

Factory output contracts again, falls to lowest in 6 years

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CONTRACTING FOR the second consecutive month, factory output for September plunged to (-) 4.3 per cent, with all three sectoral constituents — manufacturing, mining and electricity — recording negative growth, data released by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Monday showed.

The manufacturing sector, which carries a weight of 77.63 per cent in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), contracted for the second month in a row by 3.9 per cent in September compared to a 4.8 per cent growth last year, while mining sector output, with a weight of 14.37 per cent in the index, contracted 8.5 per cent

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THE CONTRACTION in September IIP reaffirms the structural growth slowdown and raises expectations of another RBI rate cut. On the positive side, the 7% growth in intermediate goods in September raises hopes for positive IIP growth after a gap. While IIP growth in October is expected to stay negative, a mild IIP expansion is projected from November.

Ex-Army officer's death in Tihar: Police say China link, Rs 65-cr FD

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
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FOUR DAYS after Captain Mukesh Chopra, a discharged Army officer, allegedly fell to his death in Tihar Jail, prompting a magisterial inquiry, police sources claimed their investigation had found that the 64-year-old had been staying at a guest house of the Aviation Research Centre where his room had been booked by a retired officer who

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Jawaharlal Nehru University students protest in New Delhi on Monday. *Praveen Khanna*

JNU students protest against fee hike, HRD says will find a way out

SUKRITA BARUAH & ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

UNION HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal was trapped inside the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) campus for around three hours Monday, after the main gate was blocked by JNU students protesting against a hike in hostel fee.

Pokhriyal had been invited as

guest of honour to JNU's third convocation ceremony.

Alleging that the Vice-Chancellor had refused to meet them, the students, led by the JNU Students' Union, raised the slogan: 'No convocation without affordable education.'

The main point of protest is the introduction of service charges — for maintenance, mess workers, cook and sanitation — which were so far not included in the hostel fee. Under

the new hostel charges, students have to pay an approximate service charge of Rs 1,700 per month. Rent for a single room has been increased from Rs 20 per month to Rs 600 per month, and for a double-sharing room from Rs 10 per month to Rs 300 per month. Students will also

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foreign exchange laws.

Sources said the ED is looking at the Rs 7.25 crore raised by Nourish Organic Foods Pvt Ltd in March 2019 from Saama Capital, a Mauritius-based India-focused early-stage investor. Saama Capital has invested in a number of start-ups in India including Paytm, ChaiPoint, Vistaar (NBFC), Snapdeal and SKS Microfinance. Abir is the director of Nourish

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Now ED probes firm in which EC Lavasa's son is director

RITIKA CHOPRA & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has begun an investigation under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) against Abir Lavasa, son of Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa, and the company in which he is a director for alleged violation of

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SANDEEP ASHAR & ZEESHAN SHAIKH
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AFTER A day-long political drama which ended with Shiv Sena failing to get Congress-NCP support for a possible coalition government in Maharashtra, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari invited Sharad Pawar's NCP to show its willingness to form the government by 8.30 pm Tuesday.

Earlier, the BJP, the single-largest party with 105 seats, and invited first by the Governor, expressed its unwillingness to stake claim for government formation. Shiv Sena, the second largest party with 56 seats, was invited next, but it could also not

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Outside Matoshree, in Mumbai on Monday. *Prashant Nadkar*

Cong closes door on Sena but NCP window still open

MANOJ CG & ZEESHAN SHAIKH
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THE CONGRESS Monday virtually dashed Shiv Sena's hopes of forming a government under its leadership in Maharashtra as the

party high command chose ideological compulsions over practical politics. It was classical Congress at play as the party's central leadership did not buckle

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Which trust will build the temple? In Ayodhya, war of words breaks out

MAULSHREE SETH
AYODHYA, NOVEMBER 11

TWO DAYS after the Supreme Court ruled that the entire Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site be transferred to a trust constituted by the Centre for the construction of a Ram temple, elation has given way to a war of words in Ayodhya on the nature

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of the proposed trust and its composition.

Mahant Nritya Gopal Das,

a leading light of the Ayodhya temple movement in the 1990s and president of the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas, told *The Indian Express* Monday that there is no need to form a new trust because the Nyas is a trust constituted for construction of the Ram temple and others like the Nirmohi Akhara can join it to complete the task.

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Factory output

as against 0.1 per cent growth last year, data showed.

This is the lowest level since the latest series (with 2011-12 base year) was released for 2012-13 onwards, whereas in the old series (2004-05 base), it had contracted by 5 per cent in October 2011.

IIP growth was at 4.6 per cent in September last year, while for the previous month, it was further revised down to (-)1.4 per cent from (-)1.1 per cent estimated earlier. Cumulatively, the industrial output for April-September, the first half of the financial year, grew at 1.3 per cent as against 5.2 per cent in the same period a year ago.

The data showed that capital goods, a proxy for investment demand, shrank by over 20 per cent while both consumer durables and consumer non-durables also contracted.

Barring intermediate goods, among the six use-based groups, all other five groups — primary goods, capital goods, consumer durables and non-durables — recorded contraction in September. The contraction in the capital goods sector was recorded for the ninth straight month, with output declining sharply by 20.7 per cent in September as against a 6.9 per cent growth in the corresponding period last year.

The consumption side, too, posted a grim picture, with consumer durables output staying in the negative territory for the fourth consecutive month by contracting 9.9 per cent in September as against a growth of 5.4 per cent, while consumer non-durables sector, consisting of mainly the fast-moving consumer goods, recording a contraction of 0.4 per cent as against 6.4 per cent growth last year. This, analysts said, belies any hopes of a pre-festive restocking of inventories.

Despite elevated retail inflation, the slowing industrial growth raises hopes of another rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the upcoming December policy meeting with economists expecting IIP growth to stay in negative territory in October as well and pick up November onwards.

"IIP has been very volatile and the small momentum of couple of months fizzles out soon. The Indian economy faces a structural growth slowdown originating from declining household savings and low agricultural growth. This is feeding into low agricultural and non-agricultural wage growth in rural areas which is impacting rural demand adversely. (We) believe monetary authorities will continue to follow accommodative monetary policy and expect further rate cuts in December 2019," said Devendra Kumar Pant, chief economist, India Ratings & Research.

Industrial growth is expected to get some support by pickup in passenger vehicle sales, which

grew 0.28 per cent in October. Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailer and semi-trailers has 4.86 per cent weight in IIP and manufacture of other transport equipment has 1.78 per cent weight. "In July-September FY20, these have contracted by 20.3 per cent and 8.9 per cent, respectively. However, it will be too early to term October 2019 automobile sale as general turnaround," Pant said.

"The outlook for the IIP for October 2019 is disappointing with a worsening in the pace of contraction of auto production and electricity generation, and only a mild improvement in the pace of YoY decline in the output of Coal India Limited. The sharp contraction in electricity generation in October 2019 is likely to have been led by multiple factors, including weaker demand from industry following curtailed production schedules in some sectors, as well as lower domestic demand and farm offtake related to higher than normal rainfall. In our view, the marginal YoY improvement in auto sales in October 2019 (after several months of contraction), was driven by deep discounting during the festive season, and its sustainability remains to be seen," said Aditi Nayar, Principal Economist, ICRA.

In terms of industries, 17 of 23 industry groups in the manufacturing sector have shown negative growth during September 2019 as compared to the same period last year.

The industry group "manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers" recorded the highest negative growth of (-)24.8 per cent followed by (-)23.6 per cent in furniture and (-)22.0 per cent in fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment.

Manufacturing of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture; articles of straw and plaiting materials have shown the highest positive growth of 15.5 per cent followed by 9.2 per cent in basic metals.

Ayodhya

But Mahant Dinendra Das of Nirmohi Akhara does not agree. "We have been fighting against them i.e. Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas. How can one expect us to become a member of their trust? They can surrender their trust and become part of the trust with us. We are Nirmohi and cannot be a part of them. It is for the Government to find a solution and bring everyone together," he said.

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in a unanimous 5-0 verdict Saturday on the Ayodhya title suit, rejected the Nirmohi Akhara's claim to shabait rights of serving the deity and managing its property. But the Bench, taking note of "the historical presence of Nirmohi Akhara at the disputed site and their role" directed the Centre that it should,

while framing a scheme to

form a trust, assign "an appropriate role in the management" to the Akhara.

The Digambar Akhara — one

of the dominant Akharas in Ayodhya, it used to be headed by Paramhans Ramchandra Das, also the Nyas president, till he passed

away in 2003 — said their chief Mahant Suresh Das would be meeting UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday to discuss the issue. It maintained that no existing trust should be told to construct the Ram temple.

In its order, the Bench said: "The Central Government shall, within a period of three months from the date of this judgment, formulate a scheme pursuant to the powers vested in it under Sections 6 and 7 of the

Acquisition of Certain Area at Ayodhya Act 1993. The scheme shall envisage the setting up of a trust with a Board of Trustees or any other appropriate body under Section 6."

Nyas chief Mahant Nritya Gopal Das questioned the need for a new trust: "Kis hiye banayenge, kaun banayega aur kaun usmein rahenga? Kyu jaroorat hai? (Why should it be formed? Who will form it? Who will be its members? What is the need?)." Mahant Suresh Das of Digambar Akhara confirmed he would be meeting the Chief Minister. "Ab CM se charcha karke batayenge (Will speak once I have discussed with the CM)," he said. "It is a beautiful judgment. It is necessary to form a new trust, like the Somnath temple trust, because it is not the work of the government to construct a temple," he said.

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Lavasa's son
Organic Foods Pvt Ltd since

November 14, 2017.

The agency sent summons to Abir Lavasa last week for appearance before the Investigating Officer of the case. He made an appearance last Friday and was given a week to furnish documents related to the funds raised. ED is learnt to have also sent a summons to the director of Saama Capital.

"There is a probe in connection with investments in the company where Lavasa is a director. The company was loss-making and yet received heavy investments at a premium. So we want to question (Abir) Lavasa about it," an ED official said.

When contacted, Abir Lavasa said, "Yes, a summons was received last week. We are fully complying with the ongoing inquiry." He declined to elaborate.

This comes just months after the Income Tax Department surveyed the books of accounts of Nourish Organic Foods Ltd. Abir Lavasa holds 10,000 shares in the company. The company had been served a notice by the IT department in August.

As first reported by The Indian Express on September 25, three members of the Lavasa family, including Ashok Lavasa's wife Novel, are under the scanner of the Income Tax Department for alleged non-declaration of income and disproportionate assets. Abir Lavasa's company (Nourish Organic) and his sister Shaktuntala Lavasa, a pediatrician, have also received income tax notices. Hearings in the cases are in progress. That apart, on August 29 the government wrote to 11 PSUs to verify their records for any exercise of "undue influence" by Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa during his tenure in the Power Ministry from 2009 to 2013.

Incidentally, Ashok Lavasa, one of the three commissioners in the Election Commission, had on five occasions opposed the clean chit given by the Commission to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former BJP president Amit Shah on charges of violating the Model Code of Conduct during the campaign for the Lok Sabha elections.

As reported by The Indian Express in September, RoC documents show Nourish Organic was promoted by Seema Jindal Jajodia, wife of Sandeep Jajodia, Chairman and Managing Director, Monnet Group, and daughter of the late O P Jindal. It earned a profit of Rs 16.86 lakh on total revenue of Rs 5.33 crore in 2017-18. The previous year, it reported a loss of Rs 24.4 lakh on revenues of Rs 3.4 crore.

The tax department concluded that the "effective management" of Nourish Organics vests with Abir, given that Seema Jajodia resigned two months after he became director in November 2017. Another director, Naresh Kumar, resigned the same day Abir joined.

Ex-Army officer

He had once worked with the ARC. Chopra, the sources claimed, had been chatting with a China-based individual via a social media app.

Arrested on November 2 for allegedly stealing strategy-related books, Canada-based Chopra was questioned in police custody for three days. He was sent to judicial custody on November 6 and died a day later. Chopra's lawyer and brother have questioned the circumstances of his death and the police insinuation that he had been spying for the Chinese.

On November 8, his lawyer Deepak Tyagi questioned the Bihar authorities account that Chopra jumped off a jail building: "If they had accused him of spying for the Chinese government, then he should have been kept in a secure ward. We have also found that he was not given proper medical care while taken

to hospital".

His brother Rangnesh Chopra told The Indian Express: "My brother was subjected to interrogation which lasted for more than 15 hours every day he was in police custody. He would sleep for only five hours before they would wake him up. My brother was a former Indian Army officer and he was branded a spy."

Police claimed they recovered four mobile phones from Chopra at the time of his arrest. "Chopra disclosed he had served as a Captain with a parachute regiment and was posted in Leh. He was discharged from service in 1983. He claimed he had property in Chhatrapur and Greater Kailash. He also claimed he had Rs 65 crore in fixed deposits," an officer said.

According to police, Chopra moved to Canada with his wife and daughter in 1983, and later obtained a US passport. "He had an Overseas Citizen of India card. His passport had a long-term Chinese visa valid till 2025, and in his personal diary, there were names of some members of the Chinese United Front Work Department. He had been visiting India since 2007. He had made 15 visits, even contacted defence officials," police sources said.

On October 31, Chopra reached Delhi via Hong Kong. Police sources claimed he was received at the airport by a retired officer who had worked with the ARC while on deployment. Chopra had helped his sons find jobs in the US and Canada, sources said.

JNU protest

have to pay utility charges, which they did not have to so far. The JNU Executive Council is supposed to give the final nod to the new hostel charges on November 13.

In a tweet later, the HRD Ministry said that Pokhriyal had a "positive conversation with JNU students about their problems. He assured them that a solution will be found soon".

During the course of the protest outside the venue, which began shortly before noon, police tried several means to move students away from the gate, including the use of a water cannon which was deployed around 1:30 pm. As more than 500 students assembled at the West Gate of the university campus, closest to AICTE, in the morning, they found that the gate was barricaded.

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu was the chief guest of the event. However, he left the event, which began at 9:30 am, before students reached the venue.

"The police team controlled the situation and the Vice-President was safely escorted outside the campus at 11:40 am," said DCP Devender Arya.

In the afternoon, the four JNUSU office-bearers met with the HRD minister. "Police themselves facilitated the meeting, saying that we would meet the vice-chancellor, but he was nowhere to be found. Instead, we met with the minister for around 15-20 minutes, most of which time we spent explaining the problems to him. We also submitted a memorandum. He said he would organise a meeting with the vice-chancellor, with us as a part of it," claimed JNUSU vice-president Saket Moon.

According to a senior ministry official, students will meet the Deans on November 15. However, the official admitted that the JNU administration should have engaged the students better. "We are looking at options to defuse the situation," the officer said. The 11-point memorandum essentially demanded that the draft Inter-Hall Administration (IHA) manual be withdrawn and that a fresh IHA meeting, including various stakeholders of the university, be called.

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Minor’s death takes expressway crash toll to 7

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA. NOVEMBER 11

HOURS AFTER six people of a family were killed in a car-truck collision on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway, the family lost a seventh member, who was admitted at AIIMS, Monday.

The victim was identified as six-year-old Aksa. The accident took place around 9 pm Sunday when 13 members of the family, travelling in a Maruti Eeco, were returning to Bulandshahr after a wedding in Ballabhgarh.

While the family alleged their car was hit by a truck from behind, police, after examining the mangled vehicle, suspect the car may have collided with the truck while overtaking it.

“We had received information that a car met with an accident on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway. It was badly damaged... The truck driver is yet to be traced. Six people are currently undergoing treatment. We are obtaining CCTV footage from a nearby toll plaza to ascertain which vehicle caused the accident,” said an officer from Site 5 police station.

Moin Mewati (20) lost two of his siblings in the accident. Sitting next to his brother Farhan, who survived the crash with a jaw injury, he said, “Almost 30 of my relatives had left Ballabhgarh in three cars. I was in a Santro. As I drove ahead, I saw the Eeco in a mangled condition and the bodies of my brothers and sisters. I lost half my family.”

His brother Farhan, asleep after a dose of heavy antibiotics, still wore the newly stitched black *sherwani* that Moin had got him for their relative’s wedding.

According to police, the impact of the crash was such that a metallic part of the truck’s exterior was embedded onto the driver’s side of the car. The car flipped after the crash, causing fatal injuries to its passengers, police said.

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New Delhi: The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) is working on a plan to increase liveability and economic activities, and to promote sustainable development in the capital, as part of the Regional Plan 2041. The plan will be unveiled by September 2021.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, who is a member of NCRPB, said the plan should help bring air quality index within 100. Flood control and cleaning of Yamuna will be the other points of focus, he said.

He also said the plan will aid in the growth of niche and industrial activities, “whether it is handicrafts, entertainment or industries”. NCRPB member secretary Archana Agarwal said the plan is in the initial stages. **ENS**

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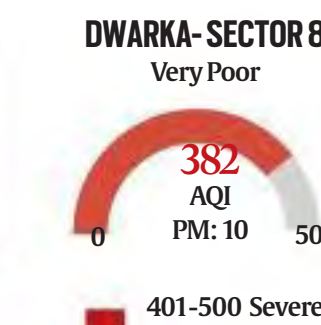
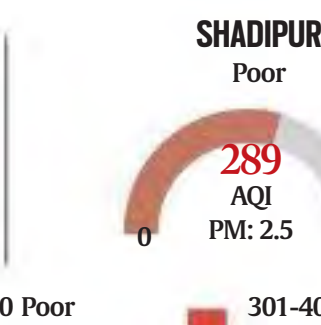
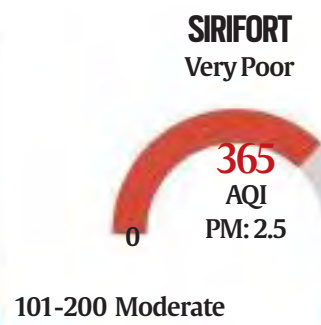
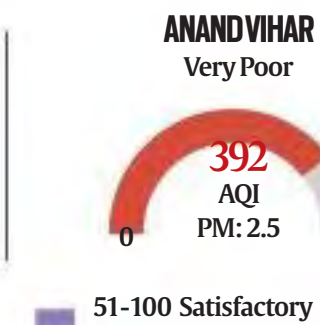
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PROTEST OVER INCREASE IN JNU'S MONTHLY HOSTEL FEE, JNUSU SUBMITS MEMORANDUM TO MINISTER

‘Hike over Rs 2,000, will hit 40% of campus’

SUKRITA BARUAH & ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

AROUND 40% of students admitted to JNU in 2017 had a parental income of less than Rs 12,000 per month, as per the university's annual report for the academic year 2017-2018. This was underlined by the JNU Students' Union in the memorandum submitted to HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal. The Union said the hike would mean these 40% of the students "will have to leave and probably discontinue their education".

According to the JNU report, 1,556 students were admitted to the varsity across various programmes in 2017. Of these, "623 came from the lower and middle income groups whose parents' income was less than Rs 12,000 per month and 904 from the higher income group with an income over Rs 12,001 per month and 29 did not fill details."

The university has not released its report for 2018-2019. According to the 2016-2017 report, 43% of those admitted in 2016 had a monthly parental income below Rs 12,000; and the report before that stated that 39% of those admitted in 2015 belonged to that income bracket.

In the memorandum, the students' union pointed out that the hike in hostel charges becomes more stark when contextualised with the family incomes of the university's students.

The memorandum also points out that scholarships the students receive from the university do not hold up against these increased fees. BA and MA students may receive a merit-cum-means scholarship (MCM) of Rs 2,000 per month while M.Phil and Ph.D students may receive non-NET fellowships of Rs 5,000 and Rs 8,000 per month.

According to former JNUSU president N Sai Balaji, 70-80% of BA and MA students receive the MCM scholarship while around 90% of M.Phil and Ph.D students receive the fellowships.

The memorandum also raises attention to the last date for mess bill (about Rs 2,500) payment being changed from the 24th to the 15th of the month, and the draft mentioning that if the bill is not paid before that date, the room would be locked. "The draft also mentions that a defaulters' list be put up which would name students... this is an instrument to publicly humiliate, intimidate and ultimately exclude students from marginalised backgrounds," read the memorandum.



Outside the All India Council for Technical Education campus, the convocation venue, Monday. Praveen Khanna

OLD AND NEW		
CATEGORY	EXISTING CHARGES	REVISED CHARGES
One-time mess security (refundable)	₹ 5,500	₹ 12,000
Service charge (sanitation, maintenance, etc)	Nil	₹1,700/month*
Utility charges (water, electricity, etc)	Nil	As per usage
Room rent (single)	₹20/month	₹ 600/month
Room rent (double)	₹10/month	₹ 300/month
Establishment charges	₹ 1,100/semester	₹1,100/semester
Mess bill	As per usage	As per usage
Crockery, utensils	₹ 250/year	₹ 250/year
Newspaper	₹ 50/year	₹50/year
*(estimated amount, as per actual usage)		

THE MANY FLARE-UPS IN JNU

OCT: Administration said it would lock the office of JNUSU as the current union was not recognised and office could be misused. It also cited security issues to restrict entry to Parthasarathy Rocks

SEPT: Students and administration had gone head to head during JNUSU polls, with the latter accusing the former of not holding polls as per Lyngdoh Committee rules. This delayed counting

SEPT: JNUSU and JNUTA condemned the administration for asking Historian Romila Thapar,

among others, to furnish her CV so it could be ascertained if her position as Professor Emeritus could continue

AUG: Students protested after the administration termed graffiti and posters on campus "defacement", and removed them

JULY: Students and teachers hit out at the administration after it 'chargesheeted' 48 teachers for participating in a one-day strike in July 2018, to protest against violation of "reservation policies," "arbitrary" removal of deans, etc

AIIMS pays less, IIT more, Jamia the same

ARANYA SHANKAR
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A LOOK at hostel fee at other institutions reveals that while IIT students pay more, those at AIIMS pay less.

At Jamia Millia Islamia, students pay Rs 29,750 per year as hostel charges, including mess fee, admission fee, room rent, electricity/water and maintenance. This has to be paid in two installments of Rs 15,350 and Rs 14,400 each semester. This is for students across all years.

At JNU, after the revised rates, any student in the second year in a two-seater room would have to pay Rs 26,500 plus mess charges (around Rs 2,500 per month) as well as utility charges for water, electricity and Wi-Fi separately. For first year students who have a single-seater room, the amount would be roughly Rs 42,100 per year, excluding mess and utility charges.

At All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the highest fee has to be paid by a Senior Resident

(sponsored) who is married. This amounts to Rs 29,340 annually, including security deposit, mess fee, room rent, electricity charges, etc. Undergraduate students of nursing, MBBS, post-graduate students of nursing and MSc, and junior and senior residents don't have to pay any room rent. It only includes mess fee and security deposit. This makes their expenditure Rs 15,640 per annum, less than JNU.

DU has several post-graduate hostels with varying fee. At Meghdoot Hostel, for example, the annual fee is Rs 18,680 but does not include mess charges.

However, VKRV Rao Hostel has a higher fee. A student there is supposed to pay Rs 21,820 per year excluding mess charges, which are Rs 3,400 per month.

A student who studies in IIT Delhi said the fee varies from hostel to hostel. "We pay around Rs 35,000 per semester, including food and rent. This is besides the Rs 15,000-Rs 20,000 we pay as security fee at the beginning," said the student. IIT authorities did not provide an official figure.

Synonymous with academic excellence: Naidu on JNU



Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, who was the chief guest, HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal. Praveen Khanna

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AS PROTESTS raged outside JNU's convocation venue over the hostel fee hike, with students alleging that those from weak economic backgrounds would suffer, Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, who was the chief guest, praised the university's admission policy for making education accessible to women and the marginalised.

"It is a matter of pride that JNU has become synonymous with academic excellence in the country. Of course, at times it is in news for the wrong reasons. I am also pleased to note that women constitute 51% of the students because of special admission policy for them, students hailing from distant places and those belonging to marginalised sections," he said.

Naidu said it was important that "young women, particularly those from marginalised sections, gain increased access to the portals of colleges and universities".

"Women's empowerment through education will have a positive impact on the society and on our future generations. It is often said that educating a woman is equivalent to educating a family," he said.

"Thus, institutions of higher learning have to play a very vital role in ensuring quality and equitable education to women. In this context, I would also like to stress the need for political empowerment of women by providing adequate reservation for them in Parliament and State legislatures," Naidu added.

L-G directs officials to begin work to notify unauthorised colonies

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DIRECTING AUTHORITIES to work on a "mission mode" to regularise the city's unauthorised colonies, L-G Anil Bajjal Monday told officials to declare around 81 villages, falling in the jurisdiction of a few such colonies, as urban.

According to officials, notifying the villages as urban — in accordance with Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 — is a prerequisite before declaring them as authorised. On October 24, the Union Cabinet had passed a proposal to regularise 1,797 unauthorised colonies in the capital.

Bajjal issued the directions in a meeting attended by Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev; Revenue Commissioner Rajeev Verma; Principal Secretary (Urban Development) Manisha Saxena; DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor; and commissioners of the MCDs among others.

"The L-G told officials to take action to declare villages concerned as urbanised; identify vacant land and take steps for its protection; carry out a digital survey of colonies and delineate boundaries in a time-bound manner. He also emphasised on access to social infrastructure and civic amenities for residents," said the L-G office in a statement. As per a senior DDA official, notifying these 81 villages as urban is crucial as the Delhi Land Reform Act does not allow for the



In Oct, the Centre passed a proposal to regularise 1,797 unauthorised colonies

creation of small plots here.

He said the agency plans to give more relaxations to developers in the Master Plan to ensure redevelopment. "Under this, there will be provisions to create open spaces but execution will be difficult as there is hardly any vacant space in some of these areas," said the official.

The scheme, which awaits clearance in Parliament, has been named PM-UDAY (Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi Awas Adhikar Yojana) by the Centre. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed the Centre merely accepted the Delhi government's 2015 proposal to regularise the colonies.

Meanwhile, the BJP's Delhi unit claimed the state government will have no role in the authorisation process, as everything will be handled by DDA — the land-owning agency. However, Delhi Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot said only the state revenue department was authorised to register properties.

‘Centre’s policies benefiting only a few rich’

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh speaks to Mallica Joshi & Rahul Sabharwal on his party's new election strategy, leaders leaving on a bitter note, and why he believes BJP and Congress won't be able to get Purvanchalis on their side

We're seeing a very different AAP campaign as compared to 2015. The street fighter image has taken a back seat, the tone is conciliatory and positive. The CM doesn't target the Opposition anymore.

With time and circumstances, every party must change its policy and practice. Every election cannot have the same strategy. At that time, we were the opposition and telling people about the failures of those in power was our job. Today, we are in power and we will tell people what we have done in five years... We gave free power up to 200 units — this is unthinkable at a time when power tariffs are extremely high across the country. Those who call our policies freebies need to rethink. Today, Delhi's GDP is 8.6% and the country's is 5%. When we provide these facilities to people, they save money. When they save, they spend and strengthen the economy. This is the principle of economics, that the market will thrive only when people have money in their pockets.

The Centre's policies today are benefiting only a few rich... Unemployment is the highest in 45 years. On the other hand, Delhi government is giving free services and strengthening the common man's pocket.

AAP and Arvind Kejriwal have mellowed down when it comes to taking on the PM. Is this a new strategy?

In a democracy, people's man-

date should be respected. Modi ji won the Lok Sabha elections and we have to respect that mandate. Give us a single example where we initiated a fight (with the Centre). CBI raided the CM's office, deputy CM's house, health minister's house, investigation against the health minister's daughter, ED's raid on Kailash Gahlot, FIRs and cases against 25 MLAs — these are the things we protested against. It is natural to react. Today, they have backed off and we are doing our work. We never wanted a fight... It is not about our strategy change, it is also possible that they changed tack because of the upcoming polls... We always wanted to focus on governance but they tormented us so much that we had to speak out. If someone will strangle you, you will have to speak out.

The AAP faced a rout in the 2017 MCD elections. What went wrong there?

Today, people want to rally behind a leadership, across the country. Be it Modi in the Centre, Yogi in UP. The same way, when Delhi Assembly elections approach, they see (Arvind) Kejriwal, who works for better facilities in water, power and health. In MCD, we lost because of two-three reasons. Rajouri Garden by-poll right before the polls, where we were not able to grasp that our candidate would lose his deposit, was one. The second was poll results in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.



AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. Archive

BJP changed all its candidates ahead of MCD polls, which was a good strategy... the corruption and bad deeds done by them were hidden, temporarily.

Do you plan to change some MLA candidates this time?

The Political Affairs Committee will take a call. It would not be right for me to say anything. Obviously, MLAs who have quit the party will be replaced.

Many MLAs who quit spoke of a lack of democracy in the

party. The split has usually been public and acrimonious. What's behind this pattern?

Hamari party main mohabbat aur nafrat ka ratio barabar hi hai (In our party, the ratio of love and hate is equal). One who loves it, loves it very much, and the one who decides to speak against it goes the other extreme. I can't say what the reason is, but perhaps it is that we are not traditional politicians so far. We don't make deals based on posts, money or fear. We can't threaten them with police cases



or ED raids.

Each party is going the extra mile to cater to the city's Purvanchali population. How crucial is the community's support during polls?

Purvanchalis are a very big factor in Delhi... they comprise more than 40% of population in the city... There are two faces: One is of the BJP-Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, where Purvanchalis are beaten up; Surat and Assam, where they are beaten up and asked to leave. The second face is that of Delhi, where Kejriwal ji provides them with facilities; makes arrangements to celebrate Chhath; gets 1,100 new ghats constructed and declares a holiday; makes Purvanchalis participants in power. Today, AAP has 13 Purvanchali MLAs. I don't think any Purvanchali is going to drift away from us.

BJP will rely on Manoj Tiwari, and Congress on Kirti Azad to try and get their support.

Today, people who come to Delhi from UP, Bihar and Purvanchal see the benefit in giving their children good education, getting free power, free medicines in hospitals, better roads and sewer network, and they will go for the person who gave them these. Tiwari is a face, yes, but he doesn't speak out when MP Ramesh Bidhuri hits a Purvanchali leader. He doesn't say anything when Biharis and Purvanchalis are beaten up in

Maharashtra. Lip service is not enough. Recently, Sonia Gandhi ji met Raj Thackeray, what will Kirti Azad say to this?

Do you expect core BJP voters to switch loyalties to AAP?

We will see a shift this time. Even in public meetings, people tell us that we voted for Modi in Lok Sabha polls but will vote for Kejriwal in Assembly polls.

And how many seats do you estimate you'll win?

I'm not saying this out of overconfidence, but if the situation that exists today prevails — ups and downs are part of politics — we will repeat the performance of 2015 (when AAP won 67 seats).

What are the states outside of Delhi that you can realistically consider contesting in?

Till Delhi results come out, we will not look at any other state.

The party once hoped to expand to other states. Where did it fall short?

It takes a strong organisational structure to propagate something along with a battle-ready leadership (in the state) whose face can be projected. Right now, we don't have that sort of presence in other states, where we can contest and win elections. It is no mean feat that we have won twice in Delhi and become the main Opposition in Punjab. Where people worked hard and there was good leadership, we saw results.



BRIEFLY

Tis Hazari clash: Court seeks status report of probe

New Delhi: A Delhi court Monday directed Delhi Police to file a status report of the probe into the clash between lawyers and police at Tis Hazari court by November 20. Police, meanwhile, have asked civilians to submit their statements and videos of the incident to the SIT.

SDMC seeks funds for road repairs

New Delhi: Facing a financial crunch, SDMC has sought Rs 6 crore from the Centre to repair roads under its jurisdiction to control dust pollution.

Toddler run over by tempo

New Delhi: A one-year-old girl was mowed down by a tempo in Outer Delhi's Narela Monday. Police said the child, who was playing with two-three children outside, crawled under the vehicle and was run over when the tempo driver reversed. The driver has been arrested.

3 killed after truck rams car

New Delhi: Three men were killed and another injured after a truck rammed their car at an intersection in Okhla Sunday, police said. **ENS**

CM SAYS STUBBLE BURNING MUST STOP

Pollution may return to 'severe' level today

SHIVAMPATEL
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A COMBINATION of factors such as a change in wind direction, lower temperatures and local wind speed are expected to push Delhi's air quality into the 'severe' category Tuesday.

According to the forecast issued by the Centre's air quality monitoring system, SAFAR, wind, which till last week was blowing from the south/south-east direction, is now blowing from the northwesterly direction. This means that emission because of crop residue burning is being carried to Delhi from over Punjab and Haryana.

This, combined with low wind speed in the city and dipping temperature because of an active Western Disturbance — factors that aid the accumulation of pollutants — has meant that Delhi's AQI Monday was 360, up from 321 Sunday.

"AQI is likely to deteriorate to 'severe' category for the next two days. Improvement towards 'very poor' is predicted only by November 14," SAFAR said. The share of stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana in Delhi's air is expected to increase to 25% Tuesday from 18% Monday.

Contribution of pollution from farm fires reached its peak this season at 44% on October 31.

In a tweet, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said: "We should stop stubble burning. People are suffering immensely. SC has also directed. Pollution has again started increasing in Delhi due to stubble burning after some respite last week."

SAFAR officials said local surface wind speed needs to rise to help flush out pollutants.



Minister says neighbours missed meet

New Delhi: Delhi environment minister Kailash Gahlot Monday accused his counterparts in Haryana, Punjab, UP and Rajasthan of lacking seriousness to tackle pollution, after they allegedly missed a meeting convened by the Centre on the issue Saturday.

He said he would write to the CMs of Punjab and Haryana to appeal to them to stop stubble burning immediately. His letter would also draw attention to the state environment ministers missing Saturday's meeting convened by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar. He also accused MCDs and DDA of skipping the meeting. **ENS**

SAFAR officials added, "Impact of stubble burning in Delhi has varied because some days there might be high fire counts but the wind direction might not be towards the city." Cooler temperatures Tuesday

Improvement towards 'very poor' is predicted only by Nov 14: SAFAR. Amit Mehra

and Wednesday may reduce the atmospheric boundary layer height and lead to accumulation of pollutants closer to the surface.

According to experts, factors leading to this build-up are varied, with the impact of meteorology, higher share of combustion pollutants, and external biomass and dust contribution among the primary reasons.

Dr Dipankar Saha, former head of the CPCB's air lab, said external pollution contributes around 37% to Delhi, but the city's air quality can only be improved with local efforts.

"In urban areas, emission sources are constant because activities are the same throughout the year," he said.

Besides emissions from vehicles, construction activities, open biomass burning, and dust, there is also an added contribution of winds that carry dust particles from beyond national boundaries, from countries including Iran, Dr Saha said.

A 2016 study showed that in winters, 46% PM 2.5 blows into the capital from northern parts of India and Pakistan, and 30% from Bihar, UP and Uttarakhand.

Gang that took 100 cars to Manipur busted

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DELHI POLICE claimed to have busted an inter-state vehicle theft racket with the arrest of a 27-year-old who was intercepted with a stolen car on NH-24 last month. Police said that the man, Ajish Khan, was driving a stolen vehicle to Manipur when he was arrested. After a month-long investigation, police recovered 11 luxury cars from Manipur.

DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh said the accused and his associates would fly from Imphal every month and take stolen cars from the capital. "They would take 10-15 cars every month from Delhi to Manipur and then deliver it to a man named Juma Khan in Thoubal, Manipur," said Singh.

According to police, Juma would tamper with the chassis number of the cars and produce forged documents to get them registered with transport authorities in Manipur and Nagaland. Police are also probing the involvement of transport authorities in the racket.

"After Ajish was arrested, the car he was driving was identified to be stolen from Punjabi Bagh. Later, he told us that he sold the cars to people in other states. The gang has stolen more than 100 cars from Delhi," an officer said.

Police claimed the stolen cars were sold to insurgent groups in the Northeast. After a police team went to Manipur to recover the cars, they had to drive the cars for more than 200 km out of the city.

"There was an insurgency in the area; underground groups were blocking roads and there was violence. Policemen drove the cars from Thoubal district to Imphal, from where it was brought to Delhi," said a senior officer from the East district.

AAP on Metro board: Delhi govt hits out at DMRC

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THE DELHI government Monday termed as "illegal" the Delhi Metro's decision to approach the Centre, for "legal opinion" on the Delhi government's proposal to nominate AAP functionaries Atishi, Raghav Chadha, Jasmine Shah and Rajya Sabha MP N D Gupta's son Naveen Gupta to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) board of directors.

In a strongly worded letter to DMRC chief Mangu Singh, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said if "this state of affairs continues", the Delhi government would hold the former "liable". Currently, the Delhi government has no nominated director in the DMRC board — in which the state and the Centre are equal shareholders.

On November 7, *The Indian*



The Indian Express report dated November 7

Express had reported that the DMRC board decided to approach the Centre for legal opinion. "The decision to nominate the four names was taken by the Delhi government. We brought it in the meeting of the board. The board decided that the central government should be approached for a legal opinion," Singh had told *The Indian Express*.

Gahlot, in the letter, said: "I would like to state it on record

that the decisions taken by the DMRC board, without inviting representatives of the Delhi government, are illegal and void ab-initio... I have no hesitation in saying that if this state of affairs continues, the Delhi government would hold the MD of DMRC liable."

The corporation's board, which has a sanctioned strength of 17, is chaired by the secretary of the Union Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Delhi govt steps in to keep OTs open in Lok Nayak

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

FEARING CLOSURE of four operation theatres in Lok Nayak Hospital, the Delhi government has asked the administration to initiate procurement of equipment for the department of surgery in a time-bound manner. Last week, the department came out with an order wherein it decided to shut four general surgery OTs from December 1 due to shortage of equipment.

A meeting was held with the Secretary (Health) and hospital officials to resolve the problem. In a November 6 order, head of department Dr P Lal highlighted the shortage of essential equip-



The OTs were to be shut due to shortage of equipment

ment and how this has affected the department's functioning.


"The administration has been asked to prepare a timeline and availability of funds. The government has taken serious note of the problem and the hospital has been instructed to start the purchasing at the earliest. A health

department official will be following up with the hospital on a weekly basis," said a senior official from the health department.

Senior officials said the department was told to continue with services as the government is directly monitoring the issue. "The government will hire technicians for a fourth OT lying dysfunctional for years," said the official.

Confirming the development, Health Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar told *The Indian Express*: "The meeting was held to discuss deficiencies... The purchase process will begin soon and OT services will not be shut."

Meanwhile, both BJP and Congress hit out at the AAP government over the shutting down of the OTs.

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Fewer arrests in city since Tis Hazari lawyer-police clash

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EVER SINCE the clash between the lawyers and police at Tis Hazari court complex on November 2, there has been a decline in the numbers of arrests made by the Delhi Police. On an average over the last five days, 131 people were arrested every day. In the month preceding the clash, the figure stood at over 250 a day.

Police said this is because lawyers have been on strike, making it difficult for personnel to access courts.

On Tuesday, the day of the protest outside the Delhi Police headquarters, the arrested list showed only 102 arrests across all districts in the capital. A police spokesperson, however, said, "Personnel didn't leave their duty for the protest. Those at the protest were on their 'off-duty' hours or on leave. They later resumed their duties on time."

On Wednesday, the number of arrests stood at 164, and on Thursday it dipped to 155.

A senior police officer in the North West district said, "There's a possible decline in the number of arrests over the last week because officers can't access courts."

Two days after the clash, a police constable was beaten up





The clash between cops and lawyers took place on Nov 2

by a lawyer outside Saket court. "We want to avoid clashes with lawyers. So arrests which can be delayed by a day or two are being postponed," said the officer.

In Dwarka, too, officers said they are facing issues accessing the court. The district has seen 5-8 arrests per day since the clash.

A senior police officer in Rohini, however, claimed there has been an increase in the number of cases being worked out.

"Personnel now have time to intensify patrolling due to which there's been a decline in snatching cases in our area. They also have time for other paperwork. We have turned the problem into an opportunity to solve cases which don't require court work — the ones involving executive magistrates and bail accused," the officer said.




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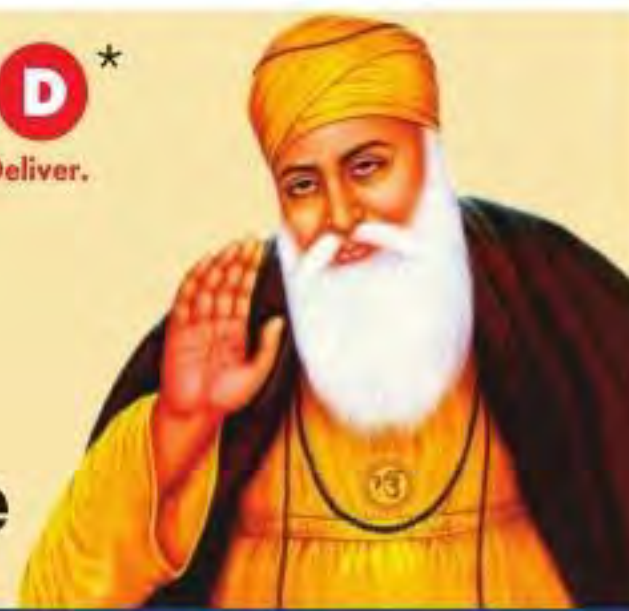
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GURU NANAK was born five-and-a-half centuries ago, at a very critical stage, when India was riddled with dissension. Controlled by two distinct and powerful religious currents — on one side, the Muslim rulers were oppressing the subjects and on other hand Hindu clergy was exploiting the masses by enforcing caste system and futile rituals.

Guru Nanak came as a saviour to the corroding society and declared 'GOD is One' - that there was only one God, though there were many ways to reach Him. He practiced and preached meditation and pious practices while leading a life of honest householder. A saint with highly practical social vision, backed by positive action, he emphasized on equality, fraternity, compassion, humanism and concern for social justice for the oppressed.

Even as a child, Nanak overwhelmed many with his perception and rationale. For his 'upanayana' ritual, he refused to wear the sacred thread, and surprised everyone by asking for a sacred thread made of mercy and contentment, continence and truth that may check perversity in a person.

Guru Nanak saw much beyond religious and intellectual cognitions. He underscored

the spiritual foundations of human existence and through his poetic utterance, he ushered in an era of spiritual and social awakening with far reaching effects. His ethos extended far beyond his times and are of relevance at all times.

Guru Nanak conceived and promoted culture peace and nonviolence by practicing and preaching "universal brotherhood" and said "Na Ko Hindu, Na Ko Musalman" - there is no Hindu, No Muslim. He advocated that the communities with diverse backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities must live side by side harmoniously and bound by moral values & love of all. Tolerance, Reconciliation and Forgiveness are the virtues that the civilisations need to imbibe and resonate around. Shunning all false bindings, he advocated the thought that all are human and must respect humanity. One must cast aspersion towards dishonesty and barbarism. He proved that milk runs out of a poor honest man's bread, and blood out of the bread of rich and dishonest people and laid foundation of Socialism.

Guru Nanak raised voice against oppression and fought against injustice. He vehemently protested Babar's attack against masses when he invaded Ahmedabad.

Guru Nanak eradicated all social evils



and was the first one to restore respect of women in the society. Giving equal status to women, he said, 'so Kyon Manda Aakhiye, Jit Jame Rajaan' - how can women be inferior when she gives birth to great men of this universe.

There were three basic principles of Guru Nanak's teachings, i.e., Naam Japo, Kirat Karo, Vand Chako- constant meditation on God's name, earning livelihood through honest means, sharing one's earnings out of love and compassion with others.

Guru Nanak repeatedly emphasized humility. He said, "this body is a field, mind the ploughman, modesty the irrigating channel, contentment the leveller to pulverize the crust of pride into true humility; sow the seed of love of God and dignity will flourish".

Guru Nanak was a nature-lover, and he always inspired people to look at nature as the divine presence of the Creator and to form a loving relationship with nature.

Guru Nanak also preached the 'religion of household' by making religion as part of daily life. He did not accept the idea of retreating from family in search of God. According to him, salvation is fully compatible with joy, Laughing, eating, playing and dressing well.



Guru Nanak preached respect for all the faiths and he collected the hymns of spiritual men of other faiths and which were later included in Guru Granth Sahib. Interfaith dialogue and cooperation have been part of Sikhism since guru Nanak's time that is why every Sikh offers prayers daily, "That May the whole world prospers by your grace".

Guru Nanak- the Mystic Guru and a religious innovator, travelled across South Asia and Middle East to spread the message of the God. He undertook 5 long (Udhasis) journeys during his lifetime covering a staggering distance of 28000 kilometers on foot. Through his simple yet meaningful practices as also holding discourses and discussions with the learned and the lay, he reached out to everyone to shun pride, rigidity and lead a simple inclusive, dutiful and pious life in continuous remembrance of God through devotion without rituals.

In the present day world, people belonging to various religions are reluctant to respect towards religious beliefs and practices of other religious communities. The growing religious extremism, religious violence and religious antagonism have created the stained environment which is bound to create the clash among various socio-religious and cultural groups. As we celebrate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, his messages become relevant as never before as he emphasized on spirit of fatherhood of God and brotherhood of mankind and repudiated all superficial religious and cultural divisions and inequality. Guru Nanak Dev was much ahead of time as he not only advocated but practiced the spirit of mutual respect and tolerance. It is now upon us to practice and pass on the legacy to our future generations that we have inherited from the Pious, the Divine - Shri Guru Nanak Dev.

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My heartiest good wishes and love to all readers on the eve of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji.

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Department Of Cardiology, Medanta,
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Punjab & Sind Bank at Kartarpur corridor opening

THE Bank was founded in the year 1908 in Amritsar by the far-sighted vision of luminaries like Bhai Vir Singh, Sir Sunder Singh Majitha and Sardar Tarlochan Singh on the principle of social commitment to help the weaker section of the society in their economic endeavours to raise their standard of life. The Bank celebrated its 112th Foundation Day in June 2019 and true to its league Bank’s Wall Calendar 2019 was dedicated to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on his 550th Prakash Utsav. The Bank is known for its calendars which mainly focuses on the teachings of Sikh Gurus. The Bank has vast collection of historical Sikh paintings which are used in Exhibition at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, New Delhi, for public to educate them about the teachings of Sikh Gurus and historical past of Sikhs.

Punjab & Sind Bank made special plans to commemorate 550th Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The arrangements were made, overlooked and supervised, by its top officials to ensure Bank’s participation and visibility in the celebrations. The Bank has its branches in Dera Baba Nanak and Sultanpur Lodi. The arrangements were supervised and monitored by Sh Govind N Dongre, Executive Director of the Bank, at Dera Baba Nanak, followed by visit of Dr. Fareed Ahmed, Executive Director of the Bank, at Sultanpur Lodi and Sh. S.Harisankar, MD & CEO of the Bank at Amritsar and Dera Baba Nanak.

The Bank also launched its Wall Calendar 2020 on the occasion by distributing it to the pilgrims in Dera Baba Nanak (the place from where Kartarpur Corridor starts from Indian side) Sultanpur Lodi and Amritsar.

The Bank has launched its loan schemes as PSB Utsav Mala, with attractive features, during the festive season. Its PSB Apna Ghar, PSB Apna Vahan and PSB Vyapar Loan are very popular schemes made to suite all the requirement of its privileged customer and general public. Bank has offered hassle free loan approval with Zero Processing & Inspection Charges in PSB Apna Ghar and PSB Apna Vahan. There is a waiver of 50% in Processing Charges for PSB Vyapar Loan.

The Bank participated in opening of Kartarpur corridor by placing banners, welcome gates and providing buses to the Punjab Government to carry pilgrims to and fro from the parking area at Kartarpur corridor to the Immigration Counter.

The staff of the Bank welcomed pilgrims through Langar and Chhabeeel counter and distributed its Wall Calendar 2020 on the occasion.



Sh. S Harisankar, MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank, being honoured with saropa at Darbar Sahib Gurudwara Dera Baba Nanak at Kartarpur corridor



Dr. Fareed Ahmed, Executive Director; Sh. Jayant Kumar Nayak, General Manager (HRD), along with Zonal Manager, ZO Jalandhar, Punjab & Sind Bank at Sultanpur Lodhi.



Sh. Govind N Dongre, Executive Director of Punjab & Sind Bank, at Immigration Center of Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak.

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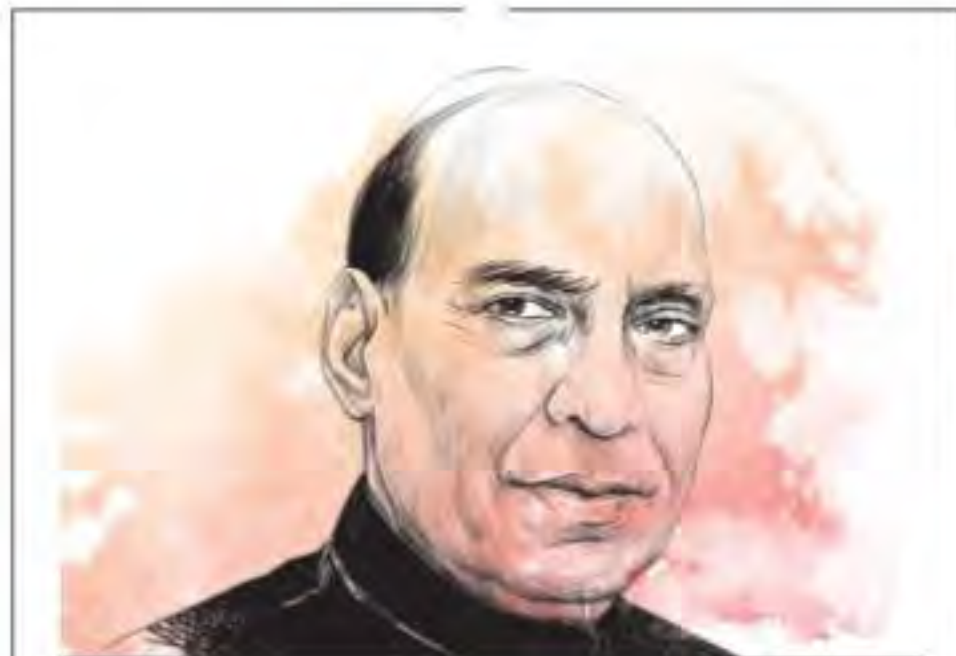
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8 GOVT & POLITICS



LOOKING BACK

AT AN event organised for start-ups to take up challenges for building equipment for the defence needs of the country, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reminisced about his life before politics. Appreciating the work done by start-ups in the last few years, Singh said he was a student of physics and had done some research as well. But, he added, after that he spent all his life in politics. He told the “innovators” that the country was proud of them, and that his interest had grown after looking at their work.

PANEL MEMBERS

DMK MP Tiruchi Siva will chair the Rajya Sabha committee for provision of computers to members. The other members include Vijila Satyanath of AIADMK, K K Ragesh of CPM, Javed Ali Khan of SP and K D Singh of Trinamool. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, as chairman of the Rajya Sabha, has also nominated former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to the standing committee on finance. Digvijaya Singh, who had earlier resigned from the committee saying he was on it for too long, will now be a member of the urban development committee.

POLL FACILITIES

AFTER THE Union government's approval, the Election Commission is set to extend the facility of voting by post to senior citizen voters and voters with physical disability. This will be introduced in the Jharkhand Assembly election. However, the Commission has had to tweak its plans for a full-scale rollout. The state home secretary had requested the EC to not implement the change in Left-wing extremism-affected seats. Based on this request, the EC decided to scale down the rollout to just urban seats in Jharkhand. So, for now, postal ballot facility for senior citizens and the disabled is being implemented on pilot basis in six seats (Rajmahal, Pakur, Jamtada, Deoghar, Godda, Bokaro and Dhanbad) of Jharkhand.

KARNATAKA BY-ELECTION

Nominations start, parties await SC order on rebel MLAs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 11

AS THE nomination process for by-elections to 15 Assembly seats in Karnataka began on Monday, the BJP is facing disquiet in some of these constituencies amid the prospect that the party will field Congress and JD(S) rebel MLAs in these seats.

All three main parties are, meanwhile, awaiting the Supreme Court order on disqualification of 15 Congress and JD(S) MLAs before naming their candidates. The court is scheduled to give its verdict on Wednesday.

The bypolls — scheduled on December 5 — were necessitated after rebel legislators went to BJP.

While BJP is banking entirely on the court's verdict to decide its candidates, as Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is keen on fielding most rebel MLAs on BJP tickets, the Congress has announced candidates for eight seats. It is awaiting the SC verdict to decide on the remaining seven.

The JD(S) is likely to take a decision after looking at BJP and Congress candidates.

Meanwhile, former BJP MLA Raju Kage, who lost to Congress's Shrimant Patil (one of the rebel MLAs) from Kagwad, in Belagavi district, on Monday said he will quit BJP and expressed willingness to join the Congress after it became clear that Patil is set to contest on a BJP ticket if he is cleared by the court.

Kage, a four-time MLA, three of them from BJP, said after meeting Congress leader and former CM Siddaramaiah on Monday, “The comments made against me by BJP leaders have hurt me. I have decided to quit the party.”

The move to welcome Kage, who lost by 30,000 votes last year, however, may have not gone down well with some Congress leaders, as indicated by Belagavi leader Satish Jharkiholi's absence from Monday's party meeting to chalk out strategy for the bypolls.

In Hoskote, Sharath Bachegowda, son of BJP MP B N

EXPLAINED

More rebellion likely in BJP

The BJP in Karnataka is likely to experience more internal strife as it tries to accommodate the rebel MLAs from Congress and JD(S) in the party to win the bypolls. Although Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is confident that opposition to the new entrants can be contained, the party may have to contend with the emergence of rebels, who are likely to demand their pound of flesh for making way for the rebels.

Given its fragile majority in Karnataka Assembly, the next one month could prove to be a testing time for the government.

Bachegowda, has threatened to contest as an Independent if Congress rebel MLAs MTB Nagaraj gets the BJP ticket. “Bachegowda was informed that I would be the by-election candidate, and that agreement stands,” Nagaraj said. Yediyurappa has already campaigned on behalf of Nagaraj in Hoskote. In Gokak, won by rebel Congressman Ramesh Jharkiholi, BJP is facing rebellion from its losing candidate in 2018, Ashok Poojari. Poojari has objected to campaigning on behalf of Jharkiholi, set to be BJP's candidate if Wednesday's verdict goes in favour of disqualified MLAs.

Last month, Yediyurappa had tried to placate party leaders likely to lose out by giving them key posts in government departments. Kage was appointed head of Command Area Development Board of Malaprabha/Ghataprabha dam project, Poojari was made chairman of Karnataka Land Development Board, while Bachegowda was made V-C of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation.

Euphoria to disappointment: All in a day for Shiv Sena

VISHWAS WAGHMODE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THE SHIV Sena on Monday started off on a confident note by breaking away from the National Democratic Alliance with its lone representative in the Union Cabinet, Arvind Sawant, submitting his resignation. However as the day progressed, the confidence gave way to disappointment after Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari refused to grant the party an extension that it desperately sought to rustle up the required support from the Congress and the NCP to form the government.

The reluctance of the Congress to enter into an alliance with the Shiv Sena was stated to be one of the reasons that the Congress and NCP failed to give the Sena letters of support within the deadline. “Congress was not comfortable with the Sena's stand on Ram temple construction and Uniform Civil Code,” said a Sena functionary.

However, another party source said that the main issue was lack of time to obtain the signatures of all NCP legislators who were away in their constituencies, as they had been asked to be present in Mumbai only on Tuesday, November 12. The source said that it was NCP leader Sharad Pawar's advise to Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray during their meeting today to seek more time from the Governor.

Media reports that the Congress-NCP had handed a letter of support to the Sena had set up a wave of euphoria in the Sena camp. At the suburban Mumbai hotel where the Sena MLAs have been corralled since last Thursday, sweets were distributed. However with the Congress coming out with a statement after the CWC meet-



Shiv Sena leaders Aadiya Thackeray and Eknath Shinde with Governor BS Koshyari, at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, on Monday. *PTI*

ing that it would have “further discussions” with NCP, a pall of gloom descended on the Sena cadre. The decision by Koshyari to deny the party its request for an extension of 48 hours for it to rope in the NCP and Congress for support was seen as the final nail in the Sena's two-week-long crusade to install a Sainik in the Maharashtra CM's chair.

On Sunday, after receiving a formal expression from the BJP of its unwillingness to form the government, the Governor invited the Shiv Sena, the second largest party, and gave it time until Monday 7.30 pm to form the government. The leaders in the Sena delegation included Aadiya Thackeray, party legislative leader Eknath Sinde, and senior leaders Subhash Desai, Diwakar Raote, Anil Parab.

“After getting the letter, we started discussions with two other parties (NCP and Congress). Both of them have in principle started discussions to go with us. Since we had time till 7.30 pm, we reached here at 6.45 pm. We told the Governor that we are willing to form the government and staked our claim. While we have submitted the letter of our legislators, the two other parties, after the initial discussions and getting in principal go ahead, require two days to fulfill the process. We requested the Governor give extension of 48 hours but he has rejected it,” said Aadiya while addressing the media outside the Raj Bhavan.

“Still, while the request for extension has been rejected but our claim is not rejected. Giving a stable government is our duty

and we will do that,” he added.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Sena chief also held discussions with NCP chief Sharad Pawar for almost an hour at a hotel in Bandra (West). Apart from Thackeray and Pawar, Worli legislator Aadiya Thackeray and MP Sanjay Raut from Sena and legislators Ajit Pawar, Dilip Walse Patil and MP Sunil Tatkare from NCP were present at the meeting.

Subsequently, Uddhav Thackeray also spoke to Congress president Sonia Gandhi over the phone seeking support for government formation. Even senior leaders like MP Anil Desai and party secretary and Uddhav's PA Milind Narvekar were also in Delhi to meet the congress leaders to seek their support on government formation.

At Jaipur resort, Cong MLAs want power with Sena-NCP, but wait for Delhi signal

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 11

NEWLY-ELECTED Congress legislators are said to be keen to be part of the government with Shiv Sena and the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party, but would await for the final word from the top Congress leadership.

The MLAs were brought to a private resort in Pili Ka Talai, a nondescript village off the Delhi-Jaipur highway, on Friday and Saturday. Since then, several VIPs including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot have drove down the pothole-filled roads to visit them. The gate at the resort opens only for senior Congress leaders.

“In the past five years, Maharashtra has seen a decline and to bring the state to number one position, what alliance is needed... in this regard, we will abide by whatever our high command says. The legislature party will act as per the wishes of the high command,” Congress Rajya Sabha MP from Maharashtra Husain Dalwai said Monday. When asked about his opinion if the party should join hands with Sena, he did not respond.



Outside the private resort at Pili Ka Talai village off the Delhi-Jaipur highway, on Monday. *Express*

According to a senior Congress leader from Rajasthan who didn't wish to be named, at a meeting on Sunday, the newly-elected legislators expressed their keenness to join a government with Shiv Sena and NCP as partners. “Most of the MLAs said they believed they would be better off being a part of the government led by Shiv Sena rather than sup-

porting it from outside,” he said.

Some of the MLAs had also gone for sightseeing in Ajmer on Sunday, while the rest stayed back, occasionally taking a stroll in its sprawling compound.

The legislature party meeting on Sunday had taken place in the presence of senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, who later said the Congress's man-

seats — Lohardaga, Chandankiyari, Khunti, Sisai and Jamshedpur West. While AJSU is keen to field its candidates in Lohardaga and Chandankiyari, the sitting MLA in Jamshedpur West is Saryu Rai, a minister in the Raghubar Das government, who does not enjoy a good rapport with the CM. A source said the Chief Minister's camp is also not backing the claim of Dinesh Oran, who wants to retain his Sisai seat, as “he had created hurdles for the CM”. There is also opposition from one section of party on fielding Neelkant Singh Munda from Khunti again.

Rai is keen on retaining Jamshedpur West seat, which is considered a tough seat for the BJP due to significant presence of Muslims. Denial of a party ticket



CM Raghubar Das



JHARKHAND

had contested eight seats and won five in the last Assembly election.

According to leaders familiar with the developments, the discussions are stuck mainly on five

Experts divided over Governor's move to deny Sena more time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

OPINION AMONG legal experts is divided over Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari's move against granting the Shiv Sena more to submit the requisite letters of support, showing it has confidence of a majority of the legislature.

While Maharashtra's former Advocate General Sreehari Aney backed Koshyari's decision, retired Supreme Court judge P B Sawant called it “partial” and “unreasonable.”

Going by the evolving political situations, Aney also stated that imposition of President's rule now appears to be a “fore-gone conclusion.”

While the election results were declared on October 24, no party had stepped forward to stake claim. On Saturday, the Governor invited BJP, the single largest party, to indicate its ability to form the government. After the BJP indicated its inability on Sunday, the Governor immediately invited the Sena. But while the BJP was given 48 hours to indicate its willingness, Sena was given 24 hours. Just before the deadline was to expire, a Sena delegation met Koshyari, expressing the party's willingness to form the government, but they could not submit the requisite letter of support, and the Governor denied them any extension in time.

Retired Justice Sawant said, “The Governor can give the BJP 15 days to form the government but he cannot give more than 24 hours to other parties? This, on the face of it, is illegal, partial and unreasonable. There is no doubt

about it. A party may say I can prove I have support of the majority on the floor of the House. The House is not formed (yet). They need not produce letters (of support). They can say we will prove our majority.”

But Aney said time given to the Sena cannot be seen from the time when Koshyari invited them. “The election results were out on October 24. It has been 18 days. It is not a question of time, but when the requisite letter of support is just not materialising, the Governor is correct in not granting any further extension,” he said. Aney also pointed out that the “three parties (Sena, NCP, and Congress) have been holding talks for many days.”

Justice Hosbet Suresh, retired judge of Bombay High Court said, “There is no mention in the Constitution about how much time should be given (for parties to form a government). It is always a sense of discretion, a sense of understanding of the situation. The Governor can always say OK, we'll think about it; come tomorrow.”

Justice Suresh also said there is no time bar within which the next election would have to be announced if the state slips into President's rule: “Elected members can always say we have reconciled and come back. If the Governor is satisfied he can ask them to come again. There is no such restriction that they cannot do it again. The Governor has to think twice. He may not think of imposing an early election...”

Aney said while there is no bar to stake claim even after President's rule is imposed, any claim must be made before the schedule for next polls is declared.

Oppn targets Goa CM over land purchase in Maharashtra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 11

OPPOSITION PARTIES have called on Pramod Sawant to come clean on land deals after two sale deeds allegedly showed the Goa Chief Minister as the purchaser of plots in Dodamarg taluka in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district.

The sale deeds in question are for land tracts of 17,800 square metres and 3,200 square metres for Rs 14 lakh and Rs 36 lakh respectively. A previous purchase in Dodamarg, as listed in Sawant's election affidavit for the 2017 Assembly polls, was of 2,966 acres on July 19, 2016 for Rs 38 lakh.

Goa Forward Party leader Vijai Sardesai claimed the purchases “are in continuation of pure speculative real estate gains”. “Maharashtra has a land ceiling Act which doesn't allow such huge purchases. How is he an owner of (so much) land? He needs to explain...” said Sardesai.

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh too tweeted, “Would CM Goa please come out clean on it?”

The scrutiny on Sawant's alleged land deal comes at a time that villagers in Dodamarg have been demanding that their villages — 55 in total — be merged with Goa. Sawant, however, has said that this will not happen.

Sardesai said, “The nature of his (Sawant's) purchases indicate he is looking for a real estate boon once Dodamarg becomes part of Goa... Why is the Chief Minister buying plots in such quantities in a district which wants to merge with Goa?”

He added, “The fresh sale deeds are from October, when he went to canvass for a candidate during the Maharashtra state elections.”

“If I had anything to hide, I would not have bought it in my name,” Sawant told local media, though he did not confirm or deny the purchases.

Messages to Sawant did not yield response.

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NORTH

Man's body found with eyes gouged out

Banda (UP): The body of a 40-year-old man, wearing a sadhu's robe, was found with his eyes gouged out in Budhauri village in Banda, police said on Monday. Circle Officer Kuldeep Singh said post-mortem has established that Krishna Kumar alias Lala was strangled to death. He added that the man had a

criminal history with five cases registered against him. Krishna was living in a Durga temple in the village along with other sadhus for the past few months, Baberu Kotwali SHO Shashi Kumar Pandey said. His body was found in the fields on Sunday. It appeared that the assailants had gouged out his eyes, the SHO said. **PTI**



Rescue operations under way at the site of accident, in Hyderabad on Monday. **PTI**

SOUTH

16 injured as two trains collide in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Two slow-moving trains collided at Kacheguda Railway station here on Monday, leaving 16 people injured, including a driver who was trapped in his mangled cabin for eight hours, officials said. The Lingampalli-Falaknuma multi-modal transport system overshot the signal and collided with the Kurnool-Secunderabad Hundry Intercity Express at

10.41 am, officials said. Commissioner Railway Safety, Southern Central Circle Secunderabad, will conduct an inquiry. The Railway Ministry has announced ex-gratia of Rs 5,000 each to those with minor injuries and Rs 25,000 each to those with grievous injuries. Railways minister Piyush Goyal instructed the authorities for extending assistance. **ENS**

EAST

Youth dies after mobile explodes while charging

Paradip (Odisha): A 22-year-old man died after his mobile phone, which was being charged, exploded while he was sleeping in a room at a construction site in Paradip, police said on Monday. The incident took place late on Sunday night when the deceased, identified as Kuna Pradhan, who worked as a mason, was sleeping along

with three other workers in the room at a construction site at Atharabanki area, Inspector-in-Charge of Paradip police station R K Samal said. The mobile phone, which was being charged and placed near Pradhan's bed, exploded when all of the four persons were asleep, the police officer said. **PTI**

WEST

Lata Mangeshkar admitted to hospital, in critical condition

Mumbai: Singer Lata Mangeshkar was admitted to Breach Candy Hospital's Intensive Care Unit in the early hours of Monday after she complained of breathing problems, hospital sources said. The singer, who turned 90 on September 28, is in a critical condition, they said. "She was brought to hospital at about 2 am. She is critical

and in the ICU," a hospital insider told PTI. Mangeshkar's younger sister Usha said the singer had a viral infection and should be discharged by Tuesday. "Lata didi is still in hospital. She is under observation. She is doing absolutely well and is stable. She will be discharged by tomorrow," said Usha Mangeshkar. **PTI**

In Andhra, Telugu medium schools to switch to English; TDP and BJP protest

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 11

FOLLOWING ITS decision to convert all Telugu medium government schools to English medium, the Andhra Pradesh government has decided to set up English "labs" in all its Telugu medium schools.

While the government order, issued on November 9, said permission had been granted "to the Commissioner of School Education to convert all government, MPP (mandal praja parishad) schools and zilla parishad schools... into English medium from Classes I to VIII from the academic year 2020-21, for Class IX from the academic year 2021-22, and for Class X from the academic year 2022-23", the state government said on Monday that the order would be implemented for Classes I to

VI in the first phase.

"However, the Commissioner of School Education shall take appropriate and adequate efforts to implement Telugu/Urdhu as a compulsory subject, depending on the current medium of instruction in all the schools," the government order said.

"We will protect the right of students given under the Right To Education Act to be taught in their mother tongue and won't undermine Telugu language. Telugu will be taught as a compulsory subject. But we plan to switch the language of teaching from Telugu to English over the next couple of years. We will train all Telugu medium teachers and recruit new ones also. We want to implement this because Telugu medium students are lagging behind as compared to English medium students. Telugu medium students strug-



'To eradicate poverty, students should get jobs, for which English as a medium of instruction is important'

gle to cope with studies in higher education and also lose out on employment opportunities due to lack of English skills," said Education Minister A Suresh.

Education department officials said all teachers in Telugu medium schools would receive adequate training before they start teaching in English. "We are

not going to switch from Telugu to English suddenly, it will be implemented in phases. Teachers and students will get adequate time to adjust," said an official.

There are about 44,000 Telugu medium elementary schools in the state, including Panchayati Raj, municipal and government schools. Of these, about 4,000 are listed as "success" schools, where the medium of instruction is both Telugu and English.

Meanwhile, several political parties, teachers' associations and unions have objected to the move.

"It is the right of every student to study in his mother tongue. Primary education is considered the most important, and if it is in the mother tongue, it prepares the students better. Why is the government enforcing English on Telugu medium students? There is no guarantee that English medium will fare

AYODHYA VERDICT



A sadhu in Ayodhya on Monday. Lakhs of devotees are expected to take a dip in the Saryu river on Kartik Purnima on Tuesday. The district administration has made elaborate arrangements for the occasion. **Ritesh Shukla**

After welcoming SC order, IUML calls it disappointing

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 11

TWO DAYS after welcoming the Supreme Court's Ayodhya verdict, stating that the party would examine it in detail in time, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), an ally of the Congress in Kerala, on Monday said that the judgment is "full of contradictions", and that the Muslim community is "highly disappointed" with it.

The IUML's stance on Ayodhya verdict goes against that of ally Congress, which on Saturday declared that it was in favour of a Ram temple at the disputed site.

After the IUML national secretariat meeting in Malappuram, Kerala, party president K M

Kader Mohideen told the media: "The verdict is full of contradictions, about which the community is highly disappointed. The SC is the apex court of the country; (and) its judgment... is to be respected. The meeting also appreciates the mature attitude of the Muslim community, as well as its sister communities, in maintaining harmony and peace."

Senior leader and party MPE T Muhammed Basheer said Indian Muslims are "wounded". He said: "The court found that installation of idol of 1949 and Babri Masjid's mosque demolition in 1992 are criminal offences. But the same land has been given to those associated with those criminal offences. There are several such contradictions which have left the community wounded."

EXPLAINED
When Babri left the party split

THE IUML had suffered a split over its moderate stand on the issue in the wake of Babri Masjid's demolition in 1992. Late Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait, a multiple-term MP, wanted IUML to leave the then Congress-led UDF government in Kerala in protest. With a majority in the party opposing the exit plan, Sait walked out of IUML and founded Indian National League, which is now an ally of CPI(M)-led LDF in Kerala.

Kalyan Singh: Verdict justified, accepted by all

Lucknow: Terming the recent Supreme Court judgment in Ayodhya case as "justified, inclusive and accepted by all," veteran BJP leader Kalyan Singh, who was UP Chief Minister when the Babri Masjid was demolished on December 6, 1992, on Monday said that with the path for the temple cleared, his "life-long dream" was coming true.

Talking to mediapersons for the first time after Saturday's verdict, Kalyan said the apex court decision is not a win or loss for anyone.

Asked about the criminal case against him related to the demolition of the Babri Masjid, he said, "I do not know how much time it will take. There are a few questions which will be raised by lawyers and I have decided that I will answer those questions there only." **ENS**

Govt starts preliminary work on constituting Ayodhya temple trust

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

TWO DAYS after the Supreme Court ruled that the entire disputed site in Ayodhya be handed over to a trust to be constituted for construction of a Ram temple, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) began work on forming a trust.

Sources said a team of bureaucrats is reading the judgment in detail: "The work has already begun. But first we need to read the entire judgment thoroughly. We need to look at the technicalities that the Supreme Court has spelt out in its judgement about the formation of this trust and the possibilities before us. Only then, from the available choices, a decision will be taken on formation of the trust. We have three months to achieve this," a Home Ministry official said.

Sources said the MHA will also take legal opinion from the Ministry of Law and the Attorney General. The possibility of another ministry, such as the Ministry of Culture, being involved cannot be ruled out, the sources said.

On Saturday, a Bench of the Supreme Court overturned the September 30, 2010 judgment of the Allahabad High Court which

had ordered three-way division of the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site between the Nirmohi Akhara sect, the deity Ramlalla Virajman and the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board.

It ruled that the entire disputed land be handed over to a trust to be constituted for construction of a Ram temple and that Muslims be given five acres of either the acquired land near the site or at "a suitable prominent place in Ayodhya" for building a mosque.

"Possession of the inner and outer courtyards shall be handed over to the Board of Trustees of the Trust or to the body so constituted. The Central Government will be at liberty to make suitable provisions in respect of the rest of the acquired land by handing it over to the Trust or body for management and development in terms of the scheme framed in accordance with the above directions," the Bench said.

"Nirmohi Akhara's claim to be a shebait stands rejected. However, having regard to the historical presence of Nirmohi Akhara at the disputed site... we direct that in framing the scheme, an appropriate role in the management would be assigned to the Nirmohi Akhara," it said.

Harish Rawat announces Ayodhya visit on Nov 29

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 11

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and former Uttarakhand CM Harish Rawat has announced a visit to the makeshift Ram temple in Ayodhya on November 29 — he is the first political leader to do so after the Supreme Court verdict on the disputed site.

In multiple tweets on Saturday, Rawat wrote, "The country has to walk a long distance from here and

we can only progress together. I will go to Ayodhya on November 29 to express thanks to my deity Raja Ram Chandra."

"I will pray to him that no such dispute should now arise in the future that disturbs the social unity and peace of my country," he tweeted.

After the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit, the Congress on Saturday said that it was in favour of the construction of a Ram temple.

Babri demolition verdict likely by April next year

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 11

A SPECIAL court in Lucknow, which is hearing the Babri Masjid demolition case in which senior leaders of the BJP and VHP are accused, is most likely to deliver its verdict by April next year when the term of Judge S K Yadav will come to an end.

The Supreme Court had extended the term of Judge Yadav, who was set to retire on September 30 this year, in July this year and directed him to deliver judgment in nine months.

Among the 32 people facing trial in the case are veteran BJP leaders Lal Krishna Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Kalyan Singh and former Union minister Uma Bharti, and sitting MPs Brij Bhushan Singh and Sakshi Maharaj.

"Of the total around 1,000 prosecution witnesses, 348 have so far been examined by the court... The accused of the case are being tried as per charges filed against them," said defence counsel KK Mishra.

The prosecution is facing trouble to bring the witnesses to record their statements before the court because many have changed their addresses, while several were found to be dead.

After the demolition of Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, two cases were filed in Ayodhya — one related to the conspiracy of demolishing of Babri Masjid and another for instigating the crowd to demolish the structure. Around 47 more cases were lodged then that were merged with the case of demolition.

The trial in the two cases was held separately. The one in Lucknow court on charges of



Two cases filed in Ayodhya after demolition. **Archive**

conspiracy of the demolition of the structure, and the other in Rae Bareilly court for instigating the crowd to demolish the structure.

Of the 22 persons, who were facing trial in the Lucknow court, one has died. The prominent persons among the remaining 21 accused are Pawan Pandey, Brij Bhushan Singh, R N Srivastava, Lallu Singh and Sakshi Maharaj.

Among the 32 facing trial are senior BJP leaders L K Advani, M M Joshi, Kalyan Singh, Uma Bharti, and sitting MPs Brij Bhushan Singh and Sakshi Maharaj

R N Srivastava was then District Magistrate of Faizabad.

In Rae Bareilly court, six were facing trial after the death of two accused — Acharya Giriraj Kishore and Ashok Singhal. VHP leader VH Dalmia, an accused in the Rae Bareilly case, died this year, following which five accused were left that include Lal Krishna Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Vinay Katiyar, Ritambhara and

Uma Bharti.

On April 19, 2017, the Supreme Court ordered the clubbing of the two pending cases and set up a Special Court (Ayodhya Prakaran) in Lucknow to conclude the hearing.

The Supreme Court also ordered the restoration of charges against 13 accused, who were dropped from the case by the High Court earlier. Seven of the total 13 accused have died, including BJP leader and former MP Baikunth Lal Sharma. Six persons who are now facing trial are Ram Vilas Vedanti, Champat Rai, Mahant Nriyaya Gopal Das, Mahant Dharam Das, Satish Pradhan and the then UP CM Kalyan Singh. The Supreme Court also ordered adding of criminal conspiracy charge (IPC Section 120B) against the accused facing trial in Rae Bareilly.

Meanwhile, Kalyan Singh,

who had immunity as the Governor of Rajasthan, appeared before the special trial court in September this year after his term ended. He is currently on bail.

At present, the special court is hearing prosecution evidence that include recording of statement of witnesses. After it gets completed, the statement of the accused would be recorded under Section 313 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Under Section 313, the judge questions the accused on the basis of evidence put before the court during trial, and the accused is given an opportunity to explain the circumstances and the allegations levelled against him. After its completion, the defence would put up evidence in the support of the accused.

The next stage would be argument before the judgment is pronounced.

GOVT FILES ‘COMPREHENSIVE AFFIDAVIT’ IN SC

Centre on Art 370: No House rules violated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

NO RULE of Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha was violated while passing the resolutions amending Article 370 of the Constitution and reorganising the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

This week, the court is due to take up petitions challenging constitutionality of the government's decisions.

In a “comprehensive affidavit” filed in response to the petitions, the Centre stated that the resolutions of August 5 and 6, introducing the changes, were “taken up and passed by the respective House of Parliament strictly in accordance with all applicable Rules”.

It added, “if necessary, the mode and manner of compliance with the applicable Rules would be elaborately dealt with at the time of hearing...”

The government stated that the legal regime that existed under Article 370, coupled with Article 35A, “hindered” J&K's development and contributed to “fostering a separatist mindset which breeds militancy and terrorism, fuelled from across the border”, leading to large-scale

loss of lives.

The affidavit states: “It has been felt, over the years, that this regime has worked to the detriment of the State itself, and significantly contributed to the problems of terrorism, militancy and separatism...inimical forces from across the border have exploited the situation. The overall economic development has been severely hindered on account of these factors, and, as a result, the erstwhile State failed to live up to its full development potential. Growth potential...was largely untapped despite large monetary support from the Government of India.”

Stating that J&K's internal resources - in “both public and private” - were “very limited”, the affidavit states: “The situation in the erstwhile State, coupled with the legal regime, operated as a severe disincentive to private financial investment...there are no private universities...tourism potential remained severely under-exploited...the utter lack of industries, even in comparison to other hill states, has contributed to the economic detriment of citizens.”

The affidavit stated that “in terms of education, local medical and engineering colleges were unable to get quality teachers and full benefits of technological advancements were unavailable to

people”. As a result, “over the years, employment opportunities for local youth remained extremely limited, thereby aggravating the situation.”

The situation affected not just people of J&K but also members of armed forces and police forces, many of whom were killed on duty, the affidavit stated.

The Centre urged the court to reject the challenge to “rationality or wisdom” of the measures. It said “while judicial review is part of the Constitutional power of this Hon'ble Court...the justification, efficacy, desirability and the wisdom of such decisions of the Hon'ble President as well as Parliament is not amenable to judicial review”.

It said that the addition of Article 35A created a “major constitutional ambiguity” and “enabled the then State to make laws giving special rights and privileges to ‘Permanent Residents’, while imposing restrictions upon others”.

It stated: “Article 35A proved to be a serious obstacle to socio-economic development (of the state). It prevented investments in the State, and adversely impacted job creation for the youth, which resulted in a cascading effect on other developmental indicators...”



TRIAL RUNS

Railways conducted two successful trial runs on the Srinagar-Baramulla stretch ahead of resumption of the train service on Tuesday. Train services were suspended after the Centre decided to revoke special status to J&K under Article 370 on August 5. *Shuaib Masoodi*

2 militants killed in Bandipore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 11

ONE MORE militant has been killed in a security operation in north Kashmir's Bandipore district on Monday. This comes after a militant was killed when the operation began in Lavdara area on Sunday afternoon.

A J&K Police spokesperson said one of the militants has been identified as a Pakistani codenamed Talha, who was affiliated to the Lashkar-e-Toiba. The identity of the other militant is being ascertained, the spokesperson said. “As per the police records, he was operating as commander of the proscribed terror outfit LeT in the areas of

Bandipora and was wanted by law for his involvement in terror crimes and civilian atrocities,” the spokesperson said in a statement. “Identity of the other killed terrorist is being ascertained. People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitised and cleared of all explosive materials, if any.”

Art 370 move a chance to transform J&K: ex-DGP

Pune: The decision to abrogate Article 370 was an opportunity to transform Jammu and Kashmir, said J&K's former DGSPSP Vaid at an event in Pune on Monday. Vaid was speaking at the Lalitaditya Memorial Speech organised by Sarhad in Pune.

“I think this is an opportunity to transform Jammu and Kashmir. People in Ladakh have been celebratory and they have welcomed it in Jammu. Kashmir

is taking time,” Vaid said. “We can't let a handful of people hold the population of the Valley hostage...” he added.

Vaid supported the central government's decision to suspend internet. “Banning internet access has adverse effects when it is done long term. But at that time (abrogation of special status), it was necessary, otherwise there would be many more casualties in Kashmir,” he said. **ENS**

JD(U) slams Tejashwi over birthday on flight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, NOVEMBER 11

THE JD(U) on Monday took a swipe at Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav after pictures of the RJD leader celebrating his birthday on board a flight from Ranchi to Patna went viral. The ruling party called Tejashwi an “airy” leader and said the RJD should stop calling itself a party of the underprivileged.

The pictures showed



Pictures showed Tejashwi cutting cake on a flight

Tejashwi cutting a cake on the flight along with senior RJD leader Bhola Yadav. Sources said a party worker had organised the celebration on Sunday. Tejashwi later celebrated his birthday in Patna with members of the party and his family.

JD(U) spokesperson Sanjay Singh said: “It reflects the attitude and kind of lavish life Tejashwi leads but tries to pass off as a leader of the downtrodden and backward.” Singh said that though it is Tejashwi's personal choice

how he celebrates his birthday, “one is free to interpret the images of his birthday aboard a plane”.

While Tejashwi did not react to the JD(U)'s remarks, RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tewari told The Indian Express: “It is our leader's personal choice to celebrate his birthday. JD(U) must not read too much into a set of pictures which have been in circulation. Our leader has been committed to the cause of social justice. Perhaps JD(U) has been suffering from Tejashwi phobia.”

Hajela on last day: Confident of NRC, work, performed constitutional duty

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 11

OUTGOING STATE coordinator of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam, Prateek Hajela, on Monday said that he was “confident of the work” he has done for the preparation of the list of citizens.

Wrapping up his work at the NRC office on his last working day in Bhangagarh, Guwahati, Hajela said, “I am confident of the work that has been done during my tenure. It was a constitutional duty which I have performed.”

Hajela (50), a 1995-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has led the NRC exercise as state coordinator since 2013. Amid sustained criticism from the Assam government and the BJP, on October 18, the Supreme Court ordered Hajela's inter-cadre transfer to Madhya Pradesh.

Hajela is credited with devising the technical concepts that guide the NRC updation, where a person's ancestry could be mapped via digital datasets which draw from decades-old documents, and the planned modus operandi for consequent rounds of physical verifications.

“It was an unprecedented exercise — the only precedent being the aborted pilot project in 2010 in Barpeta and Chhaygaon. (In the NRC process) totality of all evidence was considered, including documents and statements from family members of an indi-



Hajela led Assam's NRC work since 2013. *Abhishek Saha*

vidual. It was a comprehensive verification process,” Hajela said.

In June 2010, a pilot project to update the NRC in Barpeta district and Chhaygaon of Kamrup district had to be suspended after four persons were killed and many injured in reported police firing on a demonstration against alleged anomalies in the process of enumeration.

On the day the apex court ordered Hajela's transfer, state BJP president Ranjit Das had said that Hajela “should not be allowed to leave” till he gives an account of every rupee of the total amount spent.

On the financial expenditure during the NRC exercise, stated to be nearly Rs 1,600 crore, Hajela said, “All expenditures and sanctions are as per due process. Audit has been done for 70% of the work.”

Asked about the criticism by certain political sections and groups regarding exclusions from the NRC, Hajela said, “The important point is the cut-off date.”

CLERIC AMONG 2 ABSCONDING, COPS PROBE Bihar panchayat asks minor rape victim to ‘sell baby’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, NOVEMBER 11

MUZAFFARPUR POLICE on Monday ordered a probe into allegations of a panchayat asking a teenage rape victim to sell her newborn. An FIR was lodged under sections of the IPC and POCSO Act after the 15-year-old girl, who was allegedly sexually assaulted by a local Muslim cleric and later by an electrician, filed a complaint in July. The accused are absconding.

The minor approached the local panchayat two days ago with a demand that a DNA test must be conducted to identify the baby's father, who should accept the two as his family. However, she was allegedly told by the panchayat to “sell her newborn son”.

According to the FIR lodged on July 3, local residents had agreed to provide meals to the cleric on a rotational basis and the minor was allegedly sedated and raped when she went to the accused with food in January. A video of the incident was shot and the minor was being allegedly blackmailed. An electrician also came to know of the matter and allegedly raped the minor.

The minor, who belongs to a poor family and is illiterate, approached the police at an advanced stage of her pregnancy and also sought the panchayat's intervention.

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3	524/PM/UNIT-18/KGMJULFTRNN/2019, dt. 07.11.2019	New Hostel Block KGMU	320.00	6.40	28.11.2019

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1) अंशमेर स्टेशन के पोलना स्टेशन के अंदर व बाहर एवं जालिया विज्ञापन प्रदर्शन के लिए खुली ई-निविदा पत्र www.ireps.gov.in के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की गई है। क्रम सं. : 1 आरक्षित दर : ₹. 5,67,380/- प्रथम वर्ष हेतु कार्य अवधि : पांच वर्ष बनाया राशि : ₹. 62,400/- 2) ई-निविदा में भाग लेने की अंतिम तिथि व समय : 06.12.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक। 3) ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि व समय : 06.12.2019 को 15:30 बजे तक। नोट : सभी संभावित निविदाकर्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि इस निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी शुद्धिपत्र हेतु वे नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट www.ireps.gov.in देखें। **1174-DI/19**
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT, Theni District
TENDER NOTICE No. 3055 / 2019 / D5 Dated : 11.11.2019
SFC Panchayat Union Grant 2019-2020
Upgradation / Strengthening of roads in all Block @ Theni District
FORM OF CONTRACT : ITEM RATE TWO COVER SYSTEM

1. The e-bid documents can also be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 12.11.2019 to 26.11.2019

2. Important dates

1. Last date and time for downloading of bid documents	26.11.2019 - up to 3.00 P.M.
2. Last Date and time for online submission of bid documents	26.11.2019 - up to 4.00 P.M.
3. Date and Time for online opening of bid documents	26.11.2019-4.00 PM

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

DIPR/ 4234 /TENDER/2019

Project Director, DRDA - Theni.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
And Call - Short Term e-TENDER NOTICE No. C6/3944/2019 Dated : 09.11.2019
FORM OF CONTRACT: Rate Contract

1. For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar District invites e-Bids for the Rate contract of Supply of Installation, Commissioning and 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance of LED based SPV Home Lighting Systems in 1942 Houses in Virudhunagar District of Tamil Nadu under Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS) with Two cover system as detailed below.

2. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in on 12.11.2019 to 27.11.2019.

3. Important dates

1. Last Date and Time for downloading and submission of Bid Documents	27.11.2019 upto 3.00 Pm
2. Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	27.11.2019 4.00 Pm onwards

DIPR.4195/TENDER/2019

Project Director, DRDA, Virudhunagar District.

BIHAR STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
E.Mail : bspcb@yahoo.com , Website : <http://bspcb.bih.nic.in>

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Dated-24.10.2019

1. Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB), invites e-tender from eligible bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing, Demonstration, Commissioning & Training of Laboratory Instruments under " Namami Gange Programme" and Board strengthening as specified in the bid document. Manual Bids shall not be accepted.

2. Prospective bidders may visit websites: <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> or <http://bspcb.bih.nic.in/Tenders.html> for details of terms and conditions of e-tender, eligibility of bidder, scope of work, bidding procedure, bidding document etc.

3. Tender processing fee, bid document fee, earnest money deposit shall be submitted through e-Payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS, Credit/Debit Card & Net Banking) only through <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.

4. The schedule of bidding is hereunder :-

Date of Publishing of Tender	31.10.2019; 1700 hrs
Bid Document Download Start Date	31.10.2019; 1800 hrs
Pre Bid Meeting	07.11.2019; 1500 hrs
Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting to be uploaded	11.11.2019; 1200 hrs
Bid Submission START Date	12.11.2019; 1500 hrs
Bid Submission END Date	11.12.2019; 1500 hrs
Technical Bid Opening Date	12.12.2019; 1600 hrs

Member Secretary

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Tender are invited on behalf of the President of India for collection, submitting back & online feeding of manual GST invoices data of commercial department over Delhi division on utility available at www.indianrail.gov.in for the period of three years. Details are as under:

S.No.	Scope of Work	Estimate of Qty. of GST manual invoices per day	Estimated Qty. of GST manual invoices for three years	Estimated Rate of feeding of data of one valid entry manual GST invoice on utility available at www.gst.indianrail.gov.in	Estimated amount in figures(Rs) for three years for valid Entries	EMD in rupees	Tender Cost
1.	collection, submitting back & online feeding of manual GST invoices data of commercial department over delhi division on utility available at www.gst.indianrail.gov.in for the period of three years.	Aprox.300	3,28,800 (300X2096)	Rs. 7.50 + GST@18%	29,09,880.00	58200/-	2360/-

Interested bidders may please visit official website for E-tendering i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and submitting tender.

Important Note:

1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as an Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA), Government of India. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from www.cca.gov.in.

2. The bidder has to register, if not registered earlier with www.ireps.gov.in using DSC to participate in tender process. Detailed procedure for registration, system requirements and bidding are also available on www.ireps.gov.in.

No-CIMG/69/GST/2017- Part - I Date: 11.11.2019

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Militancy became a business under earlier govts: Nagaland Governor

BISWA KALYAN PURKAYASTHA
SILCHAR, NOVEMBER 11

NAGALAND GOVERNOR R N Ravi has said that under earlier governments, joining militancy had almost become a “business”, where surrendering meant getting incentives, but since 2014, there has been a clampdown on extremism.

Presiding over a debate competition in Assam’s Silchar on Sunday, Ravi, who is the interlocutor between the government and the various Naga groups in the ongoing peace talks, said, “(Earlier) every few months, there used to be a show, where some militants would come up dressed in fatigues and with arms, and some minister from the Union government, maybe the home minister or junior minister, state chief minister or generals of the Army and police chief, they would all sit, and there would be a celebration of these fellows’ homecoming... That created a situation where violence was encouraged, incentivised... Then they (the militants) would surrender, and would get the benefits from the state... a very, very handsome package. It had become an industry. You join militancy, and after three years you come out, and you would get Rs 1.5 lakh in a fixed deposit, and Rs 3,000 monthly stipend... It had become a business...”

He added, “After 2014, we have made it clear that anyone who wishes to wield arms would be dead... Yes your grievances will definitely be looked into and there are prescribed ways... you have all the rights of expression and certainly it will be addressed...”

Speaking about the abrogation of Article 370, Ravi said, “What has happened in Jammu and Kashmir... the reorganisation of the region... is essentially the correction of an old sin which was doing a lot of harm to us.”

Speaking about the ongoing Naga peace process, Ravi said the government was talking to all the rebel groups as well as the civil society. “For the first time in Nagaland, all the armed groups, Naga civil society, tribes, grass-root-level organisations, churches are talking with the government. So this is an unprecedented situation and I am optimistic that we are going to have a final settlement which is comprehensive and acceptable for all,” he said.

Ravi ruled out any possibility of the government accepting insurgent group NSCN(IM)’s demand for a separate flag and constitution, and for a separate autonomous territory integrating all Naga-inhabited areas of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland, which the outfit has referred to as ‘Greater Nagaland’ or Nagalim.

Centre creating mistrust in N-E: CPI

CPI national general secretary D Raja accused the central government of creating mistrust among the people of the Northeast by concealing terms and conditions of the negotiations with Naga groups. “The Centre cannot take the people of Manipur or Northeast for granted,” he said.

PANEL CLEARS 231 APPLICATIONS FOR Rs 25 LAKH RELIEF

CRZ rules violation: Kerala flats to be demolished in January

SHAJUPHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
NOVEMBER 11

FOUR APARTMENT complexes constructed in violation of the CRZ rules at Maradu municipality near Kochi will be pulled down using controlled demolition method involving explosives on January 11 and 12.

Meanwhile, a three-member committee appointed by the Supreme Court to sanction an interim relief of Rs 25 lakh each has cleared the applications of 231 flat owners so far and is processing others.

The dates were announced in Kochi by Chief Secretary Tom

Jose after a meeting of officials and representatives of the two agencies selected for the demolition. The demolition of the high-rises was necessitated following a Supreme Court directive on May 8. The court had served an ultimatum to the Kerala government which agreed to comply with the directive by the first week of January.

After evacuating the residents, the government had last month handed over the apartment complexes to Mumbai-based Edifice Engineering and Chennai-based Vijay Steels and Explosives. Preliminary work, including removing windows and doors and other structures, has since been underway.

While Alpha Serene and Holy Faith H2O would be demolished on January 11, the Golden Kayalarom and Jain Coral Cove complexes would be brought down the next day, Jose said. The process would be completed without causing any hardship to the public and people residing nearby, he said.

Maradu municipal chairperson T H Nadeera said people living within 200 metres from the flats would be evacuated before the action. A survey is in process to identify such buildings and their occupants. All houses in the region would be photographed before and after the demolition and a special protection cover would be given to structures near

the flats that will be demolished.

The four apartment complexes have 325 flats, of which 54 remain unsold.

Meanwhile, a member of the committee appointed by the Supreme Court to sanction interim relief said that 248 flat owners have approached the committee for compensation so far and 17 such applications are pending. “Of these 17, five belong to builders and their relatives. We have not decided on their applications as the compensation has to be taken from the builders themselves...” he said. “We expect another dozen flat owners to come with applications in the coming days. Some owners have not produced any document.”

Two men who joined drive to impound stray cattle killed

Rajkot/Ahmedabad: Hours after they volunteered during a drive to impound stray cattle in Amreli town, two men were allegedly

stabbed to death by cattle-herders in Amreli late on Sunday evening. Five persons have been arrested, police said. *ENS*

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 In the matter of
OA. 381/2019/DRT-III
Syndicate Bank Applicant Mr. Ravinder Saxena & ORS. Defendants
To **D-3 Sh. Harmit Singh Saggu,**
S/o Sh. Karam Singh Saggu,
R/o D-105, Sec.-10, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar U.P.-201301
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 13.11.2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under and hand and seal of this Tribunal of this 15th day of Oct. 2019
Date : 11-11-2019 By Order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar
Place : Delhi DRT-III, New Delhi

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 In the matter of
OA. 380/2019/DRT-III
Syndicate Bank Applicant Mr. Deepak Kumar & ORS. Defendants
To **D-1 Mrs. Deepak Kumar, S/o Shri Raj**
21-D, Pkt.-B2, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-96
Also at: Gaon-Jirajpur, Post-Ahmad Garh, Dist-Buland Shah, U.P.
D-2 One-Minute Verna S/o Sh. Devi Ram Verna
21-D, Pocket-82, Verna 21-D, Pocket-82, Mayur Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi-110096
D-3 M/s La-Reshonda Developers Pvt. Ltd.
(Through its Directors)
Regd. Office : 220, 2nd Floor, Vardhaman Sunrise Plaza, Plot No. 1, LSC, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096.
Also at: Corporate Office Tower, C-55/40, Sec-62, Noida-201307.
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 07.12.2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under and hand and seal of this Tribunal of this 15th day of Oct. 2019
Date : 11-11-2019 By Order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar
Place : Delhi DRT-III, New Delhi

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Notice under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993 In the matter of
OA. 378/2019/DRT-III
Syndicate Bank Applicant Mrs. Garima Kapoor & Ors. Defendants
To **D-1 Mrs. Garima Kapoor, Mrs. Sandeep Kapoor**
1/6111, 2nd Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089
Also at: M-24, Sai Apartments, Sec.-13, Rohini, New Delhi-110089
Also at: Suntech Glass Traders
E-5/25, 1st Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089
D-2 Mr. Sandeep Kapoor, Kapoor,
S/o Sh. Mohinder Kapoor
1/6111, 2nd Floor, Sec.-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089
Also at: M-24, Sai Apartments, Sec.-13, Rohini, New Delhi-110089
Also at: Suntech Glass Traders
E-5/25, 1st Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 13.11.2019 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under and hand and seal of this Tribunal of this 17th day of Oct. 2019
Date : 11-11-2019 By Order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar
Place : Delhi DRT-III, New Delhi

EXPRESS Careers
COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Kochi - 682 022, KERALA.
No. Ad.A/1/27/2019(2) Dated: 02,11,2019
RE-NOTIFICATION
Applications in the prescribed format are invited from qualified candidates for regular appointment to the posts of **Registrar and Controller of Examinations** on a UGC scale of pay of ₹ 37400-67000 + AGP ₹ 10000/-.
Last Date:
(a) For Submission of Online Application - **26.11.2019**
(b) For receipt of Hardcopy of the Application - **04:00 PM on 3.12.2019**
For details please visit our website **www.cusat.ac.in**
(Sd/-) **Dr. K Ajitha REGISTRAR**

AIR INDIA AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED
WALK-IN RECRUITMENT
Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL) wishes to engage on immediate basis Indian Nationals (Male & Female) who meet with the requirements stipulated herein, for various posts for ground duties at Airports/Stations on **Fixed Term Contract basis for a period of three years** which may be renewed subject to their performance and the requirement of the Company, to fill-in the existing vacancies as shown below and to maintain a walk-in-list for vacancies arising in future.

Sr. No.	Position	No. of post	Walk in Date	Station
1	Dy. Terminal Manager - Pax Handling	6	Kolkata-25.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019	Kolkata-2, Chennai-1, Mumbai-3
2	Duty Manager - Terminal	11	Kolkata-25.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019	Kolkata-4, Chennai-3, Mumbai-4
3	Duty Officer	24	Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna-25.11.2019, Port Blair-29.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019	Kolkata-7, Bhubaneswar-1, Patna-1, Port Blair-1, Chennai-4, Mumbai-10
4	Manager Finance	4	Delhi-30.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019, Kolkata-26.11.2019	Delhi-1, Kolkata-1, Mumbai-1, Chennai-1
5	Manager Costing	1	Delhi-30.11.2019	Delhi-1
6	Officer-HR/IR	1	Kolkata-26.11.2019	Kolkata-1
7	Officer -IR/Legal	4	Delhi-30.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019, Kolkata-26.11.2019	Delhi-1, Kolkata-1, Mumbai-1, Chennai-1
8	Officer - Accounts	12	Kolkata-26.11.2019, Chennai-20.11.2019, Mumbai 18.11.2019	Kolkata-4, Mumbai-4, Chennai-4
9	Jr. Executive- Human Resource/ Administration	3	Delhi-30.11.2019, Kolkata-27.11.2019	Kolkata-2, Delhi-1
10	Jr. Executive- Pax	58	Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Ranchi, Agartala, Dimapur 27.11.2019, Chennai, Madurai, Tirupati, Coimbatore, Visakhapatnam- 20.11.2019, Mumbai-18.11.2019	Kolkata-19, Agartala-2, Dimapur-1, Bhubaneswar-2, Patna-1, Ranchi-2, Chennai-11, Madurai-1, Coimbatore-1, Tirupati-1, Visakhapatnam-1, Mumbai-16
11	Customer Agent	100	Mumbai-16.11.2019	Mumbai-100

* Govt. guidelines applicable for Reserved Categories.
* For Application Format and all other details, please see Advertisement on our website:- www.aiatsl.com/careers/ or www.airindia.in/careers/

Institute of Banking Personnel Selection
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COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF SPECIALIST OFFICERS IN PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS - (CRP SPL-IX)
The online examination (Preliminary and Main) for the next Common Recruitment Process (CRP) for selection of personnel in Specialist Officers' cadre posts listed below in the Participating Organisations is tentatively scheduled in December 2019 / January 2020.

Sr. No	POSTS	Sr. No	POSTS
01	I.T. Officer (Scale-I)	04	Law Officer (Scale I)
02	Agricultural Field Officer (Scale I)	05	HR/Personnel Officer (Scale I)
03	Rajbhasha Adhikari (Scale I)	06	Marketing Officer (Scale I)

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Events	Tentative Dates
On-line registration including Edit/Modification of Application by candidates	06.11.2019 - 26.11.2019
Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges (Online)	06.11.2019 - 26.11.2019
Download of call letters for Online examination – Preliminary	December 2019
Online Examination – Preliminary	28.12.2019 and 29.12.2019
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	January 2020
Download of Call letter for Online exam – Main	January 2020
Online Examination – Main	25.01.2020
Declaration of Result of Online Main Examination	February 2020
Download of call letters for interview	February 2020
Conduct of interview	February 2020
Provisional Allotment	April 2020

Candidates are advised to regularly keep in touch with the authorised IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.
Before registering online candidates are advised to read the detailed notification and follow the instructions mentioned therein.
Mumbai Date: 05.11.2019 Director IBPS

HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY
NAAC ACCREDITED "A" GRADE UNIVERSITY
Gyan Path, Summer Hill, Shimla-5
NOTIFICATION
The XXV Convocation of the Himachal Pradesh University will be held on **Friday, the 20th November, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Himachal Pradesh University Auditorium, Shimla-5.** On this Convocation, Degrees will be conferred to the candidates who have qualified for award of **D.Lit. Degree and Ph.D Degrees during the Year 2017 & 2018. The Gold Medals will be awarded to the candidates for the Session 2017-18.**
All the candidates will have to attend the rehearsal on **Thursday, the 28th November, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the University Auditorium.** Those who fail to attend the rehearsal will not be allowed to attend the Convocation on 29th November, 2019.
Hon'ble Union Human Resource Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has very kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and deliver the Convocation Address.
The Convocation will be presided over by **Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh and the Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University.**
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Jai Ram Thakur will be the Esteemed Guest of Honour. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs and Shri Suresh Bhardwaj, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh will be the Guests of Honour on this occasion.
REGISTRAR

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
ADVERTISEMENT No. 10-13/2017-Restg. (Vol.II)
Dated 01, November, 2019
Applications for the post of Member, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRA) are invited from the interested and eligible persons.
Qualifications for the said post: The qualifications for appointment to the post are as per Section 4 of the TRAI Act, 1997.
Officers working in the Central or State Government, autonomous/statutory organizations, Public Sector Undertakings etc. shall send their applications through proper channel.
Applications Procedure: Details about TRAI and the terms of appointment are available on the website i.e. <http://www.dot.gov.in> or <http://www.persmin.gov.in> or <http://www.trai.gov.in>. Candidates are requested to send their applications in the prescribed format, which can be downloaded from the websites mentioned above, alongwith copies of relevant documents to the following address or scanned copy (PDF format only) of the same may be send at email: arvindk.jha29@gov.in so as to reach this office **latest by 05:30 PM on 11.12.2019:**
Shri Arvind Kumar Jha, Under Secretary (Admn./Restg.), Room No. 417, Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi- 110001. Telephone No. 011-2337 6210/6178, FAX No. 011-23372084
Any application **received after due date** or **'not in prescribed format'** will not be entertained.
Sd/- (Naveen Kumar) Director
davp 06201/11/0015/1920

PARTIAL RESTORATION OF EARLIER ANNOUNCED CANCELLED TRAINS IN CONNECTION WITH REMODELING WORK OF DEHRADUN YARD ON HARIDWAR - DEHRADUN SECTION
For the convenience of the passengers, Northern Railway has decided the partial restoration of earlier announced cancelled train No. 19019/19020 Banda Terminus - Dehradun - Banda Terminus in connection with remodeling work of Dehradun Yard on Haridwar - Dehradun Section published on 06.11.2019.This train will now be short terminated/short originated instead of full cancellation as per following schedule :-
SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Short Terminated at/ Originated from	Partially Cancellation between	Date (from the Originating Station)
19019 Banda Terminus - Dehradun Express	at Bharatpur	Bharatpur-Dehradun	Up to 06.02.2020
19020 Dehradun - Banda Terminus Express	from Bharatpur	Dehradun-Bharatpur	Up to 06.02.2020

Note:- For detail related to stoppages of trains etc. passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139, nearest Railway Station or visit Railway's website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.
Please join us on Security Helpline No. 182 and Passenger Complaint Helpline No. 138
NORTHERN RAILWAY Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in
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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF HOME
FILLING UP OF POST OF CHAIRPERSON/MEMBERS IN THE HP HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS
The Government of Himachal Pradesh invites applications (In Five Sets), in sealed cover for filling up of following Posts in Himachal Pradesh State Human Rights Commission, so as to reach the Secretary, H.P. State Human Rights Commission, Pinegrove Building, Shimla-171002 Himachal Pradesh on or before 31.12.2019. The applications should be superscribed as "Application for the Post of Chairperson/Member of the HP State Human Rights Commission". Whereafter search/selection Committee as prescribed in the Act, shall take further necessary action. The advertisement is also available on the Official website of Home Department HP Government.

S. No.	Name of the Post	Number of Posts	Eligibility	Pay and Allowances Honorarium	Term of Office
1.	Chairperson	01	Who has been a Chief Justice or a Judge of a High Court	The Chairperson shall be entitled to draw Pay and Allowances equal to the last Pay drawn-Pension.	A person appointed as Chairperson shall hold office for a term of Three Years from the date on which he enters upon his Office or until he attains the age of Seventy Years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term or until person attains the Age of Seventy Years whichever is earlier. On ceasing to hold office, a Chairperson shall be ineligible for further employment under the Government of a State or under the Government of India.
2.	Member	01	Who is, or has been, a Judge of a High Court or District Judge in the State with a minimum of Seven Years experience as District Judge.	The Member shall be entitled to draw Pay and Allowances equal to the last Pay drawn-Pension.	A person appointed as Member shall hold office for a term of Three Years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment. Provided that no Member shall hold office after he has attained the age of Seventy years. On ceasing to hold office, a Member shall be ineligible for further employment under the Government of a State or under the Government of India.
3.	Member	01	Persons having knowledge or practical experience in matters relating to Human Rights.	The Member shall be entitled to Honorarium Rupees 1000/- per Sitting.	A person appointed as Member shall hold office for a term of Three Years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment. Provided that no Member shall hold office after he has attained the Age of Seventy years. On ceasing to hold office, a Member shall be ineligible for further employment under the Government of a State or under the Government of India.

Sd/- Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

THE ODISHA MINING CORPORATION LIMITED
OMC House, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha
CIN : U13100OR1956SGC008313, www.omcltd.in
ODISHA NEW OPPORTUNITIES
Date : 11.11.2019
No.40/OMC/ADVERTISEMNT FOR RECRUITMENT OF EXECUTIVE IN OMC LTD.
The OMC, a Gold category and largest State PSU in Mining Sector in the Country, undertakes exploration, mining and trading of iron, chrome & bauxite ores. The Corporation has achieved an annual turnover of Rs.4053 crores in the FY 2018-19. Inspired by the vision to emerge as the market leader and to play a catalytic role in the growth of industrialization, OMC caters to the requirements of mineral based industries. The Corporation invites application from dynamic & competent professionals for the following post:

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NASHIK

I-T dept begins searches to curb onion hoarding

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

INCOME TAX officials Monday began a series of search operations in the onion belt of Nashik to check for possible hoarding by traders. The operations are being conducted in the premises of 11 traders in multiple locations in the district.

The team collected sale and purchase records from wholesale markets and proceeded to verify the same by conducting search operations in Satana, Kalwan, Nashi, Lasalgaon, Pimpalgaon and other places, according to sources.

A central team led by senior officers from the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies and Agriculture has also started an inspection of the onion belt to understand the supply and demand situation in the area.

Onion prices have been under the scanner of the central government after retail and wholesale prices started rising in September. After banning exports, the government put limits on the quantity of onions that wholesale and retail traders can hold. Wholesale traders could hold 500 quintals while retail traders were allowed to keep 100 quintals of the bulb per day. Jaydutt Holkar, chairman of Lasalgaon's wholesale market in Niphad taluka, said the operations tenders to ascertain whether traders had violated the limit.

Onion prices crossed the Rs 100 per kg mark in the national capital earlier this week, while retail rates are hovering around Rs 80 per kg in several cities.

Senior officials of the agriculture department pointed out that the price rise comes in the backdrop of a supply-demand mismatch given the damage to the

EXPLAINED

In line with govt decision to check price rise

THE SEARCH operations to check for hoarding are in line with the government's decision to clamp down on the price rise of onions. Officials hope that such measures will prevent hoarding and tackle price rise as traders would be wary of seeking higher prices in auctions. In 2017, a similar raid had failed to unearth anything substantial.

kharif onion crop in states like Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Rajasthan. Maharashtra's new crop was also damaged by heavy rain in Nashik. The onions in the market are from stocks stored by farmers in April. On Monday, Lasalgaon's market recorded an average price of Rs 4,383 per quintal of onion. Last week, the state-owned MMTC floated tenders to import 20,000 tonnes of onion. The onions can be sourced from any country. In September, MMTC had floated tenders for importing onions, mentioning Pakistan as one of the countries of origin. After protests by farmers groups, MMTC had modified the tender to exclude Pakistan from the countries of origin.



GURU NANAK BIRTH ANNIVERSARY TODAY

Devotees at Gurdwara Ber Sahib at Sultanpur Lodhi, Punjab, on the eve of Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary, on Monday. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, along with Indian-origin lawmakers from the UK and New Zealand visited Sultanpur Lodhi. President Ram Nath Kovind is scheduled to visit the town on Tuesday. Gurmeet Singh

Bhopal: Unveiling of Arjun Singh statue postponed as BJP protests

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 11

UNCERTAINTY PREVAILED over a partially covered statue of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and veteran Congress leader Arjun Singh that was to be unveiled at Major Nanke petrol pump tri-section near New Market locality here on Monday. The life-size statue was installed at a site where the bust of freedom fighter Chandrashekhar Azad once stood, before it was shifted a few metres away for better traffic management. The BJP was in power at that time of the shift. Now, the BJP has accused the Congress government of insulting the leader by choosing the same place to install a full-size statue that towers over the bust. Mayor Alok Sharma told *The Indian Express* that the corporation passed a resolution on September



The statue in Bhopal

30 to install Singh's statue, but the spot was closer to the Congress headquarters. He alleged that a file was moved on October 18 without the mayor-in-council's knowledge, with a clear noting that "the decision has been taken at top level". The council has not taken a call on the file, he said. The BJP said it wanted the

Former CEC Seshan cremated in Chennai, EC pays tribute

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 11

FORMER CHIEF Election Commissioner T N Seshan, who pioneered far-reaching electoral reforms in the country and edged out money and muscle power from the poll arena, was cremated here on Monday.

Seshan, who helmed the Election Commission between 1990 and 1996, was cremated at the Besant Nagar electric crematorium here after a host of leaders and well-wishers paid floral tributes at his Alwarpet residence.

He was 86 and died following a cardiac arrest at 9.45 pm on Sunday.

After family members performed the last rites, Seshan's mortal remains were consigned to flames with close relatives and well-wishers in attendance.

Deputy Election Commissioner Sudeep Jain flew down from Delhi and conveyed condolences at their residence, Seshan's family told PTI.

In a condolence message, the EC said, "Seshan redefined the very grammar of the electoral process...he redeemed the au-



Former Chief Election Commissioner T N Seshan's family and well-wishers at his Chennai residence on Monday. PTI

tonomy and authority that the Constitution has bestowed upon ECI under Article 324 of the Constitution."

From a career bureaucrat, he repositioned himself as the Chief Election Commissioner of India who reminded people the power of vote.

"He will remain an icon for the Election Commission and the nation forever. Seshan has left behind a rich legacy for the Commission and will continue to inspire us at the Election

Commission of India. We pray for the noble departed soul and convey our profound condolences," Chief Election Commissioner, Sunil Arora and Election Commissioners Sushil Chandra and Ashok Lavasa said in their condolence.

DMK president M K Stalin, senior AIADMK leader and Fisheries Minister D Jayakumar, and former Union Ministers Pon Radhakrishnan and G K Vaasan were among those who paid tributes at Seshan's residence.

Two-month-old undergoes amputation after burn injuries in Mumbai hospital

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

FOUR DAYS after a two-month-old boy suffered burn injuries in the paediatric ICU of Mumbai's KEM hospital following a short-circuit in ECD nodes, doctors Monday had to amputate his upper arm after the incident blocked blood flow in his half-charred limb.

The child's father Pannalal Rajbhar (29) said he had come to Mumbai from Azamgarh on November 5 after his son was diagnosed with congenital heart disorder. "We had no money or place to go to in Varanasi, so we decided

to come to Mumbai, where my brother-in-law said was a 'good' hospital," Rajbhar said.

On November 6, he admitted the child to KEM hospital's paediatric unit for treatment. Around 3 am the next day, the ECG nodes attached to his chest reportedly caught fire due to a suspected short circuit, he said. "As we were not allowed inside the ICU, I was waiting outside...I was informed about the fire only an hour later," Rajbhar told *The Indian Express*.

Hospital dean Dr Hemant Deshmukh told *The Indian Express* that the child had suffered 18-20 per cent burns on his scalp, left arm and shoulder in the incident, but his condition was stable. On Monday, he said, Prince's heartre-

ports were normal, but doctors found that blood flow to his left hand tissues were blocked, adding that Prince underwent an upper arm amputation Monday night.

While the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has instituted an inquiry to examine if there was medical negligence on the part of the hospital, four days after the incident the inquiry is yet to begin.

Senior Inspector Vinod Kamble from Bhoiwada police station said, "The child's father has refused to lodge any complaint... We have written to the fire brigade and BMC to submit a report on this incident. Suo moto action will be taken if negligence is found."

CUSTOMS HAUL IN 19 MONTHS

140 kg of gold seized from Ahmedabad, Surat airports

Ahmedabad: Over 140 kg of 'illegal' gold has been seized by the Customs department at the international airports of Ahmedabad and Surat – where a total of 207 cases of smuggling were filed in the past 19 months, indicating a racket functioning out of Ahmedabad and Rajkot.

After a illegal shipment of 24 kilograms of gold was intercepted at Ahmedabad airport in June 2019, the department is working to unearth a gold smuggling racket where 4,000 kg of gold worth Rs 1,400 crore is believed to have been smuggled into India over five years, of which 1,800 kg

was meant for Rajkot alone, according to Kumar Santosh, Principal Commissioner, Customs, Ahmedabad. "This smuggling is part of an organised syndicate where jewellers are not directly involved. Those caught are only the carriers... We suspect involvement of

at least 2-3 jewellers from Ahmedabad and 5-6 jewellers from Rajkot in this gold smuggling racket. Financiers from Delhi, Mumbai or other cities fund this. In many cases, the carriers who are caught only know mobile numbers," Santosh added. ENS

Study: 9 states, Northeast carry 44% of India's cancer burden

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE STATES in the Northeast, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Haryana, Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh account for 44 per cent of India's cancer burden, an analysis of the disease burden data has found.

The analysis, published in *The Lancet Global Health*, looked at about 9.7 million deaths in India in 2017 and investigated reasons for 486 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) in the country. DALYs are an international unit of death and disability in terms of the number of life years lost of an average person to death and disability.

"Among NCDs (non-communicable diseases), cancer YLLs (years of life lost) were particularly high in northeastern states, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Haryana, Assam, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, and in the southern states of Kerala and Karnataka. But YLLs from specific causes of cancer varied even within those states with high cancer burden; these high-burden states accounted for 44% of national YLLs from cancer," the analysis noted.

Prof Prabhat Jha of the Centre for Global Health Research, St Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto; and Dr Geetha Menon of the Indian Council of Medical Research are among authors of the article.

According to the study, top 15 conditions that caused death and disability in the country that year were ischaemic heart disease (9.6% of all DALYs), perinatal conditions (8.5%), chronic respiratory diseases (5.7%), diarrhoea (4.7%), respiratory infections (4.5%), cancer (4%), stroke (3.6%), road traffic injuries (3.3%), tuberculosis (3.1%), and liver and alcohol-related conditions (3%).

The study combined open-source data from the United Nations, the WHO and data from the Million Death Study for preparation of National Burden Estimates (NBE). "NBE is a simple way to enable every country to determine their local burden of disease, what's killing people and what's disabling them," said Dr Menon, a senior scientist at ICMR-National Institute of Medical Statistics.



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THE SESHAN EFFECT

How he transformed the EC is a lesson for those at the helm of watchdog institutions, more relevant now than ever

THE ELECTION COMMISSION of India was established as a constitutional authority in 1950 with the mandate to hold free and fair elections. But it wasn't until 1990, when TN Seshan took charge as Chief Election Commissioner, that citizens, and even EC officials, became aware of the extraordinary powers that the Constitution vests in the institution. The EC was a different body, after Seshan. In his six years as CEC, the 1955-batch IAS officer from Palakkad, Kerala, turned an unremarkable body into a powerful pillar of democracy, and in the process reformed and strengthened the election process. Changes initiated by Seshan had far-reaching implications, especially in northern India, and went a long way in deepening representative democracy. Elections in India have since become freer and fairer, and the EC itself a model institution for democracies across the world.

The story of Seshan and the EC is a striking example of the transformation an individual can achieve in a complex society with multiple levers of power. In retrospect, all that Seshan did was to enforce the authority of the EC as per its powers laid out in the Constitution. When the push-back came from the politicians, he stood his ground with the backing of the law. In clashes with the political class, his persona, aggressive, even abrasive, loomed larger than life, but it was the institution that ultimately won the battle. Seshan dusted off the model code of conduct and turned it into a powerful instrument to rein in political parties that were playing fast and loose with the rules of the game. The EC began to enforce campaign spending limits and candidates were asked to submit accounts of poll expenses within a reasonable time limit. Cases were slapped on those who refused to comply. The EC also began to monitor the campaign process more closely by staggering elections and deploying a large number of poll observers and central forces. Violations of the model code were punished. Seshan's actions helped weaken the politician-bureaucrat cabal that was subverting the democratic process in large parts of the country and ended practices such as booth-rigging and booth-capturing widely prevalent in states like UP and Bihar. These reforms allowed the less privileged groups which had acquired a new political voice in the wake of Mandal to vote more freely.

As SY Quraishi, a former CEC, wrote in this newspaper, "all his successor CECs basked in his glory, though we always carried the burden of being compared with him all the time". It is Seshan's lasting legacy that the bar has been raised for those who succeed him at the helm of the Election Commission.

SLIPPING DOWN

Moody's downgrade is a wake-up call: A government with a strong political mandate must press the pedal on reforms

THE MOVE BY international credit rating agency, Moody's Investors Services, last week, to revise India's sovereign rating outlook from stable to negative while retaining it at Baa2 hardly comes as a surprise. With growth tapering and in the backdrop of a deepening slowdown, and with international agencies such as the IMF besides the country's central bank sharply marking down their 2019-20 growth projections for India, such rating action was inevitable. Moody's has said that its action partly reflected government policy ineffectiveness in addressing economic weakness, which in turn led to an increase in the debt burden. Governments typically contest such action by raters, and the finance ministry has said that the government has proactively taken policy action in response to the global slowdown and was expecting to attract more investment flows. It may be easy to brush aside the revision in rating, specially after the loss of credibility faced by rating firms following the 2008 financial crisis and also closer home. But the focus should now be on raising revenues and preventing fiscal slippages, instead of resorting to accounting sleight of hand.

That would mean some big ticket privatisation, as during the Vajpayee-led NDA 1, not the sham divestment seen with ONGC, IOC or LIC being nudged to buy into other state-owned companies. A couple of big divestments, including ones which attract foreign firms like BPCL and Air India, could be gamechangers in terms of enhancing competitiveness and efficiencies. Given the credibility deficit on fiscal accounting, it would be better for the government to be more transparent and account for all subsidies, including fertiliser, food and fuel on its own balance-sheet. Financial markets and investors may take a fiscal slippage of 25 to 30 basis points or close to 4 per cent in their stride as long as the budget figures and government accounting are transparent and credible.

Alongside, the government must also make an effort to shed what is generally perceived to be its anti-business approach, which threatens to hurt industry. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had rightly said three years ago that in a crisis "we act constructively and when it is over, status quo takes over". The bottomline is this: A government with a strong political mandate and which is still in the early days of its second term, can surely press the pedal on reforms.

TREAT THE DISEASE

Helping those with paedophilic tendencies before they harm children is a welcome and necessary move

IN MATTERS OF sexual crime and criminals, where there is an understandable social revulsion towards the perpetrators, the law tends to be blunt and the public discourse vitiated by a collective desire for revenge. While paedophilia has been classified by the World Health Organisation as a disease, there are few mental health professionals in India equipped to deal with it. Over the last five years, though, that has been changing. As reported in this newspaper, over 300 people suspected of having paedophilic tendencies have reached out to a network of psychologists and psychiatrists based in Mumbai and Pune, seeking help.

There are, as there should be, severe legal consequences for those who sexually assault and target children under the POCSO Act. But doctors at the KEM Hospital Research Centre in Pune and the KEM hospital in Mumbai attempt to treat paedophilia through counseling and anti-depressants, especially those who are "at the lower threshold of the disease" and have not been booked under the Act. According to Klaus Beier, director of the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine in Berlin's Charité University, at least 1 per cent of the male population suffers from paedophilia. Given India's population, that's too sizeable a number to leave unaddressed and untreated.

The initiative to open the door to those who want to deal with their paedophilic tendencies is welcome. Too often, the fear of the stigma that comes with articulating such feelings keeps them bottled up, leading to horrifying consequences. That a section of mental health professionals is taking a series of steps — from anonymous helplines to expanding the number of doctors capable of managing the disorder — to make a conversation possible is welcome. No society can leave the well-being of its children outside the ambit of the law, and once acts of sexual violence are committed, they must be prosecuted. But it is also important to deal with those who seek treatment, before the worst happens, with compassion and sympathy. It is important to treat the disease, not merely punish the diseased.



UPENDRA BAXI

THE SUPREME COURT of India has performed many an interpretive wonder but a unanimous judgement by a constitutional bench of five justices must count as a miracle. And that too in as volatile a situation as the Ayodhya dispute. Several mediation attempts proved fruitless, and all parties expressed faith in the eventual judicial reasoning and result. A 40-day hearing (from October 16, till the judgment on November 9) was a unique achievement in the annals of the apex court.

The court was particularly mindful of the social impact of violence and the chequered history of 135 years of "flashpoint of continued conflagration". All political parties have issued appeals for social harmony and the prime minister's appeal to his party to maintain social peace and not to politically polarise the decision has been echoed by several parties and leaders. One hopes that maximum restraint and responsibility will prevail for the good of the nation and the discipline with which it has been greeted so far will continue.

In a finely chiselled decision, the court rules the award of 2.77 acres for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and an alternate space of five acres for a new mosque. The decision is open to recourse to review and a curative petition, although all parties had agreed to accept fully the final decision.

The addendum, running into 116 pages, discusses whether the disputed structure is the holy birthplace of Lord Ram as per the faith, belief and trust of the Hindus. This, clearly, cannot be part of the judgment because anonymous judicial opinions are constitutionally impermissible.

If the litmus test of a good constitutional decision is the scrupulous judicial avoidance of constitutional othering, this judgment valiantly succeeds. It clearly frames 16 "points for determination" and firmly holds that during the intervening night of December 22/23 1949, Hindu idols were installed under the central dome of Babri Masjid and that the 1992 demolition of the masjid was "unlawful". And it decides, fur-

ther, that the court must, "as a secular institution, set up under a constitutional regime, steer clear from choosing one among many possible interpretations of theological doctrine". "Above all", it said, "the practice of religion varies according to the culture and social context", which "indeed is the strength of our plural society". This means that not faith, but secular law and evidence, should help decide all constitutional matters. Ill-informed comments, even by some eminent leaders of the Bar, prevail about the future. They remain ignorant of the fact that Parliament in 1991 enacted the Places of Religious Worship Act. This prohibits the conversion of any place of worship (save Ayodhya, which was then before the courts) and "speaks to the future by mandating that the character of a place of public worship shall not be altered" and "seeks to impose a positive obligation to maintain the religious character of every place of worship as it existed on 15 August 1947".



PRITAM SINGH

GURU NANAK (1469-1539), whose 550th birth anniversary is being celebrated on Tuesday, is the greatest thinker, philosopher, poet, traveller, political rebel, social leveller, mass communicator and spiritual master the land of Punjab has produced. He was born in a village, Talwandi Rai Bhoie, near Lahore which was renamed later as Nankana Sahib. The room in which he was born constitutes the inner sanctum of the Gurdwara Nankana Sahib.

There are fairly reliable accounts about Guru Nanak's life. His was an upper caste Khatri Hindu family and his father was an administrative official in the office of a local Muslim chieftain. In his youth, he used the medium of music, poetry, song and speech to preach the love of God and to attack the politically oppressive policies of the Mughal regime and the socially oppressive practices of casteism of the orthodox Brahminical Hindu religion. He also attacked the wealthy and spoke in favour of an equitable social status for women.

He used the language of the masses, Punjabi, to preach his ideas. This was in sharp contrast to that of the Hindu priests and the Muslim clergy, who used Sanskrit and Arabic respectively. Rejecting Sanskrit (which was called *dev bhasha*, the language of the gods), Guru Nanak used Punjabi (*lok bhasha*, people's language) to communicate his egalitarian teachings. He attracted a following among the lower castes, mainly Hindus but also some converts to Islam.

His followers came to be known as Sikhs;

A HUMANIST ABOVE ALL

Guru Nanak's message transcends time and space

sikh, a Punjabi word, means a learner or a disciple and is a variant of the Sanskrit word *shishya*. Some of his early followers came from his own Khatri caste. However, for the large mass of Punjabis who were attracted to Guru Nanak's teachings, it was the content of his teachings (equality), the medium of his communication (Punjabi) and the form of his communication (poetry, song and music), which attracted them to Sikhism. He can, therefore, be legitimately characterised as the founder and articulator of a truly Punjabi religion which attracted followers from all caste groups in Punjabi society but predominantly from peasant and artisanal classes.

The time when Guru Nanak was born was a period of great strife in Indian society, especially in the Punjab region. Guru Nanak responded — as all great thinkers, philosophers and those whom we call prophets respond — to the historical crisis of the society in which he was born. However, it is also vital to grasp how he transcended the limitations of geographical space and historical time in delivering a message that had universal relevance. The fact that in his own lifetime, communities of his followers had emerged in what are today India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Nepal, Tibet and Sri Lanka — and even in Iraq and Iran — illustrates that his message had transcended the geographical boundaries of Punjab. He consciously went on long journeys (called *ud-dasian*) to far off places along with his two companions Bhai Bala, a Hindu, and Bhai Mardana, a Muslim, to hold dialogues with

many saints and Sufis — even, some charlatans who claimed some spiritual powers and had some social following.

His written compositions were included in the *Adi Granth* compiled by Guru Arjan (1563-1606), the fifth Sikh guru. This came to be known as Guru Granth Sahib after the additions made by the 10th guru Guru Gobind Singh (1666-1708). In compiling the *Adi Granth*, Guru Arjan showed a remarkable commitment to pluralism while retaining the unity of thought initiated by Guru Nanak. He included in the Granth the teachings and writings of all the five Sikh gurus but also the contributions made between the 12th and 16th centuries by many Hindu bhakts and Sufi saints such as Baba Farid, Sant Kabir, Guru Ravi Das and Sant Namdev.

The best way of understanding Guru Nanak's universal vision is to read the Guru Granth Sahib. The ecological message of his teachings, which has strong relevance for our times, is perhaps, the best illustration of the universalism of his teachings.

In the last phase of his life that Guru Nanak spent at Kartarpur Sahib, he provided a practical demonstration of building a community based on strong egalitarian values of cooperative agricultural work and innovative social institutions of *langar* (collective cooking and sharing of food) *pangat* (partaking food without distinctions of high and low) and *sangat* (collective decision making).

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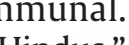
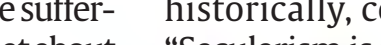
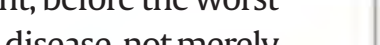
PRIME MINISTER CHARAN Singh blamed "Jana Sangh-RSS elements" for disturbing his public meetings and warned that, in retaliation, Lok Dal would not allow the Jana Sangh to hold a single election meeting anywhere in the country. For the fourth time in a row, his election meeting was sought to be disturbed in Indore through heckling by sections of the audience. He was repeatedly jeered at all the earlier three meetings also, which he addressed in Jhabua, Ratlam and Dharon on the first day of his two-day election tour of Madhya Pradesh. At all the three places, he squarely blamed Jana Sangh-RSS elements "for fomenting trouble".

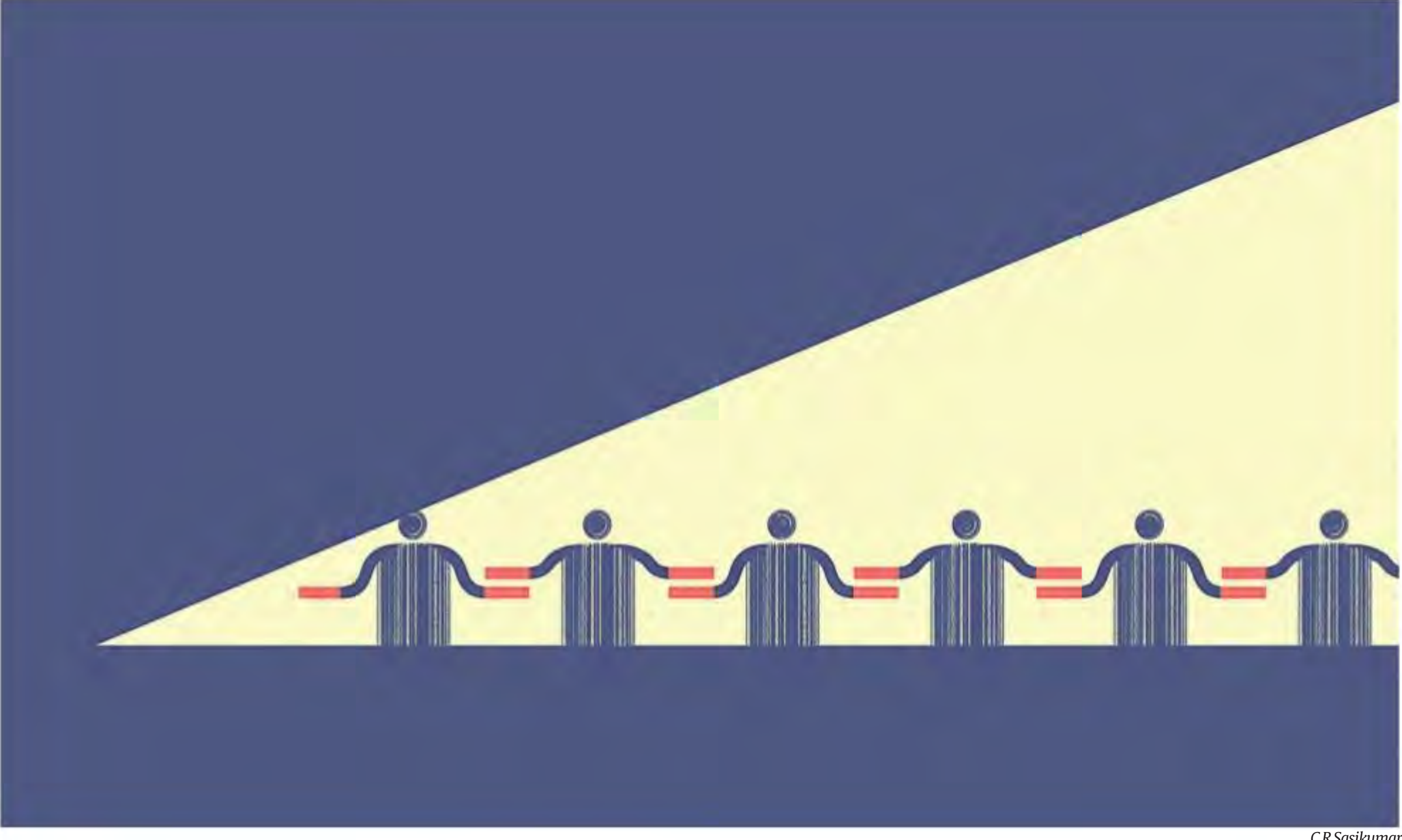
WORLD FOOD CRISIS

THE THIRD WORLD is heading towards a massive food shortage that could lead to "economic disaster" within the next 20 years, according to a report to be presented at a UN food conference opening in Rome tomorrow. By the year 2000, nearly 250 million people would suffer from serious malnutrition "even if we make the most enormous efforts to increase food and agricultural production", says Edouard Saouma, director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in the report. If the present trends continue, the number of those suffering from malnutrition would remain at about 400 million.

SECULAR RSS

THE RASHTRIYA SWAYAMSEWAK Sangh chief, Balasaheb Deoras, attacked the critics of dual membership and said this bogey had been raised by some persons with vested interests who wanted to destroy the party. However, he did not name the Janata Party. Addressing a gathering at the conclusion of the three-day camp of swayamsewaks in Amritsar, Deoras defended the ideology of the Sangh and refuted the charge of communalism levelled against the RSS. Deoras said a Hindu, historically, could never be communal. "Secularism is in the blood of the Hindus," he said.





C R Sasikumar

A vision for equality

On his 550th birth anniversary, Guru Nanak’s teachings are more relevant than ever. They provide a road to a better future



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

AS WE CELEBRATE the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, saint-composer and amongst the great spiritual leaders, his ideas, thoughts and teachings assume far greater relevance today than ever before. They can promote peace, equality and prosperity across the globe.

In a world that is increasingly fragmented with a narrow, tunnel vision, bigotry and dogmatism, we have to walk on the path shown to us by Nanak and other illustrious gurus to dispel the darkness that constantly threatens to envelop individuals, communities and nations.

Our worldview has been continually broadened by the timeless messages of enlightened pathfinders like Guru Nanak.

The “seers” like Guru Nanak see what ordinary people do not. They enrich people’s lives through their insights and ideas. In fact, that is the meaning of the word “guru”. Guru is one who provides illumination, dispels doubt and shows the path. Each one of us, in whatever walk of life we are in, has so much to learn from the teachings of this great personality.

Guru Nanak was a great champion of equality. For him, the differences and multiple identities based on caste, creed, religion and language were irrelevant. He had said, “Preposterous is caste, vain the distinction of birth. The Lord gives shelter to all beings”. He aimed at creating a casteless society in

which there is no hierarchy.

Respect for women and gender equality is another important lesson to be learnt from Guru Nanak’s life. Referring to women, the Guru says: “How can they be inferior when they give birth to men? Women as well as men share in the grace of God and are equally responsible for their actions to Him.”

For him, the whole world is God’s creation (*Jeeyee kaa ik daata*) and all are born equal. There is only one universal creator. “Ik Omkaar Satnaam.”

Echoing the Sanskrit saying “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” that describes the whole world as one family, Guru Nanak Dev goes on to say:

“When he stops thinking in terms of ‘mine’ and ‘yours’/Then no one is angry with him./When he clings to ‘my own, my own’/Then he is in deep trouble./But when he recognises the Creator Lord/Then he is free of torment.”

This spirit of living together and harmoniously working together is a consistent thread of thought that runs through Guru Nanak hymns.

What is remarkable about Guru Nanak is the fact that he not only formulated the principal doctrines of Sikhism, but took care to ensure that his teachings would endure.

The ideal of equality was given a concrete institutional form in the community meal, “langar”, where all devotees, irrespective of caste, creed, region and religion sit in a row called “pangat” to share a meal. The place of their meeting, called “dharmsal”, is regarded as sacred and the common religious congregation — “sangar” — was open to all.

These institutional structures are an eloquent testimony to the Guru’s timeless vision of equality and non-discrimination. This spirit of equality began with Guru Nanak’s clear recognition that there is no distinction between a Hindu and Mussalman. For him, no country was foreign and no people were alien.

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It is worth noting that Guru Nanak initiated inter-faith dialogue way back in the 16th century and had conversations with most of the religious denominations of his times. The world needs such spiritual leaders who can engage in a meaningful dialogue to exchange ideas in order to promote peace, stability and cooperation.

Guru Nanak’s vision was pragmatic and holistic. It was not a vision of renunciation but of active involvement. Between the ascetic and the epicurean, Guru Nanak chose the middle path — the Grihastha Ashram or the life of a householder. It was an ideal path as it offered opportunities for social, material and spiritual growth of an individual.

Work, worship and share (*kirat karo, naam japo and vand chhako*) was the motto he placed before his disciples. Earn by honest labour and share the earnings with the needy. He suggested that one should share one’s prosperity with others who needed help. He advocated the concept of “daswandh” or donating one-tenth of earning among needy persons.

Nanak was an extraordinary saint who synthesised the best elements in various religions and spiritual traditions.

I am happy that the corridor that connects the Sikh shrines of Dera Baba Nanak Sahib in Punjab to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan, the sacred space where Guru Nanak spent the last 18 years of his life, has been opened to enable pilgrims to visit the shrine.

Guru Nanak’s vision is timeless and has as much relevance today as it was when it was expounded five centuries ago.

If we can internalise and integrate these messages in our daily lives and reshape our thinking and actions, we can certainly discover a new world of peace and sustainable development.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Both China and India are victims of air pollution and two countries should join hands to create clear blue skies. What China has achieved offers valuable experience to India, while China could also learn from India’s plight. China and India mirror one another, and there is plenty of room for cooperation.”

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Going beyond Kartarpur

Building on the Punjabiya spirit can help the Subcontinent transcend divisions



RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

THE KARTARPUR Sahib Corridor, which has materialised against all odds, is a political enigma. Some see it as a ray of hope amidst the darkness that has enveloped India-Pakistan ties. For others, it is very much part of the problem that afflicts the bilateral relationship. The divergence cuts across the political divide.

For former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the corridor could be a harbinger of improved relations between Delhi and Islamabad. But his party colleague and chief minister of Punjab, Amarinder Singh, had consistently drawn attention to the possibility that the initiative is part of Pakistan’s longstanding interest in stoking Sikh separatism.

On its part, Delhi has extended strong support to the construction of the four-kilometre corridor connecting Dera Baba Nanak on the Indian side and Gurudwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur across the border. But there is no hiding the wariness in the Indian security establishment about Pakistan’s sudden enthusiasm for the corridor that it was unwilling to consider in the past.

In Pakistan, too, differences have been manifest. Although Prime Minister Imran Khan and the Army have both been eager to promote the corridor, the differences between them have been open. The Army, for example, contradicted Khan’s affirmation that Sikh pilgrims can enter through the border without passports. Many Islamic leaders in Pakistan have criticised the corridor as a violation of the nation’s sovereignty.

Despite many critical voices on either side and some difficult negotiations between Delhi and Islamabad, the corridor is now open. Even as the world welcomes it, there is no escaping the fact that the corridor is a remarkable exception to the current dynamic between India and Pakistan.

There is no formal dialogue between the two countries for quite some time now. Nor is there any speculation about a back-channel dialogue that is sustaining a minimum level of communication between the two leaderships. Political and military tensions are running high since the Pulwama terror attack in February, India’s bombing of the Balakot terror training camp in response, the skirmish between the two air forces that followed, and Pakistan’s angry reaction to India’s decision to change the constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir.

While the Pakistan army’s motivation in pushing for the corridor will continue to be debated, it is important to note an unintended consequence of the initiative. The corridor has drawn attention to an important but neglected dimension of the relations between Delhi and Islamabad—the Punjab question.

The Kashmir issue has long dominated the regional framing of India-Pakistan relations within the Subcontinent and beyond.

The intractable nature of the dispute casts a pessimistic shadow over the region. But Punjab, in recent years at least, has often shown the possibilities for potentially transformative breakthroughs in bilateral relations.

Unlike Kashmir, which is a loose collection of cantons that came together accidentally, Punjab is a coherent geographic and civilisational space. If the diverse regions of Kashmir have been marginal to the geopolitical evolution of the Subcontinent until the middle of the 20th century, Punjab has been very central to the ebb and flow of Indian history through the ages.

In contrast to Jammu and Kashmir, there is shared ethnic, linguistic and cultural identity that binds the people of Punjab. This shared identity has indeed survived the unspeakable tragedies that Partition inflicted upon the province. It is the cultural bond as well as the shared sorrow that makes the region most eager in the Subcontinent for a reconciliation between India and Pakistan.

While some in Rawalpindi might want to turn the Kartarpur corridor into the Khalistan card, Delhi must focus on the possibility of strengthening what unites the people of the province — the idea of Punjabiya. Since the late 1990s, the governments led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh in Delhi, as well as the Congress and Akali governments — led respectively by Amarinder Singh and Parkash Singh Badal, have actively sought to develop economic and cultural cooperation across the Radcliffe Line that divides the two Punjabs.

There were moments in the last two decades when these initiatives appeared very close to fruition. The plans included the expansion of the scope of overland trade at the Attari-Wagah border, facilitating hydrocarbon and electricity exports from the Indian Punjab to Pakistan and expanding cultural contacts.

That Rawalpindi seemed to pull the plug each time might suggest that the prospects to advance cooperation between the two Punjabs is limited. Even as he lauds the corridor as a new beginning in bilateral relations, Khan insists that the resolution of Kashmir is critical for normalisation of bilateral relations between the two countries.

But, the fact that the Kartarpur corridor has been realised despite Pakistan’s traditional logic on the relationship with India, should encourage Delhi to reconsider initiatives to promote cooperation across the Radcliffe Line. Even more important, Delhi must look beyond the formal dialogue with Islamabad and the para diplomacy between Chandigarh and Lahore.

Delhi should recognise that the footprint of Punjab and its people goes beyond India and Pakistan — it has significant influence in many parts of the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi could add a new layer to his diaspora diplomacy if he promotes the celebration of ‘Punjabiya’. That might help transcend the Kartarpur exception, facilitate the long-overdue collective reflection on what binds us together in the Subcontinent and how we might overcome our current divisions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET’S TALK HARMONY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘India, a temple and a mosque’ (IE, November 10). While all parties should respect and abide by the apex court’s Ayodhya verdict, it will be a good gesture on the part of the Centre to allot a plot of 5 acres out of the acquired land of 67 acres to Sunni Waqf Board for the construction of a mosque. The area around the Ram temple should be developed as a microcosm of communal harmony.

Anoop Kumar Srivastava

WRONG EXAMPLE

THIS REFERS TO ‘Peace and a temple’ (IE, November 10). The author’s use of the example of demolition of the Russian Church suggests that he has not read the entire Ayodhya judgment. The SC judgement has clearly mentioned that it has not found any evidence of a temple being demolished to build the Babri Masjid. This is also one of the drawbacks of the judgment—an incorrect perception will remain in the mind of people.

SZA Hussain, via email

FARMERS’ INTERESTS

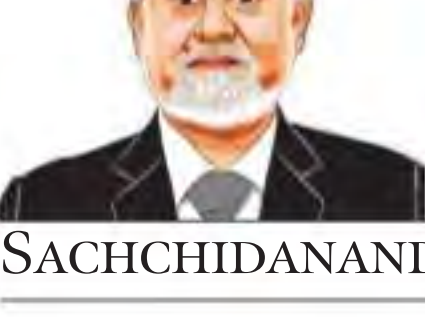
THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Seeing a blind spot’ (IE, November 8). The development of agriculture needs a multi-pronged strategy which takes

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into account the challenge of climate change. The 78 per cent increase in budget allocation to agriculture sector over the previous fiscal could be a potential game changer, especially because Rs 75,000 crore is meant for the Farmers’ Investment Support scheme aimed at economic and social security of the farmers. A negligible 0.2 per cent negative growth was reported in this sector, due to irregular monsoon. The role of Food Corporation of India, the country’s principle procurement agency needs a fresh relook in realising the dream of doubling the farmers’ income by 2022.

Indra Satish Reddy, Nalgonda



SACHCHIDANAND JOSHI

Legacy for a civilisation

Nanak’s teachings hold out hope for us all

THE GREATNESS of a person is not measured merely on the basis of the good deeds done in his or her lifetime but by the impact of such deeds over centuries. India has certainly been blessed with great individuals who left their impact on the Subcontinent, and Guru Nanak Dev was one such person.

It has been 550 years since Guru Nanak Dev graced this world. And, with each passing day, the great glory of Guru Nanak keeps expanding, transcending the boundaries of nation, geography, religion, language and culture. Bhai Gurdas, the eminent Sikh scholar, rightly described Guru Nanak’s birth as something like the end of chaos and the beginning of a new dawn, the rise of a new sun. The long night that preceded his birth was gone the instant he came into this world, even as Guru Nanak declared that God is one — formless and without birth and death.

One can say that Guru Nanak was the harbinger of a new era of Indian civilisation. He was a great spiritual leader but his concerns were not confined to matters of religion. He was an enlightened soul who could see what the science of his time could not see. He had a vision for the upliftment of the society. He could see what other people

could not even imagine then: He had a vision that there are infinite celestial bodies in a galaxy and millions of skies. Guru Nanak said that the earth rests on the foundation of law or dharma. Remember, in Indian tradition, dharma means law, principle or way of life. It is not a direct translation of the English word, religion. We might say that Guru Nanak was preparing the ground for the Indian renaissance.

Guru Nanak Dev was not an armchair philosopher or a world-renouncing ascetic. He stood for karma as the basis of dharma, and he transformed the idea of spiritualism into the ideology of social responsibility and social change. Earning bread through honest labour and sharing its fruit with the community is the idea behind the lasting legacy of Guru Nanak’s teaching.

Guru Nanak cautioned people to not use religion for earning material benefits. He also led a sustained attack on social inequality arising out of false pride, which in turn comes from caste hierarchy. He created a philosophy of social responsibility, and opposed everything that looked like religion but was actually a trap to exploit the vulnerable. Guru Nanak has explained that reciting god’s name, and unflinching faith in the

way god functions is the basis of an ethical life. Guru Nanak was not in search of such notion of truth which had metaphysical, philosophical, logical or other complexities. He valued a simpler notion of truth, a truth that was the basis of honest living. He declared that truth has the highest value in life, but truthful living is higher still in value. In this way, Guru Nanak bridged the gap between the idea and practice of truth.

Guru Nanak also showed how women, who are the embodiment of devotion in Bhakti literature, are central to human life. He even created awareness related to the conservation of water, and the importance of a clean environment. His teachings related to selfless service were very practical and adaptable for the common man: He never preached anything which he did not practice.

Guru Nanak was also a great traveler. He could well be the most travelled saint in the world, who travelled more than 30,000 kilometres. It is difficult to imagine the way he could have managed it with his disciple Mardana, 550 years back. He not only travelled but also had cordial discussions with prominent leaders of different beliefs. He tried to understand their points of view and

then put forward his vision of humanity. Shri Guru Granth Sahib gives an idea of a variety of saints he could have met, and their thoughts also find a prominent place in the holy book.

It was a time when India was passing through a crucial phase, and society was undergoing a lot of changes and imbalances in the medieval period. Guru Nanak had the courage to say “Na koi Hindu na Musalman”, and that all are the children of one god.

He emphasised on three things: “Kirat karni”, which means to work hard, and earn good karma and an honest livelihood; “vand chakhna” which means to not be selfish, and share with others; and, “naam japa”, which means to meditate and remember the name of god.

Guru Nanak’s life, teachings and writings are part of the collective legacy of human civilisation. His path of unity, equality, humility and service to mankind is being followed still by a large number of people across the world. The need of the hour is to remember Guru Nanak Devji and follow his teachings for national unity and social harmony.

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TELLING NUMBERS

Indian Police: Feeble capacity, high vacancies, and low diversity

THE FIRST edition of the India Justice Report — brought out by the Tata Trusts in partnership with the Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS-Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy — has ranked states and Union Territories on the four pillars of the justice system: Police, Prisons, Judiciary and Legal Aid.

The report underscores the capacity deficit plaguing policing in the country. According to the report, only 14 of the 22 states for which data were available, was able to fully utilise its police modernisation fund.

Over the past five years, in just 14 of the 33 states and UTs for which data are available, police expenditure grew more than the state's overall expenditure.

The tables below refer only to the 18 large- and mid-sized states where 90% of India's population lives. The map shows the three states that spent the least and the most respectively on police per person in 2015-16. The report also found that on average there were more than 20% vacancies in the police.

Tables 1, 2 and 3 detail the worst performers among the major states when it comes to vacancies related to SCs, STs and OBCs respectively.

In 2009, the Government of India had adopted a target of 33% reservation for women in police.

As of January 2017, women make up just 7% of police. Table 4 details the number of years required by some states to achieve the 33%-mark at the current rate.

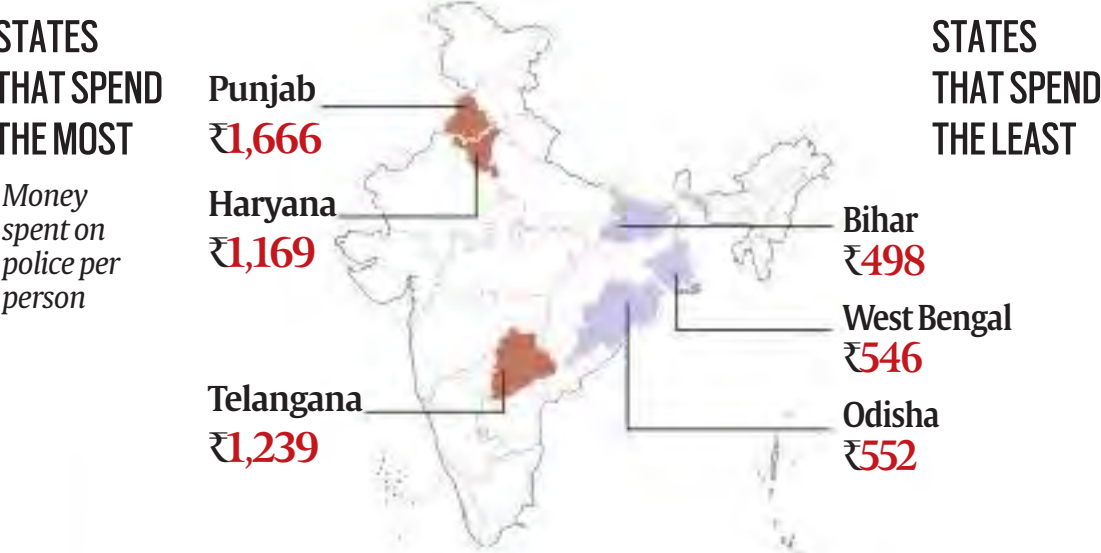


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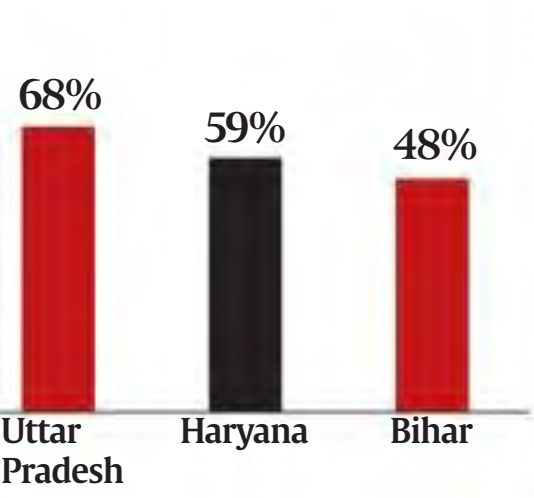


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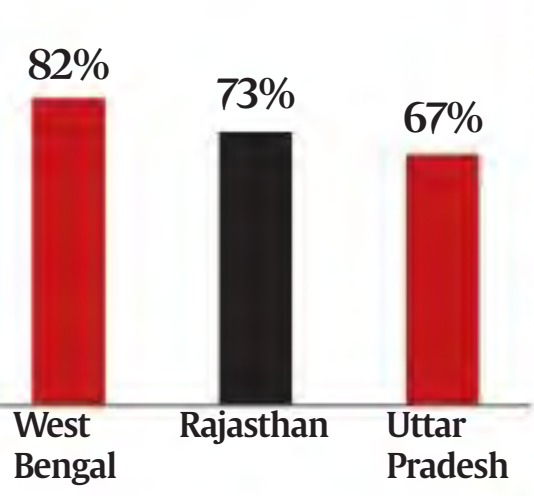


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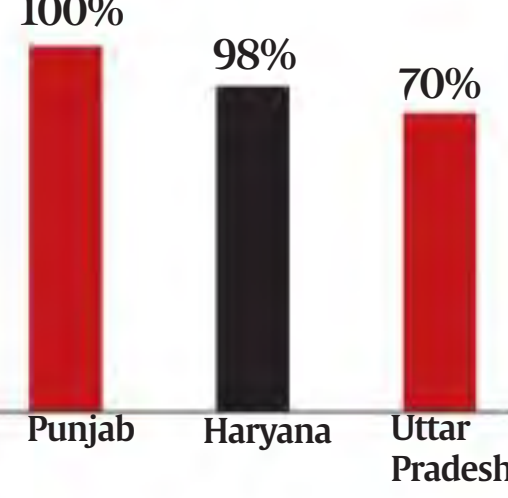
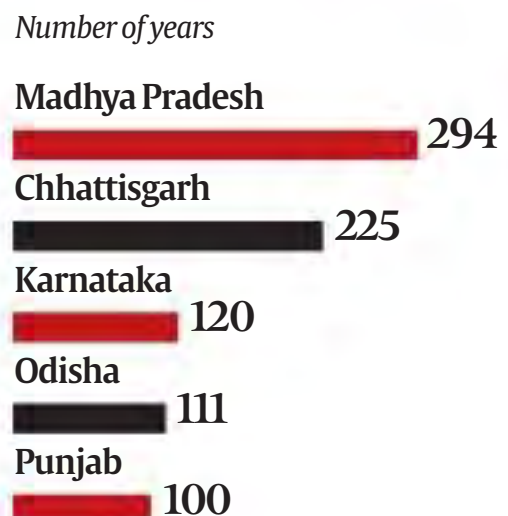


TABLE 4: HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR WOMEN'S SHARE TO REACH 33%?



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The battle over H-1B, H-4 visas

H-1B and H-4 visas, at the centre of an important lawsuit in the US, have long served as a common passage for Indians into America. Out of the 4,19,637 H-1B applications in 2018, 74% came from India

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

A UNITED States court ruled on Friday that a group of American-born tech workers have faced heightened job competition from work authorisations given to the spouses of H-1B visa holders. That being said, the judges gave Indian workers living in the US short-term breathing room by leaving the final decision of the ongoing lawsuit up to a lower court.

What are the H-1B and H-4 visas?

The lottery-based H-1B visas allow US companies to employ foreign workers temporarily in specialised occupations for three years, extendable to six years. The issuances are capped at 85,000 a year, but some employers such as universities and research nonprofits are exempt.

Spouses of H-1B workers are granted an H-4 visa, through which some have been allowed to apply to work in the US since a Barack Obama-era 2015 law. Since the law was instituted, a total of 1,20,514 H-4 visas have been granted, of which 1,10,649 have come from India. Out of the 90,946 that were initially approved, 84,935 were for women.

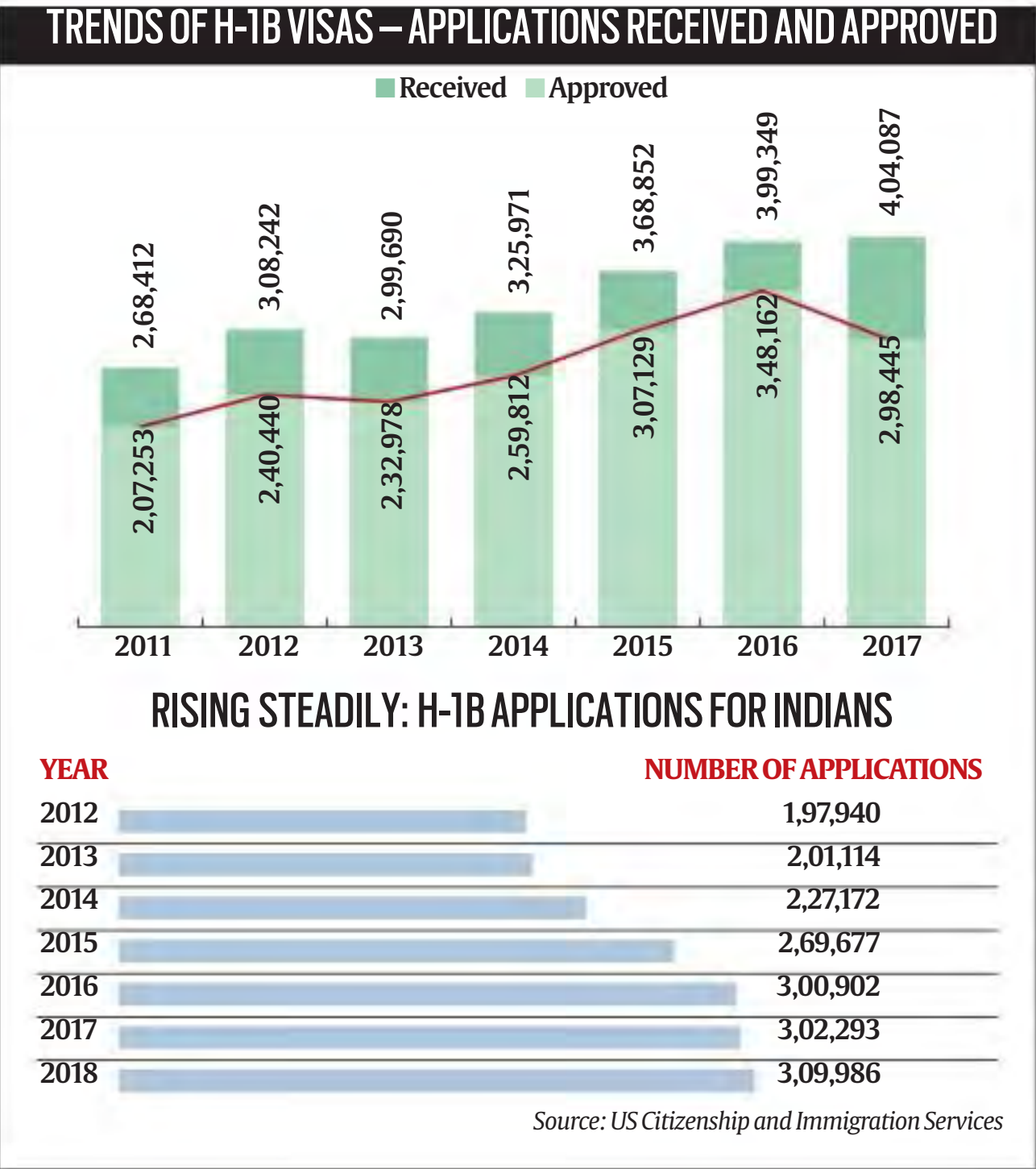
The H-1B visa has long-served as a common passage for Indians into the US. Out of the 4,19,637 H-1B applications in 2018, 74% came from India. Most beneficiaries are aged 25-34, and are in fields involving computers.

What was the US lawsuit?

The "Save Jobs USA" suit was originally filed in 2015 by two IT workers and one systems analyst against the US Department of Homeland Security. Their affidavits stated that they worked for more than 15 years at Southern California Edison until they were fired and replaced by H-1B visa holders.

The suit argued that the H-4 work authorisation violates immigration law and exceeds Homeland Security's authority.

The plaintiffs lost in the district court in 2016, and appealed in federal court in Washington DC. During the transition between the Obama and Trump administrations, the appeals court held the matter as the new administration was considering eliminating the work authorisation. Homeland



Security submitted a memo in September 2019 requesting a hold on oral arguments while they brought out the proposed rule to scrap the H-4 work authorisation. Homeland Security has delayed the move to scrap the H-4 visa spouse rule until spring 2020.

What were the arguments in court?

The court re-visited the matter in December 2018. In the subsequent trials, a lawyer representing the former tech workers argued that US workers were harmed by the "entry of aliens into the job market".

Homeland Security maintained that the damage done to the plaintiffs was due to the H-1B programme, not the work authorisation

given to the spouses. They argued that there was no direct competition between the tech workers and the H-4 visa holders. The judges at the time also expressed concern that the job competition evidence was anecdotal.

In the course of the trial, a brief arguing that the H-4 work authorisation adds to economic growth was submitted by the Information Technology Industry Council, the US Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Manufacturers. They contended that the work authorisation has added \$5.5 billion-\$13 billion to the GDP, and roughly \$2.4 billion in tax revenues. According to the brief, H-4 spouse visas have created about 6,800 positions in the US, cancelling out the

5,500 to 8,200 jobs that would've been filled by Americans if they weren't allowed to work.

So what happened last week?

Friday's ruling came from a three-judge panel in the Washington DC circuit. The judges disagreed with Homeland Security that the H-4 work authorisation is also not at fault: "We disagree. The rule will cause more H-1B visa holders to remain in the United States than otherwise would — an effect that is distinct from that of the H-1B visa holders' initial admission to the country". Although the ruling states that the tech workers do face increased competition from the H-4 work authorisation, the final merits of the lawsuit will be determined by a lower court.

How has H-1B changed over time?

The Trump administration has visibly ramped up H-1B denials, under the executive order "Buy American and Hire American". H-4 visas have also been issued at a much lower rate, with initial approvals dipping from 31,017 in 2016 to 27,275 in 2017 to 6,800 in 2019.

In August, the Department of Labor released for the first time the names of companies where H-1B visa holders are conducting work, even if they are employed by a third-party staffing or outsourcing firm. The release of data was seen as another move to target occupation visa programmes that the President and his base believe are cutting into job opportunities for American-born citizens.

Indian outsourcing corporates such as Tata, Infosys, and Wipro faced denial rates of 28%-46% from 2015-19. US-based companies such as Ernst & Young, Deloitte, and Cognizant saw 18%-52% rejection rates, but Big Tech companies like Apple, Google and Facebook faced little change in H-1B visa approvals in that time period, according to a report from National Foundation for American Policy.

Still, Big Tech is affected by the increased rejections. Many of them hire contract workers from the outsourcing companies that have been affected, meaning the Big Tech companies will have to pay US market wages instead of reduced foreign worker wages.

The report states that the Trump administration wants "to make it more difficult for well-educated foreign nationals to work in America in science and engineering fields".

THIS WORD MEANS | ADVERSE POSSESSION

The Muslims' claim that Ayodhya order rejected

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ONE OF the key legal questions the five-judge Constitution Bench on Saturday answered was related to "adverse possession", raised by the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board, in its suit filed in 1961.

In simple terms, adverse possession is hostile possession of a property — which has to be continuous, uninterrupted and peaceful. The Bench concluded that the adverse possession claimed by Muslims was not continuous and exclusive in nature, and hence they could not assert the right of adverse possession.

The Bench reached its conclusion after Hindus were able to establish that the outer courtyard was in their possession after the British erected a railing around the Babri Masjid in 1858.

Why did the Muslim parties claim the right of adverse possession?

Paragraph 11(a) of the pleadings of Sunni

Central Waqf Board specifically asked for setting up a plea of adverse possession. The plea was based on the assumption that even if a Hindu temple had existed at the site on which the Babri Masjid was constructed about 500 years ago, the Muslims had "perfected" their title by adverse possession by "long, exclusive and continuous possession", because of which the title of the Hindu parties, if any, stood extinguished.

This meant that the Muslim parties set up an alternate plea for adverse possession, if it was established by the Hindu parties that the mosque had been built at the site of the Hindu temple.

However, the Hindu parties argued that the disputed property was a juristic person, which cannot be acquired by adverse possession. It was argued that even if the image of the idol is broken, a deity is immortal — and thus the construction of the mosque on the land did not take away from its character as a deity.

And why did Muslims parties fail to establish their case?

The Bench held that the ingredients of adverse possession must be set up in the pleadings — and proved in evidence.

On evidence, the Bench said that the Muslim parties, "beyond stating" that they have been in long, exclusive and continuous possession beginning from the time when the mosque was built, have not been able to furnish any facts in support of adverse possession; importantly, the Bench pointed out that no records were made available by the Muslim parties with respect to possession for the period between 1528 and 1860.

On what constitutes the ingredients of adverse possession, the Bench relied on observations made by the former Supreme Court judge Justice S Rajendra Babu (in *Karnataka Board of Wakf v Government of India*). The Bench quoted the 2004 judgment: "A person who claims adverse possession should show: (a) on what date he came into possession, (b) what was the nature of his possession, (c) whether the factum of possession was known to the other party, (d) how long his possession has continued, and (e) his posses-

sion was open and undisturbed."

Which effectively meant that the was onus on Muslims to prove with facts that the possession was undisturbed. Besides being unable to prove possession between 1528 and 1860, the Muslims also failed to establish that the possession was undisturbed.

The Bench observed: "...It is impossible for the plaintiffs (the Muslim parties) to set up a case of being in peaceful, open and continuous possession of the entire property. Dr Dhavan (counsel for Muslim parties) repeatedly asserted that the Muslims were obstructed in their offering worship at the mosque as a result of the illegalities of the Hindus... (Dhavan) refers to the incidents which took place in 1856-7, 1934 and 1949.

"The events which are associated with each of the above incidents constitute indicators in the ultimate finding that in spite of the existence of the structure of the mosque, possession as asserted by the Muslims cannot be regarded as meeting the threshold required for discharging the burden of a case of adverse possession."

What SC verdict indicates: Mandal-Kamandal politics has come full circle

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WITH THE Supreme Court verdict on the Ayodhya appeals on Saturday, the politics of Mandal and Kamandal as practised so far may have come full circle — and an opening may have been created for their evolution to a new stage.

The forces of Mandal — flagbearers of the politics of social justice and identity — struggled to stay aloft against the rampaging BJP in the Lok Sabha elections of this summer. And the Supreme Court verdict has now put to rest the legal dispute that spawned the politics of Kamandal — or Hindutva — three decades ago.

Both these political forces had in the late 80s and early 90s disrupted the old style politics of the Congress — blows from which the grand old party could not recover. In nine Lok Sabha elections held since then, the Congress has failed to win a majority even once. In contrast, the forces unleashed by Mandal and Kamandal headed the governments formed after six of those nine elections.

While the Mandal demand of caste-based

reservations is older, the BJP was the first to politically weaponise Kamandal — seizing the opportunity presented by the setting up of the Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas in 1986.

While the socialist fragments of the post-Emergency Janata government joined forces with V P Singh in his anti-corruption battle against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the BJP endorsed the demand for the Ram Temple at its Palampur (Himachal Pradesh) convention months ahead of the 1989 elections.

Once Rajiv was dislodged from power, these forces jostled for the political space the Congress had vacated. While socialist elements in the V P Singh government pushed caste-based reservations, the BJP, which was supporting the government from the outside raised the pitch for the Ram Temple. After V P Singh announced reservation for OBC communities in August 1990, L K Advani's Rath Yatra clashed head-on with Mandal leaders Lalu Prasad and Mulayam Singh Yadav.

As a new era of politics came to be expressed in a new lexicon, and the contradiction between the two narratives sharpened, the issue of Bofors, which had driven Rajiv from power, faded into the back-



L K Advani on his first Rath Yatra from Somnath to Ayodhya in 1990. Express Archive

ground. In the states of the Hindi heartland, Mandal and Kamandal consolidated their gains at the expense of the Congress.

The demolition of the Babri Masjid on its watch came as a crushing blow for the Congress in UP and Bihar. The leaders of so-

cial justice/identity politics — Mulayam, Lalu, Kanshi Ram — benefitted as the Congress's stock fell among the minority community. And the BJP rode the Ram Temple movement to gain robust footholds in (undivided) Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and (undivided) UP. In 139 Lok Sabha seats across UP (including Uttarakhand) and Bihar (including Jharkhand), the Congress was virtually eliminated from the field.

The Congress sought to recover some ground by bringing fragments of its support base in the Mandal parties into its tent by framing the political battle in terms of secular versus communal. By this strategy, the Congress was able to ensure that the first BJP government in May 1996 lasted only 13 days.

In response, the BJP changed tactics — it toned down its rhetoric on the Ram Temple in order to win allies in power in 1998 and 1999. However, the Congress again managed to use the secular-communal binary to stall the BJP in 2004.

The limits of the electoral utility of Kamandal were exposed in 2009, when its original champion L K Advani led the BJP to one of its worst performances since 1991.

Watching from his vantage in Gujarat, Narendra Modi possibly took the cue to re-define the BJP's Hindutva politics with a heavy dose of muscular nationalism. He had

already experimented with powerful attacks on Gen Pervez Musharraf in the 2007 Assembly elections in Gujarat; the defeat of the Advani-led BJP in the Lok Sabha elections created the space for Kamandal plus nationalism — in effect, Hindutva 2.0.

For the BJP, Saturday's verdict marked the culmination of the resolution made 30 years ago in Palampur in June 1989. Incidentally, Saturday's judgment came on the eve of the thirtieth anniversary of the laying of the foundation of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya by Kameshwar Chopal, a Dalit from Bihar (November 10, 1989).

In a way, the Supreme Court's verdict may be seen as vindication of the BJP's Kamandal politics.

It also raises the question whether the BJP will now aggressively pursue its commitment to bringing a Uniform Civil Code. Its focus on the abrogation of Article 370, the National Register of Citizens, and the Citizenship Amendment Bill indicates it is ready to take its blend of Kamandal and nationalism to a new pitch.

On the other hand, the limitations of the Mandal forces against the new pole of Indian politics, the BJP, have been exposed repeatedly since 2014. Their poor performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections could well indicate they have run their course.



Vaz was a British MP for 32 years

BRITAIN

Longest-serving Indian-origin MP Keith Vaz retires

London: Keith Vaz, the longest-serving Indian-origin MP in the House of Commons, has announced his retirement from Parliament after 32 years. Vaz had been Labour MP for Leicester East since 1987 but announced in a statement that he would not be seeking re-election in the December 12 General Election. This comes in the wake of MPs approving the parliamentary watchdog’s recommendation to suspend the MP for six months after finding he had “disregarded” the law when he “expressed willingness” to purchase cocaine for male prostitutes a few years ago.

USA

Uber CEO walks back comment on Khashoggi

New York: Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi faced criticism for calling the murder of *Washington Post* columnist Jamal Khashoggi “a mistake” in an interview with Axios on HBO. Khosrowshahi later said he regretted his comments. He tweeted Monday that there’s no forgiving or forgetting what happened to Khashoggi and he was wrong to call it a mistake. In his interview with Axios, Khosrowshahi said people make mistakes, and it doesn’t mean they can never be forgiven. Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund has invested heavily in Uber and its managing director is on Uber’s board.

SRI LANKA

Convicts climb jail roof to demand amnesty after killer pardoned

Colombo: Two death-row convicts climbed on the roof of a prison in Sri Lanka and demanded presidential pardon, days after President Maithripala Sirisena granted amnesty to a murderer belonging to a wealthy family. Jude Jayamaha, who was convicted for the murder of his Swedish girlfriend in 2005, walked out of the Welikada prison last Saturday. Two death-row convicts on Monday climbed the prison roof and demanded that the President also grant amnesty to them.

Hong Kong crisis intensifies: Police shoots at protester, man set on fire

Both critical; city’s Chief Executive Carrie Lam denounces demonstrators as enemies of the people

JAMES POMFRET & CLARE JIM

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 11

HONG KONG police shot and critically wounded a protester and a man was set on fire on Monday in violence that prompted leader Carrie Lam to denounce “enemies of the people” and drew a chilling warning from a senior Chinese newspaper editor.

Protesters threw petrol bombs at police after a weekend of clashes across the Chinese-ruled territory, marking a dramatic escalation in more than five months of often violent pro-democracy unrest.

“The violence has far exceeded the call for democracy and the demonstrators are now the people’s enemy,” Hong Kong chief executive Lam said in a defiant televised address.

China has a garrison of up to 12,000 troops in Hong Kong who have kept to barracks throughout the unrest, but it has vowed to crush any attempts at independence, a demand for a very small minority of protesters.

The editor in chief of China’s *Global Times* tabloid, published by the state-owned *People’s Daily*, said Hong Kong police had “nothing to be scared of.”

“You have the backing of not only Hong Kong and Chinese peo-



This still image from a social media video shows a police officer aiming his gun at a protester in Hong Kong on Monday. Reuters

ple, but also Chinese soldiers and People’s Liberation Army in Hong Kong,” Hu Xijin wrote on his blog. “They can go into Hong Kong to provide support at any time.”

Shooting on video

Police fired live rounds at close range at protesters in Sai Wan Ho on the eastern side of Hong Kong island and one 21-year-old protester was

wounded. Police said the victim was in critical condition.

Video footage showed polystyrene boxes and other debris littering a crossing and blocking traffic. A protester wearing a white hoodie and mask walks towards a policeman, as if to challenge him. The officer draws his gun and points it at him at close range and grabs him round the neck.

As the officer holds the man

with his left hand, he shoots another approaching masked protester at close range with his right hand. Three shots ring out and the man falls to the ground.

The fallen man is pinned to the ground by an officer holding a gun to his head. The man in white escapes. A friend visited the wounded man in hospital. “My friend didn’t actually attack the police or do anything,” Rigan,

19, said. “They just shot him. My friend is optimistic, friendly and willing to help others.”

Video images online also showed a man dousing petrol on another and setting him on fire outside Ma On Shan Plaza in the New Territories. Engulfed in flames, the man was able to rip off his shirt and douse the blaze. Police said he was in critical condition. **REUTERS**

Violence, power vacuum in Bolivia after Morales resigns, decries ‘coup’

Clashes & looting in cities, roads blocked; Oppn politician says will take charge

DANIEL RAMOS & GRAM SLATTERY

LA PAZ, NOVEMBER 11

LOOTING, FIGHTING and road-blocks convulsed Bolivia on Monday after President Evo Morales’ resignation ended his 14-year rule and created a power vacuum following weeks of violent protests.

The departure of Bolivia’s first indigenous president, who was the last survivor of a wave of leftist leaders in Latin America from two decades ago, came on Sunday when the military abandoned him amid unrest over his disputed Oct. 20 re-election.

The Organisation of American States (OAS), which had denounced “manipulations” of that vote, exhorted Bolivian



lawmakers to meet urgently to resolve the crisis.

With Morales’ deputy and many allies in government and parliament gone with him, Opposition politician and Senate second vice-president Jeanine Añez flew into the capital saying she was willing to take temporary control until a new vote.

“I am afraid of what will happen, everything is a mess in the city. There are fights between

“The world and our Bolivian patriots repudiate the coup. They moved me to tears. They never abandoned me. I will never abandon them.”

—EVO MORALES
VENEZUELA PRESIDENT

neighbours,” said Patricia Paredes, a 25-year-old secretary in La Paz.

Overnight, gangs roamed the highland capital and other cities, businesses were attacked, rival political supporters clashed and properties were set on fire.

Schools and shops were largely closed, while public transport halted and roads were blocked.

Morales, 60, flew out of La Paz and was believed to still be in Bolivia — but his exact where-

abouts were unclear.

He said he stepped down to ease the violence, but repeated on Monday accusations he was the victim of a conspiracy by political enemies including election rival Carlos Mesa and protest leader Luis Fernando Camacho.

“The world and our Bolivian patriots repudiate the coup,” he tweeted. “They moved me to tears. They never abandoned me. I will never abandon them.”

Argentine President-elect Alberto Fernandez echoed Morales’ denunciations of a coup, as did Mexico which has offered him asylum. “It’s a coup because the army requested the resignation of the president, and that violates the constitutional order of that country,” Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said. **REUTERS**

Noted Russian historian charged with murder of 24-yr-old lover

63-year-old Napoleon expert confessed to crime after police found him trying to dispose of the woman’s remains in a river

TOM BALMFORTH

MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 11

A RUSSIAN court on Monday charged a distinguished historian known for re-enacting Napoleonic battle scenes with the murder of his partner after he was found in a river with a rucksack containing her severed arms.

Oleg Sokolov, a 63-year-old history professor at St Petersburg State University confessed in court on Monday to shooting dead

Anastasia Yeshchenko, a 24-year-old postgraduate, with a rifle.

Sokolov told the court he had loved Yeshchenko and that they had been lovers for five years. But they argued over his children from another relationship and he had “lost control,” shooting her four times with a sawn-off rifle, he said.

“During the row, we all lost control. I don’t understand how it happened. Something like this has never happened to me before. She attacked me with a knife,” he was quoted as saying



Oleg Sokolov in court in Saint Petersburg. Reuters

MEANWHILE US SUBMARINE, LOST 75 YRS AGO, FOUND

A 75-year-old mystery has been solved, and the families of 80 American sailors lost at sea will now have closure: the *USS Grayback* has finally been found. The submarine was found off the coast of Okinawa, Japan, in June, according to the Lost 52 Project, a group of undersea explorers whose mission is to find the wrecks of every US submarine lost in World War II.

Turkey says it has begun repatriation of foreign ISIS fighters, deports US national

SUZAN FRASER

ANKARA, NOVEMBER 11

TURKEY ON Monday deported a US citizen who fought for the Islamic State group as the government began a new push to send back captured foreign fighters to their home countries, a Turkish official said.

A German and a Danish national would also be repatriated later Monday, while seven other German nationals would be returned on Nov. 14, Interior Ministry spokesman Ismail Catakli told Turkey’s state-run Anadolu Agency. The US and Denmark did not immediately comment on Ankara’s announcement. Germany said it will not refuse entry to its own citizens.

The move comes just over a week after the Turkish interior minister said Turkey was not a “hotel” for IS fighters and criticised Western nations for their reluctance to take back citizens who had joined the ranks of the extremist militant group as it sought to establish a “caliphate” in Iraq and Syria.

While Turkey has quietly deported IS sympathisers for years, it raised the issue more forcefully after Western nations refused to back its invasion of northeastern Syria and its offensive against Syrian Kurdish fighters, whom Ankara considers terrorists linked

EXPLAINED E.

A process fraught with difficulties

MANY ISLAMIC State fighters in Syria were citizens of Western countries. However, countries including Britain, Germany and Denmark have stripped many of the fighters of their citizenship or taken other steps to block their repatriation. This is despite the UN having said countries should take responsibility for their citizens in accordance with international conventions. Western intelligence agencies fear the the IS fighters still pose a danger and that it would be difficult to furnish enough evidence required to convict them in their home countries. Whether Turkey will be able to deport fighters who have lost their citizenship remains to be seen.

to Kurdish insurgents fighting inside Turkey. Many countries have voiced concerns that the Turkish incursion would lead to a resurgence of the IS group. **AP**

Gambia files Rohingya genocide case against Myanmar at ICJ

REUTERS

THE HAGUE, NOVEMBER 11

GAMBIA HAS filed a case at the United Nations’ top court accusing Myanmar of committing genocide against its Rohingya Muslim minority, Gambian Justice Minister Abubaccr Tambadou said on Monday.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ), also known as the World Court, is the United Nations’ top legal institution that rules on disputes between states.

Both Gambia and Myanmar are signatories to the 1948 Genocide Convention, which not only prohibits states from committing genocide but also compels all signatory states to prevent and punish the crime of genocide.

“The aim is to get Myanmar to account for its action against



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—ABUBACCARR TAMBADOU
GAMBIAN JUSTICE MINISTER

its own people: the Rohingya. It is a shame for our generation that we do nothing while genocide is unfolding right under our own eyes,” Tambadou said at The Hague.

by the Interfax news agency. “I repent,” he said.

Investigators suspect Sokolov, whose expertise on Napoleon Bonaparte earned him a Legion of Honour order of merit from France, of chopping his lover into pieces and of trying to dump them in the river to cover his tracks.

He was hauled from the Moyka River on Saturday morning with a rucksack containing a gun that fires rubber bullets and the dismembered arms of a woman, Russia’s Investigative

Committee, which handles major crimes, said in a statement. He was treated for hypothermia.

Divers combed the river for Yeshchenko’s remains, but instead found the skeleton of a man, a find apparently unrelated to the historian’s case. Yeshchenko’s remains may have been swept out by currents into the Gulf of Finland, the search team said. Sokolov appeared in court Monday and was visibly upset, occasionally holding his head in his hands as he spoke to his lawyer. **REUTERS**

‘I AM GOING TO CONTINUE HIDING THESE BOOKS... TO KEEP THIS PROPAGANDA OUT OF YOUNG MINDS,’ A NOTE BY THE PERPETRATOR SAID

Whodunit in the library: Someone keeps hiding the anti-Trump books

MIKE BAKER

COEUR D’ALENE, NOVEMBER 11

FROM HER office next to the public computer terminals, Bette Ammon finds herself peering through a window to watch patrons moving through the Coeur d’Alene library’s nonfiction stacks.

Someone has been hiding books lately — specifically, those that explore politics through a progressive lens or criticise US President Donald Trump. They wind up misfiled in out-of-the-way corners where readers will be sure not to find them.

“I am going to continue hiding

these books in the most obscure places I can find to keep this propaganda out of the hands of young minds,” the mystery book relocater wrote in a note left for Ammon, the library director, in the facility’s comment box. “Your liberal angst gives me great pleasure.”

For decades, Coeur d’Alene has navigated a delicate political landscape in northern Idaho, a conservative corner of the country where some have sought refuge from political and social changes elsewhere.

The incidents over this past year — including a missing book that was discovered only this week — were not the first time

books have mysteriously disappeared. Thirty years ago, the library lost so many books on human rights to theft that they had to be placed in a locked cabinet. The latest works to be targeted cover a wide range of topics, from gun control and women’s suffrage to LGBTQ issues and how people of color fare in the criminal justice system. About half the books specifically deal with Trump.

While none of the books in the latest incidents appear to have been stolen, some have been hidden in ways that made it nearly impossible to find them when patrons wanted to check them out. They have been discovered inex-



The books which had been misfiled at the Coeur d’Alene library in Idaho. NYT

plicably filed in the wrong sections, hidden behind a row of Stuart Woods novels, or shelved with the spine facing inward.

Ammon said she and other workers at the library have hunches about who might be hiding the books, but they have yet to catch anyone in the act. The perpetrator has some support in the community: After a local television station did a story about the missing books, one person called Ammon to praise whomever had hidden them, complaining that the library only carries books that represent a liberal point of view.

Ammon said she asked the caller to provide a list of books that

should be in the stacks, and while the person failed to provide one, she suspects the library already has whatever might be on it.

“We serve the entire community,” Ammon said.

The library’s first battle over missing books began in the 1980s, the fallout from a series of conflicts with a group of white supremacists who had settled in the region.

Over the decades, Coeur d’Alene had become a magnet for people looking for a lower cost of living or an outdoors lifestyle away from a major city. Many moved in from California, eager to escape the traffic, crime and smog.

One of them was Richard

Butler, a former engineer at Lockheed Martin in California, who bought land north of Coeur d’Alene in the 1970s to build a compound for a white supremacist group known as the Aryan Nations. The group regularly distributed flyers, staged parades around town and held annual summits that brought in neo-Nazis from around the world.

City leaders led efforts to combat the racists, who responded with an intimidation campaign that included a series of bombings in the mid-1980s.

The city was awarded a Raoul Wallenberg Civic Courage Award in 1986 for its role in combating

the hate group and used funds from that prize to establish a collection of human rights literature in the library. Then the books started disappearing.

“It was just unconscionable,” said Kathleen Saylor, a longtime member of the library’s board of trustees. The library had a limited budget, Saylor said, and the director at the time decided that the best way to protect the books was to put a lock on the floor-to-ceiling glass cabinet where they were kept. They stayed there until Ammon took over the job in 2005 and decided they should be integrated into the rest of the library’s collection. **NYT**

STATE OF THE UNION

Rift in the union

Revisiting the euro’s north-south rift

SINCE THE euro zone was first engulfed by a sovereign-debt crisis a decade ago, northern member states have dished out plenty of strictures. “Greece, but also Spain and Portugal, have to understand that hard work...comes before the siesta,” advised Bild, a German tabloid, in 2015. Two years later, even as the crisis receded, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, then the Dutch finance minister, told southerners: “You cannot spend all the money on drinks and women and then ask for help.”

Northerners’ constant fear of underwriting southern irresponsibility has led politicians from Amsterdam to Helsinki to put the brake on banking reforms and fiscal integration across the zone. It has caused numerous fights over monetary policy, the latest of which is in full swing. On November 1st the European Central Bank (ECB) resumed quantitative easing (QE), the purchase of bonds using newly created money. The decision to do so, made in September, was roundly attacked by newspapers—and even former and current central bankers—in northern countries including Germany and the Netherlands. The complaints reflect savers’ dread of negative interest rates and a suspicion that easing lets indebted southern countries off the hook. Together this can make monetary policy seem like a source of transfers.

In reality, the matter of whether north subsidises south is complicated. Gaps in living standards remain wide, but cross-border flows have become more balanced. And the north is partly responsible for the monetary policy about which it complains.

When the euro first came into being it shackled together a disparate set of countries. GDP per person in Greece, Portugal and Spain was 30–40% lower than in Germany. But Germany, still feeling the aftereffects of reunification, was battling sluggish growth and high unemployment. It was rich, but others were richer. In Austria average income per head was a tenth, and in the Netherlands a fifth, higher than that in Germany.

In the first decade of the currency union cross-border bank loans fuelled public and private overspending in the south, which pumped up wages and eroded competitiveness. Current-account deficits widened, to 12% of GDP in Portugal and 15% in Greece. When crisis hit, private financial flows dried up. In Greece, Ireland, Portugal and Spain they were replaced by bail-out funds. target2, a payments system used to settle accounts between national central banks and the ECB, also acted as a buffer, enabling central banks in the crisis countries in effect to borrow from others.

If you divide eight of the countries that joined the euro before 2001 (ie, excluding the mostly eastern late-joiners) into north and south, it is clear that economic dispersion has widened (see chart). The north—Austria, Finland, Germany and the Netherlands—has raced ahead, with Germany aided by labour-market reforms. The south—Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain—has fallen behind. France sits between the two. In 1999 its income per head was nearly level with Germany’s. It ran a current-account surplus. Today, with still-high unemployment, debt and a current-account deficit, it seems more southern.

However, southerners rely less on financial flows from the north. In many places balance has replaced imbalance (though stocks of debt are still large). Consider, for instance, the flow of funds between Germany and Spain. Spain’s current-account deficit with Germany has nearly closed. Mirroring that, net capital flows have shrunk. In 2006 German investors ploughed a net €50bn

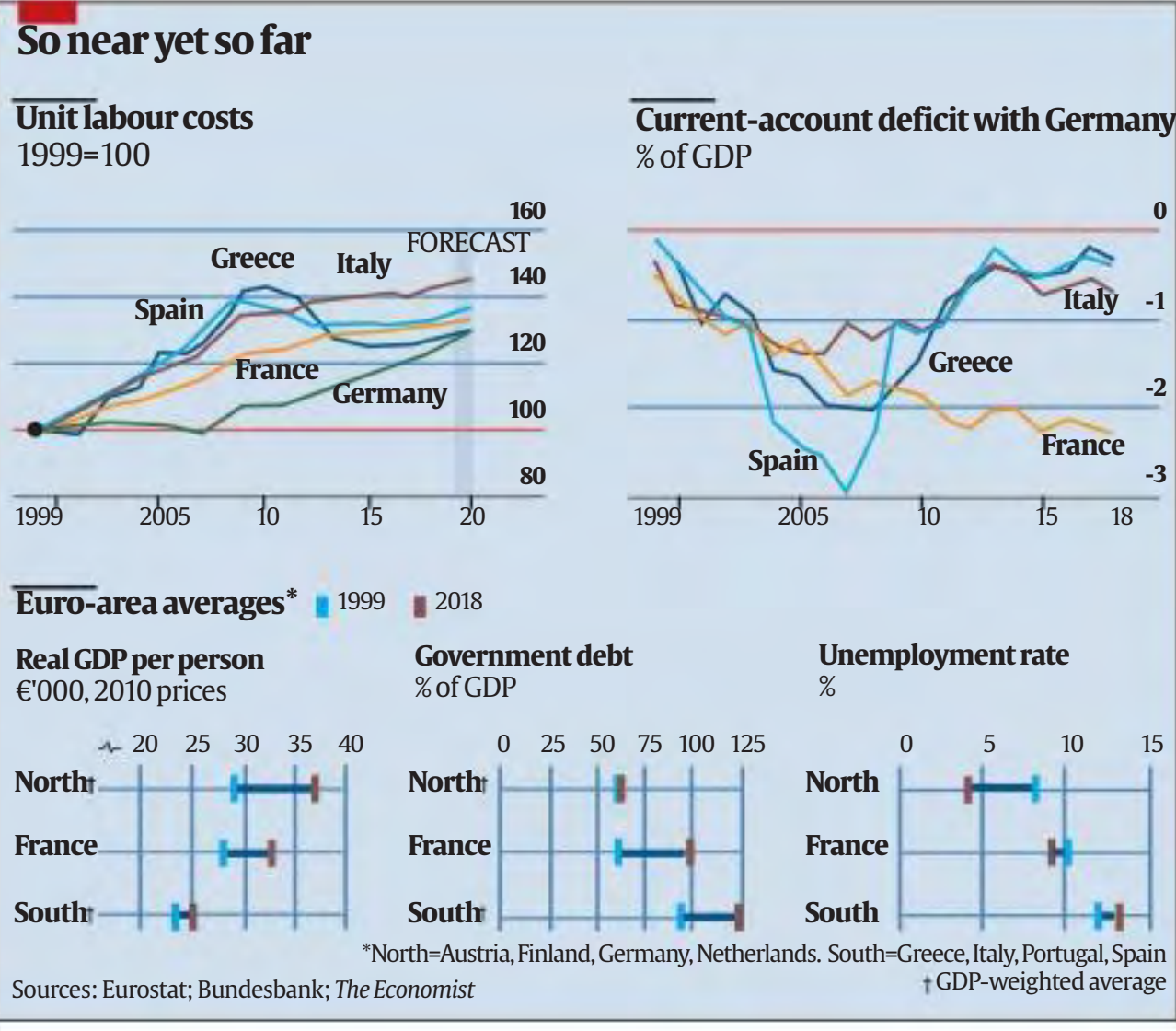


Spanish and Italian banks are by far the biggest users of the ECB’s cheap funding scheme for banks. Reuters

(\$63bn) into Spain. Last year that fell to €3bn. The reversals partly reflect relative improvements in the south’s competitiveness. Between 2015 and 2018 German labour costs grew more than twice as fast as those in the south.

Labour flows from south to north. Federico Fubini, an Italian journalist, computes that Germany received 2.7m migrants from other EU countries in 2008–17, up to a third of whom hail from the south. Countries such as Greece and Portugal have lost young and relatively highly educated workers. That means a large transfer of skills and investment in education.

Northerners have other grievances. target2 balances, for instance, are frequently deemed newsworthy in Germany. In 2018, as its credits in the system approached €1 trn (30% of GDP), some economists claimed these represented “stealth bail-outs” of countries such as Italy and Spain, which had large debits. Central bankers responded that much of the increase reflected arcane accounting made necessary by QE. If a southern central bank buys a bond from an investor based outside the euro area, but with correspondent-banking links to Frankfurt, it adds



The matter of whether northern countries in the Euro zone subsidise the countries in the south is complicated. Gaps in living standards remain wide, but cross-border flows have become more balanced. And the north is partly responsible for the monetary policy about which it complains

to Germany’s target2 credits. Daniel Gros of the Centre for European Policy Studies, a think-tank in Brussels, points out that these would need to be settled only if the currency union were to disband wholly. But the resumption of asset purchases means that Germany’s credits will probably rise further, causing more complaints.

An abiding grumble concerns the effects of monetary stimulus. Spanish and Italian banks are by far the biggest users of the ECB’s cheap funding scheme for banks. QE de-

presses bond yields, meaning lower interest bills for more indebted governments. But monetary policy is not a zero-sum game between north and south, says Marcel Fratzscher of the German Institute for Economic Research. The German government also benefits from lower interest costs. Northern countries, which are more export-oriented, have gained the most from a weak euro. And less stimulus would have been needed in the first place had Germany and the Netherlands spent more at home, pushing up euro-zone demand and inflation, rather than building up huge current-account surpluses.

All these divisions make reforming the currency union a tortuous process at best. On November 5th Olaf Scholz, Germany’s finance minister, said that he would back a common deposit-insurance scheme for the euro zone. But the catch—and a very big one—is that banks in the south would need to back their large holdings of national sovereign debt with more reserves. Northerners’ fears of transfers to the south are not going away.

CYCLE RICKSHAWS IN BANGLADESH

Three wheels v four

Bangladesh’s biggest city plans to ban cycle rickshaws

FOR MANY Westerners, the cycle rickshaw (also known as the cyclo or pedicab) is an iconically Asian form of transport. In fact, most Asian cities have long since abandoned them (and a few European and North American cities have taken them up). But in Bangladesh the cycle rickshaw is as popular as ever. In the capital, Dhaka, rickshaws can be seen creaking down almost every street. Dhaka’s administrators, however, would like to consign its rickshaws to the past, too.

In July the city banned rickshaws on three main roads. All of Dhaka will be “rickshaw-free” within two years, says Mohammed Atiqul Islam, the mayor of the northern half of the city. “Dhaka has a traffic problem,” explains Dhrubo Alam of Dhaka Transport Co-ordination Authority. “It is one of the world’s most densely populated cities, and most congested.” According to a recent World Bank report, the average traffic speed fell from 21km per hour in 2008 to 7km per hour last year. On current trends, it will be faster to walk by 2035.

Sitting in traffic is not just annoying; it is also wasteful. The World Bank estimates that 3.2m working hours are lost each day, at a cost of billions of dollars each year.

According to Mr Alam, slow-moving but

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highly manoeuvrable vehicles like rickshaws are a big part of the problem. There are between 600,000 and 1m of them in Dhaka. They can change lanes or make u-turns very abruptly. “That creates chaos,” he says. Another reason to get rid of them, he adds, is that most are illegal. Only around 80,000 of Dhaka’s are licensed. No new licences have been granted since 1986.

For the city’s rickshaw-drivers such concerns seem beside the point. “What am I supposed to do?” asks Abdul Mubin, a 32-year-old. “I have mouths to feed.” He and thousands of other rickshaw-drivers went on strike in protest against the proposed ban in

July. By blocking several big roads, they exacerbated the jams across the city.

The drivers are not the only ones with reason to worry. There are also hundreds of thousands of rickshaw-owners (who rent out the vehicles to drivers), makers, mechanics and spare-parts traders who rely on the business for their livelihood.

Then there are Dhaka’s commuters, who rely on rickshaws more than any other form of transport. At least 40% of the 3.5m trips that take place each day on Dhaka’s streets are made by rickshaw. There is little public transport. The city has only 8,000 public buses to cater to its 18m people. Worse, they do not follow any timetable and the drivers are often unlicensed. Last year students took to the streets when racing buses, competing for passengers, hit and killed two schoolchildren.

Buses will soon come under one regulatory authority, Mr Alam promises. The routes will be “rationalised” to provide “smooth service”. A metro system is also under construction, though it will not initially be big or cheap enough to make much of a dent in traffic. Meanwhile, the number of private cars is rising fast. They will soon undo all the benefits of banning rickshaws and then some, Mr



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Alam says, if public transport is not improved. Mr Mubin says rickshaw-drivers are too poor to strike again. He sees no redress. But

he finds the double standard galling: “Rich people are buying cars and motorbikes. A lot of them have more than one. How is banning

rickshaws going to help traffic?”

SECTOR WATCH
MUTUAL FUNDS

‘MF exposure to NBFCs falls ₹79K cr since June 2018’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
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THE OVERALL exposure of mutual funds (MFs) in non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) has declined by Rs 79,000 crore to Rs 1.86 lakh crore as of October 2019, after the liquidity crisis struck the NBFC sector in July 2018.

While the amount has reduced, the percentage share also fell from 19 per cent in July 2018 to 12.8 per cent in October 2019, a Care Ratings report said. The MF exposure fell further after DHFL began defaulting on repayments. The declining MF exposure contributed to the liquidity crunch in the NBFC segment.

Further, investments in commercial papers (CPs) of NBFCs are on a consistent decline every month. After the liquidity crisis triggered in the NBFC space, MFs withdrew 43 per cent of their investments from this category. The percentage share of funds deployed by MFs in CPs of NBFCs this October fell to 6.2 per cent of debt assets under management (AUMs) — lowest since July 2018 — and the amount held fell to Rs 0.9 lakh crore.

“Investments in corporate debt paper of NBFCs fell to Rs 0.96 lakh crore in October 2019 and the percentage share also declined to 6.6 per cent (lowest since July 2018) compared with 7.7 per cent in July 2018,” the Care report said.

Banks, finance, software, consumer non-durables and petroleum products were the top five sectors where equity AUMs invested their funds in October 2019 and they cumulatively accounted for 57 per cent share of equity AUMs equivalent to Rs 6.7 lakh crore, Care said. Debt MFs increased their investments in corporate debt paper to Rs 4 lakh crore, while that in CPs fell to Rs 3.45 lakh crore this October.

With net assets of India’s MF industry growing to a record high of Rs 26.33 lakh crore in October, there has been a change in investment

While the amount has reduced, the percentage share also fell from 19 per cent in July 2018 to 12.8 per cent in October 2019, a Care Ratings report said

patterns by fund houses.

“The highest share (47 per cent) of debt AUMs are in short-term instruments with maturity of less than 90 days. This is followed by a share of 33 per cent in long duration instruments with maturity of 1 year and above, 11 per cent in 90-182 days and 9 per cent in 182 days-1 year. In October 2019, largest proportion of funds of debt AUMs were invested in corporate debt papers worth Rs 4 lakh crore. This segment includes floating rate bonds, non-convertible debentures, etc. Compared with the previous month, assets in this category improved marginally by Rs 3,100 crore; however, in percentage terms, it declined to 27.4 per cent of debt AUMs,” the report said.

The second highest category in which debt AUMs invested their money was CPs, with Rs 3.45 lakh crore. “When compared with September 2019, this segment witnessed a growth of Rs 2,700 crore, but percentage share dropped to 23.6 per cent of debt AUMs,” it said. “Funds deployed in bank certificates of deposit were Rs 1.54 lakh crore, marginal fall of Rs 733 crore over previous month. Investments in G-Secs stood at Rs 0.89 lakh crore in October 2019, a rise of Rs 0.14 crore over September 2019,” Care Ratings said.

Funds in PSU bonds/debt rose to Rs 1.82 lakh crore, but the share dropped to 12.5 per cent in October 2019 from 12.8 per cent of debt AUMs in September 2019. The percentage share of debt AUMs also rose to 19.9 per cent in October 2019 from 8.2 per cent in March 2019.

INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE

Cross-border IBC provisions likely to be tabled in Winter Session

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE GOVERNMENT plans to introduce amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament to incorporate provisions for cross-border insolvency, a senior government official said Monday.

Provisions for cross-border insolvency would enable Indian firms to claim their dues from foreign companies, while allowing foreign creditors to recover loans from Indian companies, sources said.

Apart from foreign creditors, this would also help foreign branches of Indian banks to recover their dues in India.

A government panel, in its report on cross border insolvency last year, had suggested adopting the UNCITRAL or United Nations Commission on International Trade Laws on cross-border insolvency. The Winter Session of Parliament will start from November 18 and continue till December 13.

Meanwhile, the Centre may look at using provisions in the IBC for resolution of the financial service providers.

Section 227 of IBC to enable NBFCs’ resolution

WHILE INTRODUCTION of cross-border insolvency provisions within the IBC will enable lenders in pursuing resolution in cases where assets of borrowers are spread across the world, the Centre is planning to notify Section 227 under the Code to enable resolution of financial service providers, such as NBFCs.

These measures will help in effective resolution of cases that are currently stuck because the insolvency law does not provide clear mandate for resolving such complex cases.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Chairperson MS Sahoo said that Section 227 of the Code allows the government to notify certain financial service providers for the purpose of insolvency resolution proceedings in the manner as may be prescribed.

“It is possible to resolve some financial service providers at least those which resemble normal corporate debtors,” he said, speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a conference on insolvency law organised by industry body Confederation of Indian Industry.

Sahoo said it is entirely for the Centre to decide whether Section 227 of the IBC should be invoked or not, and that such decisions have to be taken in consultation with the financial regulators — such as the Reserve Bank of India.

Last week, sources in the government told *The Indian Express* that the Centre plans to notify rules under Section 227 of the IBC, which will allow the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to order a resolution plan for non-

banking finance companies (NBFCs) too.

Currently, resolution of stressed financial institutions cannot be taken up under the IBC. The notification will allow existing consortium of lenders and the existing resolution professional to take the financial service provider or the NBFC to the NCLT and seek a resolution plan that is binding on all parties.

As the existing mechanism of Inter Creditor Agreement has not been successful in finalising resolution plans for stressed NBFCs, resolution through the NCLT mechanism is being seen as binding on all creditors.

On whether there are plans to have a threshold for homebuyers to seek resolution, Sahoo said there is nothing rigid and if there are difficulties, then those would be addressed.

“Initially, homebuyers were not financial creditors. Then, a need came up and the government decided to make them financial creditors... If there are difficulties in implementing that, then the government is also willing to address the difficulties. There is nothing rigid... If there are difficulties, then let us address the problems,” the IBBI Chairman noted.

IT spending in India to total \$94 bn in 2020’

With consumers returning to purchase of mobile phones, India’s IT spending will total \$94 billion in 2020, up from \$88.5 billion in 2019 — an increase of 6.6 per cent — according to the latest forecast by Gartner Inc

9%: Expected rise in business spending on information technology (IT) in 2020, as against rise of 6 per cent in 2019

Business resilience: Even within the slow economy, businesses showed resilience and continued to invest in IT

Slow private consumption: Consumer resistance to investing in devices impacted overall IT spending in India, with

private consumption in 2019 slowing despite five back-to-back rate cuts throughout the year

INDIA’S IT SPENDING FORECAST (US\$, IN MILLION)

	2019 Spending	2019 Growth (%)	2020 Spending	2020 Growth (%)
Data Center Systems	3,726	2.7	3,819	2.5
Software	6,383	13.6	7,354	15.2
Devices	33,379	-2.4	35,468	6.3
IT Services	15,786	12	17,897	13.4
Communications Services	29,203	-0.1	29,788	2
Overall IT	88,476	2	94,326	6.6

Source: Gartner (November 2019)



16%
Expected growth in enterprise mobile phone spending in 2020, driven by rise in overall business spending

17%
Expected growth in enterprise application software in 2020, which will drive total software spending

Sebi to place assets of Royal Twinkle, Citrus Check Inns on auction in Dec

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Monday said it will auction assets of Royal Twinkle Star Club Ltd (RTSCL) and Citrus Check Inns Ltd — promoted by the Mirah group — next month, in order to recover funds worth thousands of crores of rupees raised by the companies in the garb of sham ‘time-share’ holiday plans, or collective investment schemes (CIS).

Over 18 lakh investors lost about Rs 8,000 crore in the holiday package schemes floated by these firms, which promised high returns on their investments. The move comes following the directions of the Supreme

Court, Sebi said in a notice Monday. The properties at Alappuzha, Kerala will be auctioned on December 4 at a total reserve price of a little over Rs 19 crore, it added.

In October, the regulator said it will auction properties of RTSCL and Citrus Check Inns at Lower Parel, Lonavala and Bengaluru on November 26 at a total reserve price of over Rs 117 crore. In December 2018, Sebi imposed a penalty of Rs 50 lakh on Citrus Check Inns and its directors for non-compliance with its order, wherein it had barred them from raising funds from the public.

The regulator had received several investor complaints against Citrus alleging that directors of Royal Twinkle are now

running their CIS through Citrus.

In August 2015, Sebi imposed a four-year ban on Royal Twinkle and its four directors for illegally raising over Rs 2,656 crore in the garb of sham ‘timeshare’ holiday plans. It also directed the firm and its officials to refund the money along with promised returns to the investors in three months.

It was one of the first cases filed with NCLT Mumbai in 2017, when the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was promulgated. However, the case landed at the doorsteps of the Supreme Court.

The audit report revealed that of the Rs 8,245 crore collected through the ponzi schemes, about Rs 2,962 crore was distributed as commission to the agents.

₹5,472 cr dues declared so far under indirect tax amnesty scheme

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

AN AMOUNT of Rs 5,472 crore of dues, inclusive of pre-deposit of Rs 4,225 crore, have been declared under the Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019, the mid-term review of the dispute resolution scheme for pending service tax and excise cases that was announced in this year’s Budget has revealed.

Though the response has been tepid with just 1.3 per cent of the total amount locked in litigation at Rs 3.6 lakh crore for 1.83 lakh cases declared so far, officials and experts expect the scheme to pick up going ahead in the remaining two months of the scheme.

“A mid-term review reveals that a total amount of Rs 5,472 crore (inclusive of pre-deposit amount of Rs 4,225 crore) has already been declared under the Scheme. Efforts are being made to maximize declarations by December 31 when the scheme ends,” Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) sources said. The Board has begun an outreach programme for the trade and industry by asking principal chief commissioners and chief commissioners of CGST who have the information to contact the 1.8 lakh eligible taxpayers, they said.

The CBIC has also told officials that the performance of the field formations would be “judged in terms of their outreach and ability to persuade the taxpayers to avail the scheme”, they said.

Tax experts also expect the response to pick up going ahead given that there is provision for full

Amount declared under the Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme, 2019. Includes pre deposit of ₹4,225 crore

waiver of interest and penalty. “It’s one of the best amnesty schemes to have come so far, with complete waiver of interest and penalty and in most cases 50 per cent of tax being waived. It’s likely that the response will pick up around December,” Abhishek Jain, tax partner, EY said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget for 2019-20 had announced the legacy dispute resolution scheme to “allow quick closure” of the litigations pertaining to pre-GST regime. Under this scheme, relief is to the tune of 70 per cent of the duty involved if it is Rs 50 lakh or less and that of 50 per cent if it is more than Rs 50 lakh. This is for cases pending in adjudication or appeal or in investigation and audit. In cases of outstanding arrears of revenue, the relief is 60 per cent of the duty amount if it is Rs 50 lakh or less and 40 per cent, if it is more than Rs 50 lakh. In all cases, there is full waiver of interest and penalty and exemption from prosecution. All persons are eligible to avail the scheme except a few exclusions including those convicted under the law in the case for which he intends to make declaration and those who have filed an application before the Settlement Commission.

Bhushan Steel former promoter Neeraj Singal likely to appear before ED this week

KHUSHBOONARAYAN
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

NEERAJ SINGAL, the former promoter of Bhushan Steel, is likely to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) this week, in connection with the alleged transaction between Junaid Iqbal Memon, son of Iqbal Mirchi, and Globus Realinfra Pvt Ltd, a firm associated with Singal, said company sources familiar with the development.

The ED, which is investigating the alleged land deals of Mirchi and his family in India, has found that in 2010, Sur Buildcon Pvt Ltd (now Globus Realinfra Pvt Ltd), controlled by Singal, issued a draft of about Rs 19 crore in favour of Junaid Memon, which was later cancelled. So far, Globus Realinfra has denied having any transaction with Junaid Memon.

It said the firm was contemplating to buy a property on the fourth floor of Ceejay House, Worli, Mumbai, for which Mumbai-based lawyers M/s Kathlawala were engaged for carrying out due diligence. However, the transaction did not go through.

Earlier this year, Singal and his father, Brij Bhushan Singal, were arrested by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO). The SFIO has alleged that the Singals of Bhushan Steel Ltd used illegal

means to receive bank loans to the tune of Rs 45,800 crore between 2013 and 2017. Bhushan Steel owed Rs 56,000 crore to a clutch of banks and creditors in India. It has now been acquired by Tata Steel for Rs 35,232.58 crore through the insolvency process.

The SFIO report has found that in 2011-12, Bhushan Steel sold one of its foreign subsidiaries, Bhushan Steel Global FZE in Dubai, to an associate firm Globus Realinfra and changed the name of Bhushan Steel Global FZE to Shree Global Steel FZE.

The SFIO report said that as a result of this transfer, “profit earned” by Shree Global was “kept by the promoters (of Bhushan Steel) in their hands.” The SFIO also found that Globus Realinfra employed “dummy directors” and the actual control of the company was with Neeraj Singal.

According to records, Globus Realinfra is in the business of real estate and has immovable assets of around Rs 41 crore.

The SFIO probe report said that Globus borrowed around Rs 70 crore from a private bank by mortgaging four acres in Delhi and, on a personal guarantee of Neeraj Singal, invested about Rs 65 crore of the borrowed money in Bhushan Steel. Globus Realinfra booked a loss of around Rs 5.29 crore in fiscal 2018.

Icra projects negative outlook for automotive dealership segment

New Delhi: Icra Ratings on Monday said it has a negative outlook for the domestic auto dealership sector due to fall in credit profile of industry participants amid slowing sales and high working capital debt.

The on-going downturn in the automotive industry has severely impacted the profitability of automobile dealerships which is expected to be at a five-year low, Icra said in a statement.

“OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), as well as their dealers are providing hefty discounts to clear up dealership inventory to ease their liquidity pressure, however, overall retail demand remains tepid. Owing to deep discount and negative operating leverage, profitability of automobile dealerships is expected to at a five-year low in current fiscal,” Icra vice president Ashish Modani said. **PTI**

Alibaba’s Singles’ Day sales hit \$38.38 bn, breaks previous record

DHRITIRANJANARAY
HANGZHOU, NOVEMBER 11

E-COMMERCE MAJOR Alibaba’s Singles’ Day sales this year hit a record \$38.38 billion, crossing its previous record of \$30.8 billion in 2018. “As of 24:00:00, total GMV RMB 268.4 billion (\$38.379 billion),” Alibaba said.

In 16 hours 31 minutes of the event going live on Monday, the total gross merchandise value (GMV) exceeded \$31.82 billion (about RMB 223 billion), surpassing the total 2018 GMV of \$30.8 billion.

In 16 hours and 33 minutes, the number of delivery orders exceeded 1 billion, surpassing the total number of delivery or-



A screen shows the online sales for Alibaba surpassed RMB 100 billion at 01:03:59 after the November 11 Tmall Shopping Festival started midnight in Shanghai, on Monday. Reuters

ders of 2018 11.11, Alibaba said.

“This was 6 hours and 45 minutes faster than the time when the same record was achieved in 2018,” the Chinese e-commerce giant said. Alibaba Group Holding Ltd on Monday kicked off the 2019 11.11 Global

Shopping Festival at 0000 hours on Monday as per Chinese time. In the first one minute and eight seconds, GMV settled through Alipay reached \$1.0 billion. In the first one hour, GMV settled through Alipay reached \$12.0 billion (RMB 84.0 billion). **PTI**

FESTIVE BUYS, NEW MODELS PUSH PV SALES

With 0.28% gain, PVs break 11-month slide in Oct; Overall sales drop 12.76%

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

AFTER 11 straight months of decline, domestic passenger vehicle (PV) sales just about managed to rise 0.28 per cent in October, aided by festive season sentiment as well as introduction of new utility vehicle (UV) models, auto industry body SIAM said on Monday.

As per the latest data from Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), PV sales during October increased by 0.28 per cent to 2,85,027 units, from 2,84,223 units in the year-

ago period. Passenger vehicle wholesales in India had declined for the 11th consecutive month in September. In April-October period, however, the PV sales witnessed a drop of over 20 per cent as compared to the same period last year.

SIAM expressed hope that the positive sentiment would continue in November and December as well, thus helping the industry “slowly come out of the slowdown”. However, vehicle sales across categories registered a decline of 12.76 per cent last month to 21,76,136 units from 24,94,345 units in October 2018. Barring utility vehicles,

DOMESTIC SALES IN OCTOBER 2019			
	2018	2019	% change
Total Passenger Vehicles (PVs)	2,84,223	2,85,027	0.28
Total Commercial Vehicles	87,067	66,773	-23.31
Three Wheelers	69,483	66,985	-3.6
Two Wheelers	20,53,497	17,57,264	-14.43
Total of All Categories	24,94,345	21,76,136	-12.76

The total of all categories includes Quadricycle sales

passenger carriers and quadricycles, all other vehicle categories witnessed decline in sales in October.

In October, domestic car sales

fell 6.34 per cent to 1,73,649 units as against 1,85,400 units in the same month last year.

UV sales, meanwhile, witnessed an increase of 22.22 per

cent during the month at 1,00,725 units as against 82,413 units in year-ago period.

“Sales in the festive season have been better than last year which is a good sign. We wish it continues in November and December as well and help us slowly come out of this slowdown,” SIAM president Rajan Wadhwa was quoted by PTI as saying.

Finance availability is becoming better and lending rates are also improving besides new model launches in the utility vehicle segment has also helped in creating positive customer sentiment, he added. “As industry

body, we are hopeful that November-December months would be better than last year. We also expect pre-buying to take off during the January-March period next year,” Wadhwa said.

Besides, the inventory levels in the segment have come down to less than one month level, he added. Total two-wheeler sales in October declined 14.43 per cent to 17,57,264 units compared to 20,53,497 units in the year-ago month.

Motorcycle sales, last month, declined 15.88 per cent to 11,16,970 units as against 13,27,758 units a year earlier. **WITHPTI**

LIC invites bids for merchant bankers for stake sale in ‘unlisted company’

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation of India (LIC) has invited bids from merchant bankers for disinvestment of its “stake in equity shares of an identified unlisted company through a transparent bidding process”.

While Life Insurance Corporation did not disclose the name of the “unlisted company” in an advertisement, sources said the company is likely to be UTI Mutual Fund.

UTI Mutual Fund’s four domestic shareholders — Life Insurance Corporation, State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Bank of Baroda — hold around 18.5 per cent stake each. The four stakeholders also have their own asset management companies (AMCs).

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SEBI CROSSHOLDING RULE APPLICABLE

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US-based fund T Rowe Price holds the remaining 26 per cent stake in UTI Mutual Fund.

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has been insisting that UTI’s four domestic shareholders will have to pare their stakes to less than 10 per cent each and rejected the requests of

shareholders for extension of stake sale.

“However, as UTI Mutual Fund didn’t have a chief executive, it was unable to push for an IPO (initial public offering) through which the four promoters could have offloaded their stake. The board of the UTI Mutual Fund couldn’t appoint a full-time CEO after Leo Puri’s tenure as MD ended last year,” said an official.

Imtaiyazur Rahman has been the acting CEO of UTI Mutual Fund for almost a year now.

The fund has an asset under management of over Rs 1.57 lakh crore.

UTI was set up in 1964 through an act of Parliament.

It was split into the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) and UTI AMC after the US-64 scheme collapsed. UTI’s NAV-based schemes were shifted to UTI AMC, while large equity holdings and other assets including real estate went to SUUTI.

Lupin to sell full stake in Kyowa for over ₹3.7K cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

LUPIN ON Monday said its board has approved selling its entire stake in Japanese subsidiary Kyowa Pharmaceutical Industry to Japan-based private equity fund Unison Capital Partners for an enterprise value of JPY 57,361 million (Rs 3,702.4 crore).

The Mumbai-based drug manufacturer has entered into a definitive agreement for sale of its entire stake (99.82 per cent) in Kyowa, Lupin said in

a statement.

Under the terms of agreement, Lupin’s subsidiary Nanomi BV will divest its entire stake in Kyowa to Unison’s entity Plutus Ltd for an enterprise value of JPY 57,361, it added. “This transaction is aligned with our vision to focus on our key markets and strategic priorities to achieve sustainable growth in the mid to long-term,” Lupin CEO Vinita Gupta said.

The deal proceeds will be utilised to strengthen company’s balance sheet as well as provide growth capital to support or-

ganic and inorganic initiatives for our focus markets, she added.

As per the company, the deal would help reduce its net debt to Rs 1,129 crore as compared with Rs 4,361.8 crore as on September 30, 2019.

“We believe that the partnership with Unison will enable Kyowa to leverage its strong platform and human capital to achieve its full potential. We remain committed to advancing our complex generics, biosimilars and specialty portfolio globally, including Japan,” Lupin Managing Director Nilesh Gupta

said. Lupin had acquired Kyowa in 2007.

Commenting on the deal, Unison Founding Partner Tatsuya Hayashi said: “We look forward to actively working with Kyowa to leverage our unique set of resources in the healthcare market — including our own portfolio companies, and our network of experienced healthcare advisors and strategic partners — to enable Kyowa’s vision of growth.”

Shares of Lupin on Monday ended 2.44 per cent higher at Rs 735.95 apiece on the BSE.

Divestment: Air India staff unions seek meeting with Centre, clarity on ‘issues’

PARTH KHATAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THE JOINT forum of Air India unions, associations, guilds, federations and trusts called for an urgent meeting with the government with regards to privatisation of the airline Monday.

In a letter to Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the forum said the previous two meetings held by Air India Managing Director Ashwani Lohani led to “no clarity on major issues” that include payment of arrears, wage revision and job security to name a few. “On account of lack of transparency and growing concerns over the future there is considerable resentment and unrest amongst employees,” the letter stated.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, George Abraham, general secretary, Aviation Industry Employees Guild said, “The government needs to be transpar-

ent about the process of disinvestment of Air India. There have been several meetings held but everything is under wraps. In the two cosmetic meetings held previously, the CMD expressed helplessness and none of our concerns were addressed. When we spoke about wanting job security of 5 years for employees, we were told by director of personnel (Amrita Sharan) that only a year could be offered.”

A source, on the condition of anonymity, however, stated that the government responded to the letter later on Monday. “We got a response from Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways, who is part of the Cabinet Committee that is overseeing disinvestment of Air India,” said the source.

“We have been told to send 5 to 6 people from across all the unions and associations and will be told when the meeting will take place in due course. We hope things proceed soon,” the source added.

Fears over global trade war pull Re down 19p

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THE RUPEE on Monday tumbled by 19 paise to a near one-month low of 71.47 against the US dollar as fresh concerns over US-China trade deal and Hong Kong unrest kept forex market participants edgy. Investors also played their bets cautiously in view of India’s rating outlook cut by Moody’s investors Services last week.

Opening marginally lower, the Indian currency dropped to a low of 71.54 to the US dollar before settling at 71.47, showing a fall of 19 paise. This is the lowest closing level for the domestic unit since October 15. Forex traders said that rupee loss was somewhat checked by lower crude prices and a weaker dollar against major currencies overseas.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, fell by 0.14 per cent to 98.21.

Global crude oil benchmark Brent Futures fell 1.22 per cent to trade at \$61.75 per barrel. “India’s rupee declined for a second day in line with other Asian currencies as fresh doubts over

On the equities front, the BSE Sensex ended 21.47 points higher at 40,345.08. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty edged up 5.30 points at 11,913.45

US-China trade deal and unrest in Hong Kong. Risk sentiment worsened following escalating tensions in Hong Kong and after Trump said the US has not agreed to roll back all tariffs on China,” said V K Sharma, head—PCG & Capital Markets Strategy, HDFC Securities.

The 10-year government bond yield was up 0.14 per cent at 6.57 per cent. On the equities front, the BSE Sensex ended 21.47 points, or 0.05 per cent, higher at 40,345.08. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty edged up 5.30 points, or 0.04 per cent, at 11,913.45. For most of the session, the market was engulfed by bouts of volatility triggered by a sharp fall in Asian equities amid escalating political issues in Hong Kong and uncertainty over US-China trade deal.

I-T busts ₹3,300-crore hawala racket involving infra firms across cities

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE CENTRAL Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Monday claimed that the Income Tax Department has busted a hawala racket worth Rs 3,300-crore and spread across multiple cities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad with links to “leading corporate houses” in the infrastructure sector.

The raids to unearth the large tax evasion nexus were conducted in early November on 42

‘Institute in Chennai raided’

New Delhi: The I-T Department, during raids at a Chennai-based educational institute, detected undisclosed income of over Rs 350 crore and seized cash and jewellery worth Rs 8 crore, the CBDT said Monday. **PTI**

deducted in early November on 42

Partial credit guarantee: NBFCs to soon get ₹20K crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE GOVERNMENT is in the process of sanctioning Rs 20,000 crore under the partial credit guarantee scheme for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar said on Monday.

“We have supporting sanctions of Rs 20,000 crore plus and the guarantee is being extended. Some formalities are being done, each case goes to the government to clear it and that is taking little time,” he said on the sidelines of an event to celebrate Union Bank of India’s 101st foundation day.

“Everybody may not need it. Also, it is not necessary that you fund it. Banks have been buying pooled assets since August last year after (defaults by) IL&FS. They have already spent around Rs 1 lakh crore,” Kumar said.

The credit guarantee scheme was set up to enable cash-strapped NBFCs to raise money smoothly from banks for on-lending in priority sectors. **FE**

BRIEFLY

CIRP ordered against Aviva Life Insurance

New Delhi: A two-member bench of justices R D Khare and Sumita Purkayastha of the Delhi Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday ordered to initiate corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) against Aviva Life Insurance.

Alliance Air starts overseas operations

Chennai: Alliance Air Monday formally commenced its maiden international operations on the Chennai-Jaffna route by launching its thrice a week service, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

‘Nearly 70K BSNL staff opt for VRS so far’

New Delhi: As many as 70,000 employees of BSNL have already opted for the voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) launched last week, Chairman and MD PK Purwar said Monday. **PTI**

Jingye Group agrees deal to buy British Steel

Beijing/London: China’s Jingye Group said Monday it has reached a provisional deal to buy British Steel and promised to invest 12 billion pounds (\$1.5 billion) over the next decade.

Uber’s Kalanick sells 21% of his stake

Washington: Uber Technologies Inc co-founder and former CEO Travis Kalanick has sold nearly 21 per cent of his stake in the firm following the expiry of a so-called lockup period, a regulatory filing showed.

Expect 737 to resume service in Jan: Boeing

Washington: Boeing Co said Monday it now expects its grounded 737 MAX to resume US commercial service in January. **REUTERS**

SpaceX launches 60 more mini satellites

Cape Canaveral: SpaceX launched 60 mini satellites on Monday, the second batch of an orbiting network meant to provide global internet coverage. **AP**

Masdar invests \$150 mn into Hero Future Energies

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HERO FUTURE Energies (HFE) on Monday announced that the company has got a USD 150-million strategic investment from Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar), for expansion of its portfolio.

This is the second strategic funding in HFE since 2017, following the initial \$125 million investment made by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of

the World Bank.

HFE, a clean-tech company, said the \$150-million investment will fund expansion of its renewable energy portfolio, including in selected international geographies, the company said in a statement. The investment was done by Masdar, which is involved in renewable energy projects, sustainable real estate and sustainable mobility.

Hero Future Energies said the investment will help facilitate the further expansion of HFE in India and other key growth markets.

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DHIMALAI COMPLEX, DHIMALAI TOWNSHIP PO- SANDUR TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT KARNATAKA, PIN CODE - 583118. CIN: L31904AP19800P001674

OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION
Sealed tenders in two bid system are inviting from the competent and experienced bidder for the following works:
1. Tender No. CE/W/8(420)/2019 vide Date of notification 12/11/2019 and Name of Work: **“Repair and Maintenance work of DRC at DIOM”** with estimated cost of **₹29.57 Lakhs** and period of completion for work 06 months (Including Rainy Season from July to October) with EMD is **₹29,573.00 and sale/download period from 13/11/2019 to 13/12/2019.**
For accessing the tender document or download from NMDC Limited website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdclender/default.aspx>.
For any clarification bidders may contact DGM (Civil), by mailing to diomcivil@nmdc.co.in or by fax message to **08395-274644.**
For and on behalf of NMDC Limited, **DGM (Civil)**

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Dhimilai Iron Ore Mine
Dhimilai Township-583118, Dist: Ballari (Karnataka), CIn: L31904AP19800P001674

OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION
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1. Tender No. CE/W/7(268)/2019 vide Date of notification 12/11/2019 and Name of Work: **“Construction of 04 nos Class Room at KVD”** with estimated cost of **₹66.08 Lakhs** and period of completion for work 09 months (Including Rainy Season from July to October) with EMD is **₹66,085.00 and sale/download period from 13/11/2019 to 12/12/2019.**
2. Tender No. CE/W/8(429)/2019 vide Date of notification 12/11/2019 and Name of Work: **“Providing Roof with Galvalume Sheet piling Supported with Structural Steel for Open Area near DRC, Dhimilai”** with estimated cost of **₹26.96 Lakhs** and period of completion for work 05 (Six) months with EMD is **₹26,960.00 and sale/download period from 14/11/2019 to 13/12/2019.**
3. Tender No. CE/W/8(429)/2019 vide Date of notification 12/11/2019 and Name of Work: **“Renovation of Hospital ward in Dhimilai Township for the year 2019-20 (Phase-III)”** with estimated cost of **₹41.13 Lakhs** and period of completion for work 09 (Nine) months with EMD is **₹42,000.00 and sale/download period from 16/11/2019 to 16/12/2019.**
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KAMARAJAR PORT LIMITED
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Chennai – 600 120.
CIN: U45203TN1999GOI043322

Tenders are invited in two cover system from the experienced contractors/suppliers through e-procurement mode for the work **“Supply of Crane rails and accessories for Coal berth of Kamarajar Port”**.
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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS), BHUBANESWAR
Sijua, Post : Dumuduma, Bhubaneswar - 751019

F.No. J-11079(014)/2019-20/S&P Date: 07-11-2019
E-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bhubaneswar Odisha, GOI, invites e-tender for **“(1) Biosafety Cabinet Class II A2 at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar”** in Two Bid System”. The e-tender document along with last date of submission of the tender can be viewed and downloaded from the official website i.e. www.aiimsbhubaneswar.nic.in/ www.tenderwizard.com and www.cppportal.com
The sealed e-Tender will be received through Speed post/Reg. post/Courier/ by hand only on or before due date & time by office of **Sr. Procurement-Cum Store Officer, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar** and the said e-tender will be opened on due date & time mentioned in the tender document in presence of bidders or their authorised representatives in the office chamber of undersigned. Incomplete tender document/ tender received after scheduled date & time shall be rejected. Director, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar reserves the right to reject any or all the e-tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
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Confident that India can be \$10-tn economy in next 10-15 years: Rajnath

KRISHNKAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh said Monday that India could surpass Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream of a \$5-trillion economy and can become a \$10-trillion economy over the next decade or so. Talking about the startups that have participated in the Centre’s Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, Singh said “it has boosted his self-confidence”.

Speaking at a Def Connect conference organised by the Defence Ministry, Singh said that Modi “has set a target of a \$5-trillion economy by 2024, but looking at the talent India possesses, I am pretty confident that we can become a \$10-trillion economy in the next 10-15 years”.

India, he said, “is leading in the fields of technology and peace-keeping throughout the world” and as a major global power, “it is equally important for us to strengthen our defence manufacturing and research and development”.

To become self-reliant, Singh laid emphasis on “ideation, innovation and incubation” in cutting edge-technologies.

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“Where there is knowledge, there is power,” the Defence Minister said, adding, “where there is knowledge and power, there is also the need to have restraint.” “We cannot achieve our goals just by knowledge and power, there is also the need of restraint along with them,” Singh said.

“If we have valour and courage, then patience is also equally required,” he added.

Singh compared the startups to knowledge, and armed forces to power. He said this union will ensure the development of a strong nation that can not only defend its interests but can also better answer any misadventures by the country’s enemies.

“Through your talent and creativity, India will soon come forward as a net innovator and a net exporter, from being a net importer in the field of defence technologies and platforms,” Singh told the startups in attendance.

‘Business confidence declines across industry’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE across the industry declined in the September quarter over the previous three months due to an all-pervasive worsening of business sentiment, said a survey by economic think tank NCAER on Monday.

NCAER’s Business Confidence Index (BCI), an indicator of business sentiment across Indian industry, stood at

103.1 in the second quarter of 2019-20, falling 15.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter, despite a small reprieve in July 2019.

As compared to the year-ago period, the BCI fell 22.5 per cent during the second quarter.

This is based on the 110th Round of the Business Expectations Survey (BES) carried out by NCAER, said the National Council of Applied Economic Research.

“The numbers suggest a deep and all-pervasive worsening of business sentiments” it said.

OLX Group to invest up to \$400 mn in Berlin firm FCG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

OLX GROUP, the classifieds business of Prosus, on Monday said it will invest up to \$400 million (about Rs 2,840 crore) in Berlin-based used car marketplace Frontier Car Group (FCG). In 2018, OLX had invested \$89 million in FCG to provide capital to enhance services and expand to new geographies, including the acquisition of WeBuyAnyCar in the US.

Both companies currently work together in Latin America,

Asia, and Poland.

OLX Group and FCG had entered into a joint venture to launch OLX CashMyCar (CMC) in India. OLX CashMyCar has 75 stores across 17 cities in India with plans to expand to 40 cities with 150 such stores by 2021.

“OLX Group’s new investment of up to USD 400 million comprises a primary injection of capital in FCG, the contribution of OLX’s joint-venture shares in India and Poland, as well as the acquisition of shares held by early investors subject to a tender offer process,” OLX said in a statement.

SNAP SHOTS



Back on Stage

VETERAN ACTOR and director Amol Palekar will mark his return to theatre after 25 years in the role of a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police in the Hindi play *Kusur (The Mistake)* at Tata Theatre, NCPA, Mumbai, on November 24. The actor, who marked his foray into Bollywood in 1974 with *Rajnigandha*, has co-directed the production with Sandhya Gokhale. The play ensues when a police officer receives a call in the control room on a rainy night, before a series of unforeseen events unfold. It is adapted from the Danish film *Den Skyldige*. A social thriller, the play comments on contemporary life and its challenges.



Write Angel

AUTHOR ORNIT SHANI has been awarded New India Foundation's Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize for her 2018 book *How India Became Democratic* (Penguin Random House India). The award acknowledges an outstanding non-fiction book on modern or contemporary India. This year's winner chronicles how India's first electoral rolls were prepared even before the Constitution of India had been instituted. The award was announced at the Bangalore Literature Festival. Shani said in a statement, "How India became democratic represents what India set itself to be at its founding: a democratic inclusive state for a deeply plural society. Preparing the electoral rolls on the basis of universal adult franchise, turning all adult Indians irrespective of their caste, class, gender, or religion into equal individuals for the purpose of authorising their government ahead of the constitution, was a concrete way of doing so."



Journey of a Lifetime

CLASSICAL DANCE exponent Sonal Mansingh will be awarded the Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement, this year, by Pandit Birju Maharaj at Kamani Auditorium in Delhi on November 17. The award, named after Sumitra Charat Ram, who founded Shriram Bhartiya Kala Kendra in 1952, recognises the undying dedication of veterans in the field of arts. Its past recipients include Indian classical vocalists Kishori Amonkar and Pandit Jasraj and flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia.



The Future is Here

OSCAR-WINNING filmmaker and Turner prize-winning artist Steve McQueen's much awaited exhibition "Year 3" will go on display at Tate Britain in London from today. Billboards across London will also be showcasing some of the 3,000 school photographs that capture nearly 75,000 students in the city, aged between seven and eight, photographed in nearly two-third of the city's schools. Inspired by his own class photograph from 1977, McQueen hopes to give visitors a visual chronicle of what the future of the city looks like and the diversity that exists. The exhibition is on till May 2020.

Sharib Hashmi on why it's a good time to be an actor and what made *Family Man* tick

EKTA MALIK

HIS INSTAGRAM handle is titled 'mrfilmistaani', referring to his first big film as a lead actor — the National Award-winning *Filmistaan* — and also to the impact that Hindi films have had on actor Sharib Hashmi. "I grew up in a chawl in Mumbai. Things were all close-knit. If, by chance, I would see a film playing on someone's television through a window, I would stand and continue watching it. I saw Rajnikant's *Bhagwan Dada* and Amitabh Bachchan's *Mard* through a window," recalls Hashmi, whose recent outing as JK Talpade in the web series *Family Man* has got rave reviews. He was also seen in *Ujda Chaman*, which released earlier this month. Though the film has been panned, his cameo has been appreciated.

We speak to him as he winds up shooting for the day. He refuses to divulge details, but we have a strong inkling that it's for season two of *Family Man*, which most of us who viewed the critically-acclaimed first season are perhaps looking forward to. "There was not a single reason for me to say no to *Family Man*. It is such a relatable story. My character was earlier a Bengali, a Ghosh, but the makers liked what I got to the table, and Ghosh became Talpade. We all have such a colleague who tries hard to be super cool, but he/she fails. That was Talpade, desperate for a cool quotient, but really who can be cooler than Manoj Bajpayee?" says Hashmi, 43.

The actor, who debuted with *Slumdog Millionaire* in 2009, had watched the film industry evolve from an enviable vantage point. His father was ZA Johar, an eminent film journalist. "My father wrote for *Mayapuri*, an old film magazine. I grew up with people like Govinda sir, Anupam Kher, Raj Babbar, Gulshan Grover, Farah and Divya Bharti coming to my home. They were all friends of my father, and at that time those relations were genuine and not the PR effort that they are now," says the Mumbai-based actor.

Hashmi was fascinated with the glamour of the film industry early on, as he often attended film parties and premieres courtesy his journalist father. "I attended the premiere of *Parinda*, which completed 30 years recently. It was a different world then. I also saw many *muhurats*, which don't happen anymore. *Muhurats* had the who's who of the film industry in attendance and Centaur Hotel was a popular venue. Nowadays we have success parties, which take place over one weekend. Earlier success parties only took place after 100 days or silver jubilees," adds Hashmi.

His position was quite unique, of being "an outsider" but with inside access. "In the early nineties and late eighties, stars had bigger entourages, and sycophancy was the order of the day. That one secretary and one PRO (Public relations officer) ran the show. Now we have agents and contracts, everything is very corporate. *Filmpana thoda kam hua hai*, but the glamour is still intact," says he.



Sharib Hashmi; (below) with Manoj Bajpayee in a still from *Family Man*



As a child, Hashmi harboured dreams of becoming "a hero". "But alas, when I did grow up, I only grew up to be 5'4. In my head, even the supporting actors of those times were tall and good-looking," confesses the actor, adding, "My dad always encouraged me, he even suggested that I should join the Asha Chandra acting school, but I didn't take the plunge then."

With dreams of being a hero put on the back burner, Hashmi started as an assistant director on *Hum Tum Pe Marte Hain* (1998). Writing sketches for MTV came next. Ultimately, he joined the channel and appeared in many spoofs and sketches. Stints with other channels followed and a job opportunity took him to Dubai. "I came back

within a month, as I missed Bombay. Meanwhile, I had acted in two films, including *Slumdog Millionaire*, where I had just one scene. If it was a normal Hindi film, they would have made a junior actor stand in, but I auditioned for the role by Danny Boyle," says Hashmi, who then quit his plush job with an entertainment channel to give into the acting bug.

For three years he toiled and gave auditions, but to no avail. Till he received a phone call from Shanu Sharma to audition for *Jab Tak Hai Jaan*. Hashmi played Shah Rukh Khan's roommate in the film. *Filmistaan* came on the heels of *Jab Tak Hai Jaan*, when he was helping write dialogues for the film. It won the National Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi. "It took a long time. I sold my house, I was in debt. But I really wanted to give it my all," says Hashmi.

The actor is happy with the rising popularity of the digital platform, and how attention to detail and casting have changed the game for actors like him. "The audiences have evolved so much. While they enjoy the song and dance of big Bollywood films, they also notice the nuances of a web show like *Family Man*, with an ensemble cast of sorts. This attention to detail has made people like Irrfan, Nawaz bhai and Pankajji household names," says he.



ART OF THE MATTER

Anonymous street artist Banksy's album cover designed for Norwegian band Röyksopp's *Melody A.M.* — bearing the electronic music duo's name in bold green letters — sold for \$10,256 at the online music database and marketplace Discogs.



(From left) Urvashi Butalia with Leki Thunгон, Ditilekha Sharma and Hrishita Rajbangshi

Rethinking the Northeast

A panel discussion at Samanvay saw young research scholars present different narratives from the Northeast

SONAL GUPTA

LEKI THUNгон is a student of sociology and anthropology, but when she was working on a research paper to present new narratives from the Northeast, she thought of doing it a little differently — by dabbling with fiction writing. "It allows you to deal with the messiness of everyday that becomes a little difficult with academic writing," she said.

Along with illustrator Ayangbe Mannen, she has written four short stories based on recollections of grandmothers that are being shared by their granddaughters. "One of them was a Naga woman who lived during World War II. She was delighted when she first saw Japanese soldiers, as they looked just like Naga men. When they

came to 'invade' her house, she directed them to her kitchen and offered rice and akhuni — made with fermented soya. The boys had tears as it was similar to the Japanese dish natto. For her, the soldiers were not a threat to the nation but men who shared her culture," said Thunгон.

She is one of the research grantees of the 'Fragrance of Peace' initiative by Zubaan Books in collaboration with Sasakawa Peace Foundation. The project allows young writers from the Northeast to explore themes like migration, memory and history, and children's literature through the lens of gender in the region.

Thunгон was in Delhi for the discussion titled "New Voices from the North East", at the ninth edition of Samanvay, the Indian Languages Festival, held at Indian Habitat Centre. Moderated by Urvashi Butalia, author and director at Zubaan, the panel also included Ditilekha Sharma and Hrishita Rajbangshi. It delved into the research essays and works of fiction submitted by the three scholars

who have looked at the Northeast beyond the stereotypes of conflict and cultural symbols.

"I have come to realise this, over so many years, that I will not belong anywhere," said Sharma, who was a research scholar at Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Her paper, "Nations, Communities, Conflict and Queer Lives", explores the question of gender identity in Manipur. The state wrought with border tensions has a long history of transgender visibility through *shumang leela* — traditional

theatre in the region in which men play the female characters — and HIV/AIDS intervention programmes of the '90s. Her paper discusses the limitations of identifying the self as LGBT, which excludes those who don't fit into these labels. She also uses the route of fiction to tell stories, as it is "otherwise difficult to criticise

the state and the military".

Hrishita Rajbangshi, a postgraduate in ancient history from Jawaharlal Nehru University, writes about witch-hunting in Assam and stresses on the impact of the practice on survivors and their families. "The idea was very personal, as I saw a neighbour setting herself on fire after being accused of being a witch," she said. "Since broadcast media has come to Assam, we only see news flashes of people accused of witch-hunting and those who died, but we never get to know what happened to the ones who survived or to the families of those who passed away," she added. Travelling through three districts in Assam, she has met families of eight victims, including the Basumatary family, who were displaced from their home in Udalgiri district. They share the despair of leaving home overnight.

"In the times of NRC, it is important to note that you may not always have proper documentation to prove your identity and ancestry," she said.

'We are looking at a possible Asian Renaissance'

Architect Tay Kheng Soon on nurturing small businesses and visions for a green economy

SHINY VARGHESE

ARCHITECT-URBAN thinker Tay Kheng Soon, 79, was ahead of his time when he designed the People's Park Complex in Chinatown, Singapore, in the late '60s. He saw that the once trading port, which grew into an independent country, had ambitions of turning its slums into urban strongholds and that it would wipe out small businesses and change the way the city interacted with its people. One of the first generation locally-trained architects, Singapore-based Kheng Soon coined the term 'rubanisation', which is a "rethinking of the city and the countryside as one space", where integrated lifestyles make room for better environmental and ethical choices. He was in Kollam, Kerala, as a keynote speaker at the National Conference of the Institute of Urban Designers India (IUDI) last month. In a conversation, he discusses the need to empower rural economies and turning seawater into fuel.

For Le Corbusier, a home was a machine for living. You talk about cities as organisms.

We are in a moment of history where we are looking at the possibility of an Asian Renaissance, and to do that there is a certain intellectual parting of ways. In our cities, the disparities are large, and the urban-rural di-

chotomies are enormous. Our heartlands can become incubators of new knowledge. We need to have the gumption.

You showed gumption in the making of Singapore's first multi-storey mall, People's Park Complex, way back in the '60s.

The first in Asia, actually. When I told the investor that the mall will make him 12 million dollars, he stared at me in wonder. Until then, people had never thought of shopping on multi-levels. In everyone's mind, shopping was street based. So we invited all the shopkeepers in Chinatown, who were worried the government was acquiring their land, for an exhibition of what the space would be. We gave them an opportunity to book the shops too. Soon they came with pillowcases full of cash. And this was different because many small shopkeepers came together to become co-owners. Visitors had the benefit of the bazaar without crossing the street, within an air-conditioned space.

You've worked in countries such as Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. What are the challenges you see there?

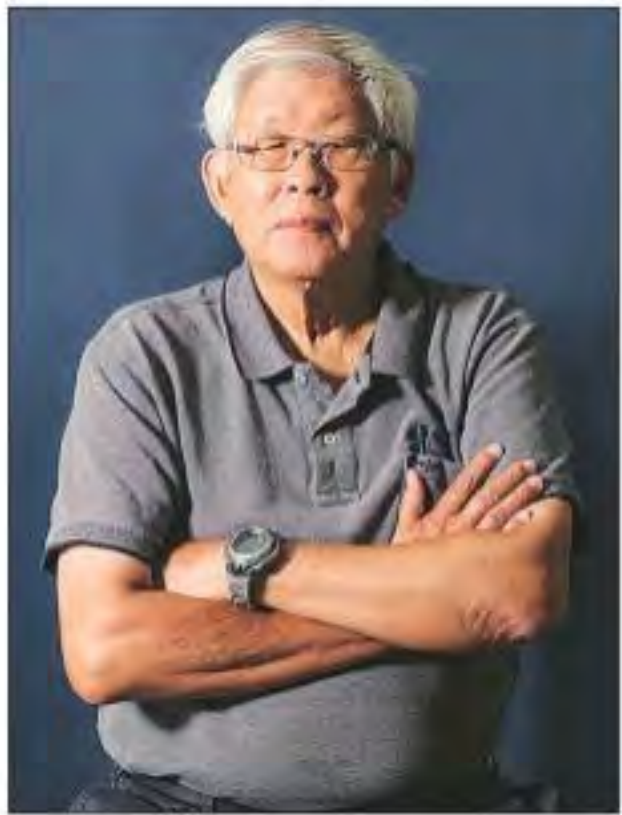
The phenomenon of corporatisation. Small businesses and medium enterprises are being edged out. It's happening everywhere. Big corporations are in cahoots with governments, who need them for infrastructure projects. But big businesses are



suffering with debts. The toxicity of financial systems is on the rise and there's no discussion of this in the public realm.

What's the solution?

Look at China, which is turning inwards because of all the trade sanctions. As their GDP drops, they've realised they can't focus on exports alone. They are into capacity-building in the hinterlands. They are investing in road systems and urbanising the rural areas, transferring factories there, and investing in e-commerce and e-production.



Tay Kheng Soon; (left) People's Park Complex designed by him

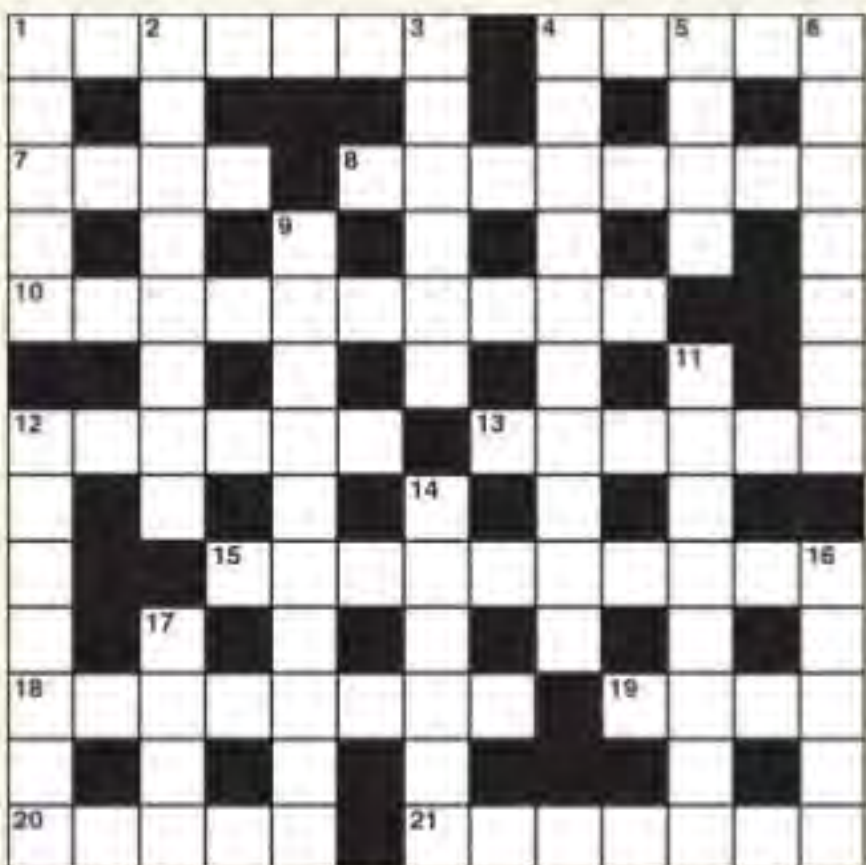
Young people are moving into the countryside with 3D printers and selling it through online portals. We, in Singapore, are buying from them. This is not happening in India. Your export potential is declining and your debt ratio is going up. You need to increase local production and local consumption, boost small businesses which feed one another, it's the multiplier effect.

What kind of future do you envision for Singapore cities?

Singapore, at the moment, doesn't have

a robust talent management strategy. We have been researching on the future of our economy and society. We had proposed to the ministry, what if we become like Boston, a university city, an intelligent tropical city. In such a city, you could combine learning, living and cultural interactions, and thus create networks. There are also conversations about converting wind power into electricity, and then electrolyse and desalinate sea water to get methanol, which is the global substitute for petrol. That is the vision for a green economy.

CROSSWORD 3960



- ACROSS
- DOWN
- 1 Insect on an animal may cause anxiety (7)

4 Broken grid I fixed (5)

7 Country rain storm (4)

8 Yields from TV shares (8)

10 Notes or coins for the newsboy? (5,5)

12 Country girl on the vessel (6)

13 Fish - or fish shops - may have them (6)

15 Side given drink for morale? (4,6)

18 Made up to appear calm (8)

19 Ring Ann to come round soon (4)

20 Regretting having to destroy a note (5)

21 Extend the time in jail (7)
- 1 Pompous colonel is an old gasbag (5)

2 Holding an avaricious attitude (8)

3 Argue about an issue (6)

4 A book to be critically examined but not purchased (6,4)

5 Cut a letter on a tree (4)

6 Diana's a girl cashier (7)

9 Early form of rock music? (6,4)

11 It's instrumental in having wine around (8)

12 Middle-aged English travel writer (7)

14 Urges some simple modification (6)

16 Decimal fraction (5)

17 Jet fighters? (4)

Solutions Crossword 3959: Across: 1 Elbow grease, 9 Awesome, 10 Swoon, 11 Kiss, 12 Straight, 14 Naples, 16 Sinned, 18 Constant, 19 Spar, 22 Stair, 23 Lantern lectures, 24 Gets dressed. Down: 2 Leeks, 3 Oboe, 4 Guests, 5 Ecstatic, 6 Shotgun, 7 Walking case, 8 United front, 15 Pinnacle, 17 Antler, 20 Piece, 21 Ends.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

The only rules comedy can tolerate are those of ___, and the only limitations those of ___ - James Thurber (5,...,5)

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SOLUTION: ELATE, SHIRT, OUTLAW, BILLED
Answer: The only rules comedy can tolerate are those of taste, and the only limitations those of label - James Thurber

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4027

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4026

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Kashis D/o Sh. Sudhir R/o E-5, Jhuggi T-Camp, Khichripur, Delhi Aged - 15 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 25.09.2019 vide FIR No. 460/19 u/s 363 IPC Dated 01.10.2019 lodged at Police Station Kalyanpuri, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Pink coloured top & blue coloured jeans pant.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Kalyanpuri, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
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PRESS NOTICE FOR TENDER
Online percentage rate tenders are invited by EE(M)-III/NGZ on behalf of Commissioner/SDMC from the registered contractors of MCD of appropriate class. Tenders will be received as per time table and will be opened at 15.30 HRS on 29.11.2019 in the office of Division EE (M)-III/NGZ. Validity of rates will be 05 Months from the date of opening of NIT and in case of negotiation from the date of negotiation. All details of Revision, Clarification, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc. if any in respect of these tenders will be uploaded on SDMC website only & will not be published in newspapers. It is responsibility of the firms/bidders to update themselves about the tender through the website. SDMC is not responsible for any information is not available on website.
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Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat
Opp. PRL, Nr. L. D. College of Engineering, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad
Tender for Empanelment of An Agency for providing Manpower on monthly basis for public relation (PR) and Social Media Activities for Study in Gujarat
Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Ahmedabad on behalf of Department of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat intends to invite responses from eligible and reputed "Bidders" for "Study in Gujarat" Campaign. Interested Agencies should submit their proposal in two separate sealed covers containing Technical Documents and Financial quotes. Last date of application/submitting of documents to KCG is 22.11.2019, 05.00 pm. The Tender Document is available on KCG website www.kcg.gujarat.gov.in.
No.INF/ABD/1213/2019-20 CEO, KCG

MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI
On behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Bogie & Wheel, Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli is inviting open e-tender notice no. MCF/RBL/Tender/Fitment of CBC/2019-20/C65 Date: 06.11.2019, based on single packet system through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for the under mentioned work. **Description of work:** Operation of Bogie Paint Line for Bogie Frame & Bolster and shot blasting of Brake Beam as per scope of work. **Approx. Value ₹ 43,87,027.16 EMD ₹ 95,800.00 Cost of Tender document :- ₹ 3,000.00 only. Quantity of work: Bogie Frame-498 Coach Set, Bolster-390 Coach Set & Brake Beam - 447 Coach Set. Completion period of work: 12 months or earlier. Period of submission of tender document: From 13.11.2019 to 27.11.2019 Date & Time of closing of Tender: 27.11.2019 at 11:45 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Tender : 27.11.2019 at 12:00 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in in tender document.**
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Bogie & Wheel
Open tender based on Single packet system Tender Notice No. MCF/RBL/Tender/Fitment of CBC/2019-20/C333 Dt. 07.11.2019 is invited by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell, MCF/RBL through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in for and on behalf of President of India for the following work:- **Description of work:** Fitment of CBC in Shells as per scope of work. **Approx. Value ₹ 43,89,600.00 EMD ₹ 87,800.00 Cost of Tender document: ₹ 3,000.00 only. Quantity of work: 1500 Shell Completion period of work: 12 months or earlier. Period of submission of tender document: From 15.11.2019 to 29.11.2019 Date & Time of closing of Tender: 29.11.2019 at 11:45 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Tender : 29.11.2019 at 12:00 hrs. Detailed Tender Notice, Eligibility criteria, Terms & conditions are available at IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in in tender document.**
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell
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NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE
The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of President of India, invites open E-tender for the under noted work:-
1. Name of work with its location: General Power Supply works related to yard Remodelling at Dehradun, Doiwala & Motichur stations alongwith Loco Out Pit works at Dehradun yard over Moradabad Division.
2. Completion period of the work: 3(Three) Months
3. Approximate Cost of work ₹ 38,87,284.15
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online) ₹ 77,800/-
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 02.12.2019 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 02.12.2019
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 17.11.2019 to 02.12.2019. The bidders who desire to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.
No. 17-Elect/C/GPS/MB/50-R Dated 08.11.2019 3607/2019
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TENDER NOTICE
DIRECTOR GENERAL STATE TRANSPORT HARYANA
30 BAYS BUILDING 2nd FLOOR, SECTOR, 17 C, CHANDIGARH
1. Sealed Tenders are invited from General Insurance companies for insurance of 3600 (Approx) ordinary buses of Haryana Roadways (directly or through representative) as per terms & conditions with latest amendments laid down under Motor Vehicles Act and further as per detail given below:-
a) Approximately 800 new buses which are likely to be added to the fleet during the period 01.12.2019 to 30.11.2020 and buses which have been added during the period of 01.02.2018 to 30.11.2019 will be put for insurance on comprehensive basis. Remaining buses are to be got insured on 3rd party basis.
b) The initial cost of the ordinary bus is approximately Rs. 27.00 lacs.
c) The 3rd party rate of insurance for non-commercial vehicles of department, such as ruck, tankers, crane and drivers training school vehicles are also to be given separately in the same tender.
d) Separate rates for 3rd party and comprehensive insurance shall be given including basic rates, premium per seat and rate of premium for CNG/HSD operational buses for cities like Delhi, Gurugram, Chandigarh and other Districts in Haryana along with rate of discount offered in OD premium.
2. Tender shall be sent in a sealed cover super-scribed with the words "Tender for the insurance of buses of Haryana Roadways" on the envelop and shall reach in the office of Director General State Transport, Haryana, 30-Bays Building, 2nd floor, Sector-17, Chandigarh latest by 21.11.2019 upto 2.00 PM and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM in the presence of the Tender representatives who may wish to attend. No tender received after 2.00 PM on 21.11.2019 by post/person shall be accepted under any circumstances.
3. The rates shall also be quoted through Broker or representative and such rates shall be accompanied by the approval granted by the Headquarter of the concerned insurance companies otherwise the same shall not be considered.
4. Telegraphically/conditional/incomplete tender will not be considered.
5. The Director State Transport, Haryana will have the right to reject all or any tender without assigning any reason.
Director State Transport Haryana, Chandigarh.
79145/HRY

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
C-11, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA
Ph-2577870-73 E-mail: hspcbarscientist@gmail.com
No. HSPCB/Aircell/2019/ Dated:
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SOURCE, APPORTIONMENT AND EMISSION INVENTORY STUDY ON THE LEVELS AND SOURCES OF POLLUTION IN HARYANA.
1. The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) intends to engage educational and research institutions of National and International repute, to carry out a Source Apportionment and emission inventory Study on the level and Source of Pollution and prepare strategy for cost effective measures for abatement of air pollution in the areas of Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat and Panipat. The study will be for a period of one and half years.
2. Board proposes to conduct the above study through reputed educational and research institutions and undertakings of the State/Central Government. Expression of Interest (EOI) for carrying out the proposed study for the sites/ indicating the interest in carrying out source apportionment and emission inventory study prescribing cost effective measures for abatement of air pollution in the above area from such institution are hereby invited.
3. The interested institutions may submit the Expression of Interest (EOI) by providing required information as per the prescribed format, which may be downloaded from the Website of the State Pollution Control Board (www.hspcb.gov.in)
4. The duly filled EOI, supported with relevant documents, must reach the office of Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Haryana C-11, Sector-6, Panchkula on or before 10.12.2019, 03.00 PM. The envelope must be clearly superscripted as "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SOURCE APPORTIONMENT AND EMISSION INVENTORY STUDY ON THE LEVEL AND SOURCE OF POLLUTION"
5. The EOI can be submitted through Registered Post/Speed Post. The HSPCB shall not be held responsible for any postal delay for non-receipt of EOI within scheduled date and time.
6. Interested institutions are advised to visit the website before submission of EOI. Once EOI received, it will be presumed that the institute is well aware of all procedure prescribed by the Board as indicated in the site.
7. The HSPCB reserves the right to reject any or all EOIs without assigning may reasons thereof.
(S.Narayanan) Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Haryana
79148/HRY

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Hard work seems somewhat inevitable, so please don't be jealous of people who have it easier. Make the most of positive lunar influences to press ahead with all serious ambitions and get as much achieved as you can in the time available. Partners will thank you.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
I'd like to take a look at the next six days as a whole and point out that around mid-week, Mercury, planet of communication, will be very positive. The result is that plans and arrangements which have been blocked should be underway by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Events that took place over the last couple of weeks or so must have made it painfully clear that one close friend is taking you for granted. Not only that, but they may be a danger to themselves. You can be on hand with a supply of emotional sticking plaster.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You're standing at a minor crossroads. On the one hand you'll feel a sense of deja-vu, perhaps a pleasurable bout of nostalgia. On the other, you know that you don't have any real choice but to prepare for the future. So, gird your loins and carry on.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Venus, the ruler of your gentler affections, is inspiring you to dream of love. The only question is, of course, will partners respond? Leos who can arrange or implement travel plans or forge overseas links should get on with it: there is no time to waste.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
It may now be clear that a major alteration in your work methods or routine is unavoidable. If you make an early start, you should do well, attracting support and admiration. It's not a particularly good time for dealing with details, which is precisely why you must take extra care.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Those who now feel neglected or hard-done-by, should have taken the trouble to find out what makes you tick. If they'd bothered to try and see the world through your eyes some time ago, they would have given you no cause to complain now. Neither would they have let you down.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Declarations of love are one thing, but you may embarrass yourself as well as others. In fact, your foot may be well and truly wedged in your mouth! It goes without saying that your words need to be chosen with care. The last thing you want to do is undermine all the goodwill you've built up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Your creative energy should now be at a peak, but not perhaps because the stars are all on your side. On the contrary, challenging romantic stars remind us of the cliché that all great art stems from suffering! No gain without pain is a different way of doing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
On the plus side, today's subtle lunar relationships enable you to get the most out of almost any situation. Success will be guaranteed on the basis of your experience and skill. There is no need to bluff, or to pretend that you're something other than you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
There's a great deal going on behind the scenes. In fact, almost everything of importance seems to be concealed from public view. What you see may be but the tip of a very large iceberg. Perhaps a close friend can help you view the secrets below the surface.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The latest planetary pictures signify that in a matter of weeks you will no longer be tied to the past or restricted by others' emotional demands. You should give yourself some space to allow for romantic encounters, no matter what your age or inclination.

DELHI TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
18A, DDA, SCO Complex, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 (A Govt. Undertaking)
TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are invited for installation of Hot (Tea, Coffee & Soups), Cold Beverage and Soft Drinks Vending Machines at Coffee Home, Connaught Place. E-tender document with other terms & conditions can be downloaded from www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in vide tender ID No. 2019_DTTDC_183450_1. Pre-bid meeting at 3:00 pm on 20.11.2019 and bid submission by 3:30 pm on 29.11.2019.
GENERAL MANAGER

DR. BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
SECTOR - 6, ROHINI - 110085
Phone No. : 011-27058778, Email Id: bsamchdelhi@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM
In partial modification of advertisement dated 31/10/2019 regarding interview for the recruitment of teaching faculty on contract basis to be held on 19/11/2019 and 20/11/2019 from 10.00 AM onwards for various faculty posts in Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College & Hospital, Rohini, Delhi-110085, it is hereby informed that in case, no candidate of reserved category is available for Professor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (S.No. 12 of advertisement), as per orders of Hon'ble Court of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, GNCT of Delhi dated 16/10/2019, candidate from any other category shall be considered, if eligible otherwise. Rest of the contents of the said Advertisement dated 31/10/2019 will remain same.
Sd/- SANDEEP YADAV
DIP/Shabdarth/0990/19-20 **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR, ODISHA.
E-mail id : sephsbp@yahoo.in/sephsbp@gmail.com
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. SEPHSBP- 06 /2019-20 Dt. 06.11.2019
01. Name of the Work :1 no
02. Type of Bid :Two Bid system
04. Period of Completion :6 (Six) Calendar Month
05. Class of Contractor :Contractor of Class 'B' & 'A'
06. Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal :From 11.00 Hrs. of dt. 14.11.2019 to 17.00 Hrs of 29.11.2019
07. Last date / time of seeking clarification :17.00 Hrs of 20.11.2019
08. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal :17.00 Hrs of 29.11.2019
09. Date & Time of opening of Technical bids :At 11.00 Hrs. of 03.12.2019
10. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid :Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Sambalpur, Brooks' Hill, Near Stadium, At/Po- Motjharan, Dist- Sambalpur-768 001.
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal "<http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in>".
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Sd/- Superintending Engineer, P.H. Circle, Sambalpur.

The world's changing. It's becoming more multicultural...I think people have to accept it. Times have changed, it's not 2007 any more."

JOFRA ARCHER
ON RACISM IN SPORT

Captain Courageous

Given a weak hand, Rohit shuffled his cards with intelligence and inventiveness to fashion a series win

VISHAL MENON
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

"A GREAT captain must be a shrewd tactician who can make the right moves at the right time. He may not necessarily have a great team at his disposal, but he must still possess the ability to get the best from his team-mates."

This was Roy Dias, former Sri Lankan wicketkeeper-batsman-turned coach on the qualities required to be a successful leader of a cricket team.

If Dias had watched the third and final India-Bangladesh T20I in Nagpur on Sunday, chances are that he would have been impressed by how stand-in captain Rohit Sharma marshalled his thin bowling resources to plot a series win.

In a bid to bolster their batting, India had gone into the game a bowler short. All-rounder Krunal Pandya was replaced with Manish Pandya and greenhorn Shivam Dube, known more for his belligerent batting, was assigned the fifth bowler's duties. It was a plan fraught with danger. The Nagpur track was a featherbed and India was defending only a par score of 174 under dewy conditions.

In such a scenario, most captains would have gone on an all-out attack with their best new-ball bowler, which in India's case was Deepak Chahar. The 27-year-old has earned his reputation by bowling the bulk of his T20 overs inside the Powerplay. This is how he has operated under MS Dhoni for the Chennai Super Kings as well as in the early stages of his international career.

On Sunday night, however, Rohit decided to go against conventional wisdom. Sensing that Chahal and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal were his two strike bowlers, Rohit refrained from using the swing bowler in his preferred role as a Powerplay specialist. Instead, he decided to open with left-arm seamer Khaleel Ahmed and off-spinner Washington Sundar.

After an over of each, Rohit brought on his trump card Chahar. The pacer responded to his captain's call with the twin dismissals of Liton Das and Soumya Sarkar. Rohit persisted with Khaleel and Sundar for an over each again, surprisingly removing Chahar after his successful solitary over.

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This is a play Rohit has employed in the IPL as well, as the captain of Mumbai Indians, where he would keep opposition batsmen guessing by rotating his bowlers in short spells.

The real test for Rohit came after the Powerplay when Mohammad Naim and Mohammad Mithun tore into Chahal and Dube and looked poised to pave the way for an easy victory. In the seven overs after the field restrictions were lifted, the visitors garnered 77 runs. How did Rohit respond? He summoned Chahar for his second over, and almost on cue, the pacer dismissed Mithun with a devious slower delivery.

Rohit then did the unthinkable by recalling Dube. The young all-rounder, featuring in only his second international game, was carted in his first spell, his figures reading 2-0-23-0. But the burly youngster began by casting Rahim with a slower delivery and followed it up with back-to-back dismissals of Naim and Afif Hossain. The Mumbaikar finished with impressive figures of 4-0-30-3.

Bulk of the credit for Dube's success should go to his captain. First, for entrusting him with the responsibility of being the team's fifth bowler. Second, for not banishing him despite getting played in the opening two overs, and finally for showing astute game sense to bring him back at the opportune time following Mithun's exit.



Rohit Sharma brought Shivam Dube back into the attack when Bangladesh were firing on all cylinders. He responded with the wickets of Mushfiquir and Naim.

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As Chahar walked home with scarcely believable figures of 6/7 from 3.2 overs, which included a hat-trick, paving the way for a comfortable 30-run win for India, he delved into Rohit's mindset: "The plan was that I would get the responsibility of bowling the main overs... usually, I bowl with the new ball, but Rohit bhai said I'll bowl the crucial overs today, whenever the team needed me to bowl. I'm happy that the management gave me this responsibility on this stage."

Pep talk does trick

There was another key moment during Bangladesh's chase on Sunday that highlighted Rohit's leadership skills. India were looking fairly flat after the early burst from Chahal and Bangladesh were sprinting towards the target. In the 11th over, the Indian captain called his team-mates into a huddle and stirred them up with a resounding pep talk that galvanised their spirits.

Shreyas Iyer said Rohit's pep talk did wonders to the team's confidence. "We were going little lethargic at the start, but once they started going, Rohit recalled all players inside the circle, he gave us a pep talk and after that, all of us got determined to win the match," Iyer explained.

It's not known what Rohit said during that impromptu team meeting. But the sum and substance was instilling a bit of pride in the game. "At one stage, it was looking easy for Bangladesh when they needed 70-odd of eight overs. I just reminded them this (pointing towards the jersey) is what we are playing for. I can understand when wickets

are not falling, it's hard to pick up. I just had to remind what team they're playing for, and credit to the bowlers for making this comeback," Rohit said after the win.

Trusting his players

Another aspect of Rohit's captaincy that came to the fore in this series was the unflinching trust he reposed in some of the youngsters like Khaleel and under-fire wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant.

Khaleel was declared 'match ka mujrim' after he conceded four consecutive boundaries to Mushfiquir Rahim during the penultimate over of Bangladesh's chase in the first T20 in Delhi. He looked out of sorts even in the Rajkot match. Common sense dictated that he be dropped in Nagpur.

Similarly, Pant has received considerable flak for his poor shot selection and inaccurate DRS calls. Unsurprisingly, there was a clamour for replacing Pant with Sanju Samson for the Nagpur match. But Rohit is known to back youngsters and advocated the need to shift from this constant chop-and-change policy.

Pant's case is slightly different from that of Khaleel though. In recent times, the team management has continually backed the Delhi keeper, terming him as a player for the future. Being the stand-in captain, Rohit may just be following the team management's policy. This was evident when he said: "There's a lot of talk surrounding Rishabh Pant. I just feel that he needs to be allowed to do what he wants to do on the field. I would request everyone to just keep their eyes away from him (Pant) for a while."

Unsurprisingly, both Khaleel and Pant were included in the playing XI in Nagpur.

The series win gives the think tank the luxury of resting Virat Kohli for similar bilateral T20Is, and even consider the prospect of split captaincy. Rohit will not be complaining about the excess workload. For now, he's relishing his new role.

I bowled well this time, I'm hoping to do well with the bat next time, says Dube

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

THOUGH THE hype around Shivam Dube's entry into the India T20I team was about his aggressive batting, it was his bowling that hogged the limelight in the recently concluded series against Bangladesh. In the crucial third T20 game in Nagpur, Dube took 3 for 30 that included the wickets of their in-form batsmen Mohammad Naim and Mushfiquir Rahim.

The day after he returns to Mumbai, where he will be playing the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy league games, Dube spoke to *The Indian Express* on his experience and road ahead. Excerpts:

Was there any fear when you made your debut?

"I will call it as the pressure of playing for India. But the support staff made me relax and ensured that I don't feel that pressure. I'm thankful to them. They backed me, Ravi (Shastri) came and said don't take tension, just play your game. He told me that in a T20 game, *sabko padti hai* (everyone gets hit). When it's your day, you will do well but the important thing is how to overcome when it's not your day. They told me, 'We are there for you.'"

Are you happy with the way these three games went?

"I'm happy that we won the series, but I am not satisfied because I feel my performance could have been better. It's a learning

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process, every game I have tried to do better from the last.

There was a big hype that you can hit big shots towards the end of the innings.

Everyone in the team knew about me, what I have done in the past, and it's natural that they will expect the same from me. I feel it's just a start and I will try to improve. As I said, it's a process.

Can you tell us what was going in your mind when asked to bowl in the last T20 game?

There was dew, my main aim was to ensure I don't give runs, but runs did leak initially. I backed myself and told myself that I will bowl to my strength. I was thinking if Mohammad Naim comes down the track, I will bowl a yorker. I had the intuition that he will charge. Once the game got over, everybody applauded and said I have the

Iyer: 'I've been told that I am designated No.4'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NAGPUR, NOVEMBER 11

THE TALENTED Shreyas Iyer has been given a "heads up" by the Indian team management that he will be the designated No 4 batsman in white-ball format after a string of impressive performances in the past few months. India tried umpteen players at the number four spot in the lead up to the 50-over World Cup but none of them could cement their place in the team.

"For me personally, they (team management) have given me a heads up that 'You'll be there at No.4. So just back yourself and believe in yourself,'" said Iyer, who smashed 62 off 33 balls in the T20 series decider against Bangladesh. "It has been a really important last few series for me to set the benchmark at the No. 4 position, which all of us are competing for at the moment."

Iyer will have to be one of the "finishers" in case team's top two batsmen -- skipper Virat Kohli and deputy Rohit Sharma -- are dismissed cheaply.

"Even if Kohli and Rohit get out, we need someone to finish the game and bat till the end.' That is a No. 4's role. That's what I was trying to replicate today and it worked out really well for me," said the 24-year-old Mumbaikar.

Asked how significant his knock was considering that team is trying out fringe players like him ahead of the World T20 next year, Iyer said: "Yes, obviously there is lot of competition going in the team. I personally feel that I compete with myself. I don't want myself to be judged with anyone or when you say that this position is empty in the team."

Iyer, however, added that is flexible and ready to bat at any position that the team wants him to. "I am really open-minded and can bat at any number. So I just like to back myself in tough situations and today's innings showed that I can bat under pressure as well."

potential to be a good bowler, especially the way I used the yorker.

Did you know that you will be bowling all four overs?

(Before the series,) Rohit *bhai* had told me to be ready to bowl all four overs in one of the coming games. So mentally I was ready. Rohit *bhai* came and said, *bindaas daal, kuchh soch mat* (Don't overthink, bowl freely), I'm there to back you. Just bowl to your strength.

What did Rohit Sharma tell you guys in the huddle during the game?

We had just taken a wicket and Rohit *bhai* was not happy with our body language. He told us to put more effort on the field and that we could change the game from here. He encouraged us.

You changed your pace nicely, especially in last two overs?

I had to vary my pace, otherwise the ball was coming nicely on to the bat. The pitch was a bit sticky and the dew made things worse. First over, I tried a slower one but my main focus was to bowl a length ball. In my last two overs, I bowled cross-seam so that I could grip the ball. I changed my plan, I started to bowl the yorker, slower one and varied my pace which helped me.

Now, that you have made your debut, how do you see road ahead?

The series has gone well, this time I did well with my bowling, and next I am hoping to do well with the bat.

BCCI prez Ganguly sees no conflict in endorsing IPL sponsor's rival company

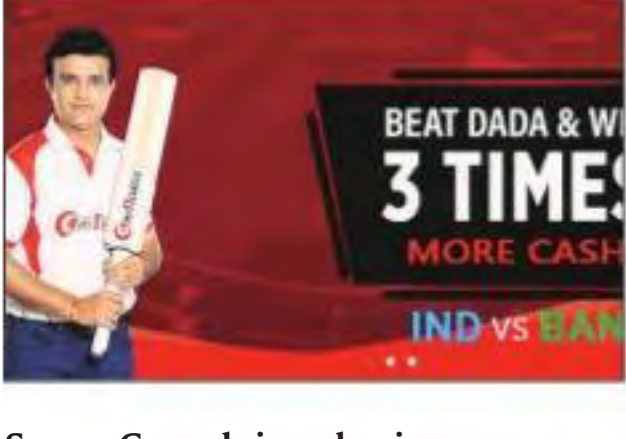
DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 11

SOURAV GANGULY has once again landed himself in the conflict-of-interest issue after his tweet on My11Circle, a fantasy cricket league which gives a chance to its users to win a cash reward for predicting the best playing eleven for a given match.

On November 8, Ganguly, who is the president of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), tweeted: "The #INDvsBAN series is on fire! The excitement continues in the 3rd match with series levelled. Will #TeamIndia keep up the winning streak or will Bangladesh bounce back? Beat my team on @My11Circle & Win Big. Make Your Team Now!"

Apart from the issue of promoting such a venture as BCCI president, it was also the case of ambush marketing as Dream11 is an official partner with the board-run Indian Premier League and Ganguly was tweeting about a rival company.

However, the former Indian captain doesn't see any conflict in it.



Sourav Ganguly is endorsing My11Circle, a fantasy league.

my personal thing. Had I tweeted about Dream 11, it would have come under conflict of interest. I don't see any conflict in that tweet," he said outside the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai.

As per the website, Ganguly continues to promote My11Circle.

The website states, "As you put the team together, you also win big cash prizes as the game unfolds in its true glory."

Ganguly has previously had issues with the conflict-of-interest clause. Indian board Ethics officer DK Jain had even asked

Ganguly to choose one post at a time.

Stressing on the "one person, one position" principle, Jain had ruled that Ganguly, who is the Delhi Capitals mentor, Cricket Advisory Committee member, Star Sports commentator and Cricket Association of Bengal chief, should don only one role.

Ganguly did commentary for the 2019 World Cup games held in England and chaired a post at the CAB before being elected as chief of the BCCI.

Ganguly found some relief after the outgoing Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) suggested the much-debated 'conflict of interest' clause in the new BCCI constitution be amended as it was "proving counter-effective and disproportionately restrictive to players -- both current as well as former". Players will, however, have to make full disclosures at the outset, after which relaxations can be granted and they may be allowed to hold multiple posts.

The Supreme Court is yet gives its view on the status report filed and the matter is under consideration.

On the day he was elected as BCCI president, Ganguly too had urged to relook conflict of interest clause.

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GROUP B

UPENDRA YADAV POWERS UP TO WIN OVER TN

Thiruvananthapuram: Wicketkeeper-batsman Upendra Singh Yadav hammered an unbeaten 41-ball 70 (4 fours, 5 sixes) to power Uttar Pradesh to a five-wicket win over Tamil Nadu in a Group 'B' match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 cricket tournament in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. Sent in to bat, Tamil Nadu made 168 for 7 in quota of 20 overs, thanks to a brisk knock of 61 by skipper Dinesh Karthik and a half-century by the opener M V Vijay (51). In reply, Upendra Yadav kept the team in the hunt with his attacking strokeplay and a 52-run fourth-wicket partnership with Shubham Chauhan (35) was instrumental in Uttar Pradesh securing victory with a ball to spare.

BRIEF SCORES: Tamil Nadu 168 for 7 in 20 overs (Karthik 61, Vijay 51; Kuldeep Yadav 2/37) lost to Uttar Pradesh 174 for 5 in 19.5 overs (Upendra Singh Yadav 70 not out).

VIDARBHA BEAT MANIPUR

Thumba: Vidarbha 150 for 6 in 20 overs (Jitesh Sharma 73 not out) beat Manipur 80

for 9 in 20 overs (Sagatpam Singh 36; Yash Thakur 4/5).

BOSS BABY

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala 191 for 7 in 20 overs (Sachin Baby 58) beat Tripura 177 for 8 in 20 overs (Milind Kumar 54; Jalaj Saxena 4/26).

Group D

MUMBAI KEEP WINNING

Mumbai: Hosts Mumbai continued its winning run thrashing Madhya Pradesh by nine wickets. This is Mumbai's third win on the trot after they beat Mizoram and Haryana in the first two league games of Group D. Mumbai rode on blistering half centuries by openers Jay Bista (68 off 36 balls) and Aditya Tare (74 not out off 48 balls) to chase the 160-run target with ease.

BRIEF SCORES: Madhya Pradesh 159/5 (Parth Sahani 47, Anand Bais 31*) lost to Mumbai 165/1 (Aditya Tare 74*, Jay Bista 68).

EASWARAN STARS

Mumbai: Bengal 207/4 (Abhimanyu Easwaran 61, Vivek Singh 57) beat Meghalaya

153/4 (Sanjay Yadav 45 not out).

HARYANA THRASH ASSAM

Mumbai: Assam 158/8 (Riyana Parag 58, Pallav Kumar Das 43; Amit Mishra 2-23) lost to Haryana 159/7 (Harshal Patel 62).

Group E

NEGI STARS FOR DELHI

Surat: Delhi thrash Nagaland by eight wickets in a Group 'E' match. Electing to field, Delhi restricted Nagaland to 75 for nine in their stipulated 20 overs before returning to overhaul the target, scoring 78 for two in 12.3 overs. Left-arm spinner Pawan Negi claimed three wickets and only three Nagaland batsmen could reach double figures.

BRIEF SCORES: Nagaland 75 for 9 in 20 overs (SS Mundhe 22; Pawan Negi 3/11) lost to Delhi 78 for two in 12.3 overs (DR Shorey 27; S Binny 2/21).

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Surat: Saurashtra 214 for 7 in 20 overs (Sheldon Jackson 57; Roosh Kalaria 2/28) beat Gujarat 157 for 8 in 20 overs (Axar Patel 70; Jaydev Unadkat 3/32).

PTF appeals ITF decision, delays India squad announcement

SHAHID JUDGE
PUNE, NOVEMBER 11

INDIA'S GROUP 1 Davis Cup tie against Pakistan in under three weeks from now, but the International Tennis Federation is yet to announce the venue. Last Monday, the world body declared that the tie, which was to be held in Islamabad on November 29-30, would be shifted out of that country and gave the host association five working days to nominate a new venue.

The Pakistan Tennis Federation, in turn, appealed against the decision, and the ITF is yet to get back to them.

"The PTF has appealed. So the ITF will first

have to declare the result of the appeal and then decide the venue," said All India Tennis Association secretary general Hironmoy Chatterjee. "The ITF has said that they will get back to them by November 18 at the latest."

The delay in the naming of the venue has further pushed back the announcement of the Indian team for the tie.

At the moment, AITA is awaiting the result of PTF's appeal, and will select the team accordingly.

"We will decide the team based on the country and the surface," Davis Cup coach Zeeshan Ali had told *The Indian Express* last week. "We plan to play this tie with the best team possible."

India will have a full squad of players –



Will decide on team based on country and surface: Zeeshan Ali

except Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Divij Sharan who are unavailable due to personal reasons – if the tie is held at a neutral venue. However, if the ITF reverses its decision and declares Islamabad as the venue, the likes of Rohan Bopanna, Ramkumar Ramanathan, Sumit Nagal, along with Prajnesh and Sharan, will be unavailable for the tie owing to security concerns.

Since security concerns prompted the Indian players and AITA to write to the ITF asking for a delay in the tie (back in August) and recently for a neutral venue, the PTF is contemplating asking the international body to let the Indian team decide the venue.

"We may tell the ITF that we'll not nominate the neutral venue. We'll request it to

ask AITA to choose where its outfit wants to play," PTF president Salim Saifullah Khan told PTI. "We have a very good chance of beating India on our grass courts and the Indians know this, that is why they are using all tactics to delay and shift the tie."

Pakistan was unable to host Davis Cup matches for 12 years, but were allowed to compete at home from 2017.

Since then, they have played and won three of their four home ties – all in Islamabad – led by 39-year-old pair Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi and Aqeel Khan, who are also strong grass-court players.

AITA has till November 19 to announce the squad, a day after the ITF is expected to announce the venue and 10 days before the tie.

Hope hits ton as West Indies complete clean sweep

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SHAI HOPE'S unbeaten 109 anchored West Indies to a five-wicket victory over Afghanistan on Monday, giving Kieron Pollard a 3-0 sweep in his first one-day international series as captain. Opening batsman Hope's seventh ODI hundred included eight fours and three sixes and came off 145 balls as West Indies cruised to 253-5 in 48.4 overs. Roston Chase, who batted at No. 7, remained unbeaten on 42 off 32 deliveries. Earlier, after being put in to bat, Afghanistan posted its highest total of the series – 249-7 – after half-centuries by former skipper Asghar Afghan (86) and Mohammad Nabi (50 not out).

"We've been waiting for this series win for a long time, so it felt good," Hope said. "Someone had to put his hand up and bat through the innings. Felt good to be able to do it. It's just about reading the situation, and as long as someone batted through, we were always going to win the game."

Hope stood firm against the early threat of offspinner Mujeeb Ur Rehman (2-49), who had Evin Lewis (1) and Shimron Hetmyer (0) trapped leg before wicket in his second over.

Jamaican debutant Brendon King used his feet well against spinners, hitting five fours and a six in 39, before Rashid Khan's googly clean bowled him. Hope went on to share half-century stands with Nicholas Pooran (21), Pollard (32), and the match-winning 71-run partnership with Chase to reach the target with eight balls to spare. "We came here with a mission and specific roles for players, and all the players deserve credit," Pollard said after West Indies recorded its first ODI series sweep in five years. West Indies' last sweep was in 2014, 3-0 against Bangladesh at home.

"This was an opportunity for us to show we have that kind of venom inside us," Pollard said. "We knew we had to rally as a team, and we proved we can bat 50 overs. Once we do that, we can win games."

Afghan and Nabi shared a 127-run stand for the sixth wicket after seamer Keemo Paul, playing his first match of the series, claimed 3-44 and Afghanistan slumped to 118-5 in the 29th over. Afghan's nearly run-a-ball knock included six sixes and three fours. He was caught at short third man while looking for a big hit against seamer Alazarri Joseph (2-59) in the penultimate over.

"The kind of finishing we got from Asghar and Nabi, it gave us a chance to win the game," Khan said. "We should have defended this total, but Hope played without giving us any chance." The series whitewash stretched Afghanistan's losing streak to 12 matches in ODIs. The teams will start a three-match Twenty20 series on Thursday at the same venue. It will be followed by a one-off test this month.

BRIEF SCORES: West Indies 253/5 (Hope 109*, Chase 42*, Mujeeb 2-49) beat **Afghanistan 249/7** (Asghar 86, Nabi 50*, Zazai 50, Paul 3-44) by five wickets.

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KIERON POLLARD ON SHAI HOPE

LOSING STREAK

12 Afghanistan have now lost their last 12 ODIs, a streak that had began with the 2019 World Cup.

Chaudhary settles for silver, medal rush continues

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TEEN SHOOTER Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship here on Monday. The 17-year-old World Cup and the Asian Games gold-medallist shot 244.5 to finish second on the podium behind North Korea's Kim Song Guk, who won the top prize with a world record 246.5.

Iran's Foroughi javed bagged the bronze with a score of 221.8 at the Lusail Shooting Complex. With 583, both Chaudhary and Abhishek Verma had qualified for the final in seventh and sixth place, respectively.

However, Verma had to be satisfied with a fifth-place finish in the eight-man final, having managed 181.5. The trio of Chaudhary, Verma and Sharvan Kumar bagged the team bronze with a total of 1740 in the qualifying, finishing behind China (1745) and Korea (1744). Reigning Youth Olympics champion Chaudhary had a great start to the final and had a series of 10 and above scores but the North Korean was in a league of his own on the day.

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Shreya Agrawal and Dhanush Srikanth won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team junior competition, while Gurnihal Garcha, Abhay Singh Sekhon and Ayush Rudraraju claimed the team gold in the junior men's skeet.

Shreya and Dhanush beat their Chinese opponents 16-14 in the gold medal match after coming through two rounds of qualifying. Gurnihal Garcha also won an individual silver with a score of 50 in the finals. Abhay Sekhon, who had topped qualification with a solid 120, was the second Indian in the final but finished fourth, narrowly missing out on a medal. In all, India picked up eight medals on the day. India won six Olympic quotas across events from the prestigious championship, taking their total to 15.

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Sports bosses reject new deal

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 11

THE INDIAN Olympic Association has demanded the removal of the cooling-off period and tenure limitations from the draft of the revised Sports Code circulated by the government.

Calling the restrictions imposed on politicians and their families as 'discriminatory' and 'unfair', the IOA has proposed wide-ranging changes to several contentious issues in the draft National Sports Code for Good Governance (NSCGG) 2017 in its feedback submitted on Sunday. If accepted by the ministry, these proposals could benefit officials in several positions, including the Board of Control for Cricket in India as they too are likely to come under the ambit of the new code as per sports minister Kiren Rijiju.

The draft code, which ruffled more than a few feathers, had made several recommendations that could have far-reaching impact on sports administration in the country. The IOA, however, has cited international precedents and a few other loopholes while raising objections to some of the clauses.

Among the main suggestions the IOA has made relate to the tenures of board members and the cooling-off periods. It had been suggested in the sports code that an office-bearer can enjoy two consecutive terms of four years each before a cooling-off period of four year sets in.

The IOA has argued that it takes 'years to build rapport and grow as a sports administrator to the national and international level.' "In effect as per this Code, if a person during his first or second term in a local club/District sports organisation does not become office-bearer in the State Sports Association, National Sports Federation and International Federation, he/she should completely quit service in sports administration for the next four years, and then start all over from the club/District level after the cooling period," it said in its feedback.

Stating that this 'disruption' would mean there would be 'no or fewer' Indian officials in Asian or International Federations, the IOA has proposed to 'remove the limitation of cooling period' altogether.

Further, the Olympic body has also suggested there should be 'no limitation' on the tenures of board members.

Coincidentally, as reported by *The Indian Express* on Sunday, relaxation of cooling-off periods for office-bearers is on the agenda of the BCCI's Annual General Meeting that will be held in Mumbai on December 1.

As things stand, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly will have to go for a three-year cooling-off break in July next year, as he had been an office-bearer of the Cricket Association of Bengal for over five years.

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'DISCRIMINATORY, UNFAIR': IOA'S COUNTERPOINT TO SPORTS CODE

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best of our knowledge that restricts election or appointment to the Board of autonomous organisations based on an individual's relationship."

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The IOA has also suggested that the age limit for office-bearers be increased to 75, or brought in sync with the respective international federations.

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Another point raised by the IOA, which could end up benefitting the BCCI should

it come under the ambit of the sports code, is in relation to the involvement of 'immediate relatives' in a federation.

The NSCGG has proposed that during the tenure of an official, no 'immediate rel-

ative' can hold a position simultaneously. It also barred a relative from holding office during the official's cooling-off period. This point was included to make sure officials don't rule by proxies.

The IOA, however, has challenged it, saying there is "no law of the land to the best of our knowledge that restricts election or appointment to the Board of autonomous organisations based on an individual's relationship." Another key issue raised in the sports code that has been challenged by the IOA relates to disqualification of politicians and bureaucrats from holding office. The code recommends that no minister, MP, MLA or government official can be an office-bearer or board member of a federation.

The IOA has cited examples of politicians in China, Japan and South Korea playing crucial roles in sports administrations in their respective countries to challenge the point. "...It is not years of service after retirement but prime years of service of politicians and government officials that is required for the advancement of sports in India," the IOA has argued.

Rijiju, too, had hinted that this point could be diluted when the new committee meets to redraft the sports code. Speaking at *The Indian Express Idea Exchange* recently, he had also said that "once we come out with a proper refined sports code, everything will come under it, including cricket."

Sundar, 2 others secure Paralympics quotas

Sundar Singh Gurjar overcame a shoulder injury to defend his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event while also securing Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku, in Dubai. Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim top spot. Singh sent the spear to a distance of 59.46m to clinch the bronze while Rinku finished fourth. The top four ranked athletes in each of the individual medal events on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Programme (excluding Marathon) will each obtain one qualification slot.

Salazar knocks on CAS door against doping ban

Disgraced running coach Alberto Salazar has lodged an appeal against a four-year ban for doping offences, the Court of Arbitration for Sport announced on Monday. Jeffrey Brown, a Texas endocrinologist who treated many of Salazar's athletes at Nike's Oregon Project training hub in Portland, has also appealed against his suspension. CAS said it has "registered the appeals" against decisions rendered by the American Arbitration Association, North American Court of Arbitration for Sport Panel "in which they were found to have committed anti-doping rule violations and sanctioned with a four-year period of ineligibility."



Bairstow reprimanded for 'audible obscenity'

Star England batsman Jonny Bairstow was on Monday reprimanded by the International Cricket Council for his "obscene" reaction after being dismissed in the series-deciding T20I against New Zealand at Eden Park in Auckland. Bairstow, who was the man of the match for his whirlwind 18-ball 47, also received one demerit point after being found guilty of a Level 1 breach of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel. The incident happened on Sunday when Bairstow used an "audible obscenity" after his dismissal in the seventh over, which was picked up by the stump mic and heard on TV. After the day's play, Bairstow admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee Andy Pycroft and, as such, there was no need for a formal hearing.

Canada's Raonic pulls out of Davis Cup Finals

Canada's Davis Cup Finals hopes suffered a blow when Milos Raonic withdrew from the team on Monday with a back injury. The 28-year-old former world number three will be replaced by 94th-ranked Brayden Schnur for the week-long event in Madrid. Even without Raonic, Canada have a strong squad with world number 15 Denis Shapovalov and fellow youngster Felix Auger-Aliassime, ranked 21st, both making the trip. Canada are one of 18 nations contesting the first edition of the Davis Cup since its radical revamp. They have been placed in Group F with the United States and Italy.

Paes out of top-100 for the first time in 19 years

Veteran tennis star Leander Paes on Monday dropped out of the top-100 bracket for the first time in 19 years, slipping to 101 after losing five places in the ATP doubles chart. With 856 points, Paes is now the fourth-highest ranked Indian player behind Rohan Bopanna (38), Divij Sharan (46) and Purav Raja, who re-entered the top-100 by jumping eight places to 93. The last time the 46-year-old Paes was placed outside top-100 was in October 2000 when he was ranked 118. Prajnesh Gunneswaran continues to be India's top-ranked singles player though he dropped a rung to 95 and was followed by Sumit Nagal (127, +2).



Denver Nuggets' Nikola Jokic (right) in action in Minneapolis on Sunday. AP

Jokic hits last-gasp winner for Denver Nuggets

Nikola Jokic hit a 15-foot jumper with 3.3 seconds left in overtime, and the Denver Nuggets beat the Minnesota Timberwolves, 100-98, in Minneapolis on Sunday. Jokic finished with 20 points and hit a last-second game winner for the second consecutive game. Paul Millsap had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Will Barton scored six of his 13 points in overtime and added 12 rebounds. Denver has won four straight, despite allowing a 16-0 Timberwolves run in the final 6:43 of regulation to force overtime. Karl-Anthony Towns had 25 points, 16 rebounds and six assists, Andrew Wiggins also scored 25 and Josh Okogie had 17 points for Minnesota. The Timberwolves played without their two top point guards. Jeff Teague was out due to illness, and Shabazz Napier sat with a right hamstring strain. In another match, Pascal Siakam scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and short-handed Toronto Raptors used a second-half surge to beat Los Angeles Lakers, 113-104, for the 10th straight time.

Thiem gives Federer an early jolt at ATP Finals

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ROGER FEDERER faces an uphill task to qualify for the last four of the ATP Finals after defeat by Dominic Thiem on Sunday following a masterclass by Novak Djokovic. Six-time champion Federer was beaten 7-5, 7-5 in the evening match on the opening day after Djokovic had swatted aside debutant Matteo Berrettini in the earlier Group Bjorn Borg contest in London.

Federer and Djokovic will meet later in the week in a repeat of this year's epic Wimbledon final, with two players advancing from the four-man group.

The Swiss 20-time Grand Slam winner recovered quickly from being broken in the first game of the match but the Austrian fifth seed repeated the dose in the 11th game and took the opening set 7-5.

Federer, uncharacteristically wayward, squandered an early chance to break in the second set and the games went with serve until the 11th game again, when Thiem broke to love after the third seed dumped a forehand into the net.

The Austrian stuttered while serving for the match, forced to save two break points, but he held his nerve to take the set 7-5 and seal a deserved victory on his second match point.

"I thought Dominic saved himself real well when he had to," said Federer. "So I thought he played a tough first-round performance today, and my game was probably just not good enough, and the start didn't help."

"It's a normal tournament from here on forward," added the 38-year-old, who may now have to beat Djokovic to progress. "Not allowed to lose anymore for me.



Roger Federer was beaten 5-7, 5-7 by Dominic Thiem. Reuters

That's how it is every week of the year for the last 20 years, so from that standpoint there is nothing new there."

Thiem came into the match with a 4-2 winning record against his illustrious opponent but the result is still a surprise. The only time Federer has failed to progress to the knockout stages was in 2008. "We had a good and close match, and it's always special to beat Roger, who is a legend," said Thiem, who impressed with his clean hitting.

"It's amazing to play against probably the best player of all time, but luckily I have a pretty good record against him."

Earlier, Djokovic began his quest for a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title and sixth year-end number one spot a 6-2, 6-1 romp against Berrettini.

The Serbian was last week nudged off the top position in the

rankings by Rafael Nadal, who is also in the eight-man field in London.

Djokovic eyes No. 1

Djokovic must reach the final at the O2 Arena to stand any chance of dislodging Nadal but there are major questions over the Spaniard's fitness.

If the Serbian does claim the year-end number one spot, he would match the record of Pete Sampras and victory at the end-of-season event would equal Federer's mark.

The second seed saw off the challenge of Berrettini in just 64 minutes, converting five of seven break points and at one stage going on an eight-game streak.

"It feels great to be back," said the Wimbledon champion.

"Earlier this year I had a great stay in London, and over the years I've played well in this arena."

Brazilian player sent off for reacting to racist chants

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THE UKRAINIAN Premier League on Monday called for an inquiry after a Brazilian player for Shakhtar Donetsk was sent off for responding to racist abuse with an obscene gesture.

Footage of Shakhtar's game against Dynamo Kyiv on Sunday showed midfielder Taison displaying his middle finger to the Dynamo away fan section and kicking the ball into the stands.

Anti-discrimination group FARE Network said the referee implemented the first two steps of UEFA's anti-racism protocol, making a stadium announcement and taking players off the field, but didn't move to the third step, which would be to abandon the game.

"I will never stay quiet after seeing such an inhuman and despicable act!" Taison wrote on Instagram late Sunday.

"My tears were of indignation, repudiation and impotence because there was nothing I could do at that moment! But we were taught to be strong and to always fight! To fight for our rights and for equality!"

"In a racist society, it's not enough not to be racist, we must be anti-racist! We need more respect in football, we need more respect in the world," he said.

Taison has played eight games for the Brazilian national team. He moved to Ukraine in 2010 with Metalist Kharkiv and joined Shakhtar three years later.

The league said it "deeply regrets" the incident and condemns racism. "The UPL believes that the competent disciplinary organ will investigate this case as a priority," the league said.



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