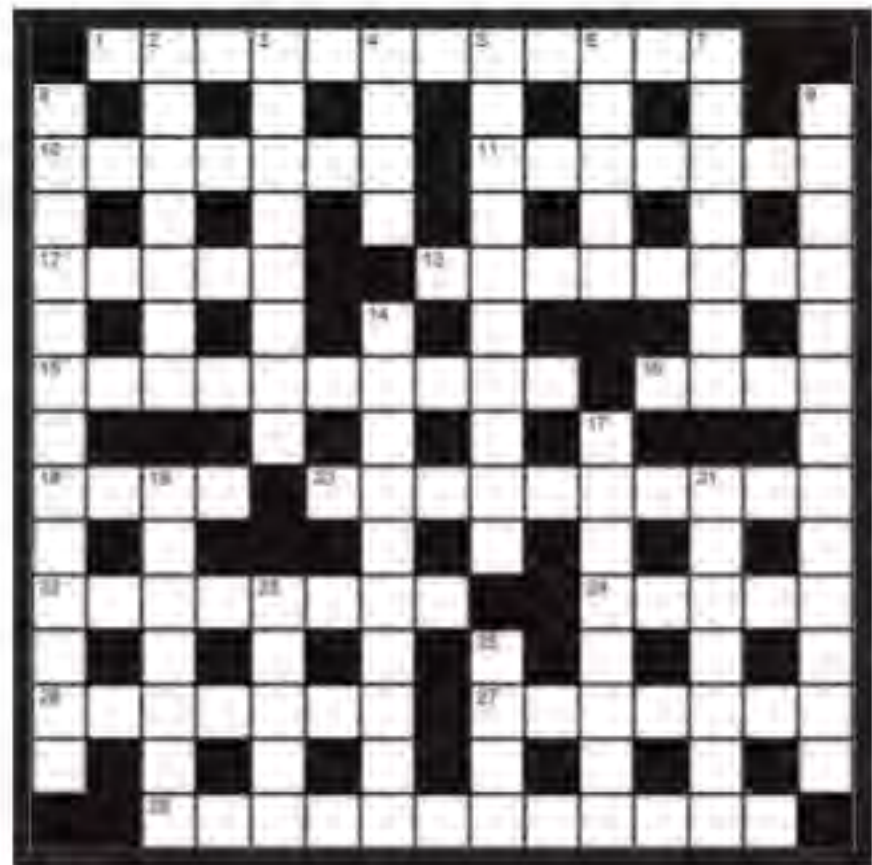
SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2237

QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Back to it, for complete rethink (7,5)
  - Bestowed (7)
  - Couple (7)
  - Tropical fibre (5)
  - Power of vision (8)
  - Unqualified (10)
  - Eye inflammation (4)
  - Labels (4)
  - Sweetheart (10)
  - By the \_\_\_\_: close to the scene of action, in a way? (8)
  - Cuban dance (5)
  - Unflinchingly loyal? (7)
  - Produce eggs (7)
  - Disable (12)

**DOWN**

- Nuclear power plant (7)
- Without much difficulty or efforts (4,4)
- Focal point (4)
- Ocean measurement (10)
- Minute particles (5)
- Dry spell (7)
- Farmer (13)
- Tanned by the elements (7-6)
- Camaraderie (10)
- A romantic quality "stud's art" anagram? (8)
- East Indian language (7)
- Fortification (7)
- To do with sound (5)
- Pear variety (4)



- Fiendish fellow holds me back (5)
- Old-style Pacific island group finds Old Testament a hit. I conclude (7)
- A type of wrestling reversed, held in a ring is threatening (7)
- Sent nil total in errors, practically speaking (2,3,7)
- It hangs around, looking decorative (7)
- Fellow Frenchman gets job delivering fertiliser (7)
- Mother about to help make a London vale (5)
- Existing part of a verb or noun? (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Start of play seen from first row (7,5)
  - Organised a wildly enjoyable occasion that went out of control (3,4)
  - There's no place for him (4,3)
  - Where there's learning of high quality? (5)
  - A jazz item's sound may be hard (8)
  - Caltness of temper making boy love girl (10)
  - Nothing for an hour when something starts (4)
  - Pays extra for bits of advice (4)
  - A camp-fire ruined, at first sight (5,5)
  - Housing adult males in principle (8)

**DOWN**

- Turn up at some point to take a pike at one Indian (7)
- Lingerie fabric repulsed an enclosed crybaby (8)
- Not a makeshift defence organisation (4)
- He's unlikely to be found abroad (4-2-4)
- Squandered asset which belong to the Orient (5)
- Peer accorded honour? It depends on the person (3-4)
- The suddenness of rainfall (13)
- Very easily snuffed out? (5,4,4)
- Rotten rail badly affected by so much rain (10)
- Stroke of a cricketer, starting on a run (3,5)

Solutions to 2236

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS:** 1 Limerick, 5 Act for, 9 Viscount, 10 Gateau, 11 Bordeaux, 12 Dinesh, 14 Travelling, 18 Lieutenant, 22 Scream, 23 Neophyte, 24 Oceans, 25 Uprooted, 26 Fields, 27 Protocol. **DOWN:** 1 Lavoisier, 2 Mysore, 3 Rooted, 4 Concurring, 5 Clavichord, 7 Frenetic, 8 Roughness, 13 Even-temper, 15 Blast off, 16 Reviews, 17 Strained, 19 Sprout, 20 Mystic, 21 Feudal. **CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS:** 1 War-lords, 5 Odiour, 9 Nepotism, 10 Ermer, 11 Evermore, 12 Drawer, 14 Enough said, 18 Heathcliff, 22 Troupe, 23 Freehand, 24 Euclid, 25 Goslings, 26 Sleight, 27 Peter Pan. **DOWN:** 1 Winced, 2 Ripper, 3 On time, 4 Disgruntle, 6 Demarche, 7 Outswear, 8 Surf-ride, 13 Buffer zone, 15 Shutters, 16 Barouche, 17 Chipping, 19 Mealle, 20 Catnap, 21 Odds on.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday October 6

There's a sense of hope in the air. You shouldn't allow personal desires to overshadow your professional or public life - at least, no more than you want.

Monday October 7

You'll be busy over the next couple of months, with a seemingly endless series of routine chores and arrangements. You'll be approaching a productive period from one perspective, they're less promising when viewed from another. You may take personal offers with a pinch of salt, for someone is about to make a promise that can never be fulfilled.

Tuesday October 8

You can take your pick. All the diverse parts of your personality are playing different tunes. Emotionally you're a little secretive and sensitive but, elsewhere, you're totally confident and on top of the world.

Wednesday October 9

Life seems to be full of mystery. Your only question is who, or what, is responsible for making you feel that something strange and inexplicable is about to happen, or is responsible for a current dilemma?

Thursday October 10

As the days pass, passion will be replaced by a laid-back feeling. You do take life too seriously. You can now reap the rewards of initiatives you started some time ago.

Friday October 11

You are into a period of harmonious planetary aspects, so there's no need to complain. If anything goes wrong it's likely to be a result of your own lack of foresight!

Saturday October 12

Partners have to have their say - and there's no real way you can stop them. It could be to your advantage if partners are permitted to express themselves as and when they wish.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The opposition to your plans seems to have passed, although you may have had to bite your tongue on more than one occasion recently. You're probably glad that there are certain thoughts you kept to yourself. From now on, the field is yours once again. If you have your wits about you, you will issue important social invitations.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

A special time of year is continuing and, by the end of the week, almost all of you will have experienced highly promising social transits. However, fate may take a back-seat and it's therefore up to you to think fast and seize the opportunities which float past, especially mid-week. Your social and professional stars look equally bright.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

There's always an amusing side to life - but don't laugh too soon. While your stars are highly auspicious when seen from one perspective, they're less promising when viewed from another. You may take personal offers with a pinch of salt, for someone is about to make a promise that can never be fulfilled.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

After a period when you've been happy to keep yourself to yourself, you can stay quiet no longer. Challenging circumstances and awkward customers will be determined to test your mettle. And after a brief interlude, you will revive a romantic connection, this time on a more friendly footing. You can rely on others to cheer you up.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Life is getting busier by the day, and a good thing too! After all, the more you are, the happier you may be. However free of commitments you are at the beginning of the week, by the end your responsibilities will be mounting. Can you bear to say 'no'? Your financial prospects will improve but don't take facts at face value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

There's no change in the generally ambitious disposition of your stars, but stay-at-home types may miss out. You'll be entrusted with secret information and may be keeping a low profile. Professional Sagittarians will discover a crock of gold at the end of a very profitable rainbow, but not for about another three weeks.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

As family and home ties temporarily weaken, you'll be free to indulge the restless, nomadic dimension of your character, a side of your life which is all too often ignored. Financially, you should be heading for a profit, for which your own good sense is largely responsible. Luck only plays a small part, and then because you have laid careful plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Worldly ambitions will no longer seem to be so important by the end of the week. Perhaps a friend or relation who has been causing a fuss will settle down and offer you their support instead. It will be the larger picture which grabs you, together with the feeling that friends you've ignored need a little attention. Your timing will have to be perfect.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

The future is as last becoming clearer and it looks certain that those of you with the most exciting lives will be the ones planning drastic, and quite possibly expensive, domestic reforms. So, if you feel that you're stuck in a rut, now is the time to act. Only when financial matters are settled will romantic matters become clear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

In many ways your stars are stunning, but if you're passing through a lazy phase you'd better watch out! Only those of you with one hundred and one percent determination and willpower will win through. If you're lacking experience, stay out of the running. Oh, a generous gift should help you get your way.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The long-term cycle continues on its very promising path. Short-term monetary ventures may now be postponed or even cancelled, perhaps because new information is beginning to emerge from the woodwork. Some of you will be going away, but long journeys look to be more likely for business than pleasure. Expect professional pressures to ease towards the end of the week.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You have a great deal going for you, not all of it immediately apparent though. It's in the nature of the planets, which are positioned in firm and dedicated regions of your chart, to keep their true purpose hidden for a while. Only when you are certain of your position is it safe to make a special investment, including by the way, in a new relationship.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

\_\_\_\_\_ are the key not to the past, but to the future. - Corrie ten Boom (B)

GMREE	EMTYIS
IMNOR	EMRUMM

Answer: Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future. - Corrie ten Boom

SUDOKU 3991

Difficulty Level 2s  
Instructions  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

2	7	5						
4	6							
3	1	9	2	8	7			
5	6	1	9					
	1		3					
3	4	9	2					
5	2	7	3	4	6			
6	9							
6		1						

Difficulty Level  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3990

3	2	8	7	6	9	1	5	4
4	5	9	8	1	3	2	7	6
6	1	7	5	4	2	8	3	9
5	9	2	4	8	6	7	1	3
7	6	1	2	3	5	4	9	8
8	4	3	9	7	1	5	6	2
9	8	5	6	2	7	3	4	1
1	7	4	3	9	8	6	2	5
2	3	6	1	5	4	9	8	7

**MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION HUSSAINABAD**  
Short Tender e-Procurement Notice  
Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/HUSSAINABAD/F-05/2019-20  
Date :- 03.10.2019

1	Name of the work	Renovation of Jhakaritari M.I. Scheme, Block- Harihargani, Dist- Palamau
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	126.956 Lakh
3	Time of Completion	11 Months
4	Date of Publication of Tender on website	15.10.2019 (02:00 PM)
5	Last date/Time for receipt of bids online	22.10.2019 (Till 5:00 PM)
6	Date/Time of Opening of e-Tender	24.10.2019 (1:00 PM)
7	Date/Time of Deposit of Bid Fee & Earnest Money.	23.10.2019 (Till 5:00 PM)
8	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division Hussainabad
9	Contact no. of Procurement officer (a) E-mail of e-procurement Officer (b)	7739112163 eemidgum-cemrj@nic.in
10	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2214784

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hussainabad  
P.R.219018 Minor Irrigation(19-20)D

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE**  
E-Tender Notice No:-04/Elec.Tr./JU/ 2019-20 Date:04.10.2019  
E-tender is invited by the Sr.DEE(Tr.) N.W.Rly, Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for the under noted work so as to reach office of Sr.DEE(Tr.) N.W.Rly, Jodhpur not later than 15.00 hrs, on 21.10.2019. The e-tender will be opened on the same date. (i) Name of work with its location : Complete housekeeping of crew running room of Samdan, Barmer & Merta Road which includes cooking and serving of food to running staff, cleaning work of running rooms, Pest and Rodent Control work, washing of linen(Dry Clean blankets), Maintenance of lawn/plants and subsidized meal facility for Two years. (ii) Approx. cost of the work: Rs.1,70,21,541/- (iii) Earnest Money: Rs.2,35,200/- (iv) Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: 21.10.2019 at 15:00 Hrs. through E-tendering online submission on IREPS & opening of E-tender-On Same date at 15:05 Hrs. (same date as soon after) (v) Website particular, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen, etc.: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Divisional Railway Manager Office, electrical (Traction) Branch, N.W.Rly, Jodhpur. NOTE: 1. The offer can only be accepted through E-tendering on the website of [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Offer in any other form will not be accepted. The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. 2. The description of work given above is very brief, for complete description, terms and condition detail given in tender documents. 995-AD/19  
Please join us on <http://NWRRailways>

**Office of the Executive Engineer MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION GUMLA**  
Very Short Tender Notice e-Procurement Notice  
Singal bid System  
Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA - F2- 28 / 2019-20  
Date :- 03.10.2019

1.	Name of the work	Renovation of Chitragum M. I. Scheme - Block- Sisai, District-Gumla.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 167.181 Lakh
3.	Time of Completion	335 days
4.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	15.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM
5.	Last date/Time for submission of bids	21.10.2019 5:00 PM
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender (e-Procurement Officer)	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla, Karamtoli Road, Gumla.
7.	Contact no. of e-Procurement officer	9431383699
8.	E-Mail ID	eemidgum@gmail.com
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2491232

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
Executive Engineer  
PR 218932 Minor Irrigation(19-20)D Minor Irrigation Division Gumla.

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER  
Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal from eligible contractors for the following work. Name of Work: Pway Zonal Contract for Maintenance of Track under the Jurisdiction of SSE/Chiplun. Tender Notice No.: KR/W1/58/2019/08. Estimated Cost: ₹ 3.67,47,280/- excluding GST. Closing Date/Time: 25/10/2019 up to 15:00 hrs. for Submission of Online Offers/Bids. Completion Period: Twenty Four Months Excluding Monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://ireps.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

**New Okhla Industrial Development Authority**  
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)  
Website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com)  
E-TENDER NOTICE  
E-Tenders are invited from firms / contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official Website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) and <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

1 Job No.: 01/OSD(N)/PG CELL/2019-20  
Name of work: Call Centre Services, Amount: Rs. 38,00,000/-  
Which can be uploaded by date 18.10.2019 upto 5.00 pm. Pre-qualification shall be opened/ downloaded on date 21.10.2019 at 11.00 am.  
(O.S.D.) P.G. CELL  
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE DIVISION UDHAMPUR**  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
Date of Issue : 03.10.2019  
Deadline of submission of Bids : 22.10.2019  
Bid Identification No. e-NIT No. : 44 of 2019-20 dated 01.10.2019  
under endorsement No. PHEU/5841-69 dated 01.10.2019  
The Employer (Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Udhampur) on behalf of Government of Jammu & Kashmir invites bids from bidders (Class-A & Special Class) registered with the State Governments/ Central Government / MES / Railways for the construction work as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Items	Details
1.	Name of Work	Construction of Water Supply Scheme Thapal under Langushing Projects.
	Scope of tender	Construction of the following Civil works as per drawings uploaded with the SBD including testing and commissioning of the work as per scope : i. Providing and laying of R/main, G/main and D/System of WSS Thapal. ii. Construction of Inlet Tank at Sounfad iii. Construction of sedimentation tank at source Sounfad Nallah iv. Construction of 5000 GPH slow sand filtration plant at Thapal v. Construction of chain link fencing at Thapal near GSR and filtration plant site at Thapal 2 Nos. vi. Construction of steel rope crossing at 07 nos different spots (525 mt length) vii. Construction of Anchor blocks 14 Nos. for steel rope crossing
2.	Bid Identification No. (BIN)	ENIT NO :
3.	Estimated Cost of Bid	Rs. 266.94 lacs
4.	Earnest Money (EMD)	Rs. 533880.00 Earnest Money should be in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledge to Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Udhampur payable at Udhampur and valid for 06months from the last date of submission of bid.
5.	Tender Fee	Rs. 5000/- (Non refundable) Tender fee in shape of e-challan/Treasury Receipt to be deposited in MH: 0215-WSS (Revenue Head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Branch Udhampur bearing Bank Account No. 002901020000047. IFSC code JKA0UDMPLR in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division, Udhampur
6.	Bid Validity	60 days from the last date of submission of online Bid.
7.	Period of Completion	06 Months
8.	Availability of Bid Document on e-Procurement Portal	From 03.10.2019 To 22.10.2019 upto 18.00 Hrs.
9.	Pre Bid meeting	On 11.10.2019 at 12.30 P.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle, Udhampur
10.	Date and Time for Submission of Bids online	On or before Date 22.10.2019 upto 18.00 Hrs.
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14.	Bid Inviting Officer (BIO)	Executive Engineer PHE Division Udhampur

The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in) on or before [22.10.2019 upto 18.00Hrs.] The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date up to last date for submission of online bid.

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## Where everyone wrestles

The land of Chhara is credited to a mythical hunter, and its wrestling pedigree to fabled *pehelwans*. Fact remains that the output of grapplers is down to modern academies and good old one-upmanship. MIHIR VASAVDA travels to the village which is a feeder to Chhatrasal and responsible for shaping Deepak and Bajrang Punia.

"Mitti ke bete hai. Mitti se jude rahenge, chahe jawaan banke ya pehelwan (They're sons of the soil. They'll stay connected to the soil, be it as a soldier or a wrestler.)"

Sitting on a charpoy, Kartar Singh Dalal talks in a low, but firm voice about Chhara's two biggest obsessions — military and mat (or for a few, even today, *mitti*). The second option, in fact, is the first choice for most. Dalal, an octogenarian, says wrestling is the reason why hundreds of village kids wake up every morning. "Army is a backup; either after your career is done or if you don't make it as a wrestler."

Driving through its narrow lanes, past the identical-looking and slightly dilapidated houses, there seems nothing extraordinary about this modest farming village. It's only when you reach the outskirts that the countryside reveals itself in all its glory: a small pond surrounded by wheat and sorghum fields on both sides of the road, stretching as far as the eyes can see. And dotted at intervals are wrestling akharas; four on a 2km stretch from the bus depot to the police station.

It's a site unique to this region that was once a jungle. Two centuries ago, the story goes, a powerful *zamindar* named Sahab Singh hunted down and killed a man-eater. The British rewarded him with 6,000 bigha land and as his descendant, Dalal inherited a portion. "Gradually, the forest made way for farmlands," Dalal, 80, says. Today, in middle of these farms, on the land gifted by the British, is an *akhara* where hundreds of wrestlers are cultivated every year.

It's tough to separate fact from fiction. But Dalal argues with conviction. "You can ask anyone... it is true. Our village has historically produced courageous men and women. First, it was Sahab Singh's bravado. Then the freedom fighters. And now, the *pehelwans*."

The last bit, at least, is undisputable. In September, this nondescript village in eastern Haryana pinned itself on the Olympics map. Of the four wrestlers who qualified for the Tokyo Games via the World Championships, two began their journey in Chhara at the academy started by Dalal's son Virender.

Bajrang Punia — the world number 2 in 65kg category and multiple Worlds medalist — spent his formative years in Chhara. But he isn't spoken about as affectionately as the other Punia, Deepak — the world number 1, who has emerged as the latest sensation in Indian wrestling, winning the junior World Championship title in August and following it up the next month with a silver in the senior worlds.

"Woh toh jawaan bhi hai aur pehelwan bhi (He is both a soldier and a wrestler)," Dalal says of Deepak, an Army Subedar. "Apni mitti ka bana hai (He's made of our soil)."

The lazy explanation for Haryana's dominance in wrestling is the passion they have for the sport here. Wrestling is everywhere; and the suffix '*pehelwan*' signifies pride and power. But if passion was the only driver, Kerala and Bengal would've revolutionised football in a similar manner or Punjab would've ensured India remained a hockey royalty.

Chhara serves as an ideal sample to un-

derstand why Haryana is the heartbeat of Indian wrestling. "A decade ago, wrestling here was dead," Subhash Punia, Deepak's father, says, referring to Olympic style wrestling. *Mitti dangals* were still a popular fixture at village fairs but the transition to mat did not take place.

Virender, the coach, got an Olympic-sized mat at his academy in 2004 but mat wrestling, many villagers held, was a 'sissy sport.' That perception changed in 2008, when Sushil Kumar won the Beijing Olympics bronze and everyone jumped on the bandwagon fuelled by his success. "Everyone here thought, *bahar se medal laaya* (he brought a medal from overseas)," Subhash says, smoking beedi and sipping chai.

Within a week of his medal, Virender says, all akharas in Chhara and neighbouring Mandothi village — another wrestling hub — got mats. "We did not discontinue dangals. You can't give up your tradition just like that. But there was an acceptance that we need to adopt mat wrestling. And Sushil *pehelwan* is single handedly responsible for changing the mindset," Virender says.

In a village that has population of a little more than 15,000, there are five government schools and as many akharas. Virender's academy is said to be the biggest, with close to 150 trainees — most from Chhara and neighbouring villages but some from as far as Jammu and Maharashtra.

Virender hones young wrestlers, and once they are ready, sends them to Delhi's Chhatrasal Stadium, Sushil's alma mater. Chhatrasal is to Indian wrestling what Surjit Academy is to hockey and Bhiwani Boxing Club once was to boxing. It's the stepping stone to national team.

"Sonapat, Rohtak and Jhajjar are the biggest wrestling belts in the country. There are villages in these districts that produce steady stream of wrestlers. Chhara is one of our biggest catchment areas," says Satpal Singh, who runs the academy at Chhatrasal.

There have been so many wrestlers from here who have dabbled at the national level that they do not even bother to keep a count. Roughly 40 have gone on to represent India at various international tournaments across age groups. Two will be Olympics bound next year.

"Kaam chahe jo karein, is gaav ka har aadmi ek baar langot zaroor bandhta hai (No matter what job they end up doing, every man of this village wrestles once at least)"

Chhara's sarpanch Jitender Singh repeats the words that are oft-uttered here. Dalal interjects to explain why, stirring the myth pot again. "There used to be one Sujan *pehelwan*. He could drink seven litres of milk in one go and lift a 70kg man like this," Dalal says, lifting an imaginary barbell.

Another tale involves Sukhram *pehelwan*, who ran in the fields with a man on each shoulder. "People saw their strength and the goodwill they earned because of it. Consequently, they were lured to take up the sport as well. Since then, the tradition has continued," Dalal says.

Subhash dismisses these theories. According to him, the key reason why almost



Inscribed on the walls are names of World champion Khetik Tsalobol and Olympic champion Helen Maroulis. (above) In a village that has a population of a little more than 15,000, there are five government schools and as many akharas. Gajendra Yadav

every household here has a wrestler is straightforward, and one that not many will readily accept. "Ego," the 49-year-old says. "The thinking here is, 'if he can do it, why can't I?' There's this mentality to portray yourself stronger than the other person. It's a matter of pride."

That's one of the reasons why Deepak got introduced to wrestling.

Punia Sr spent a major part of the 30 years tending to the family's farming and dairy business. Everyday till noon, he would take care of the multiple crops they cultivated on the 10 acre land. Post lunch, he would travel almost 50km to deliver 300 litres of milk to the residential areas in the outskirts of Delhi. The round-the-clock working hours barely gave Subhash time to pursue his passion: wrestling. "Many kids from the village were into the sport. I thought, 'if they can, Deepak can too,'" Subhash says.

Deepak was five when he joined Virender's akhara. For the next 10 years, he lived in a 10 sq ft room at the academy. A period when his coach spent every minute ensuring he did not waver from the basic tenets of *brahmacharya*; and his father making sure he did not do anything *utt pataang*.

Bijender Singh has put both his sons, Kartik (who trains in Chhara) and Yogesh (graduated to Chhatrasal), into wrestling for just one reason. "Izzat hi izzat." If you were to put up a shop and sell the sport around this region, *izzat hi izzat* would've been an apt name (for the uninitiated, the shop names here are often too literal — a sweet shop will simply be called *mithai hi mithai*, and so on). But that would also have been an inaccurate representation.

Bijender drives down his younger son, Kartik, every day to Chhara from the neighbouring Saampla village. And at least twice a week, he makes travels to Delhi to meet his elder son. Why? "Bhatak na jaaye (to make sure they doesn't go astray)," he replies.

That is the underlying fear of every parent whose child is a wrestler. The fears aren't un-

### THE ALUMNI



**DEEPAK PUNIA (86KG)**  
Born and raised in Chhara, he joined Virender Dalal's academy as a five-year-old and stayed there for 10 years. Like Bajrang Punia, he went on to join Chhatrasal. In August this year, Deepak became the junior world champion and followed it up with a silver at senior worlds.

**BAJRANG PUNIA (65KG)**  
Came to Virender's academy when he was 9. Spent five years here, before joining Delhi's Chhatrasal academy and then going on to become a multiple World Championship medalist and Asian Games champion.

■ In September, two more wrestlers from this academy went on to win gold in U-23 nationals — Naveen (70kg) and Sanjeet (86kg). Both have been selected for U-23 Worlds in Budapest later this month.

■ Close to 40 wrestlers from Chhara have represented India across various age groups, according to Satpal Singh, who runs the Chhatrasal academy. Numerous others have competed at the national level.

founded. Considering that only a fraction of akhara-going population actually go on to make a decent living from it, and coupled with the fact that there aren't many employment opportunities, quite a few wrestlers do 'go astray.'

In Chhara, there have been numerous cases where wrestlers have been often used by mafias in land grab activities, Subhash says. "Five years ago, the sarpanch of the village, who was also a wrestler, was shot dead because of a tussle over land," he adds.

The situation here is slightly better off than, say, Sonapat or neighbouring Mandothi, once the sport's hub, where police found a pattern in the crimes that were committed in the region. "Those who wanted a particular job done actively looked for wrestlers who failed to make it big," says an officer at the Mandothi police station.

It has been reported that one of the men who were accused of shooting at Umar Khalid outside Delhi's Constitution Club two years ago was a wrestler from Mandothi. The officer isn't aware of the incident but it hardly surprises him. "Hundreds aspire to be international wrestlers but only a few make it. Apart from farming, job opportunities are few so it's tempting to use their strength the wrong way to make a quick buck," he says.

You ask him what's the most common crime in his village? "302 (murder)," he replies. And the most accused? "Wrestlers," he says, without hesitating.

It's something that kept Deepak's father awake at nights. "I quit everything I was doing and concentrated on giving him best quality food and whatever else he needed," Subhash says. "It helped his wrestling, of course, but that was also one way to ensure he did not go off the rails. The technical bits were taken care of by Virender coach and Mahabati Satpal."

Virender's coaching career was born out of an athletic failure. He spent his youth dreaming of an Olympic medal but faulty training methods in his formative years meant he never really developed body structure re-

quired to thrive in international wrestling.

So, in his mid-20s, Virender took lessons in 'advanced coaching' from independent India's first World Wrestling Championship medalist (1961, bronze in 67kg), Uday Singh and in 1995, started his academy. The place is built like a fort. Every room is inter-linked, exits are strategically planned and from his room in a house adjacent to the wrestling hall, Virender monitors every move via six CCTV cameras.

"I'm not a control freak, but I need to keep an eye on whatever's happening here. The first thing we do, and it is very important even though it may sound strange, is to brainwash children," Virender, a physical education teacher at a Delhi school, says. "Mat pe kushti aur bhagwan ki bhakti (wrestling and praying), this should be the focus. That's what we teach them. Why do you think I set up my academy in a jungle? These are all fit men at the prime of their youth. It's easy for them to get distracted."

Virender wants every *pehelwan* to assert complete celibacy and self-control. The phrase they use at the akhara is to always keep a 'tight langot'. Wrestler Pradeep, who is from Chhara and represents Railways in domestic events, admits it's arduous in the beginning. "But once you get used to it, it is okay," he says. "Wrestling requires a lot of strength. If you can't control your mind, then you can't control a bout."

Pictures of freedom fighters hang on the walls of the giant, dingy wrestling hall. There's Lokmanya Tilak, there's Bhagat Singh. Opposite the hall is a cattle-shed where Dalal takes care of the family's eight desi cows.

Virender is peeved at the politicization of cows. "No one is talking about its benefits," he says. "Cow's milk gives you *visfotak taqaat*. Explosive strength. That's what makes a wrestler. How do you think Deepak got so good?" Certainly not only because of cow milk? "Yes, but you can't deny nutritious food did not contribute!"

Back at Deepak's house, Subhash and Jitender, the sarpanch, are going over the arrangements for the world number 1 welcome ceremony, planned for October 13. Tractors, trucks and SUVs have been 'arranged' for the procession that'll last for half-a-day. "We'll pass through several villages. It'll inspire future generations," Jitender says.

There's no dearth of inspiration, actually. In the farm-turned-akhara of Haryana, they are already harnessing their Olympic ambitions. The trainees at the only academy for girls in the village took up the sport because of Sakshi Malik's medal in 2016.

But bronze they won't settle for. These girls aren't afraid of dreaming. Nor are they afraid of talking about it. On the walls of the academy, they have inscribed the names of Olympier and World champions, a constant reminder of what they're set out to achieve.

"Helen. Khetik. Olympic," it reads, referring to American Olympic champion Helen Maroulis and Russia's Khetik Tsalobol, a world champion.

You wonder why Haryana is good at wrestling? The writing, quite literally, is on the wall.



# In Sharma's shots, shades of Sachin

Rohit takes a leaf out of Tendulkar's book, employs a variety of sweep shots en route to his second hundred in the opening Test against South Africa

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
VISAKHAPATNAM, OCTOBER 5

OF LATE there has been a little bit of Sachin Tendulkar about Rohit Sharma's batting. Not in the batting style but in the approach, even to the extent of Rohit's shot selection. The slow boil of a Test match allows one to watch and savour that trait a bit more. On Saturday, he became the first Indian opener after Sunil Gavaskar in 1978 to have scored two hundreds in the same Test as he powered India to a position of strength.

With a target of 395 to defend on a fourth-innings pitch, the Indian spinners went to work in fading daylight and Ravindra Jadeja trapped last innings' centurion Dean Elgar in front to leave the visitors at 11/1 after nine overs at the end of the fourth day's play.

In the last few years of Tendulkar's Test career, he had a staple diet of shots he would play, especially against the spinners. The conventional sweep used to throw the bowler off his lengths. Rohit too employed it a lot in the second innings. He swooped really low and like Tendulkar, stretched to meet the ball well ahead of him, sweeping it off the good-length area. Some, like VVS Laxman, would use the feet and some, like Rahul Dravid, would retreat deeply off the back foot to create their own lengths. Rohit chose the Tendulkar route of using sweeps to force the spinners to think about their lengths. Especially the South African left-arm spinner, Keshav Maharaj.

Tendulkar's another trick was the paddle-shot against the offspinners, played with minimum of fuss to middle stump deliveries and it would successfully disarray the conventional field set-ups. Rohit too kept plugging the paddle shot to steal runs off Dane Piedt's bowling.

Near the end of his Test career, Tendulkar made batting look almost risk-free with the options he chose, especially in the subcontinent, and Rohit seems to be getting there. He talked about it the other day, how he has a clarity about the shots he wants to play in Tests and the evidence has been on offer over the two knocks he has played in this match.

He rarely tried to work the ball across the line against the newish left, preferring to tap the middle-stump deliveries to mid-on. He was pretty tight and compact against the seamers, careful in not letting his hands betray him for the outside-off deliveries, but we will have to wait for more seamer-friendly conditions to see how good he has become in that aspect.

More shades of Tendulkar were spotted in his slog-sweeps to the spinners, the off-spinner in particular. Probably because he was much shorter, Tendulkar's down-on-his-knee slog-sweep seems far more compact than Rohit version but the effect is the same: the ball invariably sails over the midwicket boundary.

On day one, Mayank Agarwal shared a chat he had with Rohit in the middle after reverse sweeping a ball for four. How Rohit was talking about risk-free options to move the score at a brisk pace, and it's the sign of the times that the reverse-sweep is one such option that opens up the field and upsets the spinners. Risk-free is Rohit's theme these days, like Tendulkar.

## Down-the-track charge

Probably the only shot where he differs from Tendulkar is the down-the-track charge — a shot Rohit has started to deploy a lot of late. Tendulkar went the other way, using it a lot in his earlier days and shelving it for the security of the crease as he aged. Rohit wasn't that fluent with it in his earlier days, often getting into problems, especially against the turning ball. Like the moment he was eventually dismissed by Maharaj, who spun one further away to leave Rohit stranded. But until then, he used the run-down-the-pitch routine fairly frequently, and especially after he was well-set. Until then the sweeps did the trick for him (to up-set lengths) and once he got his eye in, he started the charge down the pitch.

The one area where he is likely to depart from the near-the-end-of-career version of Tendulkar is in the way he dominates once on top. Tendulkar could go at a steady pace throughout, never quite letting himself go, but Rohit seems inclined to bat far more freely and tries dominating, or as he says, "taking the game forward".

There were couple of lovely moments in his partnership with Cheteshwar Pujara. The first came in the post-lunch session when Rohit thought there was a single on offer after the ball had squirted towards short point



Rohit Sharma plays a slog-sweep during his 127-run knock (149 balls, 7 sixes) against South Africa on Day Four of the first Test on Saturday. PTI

## SCORECARD >>

### India vs South Africa

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INDIA 502/7  
SA 431 IN 131.2 OVS  
(OVERNIGHT 385/8)

**S Muthusamy** not out 33 (106b, 4x4)  
**K Maharaj** c Agarwal b Ashwin 9 (31b, 1x4)  
**K Rabada** lbw b Ashwin 15 (17b, 3x4)

■ **Extras:** (b 12, lb 4, nb 5) 21  
■ **FoW:** 9-396 (Maharaj, 123.4 ov), 10-431 (Rabada, 131.2 ov)

■ **Bowling:** I Sharma 16-2-54-1; Shami 18-4-47-0; R Ashwin 46.2-11-145-7; R Jadeja 40-5-124-2; H Vihari 9-1-38-0; R Sharma 2-1-7-0

IND 323/4 D IN 67 OVS

**M Agarwal** c du Plessis b Maharaj 7 (31b, 1x4)

**R Sharma** st de Kock b Maharaj 127 (149, 10x4, 7x6)

**C Pujara** lbw b Philander 81 (148b, 13x4, 2x6)

**R Jadeja** b Rabada 40 (32b, 3x6)

**V Kohli** not out 31 (25b, 3x4, 1x6)

**A Rahane** not out 27 (17b, 4x4, 1x6)

■ **Extras:** (b 8, lb 2) 10  
■ **FoW:** 1-21 (Mayank, 7.6 ov), 2-190 (Pujara, 50.6 ov), 3-239 (Sharma, 56.5 ov), 4-286 (Jadeja, 62.5 ov)

■ **Bowling:** V Philander 12-5-21-1; K Maharaj 22-0-129-2; K Rabada 13-3-41-1; D Piedt 17-3-102-0; S Muthusamy 3-0-20-0

SA 11/1 IN 9 OVS (TGT: 395)

**A Markram** not out 3 (18b)

**D Elgar** lbw b Jadeja 2 (16b)

**TB de Bruyn** not out 5 (20b, 1x4)

■ **Extras:** (lb 1) 1  
■ **FoW:** 1-4 (Dean Elgar, 3.3 ov)  
■ **Bowling:** R Ashwin 5-2-7-0; R Jadeja 4-2-3-1

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but when Pujara didn't respond, he rushed back to his crease and could be heard through the stump mike: "Bhaag Be\*\*\*\*"!

Second came when he was in his 90s and Vernon Philander had a delivery full and tailing into his pads; Rohit went for the big across-the-line heave and missed. Immediately, Pujara walked across with a smile and stressed the need to re-focus. Two balls later, Pujara himself was trapped lbw by a Philander legcutter and Rohit stood mid-pitch head down for a while after the DRS didn't save Pujara, who had trudged half way to the pavilion.

There was one other lighter moment, this time offered by Virat Kohli, when the replay confirmed that Senuran Muthusamy had stepped on the long-on rope to reprieve Rohit off Piedt. The television cameras were focused on the players in the middle, but in the pavilion, Kohli did a short little jig of joy.

And why not, India are in a good position by the end of the fourth day, though South Africa showed in the first innings that they can resist valiantly. Some rain is also predicted on the final day and it can't be said that the pitch has disintegrated all that drastically.

Even though, they lost a big wicket a skimmer that straightened on the leg-stump line, South Africa would still remain hopeful that they can get the job done. India would hope that Jadeja could this time be the wrecker-in-chief with his left-arm spin. All in all, a good way to enter the last day of the first Test: the game is still alive and kicking and if South Africa shut India down, the series would look far more interesting. It also makes one wonder whether the Pune pitch will be scruffier and drier surface than this.

But first, in the here and now, the Vizag Test awaits an Indian bowler or two to own it and push it towards a favourable denouement.

## When Pujara improvised to outscore Rohit

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
VISAKHAPATNAM, OCTOBER 5

IT WAS indeed a knock strewn with near-dismissals as Cheteshwar Pujara came close to being out four times, three sharp catches and one tough stumping miss, but it was a fascinating knock nevertheless. Especially the phase where he broke free from being stuck on single-digits and almost caught up with Rohit Sharma.

The fascination lay in the contrasting approaches between the two batsmen.

After a slow start, Pujara stagnated against the spinners, not due to lack of effort, though. It was just that his Plan A wasn't working. At that point, Rohit was using the sweeps and paddle sweeps to effectively dismantle the spinners and Pujara was trying his usual stuff. He tried to punch off the back foot or lean forward to nurlde but Keshav Maharaj and Dane Piedt were in control then, and didn't give him pace or room to do it. Pujara largely played from the crease, tried to wrist them away but no luck. He was on 8 for a while, on it for 20 balls, in which time Rohit had reached 48.

It was then that Pujara stirred into Plan B; not that it was drastically different, he had tried to use his feet before but the intent was vastly different. Also, for a while he was playing from the crease as well.

Then, he changed his intent, though the first attempt almost got him out. He went down the track to off-spinner Piedt and tried to whip it across the line but got an inside edge. However, Quinton de Kock couldn't account for the deflection, and that was that.

Pujara didn't panic and change his approach though. He had tried batting from the crease but that wasn't working. During the next six balls he faced, from Piedt and left-arm spinner Maharaj, he collected three fours with wristy flicks after stepping out. Sensing he had arrived on a successful plan, he began to deploy it with great relish.

He loves to use his feet to spinners and many a time, he can use it even as a defensive

ploy, especially on turners. Here the ball wasn't spinning big and he was using it as an attacking option. Time and again, he glided down the track to whip them delectably through the leg side.

## Changing the 'point of impact'

"I did not make a lot of changes, but once I knew the pace of the pitch I was finding it easier to bat... It was difficult pitch to bat on. It was not easy to rotate the strike, it was not easy to time the ball well and, especially with my game and the kind of shots that I play, I was finding it little difficult early on. Once I found the right pace of the pitch — because early on it was a two-paced pitch — but once I knew that, I actually changed my point of impact," Pujara said. He explained what he meant by changing the "point of impact".

"Early on I was trying to hit too hard, trying to play little late wasn't helping me. Then obviously I had to play a little bit upfront with

the bat. Because the pitch was quite slow against the spinners so I had to generate power. So I was playing in front with the bat," he elaborated after the end of day's play.

In other words, rather than waiting and trying to play them late, he started to meet the ball in front of the pads, with a more forceful intent and the shots started to come off. Plan B worked as well as Rohit's sweeps and paddles. The bowlers began to drag back the length or switch the line to outside off and Pujara began to cut and drive them. He quickly jumped to 40s even as Rohit was in his 50s. All of a sudden, because of Pujara's acceleration, India were clearly on the ascent and any South African thoughts about squeezing the runflow had been stubbed out.

Not that Faf du Plessis just sat there without reacting. He brought on Rabada, who now had a ball in a decent shape: one side shiny. He started to harass Pujara with his skill, getting the ball to dink in and out at will. And late at that.

Soon, Pujara had fallen into an uncertain state of mind. One full delivery had him groping forward, unsure of whether it was tailing in or shaping away, and he edged it between de Kock and du Plessis at wide first slip. The next ball came in and Pujara pushed it out to backward point. The next one was the away-leaver, this time from a good length, and Pujara yet again pushed his hands out uncertainly. Another edge that plummeted through the same gap in the field. Now they had two slip fielders but Rabada was tiring and he was replaced after two more overs with Philander.

Pujara looked more secure against Philander but then came one delivery that cut away, opening him up, and trapping the back leg in front of the off stump. He hoped DRS would save him but it didn't and by then, through contrasting approaches, Pujara and Rohit Sharma had firmly pushed India to the top, allowing them to go out on all-out attack on the final day.



Cheteshwar Pujara plays a cover drive during his 81-run knock on Day 4 in Vizag on Saturday. AP

## In final NBA exhibition game, fans raise decibel levels



Pacers beats Kings 130-106 in Mumbai on Saturday. Express photo

**SHAHID JUDGE**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 5

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Soon the NSCI arena at Worli was buzzing with fans. Unlike on Friday, when over 3000 schoolkids came dressed in 'Jr NBA' T-shirts for the first game and gave the stands a monotonous look, on Saturday, proper basketball aficionados showed up, having shelled out a considerable fortune for the tickets. And they wore replica jerseys — LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Russell Westbrook, James Harden, Chris Bosh, Stephen Curry, et al.

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layout, some louder cheer when there was a slam dunk, and a thundering applause to commend a mesmerizing move.

Also in the stands were numerous Bollywood A-listers. Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas was there along with her cousin Parineeti Chopra. So was actor-director Farhan Akhtar. Indo-Canadian comedian Russell Peters was in attendance too, as was tennis ace Leander Paes. But none — including those on the Kings and Pacers' rosters — commanded as much cheer and respect as Larry Bird.

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### First look, second touch

With close to a quarter of the match gone, Petaia, playing left wing, had barely got a touch with the ball not traveling far wide. He would dodge three Los Teros defenders parrying contact, and chomp up good metres cutting in. Fullback Beale would pop a pass from the midfield as the left wing would pounce on the flicked right ball and in a serious slow-mo worthy Matrix like moving swivel over Uruguay's No 11, rolling off his curved back, land to score his first ever try in his highly anticipated debut.

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Blessed with an attacking instinct and raw speed plus the 100 plus kg frame, Petaia specialises in the lightning and nuanced offloads that are as much a treat as his first try was for its dancing sizzle.

He grew up watching and loving the Wallabies. On Saturday, he started for them, and the world watched. And kept looking as he became the first person born in new millennium to wear Wallabies kit.

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James Milner scored a stoppage-time winner as Liverpool moved eight points clear at the top of the Premier League with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Leicester, while Mauricio Pochettino's problems mounted after Tottenham's 3-0 loss at Brighton on Saturday. Liverpool won for the 17th consecutive league game thanks to Milner's dramatic contribution to a thrilling clash at Anfield.

## Rise of a Wallaby

After spending a year in frustration because of injuries Petaia, 19, made his mark at the World Cup

JORDAN PETAIA is 19 years and 205 days old. And the teenaged Wallaby impressed the rugby world when he became the youngest Australian to score a try at the Rugby World Cup with a smart finish in the 24th minute on his debut against Uruguay in Oita. Australia won 45-10 with a bonus point and Petaia scored one and set up another with his trademark low feint pass to start out sensationally in his first Test.

Petaia (pronounced Petai-yah), who is the youngest rugger at the World Cup in Japan also became the second youngest player to score a try, behind only Welsh star George North who was 19 years 166 days at the 2011 World Cup. The left wing played only the first 40 minutes, and got his first proper look at the ball only after the 20th minute. But Australia might well be beginning to celebrate a magical career of a prodigy who was every bit worth the hype.

### First look, second touch

With close to a quarter of the match gone, Petaia, playing left wing, had barely got a touch with the ball not traveling far wide. He would dodge three Los Teros defenders parrying contact, and chomp up good metres cutting in. Fullback Beale would pop a pass from the midfield as the left wing would pounce on the flicked right ball and in a serious slow-mo worthy Matrix like moving swivel over Uruguay's No 11, rolling off his curved back, land to score his first ever try in his highly anticipated debut.

The tall lad from Queensland - born to Aussie and Samoan parents - had looked anxious initially as Australia led 7-3.

After hitting just one ruck, Petaia would sparkle from only his second touch of the match - when he would dive right next to the uprights, after driving inside from the flanks. Later he would set up Tevita Kuridrani for his try.

### Delayed but not to be denied

Petaia played on his Schools XV not long back. But his fast-tracking to the Wallabies squad - though always imminent owing to his immense talent - faced a couple of false starts before finding the rugby world at his feet. He has been ripped already to become one of the



Petaia (pronounced Petai-yah) is the youngest rugger at the Cup. Reuters

great Wallabies, but spent the last one year frustrated with injuries. Last year his first Test cap was taken away from him because of a training injury ahead of an Italy game. Playing for Reds in Brisbane, his Super Rugby season was ruined by a Lisfranc foot injury and he then suffered another hamstring setback during the Wallabies' pre-World Cup camp in Noumea, according to FOX.

### Born & Raised in Summer Haze

Petaia owes his rugby union career to teammate Will Genoa, whose blitzing cross field run and try he saw as a 11-year-old inspired him to switch from 13-man rugby league. In 2011, Petaia watched Genoa in the Super Rugby final between Queensland and the Crusaders. Attending with his cousins - all Kiwi fans - he was wearing the NZ Crusaders jersey even when he watched Genoa score and win - something he called a surreal moment. It made him play union, and transition from schoolboy - at grade 12 of Brisbane Boys High School, studying for exams and playing domineeringly for Australian Schoolboys in 2017 - to Wallaby wing.

Blessed with an attacking instinct and raw speed plus the 100 plus kg frame, Petaia specialises in the lightning and nuanced offloads that are as much a treat as his first try was for its dancing sizzle.

He grew up watching and loving the Wallabies. On Saturday, he started for them, and the world watched. And kept looking as he became the first person born in new millennium to wear Wallabies kit.

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