WORDLY WISE

TO BE LEFT ALONE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS THING ONE CAN ASK OF THE MODERN WORLD.

— ANTHONY BURGESS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

GOOD GOING

But with Dhaka something's missing: Economic policy making in Delhi needs to be more sensitive to the regional dimension

RIME MINISTER SHEIKH Hasina's visit to Delhi over the weekend highlights the deepening bilateral relationship with Dhaka and also its important structural consequence — growing interdependence with Bangladesh. India's foreign policy can claim great success for the former — relations with Bangladesh have never been as good as they are today. They are also the best when viewed in comparison with our other neighbours. But India's economic policy makers can be rather insensitive to the logic of interdependence. Hasina's visit saw agreements on expanding connectivity and transit, easing travel across the border, strengthening trade and investment ties, boosting development cooperation, putting the fledgling defence cooperation on a firmer basis and promoting regional cooperation. Even as Delhi celebrates the golden age in the relationship with Dhaka, however, it must heed some important warning signs.

That Hasina publicly complained, albeit in a light hearted manner, about the impact of India's recent move to ban onion exports on her kitchen, underlines the headaches in the neighbourhood that Delhi's economic decisions generate. Hasina was not objecting to the decision itself that has produced immediate onion shortages in Bangladesh. She was pointing to its sudden and unilateral nature. If Delhi had informed Dhaka in advance, Hasina said, her government could have made alternative arrangements for onion import. The problem goes deeper and reveals a lingering autarkic and anti-market orientation in Delhi's economic policy even as India's national strategy calls for regional integration. For example, governments in Delhi, both Congress and BJP-led ones, have long resisted export of cattle to Bangladesh where beef is a staple. In doing so, Delhi has created an incentive for cattlesmuggling across the border. Few in government had anticipated that the demonetisation of the Indian rupee at the end of 2016 might have consequences for Nepal and Bhutan that are so tied into the Indian economy. As India rises and integrates with Bangladesh, that is now one of the world's fastest growing economies, Delhi must get its economic bureaucrats to integrate the regional dimension into their national policy thinking.

Beyond onions, Hasina was also channeling growing anxiety in Bangladesh at India's implementation of the National Register of Citizens in Assam and the threats at the highest level about throwing foreigners (read Bengali Muslims) from the state. Given the deep political trust between PM Hasina and PM Narendra Modi, the problem appears to be under control. But the situation could easily get out of hand, become a major controversy in Dhaka's domestic politics, severely constraining Hasina's positive approach to India. The problem in Assam is part of the tragic legacy of the Subcontinent's partition in 1947 and the movement of people across the new frontiers in the east since then. As two strong leaders focused on problem-solving, Modi and Hasina must try and develop a long-term joint strategy that will facilitate national identification and generate a system of work-permits for legitimate movement of labour. Today's digital technologies offer solutions to difficult political problems that Delhi and Dhaka have inherited from the past. The markets demand it.

CROSSING THE LINE

For want of a multilateral regulator, the reach of European internet law now extends worldwide. It is deeply problematic

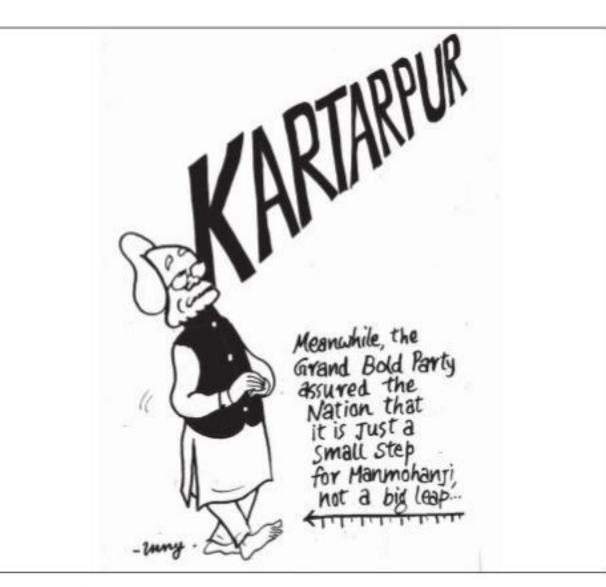
HE PAST OF the internet has caught up with its acrimonious present. The European Court of Justice has decreed that Facebook must comply globally with a takedown order issued by the national court of any of the 28 member-nations of the European Union. All because an Austrian politician was called a "corrupt oaf" online, and her national court agreed that it amounted to vilification. Europe sees itself at the cutting edge of internet regulation, and is impatient with America's inability or unwillingness to rein in the Silicon giants based on its soil. While Facebook is believed to have facilitated illegal intervention in politics in the US and UK, talk of breaking it up remains just that. But nothing can justify another nation or group of nations pinning on the badge of internet supercop. Such a projection of the laws of one country onto the world has not been seen since colonial times.

Concerns are being raised about the growing purview of European law online, but the ruling also sets a precedent for other nations, which are developing their own privacy and hate speech laws. Wait till a country like India, notoriously thin-skinned and a champion in filing takedown requests, starts wondering why Europe should have all the fun. Or consider a nation like Pakistan, where speech online is governed by blasphemy law. Imagine the consequences for the global conversation if local sensitivities were projected worldwide. Besides, as national laws clash, international disputes would be inevitable. The ruling of the European Court of Justice — which, incidentally, cannot be appealed — raises uncomfortable questions. It will only cause alarums, excursions and fulminations, and its only victim would be the freedom of speech.

The ruling has foregrounded a paradox that has been ignored for too long. The internet was originally spelled with a capital I, to indicate that it is a separate territory, abstracted from geography and its jurisdictions. But for decades, national laws have been applied domestically to digital communications, and issues are settled bilaterally between governments and courts on the one hand and providers or platforms on the other. Now, the European ruling against Facebook has crossed the line, projecting the laws of the bloc internationally. It calls attention to the need for regulation commonly agreed upon by nations, like the law of the high seas, and a multilateral mechanism or body to oversee regulation globally.

FREEZE FRAME

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Saffron side up

Ahead of assembly polls, BJP has rearranged

Maharashtra's political field to its own advantage



MAHARASHTRA HAS NEVER seen such an intricate weave in its politics before this election. It is unprecedented as the state's polity may prove traditional caste biases redundant. Historically, Maharashtra has been a Congress bastion. The Congress had always enjoyed strong support amongst the state's Marathas who account for over 31 per cent of the population. But the Marathas are not only significant for their size. The community is synonymous with both money and muscle power. Maharashtra's cooperative movement, which distinguishes it from other states, is almost entirely controlled by the Marathas. Control of these cooperatives — be it sugar factories, dairies or banks — was always the key to

But not anymore. Devendra Fadnavis's rise and rise has changed the landscape. Fadnavis is a Brahmin — the community is just about 3.5 per cent of the state's population: Brahmins in the pre-Mandal era dominated the bureaucracy, but when it came to political power, they were not even on the fringes. The state has had just two Brahmin chief ministers, Manohar Joshi and the incumbent Fadnavis. Before the Maharashtra state came into being on May 1, 1960, there was BG Kher, who was CM of Bombay State. To break the Congress's hold over the Marathas, the BJP slowly won over OBCs, estimated to be around 30 per cent of the population. With Brahmins and upper castes already on their side, the BJP soon became a formidable force.

Then followed the breakdown of the Maratha power structure. To achieve this, the BJP adopted a two-pronged strategy: The ever-dangling carrot of Maratha reservation and engineering of near-en masse defections of leaders from the community. Fadnavis executed both with surgical skill. He dropped the reservation carrot at a time when the state was witnessing widespread Maratha mobilisations. Fadnavis's move to give reservation - though the order is yet to be cleared by the Supreme Court — not only nipped political unrest in the bud, but it eventually triggered a large exodus of Marathas to the BJP. In recent times, the BJP has wiped out the Maratha leadership, barring a few who had some gumption left — like Sharad Pawar — to take

on the "resourceful" ruling party. Those who initially refused to buckle were forced to change their mind, thanks to various investigation agencies. Now, the state BJP houses many such regional Maratha satraps who it earlier accused of corruption. More than comic relief — even as these once-upon-atime "corrupt" appear on the BJP stage with saffron stoles — they offer a glimpse of an aggressive BJP. Elections will prove whether such moves

have been successful. They are unlikely to fail because the new-look BJP in Maharashtra has become a kind of conglomerate of winnable candidates, brought in from various parties. Though it will continue to serve the saffron juice, it will now have a dash of the Congress and NCP flavour.

Fadnavis has also skillfully — and completely – neutralised its troublesome ally, the Shiv Sena. In the saffron camp, the Sena dominated state politics as long as its founder, Balasaheb Thackeray, was around. Its marginalisation began with the Sena patriarch's demise, and today, it is a pale shadow of its former self.

Fadnavis kept the Sena at bay with the carrot-and-stick approach: The carrot of offering them "lucrative" posts, while the stick was the fear of breaking the party. It may sound strange, but today a large number of Sena MLAs owe their allegiance to Fadnavis, not to Uddhav Thackeray. Such was the Sena's plight that the BJP didn't even bother to show the courtesy of making a joint pre-poll announcement. Instead, it unilaterally announced its decision to contest 164 seats, leaving a mere 124 of the 288 seats to the Sena. The Sena, which demanded an equal number of seats initially, lost steam — it was compelled to accept whatever was left by the BJP. Between the two, the arrangement was that the Sena will play a bigger role in Maharashtra while the BJP will dominate parliamentary seats. That is history now, with the Sena conceding its space to the BJP. The election outcome may further marginalise the Sena. Though it is too early to predict, the upcoming election could permanently convert the Sena into the Bteam of the BJP.

On the opposite side of the fence, the

Congress looks completely rudderless and demoralised. Not that it doesn't have capable leaders. What's holding it back is a complete absence of strategy. Like at the national level, it has failed miserably in creating its own counter-narrative, which voters can find credible. It is also rattled by the brazenness with which the BJP engineered defections. It appeared, for a while, that every Congress leader was up for grabs. And, barring a few, they

Adding to the Congress's crisis is its dilemma vis-a-vis Sharad Pawar and his NCP. While the Congress's Delhi leadership views the Maratha strongman as its secular saviour, the party's Maharashtra unit refuses to buy in to this charitable view. The misgivings the state Congress has about Pawar continue to spoil the chances of Opposition unity. It's rather unfortunate for India's grand old party that the leader it loathed till a few years ago is now its only hope in Maharashtra. But Pawar's problem is that his outfit is also an organisation of regional chieftains, many of whom have either joined the BJP or are scared of it, and hence, are reluctant to fight. Many of them have skeletons in their closets. The party has also failed to make inroads in cities, especially Mumbai and Thane, which have as many as

The Maharashtra Navanirman Sena made a promising start but soon faded into oblivion due to part-time politics by its founder, Raj Thackeray. The younger Thackeray displayed leadership qualities, but lost momentum even before the party could bloom. His early love for Narendra Modi, that later turned to hatred, also cost his party dearly.

Thus, the political situation in Maharashtra has become a conundrum for the voters. Candidates the people voted for the last time are now in the party they didn't vote for. And, the party that voters may want to see ruling the state, is filled with candidates who were punished the last time for the party they represented. With defections reaching unprecedented heights, saner voters will find it difficult to decide the lesser evil. That's certainly not a happy situation for democracy.

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GANDHI, THE MINIMALIST

His critique of modernity shows millennials a more responsible consumption

IN GOOD FAITH SREEJITH SUGUNAN

AS A MILLENNIAL who completed his schooling in India during the decade sandwiched between the ongoing and previous millennia, my early memories of Gandhi are largely hagiographic. It is only recently that the Indian public sphere embraced the vocabulary of thinkers like BR Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh and V D Savarkar, who were critical of the Gandhian project. By the time we were born, non-violence had become a common-sense ethic embedded within our constitutional morality and liberal-democratic ethos. One didn't really need Gandhi to point out the importance of being non-violent.

Alongside this quintessentially postmodern political irreverence came a renewed scrutiny of Gandhi's attitude towards Dalits in India, the Zulus in South Africa and more recently, towards his grand-niece Manubehn. Gandhi's moral hygiene is under attack in India, and allegations of casteism, racism and misogyny continue to be levelled against him.

Does Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence have significance for the millennial and post-millennial generations whose understanding and experience of politics are vastly different from those addressed by Gandhi in colonial India? The issues we face today are different and global in nature, be it the climate crisis, inequality or issues of identity.

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Does Gandhi help us navigate these contemporary and urgent challenges? Yes, he does, but only if we start paying attention to the substantive aspects of Gandhi's critique of modernity. Minimalism or simple living is at the heart of Gandhi's idea of responsible living. Minimalism, as practised today, is focused on simplifying our life by implementing a philosophy of decluttering, whereby we remove distractions and reduce possessions that don't add value to our lives. And by doing this, we are able to focus better on our most important pursuits. The existential intentionality associated with this school of life makes it extremely empowering, especially at a time when our senses are constantly bombarded by attention grabbing algorithms and unending notifications. But the more important question remains: What values do we prioritise when it comes to intentional living?

Our answer has been to place freedom and happiness at the forefront of minimalism – freedom from "fear, worry, guilt, depression

and the trappings of the consumer culture". Gandhi also believed that minimalism led to freedom. But his minimalism differed, both in its form and substance. For Gandhi, minimalism was not a tool to find freedom. Minimalism was an end in itself and arose out of the ethical obligations to the "other", which included fellow humans, animals and nature. In this framework, freedom is achieved not in realising our best self but is implicit in those actions that recognise and respond to the other, especially the weak and the powerless. Unlike the liberal self who can afford to be indifferent to the other, or the conservative self who is outrightly antagonistic, the Gandhian self trusts the other, even the "enemy", and acts out of love.

Gandhi's minimalism thus traverses a complex ethical web. It calls for intentional living by being conscious and considerate of the diverse and varied relationships we maintain with our own surroundings. It is not the passion of the self that is at the forefront of this minimalism but our responsibility towards the other. It is in this vein that Gandhi asks us to be "trustees" of this planet, not its owner. He reminds us to use technology as a means to increase our moral fibre, not shareholder dividends. He shows us how to be responsible consumers, in what we eat, wear and use, by being conscious of the unintended consequences of our consumption practices. And most importantly, he wants us to be self-suf-

ficient or self-reliant as individuals. Because it is only when we are not dependent on exploitative economic and social arrangements that we can inspire ourselves and others to not cooperate with systems that don't fulfill ethical obligations. Gandhi's minimalism hopes to thus liberate the other, and in the process liberate one's own self.

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OCTOBER 7, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

TEXTILE STRIKE THE LONGEST EVER textile workers strike in Delhi has entered the 102nd day. Around 24,000 workers belonging to the capital's five mills have been on strike since June 27 on the call given by the Sangharsh Samiti comprising nine unions. During the agitation, over 700 workers have courted arrest, countless rallies have been organised, one "Delhi bandh" held, and another is scheduled for October 11. With elections around the corner, the political parties have belatedly begun to make sympathetic noises. Two governments – the Desai government fell about a month after the strike — have promised to help end the strike, but although the matter

has been referred to the Delhi labour tribunal, no immediate settlement is in sight.

SOVIET WITHDRAWAL SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID Brezhnev announced that the Soviet Union would withdraw up to 20,000 troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany. At the same time, Brezhnev warned the US and West Germany that the Warsaw Pact "would not watch indifferently the efforts of NATO militarists" to station medium-range nuclear rockets in Western Europe. Brezhnev said the decision to reduce Soviet forces was aimed at speeding up the six-year negotiations on East-West force reductions in Central Europe.

CONG-CPM ALLIANCE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE member, Chandrajit Yadav, held talks with the West Bengal CPM leaders on the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. Yadav came as a special emissary of the Congress President Devaraj Urs to gauge the CPM's attitudes towards the Congress and explore the possibility of an electoral alliance. Yadav said that the CPM leaders had agreed with him that the prime need now was to fight the twin evils of authoritarianism as represented by Indira Gandhi and that of communalism of the Jana Sangh-RSS type. Yadav described today's talks as "breaking of the ice" in the relations between the two parties.

THE IDEAS PAGE

A buffer called Saudi Arabia

Cooperation with the West Asian kingdom could shield India's oil and gas assets against Pakistani threat

levels within days. India did not suffer greatly

questions related to Middle East geopolitics.

Is the status quo sustainable? How might the

US react? Would they limit their response to

the non-violent options of sanctions and cy-

ber attacks? Or would they support a (covert

or overt) retaliatory attack on Iranian assets?

(The Kharg island facilities would be a pro-

portionate target). India has admitted it has

no clear answers to these questions. In fact, it

appears, no one does. US President Donald

Trump is talking of "maximum pressure" but

he has refrained from a military response. Iran

has said "no war, no negotiation" but it has

signalled that it may be amenable to the re-

on the state of the security of India's oil and

gas infrastructure. The Saudi assets were

ringed by sophisticated US Patriot anti-mis-

sile defence systems. Yet, 17 facilities in Abqaiq

and Khurais were hit by 25 low flying cruise

missiles. What does this say about the sanctity

of defence systems against the forces of

weaponised artificial intelligence. How vul-

nerable are our oil and gas assets on the west-

ern coast? Specifically, the Mumbai High oil

and gas fields, the Jamnagar refinery complex

and the LNG regassification terminals in Dahej,

Hazira, Dabhol and Cochin. What, if any, are

the steps that India should take to tighten se-

curity safeguards, given the heightened anti-

India rhetoric by Pakistan. And, perhaps most

important, what should it do to lengthen the

I suggest that India should encourage cross

and it depends hugely on the kingdom's

largesse to avoid economic collapse. Saudi

Arabia has consequently considerable lever-

age over Pakistan and the latter in turn cannot

afford to ignore Saudi economic interests

when war gaming an offensive strategy

It is in the context of this last question that

Pakistan is heavily in debt to Saudi Arabia

odds of an attack against such facilities?

country investments with Saudi Arabia.

The attack has also compelled reflection

The attack also compelled India to ask

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Boris Johnson calls it a compromise. But, once again, the Conservatives are talking only to themselves, not to Ireland and the EU." - THE GUARDIAN

Gandhi for the future

His vision of a liberal, non-violent society can save humanity from ecological and other disasters



I NEED GANDHI today for three reasons. First and foremost, I need him for self-development. The most important lesson that I have learned from him is how he was eternally vigilant about his self and went on correcting and developing his inner self. Ignorance and intellectual arrogance have made many reject him and as a result invite disaster in their personal lives. Honesty and integrity are at stake in personal and public life. The Western libertarian thesis promised that the virtue of civil society, if left to its own devices, would include good character, honesty, duty, selfsacrifice, honour, service, self-discipline, toleration, respect, justice, civility, fortitude, courage, integrity, diligence, patriotism, consideration for others, thrift and reverence. Unfortunately, gluttony, pride, selfishness, and greed have become prominent. It has permitted permissive behaviour and left the aberrant behaviour to be corrected by systemic checks loaded with ever new technologies.

Gandhi, too, was a strong votary of individual liberty. But he differed from Mill and Spencer. His concept of liberty for *vyakti* (individual) arose from the individual's responsibility for self-regulation. He practised and subscribed to 11 vows. Satya (truth), ahimsa (non-violence), brahmacharya (self-control), aparigraha (nonpossession), asteya (non-stealing), abhaya

(palate), shareer shram (bread-labour) were eight vows for self-regulation, and swadeshi (local), sprushya bhavna (reity)and sarva dharma sama bhava (tolerance or equal respect for all omy and bringing

has to be woven in education and prac-

TODAY

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The second reason I need Gandhi is to work toward peace among warring sections of humanity. Samashti or humanity as a whole is at war. Caste, race and religion are a political façade and a socio-cultural menace. Gandhi had sensed this in South Africa and came up with *ahimsa* or love force. It was not only a strategic alliance of Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Parsis, but of all castes and creeds that lived in South Africa and suffered the humiliation and violation of human rights. He earnestly wanted humanity to live together in peace and harmony. He was "Gandhi*bhai*" for all and he was fearless in facing any brute force. After his return to India in 1915, he could touch the hearts of all and identified himself with all. He carried them and led them to swaraj, although conceding that it would only be political freedom to begin with. His message reached the world humanity and

wars. As India reached political freedom, he was betrayed by leaders and not by people, and hunger for power and hatred speared him. He was down but not out. He walked alone in Noakhali to wipe tears and apply the love force which he had expressed in Hind Swaraj quoting Tulsidas: Of religion, pity, or love, is the root, as egotism of the body/Therefore, we should not abandon pity, so long as we are alive. Gandhi's faith in *daya* or love force was

so deep and he practised it with such passion that during the communal riots before and after Independence, then Governor General Lord Mountbatten famously said, "In Punjab, we have 55,000 soldiers, and large-scale rioting on our hands. In Bengal, our forces consist of one man, and there is no rioting."

Unfortunately, it is not only hatred that is back with a vengeance, it is deeply tempered by control over natural resources and concentration of economic power among communities and nation states. In our own country, newly defined nationalism has become hyper and is threatening to tear apart the finely woven sociocultural fabric of the country. It is not incidental that after struggling for more than 60 years, the UN declared in 2007 Gandhi's birthday as the day of non-violence. Humanity has to embrace all those who have been hurt intentionally or unintentionally and heal the injury with love.

The third reason I need Gandhi today is because his vision of non-violent society will save the humanity from ecological disaster that seems to be looming large. Our relation with *prakruti* (nature) has to significantly alter. Humanity in general has been optimistic and so it should be. But, a business as usual approach can, and has, landed the humanity in deep crisis. In recent times, however,

many of the crises are manmade. Gandhi had sensed it and voiced in 1909 in Hind Swaraj: "Let us first consider what state of things is described by the word 'civilisation'. Its true test lies in the fact that people living in it make bodily wel-

fare the object of life. He questioned whether big houses, many clothes, big cars, fancy food, globe destructing war ma-

terial and luxuriant indulgence and leisure, was modern civilisation. In the 1930s, he wrote that if India wanted to ape the British standard of living then, it would require resources equivalent of three earths. How prophetic! The market is not innocently responding to price signals. It is manipulating tastes and preferences in favour of a particular self-indulgent life style and converting them into

demand Gandhi talked about local first and global later. Swadeshi is promoting a decentralised economy that is mainly rural. Gandhi does not deny the relevance and use of technology for survival. But he called for political, social and individual behaviour to become self-aware and to

Gandhi offered to India and the world a wise and compassionate vision of harmony between vyakti, samashti and prakruti.

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VIEW FROM THE Neighbourhood

OVER THE BARREL

BY VIKRAM S MEHTA

TWO UNCONNECTED "developments" and

one "fact" lead me to suggest India should

deepen its economic linkages with Saudi

Arabia through interlocking cross country in-

vestments. The first development is the re-

cent attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil and gas in-

frastructure. The second is the muscular,

albeit irresponsible, anti Indian diatribe by

the Pakistani leadership. They have intro-

duced the nuclear option in their language.

The "fact" is the location of a substantial part

of our petroleum assets on or offshore our

Western coastline. In my view, when seen

through a common lens, these three matters

reveal a heightened security risk scenario for

India but also offer a non-military option for

mitigating the consequential outcome. Saudi

Arabian investments in India's petroleum in-

frastructure and vice versa lie at the core of

have been attacked repeatedly over the past

several months. On May 12, four oil tankers,

two of which belonged to Saudi Arabia were

damaged by limpet mines. On May 14, the East

West oil pipeline that runs for 1,200 km across

the Arabian peninsula was bombed. On

August 17, its super giant Shaybah oil field was

sabotaged. And on September 14, unmanned

drones destroyed the Abqaiq oil processing

facilities and the giant Khurais oil field. This

latter attack took out 5.7 mbd or 60 per cent of

Saudi Arabia's production of 9.8mbd. It was

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A weekly look at the public conversations shaping ideas beyond borders — in the Subcontinent. Curated by Aakash Joshi

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IN INDIA, THE growing and deepening ties between New Delhi and Dhaka are widely touted as an unmitigated diplomatic success. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India, then, assumes great significance. The view from our eastern neighbour, though, is not as rosy. Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury, writing in The Dhaka Tribune, remarks, "The renewal of the BJP government in Delhi for another term isn't something very pleasant for Bangladesh — uncertainty about the consequence of NRC in Assam, little Indian support on the Rohingya issue, persecution of Muslims in India, oppression of Kashmiris, and more."

After recounting some of the diplomatic highs between the two countries, Chowdhury implies that the relationship with Bangladesh is particularly significant for India: "Bangladesh's good relations with India and support for the latter have helped India ward off, to some extent, the notion that India is disliked in South Asia by its neighbours due to its big-brotherly behaviour. It is also important for Bangladesh to resume the already reasonably good tie with its big neighbour after the re-election of the incumbent and try resolving the other bilateral issue with the latter. The people of Bangladesh are generally a bit suspicious

about India, and give and takes with tangible benefits would actually help to mend this traditional doubt. Hence, the ongoing trip of Bangladeshi PM to India bears significance."

The key breakthrough now required is on the issue of sharing of the Teesta's waters: "The water sharing issue of more common rivers including Teesta has got bogged down in the conflict between Delhi and the West Bengal state government of populist Mamata Banerjee. On one hand, water sharing of international rivers is a subject of the centre, on the other Delhi keeps telling Bangladesh that it has to move in the spirit of federalism and take Kolkata on board before making a decision on water. Mamata, on the other hand, says she needs central compensation in terms of investment in water preservation before she agrees to release due share of Bangladesh's water. This has been going on for years now. It's time for Modi to act and solve the issue. There are options, and which one he takes is India's internal matter. There is no point dragging Bangladesh into India's internal spirit of the federalism debate."

OPTIMISM ON INDIA

The editorial in *The Dhaka Tribune* on October 4, though, is much more positive about India: "For Bangladesh, staying on the path to sustainable development involves

fostering a strong partnership with neighbouring India. In that regard, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been tireless in her efforts, and her current visit to India is an example of the sort of diplomacy required to ensure Bangladesh's position in the world, and to ensure that our citizens are provided for."

It also remarks on the significance of the concrete outcomes from the visit: "Most importantly, the main purpose of this visit is the signing of almost a dozen memorandums of understanding, covering a diverse range of issues such as youth and sports, ocean research, ICT, and the establishment of economic zones."

THE SEDITION ALBATROSS

The charge of sedition filed against 49 artists, intellectuals and other public figures due to their open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi appears to have ceded, in a limited sense, the democratic, liberal moral high-ground that India once enjoyed vis-avis Pakistan. The October 6 editorial in Dawn begins on an alarmist, rhetorical note: "India's descent into totalitarianism is acquiring chilling new dimensions by the day."

After remarking on the fact that the letter merely opposed the ideology and working of the ruling party and government, the editorial goes on to criticise the BJP government for what it perceives as its high-handed, anti-democratic behaviour: "Since it came to power at the centre five years ago, the BJP has embarked upon an organised and relentless campaign to not only quash dissent in the public discourse but to vilify such dissent as being 'unpatriotic'."

terial stake in this sector. One is the 40 billion

dollar joint venture refinery project in

Ratnagiri. The partners are Aramco, Abu

Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and

Indian Oil. This project is currently stalled be-

cause of land acquisition and environmental

clearance. And as matters stand, it could be

years before it sees the light of day. All par-

ties, however, remain committed. The sec-

ond is the investment by Saudi Aramco in

Reliance Industries. Mukesh Ambani has an-

nounced that Reliance and Aramco are in dis-

cussion about the acquisition of a 20 per cent

stake by Aramco in these businesses. The

commercial logic for Aramco is compelling.

It would secure a captive outlet for 5,00,000

barrels of crude oil a day and a foothold in

India's downstream market. For India (as dis-

tinct from Reliance), the strategic logic is com-

parably compelling. It would give Aramco a

posite direction that should also be consid-

ered. This relates to Saudi Aramco's planned

offering thorough an international public of-

fer (IPO) of up to 5 per cent of its shares to the

public. The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia,

Mohammed Bin Salman (MBS) is driving this

initiative. Its success is a matter of great per-

sonal importance to him especially since the

financing of his economic plan is centred

around the revenues raised through the IPO.

The IPO may get delayed because of the at-

tacks and the escalating tensions in the re-

gion, but when it is finally announced, India

should look at it through a financial and

strategic lens. The purchase of even a small

stake would please MBS and deepen his com-

mitment to prevent Pakistani adventurism.

country investments will provide an iron clad

guarantee. There can be no such assurance.

Pakistan's behaviour is now so influenced by

political emotions, domestic pressures and

jingoistic fervour that there is little room for

rational logic and dialogue. But as any student

of history will know, it does not take much

for irresponsible rhetoric to translate into vi-

olence. India should consequently pursue any

and all ideas that lengthen the odds of such an

The writer is chairman & senior fellow,

Brookings India

outcome. A "Saudi buffer" is one such idea.

No one should assume that such cross

There is a third initiative, albeit in the op-

material stake in the petroleum sector.

The editorial is symptomatic of a larger trend that can be spotted in the Pakistan print media – particularly in *Dawn* and *The Express Tribune*. Beginning with the reports of lynchings that became common after the BJP came to power in 2014, political developments in India have been used to discredit New Delhi's stance on bilateral and multilateral issues. This position relies on a logical leap — that the Indian state is a reflection of the politics of the government of the day. This is most visible currently, with the Kashmir issue.

The real nub of the argument in the editorial, though, comes at the end, when a comparison with the situation in Kashmir is drawn and the Indian media is criticised for being a "cheerleader of the government". The editorial ends on the following note: "This craven surrender (by the Indian media) was perhaps never better illustrated than when... Kashmir was stripped of its special autonomy two months ago. The triumphalism that coursed through the media landscape, with barely a murmur of dissent — above all, the total media blackout in the beleaguered territory — leaves no doubt that the world's biggest democracy is no longer worthy of that distinction."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GAME IS BIGGER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'For a free and fair game' (IE, October 4). There is no doubting the contributions of the likes of Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar. But they cannot be allowed to breach the conflict of interest clause. **Bal Govind,** Noida

FLOOD WARNING

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Writ in water' (IE, October 3). The revival of water bodies is the need of the hour. Improper drainage system is another reason for these fatal floods...

Aayush Sapra, *Ujjain*

EMERGENCY REDUX

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'PM speech not aired, DD official suspended' (IE, October 3). The suspension is reminiscent of a similar incident during the Emergency. A news reader of an All India Radio station in Madhya Pradesh was suspended because he did not prefix the word "mammoth" before the word "rally". This rally was addressed

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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by then PM Indira Gandhi. Harishankar Upadhyay, Thane

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prices which had shot up by 12 per cent in the tiatives on the anvil. If even one of them is immediate aftermath returned to pre-attack successful, Saudi Arabia would acquire a ma-

DHAKA WOES

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MITIGATING RISKS IN FARMING

Satellite imagery, artificial intelligence to improve farm yields in Maharashtra

The Maha Agri Tech project attempts to mitigate agricultural risks by using data anlytics to plug gaps

KAVITHA IYER

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

LAUNCHED IN January this year, the Maha Agri Tech project seeks to use technology to address various cultivation risks ranging from poor rains to pest attacks, accurately predict crop-wise and area-wise yield and eventually to use this data to inform policy decisions including pricing, warehousing and crop insurance. When farmers in six districts of Maharashtra begin sowing for the coming rabi season, this project will enter its second phase where artificial intelligence and satellite imagery will be used to mitigate risks. Fields of the farmers that are part of the project will be monitored via satellite images at every stage right until the harvest.

In its first phase the Maha Agri Tech project used satellite images and analysis from the Maharashtra Remote Sensing Application Centre (MRSAC) and the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) in Hyderabad to assess the acreage and the conditions of select crops in select talukas. In its second phase, various data sets from diverse data providers will be combined to build yield modelling and a geospatial database of soil nutrients, rainfall, moisture stress and other parameters to facilitate location-specific advisories to farmers.

Already, officials said, satellite imagery helped analyse the extent of crop destruction in parts of western Maharashtra after the floods this August. Once indicative crop yield prediction and accurate analysis of highly localised soil health/moisture conditions is possible using satellite imagery combined with artificial intelligence, policy decisions and advisories ranging from crop suitability, inventory, crop damage assessment and early season crop forecasts can be based on these. Working on the coming rabi season simultaneously are the MRSAC and the NRSC that have expertise in analysis of satellite imagery, as well as other agencies providing diverse kinds of data, such as Mahavedh (decentralised rainfall data from over 2,000 automated weather stations), Groundwater Survey Development Agency, CROPSAP (the agriculture department's 2011 project for crops and pest surveillance), etc.

Meanwhile, Cropin, a Bengaluru-based agri-tech firm that provides artificial intelligence and machine learning-based solutions in the agriculture sector, will conduct a pilot in six districts of Marathwada and Vidarbha

FROM STATES

REFORMS TRACKER

Quality education for

the marginalised

K Chandrasekhar Rao

The efforts of the Telangana Social

Welfare Residential Institutions

(TSWRIES) to provide quality educa-

tion to students belonging to the mar-

ginalised sections of the society has

received a huge boost as the Harvard

Graduate School of Education, a unit

of Harvard University, has decided to

use TSWRIES as a case study. R S

Praveen Kumar, secretary of

TSWREIS, thanked Chief Minister K

Chandrasekhar Rao for supporting the residential education initiative.

UTTARAKHAND

digital degrees

Students to receive

Last week, the state's higher education minister, Dhan Singh Rawat, announced that henceforth college stu-

dents will receive digital versions of

their degrees as soon as the results are

declared. The move is aimed at ensur-

ing that students' prospects are not

affected by the delay in getting the ac-

tual physical copy of the degree. The

minister announced that the govern-

ment is working on an app that will

After being the first state in the coun-

try that announced a dedicated pol-

icy for electric vehicles, the Karnataka

government is now reportedly work-

ing on a move wherein all govern-

ment cars will be replaced with elec-

tric vehicles. The first pilot to this

effect will start in Karnataka vehicles

enable them to get a digital degree.

KARNATAKA

Govt to switch to

electric vehicles

TELANGANA



Terrace rice fields at Koynanagar, Maharashtra, India. Getty Images

How technology use helps farming

AGRICULTURE IN Maharashtra has remained highly vulnerable to the changes in weather patterns. A big reason for this weakness is that a very low percentage of the farmland is covered by canal irrigation systems. The use of satellite images, drones, and machine learning can plug some of the productivity gaps by enabling both farmers and policymakers to plan better

possible to generate regional or taluka-specific or village-specific advisories too. Using algorithms to study vegetation or moisture and other indices periodically, water budget-

ing models can also be built in the next stage. Senior officials said the Maha Agri Tech pilot studies are key for long-term risk mitigation in agriculture in Maharashtra, which has remained highly vulnerable to changes in weather patterns on account of a very low percentage of farmland being covered by canal irrigation systems.

"The concept is to tie up with various agencies to build a single digital platform for farmers and the government," said state Agriculture Commissioner Suhas Diwase. He said a GIS-based platform using algorithms and data analytics based on the satellite imagery will help monitor farmland during drought-like conditions too. "Phase One of Maha Agri Tech is done. In Phase Two, we are expanding the scope and also validating ground truths to verify data."

Future modules will assess market conditions including commodity-wise demandsupply analysis, location of warehousing facilities and also location-specific fertiliser or other input requirements. Other government schemes including soil health cards, ground water analysis, watershed planning, etc may also be integrated with the digital system.



'For addressing

malnutrition, we

the village level'

that the study findings have highlighted

where efforts need to be intensified.

various policy initiatives but the

prevalence of stunting, wasting and

underweight remains high. Why?

India has been trying to address child

malnutrition for many decades through

As the paper shows, rates of decline have

been very slow. It also shows the differences

between states, and highlights that undernu-

trition still risk factor for deaths of children

under five years. Reason for slow decline is

multi factorial – stunting and low birth

weight are not just related to intake of food

and nutrients – but it is related to a number of

causes, for example, enteric infections, which

are linked to water and sanitation. So, one

cannot solve the problem of stunting only by

increasing access to nutritious food, but need

to address issues like better housing, clean

water and sanitation. Stunting is an inter-gen-

erational problem and growth retardation

starts from the time the baby is in the womb.

So if you have a malnourished mother then you will have a low birth weight child which

With Poshan Abhiyan, the Centre plans

to take message of nutrition to remote

parts of the country. Is this sustainable?

done through existing channels like the de-

partments of Women and Child

Development, Education and Health. The is-

sue is we need to have an integrated health

and nutrition program. The nutrition pro-

gramme run by Anganwadis under the WCD

and school meal programme run by the edu-

cation department while care of mother and

child is done by health department. There

needs to be a good collaboration and coordi-

nation between the WCD ministry which has

data on nutritional parameters of children

and the health ministry which sees the child

when he/she is not well or during immuni-

I think it is and can be sustainable as it is

is likely to be grow up stunted.

need to go down to

THE **POLICY INTERVIEW** DR SOUMYA SWAMINATHAN Chief scientist, World Health Organization

sation schedule time. It is important to share data and have a joint analysis and action plan.

The World Health Organization had recommended ways that countries can use digital health technology accessible via mobile phones, tablets and computers to improve people's health. How will this work for nutrition?

India is in a good position because it has a high penetration of mobile phones. ASHAs, ANMs and Anganwadi workers usually have mobile phones and so it is a question of creating a simple system of data entry and do away with paper data entry – go digital. That is as far as collecting data goes. But what is really critical is to use and share and analyse data in order to have to have local impact, Presently, the data flow is one way – from district, state to national level – but it is rare for grassroots workers to get feedback. The ASHA worker should get feedback on the children in her village and the anganwadi worker should get feedback on babies she has looked after... At the district level it will help as officials can look at hotspots and identify villages which have a higher proportion of undernourished women and children - and then interventions could be targeted. Data has to be used smartly and used to inform local action not only to do monitoring at macro level. Talking of national or state level statistics is one thing but we need to go down to village and taluk level as there is such a variability between districts and states in the burden of malnutrition and its risk factors. That's how progress can be made.

Full interview on indian express.com

FROM FARMS TO SKIES: HOW AI CAN BOOST AGRI PRODUCTIVITY

- Information is collected from the farms by drones or satellites and then analysed.
- A simple satellite image or drone photograph can correlate to millions of data points.
- Using algorithms and machine learning, these data points help farmers in selecting crops and timing

where their AI and machine-learning based platform will first create an inventory of farmers, their farm and crops sown during the coming rabi season. They will use geofencing to identify perimeters of individual farmers' holdings, which means individual farm-specific data will be collected and analysed. In the 2020 kharif season, the digital platform will be able to provide intelligence in the form of advisories regarding farm-specific crop

Cropin, which has been in the agri tech industry for nine years, says it has worked with close to 2.1 million farmers across 46 countries and 5.5 million hectares of farm land,

the application of insecticide, fertiliser, etc.

- Aggregated on a wider scale, this data can inform policymakers to finalise procurement and warehousing requirements etc.
- Over time, analysis of this data can improve India's farm-related policies like MGNREGA etc.

yields, anticipated risks, etc.

analysing 3,500 varieties of 365 crops, all this

experience accumulating trillions of datasets that the company uses to inform its artificial intelligence and machine learning platforms. "Using these datasets, we can begin to tell you the health of the crop and likely yield, through various indices we have developed," said Jitesh Shah, Cropin's Chief Revenue Officer. Based on different leaf signatures, a crop is identified. Other indices that Cropin has developed include chlorophyll index, evapotranspiration index, etc. Combined with information such as the time of the year, weather, moisture stress, etc, it is possible to develop farm-specific intelligence on acreage, health and yield. Then, agglomerating data from individual geofenced farms, it will be

A mobile app that helps govt doctors, nurses to monitor the health of pregnant women

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 6

WHEN THIRTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD Rina Rothad, a resident of Rudraprayag district, conceived her second baby this year, she was identified as a high-risk pregnancy because her blood pressure and blood haemoglobin levels were below normal. But unlike the past, Rina found that the local Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM or a village-level health care worker) examined her after every 15 days and provided her with necessary medicines such as Folic Acid and multivitamin tablets. In fact, Rina's health was also monitored by the District Magistrate and the Chief Medical Officer. All this was possible because of a new android-based mobile application — called "Mother Awakening Application" or MAA for short — that was launched in the district. The

healthy conditions. According to Rina, when one week was

idea was to ensure that women with high-risk

pregnancies deliver their babies in normal and



The 'Prityasha' ward for high-risk pregnant women. Express

left for her expected date of delivery local ANM started contacting her over the phone every day to inquire about her health. "I had no labour pain. But on August 30 there was some complication that led to bleeding. I contacted to ANM who suggested that I reached the medical college," said Rina. Eventually, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy but the difference in her two pregnancies was that

her health and wellbeing were regularly monitored by the ANM worker and other senior officials.

A high-risk pregnancy is one that threatens the health or life of the mother or her fetus. It often requires specialised care from specially trained providers. The administration has opened a six-bed "Prityasha" (meaning hope) ward, which provides free of cost specialised care to such pregnant women who face high risks.

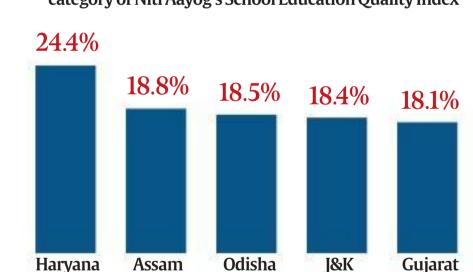
Rina is among 146 women in Rudraprayag who were identified with high-risk pregnancy in the past four months and all of them delivered safely. This is unlike the past when pregnant women had no such monitoring and often suffered unfortunate complications

at the time of delivery. This change in the hill district has occurred essentially because of the MAA app. Given the change it has brought about in Rudraprayag, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has directed other districts to take up such initiatives across the state and promote safe and institutional delivery.

IN NUMBERS

FIVE STATES THAT IMPROVED THE MOST ON 'GOVERNANCE PROCESSES AIDING OUTCOMES'

*category of Niti Aayog's School Education Quality Index



*This category accounts for about 58 per cent of the incremental score; it includes indicators related to school leadership, financial discipline, teacher availability etc.

Source: Niti Aayog

ASSAM/ HEALTH CARE REFORMS

Free medicines scheme for tea garden workers launched

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 6

THE ASSAM government has launched, on September 24, a scheme for providing medicines, including 142 essential drugs free of cost to the hospitals in the state's tea gardens. The move comes just weeks after the health care facilities in the tea gardens grabbed national headlines when a 73year-old doctor was lynched following the death of a worker in Teok tea garden of Jorhat district on August 31.

The Free Drugs Scheme for 651 tea garden hospitals in the state will entail provisioning of 142 essential drugs, 47 surgical items, 45 consumables/linens and 6 numbers of disinfectants free of cost to the hospitals. An amount of Rs 20 crore would be spent every year for the scheme, officials

A press statement from Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal's office said "reducing the burden of out of pocket expenditure of tea garden population and making



Workers at a tea garden in Golaghat district of Assam. Abhishek Saha

quality drugs accessible to them" are the main reasons for introducing the free medicine scheme.

The latest scheme is in continuation to the already existing health schemes such as

the 80 Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) service in 442 tea gardens and a wage compensation of Rs 12,000 (in four instalments) to each pregnant woman working in tea gardens. In his budget speech earlier this year,

Sarma had also announced that from the next financial year, rice, currently provided at Rs 3 per kg under the National Food Security Act, would be provided free to the 4 lakh tea garden families. Sarma also promised to provide 2 kg sugar per tea garden family per month free of cost in an attempt to counter the practice of consuming salt with tea — started in the colonial era to battle dehydration in workers — which has led to health problems like hypertension and heart attacks.

There are over 800 registered tea estates in the state. Tea garden workers were brought by the British from states like Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal after 1860. Even today the community suffers from economic backwardness, poor health conditions and low literacy rate.

Tea industry groups are lobbying for garden hospitals to be taken over under by state government. Industry insiders say that the main reason for urging the government to take over running of the garden hospitals is to reduce the costs and overcome the unavailability of doctors willing to take up jobs in the gardens. They add that tea industry is in a financial crisis due to overproduction and price stagnation. As per The Plantations Labour Act 1951 and the Assam Plantations Labour Rules, 1956, a health care service in a tea garden is the responsibility of the garden's management.

Workers' unions say that the free drug scheme is a welcome step in times when medical services in garden hospitals suffer due to multiple causes. "The scheme will definitely benefit the workers. By law it is the management's responsibility but if the government is helping, it's well and good," said GS Barhoi, the Golaghat district secretary of the Assam Chah Mazdoor Sangha (ACMS), the largest trade union organisation in tea gardens of Assam.

Speaking at the launch Sarma stressed on "setting up more educational institutes like schools and colleges in the tea garden areas for spreading education and awareness". He also talked about the "need to employ more doctors in tea garden hospitals to adequately handle patient loads".

being used in the national capital.

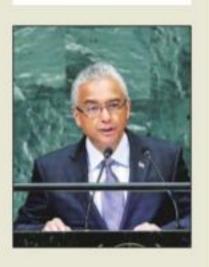
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BOLIVIA 70-YR-OLD CYCLIST CONQUERS 'DEATH ROAD'

Mirtha Munoz, a 70-year-old Bolivian grandmother, became the oldest person ever to complete the 60-km Skyrace, an extreme bike racing competition that goes through 'Death Road', known as one of the world's most dangerous roads. The path spirals skyward nearly 11,000 feet, and has likely claimed thousands of lives.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Mauritius PM

MAURITIUS PM dissolves Parliament, calls election

Port Louis: Mauritius **Prime Minister Pravind** Kumar Jugnauth dissolved parliament on Sunday and said the Indian Ocean island would hold a general election on November 7. The country, a popular tourist destination and one of Africa's most stable nations, holds elections every five years, with the last one in 2014. By law, the country has between 30 and 150 days to organise elections after the prime minister dissolves parliament. "I have advised the president of the republic to dissolve Parliament and to issue the writ for general elections," he said.

9 shot, 4 killed in shooting at Kansas bar

Kansas City: Authorities say a gunman entered a Kansas City, Kansas, bar and shot nine people, fatally wounding four. KSHB-TV reports that officers were called Sunday at 1.30 am (local time) to the Tequila KC Bar for a shooting. Police said someone entered the bar and opened fire. Four people were shot dead inside the bar. Five others were taken to a hospital in stable condition for treatment. No one has been arrested in the shooting. Authorities do not know if there is more than one shooter. The motive for the shooting is

IRAQ PM pledges reforms to calm angry protests

also unknown.

Baghdad: Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi's cabinet issued a series of reforms early Sunday after an "extraordinary" session overnight in response to sweeping anti-government rallies that have left nearly 100 dead. In response to staggering youth unemployment, which has reached around 25 percent according to the World Bank, the government said it would create large market complexes and boost benefits for those without work.

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY HEATS UP

2nd whistleblower has firsthand info on Trump-Ukraine call: lawyer

ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6

A LAWYER for the whistleblower whose complaint set off an impeachment inquiry of US President Donald Trump said Sunday that the same legal team was now representing a second whistleblower, an intelligence official with firsthand knowledge of the president's interactions with Ukraine.

The new whistleblower "made a protected disclosure under the law and cannot be retaliated against," Mark Zaid, one of the lawyers, said on Twitter.

Zaid confirmed an ABC News report which said the new whistleblower had been interviewed by the intelligence community's inspector general's of-



Democrats accuse Trump of using the powers of his office to pressure the Ukrainian President in a phone call to investigate political rival Joe Biden and his son Hunter. AP

fice, but had not yet communicated with any congressional committees.

Another member of the legal team confirmed on Twitter that the firm was representing "multiple whistleblowers." It is not clear if the new

whistleblower will file a formal complaint. Zaid said his client's act of coming forward to the inspector general had secured whistleblower protections.

The first whistleblower, a CIA officer who was detailed to the National Security Council, filed a complaint in August outlining how Trump used his power to push Ukraine to investigate his domestic political rivals, setting off an impeachment inquiry. Trump has tried to undermine the credibility of the first whistleblower by saying that the individual was trading on secondhand information.

"The first so-called second information hand 'Whistleblower' got my phone conversation almost completely wrong, so now word is they are going to the bench and another 'Whistleblower' is coming in from the Deep State, also with second hand info," Trump wrote on Twitter on Saturday. NYT

EXPLAINED Blow to Trump's 'hearsay' defence

TRUMP AND allies have repeatedly categorised the first whistleblower's complaint as hearsay, saying the official had only second or thirdhand information regarding the call to the Ukrainian President. But the existence of a second whistleblower with firsthand information would seriously dent such a defence and further encourage Democrats who are carrying out an impeachment inquiry.

US delegation visits PoK, meets leaders

Pak says Congressional delegation to assess post-August 5 situation in PoK

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 6

A US Congressional delegation visited Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on Sunday to assess the situation there after India revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, according to Pakistan's Foreign Office.

The delegation comprised Senators Chris Van Hollen and Maggie Hassan as well as Ambassador Paul Jones, who is the Charge d'Affaires at the US embassy in Pakistan. They visited Muzaffarabad, the capital of PoK. The delegation also met

PoK's leaders Sardar Masood Khan and Raja Faroog Haider. Khan and Haider asked the US

Senators to press India to resolve the Jammu and Kashmir issue in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions.

India has been maintaining that the Kashmir issue is a bilat-

eral matter between India and Pakistan and there is no scope for third-party mediation.

The visit came after Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Oureshi on Saturday urged Hollen to visit both sides of Kashmir and see the situation on the ground.

Meanwhile, thousands of people from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir were stopped on Sunday from marching towards the Line of Control to protest the August 5 abrogation of Article 370 of India's Constitution, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan had warned the protesters on Saturday not to cross the LoC.

The march had started from Muzaffarabad, and they were moving on the Muzaffarabad-Srinagar Highway. But authorities blocked the road by putting containers and barbed wires at Jiskool, which is nearly eight kilometres from the LoC. PTI

Nepal ex-Speaker

harassment case

held in sexual

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 6

K B MAHARA, a senior leader of

the ruling Nepal Communist

Party (NCP), who resigned re-

cently as Speaker of Parliament

was arrested on Sunday in con-

nection with a sexual harass-

the official residence of the

Speaker, which he had not yet va-

cated after resigning from the post following allegations that he

attempted to rape an employee

of the parliamentary secretariat.

lodged a complaint with the po-

lice on Saturday.

The woman had formally

Mahara is a former deputy

prime minister and one of the

most influential politicians from

the erstwhile Maoist Party, which

He has held important min-

istries such as finance, foreign

affairs, and peace and recon-

struction in the past 13 years af-

ter the Maoists gave up insur-

gency and joined the

detailed interview to an online

news portal alleging that Mahara

had attempted to rape her at her

residence, the ruling party de-

cided he should resign as

Speaker and as MP. Mahara

however, has not yet resigned as

high-security Singha Durbar po-

He has been lodged in the

a member of Parliament.

After the complainant gave a

democratic process in 2006.

is now part of the ruling NCP.

Police arrested Mahara from

ment case.

North Korea breaks off nuclear talks with US in Sweden

Says US holding on to 'old viewpoint'

JOHAN AHLANDER & PHILIP O'CONNOR STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 6

WORKING-LEVEL NUCLEAR talks in Sweden between officials from Pvongvang and Washington have broken off, North Korea's top negotiator said late on Saturday, dashing prospects for an end to months of stalemate.

The talks, at an isolated conference centre on the outskirts of Stockholm, were the first such formal discussion since US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met in June and agreed to restart negotiations that stalled after a failed summit in Vietnam in February.

The North's chief nuclear negotiator, Kim Myong Gil, who spent much of the day in talks with an American delegation, cast the blame on what he portrayed as US inflexibility, saying the other side's negotiators would not "give up their old viewpoint and attitude."

"The negotiations have not fulfilled our expectation and finally broke off," Kim told reporters outside the North Korean embassy, speaking through an interpreter.

The US State Department said Kim's comments did not reflect "the content or spirit" of more than 8-1/2 hours of talks, and Washington had accepted Sweden's invitation to return for

The US raised expectations by offering suggestions like a flexible approach, new method and creative solutions, but they have disappointed us greatly and dampened our enthusiasm for negotiation by bringing nothing to the negotiation table."

NORTH KOREA'S CHIEF NUCLEAR **NEGOTIATOR**

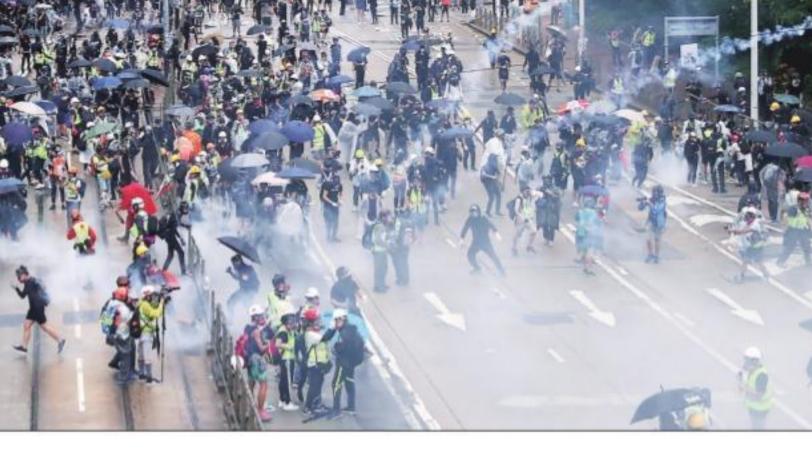
- KIM MYONG GIL.

more discussions with Pyongyang in two weeks.

"The US brought creative ideas and had good discussions with its DPRK counterparts," spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said in a statement. North Korea is also known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Kim downplayed the US gestures. "The US raised expectations by offering suggestions like a flexible approach, new method and creative solutions, but they have disappointed us greatly and dampened our enthusiasm for negotiation by bringing nothing to the negotiation table," he said.

The Swedish foreign office declined to give details on the invitation for new talks, or whether Pyongyang accepted. **REUTERS**



Anti-government protesters in Hong Kong on Sunday. Reuters

Petrol bombs and teargas rock Hong Kong, scores arrested for defying mask ban

DONNY KWOK & POPPY MCPHERSON HONG KONG, OCTOBER 6

HONG KONG police and protesters clashed on Sunday as tens of thousands marched through the central city wearing face masks in defiance of colonial-era emergency powers which threaten them with a year in prison for hiding their faces.

Police fired teargas and baton charged protesters in several locations, while some protesters threw bricks and petrol bombs at police, as night began to fall.

In the first arrests under the new emergency laws, police detained protesters, tied their wrists with cable and unmasked their faces

In the first arrests under the new emergency laws, police detained scores of protesters, tied their wrists with cable and unmasked their faces before placing them on buses. Others lay in foetal positions on the ground, their wrists tied behind their backs, after being subdued with

pepper spray and batons. "The anti-mask law just fuels

our anger and more will people

come on to the street," Lee, a uni-

versity student wearing a blue

mask, said on Sunday, as he marched on Hong Kong island. "We are not afraid of the new law, we will continue fighting. We will fight for righteousness. I put on the mask to tell the government that I'm not afraid of tyranny."

Authorities had braced for

two major protests on Sunday, fearing a recurrence of Friday's violent protests which saw the city virtually shut down the next day.

Only hours after Hong Kong's embattled leader Carrie Lam invoked emergency powers, masked protesters took to the streets Friday, setting subway stations on fire, smashing Chinese banks and clashing with police.

The rallies on Sunday on Hong Kong island and across the harbour in Kowloon had been largely peaceful until police began to try and disperse the crowds, saying they were participating in unlawful assemblies. **REUTERS**

lice station in Kathmandu where he is being interrogated.

Sirisena not running for Lanka presidency

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, OCTOBER 6

President LANKAN Maithripala Sirisena on Sunday ruled out contesting the presidential elections for a second term as he did not make a deposit to contest the November 16 polls.

The deadline to make the deposits ended at 12 noon on



Sunday and Sirisena was not among the 41 candidates who had paid deposits in order to hand over nominations on Monday.

A record 41 candidates representing different political parties and independent groups have placed cash deposits for the election. This is the largest number of presidential candidates who have deposited money in history, officials said.

Additionally, the election will be the first since 1982 when the incumbent President, Prime Minister or opposition leader would not be a candidate.

Sirisena, PM Ranil Wickremesinghe and main opposition leader Mahinda Rajapaksa are not in the fray for different reasons.

Sirisena, who held talks with Rajapaksa Saturday night, has decided to support the candidature of Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, who will be the main opposition challenger pitted against the ruling party candidate Saiith Premadasa.

Qandeel Baloch's brother held with Interpol help in Pak, say police

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LAHORE, OCTOBER 6

PAKISTANI SOCIAL media celebrity Qandeel Baloch's absconding brother, who was an accused in her murder, has been arrested with the help of Interpol and handed over to police in Punjab province, police said.

Fouzia Azeem, better known as Qandeel Baloch, was strangled to death at her home in Multan in the Punjab province on July 15, 2016, in a murder that sent shockwaves across Pakistan, triggering an outpouring of grief on social media and igniting fierce debate over the prevalence of "honour killings" of women.

Multan police on Saturday arrested Baloch's absconding brother Mohammad Arif with the help of Interpol and handed him over to Muzaffarabad police station in Multan, senior police officer Mahar Bashir Hiraj told Dawn newspaper.

Arif had been declared an absconder in the murder case. His arrest comes after a Pakistani court on September 27 sentenced another one of Baloch's brothers, Muhammad Wasim, to life imprisonment for

COUNTRY SEEKS TO BOOST TOURISM IN BID TO DIVERSIFY OIL-RELIANT ECONOMY

North Korean negotiator Kim Miyong Gil reads a statement

outside the North Korean Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. AP

Saudis allow women to take hotel rooms without a guardian

ASSOCIATED PRESS DUBAI, OCTOBER 6

SAUDI ARABIA has lifted some restrictions on women traveling in the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom, its tourism authority said Sunday, with new guidelines allowing women to rent hotel rooms without a male guardian's presence, and foreign men and women to share a room without proof of marriage.

The easing of stringent regulations governing social interactions comes after Riyadh launched its first tourist visa scheme, as part of efforts to open up the country to foreign

visitors and diversify its oil-reliant economy.

The Saudi Commission for Tourism & National Heritage posted the new requirements on Twitter Sunday, confirming a Friday report by the Saudi daily Okaz.

The commission said women will be allowed to rent hotel rooms with proof of identity — an ID card for Saudi women, residency card for foreign residents living in the kingdom or passport for tourists.

The same would be required of foreign couples, without the need for them to present a marriage certificate. Previously women needed permission



Foreign men and women are also allowed now to share a room without proof of marriage. AP

from a male guardian to rent a hotel room.

Women will also be allowed to rent hotel rooms without any form of identification if they have a male guardian present who does have proof of identity, it said.

The move comes amid deep reforms over the past year by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman which has lifted a ban on movie theatres in the kingdom and the world's only ban on women driving.

Critics note there are limits to the reforms, and point to last year's killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and the reported torture of several detained women's rights activists. Saudi announced the new

tourist visa scheme last week, saying it was aiming to increase tourism to contribute up to 10 per cent of gross domestic product compared to 3 per cent currently. For the launch of its new visa, the country was highlighting five UNESCO World Heritage sites, contemporary art sites and natural sites including the Red Sea, desert and mountains.

Previously, visitor visas were issued only for specific reasons such as for Muslim religious pilgrimages, to visit family or for business.

The one-year, multiple-en-

of up to 90 days at a time and marks the first time the country is allowing foreigners to visit solely for the purpose of tourism. Citizens of 49 eligible countries can apply online or on arrival, while those from other countries will have to apply at their nearest Saudi embassy or consulate. As part of the drive to attract foreign visitors, the kingdom is

try visa scheme allows for stays

easing strict dress codes for tourist women, requiring shoulders and knees to be covered in public but not demanding they wear the full-body abaya, according to guidelines posted on its visa information website. AP

killing his sister.

OCT TRADING: FPIS PULL OUT ₹3K CR

New Delhi: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have offloaded equities worth around Rs 3,000 crore in just three trading sessions of October, amid fears of global recession. This follows a net investment of around Rs 7,850 crore by FPIs into equities in September. PTI

EXISTING RECALL GUIDELINES SO FAR USED 'MAINLY FOR BIOLOGICS'

New guidelines being planned for streamlining recall of medicines

PRABHARAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to draft new guidelines to ensure its drug regulators can effectively recall substandard medicines released in the market here — in a move expected to improve the quality of drugs consumed by patients in the country.

At present, there is little clarity on how effectively regulators are able to remove such products from the market after they are found to have quality issues.

While India already has guidelines to recall medicines found not to be meeting quality standards, they have so far been used "mainly for biologics," said a senior Health Ministry official on condition of anonymity.

The fresh guidelines are expected to be the first in India for medicines made from chemical ingredients, the official added. "When a batch is found to be NSQ, it has to be immediately recalled from the market, but there is no proper mechanism right now to give this information to the chemist shops," the person said.

Following recommendations of a sub-committee set up to look into the issue, the Drugs

BRIEFLY

New Delhi: Ahead of a pro-

posed move to fully privatise

state-owned fuel retailer

Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd

(BPCL), the government had

quietly repealed the legisla-

tion that had nationalised

the company, doing away

with the need to seek

Parliament nod before sell-

ing it off to private and for-

eign firms. The Repealing

and Amending Act of 2016

had annulled "187 obsolete

and redundant laws lying

unnecessarily on the Statue-

Book" including the Act of

1976 that had nationalised

erstwhile Burmah Shell.

"The Act has been repealed

and there is no need for a Parliament approval for

strategic sale of BPCL," a sen-

ior official said.

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NeAC today

New Delhi: Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman will on

Monday inaugurate income

tax department's national e-

assessment centre (NeAC).

which aims to avoid face-to-

face interaction between

taxpayers and officials.

Pace of GDP

expansion to

rise by Jan: Puri

New Delhi: The country's

economic growth has prob-

ably reached a "trough" and

the pace of gross domestic

product (GDP) expansion

will start rising by January

next year, HDFC Bank man-

aging director Aditya Puri

has said. **PTI**

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Way clear for

privatisation

of BPCL

EXPLAINED Transparent, effective enforcement vital

GUIDELINES ENSURING uniformity in action taken by central and state regulators might ensure a faster recall of batches of medicines flagged for quality issues. Mandating regulators to update the status of action taken on recalls publicly would also be a step forward, as there is currently no clarity on how effective the present guidelines to recall medicines are.

However, the government needs to ensure enforcement of the mechanism suggested by law so that it is effective and not just a suggestion for the regulators or industry to follow when quality issues are found with products.

Consultative Committee (DCC) in its last meeting decided to formulate these rules.

"Further, to protect the public from potential use of Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) drugs after its declaration, the committee recommended that CDSCO shall immediately publish such data/reports on its website for which the state and central drug control authorities shall inform such cases of NSQ to the CDSCO.. immediately after such declaration by the government analysts,"

state minutes of the meeting held on August 20. The CDSCO, or Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, is India's central and top drug regulatory body.

The DCC has also decided to ensure that state and central laboratories "immediately" inform the concerned drug control authorities of the NSQ drugs declared. "Further during the discussion in continuation to this point, it was also recommended to update the status of action taken (upto its logical conclusion as per

Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules) by the respective authorities on Not of Standard Quality drugs specially those identified under the National Drug Survey programme," it added. The Indian Express has viewed a copy of the minutes. The sub-committee that examined the matter had recommended measures to strengthen the country's drug recall system in a phased manner.

In the short term, an "immediately achievable goal" was to ensure "uniform implementation" of recall guidelines by the Centre and state. This could be done through means like appointing nodal officers in each region and constituting a "special committee" at the central level, according to the committee's suggestions. In the medium and long-term, the committee recommended measures such as developing a mobile application and an online portal to connect "all stakeholders".

India's drug regulations state that pharmaceutical firms manufacturing drugs found to be substandard are supposed to withdraw from sales of "all issues already made from that batch/unit." The CDSCO had, in 2017, also published guidelines on recalls and a "rapid alert system" for NSQ medicines in the country.

However, enforcement at present has been ineffective, according to experts.

In some instances, by the time the information reaches the shop floors, the batch is "already consumed" by patients, the official cited above said. "There are rules already available, but the issue is that we don't have a regulatory framework to enforce them," said Dinesh Thakur, a public health activist known as the whistleblower who highlighted data manipulation issues at Ranbaxy, once India's top drug maker.

"How do you know how much stock is available in the market? Because health is a state subject, CDSCO doesn't have a count on any of this," he said. "Even if you can account for all the units of all the batches, who is responsible for the chain of custody (ensuring that the recall is carried out)?"

"The government is talking about creating guidelines, but nobody follows guidelines. What we need is, in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the force of law to effect such recalls," Thakur said. He has raised this issue with the Health Ministry as well as filed a public interest litigation on this matter in 2016. The issue is currently a part of an ongoing case filed by him in Delhi High Court.

'With new, pro-investment tax regime, we're going to make a big case for India'

INTERVIEW WITH UNION MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS, IT & LAW

WITH THE Finance Ministry relaxing the corporate tax regime bringing it at par with some of the global destinations for electronics manufacturing, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is planning to make India's case overseas to attract global investor interest in production of electronic goods. Union Minister for Communications, IT and Law Ravi Shankar Prasad, in an interview with PRANAV MUKUL and ANIL SASI, said that his department is prioritising components manufacturing as well to ensure the entire value chain is present in India. He also spoke on issues including 5G trials, Huawei and stress in the telecom sector.

How is the Electronics Ministry trying to make the most of the corporate tax reduction?

Edited excerpts:

The new tax regime which we have brought about is the biggest reform since the early 90s. Close to 15-17 per cent for a new company and 25 per cent plus for existing company. Minimum alternate tax has been reduced, CSR can be invested for R&D. India's tax regime is now comparable to the best in the world as far as investment is concerned. So, we hope large investment will come in India and I'm in particular pushing the case of electronics manufacturing. As you all know, India has a very good track record as far as mobile manufacturing is concerned. Now, even PCBs are being made in India. We are hearing encouraging stories from Apple also, and for me, the happiest moment would be to see on my Apple phone "Designed by Apple in California, Assembled in China", where China is replaced by India. Samsung has

Are there any specifics that the Ministry is working out to attract further investment in

also withdrawn from China.

electronics manufacturing? There is immense potential and India has to offer a large market, good human resource, a very proactive leader globally and pro-investment policies. All the ecosystem is in place. Therefore, with new, very promising and pro-investment tax



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RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

regime in place, we're going to

make a big case for India. I have already instructed my department that components manufacturing should be given priority so that entire value chain is covered, including the possibility as to how some incentives can be accorded to the value chain. We are also looking to send our officers with some industrialists to showcase India in roadshows abroad. We are going to push electronics manufacturing in a big way.

But as far as mobile manufacturing is concerned, less than 20 per cent of the value chain is being sourced locally...

We will work out the details, but there should also be a window for global manufacturers. You must understand that our electronics manufacturing was \$29 billion in 2014-15, and it grew to \$70 billion in 2018-19. Most importantly, India's share in global manufacturing grew from 1.3 per cent in 2012 to 3 per cent in 2018, which is a big jump.

There was an expectation of a trade deal between India and the US, but it doesn't seem to have worked out...

Piyush Goyal, our Commerce

Minister, is in discussion and it should work out. India-US relationship and President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's relationship is at a new high. I will not go into specifics but it will work out.

There was a specific demand from the US on reduction of import duty on some mobile phone categories, which we haven't done. Was that one of the reasons the deal wasn't finalised?

I will not comment on specifics. When something is part of negotiations, I will not comment unnecessarily.

One of the realisations that India had from the Huawei episode was that we needed more localisation as far as telecom equipment is concerned. What are your plans towards that?

I already instructed my department that India should become a big centre of telecom equipment manufacturing. Chinese companies are there but other companies are also there. I don't want to see everything from a China focus. I have to make India the big centre because India is a huge market.

Is there any update on whether Huawei is being allowed for 5G trials?

Things are in progress, security concerns are being worked out, but I will not like to make any comment. It is a process and the consultations are on.

You had said while taking charge as Telecom Minister that India will conduct 5G trials within 100 days, but it hasn't happened so far...

All the players are trying their best to do the trial. The whole point is that whenever I talk of 5G, it gets engrossed in Huawei. That's not a fair way to look at it.

What are you doing to mitigate the stress in the telecom sector?

I have already conveyed it to the Finance Minister. We understand the telecom sector is important. We are in dialogue with them. But they also have to become professional

Homebuyers wrote to PM about stuck projects, weeks before HDIL fraud surfaced

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. OCTOBER 6

THREE WEEKS before the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank fraud surfaced, a group of homebuyers of the scam-hit realty developer HDIL had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to resolve their distress.

The Whispering Towers Flat Owners Welfare Association – representing over 450 home-buyers of the HDIL project in suburban Mulund, Mumbai – have in a letter dated September 1, to the Prime Minister said they are seeking his intervention as a last resort. Now, with the realtor's pro-

moters in jail in a cheating case re-

MOHAMEDTHAVER

WARYAM SINGH, the former

chairman of the Puniab and

Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC)

bank "was a bridge between the

bank officials and business ty-

coons" who carried out the scam,

the Mumbai Police told the court

arrested from Mahim on Saturday

evening in the Rs 4,355-crore

scam at the bank, was remanded

in police custody till October 9.

While the police claimed he was

the link between the accused, his

lawyers argued that he was not

aware about the day to day activ-

(EOW) of Mumbai Police, which

is investigating the case, men-

tioned in its remand that Singh

was also on the Board of Directors

The Economic Offences Wing

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of HDIL in the past.

Singh, the fourth person to be

while seeking custody of Singh.

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 6

lated to the scam at PMC Bank, the worries of the homebuvers have

According to the letter, over 450 families have paid around Rs 350 crore to HDIL, but the project has been stuck for the past nine years. Other HDIL projects like the Majestic Tower in Nahur and Paradise City in Palghar in Maharashtra are also stuck.

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

HDIL, which is now facing insolvency proceedings in the bankruptcy court NCLT, had taken Rs

between bank officials and HDIL'

'Waryam Singh acted as bridge

The Mumbai Police

EOW, which is probing

the case, mentioned in

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"Hence, he is the connecting

link who brought together the

other HDIL promoters Rakesh and

Sarang Wadhawan and former

PMC bank MD Joy Thomas. He

was known to be close to the

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have found during the interroga-

resenting Singh, said, "I argued be-

fore the court that Singh was not

part of the executive functioning

at the PMC Bank and was only on

tion of the other three accused.

Cops said they wanted to cor-

Advocate Vibhav Krishna, rep-

Wadhawans," an official said.

175 crore from Allahabad Bank, J&K Bank and Syndicate Bank for the project, the letter said. "Another Rs 525 crore was raised by the company for the project but we believe the money has been siphoned off as the project has been stuck for long," it said. "HDIL has done a blatant fraud

by not informing Allahabad Bank about the sale of flats to homebuyers and has also cheated the customers by not issuing them NOCs from the bank for taking home loans from various lenders," the letter further said.

On October 3, the Economic Offences Wing of the Mumbai Police arrested the promoters of HDIL, Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang Wadhawan, for their involvement in PMC Bank fraud.

the Board of Directors that has a

supervisory role and hence he

was not aware about what was

ready has several documents that

they need about the meetings and

hence Singh's custodial interroga-

tion was not required," he added.

After hearing the arguments, the

holiday court Magistrate re-

manded Singh to police custody

out searches at the residence of

Singh and identified demat ac-

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Rs 100 crore. The demat account

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tually arrested Singh Saturday

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they may be arrested in the case

A police official said that dur-

Wadhawans and Thomas.

Earlier, the police had carried

till October 9.

as well.

"The investigating agency al-

happening at the bank."

PMC Bank is under regulatory restrictions after the Reserve Bank of India found out financial irregularities in its functioning, hiding and classification of loans given to

"Based on our audit procedures and as per the information and explanations given by the management, the company has defaulted in repayment of loans and interest to banks and financial institutions," the auditors of HDIL said in the Annual Report.

"Unpaid overdue interest and principal to banks and financial institutions as of March 2019 is aggregated to Rs 1780.97 crore. The overdue relates to the financial Years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19," the Annual Report for FY19 said.

'India could miss RE target by 42% margin'

Faced by many a regulatory challenge, policy flip-flops and also a steep fall in tariffs, the country is likely to miss the renewable energy (RE) target of 175 giga watt (GW) by 2022 by a 42 per cent margin, says a report by Crisil

104 GW

India's projected RE capacity for 2022, only 40 GW higher than 64.4 GW capacity in 2019

26%

Percentage of the 64 GW of projects auctioned by the Centre and states that have received no or lukewarm bids

31%

Percentage of the 64 GW of projects that are facing delays in allocation after being tendered

projects in 2019 **CHALLENGES FACED BY**

awarded projects to tendered

Ratio of auctioned or

34

■ Growing incoherence actual action by implementation agencies

SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS between the policy thrust and pose big risks to the RE targets Andhra Pradesh alone owed Rs 2,600 crore to developers, part of which was due to ongoing tariff negotiation dispute and the resultant delays in payments. This could act as a deterrent for most developers

■ As of July, discoms in

and hybrid policy proposes an additional annual levy of Rs 2.5-5 lakh per MW on all projects that sell power to entities outside the state. This could be highly detrimental for growth of the sector

■ Rajasthan's new draft solar

CHALLENGES FACED BY WIND ENERGY PROJECTS

- Fall in viability after shift from fixed tariffs to competitive bids
- Rise in capital costs with original equipment manufacturers offering no discounts

PRICE CAP ON TARIFFS

Solar energy: Rs 2.65 in June 2019; down from Rs 2.93 in December 2018

■Wind energy: Rs 2.83 in May 2019; down from Rs 2.93 in **April 2018**

China's Sept forex reserves fall to \$3.092 trillion

HUIZHONG WU& HALLIEGU BEIJING, OCTOBER 6

CHINA'S FOREIGN exchange reserves fell more than expected in September, despite the yuan rebounding from its biggest monthly drop in 25 years in August amid a cooling domestic economy and rising Sino-US trade tensions. The country's foreign exchange reserves, the world's largest, fell \$14.8 billion in September to \$3.092 trillion, according to data from China's foreign exchange regulator Sunday.

'DUE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE RATES' ■ September's fall was due

to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and in the price of assets, said China's foreign exchange regulator

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foreign exchange regulator said in

a statement after the data release.

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Looking ahead, uncertainties

■ Reserves have rebounded from an October 2018 low thanks to capital controls & rising foreign investments in Chinese stocks and bonds

crease, with the global economy slowing, and trade protectionism and unilateralism on the rise, according to the same statement. Volatility in international financial markets will increase.

China has been able to keep capital outflows under control over the past year despite an es-

calating trade war with the United States and weakening economic growth at home.

Reserves have rebounded from an October 2018 low thanks to capital controls and rising foreign investments in Chinese stocks and bonds.

In September, the yuan rose 0.14 per cent against the dollar after posting its biggest monthly drop in 25 years in August.

The yuan has now depreciated about 11 per cent against the dollar since the two sides began exchanging tit-for-tat tariffs in April last year. The dollar rose 0.47 per cent in September against a basket of other major currencies.

China burned through \$1 trillion of reserves supporting the yuan in the last economic downturn in 2015, which also saw it devalue the currency in a surprise move. China's economic growth risks slipping below the lowerend of Beijing 2019 target of 6 per cent in the third quarter or over the next year, analysts warn, as the

Factory activity surveys in China pointed to slight improvement in September as domestic demand picked up, but analysts believe the gains will be shortlived as the property market cools and Sino-US trade tensions remain elevated. **REUTERS**

trade war with the US persists.

a 'turn for the worse'; but talks still on **BENKLAYMAN**

DETROIT, OCTOBER 6

TALKS FOR a new four-year labor contract between General Motors Co (GM) and its striking workers took a "turn for the worse" Sunday after the United Auto Workers (UAW) rejected the largest US automaker's latest offer but the two sides were still talking.

GM made an offer to the union that basically repeated one the UAW had previously rejected, Terry Dittes, the UAW vice president in charge of the GM depart-

ment, said in a letter to members. The union provided a copy of the letter to Reuters. "These negotiations have taken a turn for the worse," he said. "We, in this union, could not be more disappointed with General Motors," Dittes said. "The company has shown an unwillingness to fairly compensate ... the UAW."

Negotiations between UAW, GM take

Dittes said the UAW made an offer on Saturday to GM that covered wages, signing bonuses, job security, profit sharing and other issues. He said GM responded on Sunday morning with its counteroffer, which "did nothing to advance a whole host of issues." GM said in a statement that it was committed to negotiating

"around the clock" to reach a deal

"We continue to negotiate in

good faith with very good proposals that benefit employees today and build a stronger future for all of us," the company said in the statement. The GM strike began on September 16 with its 48,000 UAW members seeking higher pay, greater job security, a bigger share of the automaker's profit and protection of healthcare benefits. The sides have been meeting daily. **REUTERS**

had expected reserves would fall

Economists polled by Reuters

financial environment will in-

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BRITAIN'S NEW BREXIT PLAN

An offer they can refuse

The prime minister's long-awaited Brexit proposal seems unlikely to produce a deal. Yet another extension beckons



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, on October 2. Johnson says he will obey the law, but he also insists that Britain will leave the EU on October 31, whatever happens. AP

FOR WEEKS the European Union has complained that, even as the October 31st deadline for Britain to leave drew nearer, Boris Johnson's new government was failing to offer clear proposals to amend Theresa May's failed Brexit deal. All Mr Johnson would say was that the hated backstop, an arrangement to avert a hard border in Ireland by keeping the United Kingdom in a customs union, had to go. Last week, after a tub-thumping party conference speech in Manchester under the slogan "Get Brexit done", Mr Johnson at last put forward his plan. Yet despite his labelling it a "fair and reasonable compromise", it got a cool reception from the EU, which sees it as a breach of promises, not the basis for a new deal.

As expected, Mr Johnson's proposal would keep Northern Ireland under the EU's agri-food regulatory regime. He now wants to expand this to cover manufactured goods as well. But Great Britain would opt out of the rules, implying checks on goods moving between Northern Ireland and the mainland. And the plan would apply for only four years after the transition period ends in 2021, at which point the Northern Irish Assembly would decide whether to remain aligned with the EU or adopt British rules. Meanwhile, the whole UK would leave the customs union. This implies customs checks

between Northern Ireland and the south—though Mr Johnson insists these could be automated and, when necessary, conducted away from the border. He also wants Northern Ireland out of the EU's value-added-tax regime.

The plan was welcomed by Tory Brexiteers and, more importantly, by the Northern Irish Democratic Unionist Party, which supports the Tories in Parliament. Yet it has little appeal in Brussels or, critically, Dublin. EU governments see it as a big step back from undertakings given by Mrs May in December 2017 to maintain an open, frictionless border in Ireland, preserve the allisland economy and avoid new customs or border controls anywhere on the island. They are unhappy about the proposed unilateral four-year time limit. And they do not believe that promises to use new technology, exemptions for small businesses and a system of trusted traders would be enough to avoid physical controls at or near the border.

British ministers were out in force last week selling the new plan as what one called a "landing zone" that could satisfy all sides. Mr Johnson suggested that, just as he had compromised, so it was now the EU's turn. Some in Brussels were relieved that he had not said it was his final, "take it or leave it" of-

fer, as initial reports had suggested. A few even hoped it might be tweaked to include alignment on customs as well as on regulations, or to revert to a Northern Ireland-only backstop. Yet the signals from Downing Street suggest that the prime minister sees little scope for more compromise on his side.

His sales pitch to the EU ahead of the crucial European Council summit on October 17th-18th rests on two arguments. The first is that only a deal close to his can ever pass in Parliament. For evidence, he cites the Brady amendment, a version of Mrs May's Brexit deal minus the backstop, which MPs voted for in January. The second is that, if the EU is unwilling to accept his plan, he will have no alternative but to leave with no deal on October 31st. And although that may be bad for Britain, it will also hurt the EU, especially Ireland.

Yet in Brussels neither argument seems convincing. The EU knows that Mr Johnson

has no parliamentary majority. He cannot rely even on his own Tory MPs, since some hardliners prefer no-deal to anything else. This means he needs at least some Labour backing to pass any deal. And although there are Labour MPs who share the Tories' desire to "get Brexit done", and many are nervous about no-deal, few will want to rescue a prime minister whom they mistrust as a populist popinjay.

As for no-deal, everyone is aware of Mr Johnson's repeated promises to take Britain out of the EU on October 31st, "do or die". His ministers loyally repeated this pledge in Manchester. Mr Johnson himself argued forcefully against any further dither or delay. Yet Brussels also understands the terms of the Benn act that was passed by Parliament last month. This requires the prime minister to seek the agreement of the EU to a three-month extension of the deadline if, by October

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19th, he has neither secured a deal nor won parliamentary approval for a no-deal Brexit.

January is the new October

Mr Johnson says he will obey the law, but he also insists that Britain will leave the EU on October 31st, whatever happens. These two positions are clearly in conflict. Hence a favourite parlour game at the Tory conference: to hunt for loopholes in what Mr Johnson likes to call the "Surrender Act". Some suggest he might formally ask for an extension but secretly tell Brussels he does not want one. Or he could invite other EU governments to refuse an extension, so as to exert more pressure on MPs to accept a deal. He might invoke an emergency under the Civil Contingencies Act, to suspend the law. Some ministers claimed there was a secret wheeze to get round the Benn act, but that

it was confidential.

Yet one of the act's authors, Dominic Grieve, a former Tory attorney-general, insists its drafting is legally watertight. He characterises the suggested tricks to try to get round it as "far-fetched and reputationally catastrophic". He and his supporters, who have a majority in Parliament, are ready to legislate again if need be. They would go to court at the slightest hint that Mr Johnson might flout their

law. Some even talk of passing a "humble address" to invite the queen to sack her prime minister in such circumstances.

Any extension of the October 31st deadline would be a humiliation for Mr Johnson, which is why some suggest he should resign instead. Yet there could be ways to turn matters to his advantage. One idea is to attach a confirmatory referendum to some version of a Brexit deal, which might win over a majority of MPs. But the prime minister is averse to the notion of a second vote. He would prefer a general election which, after being forced against his will to request an extension, he could fight under the banner of backing the people who voted to leave the EU against an establishment determined to stand in their way.

The obstacle to this is the 2011 Fixed-term Parliaments Act. This requires a two-thirds majority of MPs to vote in favour of any early dissolution of Parliament. The effect has been to give the Labour opposition a veto over the prime minister's repeated calls for an early general election. The irony that it was a Conservative-led government, under David Cameron, that passed this particular piece of legislation is surely not lost on Mr Johnson.

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ELECTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

Umpire state-building

Afghanistan's presidential poll looks likely to be disputed

AFGHAN ELECTIONS are never quick and never easy. The presidential poll that took place on September 28th will be no exception. Voters were choosing a leader for the fourth time since the Taliban regime was toppled in 2001. Full results are not expected until November 7th. A run-off may then follow. Disputes are already rife.

The contest is a repeat of the previous election, in 2014. The incumbent, Ashraf Ghani, is favourite; his closest rival is likely to be the man he defeated last time, Abdullah Abdullah. Campaigning was wan. Until America abruptly called off talks with the insurgents of the Taliban in early September, polling had widely been expected to be postponed, since it would have distracted from the negotiations.

Afghanistan's rugged terrain and atrocious roads would make even a peaceful election tricky. But the country is also racked by the 18-year-old war between the Taliban and the government, which is backed by America. American officials estimated last year that the Afghan government controlled barely half the country. The number of polling stations had to be cut by more than a quarter, partly because of insecurity.

The Taliban had vowed to stop the vote.
Widespread violence was expected on

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polling day. In the end, casualties were lower than feared, though at least five people were killed and 80 wounded in attacks on polling stations. Even so, the threat of bloodshed, along with the Taliban's grip on rural areas and widespread apathy, led to an embarrassingly low turnout. Some 2.6m people cast ballots. That is about 27% of registered voters and roughly 15% of people of voting age.

Violence was not the only source of trepidation ahead of polling. Previous elections have been mired in fraud. The lack of security has hampered monitoring and so helped the cheats. Sceptics have warned that a disputed result could lead to a dangerous political stand-off, with losers refusing to accept the outcome, as happened in 2014. Several candidates denounced the vote as unfair before a single ballot was cast. Others, such as Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, a bloodstained warlord, threatened to resort to violence if they concluded the poll had been rigged.

Mr Ghani insisted that the election would strengthen the state and give him a mandate to talk to the Taliban. Afghanistan's international backers agreed, at least publicly, and stumped up millions to pay for the poll. New biometric voting machines were brought in and new voter lists drawn up in an effort to

ırb cheating.

It will take weeks for the results to come through. There has already been confusion over how many polling stations opened and how many people voted. Since the Taliban sabotaged mobile-phone networks, hundreds of polling stations were unable to communicate with the capital. Mr Ghani's opponents say the security services invisibly influenced the vote, by declaring that areas that supported opposition candidates were too insecure to allow voting to proceed.

The biggest flare-up is likely to be between Mr Ghani and Dr Abdullah. The latter claimed he was cheated of victory in 2014; only American wrangling to cobble together a unity government ended the argument. Mr Ghani became president, while Dr Abdullah took a hastily created new post of chief executive.

The unity government brought little unity. "Abdullah has a particular bitter vendetta, given that he believes he defeated Ghani in 2014," says Michael Kugelman of the Wilson Centre, an American think-thank. "So he certainly won't back down easily, especially if he is declared a loser to his rival Ghani once again." Foreign diplomats pleaded for candidates to wait patiently for results. Instead, the two camps both swiftly declared that their



An Afghan woman arrives to cast her vote in the presidential election in Jalalabad on September 28. Reuters

own tally showed that their man had won. It is unclear what America will do if the result is disputed again. In 2014 it was only

American arm-twisting that resolved the row—but President Donald Trump makes no secret of his desire to disentangle America

e from Afghanistan.

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LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

BY PETER VIDAL

Problems of a

partnership or

ought now to be

faced. You should find that once

your innate sense of well-being

you talk about your concerns,

they begin to disappear and

returns. An old expense is bugging you, but it's also time to

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

listen to other people,

Financial choices are now

for a final decision just yet.

understand their feelings and try to satisfy their desires.

appearing, but there is no need

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

make a point of being as clear-

headed as you can. Your heart

tells you one thing, your wallet

another, so seek expert advice.

This is not a good time to give

people the wrong idea about

you're not misunderstood.

view of emotional

your intentions, so make sure

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

complications, it seems likely

different balls in the air at the

same time. It may not be easy,

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

by challenging ones, which means that you could have the

your plans into practice.

the same direction.

best of both worlds. This should

also be an ideal moment to put

Thought and action should go

hand in hand, with your heart

and your head leading you in

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Favourable

alignments are

perfectly balanced

planetary

that you'll have to juggle

especially if a friend or

colleague backs out of

a commitment.

finances and

collect a debt.

matrimonial nature

Much as you'd like to be the centre of

have no choice but to

When dealing with

business or property

matters, you should

This looks like a busy

day, and it's time to

call on your more

versatile talents. In

attention, you still

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Although financial pressures and plans

are still very much

on your mind, you

It's time for a fresh start. Emotional and

psychological spring-cleaning

can afford to put a few possible

You're so full of good ideas that

developments off until later.

extra confidence. And a little

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

should encourage you to put

and face the future with an

open heart. You seem to be

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

you're capable of making

Throughout the day you should

restored, and that it's no longer

necessary to take refuge in your

It's quite a good

moment to keep

to have time and

yourself to yourself,

find that your self-esteem is

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

space to listen to your

You may even consider

action, realise that when

cancelling a social

take any precipitate

the time comes, your

feelings might have

moved on.

imagination and conscience.

engagement. But before you

yourself understood.

daydreams.

You might have to

so have your story

come into the open.

ready and make sure

to hang on for just a little

keeping a secret, and may have

the past behind you

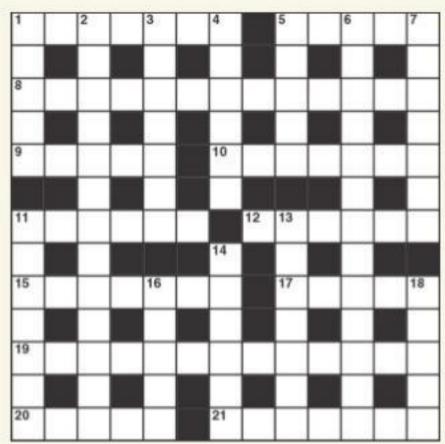
while longer.

all you need now is a little

more tact.

16 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 3930



ACROSS

- 1 Shaken cider as a type of
- cocktail(7) 5 Subject to select endlessly
- 8 More or less following a style
- (5,1,7)9 Roots develop into a
- trunk(5) 10 It's a pen of new design, filled
- to overflowing
- 11 Desire a new T-shirt (6)
- 12 Add a couple of pages, then
- finish(6) 15 Its card may produce dire
- consequences (7) 17 Outsize rubbish stacked round
- the henhouse (5) 19 Striking was prevalent when these staffs were employed
- (8,5)
- 20 Pulls out from America? (5)
- 21 Pay in full, please

- 1 Looks like a well used part of a mine(5)
- 2 A conclusion showing
- resolution (13) 3 Young lad among the transport
- containers (7)
- 4 A new affair that's binding
- jobs(5)6 Not public accommodation for

5 Enquire in the backstreet for

- soldiers?
- 7 Make an effort to study with care(7)
- 11 Passage where water comes and goes(7)
- 13 Animal in a role that gives
- limited protection (7) 14 Angry outbursts in parts of the
- play(6)
- 16 A step perhaps taken to achieve records (5)
- 18 Portion of a rarebit: a style of savoury(5))

Solutions Crossword 3929: Across: 1 Sit-in. 8 Sentence. 9 Adore. 10 Live wire. 11 Screw, 12 Gnu, 16 Attire, 17 Silver, 18 Lie, 23 Drill, 24 Ornament, 25 Pilot, 26 Urbanity, 27 Agree. **Down**: 2 Indicate, 3 Israelis, 4 Design, 5 Ethel, 6 Annie, 7 Level, 12 Gel, 13 Use, 14 Alarming, 15 Well done, 19 Innate, 20 Focus, 21 Snubs, 22 Amend.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



TOO BAD THAT'S A LUXURY AT YOUR AGE. WELL, MAYBE YOU CAN DO IT WHEN YOU'RE 65. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE THAT OLD BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. ENJOY YOUR DAY AT WORK



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SOLUTION SUDOKU



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 2s

To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

must appear in each of the

nine vertical columns, in

rows and in each of the

each of the nine horizonta

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;

3s = Medium: 4s = Hard:

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

every digit from 1 to 9

Instructions

nine boxes.

Genius

Difficulty Level

SUDOKU

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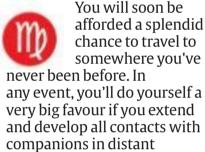
LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) You may feel as if

you are being forced to do something against your will or against your dignity. However, the best advice now is to press ahead and concentrate on making colleagues see your point of view. Gentle persuasion might work better than brute force. In fact, I'm sure it will.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

parts and people from

different cultures.



If you are feeling at all isolated or

confused it is because your planetary cycles are now changing and you are being obliged to stand on your own two feet, emotionally to rely more on your own

speaking. In future you will have resources and less on support from outside.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them tothe respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. A weapon is a device for making your enemy ____ his __- Lois McMaster Bujold (6,.,4)

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Answer: A weapon is a device for making your enemy **change** his **mind** - Lois McMaster SOLUTION: ALIKE, CANNY, DREAMT, FRIGHT

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 भारत के नागरिक, जो प्रश्नगत पदों हेतु पात्र हों, विज्ञापन संख्या: 01/विज्ञापन/ई-3/2018-19 दिनांक 10 दिसंबर, 2018 का आयोग की वेबसाईट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर भलीभांति अवलोकन करने के पश्चात, वेबसाईट पर ऑनलाईन आवेदन हेतु प्रदत्त लिंक का प्रयोग करते हुए प्रश्नगत परीक्षा हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन कर सकते हैं। ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र भरने की अन्तिम तिथि 30.10.2019 है।

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Singh R/O-MCF-53, Nawlu-Colony, Gali. No-3, New-Railway-Road Near-Bus Stand-Ballabhgarh Faridabad-121004, Have Changed My Name To Bhanu Pratap Singh. 0040515190-3

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WILL SMITH JOINS TIKTOK

Hollywood actor Will Smith has officially joined the popular platform, TikTok. His first post on the short-form mobile video features a young guy scrolling through photos of Smith on his phone even as a rap song plays in the background.

ON THE LOOSE



LEHER KALA

Half **Truths**

Anonymous allegations have lopsided advantages

THE DELHI High Court has asked Facebook and Google to reveal the identity of the person behind the handle@herdsceneand on Instagram who has accused artist Subodh Gupta of sexual harassment. Gupta had filed a defamation suit saying his reputation has been destroyed and his right to livelihood jeopardised by this anonymous handle on social media. Seeking Rs 5 crore in damages Gupta's plea (briefly) states, "The defamatory posts refer to unnamed individuals' veiled allegations without showing proof, thereby breaching all relevant provisions of law." Justice Rajiv Sahai Endlaw issued the directive to the tech companies after he discovered none of the alleged victims had been identified, nor was there any case filed against Gupta in court.

It must be acknowledged that for an anonymous handle @herdsceneand on Instagram has certainly had a staggering impact. Last year Gaurav Bhatia, Managing Director of auction house Sotheby's India resigned after allegations of sexual harrassment by four people, based on information provided by @herdsceneand. An inquiry was instituted against Riyas Komu, a co-founder of the Kochi Biennale who resigned from all management positions after similar allegations, again, broken first on @herdsceneand. Neither Bhatia or Komu appear to have pursued the matter in court. Similarly, the accusations leveled by this handle against Gupta are extremely serious and meticulously detailed.

By asking Facebook to name the entity behind @herdsceneand the High Court has acknowledged the unfairness of how easy it is for someone to cast aspersions in the public domain, without having to face any questions or legal consequences themselves.

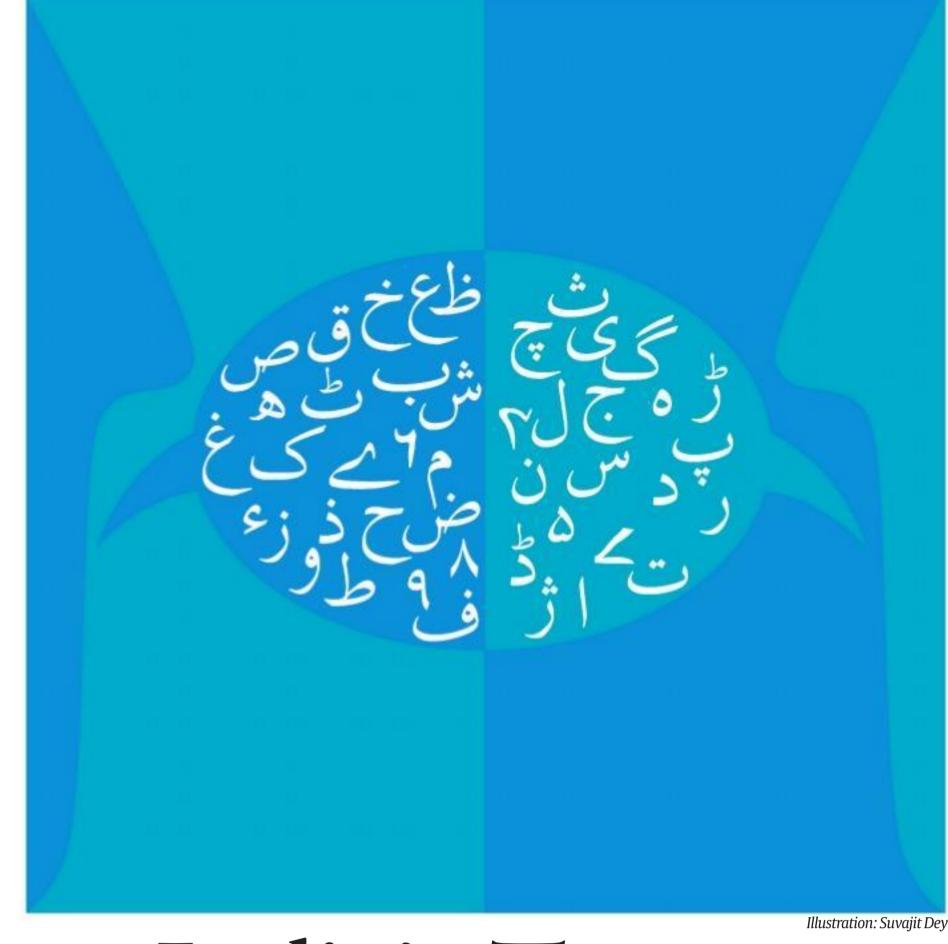
No matter how terrible the problem of sexual harassment in India and the problem is wretched beyond imagination — across fields there is an endless stream of entitled men desperately scouting for action — but how did we reach a place where an anonymous accuser's online slander is taken as the unchallenged truth? Surely, individuals hurling accusations while hiding behind their computers may have their own ulterior motives, especially one who is a well entrenched insider like @herdsceneand clearly is. Having said that, it is important to remember, globally, less than two per cent of sexual harassment allegations turn out to be false. Believe all women resonates deeply indeed, yet, giving in to the court of public opinion is a dangerous trend that needs to be checked. Going through the 70-plus posts of @herdsceneand I couldn't help but notice many sound laughably mawkish couched within fancy newage terminology like 'power dynamic' and 'gaslighting'.

In one post, the alleged victim writes about a consensual relationship that she wanted out of, but the perpetrator refused to exit (we've all been there). Among the choicest words this person has used to describe this galling man is, 'psychologically abusive' and also that he kept 'mansplaining'. Like all women, having suffered a large number of mansplainers myself I sympathise entirely, but it bears pointing out, being a bore is not a crime. (One could argue though, it should be).

Whining about men loving the sound of their own voices dilutes the #metoo movement which is really about equal opportunity and women's safety at work. All said and done @herdsceneand has played an important role in drawing attention to the murky situations women working in art have to face. Now that the protection of invisibility is gone, it's anybody's guess whether these exposes will continue.

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India's Truest Love Symbol

How a language travelled from being so intrinsic to our everyday life to one that is being declared a foreign tongue

SAIF MAHMOOD

IT WAS the 1990s, when Saghar Khayyami, lamenting the communalisation of food, got a standing ovation at a popular Delhi Mushaira when he ended his hard-hitting verses with:

Nafraton ke daur mein dekho toh kya-kya

Sabziyaan Hindu huin, bakra Musalmaa'n

Little would he have known that soon the language in which he enthralled millions of Indians would itself meet the same fate - Hindi would become Hindu and Urdu, Muslim — and even if he did, he would surely not have expected it to be declared a "foreign language" in the very State where it flourished. The recent proposal of Panjab University to shift its Urdu Department to the School of Foreign Languages not only militates against proven historical facts and flies in the face of the Constitution of India, but also besmirches, rather shamelessly, the unrivalled contribution of Punjabis to Urdu.

Is Urdu a foreign language? It is generally believed that Urdu was born in the army camps of Delhi as a language that borrowed words from different languages so that soldiers from different parts could easily communicate with each other. Noted critic Shamsur Rahman Faruqi, however, disagrees and maintains that it is the language which was spoken by the inhabitants of a neighbourhood in Mughal Delhi which, because of its elevated position, was called Urdu-e-Moalla-e-Shahjahanabad [Exalted City of Shahjahanabad]. Either ways, there is no dispute that the language was 'born and raised' in India and, by the mid 1700s, had become the lingua franca of most of north India and Deccan.

The spoken language of the people of the Urdu-Hindi belt has always been Hindustani — a mix of Urdu and Hindi. No one has ever used either Sanskritised Hindi words or Persianised or Arabicised Urdu words in their conversations; and till the mid-20th century, the language was written in both Nastalikh or Urdu script and

Devanagri or Hindi script.

When British rule came to an end, Independence came at a cost. The cost was the country's partition on religious lines into India and Pakistan. Partition resulted in strange things and one of them was the alienation of Urdu. By a surreptitious stratagem devised to annihilate the Urdu script, the language, by some absurd logic, started being identified with Muslims and Pakistan and, consequently, being gradually excluded from primary level courses. Nothing could have been further from the truth since Urdu transcends religious and ethnic boundaries and has historically acted as a

Today, if Hindi films cannot be imagined without their melodious songs and unforgettable dialogues, it is because of the continual infusion of Urdu in Bollywood

secular bridge between different communities of north India.

Mir, Ghalib, Igbal and Faiz were not the only masters of the language. It owes its richness equally to the writings of Brij Narayan 'Chakbast'; Tilok Chand 'Mahroom'; Pandit Hari Chand 'Akhtar'; Ram Lal Bhatia 'Fikr Taunsvi'; Raghupati Sahay 'Firaq Gorakhpuri'; Anand Narain Mulla; Jagannath Azad; Dewan Ram 'Khushtar Girami'; and Pandit Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar Dehlvi' to name a few. However, despite the language's wide reach and secular appeal, the stratagem worked and by the 1960s, Urdu script almost entirely disappeared from schools and became confined only to madrasas or Urdu departments in universities and colleges. In 1969, when the government decided to celebrate Ghalib's 100th death anniversary, an agitated Sahir Ludhianvi wrote:

Jis ahd-e-siyaasat ne ye zinda zubaan kuchli Us ahd-e-siyaasat ko marhoom ka gham kvon hai?

Ghalib jise kehte hain Urdu ka hi shaayar tha Urdu pe sitam dha kar Ghalib pe karam kyun hai

And yet, although the script was hardly being taught, Urdu poetry kept enthralling audiences in mushairas. In 1954, Sir Shri Ram, founder of DCM, began organising an annual mushaira in Delhi in the memory of his brother, Sir Shankar Lall 'Shankar', and son, Lala Murli Dhar 'Shad' – both of whom were Urdu poets. Known as the Shankar-Shad Mushaira, it is still held every year in Modern School, Barakhamba Road.

Cinema is, perhaps the most powerful influencer in Indian society. We may not have heard of Nehru's 'Tryst With Destiny' speech but we surely remember the dialogues of Sholay. Today, if Hindi films cannot be imagined without their melodious songs and unforgettable dialogues, it is because of the continual infusion of Urdu in Bollywood.

While in India the State has been Sanskritising the Hindustani language, now written exclusively in Devanagri, in Pakistan, the language is being 'Islamised' by incorporating more and more Arabic words. Despite language politics on both sides of the border, Urdu has kept charming

the common man. Recent years have seen what some commentators refer to as the 'resurgence' or 'revival' of Urdu in India, especially of Urdu poetry. Young men and women, most whose first language is not Urdu, are not only showing incredible interest in its literature but are also writing exceedingly well. There is also a blossoming of Urdu literary events with the magnificent Jashne-Rekhta taking the lead.

The romance of a pluralist India that Urdu poetry has always painted is changing. Its innocence is withering away, giving way to anger and hatred. Communal politics, which Urdu has always abhorred, is gulping down the language itself. But we must remain hopeful. Urdu cannot be killed symbols of love are immortal and Urdu is India's truest love-symbol.

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'Action movies are about the intelligence of the plot'

Hrithik Roshan about his recent film War and why he loves action entertainers so much



Hrithik Roshan in his latest movie War

ALAKA SAHANI

ACTION movies demand a rigorous process to get the best physic and execute strenuous scenes. Yet, they are Hrithik Roshan's choicest movies. "I love the nuance, aesthetics and subtlety of action movies. I also love the fact that this genre requires both composure and frenzy. I'm more inclined towards action entertainers, which my favourite genre," says the actor, whose latest release War comes under this category.

War has given the actor a highest opening at Rs 53.35 crore and having a good run at the box-office. Yet, acting in Siddharth Anand-directed *War* posed a challenge for Roshan as its shooting was supposed to start two months after he wrapped up Super 30 (2019). To play the role of Anand Kumar, he had let go of his gym-toned body and acquired a wider girth. "I was in a bad shape.

My waist was wider and I was lazy. The process of transformation was very tough as I had only two months in hand for it," says the actor, whose movies such as *Dhoom 2* (2006) is a popular action entertainer.

The actor even got someone to shoot the whole process of transformation to get the body needed to play Kabir in War. "If the film turns out well, then I will show it to my audience," says Roshan. War, which released on October 2, offers a multi-sensory cinema experience, 4DX. The movie, shot in seven countries, includes an array of gripping action and chase sequences, along with explosions and fistfights.

In the movie, Roshan plays the role of

Kabir, a secret service agent who has apparently gone rogue, and is pitted against his

protege Khalid, essayed by Tiger Shroff. Right after, Roshan appeared in Kaabil (2017), he wanted to take up an action film. Instead, he ended up doing Super 30. "It doesn't matter what I want to do. It matters what the universe brings to me. I will take up the script that hits me hard even though I have told my team and writers to think of action movies for me." He has his reasons for doing so. The feedback he gets from the masses for such movies is very "instantaneous". "They definitely love to see me

in action movies,' says Roshan.

my characters have a

However, he knows I love the nuance, that a good action aesthetics and subtlety movie is difficult to come by. "Action films of action movies. I also are difficult to write. love the fact that this They are not about genre requires both blowing a car or doing composure and frenzy stunts. They are about the intelligence of the HRITHIK ROSHAN plot. I make sure that all

> strong emotional base whether it is Kabii of War or Aarif of Dhoom 2. The content of the film draws from this emotional base,' says Roshan. He singles out his entry in War, which was a difficult scene to shoot. "It was very simple yet we had to make a mark. It took two months of preparation to pull that off."

Roshan, however, has a mixed bag of movies to his credit that includes Jodhaa Akbar (2008) and Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011). "I always look for action movies. When I don't get any I get attracted to the next best offers that I get, such as Kaabil and Super 30," says the 45-year-old, who will soon shoot for Krrish 4.

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Curating History

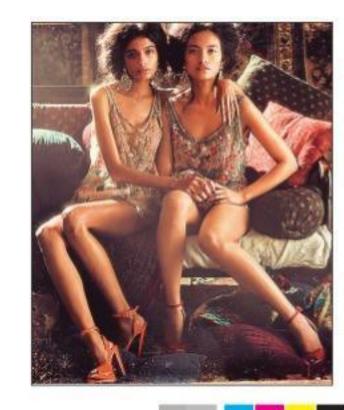
ASIA SOCIETY Art and Museums Summit titled 'Collection practices in the 21st century' will be held in New Delhi, on October 11-12. Topics for discussions include Artist Estates and Archives; Museums: New Locations, New Definitions; and Changing Public Museums and Institutions. James M. Bradburne, Director General, Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan, and Tasneem Mehta (pictured), Director, Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Mumbai City Museum are among the keynote speakers. At the India Habitat Centre. For tickets, visit:



Weaving Tales

ACTOR MANOJ Bajpayee will talk to singer Mohit Chauhan and discuss 'Kissey Kahani Aur Adakaari' at the ninth edition of Kathakaar, the one-ofa-kind oral storytelling festival. The three-evening festival will be held at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi, from October 11-13. Other acts include Danish Hussain's play Qissebazi: A Multilingual Storytelling Orbit; Tholpavakoothu puppeteers will showcase shadow theatre based on Tamil epic, Kamba Ramayana and UK-based Emily Hennessey will perform Indian folktales of Kali and the Mahabharata.

AROUND TOWN



Framing and Fashion

ATTEND A talk by leading fashion photographer Tarun Khiwal, at the first edition of the Master Talk series, organised by Museo Camera and Dhrish Academy. Award-winning Khiwal will share his views on photography and fashion. Museo camera is the brainchild of ace photographer Aditya Arya, and the talk series aims to get the icons of photography to share their thoughts, experiences and vision. The entry to the talk is free, but requires prior registration at dhrish@museocamera.org. On October 12, 5pm-7pm, at Museo Camera, Gurgaon. For details, visit: www.museocamera.org.



Dusshera Drama

ATTEND THE final days of Ram's battle in Lanka, at the Red Fort, New Delhi. Organised by Lav Kush Ramlila Committee, one of the oldest committees of the city, established in 1979. At the Red Fort Grounds, till October 9. 7pm-11pm. Entry is free.

A Magical Past



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GET A sense of what the ancient Silk Route was that spanned from east Asia to Southern Europe, through the exquisite carpets from that region. An exhibition

'Carpet Stories from the ancient Silk Road' of rare tribal carpets from nomadic tents and villages of Central Asia and the Caucasian mountains, woven by anonymous nomads. At the Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, October 8-13.

Tune In



book launch of Dastangoi 2 Revival and Evolution of Dastangoi, written by renowned Urdu translator and author Shamsur

ATTEND THE

Rahman Faruqi (pictured). Speakers at the launch include author Gillian Wright and Rajiv Sethi, founder Asia Heritage Foundation. October 10, India Habitat Centre, 7pm.

(We knew) in the second innings, the variable bounce and reverse would be beneficial for us. It was visible that the batsman's discomfort zone was that stump-line, and you can see the result."

- MOHD SHAMI

Shami: A second-innings wrecking ball

The pacer, wicket-less in the first innings, characteristically produces his best in the second essay, taking 5/35 to bring South Africa to their knees

SRIRAM VEERA

VISAKHAPATNAM, OCTOBER 5

SOMETIME LAST year, Bharat Arun, India's bowling coach, talked about Mohammad Shami's astonishing skill to do things with the ball that are usually at variance with each other: The ability to skid the ball and also, hurl in the 'heavy' ball that hits the deck and hits the bat hard. Usually, the two require different abilities and are not commonly produced by the same bowler. We shall come to Arun's theory about the skidding ball, which was the wrecker-in-chief on the final day and helped India skittle out South Africa in the first Test.

"It's a natural skill, of course, that depends on the release action, but Shami does two things with it. The seam presentation, just look at how steady it gets across the track. Then, he focuses on getting a batwidth movement, just enough to beat the bat and either hit the pad or stumps. Now and then, in helpful conditions, he will, of course, get the ball to cut a lot more, but essentially, he is focused on moving it just a little. The big seam deviations look good on TV, but don't fetch you wickets," he had told this newspaper.

How does all this help in getting the ball to skid, though?

"He isn't trying to cut the ball all that much. As in you won't see his fingers whipping across the seam and stuff like that. So, all the focus is on the releasing it with a proud seam position. The important thing is still the smooth action and the way you release of course, which comes naturally to him. Combined with the proud seam, the ball skids. And he attacks the stumps more than anyone on such surfaces."

Or, in other words, he knows exactly what he wants the ball to do and how to do it. When he wants the ball to skim towards the stumps, he doesn't do anything extravagant. None of the cutting-across-theseam and such. Keep it loose-limbed, get the seam up and proud, and swing it with that smooth repeatable action.

Temba Bavuma, Faf du Plessis and Quinton de Kock were three of his five wickets and they were all done in by a combination of the bowler's skidding art and their own mistakes. Bavuma's game is so back-foot reliant that he doesn't come forward even for lengths. It's dangerous in conditions like these. He doesn't retreat but ends up playing from the crease.

With regard to du Plessis, this wasn't the first time he was out shouldering arms, and as an Indian team member quipped, "Even in South Africa, he has been out shouldering arms to full deliveries just outside off."

The last-innings centurion, de Kock, seemed frozen and had a lazy defensive waft at the ball that straightened just about from the off and middle line to knock out the off stump.

Sometime during South

Sometime during South Africa's long first innings, the broadcaster went for a slow-mo of Shami's run-up. It was a hot humid day, and it seemed as if Shami was almost on a gentle jog. No one perhaps captures Sunil Gavaskar's favourite theme of 'conservation of energy' better than Shami. Gavaskar meant it on field or while batting, but Shami does it even while bowling. At times, it almost seems as if his mind isn't even there. He can bowl well within himself, almost projecting a casualness, but in his mind, he is obviously conserving. Or, in other words, he isn't a Jason Gillespie, whose intensity during every ball he bowled across spells could be intimidating. Shami switches on and off, sometimes as his mood seizes, and sometimes because of the conditions.

When he senses that there is reverse swing on offer or the pitch is a bit up-and-down and variable bounce is available, he then turns it on. The jog turns into a sprint and you can see him striving every inch along the way. He bursts through the crease and slings it furiously.

That usually happens later on in the Test



REMAINS OF THE DAY

Jubilant teammates applaud Mohammed Shami as he holds a stump broken by him on the final day of the first Test against South Africa in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. India won the match by 203 runs. PTI

and it's no surprise that four of his five fivefors have come in opposition's second innings. Shami has 80 wickets in second innings at an average of 22.58; he had taken 78 wickets at 34.47 in first innings. Interestingly, this is the first time after 1996, when Javagal Srinath reversed out South Africa in Ahmedabad, that an Indian fast bowler has a five-for in the fourth innings of the match. (Shami's other 3 five-fors have been in the third innings of the match).

And there is the case of the improved fitness that has definitely helped in Shami getting much sharper through the spells and able to rev it up on demand. At one stage in 2015, he weighed 93 kgs but he is now 75 and all the better for it.

At the end of the game, Kohli talked about how the likes of Shami decide the workload themselves. "They ask for shorter spells. If you see his (Shami's) 4 five-wicket hauls, it comes in second innings when team invariably needs it. He reverses it well and that's his strength. He has been the strike bowler for us in the second innings consistently now."

Kohli could have got back Shami a bit earlier to break the ninth-wicket stand between Dane Piedt and Senuran Muthusamy, but he brought him on an hour after lunch. Perhaps, it too was dictated by the workload management, but it just took three overs for him to remove the last two wickets.

Bowling fast in India in hot, energy-sapping conditions takes a lot more than mere

49 4 ir

Mohammed Shami has picked 49 wickets at 19.71 in the fourth innings of a Test match. He has struck in every 36th ball as well. b became the fifth Indian pacer to

He also became the fifth Indian pacer to snare five or more wickets on the fifth day of a Test.



skill. Even the way you drink water matters. Michael Kasprowicz once talked about how he was struggling in India when Javagal Srinath came up with an advice that

changed his career.
"I notice that you are drinking too much water. You are gulping it. Just sip some and

spit some out," Srinath told the Aussie.
"I was amazed by it. Because it was so hot, I was drinking water at every opportunity and now Srinath tells me don't. And

it worked!".

We don't know if Shami gulps or spits, but going by how aware he has been with the energy-conservation, he must be doing it just fine. Add to it the self-awareness about his bowling art and the control over it, he has come a long way. In this Test, he made India not worry too much about the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, which is the possibly the best tribute that can be given to Shami.

It's my game to mix caution with aggression, says Rohit

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CHIEF ARCHITECT of India's first Test win over South Africa, opener Rohit Sharma on Sunday said that his endeavour would be to play "in a certain manner that his team expects him to". Playing his maiden Test as an opener, the 32-year-old scored 176 in his first Test innings and then followed it up with a quickfire 127 to set up India's 203-run win over South Africa in the opening Test.

"My job here is to play in a certain manner, that's what they expect me. And I'm going to try to do that," the stylish Mumbaikar said after receiving his manof-the-match award.

Rohit, who is India's vice-captain in limited overs cricket, said opening the innings in the longer format didn't come as a surprise as he had already been told a few years back that such an opportunity may come his way.

Nets' profit

"Couple of years ago it was communicated to me that I might open someday. Even in nets, I used to practice with the new ball. I wouldn't say it was a surprise," he said. "It's a great opportunity for me at the

top," he said.

Mixing caution with aggression was his mantra for success as he also hit a world record 13 sixes during the knock.

"No matter what ball you play, whether it's red ball or white ball, at the start, you've got to be careful. Focus on the basics -- leaving ball outside off, playing close to the body," Rohit said, adding that match awareness is also another aspect. "Everything depends on the situation you're batting in. It's my game to mix caution with aggression, that's been my mantra."

"In the second innings, I had to try and play some shots. It may have come off but may not have come off also. Bowlers are pretty smart these days but I backed myself and I guess fortune favours the brave," Rohit said.

Rohit broke a slew of records during his innings. He became the first batsman to hit twin tons in maiden Test as an Opener apart from the 13 sixes. Asked about the records, he said: "There are lot of things (that happened) in this Test, which I am not aware of. The focus was to have fun and put team in a good position. Just wanted to go out there and do what I do best. Focus was on winning the Test match and I think we pretty much did everything right today."

SCORECARD >> Indiavs South Africa

1st Test | Vizag | Toss: India

India 502/7
South Africa 431
India 323/4d
South Africa 191 in 63.5 ovs (TGT: 395)

A Markram c & b Jadeja **39** (74b, 5x4, 1x6) **D Elgar** lbw b Jadeja **2**(16b) **10** (25b, 2x4) **T de Bruyn** b Ashwin **T Bavuma** b Shami 0(2b)**F du Plessis** b Shami **13** (26b, 3x4) **Q de Kock** b Shami 0(2b)**S Muthusamy** not out **49** (108b, 5x4) **V Philander** lbw b Jadeja 0(3b)**K Maharaj** lbw b Jadeja 0(1b)**D Piedt** b Shami **56** (107b, 9x4, 1x6) **K Rabada** c Saha b Shami **18** (19b, 3x4, 1x6)

■ Extras: (b 2, lb 2) ■ FoW: 1-4 (Elgar, 3.3 ov), 2-19 (de Bruyn, 10.5 ov), 3-20 (Bavuma, 11.3 ov), 4-52 (du Plessis, 21.5 ov), 5-60 (de Kock, 23.1 ov), 6-70 (Markram, 26.1 ov), 7-70 (Philander,

26.4 ov), 8-70 (Maharaj, 26.5 ov), 9-161 (Piedt, 59.1 ov), 10-191 (Rabada, 63.5 ov) **Bowling:**

■ Bowling:

R Ashwin 20-5-44-1

R Jadeja 25-6-87-4

M Shami 10.5-2-35-5

I Shami 7-2-18-0

R Sharma 1-0-3-0



ASHWIN JOINT FASTEST TO 350 TEST WICKETS

Is the number of Test matches
Ashwin has taken to reach 350
Test wickets. With this, Ashwin
becomes the joint-quickest to the
milestone — a record he shares with
Muttiah Muralitharan. However, in terms
of innings, Murali reached the mark in
just 106 outings as compared to Ashwin's

124. The Sri Lankan off-spin legend also

bowled 2947 fewer balls.

Obviously, this things happen over a period of time, we can't plan for any ofthese things. I am very lucky in terms of where I got in my career, in terms of racing up in all these records. But it is important tostick to the process and basics, keep it as simple as possible."

-RAVI ASHWIN

Shami serves lethal cocktail of length, seam and pace

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LEAVING THE ball only to see his off-stump blasted out of the turf, Faf du Plessis cut a silly figure. But his dismissal was as much as about his own indiscretion as his executioner Mohammed Shami's skill to purchase lethal seam movement.

Seam-movement mastery

Generally, bowlers striving for reverse swing probe a fuller length in search of the exaggerated late inward movement. But Shami prefers to bowl more back-of-length, not a conventional reverse-swing method, the logic being the fuller you bowl, the more exaggerated the movement could be. But he has mastered the art of getting seam movement from that length off the old ball—brought about by a combination of seam position, supple wrists, fluid release and relentless practice—which naturally befuddles batsmen. With the length that he hits, firstly, they don't expect it to tail in wickedly. Secondly, even if it does, they assume it



Faf du Plessis loses his off-stump while trying to leave a Shami ball. Four of his five victims saw their timber rattled.

would sail over the stumps, even if Shami is not the tallest fast bowler around. That kind t

of length compulsively baits batsmen into thinking traditionally. Thirdly, they don't expect it to scurry through. He might not be devastatingly quick, but quick enough to not allow batsmen the extra milliseconds to readjust. The South African captain, thus, was undone by all three peculiarities of Shami — length, movement and pace. The delivery pitched at least a couple of yards wide off his stumps, then bent back devilishly and all du Plessis could do was to watch the ball wreck his stumps.

A stroke of indiscretion

Du Plessis was forewarned. He had seen his colleague Temba Bavuma lose his stumps, groping at a nip-backer from the crease, neither fully forward not entirely backward. Experienced as he is, he might have been surely aware of Shami's old-ball tricks as well as the wisdom that fifth-day surfaces in the subcontinent tend to have variable bounce. But he couldn't curb his instincts. On South African surfaces, rather on most surfaces around the world, he could trust the bounce and leave the back-of-length deliveries. He could have at least covered the movement, but that's the illusion Shami conjures up with his length.

Vanquished Proteas to take first-innings positives to Pune

Visakhapatnam: South Africa captain Faf du Plessis feels that his team's first innings batting performance will help them grow in confidence despite succumbing to a heavy defeat against India in the first Test here on Sunday. Not many expected the Proteas to put up the fight that they did considering they were hammered in India four years ago. However, they batted with a lot of purpose and determination scoring 431 runs in response to India's first innings total of 502.

"Yeah, really proud of the first innings, the way we batted. A lot of new players in our squad. There was an opportunity for us to go the other way and we didn't. We played really well, senior players put their hands up in Quinny (Quinton de Kock) and Dean (Elgar) getting fantastic hundreds and to get 400 in the sub-continent is never anything easy to do," said Du Plessis.

"Getting 400 in that second innings (of the match), we felt we were right in the game. We needed something brilliant in the second innings and unfortunately, we came close

several times. There were a few half-chances that didn't go our way and that's sort of where the game slipped away. We tried to stay in the fight, stay in the contest," Du Plessis said.

The Proteas skipper felt that the manner in which Rohit Sharma batted in the second innings for his knock of 127, really made the chase difficult for his side. "But the way Rohit played, especially in that second innings, made it tough for us. To put up a score of 400 in the last innings was always going to be a little bit too much. Obviously also the nature of the day five pitch — today was the first day we saw something coming really through. But I thought it was a really good pitch, really good Test cricket.

"First two days flat, three and four spin and day five it goes up and down. That's a real good Test wicket for me." He, however, added: "I do think the pitches will probably take a bit more spin in the next two Test matches." The second match between the two teams begins in Pune on Thursday.

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VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY ROUND-UP

Abhinav, Aparajith sparkle as Tamil Nadu thrash Tripura

Abhinav Mukund (84) and Baba Aparajith (87) shone as Tamil Nadu thrashed Tripura by 187 runs for its sixth straight win in Group 'C' of the Vijay Hazare Trophy cricket tournament here on Sunday. After posting an imposing 315 for 8 in 50 overs riding on impressive knocks by Mukund and Aparajith, Tamil Nadu shot out Tripura for 128 in 34.3 overs with left-arm pacer T Natarajan, taking three wickets to pocket four points. Spinners R Sai Kishore and M Ashwin pick up 2 scalps each as Tamil Nadu made short work of Tripura to take its tally to 24 points. Chasing 316 for victory, Tripura never seemed to be in the hunt as it kept losing wickets at regular intervals and slid for 105 for 4 to 128 all out in the 35th over.

Brief scores: Tamil Nadu 315 for 8 in 50 overs (Abhinav Mukund 84, Baba Aparajith 87, Dinesh Karthik 40, Washington Sundar 36, Ajoy Sarkar 3/51) beat Tripura 128 all out in 34.3 overs (Pratyush Singh 24, Milind 24, T Natarajan 3/22). Points: Tamil Nadu: 4, Tripura: 0.

Sandeep takes career-best 7/19 in Punjab's victory



havoc with a career-best figures of 7 for 19 as Punjab beat Haryana by three wickets in a low scoring Elite Group B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy National One-Day tournament, here on Sunday. Sharma alongisde Sidharth Kaul (3 wickets) saw Haryana get bundled out for a paltry 49 runs in 16 overs. The Haryana batting was in shambles with only two of their batsmen managing to reach double digits and as many as five being dismissed for a duck. Opener Nitin Saini top-scored for Haryana with 22 runs while Sumit Kumar chipped in with 13.

Brief scores: Haryana: 49 in 16 overs (Nitin Saini 22; Sandeep Sharma 7-19) lost to Punjab: 50/7 in 15.1 overs (Abhishek Sharma 22 not out; Ajit Chahal 4-32) by three wickets; Points: Punjab: 4, Haryana: 0.

Gahlaut ton sinks Jammu & Kashmir

Rahul Singh Gahlaut's 124 off 101 deliveries sunk Jammu and Kashmir in a one-sided encounter. Batting first, Jammu and Kashmir could only score 189 with Services' Diwesh Pathania snaring 4 for 39.

Brief scores: Jammu & Kashmir 189 in 48.3 overs (Paras Sharma49, Diwesh Pathania 4/39) lost to Services 190 for 3 in 34.2 overs (Rahul Gahlaut 124 not out; Umar Nazir 3/45) by two wickets; Points: Services: 4, J&K: 0.



ORBITER

Joe Kovacs of the United States launches a throw that travelled a distance of 22.91 metres, making it the third-best shot put of all time. He snatched the World Championship gold medal from New Zealand's Tomas Walsh, the defending champion, in his final attempt. AP

USA conquer the 'curse'

American 4x100m quartet win first relay gold since 2007, clocking second-fastest time ever

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NOAH LYLES let out a huge scream and kept right on running - through the finish line and straight toward his teammate, Christian Coleman. After a quick hug, Lyles stuck the baton out and Coleman grabbed hold, too.

Nobody was letting it go. Motivated by a team meeting in the morning, then propelled by sticky-fingered flawlessness at night, the American men overcame the country's longest and most-notorious track jinx to win gold at the world championships Saturday in the 4x100 relay that has bedeviled this team for decades. "We broke the curse. We broke the curse," Lyles yelled into the microphone during his on-track interview. "U-S-A. We're taking all the golds! All of them." Their first sprint relay win at worlds since 2007 - the pre-Usain Bolt days made the U.S. men 3 for 3 in the sprints. The winning started a week ago with Coleman's romp in the 100, and continued Tuesday with an equally impressive win from Lyles in the 200.

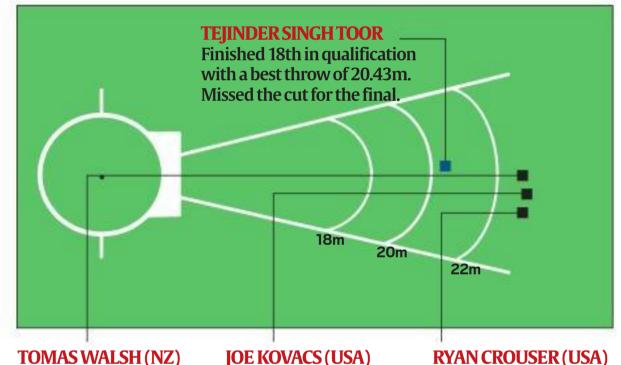
Then, this: A win that was anything but preordained, despite the clear advantage the Americans held in raw speed. It takes teamwork, too. Three times, the Americans passed the baton — from Coleman to Justin Gatlin, from Gatlin to Mike Rodgers, and from Rodgers to Lyles — and with nary a hiccup in any of the exchanges. The clean exchanges allowed that raw speed to take over. Still pumped more than an hour after the race, Lyles provided his own playby-play. "I saw the first handoff and I was, like 'Dang,' then I saw the next one and it was, 'Dang,' then, I'm like 'Ooh,"' he said. "Then I got the baton and I'm thinking, 'I've got to run fast.' They're over there doing magic and I'm just trying to make it all worthwhile."

It put an exclamation point on a night that had its share of good and bad for the U.S.

Other gold medals went to Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela in the triple jump and Kenya's

DESERT STORM

The shot put final was one for the ages as Crouser, Kovacs and Walsh — the gold, silver and bronze medalists at the Rio Olympics — attacked the record book. Just four of the 16 previous world titles had been won with throws in excess of 22 meters. On Saturday, four athletes exceeded the distance



BRONZE-22.90m

He looked poised for a successful defense of his crown when he opened the competition with 22.90. He was forced to settle for bronze after **Kovacs' monstrous** throw, followed by Crouser's equally-

impressive final attempt.

JOE KOVACS (USA)

GOLD-22.91m Kovacs was in third place heading into the final round of throws, unable to go beyond 22m mark even once. However, he unleashed a huge throw on his final attempt, producing the

RYAN CROUSER (USA)

SILVER -22.90m Like Kovacs, Olympic champion Crouser also saved his best for last, matching Walsh's effort of 22.90. He got the silver ahead of the New Zealander on the basis of more legal throws — Crouser had three while third best shot put of alltime to snatch the gold. Walsh managed just one.

Hellen Obiri in the women's 5,000 meters. Obiri held off a charge from eventual bronze medalist Konstanze Klosterhalfen, whose coach is Pete Iulian, an assistant at the Nike Oregon Project the team run by Alberto Salazar, the famed

long-distance guru who was kicked out of the meet last week after receiving a doping ban.

Sifan Hassan, who was a Salazar athlete, became the first person to complete a 1,500-10K double at worlds, running the shorter race Saturday in 3 minutes, 51.95 seconds to demol-

ish a top 10 that included six other athletes who

set personal bests. The result brought with it

some immediate trolling on social media. The harshest of the doping sticklers will be quick to point out that Gatlin (two bans). Rodgers (nine-month ban in 2012) and Coleman (convoluted whereabouts case dismissed last month) also have some baggage in that area. But their win Saturday had more to do with a different kind of history. The U.S. string of relay nightmares dates back to 1995, before Coleman or Lyles were born, and has also included the last three Olympics. Over the 18 world and Olympic relays held during stretch, the U.S. has dropped the baton or failed to finish nine times. Part could be attributed to the stress of competing against Bolt, who is now long gone from this sport. But in a sign of how long this spell has existed, this marked the first relay gold for Gatlin, who is 37 and has been racing at this level since 2004 - four years before Bolt started making his imprint. "We had been just right outside the window, just barely not getting the job done," Gatlin said. "At some point, I felt like maybe it was me."

Gatlin said it might have helped to start way out on Lane 8 - a position assigned to the U.S. after a third-place finish in the previous evening's preliminary heat that, itself, was marred by a near-disaster in the exchange between Rodgers and Cravon Gillespie, who was not in Saturday's lineup. That led Coleman to call a team meeting - no managers, no coaches, just runners. "We just wanted to have open dialogue so we could come together and get the job done," Coleman said. "Everyone talked about what they could do better."

And with that curse now set aside, the future is looking bright. The Olympics are less than 10 months away, and the Americans, who finished in 37.10 seconds, were taking questions about whether the Bolt-led world record of 36.84 from 2012 could be up for grabs in Tokyo. "Sure looks like it now," Lyles said.

Gopi finishes 21st in marathon, India ends campaign with mixed results

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DOHA, OCTOBER 6

ASIAN CHAMPION Gopi Thonakal finished 21st in the men's marathon race as India ended their World Athletics Championships campaign with mixed results here on Sunday. Laggards at the world stage, the 27-member Indian team was not expected to win any medal but it performed better than expected in this world championships with three finalists - in mixed 4x400m relay, men's 3000m steeplechase and women's javelin throw.

Long jumper Anju Bobby George's bronze in Paris in 2003 still remained India's only medal at the showpiece event. Out of the three finals, steeplechaser Avinash Sable and the mixed 4x400m relay team booked Tokyo Olympics quotas while javelin thrower Annu Rani finished a creditable eight. Annu became the first Indian woman to qualify for javelin throw finals while Avinash broke his own national record twice in three days.

India had three finalists in the 2015 edition in Beijing while only one Indian made it to the finals in the last edition in London in 2017. The 31-year-old Gopi clocked 2 hours 15 minute 57 seconds to end among the top half of 55 runners who completed the race on the Corniche under 29 degree Celcius temperature and around 50 per cent humidity. 73 athletes had started the race which began just before midnight out of which 18 did not finish.

Gopi, who had won the Asian marathon title in China in 2017 with a time of 2:15:48, has a season's best of 2:13:39 -- also his personal best -- which he had clocked in Seoul in March. He had finished 25th at the 2016 Rio Olympics and 28th in 2017 World Championships. He had gone to this World Championships with an aim of qualifying for the 2020 Olympics but he failed to touch the 2:11:30 qualifying mark. Lelisa Desisa and Mosinet Geremew led an Ethiopian one-two, clocking 2:10:40 and 2:10:44 respectively while Kenya's Amos Kipruto took the bronze with 2:10:51.

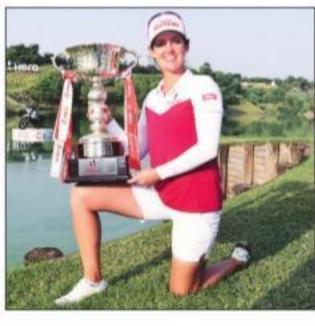
On Saturday, the Indian men's and women's 4x400m relay teams produced disappointing performances while javelin thrower Shivpal Singh came a cropper as they crashed out of the World Championships. The women's quartet of Jisna Mathew, MR Poovamma, VK Vismaya and Venkatesan Subha clocked 3 minutes 29.42 seconds to finish sixth in the heat number one and 11th overall in the first round heats to fail to qualify for the finals. Later, the men's team of Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Anas, K Suresh Jeevan and Noah Nirmal Tom ran 3:03.09 to finish seventh in heat number 2 and 13th overall out of 16 countries to crash out of the championships.

The top three in each of the two heats and the next two fastest teams qualify for the finals. The women's quartet, however, bettered the earlier season's best of 3:31.93 clocked during the IAAF World Relays in Yokohama, Japan, in May.

With the disappointing performances, India's hopes of reaching the finals and booking Olympic berths in men's and women's 4x400m relay events went up in smoke. Earlier, Shivpal Singh also failed to qualify for the finals of the men's javelin throw event as he finished 24th overall in the qualification round. Shivpal produced a best throw of 78.97m from his three attempts to finish 10th in the Group A qualification round.

The 24-year-old Indian, who has a personal and season's best of 86.23m, opened with a 75.91m before coming up with 78.97m. Shivpal's third attempt was a foul as he crashed out of the championships with a disappointing performance. Those who touched the automatic qualifying mark of 84m or at least 12 best performers made it to the finals. Defending champion Johannes Vetter of Germany led the finalists with a best throw of 89.35m.

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Wolf wins Women's Indian Open

The country's top amateur golfer Anika Varma finished a creditable fifth in the Hero Women's Indian Open with a 3-under par aggregate of 285 and a final day card of twounder 70 in Gurugram on Sunday. The 15year-old Anika was one shot ahead of bestplaced home professional Tvesa Malik, who was tied sixth at one-under 287. Last year, Tvesa had finished as the best home golfer at tied 13th and Sunday's result was significant progress for the LET rookie as well. Christine Wolf of Austria buried the ghosts of the past with a bogey-free final round to clinch her maiden Ladies European Tour title. Wolf showed no nervousness on the final day as she delivered a commanding bogey-free final round of 69 to total 11-under 277.

Hussamuddin, Siwach reach pre-quarterfinals

Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg), Sachin Siwach (57kg) and Ashish Kumar (75Kg) registered comfortable wins over their respective opponents to reach the pre-quarterfinals in the 4th Elite National Championships in Baddi on Sunday. Hussamuddin, representing Services, defeated Maharashtra's Sashikant Yadav 5-0. Siwach (57kg) beat Pralhad Panda of Goa after referee stopped the contest) in round 3. In the middleweight category, Asian Championships silver medallist Ashish Kumar showed his class as he rained punches on his opponent Gnaneshwar Kurna of Telangana and the bout had to be abandoned in the second round itself.

PKL: Narwal stars in Patna Pirates' win

Pardeep Narwal was at his scintillating best for Patna Pirates as his 36-point performance helped the three-time champions thrash semifinal-bound Bengal Warriors 69-41 in their final Pro Kabaddi League match of the season on Sunday. Narwal's 36-point display in front of a packed audience also helped him cross the 300-point mark for the season (302) as Patna equalled their own record of highest points scored in a match. A total of 110 points, another Pro Kabaddi record, was scored in the free-flowing encounter between two sides who were playing with nothing to lose.

Sarita Devi (L) lost to Russia's Natalia Shadrina in a 60kg Round 2 bout. BFI

Sarita Devi bows out of world championships

Former champion LSarita Devi (60kg) was on Sunday knocked out of the World Women's Boxing Championships after being upstaged by Russia's Natalia Shadrina on a disappointing day for India in Ulan-Ude. The fourth seed, who got a first-round bye, frittered away a strong start to bow out with a 0-5 loss. There was more disappointment for the country when in the last bout of the day, debutant Nandini (81kg) proved to be no match for Germany's Irina-Nicoletta Schonberger and was out-punched 0-5. Sarita was in control in the opening three minutes, logging more punches against a seemingly withdrawn opponent. However, Shadrina fought back in the next two rounds and surprised Sarita to get the judges' nod. Nandini, on the other hand, was jittery from the word go and struggled to keep pace with a technically superior Schonberger. The nerves showed all through and Nandini also ended up being warned in the second round for hitting her rival on the back of the head despite repeated cautions. She also sustained a cut on her face during the bout. Saweety Boora (75kg) and Jamuna Boro (54kg) are the two Indians to have advanced to the pre-quarters so far after winning their opening bouts.

Praggnanandhaa, Aryan share lead

R Praggnanandhaa eked out a hard-fought draw while Divya Deshmukh scored a smart victory to stay in the hunt in the World Youth Chess Championship in Mumbai on Sunday. GM Praggnanandhaa, playing black, had to be at his defensive best to thwart Iran's Aryan Gholami in the U18 Open to share the lead with 5 points after Round 6. In a highly anticipated clash, IM Aryan seemed to have a slight edge as he battled for that crucial point. But GM Praggnanandhaa manoeuvred his pieces smartly to share the spoils after 39 moves. The country's other GM, P Iniyan, desperately tried to make the most of his white but was effectively stonewalled by Germany's Valentin Buckels.

Squash: Amira, Anahat clinch junior titles

Delhi's Amira Singh and Anahat Singh captured the U-19 and U-15 titles respectively at the 8th JSW-All India Sunil Verma Memorial Junior & Senior Open Squash Championships in Mumbai. In the title rounds, Amira defeated Tamil Nadu's Trina Iris 11-6, 11-4, 11-4 while 11-year-old Anahat beat Maharashtra's Aarya Belsare 11-4, 11-6, 11-4. The result extends a good run for the Singh sisters this year. Amira had recently won the U-11 title at the British Junior Championship and followed it up with gold at European Junior Open, Amira won a bronze at Dutch Junior Open.



Women gymnasts disappoint at Worlds

Indian women had a dismal outing at the World Artistic Gymnastic Championships as none of them could qualify for the finals of individual events in Stuttgart. In the women's all-round qualification, Pranati Nayak and Pranati Das finished 127th and 132nd after scoring 45.832 and 45.248 respectively. In the vault event, Pranati Nayak scored 14.200 in her first attempt but got a neutral deduction in the second attempt which ruled her out of the Finals. She finished 27th in the vault qualification In the uneven bars qualification, Pranati Nayak, Pranati Das and Aruna Reddy (in pic) scored 10.566, 9.916 and 8.925 to finish 164th, 182nd and 193rd respectively.

United loss for city of Manchester

Premier League champions suffer shock 2-0 defeat against Wolves; Man United beaten by Newcastle

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MANCHESTER, OCTOBER 6

ADAMA TRAORE'S late double stunned Manchester City as the champions suffered a shock 2-0 defeat at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday that left them eight points behind Premier League leaders Liverpool.

Wolves forward Traore struck twice in the final 10 minutes to condemn City to their first home league defeat since they lost to Crystal Palace on Dec. 22. Yet it was City's second defeat in their last four league games following the 3-2 loss at Norwich City last month and it will increase Liverpool's belief that they can win their first league title in 30 years.

With Juergen Klopp's side having won all eight of their games so far this season, the Nov. 10 clash with City at Anfield is already looking like a game which could have a major impact on the destiny of the title.

City boss Pep Guardiola said there was little sense in pondering the eight-point gap.

"It is a lot of points. They didn't drop points for many circumstances. It is better not to think that one team is eight points ahead," said Guardiola.

"Today was the day we created less than (in other games), even against Norwich we created a lot. We faced many teams with deep de-



The defeat left Manchester City eight points behind leaders Liverpool, who have won all eight of their games so far this season. Reuters

fending systems and more or less we found a way to do it but today we had a problem," he said. The win was a massive boost for Wolves, who have endured a tricky start to the season due to their early commitments in the Europa League. It was just their second victory of the campaign and their first on the road.

"I'm very very proud, it was a very good performance and more than that, it was the work. The players run and run, they ran like

City looked shaky at the back throughout the game with Wolves having three good chances to open the scoring in the first half af-

crazy," said Wolves boss Nuno Espirito Santo.

ter waltzing through the makeshift central defensive pairing of Nicolas Otamendi and Fernandinho.

Guardiola will be relieved that John Stones is due to return from injury after the international break and on current form it may well be Otamendi rather than converted midfielder Fernandinho who makes way for him.

Yet Guardiola's side also lacked their usual sharpness in attack -- they had only two shots on target in the entire match -- and the nearest they came to scoring was a 67th-minute free kick from David Silva, which struck the bar.

The decisive blow came when Joao Cancelo lost the ball and Jimenez broke from deep in his own half, skipped past Otamendi and found Traore who kept his cool to beat Ederson. The 23-year-old Spaniard then added the second, deep in stoppage time, after Jimenez found him again through the exposed City defence.

United drops to 12th

Manchester United's nightmare start to the Premier League season continued Sunday with a 1-0 loss at Newcastle.

Man United went into the match with its worst seven-game start to a league season in 30 years, and a goal from 19-year-old Matthy Longstaff extended the misery for Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team.

United is in 12th place and two points above the relegation zone.

Osaka, Thiem win China titles; Djokovic eyes Tokyo Games

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE STUTTGART, OCTOBER 6

A SURGING Naomi Osaka found further redemption for a string of disappointing performances over the summer with her second consecutive title in Asia at the China Open on Sunday.

Osaka bounced back from a set down to top-seeded Ash Barty, cruising through the final two sets to defeat the top-seeded Australian 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 and accomplish her goal of returning to winning form on the tour's Asian leg.

In the men's final, top-seeded Austrian Dominic Thiem beat Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Osaka's win follows the two-time Grand Slam winner's victory last month at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in her birthplace of Osaka, Japan, her first singles title since the Australian Open in January.

"Honestly, all I was thinking about was how much I wanted to win so that made me very emotional," Osaka said after the match. "In the second set I just tried to rationalize everything and then in the third set just continue what I was doing."

Japan's most dominant player came into the tour's swing through Asia determined to make a statement following what she has called an on-and-off year that included a string of dismal performances in Europe and America.

"For me, this was my goal. After I lost in the U.S. Open ... I really meditated on it. It just feels like I accomplished what I set out to do,' Osaka said. The mid-year "dip" in her performance "really humbled me, and it made me very motivated to be here right now." she

She also said she was grateful for the lowkey presence of her stand-in coach, her father Leonard Francois, but said that arrangement wasn't permanent. "He annoys me so much that it makes me angry and I use the anger as a tool to win," Osaka said. Watching her matches "stresses him out," she added. "I

Djokovic takes Japan Open with eye on Tokyo Olympics

don't think it's a long term thing."

World number one Novak Djokovic clinched the Japan Open on Sunday, dispelling concerns about the shoulder injury that forced him out of the US Open. The Serb crushed Australian qualifier John Millman 6-3, 6-2 to mark his 10th win in a main draw

Djokovic playing in his first Japanese competition, dominated throughout the week, never losing a single set to claim the trophy at the Ariake Colosseum, a venue for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

"Considering that Olympic Games are high always on my list of goals and priorities and wishes, I wanted to feel the surface and see and experience how it feels playing on this court," Djokovic said.

One of the all-time great tries

It takes something special to move the normally stone-faced Steve Hansen in the All Blacks coaches' box. TJ Perenara produced something special.

TJ PERENARA and Brad Weber were two rare halfbacks (No 9) on the rugby paddock at Tokyo at the same time — and Richie Mo'unga & Beauden Barrett were hardly missed. The two had played together when New Zealand U-20 won the 2011 IRB Junior World Championship. On Sunday when the All Blacks beat Namibia 71-9 with eleven tries to none, it was the last one in the 78th minute where TJ & Weber combined amongst others, that will stand in memory

rather race in it for its seamless alchemy.

Weber shaped to the right and flicked the ball at an acute angle to the left in a mind (and wrist) bender, which created just enough room for Perenara to finish the stunning movement. The team try is being spoken of as the best of the current tournament, and has triggered arguments of it being the greatest ever. Jonah Lomu is hard to push off the pedestal but even he would have enjoyed the dazzle of the magical moment.



TJ Perenara finished the stunning team try as All Blacks beat Namibia 71-9. Reuters

BACKGROUND

The ABs had received a "rev-up from coach Steve Hansen to beat all previous rev-ups" — a dressing down — at half time after New Zealand's forwards were mighty sloppy in the first 30 minutes with reckless tackles allowing Namibia to inch to 10-9. So the ABs came all guns blazing in the second, and slotted 7 tries after 4 in the first.

But the sublime seconds of the big ABs romp was the dying moments — minus the theatrics of a close battle.

NZHerald states that two halfbacks on the field is very rare. "It only came about in this match with Perenara slotting in at No 10 after Jordie Barrett shifted to the wing," they wrote, quoting ABs assistant coach Ian Foster as saying, "I think it was probably our fault as coaches for having two nines on together so mayhem was always going to happen. I take my hat off to them. TJ made some really good decisions and Brad had a special moment with that pass. Obviously the scoreboard allowed them to express themselves the way they wanted and they got away with it."

WHAT (JUST) HAPPENED

STUFF.CO.NZ LINES UP THE CHRONOLOGY:

reserve halfback Weber delivers the ball to first receiver Ben Smith just outside the AB 22m. Perenara on for Sevu Reece, sizzles past two clutching-at-air tacklers to reach halfway line, and while tumbling past a third passes extraordinarily to George Bridge. When Bridge is tackled, Rieko Ioane carries before popping the ball to Weber who is dashing down the left flank line. Just after entering Namibia's 22m line, he sends a reverse flick-pass — around his

"I was hoping it would be a no try with that guy getting it. It was classic TJ to pull something like that out. I'm sure we won't be hearing the end of it, that's for sure."

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back — to old mate Perenara. TJ chomps up the remaining 20m, dodges two defenders and touches down with a dive at the corner post. Both the legality of Weber's pass (it moved so quick it seemed moving forward from behind the body — crazy shoulder gymnastics that!) and the touch down was upheld.

HOW THEY REACTED

"It takes something extraordinary to get much reaction out of All Blacks coach Steve Hansen, but the stunning try certainly did the trick." Stuff.co.nz said. "A perfectlytimed camera pan to the Kiwi coaches box captured Hansen giving a 'yahoo' and an almighty first-pump, after witnessing such a sublime set of skills from his men being crowned in five points. What was the All Blacks' 11th and final try of their 71-9 win will go down as one of the more brilliant scored by a man wearing the silver fern.

COMPARISONS WITH GOAT TRIES WERE INSTANT.

"For sheer breathtaking brilliance, there are a few it compares to," Stuff wrote. "Jonah Lomu's 1995 World Cup semifinal stunner in Cape Town, where he trampled over England fullback Mike Catt, would be one, with another being John Kirwan's long-range stunner against Italy in Auckland, in the All Blacks first ever World Cup match in 1987. Or even Jean-Luc Sadourny's 'try from the end of the world' for France against the All Blacks at Eden Park in 1994, or Gareth Edwards' 'greatest try of all time' in the Barbarians' clash against New Zealand in Cardiff in

"He'll be calling it a Weber. I didn't know Brad Weber had that kind of razzle in him. It looked very good, and then TJ with the finish I didn't know he had that in him."

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Date: 07-04-2018

Lot A would be sold first, failing auction of Lot A, options for Lots B and C would be given. However auction of Lot C would be conducted only if Lot B is sold and handing over of Lot C would take place once Lot B is dismantled and removed by purchaser of Lot B. Purchaser of Lot B would have to remove the purchased items within 30 days of e-auction date. M/s Advance Home & Personal Care Ltd. Regd. Office at 511/2/1 Rajokari, New Delhi - 110038

₹ 1.00 Lac

₹ 98.00 Lacs

₹ 9.80 Lacs

consisting of land and building situated at House Regd. Office: K-1/17, Ground Floor, Chitranjan Park. no. M-46, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi- ₹ 204.70 Lacs crores One lacs Forty 110048; (plot size 510 sq. yds.) GUARANTORS: 1 Mr. Aditya Agarwal, (M-46, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, M-46, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delh

Mr. Akhilesh Agarwal, 2630, Southern Gate, Drive Greensborn North Carolina 27410, United States of America Mrs. Komal Agarwal, M-46, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi

Movable (not Permanently affixed) Household Items at House No. M-46, Greater Kailash, Part-I, New Delhi-110048, being sold to recover lawful charges and costs and not as secured asset. Mr. Aditya Agarwal, Mr. Abhishek Agarwal and Mr. Akhilesh Agarwal all sons of Mr. Arvind Agarwal

₹ 2047.00 Lacs One thousand Five ₹ 1.00 Lac hundred Ninety One and paisa thirty one plus further interest, expenses, costs and

(Rupees Forty Eight 12.00 Noon to 2.00 p.m. **Authorised Officer** only) as on 07.04.2018 Sh. Prashant Singh Mob. 9999355060 other charges etc. from

07.04.2018 owed by the Borrower Company M/s 4 Genius Minds Pvt. Ltd. Demand Notice

25-10-2019

to 2.00 p.m.

Authorised Officer

Sh. Prashant Singh

Mob. 9999355060

to 12.00 Noon

with auto

extensions of

5 minutes each

05-11-2019

Time: 60 minutes

From 11.00 A.M.

to 12.00 Noon

with auto

extensions of

5 minutes each

Date and time for submission of request letter of participation, KYC Documents, PAN Card, Proof of EMD etc. On or before 01-11-2019 upto 4.00 P.M. and EMD through RTGS/NEFT.

The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT / RTGS in the Account No. 33108475877, Name of beneficiary: "THE AUTHORISED OFFICER, SBI, SAM BRANCH-1, NEW DELHI", IFSC Code: SBIN0004109 or by way of demand draft /Pay order in favor of State Bank of India, SAM Branch-1, New Delhi drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted "On Line".

The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd. (Help Line No.: 0124-4302020/21/23/24, Mr. Vinod, Mobile No.- 9813887931 & Email: support@bankeauctions.com) at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com; E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in https://www.bankeauctions.com

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property/ies, prior to submitting their bid. In this regard, the e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank.

The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues. The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The other terms and conditions of the e-auction are published in the following websites. 1. https://www.bankeauctions.com 2. http://www.sbi.co.in

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date: 07-10-2019, Place: New Delhi

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

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