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## FB report: Spike in 'emergency' requests from govt on user info

KARISHMA MEHROTRA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THERE HAS been a sharp spike in "emergency" requests for user information from Indian government agencies to Facebook, according to the company's latest transparency report.

The report, released on Wednesday, said there were 1,615 such requests in the first half of 2019, up from 861 in the second half of 2018. In all, there were 1,478 "emergency" requests last year, more than a three-fold jump from 460 in 2017.

Normally, data requests to a US-based company, as per the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT), have to be routed through the US Department of Justice. But the "emergency" requests are sent directly to Facebook, through its "law enforcement online request system".

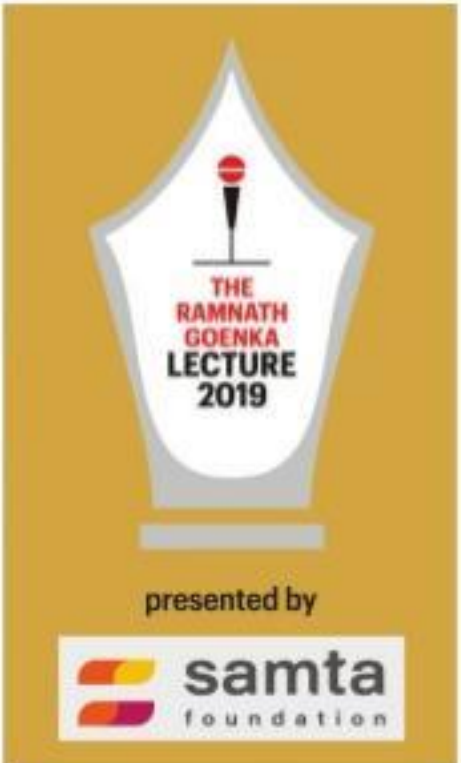
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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, Thursday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

### FOURTH RAMNATH GOENKA MEMORIAL LECTURE

## Real obstacle to India's rise not barriers of world but dogmas of Delhi: Jaishankar



SHUBHAJIT ROY  
& KRISHN KAUSHIK  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

AN APPROACH that takes risks as well as hedges, injects greater realism in policy, reads the global tea leaves right — and is willing to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spelt out the government's approach to foreign

policy in his first major speech in New Delhi Thursday.

Delivering the fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture, on the topic "Beyond the Delhi Dogma: Indian Foreign Policy in a Changing World", Jaishankar provided an assessment of the last 70 years of India's foreign policy choices and challenged past positions — from dealing with China on boundary issues and handling Pakistan to managing ties with the US.

"The purposeful pursuit of national interest in shifting global dynamics may not be easy; but it must be done. And the real obstacle to the rise of

India is not anymore the barriers of the world, but the dogmas of Delhi," he said.

"The balance sheet for India's foreign policy after seven decades presents a mixed picture. National development is at the heart of any assessment, and it is difficult to quarrel with the view that there has been significant progress, but not enough. The comparison with what China achieved in the same period is sobering," Jaishankar said.

"Reading the global tea leaves right and then leveraging the international situation could have gone better. Indeed the  
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From left: Cong's Vijay Waddetiwar, Prithviraj Chavan, Sena's Eknath Shinde, NCP's Jayant Patil, Sena's Subhash Desai, Cong's Manikrao Thakre, NCP's Nawab Malik and Chhagan Bhujbal at the meeting in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

## Sena sits at table with Cong and NCP for a common agenda

SANDEEP ASHAR  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

A DAY after Union Home Minister and BJP national president Amit Shah blamed Shiv Sena for the collapse of their pre-poll alliance, the Sena Thursday took another step towards forming a government with the Congress and NCP by attending the first joint meeting of the three parties to evolve a common minimum programme (CMP).

The Sena's legislative party leader Eknath Shinde, who attended the meeting, said that "a draft of the CMP had been readied, which will be shared with the leadership of the three parties".

Sources said the Congress and NCP obtained an assurance from the Sena that it was not opposed in principle to 5 per cent reservation for Muslims in education. The scheme was ini-

**EXPLAINED**  
**E** Bumpy road for Sena

THE CONGRESS, Shiv Sena and NCP have taken the first big step together to evolve a common agenda. But the road ahead is bumpy, especially for the Sena and its Hindutva core. The NCP and Congress have already sought assurances on the welfare of minorities — and the Sena's response will be key.

tiated by the Congress-NCP during its previous government but was not implemented by the BJP-Sena regime that came later.  
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## SC rejects Rafale review pleas: No roving and fishing enquiry needed

Justice Joseph: Verdict doesn't stop CBI from taking action

ANANTHAKRISHNANG  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE SUPREME Court Thursday dismissed petitions seeking review of its December 14, 2018 decision to reject a plea for a court-monitored probe into India's purchase of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft from France.

The bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi rejected attempts by petitioners, former Union Ministers Yashwant Sinha, Arun Shourie and advocate Prashant Bhushan, to rely on additional documents related to the deal which were published by *The Hindu* and subsequently carried by news agency ANI.



The first batch of Rafale will arrive in May next year. File

Justice K M Joseph, who along with the CJI and Justice S K Kaul made the bench, in a separate concurring judgment said though the review had been

dismissed, it will "not stand in the way" of the CBI from taking action on the document after obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

He pointed out that "petitioners have filed the complaint fully knowing that Section 17A constituted a bar to any inquiry or enquiry or investigation unless there was previous approval. In fact, a request is made to at least take the first step of seeking permission under Section 17A of the 2018 Act. Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 298 of 2018 was  
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## Modi, Xi meet at BRICS, third informal summit in China next year: 'New direction, new energy'

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi, who met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Brasilia on Wednesday, said there has been a "new direction and new energy" in bilateral ties after their second informal summit in Mahabalipuram. Xi has invited Modi for their third informal summit next year.

The two leaders agreed that the new 'high-level mechanism on trade and economy', decided



Narendra Modi with Cyril Ramaphosa, Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin and Jair Bolsonaro in Brasilia on Thursday. Reuters

### SABARIMALA REVIEW PLEAS KEPT PENDING

## Let big bench decide larger issues, essential religious practices: SC

In 3-2 verdict, Constitution Bench says its 2018 ruling may impinge affairs of other religions too, needs examination

ANANTHAKRISHNANG  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

CONCLUDING THAT its September 28, 2018 judgment lifting age restrictions on the entry of women into the Sabarimala hill shrine may impinge on the affairs of other religions too and will require a more detailed examination, the Supreme Court, in a 3-2 decision Thursday, decided that petitions seeking review of the verdict will be kept pending till a larger bench of seven judges takes a call on the matter.

In turning to a larger Bench, three of the five judges on the Constitution Bench — Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justices A M Khanwilkar and Indu Malhotra — sought clarity on issues ranging from the essential religious practice test, including the "apparent conflict"



From top left: CJI Gogoi, Justices Khanwilkar, Malhotra

between rulings in the Shirur Mutt case and Durgah Committee, Ajmer; entry into a mosque/durgah by Muslim women and into an agyari by Parsi women married to non-Parsis; the interplay between freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution and other provi-

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sions in Part III, particularly Article 14; and, the definition of constitutional morality.

While Justices Rohinton F Nariman and DY Chandrachud  
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## To review or not is only narrow question, rest later: The 2 in 3-2

ANANTHAKRISHNANG  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

DISAGREEING WITH the majority view which sought to club the Sabarimala matter with issues of Muslim, Parsi and Dawoodi Bohra women, Justices R F Nariman and D Y Chandrachud said the only "narrow question" before the bench was whether the Sabarimala ruling should be reviewed, and not the other issues which, they said, will be dealt with whenever the occasion arises.

Writing for both, Justice Nariman took a stern view of the protests that followed the September 28, 2018 judgment



Justices R F Nariman, D Y Chandrachud

that lifted age restrictions on the entry of women into the hill shrine, saying compliance with its orders was not an option. The two judges told the Kerala government that "organised acts of resistance to thwart the implementation of this judgment must be put down firmly".

While clarifying that they were not interfering with the freedom to criticise judgments, they said "bonafide criticism of a judgment, albeit of the highest court of the land, is certainly permissible, but thwarting, or encouraging persons to thwart, the directions or orders of the highest court cannot be countenanced in our Constitutional scheme of things. After all, in India's tryst with destiny, we have chosen to be wedded to the rule of law as laid down by the Constitution of India. Let every person remember that the 'holy book' is the Constitution of India, and it is with this book in hand that the citizens of India march together  
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## Sri Lanka votes tomorrow for new President, all eyes on Gotabaya Rajapaksa



EXPRESS IN COLOMBO

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
NOVEMBER 14

SEVEN MONTHS after the Easter Sunday blasts, Sri Lanka goes to polls Saturday to elect a new President — with one big difference from 2015.

Maithripala Sirisena, who rode a surge of public anger against the Rajapaksa family to win by a massive margin four years ago, is not in the fray. And, one of the main contenders this



Posters of UNP's Sajith Premadasa, Colombo. Reuters

time is Gotabaya Rajapaksa, ex-defence secretary and younger brother of former president Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Gotabaya, the Opposition candidate, appears to have  
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SHIVANI NAIK  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

NO MALLS, no walks, no stepping out at night.

On its arrival in Hong Kong, where a fresh bout of violent pro-democracy protests have entered the fourth day, the Indian badminton contingent was handed a list of guidelines to follow while taking part in the World Tour Super 500 tournament at the Coliseum stadium in Kowloon.

For the shuttlers, it's turning out to be a "different experience".

"The moment we landed, we were handed out sheets where they had given us some guidelines," says Chirag Shetty, one half of a talented doubles pair with Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

"Basically, the instructions (from local organisers) are to stay indoors as much as possible. And to not go out because of the protests. There are places around our hotel that have witnessed protests. So they asked us not to visit those places. The hotel is right next to the stadium but even then, we were asked to take the bus because walking down is not safe," says the 22-year-old.

Tsim Sha Tsui, the main shopping hub with its eateries that is a regular haunt of Indian shuttlers on the world circuit, is also out of bound after dusk. "We've had to finish our dinner early or go to a nearby mall for food. They asked us to avoid going there (Tsim Sha Tsui) at night because usually that place has a lot of protests," says Shetty.

Some of the players had also hoped to visit a popular Apple store near the team hotel, but could not as "it has been shut for the last three days".

Shetty and Rankireddy reached Hong Kong Monday from Fuzhou where they made



Protesters in Hong Kong on Thursday. Reuters

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SABARIMALA: CHIEF PRIEST SAYS HOPEFUL OF REVERSING 2018 VERDICT

The SC verdict comes just days before the Sabarimala temple opens for the annual 'mandalam-makaravilakku' festival stretching from November 16 to mid-January, a period witnessing heavy rush of devotees at the hilltop shrine.

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Cong, NCP, Sena to chalk out 'common minimum programme'

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The impact of Ranjan Gogoi's term as Chief Justice

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As Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi's term draws to an end, we take a look at his landmark judgements and the impact they left.

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Modi, Xi meet

border areas. A meeting between National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, which was expected to take place in September, was deferred.

While the two leaders discussed ways to further strengthen India-China relations, including on the trade front, they also discussed the RCEP, according to an Indian government statement. India has refused to sign the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement, and a key reason is the fear of Chinese imports flooding the Indian market.

Modi, who is in Brazil for the 11th BRICS Summit which will focus on building mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and strengthening India's ties with the world's major economies, met Xi on the sidelines of the summit.

"I am glad to meet you once again. When I look back, we met for the first time in Brazil itself... our journey began. The journey of unknown people has today turned into a close friendship. We have since then met in many forums, bilaterals, you visited my home state, took me to your village, you came to receive me outside Beijing in Wuhan... It is such a significant thing that within the five years, there has been so much trust and friendly relations," Modi told Xi.

The two leaders first met in July 2014, when Modi travelled to Fortaleza in Brazil for the BRICS summit.

"As you said, and I believe, that our meeting in Chennai gave our journey a new direction and new energy. Without any agenda, we talked about each other's issues, global situations... these have been very successful," Modi said.

Xi told Modi he was willing to maintain close communication "to guide a better and more stable development of China-India relations." They should "increase political mutual trust, properly manage differences and expand practical cooperation so as to guide a better and more stable development of bilateral ties," Xi said, according to a Chinese Foreign Ministry statement released on Thursday.

"2020 will be here soon, and I hope China-India relations will achieve new and greater development in the new year," the statement quoted Xi as saying, "I welcome you to come to China for another meeting next year."

Both India and China's statements made no mention of Kashmir.

"Held talks with President Xi Jinping. Several subjects pertaining to deepening bilateral cooperation were discussed... Today's discussions will add new vigour to India-China relations," Modi tweeted.

During the talks, Xi conveyed his appreciation to Modi for hosting him in Mahabalipuram, said an MEA statement. He invited Modi for the third informal summit in China in 2020, the date and venue for which will be determined through diplomatic channels, the statement said.

Xi thanked Modi for India's "substantial participation" in the just concluded China Import Export Expo in Shanghai, the MEA statement said. "The leaders also exchanged views on

multilateral issues including WTO, BRICS and RCEP," it said.

Sena, Cong, NCP

The parties also discussed other differences, including the Sena's demand for Bharat Ratna to Veer Savarkar, sources said.

Some of the key poll promises made by the two sides in their respective manifestos — blanket farm loan waiver, Rs 10-meal outlets, monthly allowance for unemployed youth, and a job quota for locals in new industries — are also likely to be part of the CMP.

Leaders from the three parties also circulated photographs of the joint meeting as part of a joint strategy to send a message that they were coming to power in a bid to avoid defections. The CMP is meant to "soften hard edges" and "angularities", a senior leader said.

According to sources, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and NCP chief Sharad Pawar will be meeting in Delhi on November 17-18 for further talks regarding joining hands with the Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray.

Incidentally, the Sena observes November 17 as 'Smriti Din' to mark the death anniversary of party founder Bal Thackeray.

FB report

enforcement (agencies) may submit requests without legal process. Based on the circumstances, we may voluntarily disclose information to law enforcement (agencies), where we have a good faith reason to believe that the matter involves imminent risk of serious physical injury or death," says the Facebook report.

In 2016, not even 1 per cent of government requests to Facebook bypassed the usual procedure; now, about 7 per cent of the total requests for data take this "emergency" route.

This year, India has jumped from sixth to third place for the most requests for content take-downs (1,250 in the first half of 2019), after Pakistan and Mexico. The report shows that Facebook, in response to government requests, took down 1,211 posts, 19 pages or groups, and two profiles in the first half of 2019. The company also took down 17 Instagram accounts in the same period.

Content was taken down because of allegations of "hate speech, anti-religion content constituting incitement to violence, defamation, extremism, anti-government, and anti-state content," says the report.

According to the report, India continues to top the list of Internet disruptions, with 40 shutdowns in the first half of 2019, lasting a cumulative eight weeks. Other than Jammu and Kashmir, there were Internet shutdowns in Tripura, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The report also shows that the Election Commission requested 488 political advertisements to be "temporarily restricted" in the first half of 2019.

Overall, there has been a four-fold increase in government's requests for data since 2015, including for IP addresses, account content, credit card information and subscriber information. There were 10,676 requests in 2015, 13,613 in 2016, 22,024 in 2017 and 37,385 in 2018. This year, there were already 22,684 requests in the first six months. The only country that has sent more requests for information is the US.

Jaishankar

mantra of unchanging foreign policy axioms has discouraged an honest review of our performance and the introduction of timely correctives. Diligence and debate have not been as rigorous as they should for an aspiring player. When combined with the hesitations of history, it had led to unexplored avenues and unrealised outcomes," he said.

Let big bench decide larger issues: SC

gave a dissenting view, Justice Khanwilkar, who had gone with the majority 4-1 verdict in 2018 that lifted age restrictions on entry into Sabarimala, went with the majority decision to seek clarity from a larger bench this time. In the 2018 order, Justice Malhotra was the lone judge with a dissenting view.

Writing the majority judgment for himself and Justices Khanwilkar and Malhotra, CJI Gogoi said the "debate about the constitutional validity of practices entailing into restriction of entry of women generally in the place of worship is not limited to this case, but also arises in respect of entry of Muslim women in a Dargah/Mosque as also in relation to Parsi women married to a non-Parsi into the holy fire place of an Agyari" and "it is time that this Court should evolve a judicial policy, befitting to its plenary powers, to do substantial and complete justice and for an authoritative enunciation of the constitutional principles by a larger bench of not less than seven judges".

"There is yet another seminal issue pending for consideration in this Court regarding the powers of the constitutional courts to tread on question as to whether a particular practice is essential to religion or is an integral of the religion, in respect of female genital mutilation in Dawoodi Bohra

community."

These, it said, may be overlapping and covered by the 2018 Sabarimala verdict and the issues arising in those cases being referred to a larger bench cannot be ruled out.

These issues would include defining constitutional morality. "The expression 'morality' or 'constitutional morality' has not been defined in the Constitution. Is it overarching morality in reference to Preamble or limited to religious beliefs or faith? There is need to delineate the contours of that expression, lest it becomes subjective," the CJI wrote.

The verdict also suggested other issues for likely consideration by the larger bench — the interplay between freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution and other provisions in Part III, particularly Article 14; sweep of expression 'public order, morality and health' occurring in Article 25(1) of the Constitution; extent to which court can enquire into whether a particular practice is an integral part of the religion or religious practice of a particular religious denomination or should that be left exclusively to be determined by the head of the section of the religious group; the meaning of the expression 'sections of Hindus' in Article 25(2)(b) of the Constitution; whether "essential religious

practices" of a religious denomination, or even a section thereof are afforded constitutional protection under Article 26, and the permissible extent of judicial recognition to PILs in matters calling into question religious practices of a denomination or a section thereof at the instance of persons who do not belong to such religious denomination.

Pointing out that there was an "apparent conflict" between its judgments in the 1954 Shirur Mutt case, where a seven-judge bench ruled that what are essential religious practices of a particular religious denomination should be left to be determined by the denomination itself, and the 1962 view of a five-judge bench in the Durgah Committee, Ajmer vs. Syed Hussain Ali & Ors "carving out a role for the court in this regard to exclude what the courts determine to be secular practices or superstitious beliefs", it said this also called for consideration by a larger bench.

"The decision of a larger bench", it said, "would put at rest recurring issues touching upon the rights flowing from Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India". Such a decision "undoubtedly... will also pave way to instil public confidence and effectuate the principle underlying Article 145(3) of the Constitution

which predicates that cases involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution should be heard by a bench of minimum five judges of this Court," it said.

CJI Gogoi wrote that the requirement of five judges was laid down when the strength of the Supreme Court was only seven judges and the purpose was to ensure that the Court "must rule authoritatively, if not as a full court".

He said that given the present strength of SC, "it may not be inappropriate if matters involving seminal issues including the interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution touching upon the right to profess, practice and propagate its own religion, are heard by larger bench of commensurate number of judges. That would ensure an authoritative pronouncement and also reflect the plurality of views of the judges converging into one opinion. That may also ensure consistency in approach for the posterity".

He said the larger bench "may also consider it appropriate to decide all issues, including the question as to whether the Kerala Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorisation of Entry) Rules, 1965" govern Sabarimala temple at all and whether this will require grant of a fresh opportunity to all interested parties.

'To review or not only narrow question'

as a nation, so that they may move forward in all spheres of human endeavour to achieve the great goals set out by this 'Magna Carta' or Great Charter of India".

They denied there was any "error apparent" in the court's previous judgement that would require it to be reviewed.

Appearing for one of the review petitioners, senior advocate K Parasaran had pointed to Justice Chandrachud's observation in the ruling that the exclusion of women in the age group 10-50 from the temple would tantamount to untouchability under Article 17 of the Constitution.

Rejecting this, the minority decision said the other judges who delivered the 2018 judgment had not referred to Article 17 and that "the observations of Chandrachud, J. on Article 17 of the Constitution cannot be said to be a material error manifest on the face of the record which undermines the soundness of the three conclusions reached by all the majority judgments... Further, since the view of Chandrachud, J. on Article 17 of the Constitution is a possible view, it cannot be a subject matter of review".

The review petitioners also contended that the judgments of then CJI Dipak Misra and Justice Chandrachud in relying upon "constitutional morality" suffered from an error apparent

since constitutional morality is a vague concept which cannot be utilised to undermine belief and faith.

On this, the two judges said "here again, apart from the fact that 'constitutional morality' has now reached the level of stare decisis, and has been explained in several Constitution Bench judgments, reliance thereon cannot be said to suffer from any error apparent" — stare decisis is the principle of determining points in litigation according to precedent.

The minority view opposed arguments that belief and faith are not judicially reviewable by courts, and that the Supreme Court cannot interfere by stating that a particular section of persons shall not hold a particular belief and act in accordance thereto, saying it flies in the face of Article 25.

"Article 25... is not an Article that gives a carte blanche to one particular section of persons to trample upon the right of belief and worship of another section of persons belonging to the same religion. The delicate balance between the exercise of religious rights by different groups within the same religious faith that is found in Article 25 has to be determined on a case-by-case basis," the two judges said.

The review petitioners had claimed that there was a difference between the English ver-

sion religious denomination as opposed to the Hindi text of Article 26 which refers to 'sampradaya'. Describing this as an "argument made for the first time in review", the judges said there were already a large number of Constitution Bench decisions on what constitutes a religious denomination.

On the argument that there were such practices in other religions too which had not been interfered with, they said it was not an argument which could be made in review and that when such gender restrictions in other places of worship are tested, they will be decided on their own merits.

The minority judgment said that Justice Indu Malhotra, in her September 2018 decision, had held that to entertain a PIL at the behest of persons who are not worshippers at Sabarimala temple would open a floodgate of petitions questioning the validity of religious beliefs and practices followed by other religious sects.

Calling it "unfounded fear", the two judges said "we have pointed out in this judgment that the majority judgment cannot be used to undermine the religious rights of others, including, in particular, religious minorities. Besides, busy bodies, religious fanatics, cranks and persons with vested interests will be turned down by the Court at the

threshold itself..."

They said it was a "bonafide PIL" which raised "grave issues which relate to gender bias on account of a physiological or biological function which is common to all women". This was why it was entertained "having regard to women's rights, in the context of women worshippers as a class, being excluded on account of such physiological/biological functions for the entirety of the period during which a woman enters puberty until menopause sets in".

They said it was incumbent upon the executive branch of the government and all MPs and MLAs to faithfully aid in carrying out its decrees and orders. "Any deviation from this high constitutional principle is in derogation of the oath taken by every Minister and Legislator during his term of office. Once this is clearly understood and followed, the rule of law is established, and the shameful spectacle of political parties running after votes, or instigating or tolerating mob violence, in defiance of decrees or orders passed by the Supreme Court of India does not reign."

Termining instances of women being turned away from the shrine as a "sad spectacle", the two judges said "let it be said that whoever does not act in aid of our judgment, does so at his peril".

Describing the 1962 war as a "dark" moment, Jaishankar said: "We rarely prepared for security situations with the sense of mission that many of our competitors displayed. Discomfort with hard power was reflected in lack of adequate consultation with the military, most notably during the 1962 conflict."

In an oblique reference to China, he said, "There was also little awareness in the 1950s that we were dealing with a battle-hardened neighbour to the North." Pointing to other choices Delhi made, he said: "Or indeed of the strategic significance of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. This approach to world affairs continued even thereafter. Thus, in 1972 at Shimla, India chose to bet on an optimistic outlook on Pakistan. At the end of the day, it resulted in both a revanchist Pakistan and a continuing problem in Jammu & Kashmir. That it has taken us so long to link talks with Pakistan to cessation of terrorism speaks for itself." He also made a case for a "more grounded Indian approach" to international relations.

On hedging in a multi-polar world, he said, "Hedging is a delicate exercise, whether it is the non-alignment and strategic autonomy of earlier periods, or multiple engagements of the future. But there is no getting away from it in a multi-polar world. This is a game best played on the front-foot, appreciating that progress on any one front strengthens one's hand on all others. In that sense, it is having many balls up in the air at the same time and displaying the confidence and dexterity to drop none."

Explaining the pursuit of "apparently contradictory approaches and objectives" that "may seem baffling", Jaishankar said: "How do you reconcile a Howdy Modi, a Malappuram and a Vladivostok? Or the RIC (Russia-India-China) with JAI (Japan-America-India)? Or the Quad with the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization)? An Iran with the Saudis or Israel with Palestine? The answer is in a willingness to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences."

Then, in a rare expression in public for a serving Foreign Minister, Jaishankar critiqued India's decision to go to the UN on Jammu and Kashmir.

"In our own case, going to the United Nations on Jammu & Kashmir clearly misread the intent of the Anglo-American alliance then and of the seriousness of the Cold War. Years later, our early awareness about growing Sino-Soviet differences did not mature on our expected timelines. In the 1960s, 1980s and again after 2001, we grossly underestimated the relevance of Pakistan to American and Chinese global strategy," he said.

Raising key questions about decisions and choices made, Jaishankar said: "Should India, for example, have brought the boundary issue to head in 1950 itself? Could the border conflict of 1962 have been avoided by a compromise in 1960 when Zhou Enlai came to India? With the United States, did our cultural antipathy in the initial years aggravate the sense of distance? On economic issues, perhaps there is probably more consensus that India should have followed the example of ASEAN and China and opened up a decade than it did. On the strategic side, the delay in its self-declaration as a nuclear weapon power from 1974 to 1998 may well have been the worst of all worlds. Were we prisoners of paper, a trait that came close to wrecking the 2005 nuclear deal as well?"

"Our past handling of Pakistan, a society which we are supposed to know well, also raises many questions," he said.

In that context, he said: "India's record includes dark moments like the 1962 defeat against China. Or tense ones like the 1965 war with Pakistan where the outcome hung in balance till the very end. And the more triumphal ones such as the 1971 victory which created Bangladesh. There are enough dichotomies in our past to generate a spirited debate on successes and failures. A misreading of geopolitics and economics upto 1991 stands out in contrast to the reformist policies thereafter. Two decades of nuclear indecision ended dramatically with the tests of 1998. The lack of response to 26/11 is so different from the Uri and Balakot operations. Whether it is events or trends, they all bear scrutiny for the lessons they hold."

Later, in conversation with C Raja Mohan, Contributing Editor, The Indian Express, and Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Jaishankar responded to questions about Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, and said, "I think a lot of it is ideological debate... There is liberal fundamentalism at work... My reputation is not decided by a newspa-

per in New York."

Delivering his vote of thanks, Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express, said that Jaishankar's lecture showcased his "incredible knowledge and expertise". "The fact that we have a packed house this evening once again disproves the conventional wisdom that dumbing down content is the only way to get eyeballs... it reinforces our belief that no matter what changes in the news ecosystem, the only way Ramnath Goenka's brand of journalism thrives at least another 87 years, is by constantly investing in quality content, and by being the natural choice for thought-provoking conversations like the one we had today," Goenka said.

Earlier, welcoming the Foreign Minister, Raj Kamal Jha, Chief Editor, The Indian Express, said that Jaishankar was a "scholar-diplomat" who blended hard-nosed diplomacy with a soft touch. He said Jaishankar's skills lie in navigating the "contemporary fog" and ascertaining how much of that fog is a blind spot.

The lecture was attended by Minister of State (External Affairs) V Muraleedharan, RSS joint general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, former Foreign Secretary and PM's special envoy Shyam Saran, and former Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal apart from several ambassadors and diplomats, and serving and retired Indian officials.

The Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture was instituted in 2016 by The Express Group to mark 25 years of the passing of its founder. The first three RNG Memorial Lectures were delivered by Raghuram Rajan, then RBI Governor; Pranab Mukherjee, then President of India; and Justice Ranjan Gogoi, currently the Chief Justice of India, respectively.

Sri Lanka votes

significant backing among the majority Sinhalese, but the other key contender — Sajith Premadasa of the ruling UNP — enjoys considerable goodwill across the board as a "good politician".

Gotabaya is credited with ending the war against the LTTE as defence secretary in the Mahinda regime. He is also seen as a "man of discipline" and technocrat who wants to bring radical policy reforms.

Sajith is the son of former president Ranasinghe Premadasa, who was assassinated by an LTTE suicide bomber in 1993.

With results expected before Monday, the battlelines are sharp on the ground in Colombo.

"There is fear among many that Gotabaya's victory may bring irreversible changes in society against their existence," said Sharmila Seyyid, a leading Tamil writer, adding that her mother was rushing to Batticaloa to cast her vote.

Janaka Madhawa, a taxi driver, says only a Gotabaya government can bring order and discipline. "The blasts wouldn't have happened if the Rajapaksa family was ruling the country," he said.

Kanchana Pathmasiri, who works as a food delivery employee, says Sajith is a better candidate. "But he is in the wrong camp. Even if he is good, other leaders in UNP may spoil his government, as we have seen in the last five years," he said.

Kusal Perera, writer and political analyst, says this election will decide the future of democracy and social space in the country. "Gotabaya's campaign was based on promises around national security. For Sri Lanka, national security means strengthening of surveillance, intelligence and armed forces. It will be crucial to see how democracy and social spaces are retained after this poll," he said.

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## BRIEFLY

**Tis Hazari clash: Court to hear plea of 2 cops today**

*New Delhi:* The two assistant sub-inspectors, who were suspended after the clash between lawyers and policemen at Tis Hazari court complex, sought protection against coercive action in the three FIRs filed against them till "conclusion of the judicial inquiry". The bench has listed the application for hearing Friday.

## Mason falls to death

*New Delhi:* A 30-year-old mason died after he fell from the balcony of a house he was repairing in Sarai Rohilla Tuesday. A case has been registered against the house owner.

## Kids reunited with families

*New Delhi:* Eleven children, who had fled their homes and come to the capital, were rescued from the Railway station and ISBT area and reunited with their families Thursday by an Anti-Human Trafficking Unit team and NGO Sathi.

## 3 injured in parking row

*New Delhi:* Three people sustained injuries after a fight over parking in Ashok Nagar Tuesday. Police said cross-FIRs have been lodged and no arrests have been made so far. **ENS**

## SHOPS WERE SEALED BY SC-APPOINTED COMMITTEE

# No conversion charge for 100 markets in city: DDA

ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

IN A relief to traders across the capital, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to not take conversion charges from around 100 local shopping centres, including prominent markets such as GK-II M Block, Defence Colony and South Extension, where shops were sealed in 2017 and 2018.

Sealing was carried out on the orders of the SC-appointed monitoring committee for properties that were residential on paper but being used as commercial premises and other violations. The decision was taken at a DDA meeting, in the presence of L-G Anil Baijal, DDA vice-chairperson Tarun Kapoor, and Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta.

According to a senior DDA official, the MCDs wanted these markets to pay conversion charge as the owners, who used to live on floors above their establishments, turned the entire premises into a commercial venture



During a sealing drive in Karol Bagh last year. Archive

without paying the charge.

"But as per the Master Plan, these markets could not be charged because owners had purchased the property at prime rates. The area was always commercial," the official said.

When asked if several markets that were sealed for not paying conversion charge will now be de-sealed, the official said, "Most of these markets were sealed because of other violations as well. If any market was sealed for not paying the charge, they can approach the committee."

Gupta, along with some traders, later held a press briefing

on the issue. Traders, who have traditionally voted for the BJP, have been aggrieved by large-scale sealing of commercial premises carried out by the BJP-ruled MCDs. The Congress and AAP have been trying to woo traders by promising to address their grievances.

On whether the move will further weaken the MCDs, which are facing a financial crisis, Gupta said, "These shops were designated as local shopping centres and were auctioned as commercial properties at premium rates. There is no reason they should have been charged."

A senior AAP leader, calling

EXPLAINED  
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## Aim behind sealing

AS PER records, over 10,533 establishments including shops, restaurants, bars were sealed till January 31 for alleged violations including usage of residential premises for commercial purposes and non-payment of conversion charges. The charge is the rate property owners have to pay to MCDs if the status of the area in which they are located changes from residential to commercial.

the BJP "anti-people", said the move shows that the DDA and the Centre always had the power to stop sealing, but did not make an effort to do it.

# Property registration in unauthorised colonies will begin by month-end: Tiwari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

DELHI BJP chief Manoj Tiwari Thursday said registration of properties in unauthorised colonies in the capital will begin in the last week of November.

At a press conference Thursday, Tiwari said the Centre

will table a bill to provide ownership rights to residents of 1,731 unauthorised colonies in the first week of the winter session of Parliament, which is scheduled to commence on November 18.

"I want to tell those living in unauthorised colonies that they can be ready to register their properties for a nominal fee in the last week of November," he

said.

The Delhi Development Authority said it is in the process of marking boundaries of these colonies. It added that a part of the work will be completed by next week, following which it will be put online.

The issue of regularisation of unauthorised colonies, home to over 40 lakh people, is the BJP's

major poll plank ahead of next year's Delhi Assembly polls.

Adding that registration of properties will be based on the general power of attorney possessed by owners, Tiwari said: "Even if multiple people live in different flats on a plot, they will have no problem in getting their individual flats registered."

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019				
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Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Half Year Ended 30.09.2019 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2018 (Un-Audited)	Year Ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)
1	Revenue from Operations	97,261.04	93,724.87	186,823.57
2	Other Income	3,911.26	2,762.98	8,877.69
3	Total Revenue	101,172.30	96,487.85	195,701.26
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and exceptional items	26,524.53	23,065.03	43,853.52
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax and after exceptional items	26,594.93	23,065.03	47,592.64
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after Tax	17,215.92	15,099.81	30,592.99
7	Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	16,943.06	15,099.81	30,619.00
8	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value of Rs.10/- each)	16,000.00	4,000.00	16,000.00
9	Other Equity	100,125.68	95,164.34	90,701.88
10	Earning per share (EPS)*			
	Basic (Rs.)	10.76	9.44	19.12
	Diluted (Rs.)	10.76	9.44	19.12

\*EPS for half yearly are not annualised. Number of shares used for calculation of EPS/DPS for Sept, 2018 are 1600 lakhs.

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FARM FIRES NOT SOLE FACTOR, CRISIS ROUND THE YEAR: OFFICIAL

'Need new model to dispose stubble'



A worker sprinkles water on the road to control dust at Rajpath Thursday. Praveen Khanna

SHIVAM PATEL  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A LESSON learned from the dangerous levels of air pollution witnessed in Delhi-NCR over the past couple of weeks is the need to re-look at the crop stubble management policy, a senior official of the Union Environment Ministry told *The Indian Express* Thursday.

The official, on condition of anonymity, said a model other than the current approach of giving subsidies to farmers for stubble management machines and incentives for not burning crop residue may need to be considered.

He said officials in both Punjab and Haryana have been giving an incentive of Rs 100 per quintal of paddy to farmers to manage stubble left in the fields after harvest, as per a Supreme Court directive earlier this month.

"However, the SC order came at a time when 70% of harvest was already done," the official said, adding, "There are other models, some successful, some less. We will have to see (which one is suitable)."

The environment official also said farm fires alone could not be blamed for the problems witnessed in Delhi. "This crisis of pollutants in Delhi is round the year, but you don't feel it until

winter comes and moisture content increases in the air," he said.

Experts have earlier said that meteorology plays an important role in the concentration of pollutants in Delhi's air during winter. The 'severe' air quality being witnessed in the National Capital Region over the past few days is said to be a result of factors including low temperature, calm surface level winds and contribution of pollutants from farm fires in the neighbouring states.

The environment ministry official said that in Delhi-NCR, pollutants released from "combustion", including stubble and waste burning, have an additional impact on air quality. "In Delhi, most of the industries do

not have a waste disposal system. On one night last year, we recorded 400-odd such incidents (of waste burning)," he said.

The official also added that municipal bodies have been more active this year in controlling emissions in the city, and the Delhi government has also put out all its team to ensure pollution mitigation measures are followed, including preventing spread of dust.

The official said actions taken by multiple agencies in Delhi this year have resulted in reducing heavily polluted days. "If we consistently keep doing this for the next couple of years, we will get rid of it," he said.

Air quality 'severe' for second day in a row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

AIR QUALITY in Delhi-NCR remained above emergency levels Thursday with monitoring stations in the capital recording particulate matter more than 5-7 times the acceptable limit.

Experts have attributed this to a combination of factors, including low temperature and cloudy skies reducing the atmospheric mixing layer height and trapping pollutants closer to the surface, and weak surface level wind speed being ineffective in their dispersal.

The Centre's air quality monitoring agency SAFAR said under the present meteorological conditions, impact of stubble burning emissions on PM2.5 in Delhi Thursday increased to over 30%.

The 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of Delhi Thursday was 463, up from 456 Wednesday. AQI value above 400 is classified as 'severe'.

"Marginal improvement is expected by Friday within 'severe' range. However, increase in wind speed is expected by November 16, which is likely to increase ventilation and improve the air quality towards 'very poor'," SAFAR said.

HC raps govt and MCDs on pollution

The Delhi High Court Thursday pulled up the Delhi government, local agencies and the civic bodies, over the severe air pollution levels in the national capital and said there is "no lack of proper ideas", but "lack of will to implement them".

Stressing on the need for more trees and green cover in the city, a bench of Justice G S Sistani and Justice AJ Bhambhani also called for citizens to play a proactive role "in case they want to make Delhi pollution-free".

"People have to realise a collective responsibility towards air pollution," the bench said, adding that had authorities complied with its earlier directions, the situation would have been different.

BRACE FOR BAD AIR

FRIDAY
PM 10 — 449 (severe)
PM 2.5 — 295 (severe)
SUNDAY
PM 10 — 343 (poor)
PM 2.5 — 225 (very poor)

\* Source: SAFAR  
\* Avg 24-hr acceptable standard:  
PM 10 - 100 µg/m3  
PM 2.5 - 60 µg/m3

Farmer's son to student who lost father, JNU fee hike has many worried



At the protest against the fee hike earlier this week. Praveen Khanna

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

WITH JAWAHARLAL Nehru University hiking hostel fee and introducing new charges, several students on campus said they might find it difficult to continue pursuing studies. Around 40% of students admitted to the varsity 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. *The Indian Express* speaks to some students on how the hike could impact them.

**Kamran Nezami Ansari (22)**  
**MA Russian, 2nd year**

Ansari, who studied in a government school, joined JNU in BA second year. Hailing from Bihar's Sasaram, his father works in a crockery shop, and earns Rs 6,000-7,000 a month. His mother is a homemaker. His brother is pursuing BA in German from Aligarh Muslim University, while his sister is a Class IX student at a government school in Sasaram.

Ansari manages with his merit cum means (MCM) scholarship of Rs 2,000, given by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, and some money from home. "In JNU, even if you have Rs 10 in your pocket, you can survive. If the fee is hiked, I won't be able to ask for more money from home, so I might have to drop out," he said.

**Rakesh Kumar (19)**  
**BA Spanish, 1st year**

Hailing from Rajasthan's Barmer, Kumar said his father is a farmer who owns 30 bighas, while his mother is a homemaker. A water crisis, he said, has made most of the land fallow: "Only 5-7 bighas are cultivable... Our family income is not more than Rs 40,000 a year."

While he studied in a government school, his elder brother dropped out after Class X due to

a financial crisis at home and works in a steel factory in Surat. Kumar also has a younger brother in Class X in a government school. "I cannot manage with a fee hike, I will have to leave education and work," he said.

**Usman Ahmad (20)**  
**BA Pashto, 3rd year**

Ahmad, from UP's Bahraich, said he studied in a public school where fee was not more than Rs 100 a month. His father's death from a heart attack five years ago threw the family into a financial crisis. "He used to fix horseshoes on horses," he said.

Ahmad's elder brothers work as a tailor and a mechanic. He also has two younger brothers — one completing his graduation from a government college near home, and another in Class X.

"My brother, the mechanic, sends money home regularly... They manage to give me Rs 3,000 per month somehow. If the fee is increased, I won't be able to ask for more. I will go back home," he said.

**Mohd Shad (23)**  
**MA German, 1st year**

Shad, from UP's Saharanpur, did his graduation from AMU, where he managed due to the state minority scholarship. "The tuition fee was covered... some amount would be left, with which I paid the mess bill," he said.

His father is a farmer who owns 10 bighas of land, but has now given it on rent as they do not have the machinery required for cultivation. "My mother is a homemaker. The only income we get is from the land, which is around Rs 50,000 per year," he said.

Shad's younger sister is studying fashion designing from AMU and is also managing with the minority scholarship. "My uncle provides us some extra financial support. I know my family has incurred debt although they didn't tell me how much,"

he said.

Besides the Rs 2,000 MCM scholarship, Shad earns Rs 3,000 a month by giving tuition. "If there is a fee hike, I have two options — take a bank loan or leave and find a job," he said.

**Nandini Sharma (25)**  
**MA Pashto, 1st year**

Hailing from Bihar's Danapur, Sharma completed her graduation in Pashto from JNU. She studied in several Army schools as her uncle was in the Armed forces. "I don't know how much the fee was because they never told me," she said.

Her father is a farmer who owns around 1.5 bighas of land, and her mother is a homemaker. "Whenever there is cultivation on our land, whatever surplus is sold in government shops, that is our income. This comes to around Rs 90,000 per annum," she said.

Sharma said she and her younger sister, doing her BA in English from Patna University, take tuition to sustain themselves: "I teach Class X social science, and get around Rs 3,000 per month."

"For me, there is no option but to leave the university in case of a hike. We can't work as the class schedule is demanding."

**Vikalp Kumar (24)**  
**School of Arts and Aesthetics, MA 1st year**

Hailing from Pipariya in Hoshangabad district in Madhya Pradesh, Kumar completed his graduation in Fine Arts from MS University Baroda, where his fee was Rs 15,000-Rs 20,000 per semester and mess charges were extra. He completed his schooling from a CBSE-affiliated school.

Kumar's father works as freelance journalist and his mother is a homemaker. "My father's income is not consistent but he ends up earning around Rs 60,000 per annum on an average," he said. Kumar said he would find it "excruciatingly difficult" to pay the hiked fee.

Empty classrooms, playgrounds as schools remain shut on Children's Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

AS A dense layer of haze enveloped the whole of Delhi-NCR Thursday, only a few were as disappointed as teachers and students in the capital's schools.

In schools across the country, November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day on the occasion of former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday. However, pollution in the emergency category this time around meant that schools were shut Thursday and Friday, and all preparations made for the occasion were in vain.

In an email to parents Thursday, the principal of Mother's International School, Sanghamitra Ghosh, wished everyone a happy Children's Day. She wrote to students: "I am sitting in my office and looking sadly at all the balloons and streamers that were put up to



welcome you... It is a shame that we have been compelled to close the school because we are not able to give you fresh air to breathe! I do hope that you will learn from the mistakes that the older generation made and grow up to be more conscious citizens, caring for our environment."

At a government school in East Delhi, teachers had been preparing a skit and a dance performance for children. "Each year, teachers prepare some-

thing special for the students. We also distribute sweets and see a high turnout on this day as children enjoy themselves. This year, though, the pollution forced us to cancel the event. Parents have had to face problems because of the sudden change in plan," said the school principal, who did not wish to be identified as she is not authorised to speak to media.

The end of the year is also when children and teachers are



Schools are closed on Nov 14 and 15 in the capital. Pics: Abhinav Saha, Gajendra Yadav

busy with annual day and sports day preparations. But some have been forced to reschedule the events. "We had, as is the usual practice, planned a few programmes for children. Annual day practices and dress rehearsals were also scheduled. We have already postponed our sports day and are mulling shifting the annual day celebrations, to be held on Sunday, to a later date," said Ameeta Wattal, principal, Springdales School, Pusa Road.



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PLATFORM OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA STATUE DEFACED

Considering action against students for vandalism: JNU

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University administration is considering action against around 10 students for allegedly vandalising and defacing university property. Besides painting on the walls of the administrative block, the students allegedly defaced a platform on which a yet to be unveiled statue of Swami Vivekananda stands.

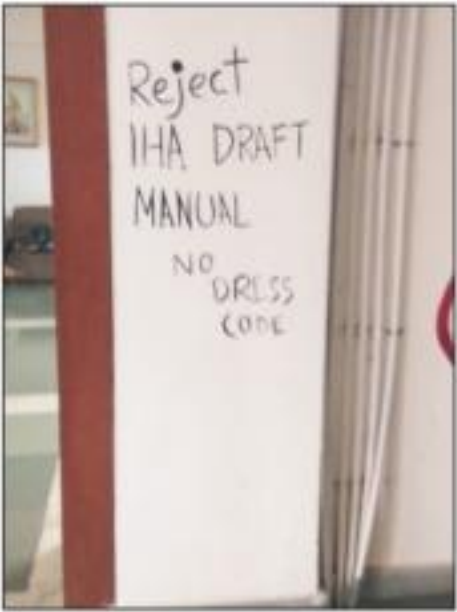
“We have identified some students through reports and evidence received from the security office. We are discussing how we should proceed. There could be more students involved, which we will ascertain after receiving all information,” a university official said, adding that showcase notices are yet to be issued.

In a tweet, JNU Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar said, “Vandalising Swami Vivekananda statue at JNU admin block, which is yet to be unveiled, is the most despicable act one can commit. Swami Vivekananda is India’s youth icon. Disrespecting him in our University by some miscreants is not at all acceptable.”

On Wednesday, some students protesting over the fee hike had entered the administrative block and allegedly painted messages on the V-C’s office door. Similar messages were also painted at the rector’s and registrar’s office.



Amit Mehra



Registrar’s office.

“They have removed my nameplate and vandalised my whole office. They cannot do this, it’s illegal,” Registrar Pramod Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

JNUSU said it does not endorse any act of vandalism

On Thursday, photos circulating on social media showed anti-BJP messages written on the platform beneath the Vivekananda statue. It was later washed by some students.

The ABVP accused the Left-led JNU Students’ Union of the vandalism. “We condemn this. This is taking the movement for the fee hike in the wrong direction,” they said.

But the JNUSU claimed it was a “conspiracy by Right-wing forces to defame the university and its democratic culture” and to “divert” attention from the fee hike issue.

“The JNU student community

does not endorse any act of vandalism done in its name; whoever does it is doing it in his or her own name and should not use the name of the movement to justify such acts,” the union said.

The JNU Teachers’ Association also expressed “strong disapproval of the defacing of the area around the Vivekananda statue”.

“One way or the other, those responsible for this are clearly not friends of the struggle against an authoritarian administration and its unjust actions, and do not represent the democratic ethos of which JNU has justifiably been proud,” JNUTA said.

Among top 10 central universities, JNU hostel fee highest after hike

RITIKA CHOPRA  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

OF THE top 10 central universities (CUs) in the country, students at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) will now be paying the highest hostel fees, shows an analysis by *The Indian Express*.

For the analysis, *The Indian Express* chose the top 10 CUs based on their performance in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) — JNU; Banaras Hindu University (BHU); Hyderabad Central University (HCU); Aligarh Muslim University (AMU); Jamia Millia Islamia; Delhi University; Tezpur University; Visva-Bharati University; Northeastern Hill University (NEHU); and Pondicherry University.

Contrary to common perception, JNU’s old hostel fee structure was not the lowest among the country’s best CUs. Visva-Bharati University, HCU, AMU, NEHU and Pondicherry University charged less, if not the same (see chart).

All CUs, except for DU, have more or less uniform fee structure for all its hostels. DU has 20 different hostels, with each of them charging different fees in the range of Rs 5,500 to Rs 55,500 approximately. So barring a few DU hostels, JNU, after the fee hike, will charge the most from hostelers.

JNU students have been protesting against the first hike in the university’s hostel fee in four decades. The main point of protest is the introduction of service charges — for maintenance, mess workers, cook and sanitation — which were so far



How the varsities stack up

UNIVERSITY	ALL INDIA RANKING (NIRF)	HOSTEL FEE (annual)	MESS DEPOSIT/ CAUTION DEPOSIT (one time & refundable)	MESS BILL (per month)
JNU	2	OLD: 2,740 (single) 2,620 (double) NEW*: 11,400 (single) 7,800 (double)	5,500	2,500
BHU	3	3,000	NA	2,700
Hyderabad Central University	4	1,850	2,500	1,800
AMU	11	2,100	NA	1,100
Jamia Millia Islamia	12	6,750	500	2,250
Delhi University	13	5,500 to 55,000**	5,000 to 10,000**	1,500 to 4,000**
Tezpur University	29	4,000 (UG/PG) 6,000 (Research)	3,000	1,500
Visva Bharati University	37	2,400***	500	2,100
NEHU	39	1,800 (UG/PG) 2,520 (Research)	4,200	1,700
Pondicherry University	48	1,900 (PG)**** 2,800 (Research)****	3,000	1,950

\*Doesn’t include utility charges (water, electricity), hostel fee for economically weaker students (without utility charges) is Rs 6,950 (single) & Rs 5,150 (double)  
\*\*DU has 20 hostels with each having different fee structure  
\*\*\*For girls’ hostel: 5,400 (three seater) & 7,200 (two seater)  
\*\*\*\*Women pursuing Masters and PhD do not pay room rent  
All figures in approximate in ₹

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 have to pay utility charges (electricity and wa-

ter), which they did not have to so far. Following large-scale protests by students, JNU reviewed the fee structure but reserved the bulk of changes for students falling under the ‘below poverty line’ category.

Faridabad murders: Police recreate crime scene

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 14

THE GYM trainer who is accused of murdering a 65-year-old doctor and his family members at their Faridabad home last week was taken to the house to recreate the crime scene. Police said the

exercise will help them ascertain the sequence of events and see if the accused, Mukesh, is lying.

Police also suspect the involvement of another person in the crime. ACP (Crime) Anil Kumar said, “He has given us many reasons as to why he wanted to rob the family... we are verifying the motive.”

Mukesh was arrested from Maharashtra’s Shirdi Wednesday. Police said he has confessed to committing the crime in a fit of rage. “He was under a lot of debt. He thought the family would have money,” said an officer.

Dr Praveen Mediratta was found dead in his clinic in Sector 7 on November 9. Bodies of his

wife, daughter and son-in-law were found on the first floor.

Police said Mukesh was produced before the magistrate Thursday morning and remanded in police custody for three days. “We will question him further to know the motive behind the murders,” said Faridabad Police PRO Sube Singh.

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### Unaudited Financial Result for the Half Year Ended on 30th September, 2019

Figures in ₹ Lakhs

Sl. No.	Particulars	Half Year ended 30.09.2019	Corresponding half year ended 30.09.2018	Previous year ended 31.03.2019	Previous year ended 31.03.2018
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	72,891.49	70,471.58	1,42,601.51	1,34,944.89
2	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	24,651.04	27,428.70	51,559.72	46,823.52
3.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	24,651.04	27,428.70	51,559.72	46,823.52
4.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	20,344.01	21,518.15	40,472.12	36,774.40
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the Period (comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	22,813.49	23,356.87	44,830.32	43,811.63
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 10 each)	1,10,552.00	1,10,552.00	1,10,552.00	1,10,552.00
7.	Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	3,58,204.32	3,13,917.38	3,35,390.83	2,90,560.51
8.	Net worth	4,44,817.72	4,02,828.95	4,23,125.87	3,80,646.91
9.	Paid-up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	3,23,002.42	3,26,665.37	3,26,194.94	3,30,090.00
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.73	0.81	0.77	0.87
12.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (For continuing and discontinued operations)				
	1. Basic: (Not Annualised)	1.84	1.95	3.66	3.33
	2. Diluted: (Not Annualised)	1.84	1.95	3.66	3.33
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
14.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	15,645.45	13,887.95	14,766.70	13,009.20
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.74	1.98	1.98	1.58
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.08	3.31	3.31	3.28

**Notes:**

- The above financial results have been recommended by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 14.11.2019 and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on the same day.
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Ind AS as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Amendment Rules, 2016.
- The Company is in the process of segregating its freehold and leasehold land and is hence yet to adopt IND AS 116 “leases” effective 1st April, 2019, as notified by the Ministry of Corporates Affairs (MCA) vide Companies (Indian Accounting Standard), Amendment Rules, 2019.
- The financial results for the half year ended on 30th September, 2019 have been subjected to Limited Review by the Statutory Auditor.
- Being an electricity utility, depreciation has been provided under the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended to date and not as per Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The Company has received credit rating of ‘CARE BBB+’ and ‘IND A-’ assigned by CARE and India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd. respectively.
- The Company has sufficient asset cover to discharge the principal amount for all Non Convertible Debt Securities issued.
- Details of Listed Non-Convertible Debentures are as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Previous Due Date		Next Due Date	
		Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
1.	9.75% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2019	16.04.2019	16.10.2018	16.10.2019	16.10.2019
2.	10.29% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2021*	26.07.2019	-	26.01.2020	-

Interest and Principal have been paid on the due dates.

\*Repayable in a single installment on 26-07-2021.

- The Company has not received any information from the vendors as to their status under the Micro, Medium and Small Enterprise Development Act, 2006 and hence amount outstanding and interest paid / payable to them under this act is considered to be ‘Nil’.
- Formula used for computation of Ratios: ISCR= Earning before Interest and Tax/ Interest Expenses and DSCR=Earning before Interest and Tax/(Interest +Principal Repayment).
- During the half year the company did not receive any complaints/grievances from investors.
- The figures of the earlier periods have been regrouped wherever necessary to make them comparable with the current period.

By the Order of the Board

(Santanu Basu)  
Managing Director

14th November, 2019  
Kolkata

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### LIMITED REVIEW OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS AS ON 30.09.2019

(₹ in Crores)

Sl No.	Particulars	Half Year Ended 30.09.19	Half Year Ended 30.09.18
		(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
1	Total Income from Operations	1154.51	954.66
2	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items )	278.31	174.82
3	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items )	278.31	125.65
4	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items )	163.27	86.87
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit /(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	268.86	68.72
6	Paid-up equity share capital	784.60	784.60
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves )	1990.86	1587.96
8	Networth	2775.46	2372.56
9	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	19860.35	16675.77
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	7.16	7.03
12	Earnings Per Share (F.V. of ₹ 10/- each) (Annualised in ₹)		
	1. Basic	4.16	2.21
	2. Diluted	4.16	2.21
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-
14	Debenture Redemption Reserve	235.96	189.66

**Notes:**

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Ind AS prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder.
- As required under SEBI (LODR) regulations, the results have been prepared on the basis of format contained in Division III of Schedule III to Companies Act, 2013 notified by MCA on 11.10.2018 and corresponding comparative figures presented in these results have been regrouped/ reclassified in order to confirm to current period presentation.
- The Company is evaluating the impact of newly notified Ind AS 116 on Leases which, however, is not expected to be material on the income statement or net assets. The impact of the same, if any, will be accounted for in the March 2020 results.
- The above results have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee of Directors and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on 13.11.19. The working results for the half year ended 30.09.19 have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors – M/s J. N. Mital Co., Chartered Accountants.
- The Master Direction - Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016 (updated 02.08.19) prescribes Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning requirement to be followed by the Govt. NBFCs. The same Direction contain the asset classification in a phased manner, for the Balance sheet date 31.03.2020 (90 Days). Accordingly, for the half yearly results for the period ended September 30, 2019 the accounts which have not paid / got adjusted from other facilities the requisite dues as per the said Directions (pending more than 90 days) have been classified as NPA and provision made accordingly.
- Company has created impairment allowance on its loan assets at higher of ECL assessment and RBI norms on loan or portfolio level, based on homogeneous grouping of loans.
- Cumulative impairment allowance (including on Standard Loan) stands at ₹ 760.81 Crore as at 30.09.2019

Particulars	As at 30.09.2019 - (₹ in Crore)
Credit impaired loan assets	2064.43
Impairment allowance maintained	638.05
Impairment allowance coverage (%)	30.91%

- As a matter of prudence, income on credit impaired loan assets is recognized only when expected realization is higher than the loan amount outstanding.
- The company’s primary business is to provide finance for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency projects and accordingly, there are no reportable segments as per Ind AS 108 Operating Segments.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the websites of the Company.
- For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchanges .

**Date : 13.11.2019**  
**Place : New Delhi**

**Praveen Kumar**  
Chairman and Managing Director





## Campaign Buzz

THE CONGRESS on Thursday came out with its list of star campaigners for Jharkhand Assembly elections. The list triggered a buzz in party circles as the name of AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was missing. She had not campaigned in Haryana or Maharashtra, but her name had been included in the list of star campaigners for both the states. AICC in charge of Jharkhand R P N Singh clarified that the list was only for the first phase of the five-phase polls. He said Priyanka was busy with Uttar Pradesh, and he would ask her to give some time to Jharkhand for the other phases.

## New Address

AFTER ITS constitution in March, the country's anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal has been working from Ashoka Hotel where it is paying nearly Rs 29 lakh a month as rent for 11 suits it has occupied. According to government sources, they have now found a permanent address for it. In a few weeks, Lokpal will be shifting to a new building. The possession of around 11,000 sq ft space at Future Block of International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) in Vasant Kunj Institutional Area was taken in September, sources said. Before finalising this, search was on for space in buildings like Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Ambedkar International Centre, East Kidiwai Nagar and Dwarka.

## House Dilemma

BJP LEADERS are in a dilemma about whether there should be an adjournment of Rajya Sabha proceedings on the first day of the winter session on November 18 to mourn the demise of Arun Jaitley. Jaitley was a member of the Upper House when he died. Although the practice had been that the House would adjourn after mourning messages, a precedent was set by the Lok Sabha when the House adjourned for only half a day after the demise of IJP MP Ramchandra Paswan, brother of minister Ram Vilas Paswan.

### RAFALE VERDICT

# BJP slams Rahul, Cong calls for JPC probe

Shah says House ruckus over Rafale a sham, Rajnath says govt vindicated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

WELCOMING THE Supreme Court's decision to dismiss the review petition on Rafale, the BJP on Thursday called it a "befitting reply" to those who "rely on malicious and baseless campaigns" and sought an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

In a series of tweets, BJP national president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated, "Today's decision, yet again, reaffirms (Narendra) Modi sarkar's credentials as a govt which is transparent and corruption-free. Now, it has been proved that disruption of Parliament over #Rafale was a sham. The time could have been better utilised for the welfare of people. After today's rebuke from SC, Congress and its leader, for whom politics is above national interest must apologise to the nation."

Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, Union Law Minister and senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Congress, and in particular Rahul Gandhi, must apologise to the country. "It is recognition of the honest decision-making process of the Narendra Modi government — Satyameva Jayate (truth alone triumphs)." The Congress party must apologise and Rahul Gandhi in particular must apologise to the country," Prasad said.

In successive tweets, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated: "I wholeheartedly welcome the Supreme Court's categorical dismissal of the review petitions ...with this the NDA Government stands vindicated. The SC verdict is also a judgement on our Government's transparency in deci-

sion-making. The purchase of Rafale jets was done in a completely transparent manner, keeping in mind the urgency to update and upgrade India's defence preparedness. The issues pertaining to defence preparedness and national security should never be politicised. The allegations made by certain political parties and their leaders in Rafale jet purchase were extremely unfortunate, unwarranted and laced with malicious intent."

Slamming the Gandhi family, Prasad said, "People having saga of corruption from Jeep scandal to Bofors to Submarine to AugustaWestland, were undertaking a political programme masquerading as quest for justice.... Raising false allegations on the Rafale deal was the lowest point of political discourse that he (Rahul) stooped to the shameful extent of misquoting the Supreme Court deliberately."

BJP working president J P Nadda said Rahul tried to mislead the country on the issue and should now apologise. He said, "From roads to Parliament, Rahul Gandhi and his party tried hard to mislead the country on this issue but truth prevailed. I wish Rahul Gandhi would be in country and apologise to the nation."

Reacting to Rahul's tweet that Justice KM Joseph has left open a door for investigation into the Rafale deal, BJP spokesperson G V L Rao tweeted: "...hair splitting and selective and convenient nit-picking won't help you Rahul Gandhi. You have been shamed for disgraceful conduct and distasteful comments. The judgment is a comprehensive indictment of your lies. Clutching at straws won't help redeem your condemnation."



One of the 36 Rafale jet aircraft received by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Bordeaux in France in October. PTI file

## IAF ex-chief says ruling vindicates govt position

New Delhi: Former Chief of Air Staff BS Dhanoa, who had consistently backed the Rafale deal, said the Supreme Court's ruling is expected to have a positive impact on overall military procurement.



IAF ex-chief BS Dhanoa

"It is a welcome verdict, vindicating the government's position... We are happy that finally the controversy was created for political gains," he was quoted by PTI. Prasar Bharati quoted Dhanoa saying, "In December 2018 I had issued a statement that Supreme Court has given a fine judgment and at that time some people said that I was being political, which was incorrect...(the) matter is now laid to rest."

## Give benefit of doubt to Rahul: Parrikar's son

Panaji: Utpal Parrikar, son of former Defence Minister late Manohar Parrikar, Thursday said he is willing to give benefit of the doubt to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on an "ill-planned political game".



Manohar Parrikar

"Rafale Verdict is out and I hope this is a good learning experience for Rahul Gandhi. I can give the benefit of doubt that he did all this as part of [an] ill-planned political game, just the way he used to visit my ailing father for politics," he tweeted. Rahul visited Parrikar before Lok Sabha polls. He later said Parrikar, who was Defence Minister at the time of Rafale deal, had told him he had "nothing to do with Rafale Deal".

# SC warns Rahul on chowkidaar chor hai remark: Careful in future

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday asked former Congress president Rahul Gandhi not to drag the court into political discourse and cautioned him to be more careful in future. The court said this while closing the contempt proceedings against Rahul over his "chowkidaar chor hai" remarks in connection with the controversy over the Rafale deal.

Accepting Rahul's apology, the bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said, "We do believe that persons holding such important positions in the political spectrum must be more careful. As to what should be his campaign line is for a political person to consider. However, this court, or for that matter no court, should be dragged into this political dis-



Rahul Gandhi

course — valid or invalid — while attributing aspects to the court which had never been held by the court." The court added, "Certainly Mr Gandhi needs to be more careful in future."

The order came on a petition by BJP MP Meenakshi Lekhi over Rahul's comments on April 10: that even the "Supreme Court had held that 'Chowkidaar (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) is a thief'".

The court order noted: "The Supreme Court was also attrib-

uted to having held in consonance with what his discourse was — i.e., that the Prime Minister of India stole money from the Air Force and gave it to Mr Anil Ambani, and that the Supreme Court had admitted that Mr Modi had indulged in corruption. It was stated that the Supreme Court had said that the Chowkidaar is a thief."

On being issued a notice, the Congress leader filed a reply affidavit on April 22.

It added, "However, in view of the subsequent affidavit, better sense having prevailed, we would not like to continue these proceedings further and, thus, close the contempt proceedings with a word of caution for the contemnor to be more careful in future."

### Court accepts Centre plea, modifies para

While dismissing the Rafale review petitions, the Supreme

Court on Thursday allowed the Centre's plea seeking a correction in its December 14, 2018 judgment. The government had approached the court a day after the verdict seeking a "correction" in para 25 of the judgment, where it said that a CAG audit on pricing of the fighter jets "has been" examined by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

This had led to a storm, with the Opposition claiming that there was no CAG report yet on the deal and accusing the government of misleading the court by presenting wrong facts.

In its application, the government termed the controversial portion as an "error" and submitted that it may have "crept in" due to "misinterpretation of a couple of sentences in a note" it had "handed over" to the court "in a sealed cover". Accepting this, the court modified Para 25.

# Three awarded jail terms in coal scam case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A DELHI court on Thursday awarded varying jail terms to three people in connection with a coal scam case, observing that "white collar crimes are more dangerous to society than ordinary crimes".

The case in question relates to irregularities in the allocation

of the Jharkhand-based North Dhadhu coal block. Two directors of Pawanjay Steel and Power Limited (PSPPL) — Gyanchand Prasad Agarwal (70) and Umesh Prasad Agarwal (58) — were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for a period of three years each for the offences of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section 120-B) and cheating (IPC Section 420) and 65-year-old S K Kanungo,

chief manager (marketing) of Hari Machines Ltd (HML), was jailed for a period of two years for the offence punishable under IPC Section 120-B.

Special judge Bharat Parashar imposed a fine of Rs 75 lakh on PSPPL and Rs 40 lakh each on Gyanchand and Umesh. The court directed Kanungo to pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh. "Of late, the anti-social activities of persons of the

upper socioeconomic strata of the society in their occupation and which have come to be known as 'white collar crimes' have attracted attention... Such white collar crimes are in fact more dangerous to the society than ordinary crimes, firstly, because the financial losses are much higher, and, secondly because of the damages inflicted on public morale," the court said.

the Governor's surprise visit to Singur BDO office on Monday — Dhankhar could not meet the BDO or his deputy as both were on leave, and had expressed disappointment, saying he wanted to know more about Singur.

"Instead of discharging duties of a Governor, he is working as a political leader here. This is very unfortunate," she said.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, without naming anyone, said "there are some people who are behaving like a BJP mouthpiece and want to run a parallel administration".

"Some nominated persons... they are behaving too much. They should not even supersede the

central government. The Centre must take care of it," she told mediapersons after a review meeting.

Dhankhar, on his part, asked if the government was trying to conceal something in Singur and Nandigram. "I went to Singur recently and questions are being raised about my visit. I had informed government officials before going there. If there is so much hue and cry about visiting any place in West Bengal, then I feel like spending a lot of time in Singur and Nandigram. As Governor, I should have knowledge about everything going on there. If you are trying to hide something, I will definitely want to see it," Dhankhar told mediapersons.



Indira Jaising at Supreme Court on Thursday. Abhinav Saha

## FCRA case: SC issues notice on CBI plea against HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday declined to stay the Bombay High Court order restraining the CBI from taking coercive steps against senior advocate Indira Jaising and others over alleged Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) violations by NGO Lawyers Collective.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi issued notice on the CBI plea challenging the July 25 High Court order.

The HC had granted the relief while hearing a plea by the NGO seeking quashing of an FIR lodged by the CBI against it. Challenging this, the agency said the HC order effectively "is an order granting anticipatory bail to the accused/Respondents as contemplated under Section 438 CrPc; that too without satisfying the mandatory conditions mentioned in S 438".

delay involved, communication in that matter has already been sent by him to honourable Chief Minister, but a response to that is awaited," read the statement.

State minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, however, questioned Dhankhar's request for a helicopter. "First, he must inform the state government about the purpose of his visit and why he needs a helicopter. The CM used a helicopter this week as the situation demanded it. She needed it to monitor areas affected by Cyclone Bulbul. He is going out every day and making political statements. He is doing it intentionally as he wants to stay in politics," Bhattacharya said.

Dhankhar later said, "I don't do any politics, whether I visit or not. I will assess the situation, and if my visit is required I will go. I will travel 600 km. I will leave Raj Bha-

wan at 5 am for the cause of education. It is not easy to travel 600 km in a day by car... It (helicopter) is not available as of now," Bhattacharya also brought up

Door for JPC probe open, will keep up 'chowkidar chor hai' slogan: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

HOURS AFTER the Supreme Court dismissed the review petitions against its verdict in the Rafale deal on grounds that they lacked merit, the Congress on Thursday said the judgment has opened the doors for a comprehensive criminal investigation into the fighter jet deal and reiterated its demand for setting up of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

The Congress said the BJP is misinterpreting the verdict and celebrating it to mislead the country. It dared the Union government to set up a JPC to probe the deal if it believes there no irregularities were involved.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted following the top court's verdict, "Justice Joseph of the Supreme Court has opened a huge door into investigation of the RAFALE scam. An investigation must now begin in full earnest. A Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) must also be set up to probe this scam."

Quoting various paragraphs of the judgment, the opposition party claimed that the Supreme Court has concluded that it has "limited jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution" to go into the questions of pricing, contractual details, technical specifications and feasibility.

Stating that the Congress has always said that the court is not the appropriate forum to decide such issues, party's communications department head Randeep Surjewala said, "That is why we never went to the court." He asserted that the court has, however, made it clear that its judg-

ment would not stand in the way of an investigating agency taking action.

Surjewala said the Congress will not abandon its "chowkidaar chor hai" slogan since the "layers of corruption in the Rafale deal" are yet to be unravelled.

Quoting the concluding paragraph of the verdict, he maintained that the court said the judgment "would not stand in the way of the first respondent, which is the CBI, from taking action on the complaint in accordance with law and subject to first respondent CBI obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act."

He said the Supreme Court has, in paragraph 73 of the judgment, made it clear that the police officer is endowed with wide powers, and that nothing that constricted or limited the court in the judgment applies to an officer who has undertaken an investigation into the commission of a cognizable offence.

Surjewala said the "ball lies at the doorsteps of the Prime Minister" to order independent probe by the CBI and possibly by a JPC "if the BJP has done nothing wrong".

Taking on the BJP, Congress spokesperson Jaiver Shergill said, "The BJP in its anxiety is indulging in celebration without realising that the judgment has in fact paved the path for a criminal investigation into the entire Rafale scam. So today, the BJP should not celebrate but rather let CBI investigate."

He said the BJP is working overtime to misinterpret, misconstrue and misapply the verdict to mislead the nation.

## FROM PAGE ONE Apex court on Rafale

filed on 24.10.2018 and the complaint is based on non-registration of the FIR. There is no challenge to Section 17A. Under the law, as it stood, both on the date of filing the petition and even as of today, Section 17A continues to be on the Statute Book and it constitutes a bar to any inquiry or enquiry or investigation. The petitioners themselves, in the complaint, request to seek approval in terms of Section 17A but when it comes to the relief sought in the Writ Petition, there was no relief claimed in this behalf."

Justice Kaul, writing for himself and CJ Gogoi, said "insofar as the decision-making process is concerned, on the basis of certain documents obtained, the petitioners sought to contend that there was contradictory material. We, however, found that there were undoubtedly opinions expressed in the course of the decision-making process, which may be different from the decision taken, but then any decision-making process envisages debates and expert opinion and the final call is with the competent authority, which so exercised it".

"In this context reference was made to (a) Acceptance of Necessity ('AON') granted by the Defence Acquisition Council ('DAC') not being available prior to the contract which would have determined the necessity and quantity of aircraft; (b) absence of Sovereign Guarantee granted by France despite requirement of the Defence Procurement Procedure ('DPP'); (c) the oversight of objections of three expert members of the Indian Negotiating Team ('INT') regarding certain increase in the benchmark price; and (d) the induction of Reliance Aerostructure Limited ('RAL') as an offset partner".

The judges said "it does appear that the endeavour of the petitioners is to construe themselves as an appellate authority to determine each aspect of the contract and call upon the Court to do the same. We do not believe this to be the jurisdiction to be exercised. All aspects were considered by the competent authority and the different views expressed considered and dealt with".

On the contention that some documents were not available with the petitioner at the time of the decision and came later via "sourcing", CJ Gogoi and Justice Kaul said "we decline to, once

again, embark on an elaborate exercise of analyzing each clause, perusing what may be the different opinions, then taking a call whether a final decision should or should not have been taken in such technical matters".

They pointed out that the court had already said there cannot be any uniform standard of judicial review in such matters. "We cannot lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with a contract for aircraft, which was pending before different Governments for quite some time and the necessity for those aircraft has never been in dispute. We had, thus, concluded... noticing that other than the aforesaid three aspects (decision-making process, pricing and offsets), that too to a limited extent, this Court did not consider it appropriate to embark on a roving and fishing enquiry," they said.

The judges said one of the review petitions had said the prayer for registration of an FIR and investigation by CBI "has not been dealt with and the contract has been reviewed prematurely by the Judiciary without the benefit of investigation and inquiry into the disputed questions of facts".

Rejecting this, the two judges said "we do not consider this to be a fair submission for the reason that all counsel, including counsel representing the petitioners in this matter addressed elaborate submissions on all the aforesaid three aspects. No doubt that there was a prayer made for registration of FIR and further investigation, but then once we had examined the three aspects on merits we did not consider it appropriate to issue any directions..."

The judges said the court had "satisfied itself" on the question of pricing with the material made available. "It is not the function of this Court to determine the prices nor for that matter can such aspects be dealt with on mere suspicion of persons who decide to approach the Court. The internal mechanism of such pricing would take care of the situation. On the perusal of documents, we had found that one cannot compare apples and oranges. Thus, the pricing of the basic aircraft had to be compared which was competitively marginally lower. As to what should be loaded on the aircraft or not and what further pricing should be added has to be left to the best judgment of the competent authorities," they said.





NORTH

Two more held in UPPCL provident fund ‘scam’

**Lucknow:** The Uttar Pradesh Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Thursday arrested two more people in connection with the alleged UPPCL provident fund (PF) scam, taking the total number of arrests to five in the case. Provident fund worth Rs 2,600 crore of the employees of Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation

Limited (UPPCL) was allegedly invested in crisis-hit Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), based in Mumbai, in 2017. Abhinav Gupta, son of a former secretary of the power employees’ trust, and broker Ashish Chaudhary were arrested on Thursday on the charge of criminal conspiracy. **ENS**



Vehicles on the snow-covered Rohtang Pass road in Manali on Thursday. **PTI**

SOUTH

Four students killed after being hit by train

**Coimbatore:** Four students, who were walking along the railway track near Irugur, reportedly under the influence of liquor, were killed after being hit by a Chennai-bound express train early on Thursday, police said. Five youth had consumed liquor near a college in the city on the night of Wednesday and were walking on the railway

track when the incident occurred, they said. The students failed to notice the Alappuzha-Chennai train coming towards them, resulting in the death of four of them on the spot. Another youth sustained serious injuries, police added. The deceased were aged between 21 and 23 years.

**PTI**

EAST

SFI sweeps all five posts at Presidency University polls

**Kolkata:** The Students’ Federation of India (SFI) on Thursday bagged all four posts in the student election at Kolkata’s Presidency University. The election was held for the posts of president, vice-president, general secretary and assistant general secretary. The student unit of CPI(M) also won the secretary post for girl’s com-

mon room. Besides, SFI members have emerged victorious on 57 class representative posts. With this victory, the SFI will control the Presidency student union after a gap of nine years. Earlier, the union was run by the Independent Consolidation (IC) whose members came second this time.

**ENS**

WEST

HC refuses interim protection from arrest to Navlakha

**Mumbai:** Granting no interim protection from arrest to activist Gautam Navlakha, the Bombay High Court on Thursday adjourned his anticipatory bail application till Friday. Navlakha had moved the HC on Wednesday after a special court in Pune turned down his anticipatory bail application and refused to grant further interim protection

from arrest. In its order rejecting his anticipatory bail plea in the Elgar Parishad case, the Pune court took note of documents submitted by the prosecution, including those titled “Strategy and Tactics (S & T) of the Indian Revolution” and “Work in urban areas”, both allegedly recovered from the pen drive of co-accused P Varavara Rao. **ENS**

# Terrorism caused \$1 trillion loss to world economy: PM at BRICS Summit

Says terror has claimed the lives of about 2.25 lakh people in 10 years; also calls for paying special attention to mutual trade and investment

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
BRASILIA, NOVEMBER 14

TERRORISM HAS caused \$1 trillion loss to the world economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Thursday as he addressed the 11th BRICS Summit, and described the scourge as the “biggest threat” to development, peace and prosperity.

Addressing the BRICS Plenary Session at the Itamaraty Palace in the presence of the Presidents of Brazil, China, Russia and South Africa, Modi said that terrorism has emerged as the biggest threat to development, peace and prosperity.

“According to some estimates, the economic growth of developing nations has decreased by 1.5 per cent due to terrorism,” he said, adding that the scourge has caused \$1 trillion loss to the world economy.

In 10 years, terrorism has claimed the lives of about 2.25 lakh people and destroyed societies, Modi said. “The atmosphere of doubt created by terrorism, terror financing, drug trafficking and organised crime indirectly and deeply harms trade and business. I am happy that the first seminar on BRICS Strategies for Countering Terrorism was organised. We hope that such efforts and activities of the five working groups will increase strong BRICS Security Cooperation against terrorism and other organised crimes,” he said.

According to the BRICS joint statement, the five countries condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, which should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization, and recognise terrorist acts as criminal and unjustifiable.

“We urge for concerted efforts to fight against terrorism under UN auspices in accor-

dance with international law, recognise the primary role of states and their competent authorities in preventing and countering terrorism and express our conviction that a comprehensive approach is necessary to ensure effective results in combating terrorism. We recall the responsibility of all states to prevent financing of terrorist networks and terrorist actions, including those from their territories,” the statement said without referring to any country.

Modi said that sustainable water management and sanitation are important challenges in urban areas. “I propose to hold the first meeting of BRICS water ministers in India,” Modi said.

“Recently, we started ‘Fit India Movement’. I want to increase contacts and exchanges between us in the field of fitness and health,” he said.

Modi also focused on paying special attention to mutual trade and investment, saying intra-BRICS trade accounts for just 15 per cent of the world trade, while its combined population is over 40 per cent of the world’s population.

“Now we need to discuss the direction of BRICS, and how to mutually cooperate more effectively in the next 10 years. Despite success in many areas, there is considerable scope to increase efforts in some areas. The theme of this summit — ‘Economic growth for an innovative future’ — is very apt. Innovation has become the basis of our development. Therefore, it is necessary that we strengthen cooperation for innovation under BRICS,” the PM said.

Modi said that with mutual recognition of visas, social security agreement and qualifications, “we will give people of five countries a more conducive environment for mutual travel and work”.



Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Brasilia. **AP**

## Brazilian President accepts invitation as R-Day chief guest

**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

BRAZIL’S PRESIDENT Jair Messias Bolsonaro will be the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in January 2020, the government said on Thursday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who met Brazil’s President on the sidelines of the 11th BRICS summit at Brasilia, invited him and he has “accepted the invitation with pleasure”, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

The Indian Express reported last week that the government was considering inviting Bolsonaro as the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations.

This is the third time a Brazilian President is chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations after Fernando Henrique Cardoso in 1996 and Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in 2004.

Seen as a far-right firebrand and a political outsider, Bolsonaro was sworn in as the

38th president of Brazil, Latin America’s largest democracy, early this year.

“Both leaders agreed that on this occasion, the two countries can comprehensively enhance our strategic partnership. PM Modi said that he looked forward to discussing matters relating to trade. He also outlined areas for potential investment from Brazil, including in areas of agricultural equipment, animal husbandry, post-harvest technologies and biofuels,” the MEA statement said on Thursday.

“The President of Brazil expressed his readiness and informed PM that a large business delegation will accompany him to India. They also discussed other areas of cooperation including space and defence sectors. PM welcomed the decision of President to grant visa free travel to Indian citizens,” it said.

This is the Prime Minister’s second visit to Brazil and his first visit after the new administration led by Bolsonaro assumed office on January 1. Modi met

Bolsonaro in Osaka earlier this year on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.

An invitation to be the Republic Day chief guest is highly symbolic from the Indian government’s perspective. New Delhi has been weaving strategy with hospitality to decide its chief guest for the Republic Day. The choice every year is dictated by a number of reasons — strategic and diplomatic, business interest and geopolitics.

This year, after the invitation to US President Donald Trump did not work out, South Africa’s President Cyril Ramaphosa was invited. Ten leaders from ASEAN countries were the chief guests in 2018.

Officials said India and Brazil share a very close and multifaceted relationship at the bilateral level as well as in plurilateral fora such as BRICS, BASIC, G-20, G-4, IBSA and International Solar Alliance, Biofuture Platform and in the larger multilateral bodies such as the UN, WTO, UNESCO and WIPO.

## Poll process in J&K to be held soon, says Lt Gov Murmu

**ARUN SHARMA**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 14

JAMMU AND Kashmir Lt Governor G C Murmu on Thursday said the Assembly election process in the newly created Union Territory would start soon.

“Elections will also come in the Union Territory. This is a Centrally ruled place, but it has a legislature as well. Do not think that it will continue as it is. An exercise to hold elections at the earliest will be held soon and you people will have a role in it,” Murmu said. He was addressing police personnel at the passing out parade of new recruits at Police Training Centre, Talwara, near Reasi.

Praising the police for fulfilling all responsibilities assigned to them, Murmu said, “This responsibility (of elections) will also be placed on their shoulders

and they will have to play an important role in it.”

Referring to the recent snowfall in Kashmir, Murmu said that police have an important role in relief and rescue operations.

Murmu’s remarks — his first at a public event since assuming charge as Lt Governor of J&K — were made amid the continued detention of senior leaders of mainstream Opposition parties in Kashmir since the Centre decided to scrap special status and bifurcate Jammu and Kashmir state into two UTs on August 5. Recently, Block Development Council elections were held, but Opposition parties did not participate in it.

Meanwhile, the Centre appointed retired IPS officer Farooq Khan and retired IAS officer K K Sharma as advisors to Murmu. Both Khan and Sharma were advisors to Satya Pal Malik, Governor

of the erstwhile J&K state.

A former J&K police officer, Khan had joined the BJP in 2014 and last served as Lt Governor of Lakshadweep. Khan was added to Governor Malik’s advisory council only a month before the revocation of special status of the state of J&K. Hailing from Jammu, Khan was in 1994 part of the first team of J&K Police’s counter-insurgency force, the Special Operations Group. He retired from J&K Police as Inspector General of the force.

Sharma is a 1983-batch AG-MUT cadre IAS officer. He has served as chief secretary of Delhi and Goa. He was also Union Secretary PWD in 2009 and was promoted as Principal Secretary PWD. He served as Secretary, Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, before his retirement.

— WITH ENS, SRINAGAR

## Pak forces violate ceasefire along LoC in Kupwara, 5 injured

**ADIL AKHZER**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 14

PAKISTAN FORCES resorted to cross-border shelling along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir’s Kupwara district on Thursday, leaving five people injured.

Police officials said Pakistan violated the ceasefire in Taad sector of Tangdhar area. “The shelling continued for several hours in the morning, and since then situation is peaceful,” an official in Tangdhar said. “The Indian Army retaliated to the ceasefire violation.”

The official said that the injured were rushed to a hospital, adding that some houses have also been damaged due to the shelling.

A health official in Tangdhar said that they received five in-



Youth queue up during a BSF recruitment rally at Srinagar on Thursday. **Shuaib Masoodi**

jured people at the hospital. “One of them has been referred to Srinagar hospital for specialised treatment,” the official said.

He said that one person is still admitted at the hospital, while three others were discharged af-

6-year-old dead after falling into vessel with hot sambhar at Andhra school

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 14

A 6-YEAR-OLD boy, who was waiting to be served food at his school in Andhra Pradesh’s Kurnool on Thursday, died after he accidentally fell into a vessel filled with hot sambhar. The incident occurred at a Panyam government school, police said.

According to the police, Purshottam Reddy was first in the queue and was waiting for food to be served under the mid-day meal scheme. “There was some jostling and pushing and the boy fell into the big vessel. He was rushed to a hospital but died en route,” an official said.

Later, Purshottam’s parents and relatives staged a protest outside the school, demanding against the school authorities for negligence.

In December 2016, a similar incident occurred in Telangana’s Nalgonda district — B Jayawardhan, 5, had fallen into a huge vessel of sambhar at Eduloor Primary School. In that incident too, pushing and jostling by students in the queue had resulted in the mishap.

## Boy rescued from 200-feet deep borewell in Nashik district

**Nashik:** A six-year-old boy was rescued after he fell into a 200-foot deep borewell in Maharashtra’s Nashik district on Thursday.

Ritesh Jawansingh Solanki fell into an open borewell while playing at Bej village in Kalwan tehsil in the morning, police said. Police were alerted and a rescue operation was launched immediately.

A rope was dropped inside and after three hours, Ritesh, who was stuck at the depth of 50 feet but was conscious, was pulled out. He was later taken to Kalwan sub-district hospital for medical examination. **PTI**

### CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE IN KERALA

# Living gene bank: Tribal farmer grows, preserves 52 native rice varieties

**YAMINI NAIR**  
WAYANAD (KERALA),  
NOVEMBER 14

THE CLOUDS are set to burst again after an early morning spell of rain, and the mud road leading to Cheruvayal Raman’s home is slippery.

“Ramettan is in the farm,” says his wife, who shows the way to the paddy field through the backyard.

Raman, a sexagenarian tribal farmer known as a “living paddy gene bank”, is tending to freshly planted saplings in his three-acre land that resembles a green carpet. Two Class 6 students and their teacher from a nearby government school are asking Raman about the paddy varieties in the

field in Kerala’s Wayanad district. They are among the hundreds who come to take lessons in preservation of native paddy varieties and traditional farming methods from Thalakkara Cheriya Raman, aka Cheruvayal Raman or simply Ramettan, at Kammana in Wayanad’s Mananthavady taluk.

Raman grows 52 native varieties of rice in his field every year. “It is a non-profit initiative. I cultivate these only to preserve them and give their seeds to anybody who is interested. I don’t give more than 2-3 kg,” says Raman, who claims to have supplied the seeds of 30 traditional varieties to the Dr K Ramiah Gene Bank at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore, named after the breeder and founder-director of the Central Rice

Research Institute, Cuttack.

“Gene banks are fine, but the only way to really preserve native varieties is to grow them,” says Raman, who is from the Kurichiya tribal community that mainly inhabits Wayanad and Kannur districts of northern Kerala. Raman sows the seeds in plots demarcated for each variety. When he hands over seeds to interested farmers, the only condition he lays down is that they give back the same quantity as seed to him after harvesting their crop.

The varieties preserved by him include ‘Gandhakashala’ (an aromatic rice used in traditional biriyani preparations) and ‘Thondi’ (a red bold grain paddy). The paddy yields per acre from these tall indigenous varieties range from about 7 quintals for



Cheruvayal Raman owns a three-acre farm in Kerala’s Wayanad district. **Yamini Nair**

‘Gandhakashala’ and 18 quintals for ‘Thondi’, with roughly five months of seed-to-grain crop duration.

“HYVs and hybrids give a

bounty of harvest using chemical fertilisers and pesticides. But that is akin to getting drunk or smoking. We feel very excited, but once their effects subside we

feel drained. Likewise, chemicals double the yields at the start, and then destroy our soil and environment. Farming native seeds using traditional methods will

sustain the earth and the lives within,” says Raman.

In 2016, Raman received the Genome Saviour Award instituted by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority under the Union Agriculture Ministry. In 2018, he was also invited to speak at a symposium in Brazil on challenges relating to indigenous people and sustainable use of biodiversity. It was organised by the Federal University of Pará and the Museum Paraense Emílio Goeldi, along with the International Society of Ethnobiology.

But, for him, honours don’t matter much. “Instead of just giving awards, the government should help farmers continue their occupation,” he says, adding that farmers can help

conserve the environment.

“My income is primarily from the well-wishers and people who come here to learn. I grow enough rice and vegetables to feed my family, and do all the work myself without employing labourers,” says Raman, who has two sons and two daughters, none of them into farming.

In 1978, Raman experimented with chemical-based farming. “I gave it up after noticing that all the fish, insects, earthworms, frogs and reptiles in my land had died,” he notes.

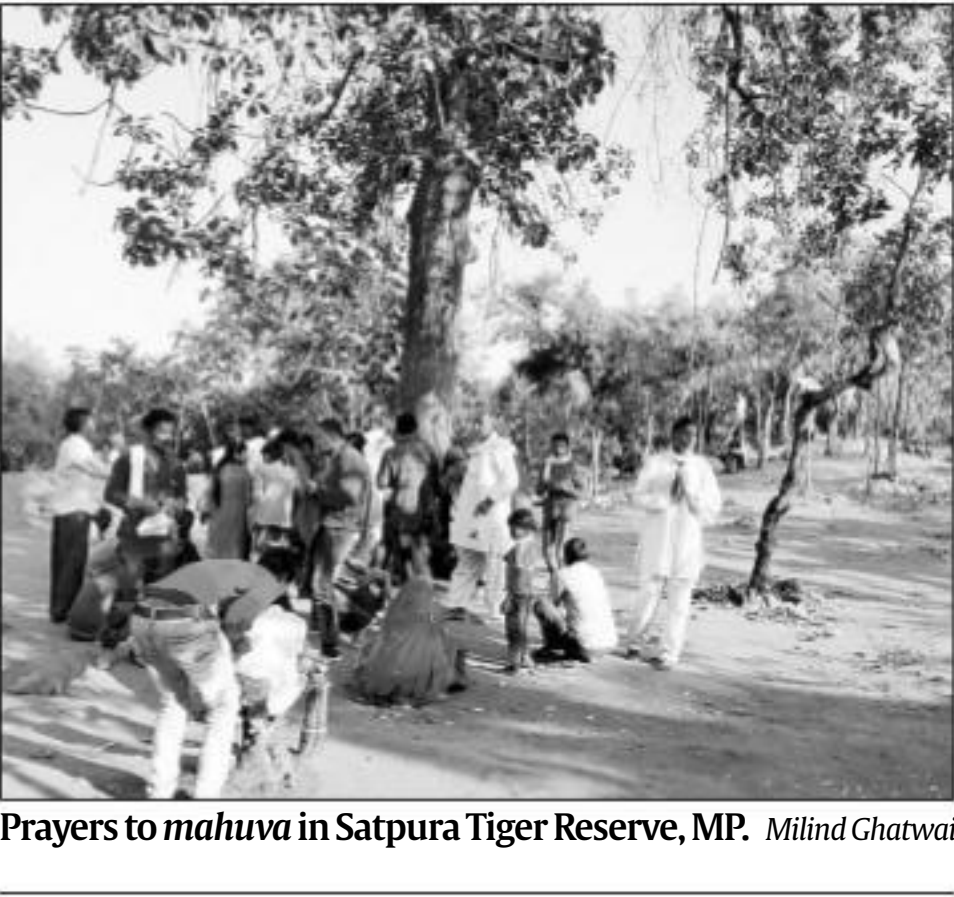
For Raman, the ultimate reward isn’t financial, but the fact that “people from huts to palaces are coming to me to learn about my work”. “It wouldn’t have been possible without my work,” he signs off.











Prayers to mahuva in Satpura Tiger Reserve, MP. Milind Ghatvali

# ‘Magic’ tree in MP tiger reserve brings thousands of believers

## Restrictions in place as crowd surges

MILIND GHATAI  
KODAPADRAI (PIPARIYA), NOV 14

A MAHUYA tree in the buffer zone has become the latest big draw at Satpura Tiger Reserve (STR), in Madhya Pradesh’s Hoshangabad district. Since late-September, thousands of people from across MP and neighbouring states have come here, believing the tree to have magical powers.

They circle the tree, or hug it in the belief that it will bring instant cure to their ailments or misfortunes. Carrying coconuts, incense sticks, lemons, diyas and other items of worship, they arrive in droves, accompanying relatives with disabilities.

Punaram Kunwahi, 60, from Amarwada, said a persistent body-ache that had plagued him for a while has been cured after visiting the tree. “I could barely walk without pain but after touching the tree I haven’t felt any pain,” he claimed.

Like him, hundreds insist that they found cure to aches, arthritis and blindness. By most accounts, the frenzy began during the Navratras, when a villager claimed that the mahuva tree had magical powers.

The area where the tree is located is remote — the nearest town, Pipariya, is about 14 km away — but word-of-mouth publicity and a social media frenzy has meant hundreds visit the spot every day. In turn, more than 300

shops have come up on the route.

“Initially there was a trickle, but rumours started taking different forms and intensity and the numbers started swelling,” STR assistant director Lokesh Nirapure said. Villagers, he said, started identifying it as Sidha Mahuva Dham.

With the number of visitors turning unmanageable, the authorities imposed restrictions, which led to clashes between the police and local residents. Soon, there were rumours that the tree has been cut. That, according to forest guard Ramkrishna Dubey, drew even more people.

On Wednesday, police barred believers from getting close to the tree, leading to stone-pelting that left nearly a dozen officials injured. In response, the authorities imposed prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144 in the area. But once police were out of sight, a group of believers rushed towards the tree, ignoring the barricades and prohibitory orders.

Former MP chief secretary and rationalist S C Behar said, “There is no scientific evidence to support that the tree has any such powers. There are many superstitions about mahatmas and (self-claimed) godmen. This, too, is such a rumour.”

When *The Indian Express* visited the site, many lower-rung Revenue officials on their first or second visit were trying their luck, pretending that they were only imitating what the villagers have been doing over the last few days.

# Ayodhya: Jamiat panel to take call on review plea

ABANTIKA GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

JAMIAT ULAMA-I Hind has formed a five-member committee to look into the pros and cons of filing a review petition following Supreme Court’s Ayodhya verdict. The committee will give its report in four days.

Jamiat president Maulana Arshad Madani on Thursday called the verdict “baffling”. He said it is the prerogative of the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Wafk Board to take a call on whether to accept 5 acres that the court directed should be given for building a mosque, but the Jamiat working committee’s decision was to spurn the offer since there was no need for such “charity”.

After a Jamiat meeting on the

issue, Madani said: “Once a mosque is built, it remains a mosque till the end of time. So Babri Masjid is, was, and will remain a mosque. However, if the Supreme Court had said that Babri Masjid had been built after demolishing a temple, we would have forfeited our claim. Also, if we do not have a claim, why give us land at all? That is why this is a baffling verdict from the Supreme Court.”

About review petition, he said the five-member committee will take a call. Besides Madani, a senior Darul uloom Deoband teacher, the committee’s members are Maulana Asjad Madani, Maulana Fazlur Rahman, Maulana Habibullah and Aijaz Maqbool.

Jamiat will also consult legal experts on the matter.

# Muzaffarpur shelter case verdict deferred

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

A DELHI court on Thursday deferred by a month its judgment in the case of alleged sexual and physical assault of girls at a shelter home in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. Additional Sessions Judge Saurabh Kulshreshtha deferred the verdict until December 12 as 20 of the accused, who are currently lodged in Tihar Jail, could not be brought to court premises due to the ongoing lawyers’ strike in all six district courts in Delhi.

Former MLA Brajesh Thakur is prime accused in the case. The court had reserved the order on September 30 after final arguments by CBI and counsel of the accused. Six girls had gone missing from Thakur’s shelter home in 2013. A complaint had been made at a police station, but the matter was converted into full-fledged FIR only in July 2018 after medical reports had confirmed sexual abuse of more than 30 girls living at the shelter home.

# In Kerala, Left govt waits for SC verdict details on Sabarimala

Govt shouldn’t facilitate entry of all women: BJP, Congress

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
NOVEMBER 14

WITH THE Supreme Court on Thursday deciding against a stay on its 2018 verdict allowing women of menstruating age to enter Sabarimala temple, the BJP and Hindu organisations in Kerala, who oppose entry of all women at the hill shrine, are gearing up for another round of showdown in the pilgrim season that begins on Saturday.

The Congress’s state unit welcomed the Supreme Court’s decision to refer the matter to a larger bench and said the government should not try to take women activists to the temple.

Having decided to follow the apex court’s order and actively back young women to undertake the trek to the shrine last year, the CPI(M), which leads Kerala’s LDF government, was on Thursday non-committal about its course of action even as women began registering themselves for ‘dar-

shan’ (visit) at Sabarimala.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who had last year taken an uncompromising stand favouring entry of women of all ages to the temple, said, “We have to understand details of the verdict. Whatever be the verdict, the government will go by it. The court has not stayed its earlier verdict. The government will examine the consequences of the verdict and seek legal opinion before deciding the next course of action.”

Hindu organisations under the banner of Sabarimala Action Council have, meanwhile, decided to resume last year’s action plan to prevent attempts by women to trek to the shrine. Squads, under the garb of pilgrims, are being deployed on the temple premises and the route leading to the shrine to prevent them.

BJP spokesperson B Gopalkrishnan said the state should not try to take women activists to the temple on the ground that the SC did not stay its 2018 verdict. “If the government tries to take women to the temple, it

would be opposed,” he said.

Demanding return to status quo as existed before last year’s verdict, former BJP state president Kummanam Rajasekharan said women should be prevented from going to Sabarimala. “The government should not facilitate their entry,” he said.

State Congress president Mullappally Ramachandran said, “The court verdict has vindicated the Congress’s stand. The party is with the faithful. The government should desist from adopting provocative steps.” The Congress had last year opposed the government’s decision to let young women visit Sabarimala.

The erstwhile royal family of Pandalam, which has a stake in rituals at the temple, said the SC ruling reflects sentiments of devotees of Ayyappa, the deity at Sabarimala. “The court has decided to re-examine its earlier verdict. It indicates that the court could be under the impression that its earlier verdict may have gone wrong,” the family’s representative, Sasikumar Varma, said.

# RSS welcomes order but points at ‘faith, belief’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

The RSS on Thursday welcomed the SC’s decision to refer questions arising out of its 2018 Sabarimala judgment to a larger bench but added that the restriction on women of a particular age at the temple had nothing to do with gender inequality. “Matters related to traditions and customs are issues of faith and belief. Restriction of women belonging to a particular age-group to Sabarimala has nothing to do with gender inequality or discrimination, and that is strictly based on the speciality of the deity,” RSS’s Arun Kumar tweeted.

Kumar said, “We are of the view that the judicial review under whatever pretext in the matter will be violative of the spirit of freedom of worship guaranteed by our Constitution...”

# Amethi DM shifted after video shows him dragging officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 14

A DAY after a video purportedly showing Amethi District Magistrate Prashant Sharma dragging a PCS officer Sunil Singh emerged on social media, the state government on Thursday removed Sharma.

The alleged incident took place outside Amethi mortuary when Singh and his relatives were complaining to the DM about police laxity in the murder of his cousin, Vijay Kumar Singh alias Sonu, on Tuesday night.

Additional Chief Secretary (Department of Appointment & Personnel) Mukul Singhal said

Sharma was transferred on administrative grounds.

An order issued by the state government on Thursday stated that Sharma has been put on a waitlist, and vice-chairman of Moradabad Development Authority Arun Kumar has been posted as the new DM of Amethi.

After the video emerged, Union minister and BJP MP from Amethi, Smriti Irani, had tweeted: “We should always try to be sensitive and polite. We are servants of the people, not rulers.”

But as the video led to people expressing anguish over the administration’s “insensitivity”, the DM’s Twitter handle tweeted a video of Sunil Singh denying allegations against the district

magistrate and said that Sharma had done nothing wrong.

The tweet stated, “Videos can be edited to look like something that is not true and spread to create mischief. Here is a statement from the officer, Mr Sunil Singh himself, clarifying the situation.”

In the video, Sunil Singh is heard saying, “Dear mediapersons, I saw a news on TV channels today where it was being shown

that DM Amethi had misbehaved with me. Nothing like this happened. The video being broadcast is an edited video. The DM heard all our problems and assured us of all the help possible...”

After Sharma’s transfer, Singh told *The Indian Express* that the DM got angry after he questioned him how a murder could take place within five metres from a police vehicle.

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#### WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

A written test and walk-in-interview for appointment of a Junior Hindi Translator on purely contractual basis for the period of six months will be conducted on 03 December, 2019 at 10:30 am in the NCERT. This period is extendable as per requirement of Hindi Cell of NCERT. The details of eligibility and remuneration etc. is uploaded on NCERT website [www.ncert.nic.in](http://www.ncert.nic.in)

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

#### For Implementation of Consulting Agency for Development of Satellite SANSKRIT TV CHANNEL

UTTARAKHAND SANSKRIT ACADEMY,  
DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT EDUCATION, HARIDWAR

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Advt. No.: RMD/K/PERS/F-14/2019/1822 Date: 14/11/2019

#### Recruitment for Executive and Non-Executive Cadres in RMD Mines

Raw Materials Division (RMD), the controlling unit of captive mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) invites applications from eligible persons for filling up the following posts for posting in its various mines as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	No. of post	Mine wise indicative distribution
1.	Medical Officer [Dental]	01	---
2.	Mining Foreman	40	BIM-5, BNP-2, BOM-9, GOM-3, KIM-2, KTR-5, KIOM-7, MIOM-7
3.	Mining Mate	51	BIM-8, BNP-2, BOM-12, GOM-4, KIM-6, KTR-3, KIOM-8, MIOM-8
4.	Surveyor (Mines)	09	BIM-2, BOM-2, GOM-1, KTR-1, KIOM-1, MIOM-1, MOM-1
5.	Operator-Cum-Technician (Trainee)	13	BIM-3, BOM-3, GOM-2, KIM-1, KTR-2, KIOM-3, MIOM-3
6.	Attendant-Cum-Technician (Trainee)- (HMV) [ACTT-HMV]	20	BIM-4, BOM-8, KIOM-4, MIOM-4
7.	Nursing Sister (Trainee)	10	BIM-2, GOM-2, KTR-2, KIOM-3, MOM-1

Note:  
BIM- Barsua Iron Mine, BNP- Bhawanathpur Limestone Mine, BOM- Bolani Ores Mines, GOM- Gua Ore Mines, KIM- Kalta Iron Mine, KTR- Kuteswar Limestone Mine, KIOM- Kiriburu Iron Ore Mine, MIOM- Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mine & MOM- Manoharpur Ore Mine.

The detailed advertisement may be seen on SAIL's website [www.sail.co.in](http://www.sail.co.in) at the link "Careers" from 18/11/2019. Interested candidates, fulfilling the eligibility criteria enumerated in the detailed advertisement, would be required to apply online through SAIL's website [www.sail.co.in](http://www.sail.co.in) at the link "Careers" and by clicking Raw Materials Division. The applications can be submitted through website from 01/12/2019.

Closing date for submitting applications through website is 31/12/2019. No other mode of application shall be accepted.

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Congress president Sonia Gandhi, former President Pranab Mukherjee and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at Shanti Van, New Delhi, on Thursday. Anil Sharma

# ‘Nehruvian values of democratic institutions, secularism under attack’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi on Thursday said Nehruvian values of democratic institution-building, staunch secularism, socialist economics and a non-aligned foreign policy are under attack and the party should fight for his vision of India.

Speaking at the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture delivered by historian Madhavan K Palat, she said the BJP disrespects and fears diversity, denying India’s “pluralism, our freedom of choice, which are integral to our fundamental rights”.

Arguing that it has become fashionable to decry Nehru’s contributions now, she said, “Today, when we take our democracy and pluralist social fabric for granted, it is easy to forget the magnitude of contributions made by titans such as Nehru and others of his time.”

Nehru, she said, had put his faith in a democratic system in a country that was ravaged by colo-

nialism and Partition, and reduced by 1947 into one of the poorest and most exploited societies. “In doing so, he not only etched an eternal mark in the history of our nation, but in his time went on to consolidate India’s democracy and entrench the foundational values of our polity, values to which we are still proud to lay claim.” These values, she said, can be summarised as the four pillars of Nehruvianism: democratic institution-building, staunch secularism, socialist economics and a non-aligned foreign policy.

“These were integral to his vision of India. Today, this vision is fundamentally under attack, but it remains at the core of the true India that we must continue to fight for,” she said. Sonia said it is lamentable that those in power today are blind to this truth. “They lack the capacity, vision and wisdom to uphold this legacy. The forces unleashed by our present rulers want to dictate to us what we can do, say or think. Their idea of unity is uniformity. They disrespect and fear diversity.”



### SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

S.C.O. No. 20-27, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Deep Building, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: 2019-20 (Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means)

Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMa) provides an opportunity to the students belonging to six Minority communities notified by the Government of India (Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsis), Muslim and Christian) for availing Scholarship under three Scholarship viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship for the Year 2019-20 on National Scholarship Portal.

#### TIMELINE

Last submission of applications for Scholarship	Date for i. Pre-Matric Scholarship ii. Post-Matric Scholarship iii. Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship	15th November, 2019
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- Eligibility:**
- The applicant should be a student of the notified minority communities (Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsis), Muslim, any of Christian) and family income should be as per the norms fixed.
  - The applicant should be pursuing studies in India in Government or Recognized Private University/ Institute/ College/School.
  - The course being pursued should be of Minimum one year duration.
  - The applicant should have second 50% marks in the last annual Board/ Class examination.

## INSTRUCTION

### For Application

- Applicants are advised to apply online against any one of the Scholarship Schemes on the website of National Scholarship Portal at [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in) (a link to the site is also available at [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)) or Mobile App- **National Scholarship (NSP)**.
- Detailed 'Instruction' for filling in online application and 'Frequently Asked Question (FAQs)' are available on the National Scholarship Portal homepage.
- Applicants are advised to give only that Bank Account details which remains in active mode and is fully compliant as per Bank's instructions so that payment of Scholarship does not fail.

### For Universities/Institutes/Schools/Colleges

- All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, where a minority student is studying, should get themselves registered (if not done earlier) on National Scholarship Portal immediately.

For detailed information- Visit the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs, i.e. [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

Samadhaan Helpline (Toll Free) - 1800-11-2001 (Timing 9.00 A.M. to 5.30 P.M., Monday to Friday except holidays).

Sd/- Deputy Director,  
**Social Justice & Empowerment Department**  
**Haryana, Chandigarh.**

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Adv. No. SHKM/Rectt/19/06

### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

Advertisement for filling up the posts for  
S.H.K.M. Government Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh

The following 38 posts of Senior Residents on Tenure basis are proposed to be filled up for SHKM GMC Nalhar, Nuh through Walk-in-Interview.

Sr.No	Name of Department	Senior Resident							Total post
		GC	SC	BCA	BCB	ESM	PH	EWS	
01	General Medicine	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	7
02	Paediatrics	-	2*	1	-	-	-	-	3
03	Chest & TB	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
04	Psychiatry	-	1*	-	-	-	-	-	1
05	General Surgery	-	3*	1	1	1	-	-	6
06	orthopedics	-	2*	-	-	-	-	1	3
07	Ophthalmology	-	1*	-	-	-	-	-	1
08	Anaesthesia	-	1*	1	-	1	-	1	4
09	Obs & Gynae	-	2*	1	-	1	-	1	5
10	Radio diagnosis	1	1*	-	-	-	1	-	2
11	Skin & VD	1	1*	-	-	-	-	-	2
12	ENT	-	1*	1	-	-	-	-	2

\*The vacancies are reserved for the Schedule Caste category, but with the stipulation that in case on eligible candidate are available from the Schedule Caste category, the vacancies shall be filled up from the General Category on merit. This de-reservation is one time and temporary measure. When in future General Category vacancies of such number become available in the cadre, such vacancies should be assigned to Schedule Caste category to recoup the de-reserved Schedule Caste category posts.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The application form, eligibility criteria, qualification, experience, other terms & conditions can be downloaded from the official website of the institute [www.gmcnewat.ac.in](http://www.gmcnewat.ac.in).
2. Age Limit:  
a) Upper age limit for Senior Resident will be 45.
3. Reservation as per policy of State Govt. of Haryana.
4. Number of posts may be increased or decreased or totally withdrawn without any further notice.
5. The tenure for Senior Resident posts will be for 03 (three) years but after completion of 01 year it will be extended only after satisfactory work and conduct.
6. The status of vacancy will be updated on the website [www.gmcnewat.ac.in](http://www.gmcnewat.ac.in) on regular basis after publishing the advertisement in newspapers one time. You may regularly visit the institute website for updated status.

Eligible applicants have to appear for walk in interview on daily basis from 18.11.2019 onwards for the posts of Senior Residents at 09.00 AM with prescribed application form along with non-refundable application fee of Rs. 500/- (Rs. 250 for women candidates, Rs. 125/- for reserved category of Haryana domicile only and person with benchmark disability will be exempted for application fee.) in the form of Demand Draft/ Indian Postal Order/ Treasury Chalan in departmental receipt head 0210 in favour of Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, Govt. Medical College, Nalhar (Nuh) payable at Nuh and POS Machine.

Date/time of interview: Every Day (for the post of Senior Resident) at 09.00 AM (Attendance will be taken upto 11.00 am only, there after no candidate will be entertained)

Venue of Interview: Office of Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, Govt. Medical College, Nalhar, Nuh

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Sd/- Director



# 10 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

## Classifieds

### PERSONAL

**We,** Anand Jain & Aarti Sarin Jain resident of 3/22 1st floor Shanti Niketan New Delhi have changed our minor child's name from Amanat Jain to Amanat Deviki Jain. Affidavit no- IN-DL8234353182955R dated- November 13, 2019.

0050158468-1

**In** my service records, name of my mother has been wrongly mentioned as Kelo Devi instead of Kalawant. It needs correction. Objections be filed to No. 15687698Y Sigman Satish Kumar, 15 Corps Engg Sig Regt, C/O 56 APO, Vill- Ramgarh, Tehsil- Kalayat, District- Kaithal, (Haryana), Pin-136117.

0020396390-1

**[Neeraj S/o** Narendara Prasad Kanth R/O 2610A, SGM Nagar, Sector-48, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar Kanth for all purposes.

0040520175-2

**[Narendar S/o** Sarju Prasad Kanth R/O 2610A, SGM Nagar, Sector-48, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name to Narendara Prasad Kanth for all purposes.

0040520175-3

**[Arjun Singh,S/o**-Devendra Kumar Yadav, R/O-House.No.-D-211,Gali.No.6,Om Nagar, meethapur Extn., Badarpur, N.D.-110044, Confirm that in my 10-class certificate my father name wrongly mentioned as Devender Singh instead of Devendra Kumar yadav.

0040520175-4

**[Akash Deep,S/o**-Sohan Pal,R/O-1846,Udey Chand Marg Basti Bagichi Kotla, Mubarakpur Delhi-3, have changed to my name Akash Deep Gautam for all Purposes.

0040519924-3

**I,** hitherto known as Rahul Sethi@Parvash Sethi S/o Sh.Pradeep Sethi R/O-6/49, Vijay Nagar, Double-Storey, G.T.B.Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Parvash Sethi.

0040520276-9

**I,** Yadav Kalpana, W/O Ahir Deepak Layak Singh, No.14862884X, Rank:Sep/Mt, R/O 'B'COY, IHQ Of Mod(Army) Tpt Unit Asc, New Delhi-110021 & Permanent Address Vill+P.S.: Chandkheda, P.O.Janta Nagar, Distt: Ahmedabad, Gujrat-382424, Have Changed My Name To Ahir Kalpana.

0040520319-3

**I,** Veer Singh Jatav S/o Mr. Subaddi Ram R/O 67, Jatav Basti, Vishan Pura, Karauli, Rajasthan-321611 have changed my name to Veer Singh for all purposes.

0040520214-1

**I,** Vandana Verma D/o Samay Verma, R/o 147 Taimoor Nagar, New Delhi-110025, inform that my Date of Birth wrongly written in my 10th Class Certificate as 06/09/2002. My correct Date of Birth is 06/10/2001.

0040520147-1

**I,** Shahin Bee D/O Abdul Quadir, R/O 20/275, Trilokpur, Delhi-110091, have changed My Name to Shaheen Bee.

0040520358-6

**I,** Vandana D/o Dayanand Sharma R/O-1687/FF, Huda-Colony, Red Gurgaon, Sector-16, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my name to Vandana Sharma, for all purposes.

0040520275-6

**I,** Tejpal Sai S/o Sh. Hanuman R/O-C-B/37, Sultanpuri, Delhi-110086, have change my name to Tejpal Singh, for all future purposes.

0040520275-3

**I,** Suraiya Bano W/O Zahiruddin Khan Rao R/O-455, First-Floor, Flat No-101, Zakir Nagar West, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025, Changed My Name To Suraiya Bano Rao.

0040520358-4

**I,** Surabhi Mittal, W/o Abhishek Mittal, R/O Flat No-A-1801, Sector-107, Great Value Sharanam, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name from Km. Surbhi to Surabhi Mittal, hence forth I will be known as Surabhi Mittal for all future purposes.

0040520164-1

**I,** Sonu S/O Sh. Chander Prakash R/O Vidhya Anand Play School, Shayam Colony, Tehsil Hodel, Distt. Palwal Haryana, informs to changed my name from Sonu Garg to Sonu for all future purposes.

0040520212-1

**I,** Shreekar Kulkarni S/o Raghavendran G R/O Door No-4, DACG Govt Polytechnic Quarters, Rathnagiri Road, Chikmagalur, Karnataka-577101, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Raghandran Gururaj in my Pan Number IECPP8216Q. The actual name of my father is Raghavendran G.

0070683398-1

**I,** Nazma D/O Mohd Nasiruddin, R/O 160, Gali Gadaryan, Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin, N.Delhi-110013, Changed My Name To Najma Abbasi.

0040520358-7

**I,** NEELANJANA, also named Neelanjana Shivesh, residing at G-147, 2nd Floor, South City-2, Gurgaon-122018, have changed my name to Neelanjana Singh vide Affidavit dated 22/08/2019 sworn before Notary, Shri. Ashok Raghunath Kadam, Fort, Mumbai.

0040520151-1

**I,** Manoj Kumar S/o Prem Singh R/O Room No-1301, B-11, Raunak City, Adhar Vadi Jail Road, Kalyan (West), Thane, Maharashtra-421301, have changed my minor daughter's name from Mayra Manoj Nimesh aged 2 years to Mayra Manoj Kumar forever

0070683451-1

**I,** Manawwar Mohd Amir Alam S/O Mohammad Irshad R/O-F-5, Khajuri Road, Joga Bai Extn, Jamia Nagar, N.Delhi-110025., Changed My Name To Manauwar Mohammad Amir Alam.

0040520358-5

**I,** MOHINDER PARKASH S/O MANGAL DASS R/O B-195, 2nd Floor, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to MOHINDER PRAKASH PURI.

0040520245-1

**I,** Km Monika D/O Praveesh Kumar Sundriyal R/O-D-1c/22c JanakPuri Delhi-110058 Have Changed My Name To Monika Sundriyal.

0040520275-10

**I,** Kishor Kumar Chaudhary R/O NZG 517, Gali No. 10, Raj Nagar-2, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077 have changed my name to Kishore Kumar Chaudhary.

0070683386-1

**I,** Judge Saluja S/o Subhash Chander Saluja R/O-A-80 First-Floor Sukhdev Nagar Kotla-Mubarakpur New Delhi-110003. changed my name to Jitender Saluja.

0040520275-2

**I,** Joginder Singh S/o Kripal Singh R/O H.No.69, Mother Dairy, Sector-23, Faridabad, (HR), have changed my name to Joginder Singh Bhatia for all Purposes.

0040520332-3

**I,** Jitender Kumar S/O Niyamat Bai Batra R/O-F-180f, Shaheed Ravi Kant Marg,Laxmi Nagar,Delhi-110092. Changed My Name To Jitender Batra.

0040520276-4

**I,** hitherto known as Aish Bahadur son of Late Sh.Chandra Bahadur residing at Type-II/17 Kaveri-Apartment Sch-B Presidents Estate Rashtrapati-Bhavan New Delhi-110004, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aish Bahadur Gurgung.

0040520358-3

**I,** Trinath Charan Pradhan S/O Sarat Chandra Pradhan R/O Sananai, Badanai Post, Badanain, Kendujhar, Odisha-758044, my name is wrongly written as Trinatha Charan Pradhan in my Official Record vide No. 669112R. But my correct name is Trinath Charan Pradhan.

0070683393-1

**I,** Shamina W/o Mohammad Tayyab R/O H.No.3336, Bagichi Achhe Ji, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Shameena for all purposes.

0040520144-1

**I,** Reshma Kumari D/o GP Singh R/O 31/1-2, Chhotia Govindpur, Jamshedpur, Bara Govindpur, East Singhbhum, Govindpur Housing Colony, Jharkhand-831015, have changed my name to Reshma Singh

0070683455-1

**I,** Pooja Rani alias Pooja Rani Bhadwar D/o Kishan Lal R/O HNo-17/70, Vill Verka, Mohan Nagar, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143105, have finally changed my name to Sherry Bhardwaj for all purpose.

0070683400-1

**I,** Nandini Grover D/O Sheily R/O-56, Pragatishheel Apartment Rohini Sector-9, Delhi-110085 Have Changed My Name To Nandini Singh.

0040520275-9

**I,** Gurprit Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O WZ-53D, FF, GALI No.-8, Sant Garh, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh.

0040520171-1

**I,** Dilip Kumar Gupta S/o Sita Ram R/O-5A/51/, S/F, 5A-Block, Vishnu-Garden, Extn.,New Delhi-110018, have changed my name from Guddu to Dilip Kumar Gupta.

0040520358-9

**I,** Rajani W/O Paramjeet H.No-792/28 Jyoti Park, Gali No-13 Gurgaon Have Changed My Name To Rajni.

0040520319-6

**I,** Ankita Takkar D/o Surinder Takkar and W/o Lokesh Sethi R/O 27/11, Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Ankita Lokesh Sethi

0070683457-1

**I,** Anand Kumar Pandey S/o Sh. Shyam Narayan Pandey R/O Flat No.2116, Tower-C, Avenue-12, Gaur City-2, Noida Ext., Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. have changed the name of my minor son from Tarush Pandey to Tarush Kumar Pandey for all purposes.

0040520144-2

**I,** Anil Sharma S/o Ajudhia Parshad R/O-C-63,Nar Vihar-1, Sector-34,Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Anil Kumar for all purposes.

0040520175-1

**I,** Anil Kumar S/o Devi Dutt R/O C-6/B, Gurudwara Road, Hari Vihar Kakraula, Delhi-78, have change my name to Anil Bhatia for all purposes.

0040520142-1

**I,** Anand Kumar Goswami S/o Sh. S.N.Goswami R/O-RZD-127/1, First floor, Gali no.2, near Manta Bakery, Rajnagar Part-2, Palam colony, New Delhi-110077, informs that I have changed my minor daughter's name from Ms. Devanshi to Ms. Devanshi Goswami date 11-11-2019.

0040520358-2

**I,** Akash Kumar S/o Rajvir Singh R/O-TH-51, Double Storey, Tilak-Vihar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18. Have Changed My Name to Aakash Kumar.

0040520358-2

**I,** Khushi W/O Amandeep Singh R/O-A-81, Near Clock Tower, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064. Have Changed My Name To Khushi Kaur.

0040520276-2

**I,** Jasdeep Singh Arora R/O 32a Western Avenue W4 Lane Sainik Farms, New Delhi-110062, have changed my minor son's name from Arjun Singh to Arjun Singh Arora for all purposes.

0040520228-1

**I,** TWO Bikram Bhatta resident of SMQ -145/2, Air Force Station Rajokri (New Delhi)-38 have changed my daughter's name from Anchall Bhatta to Aanchal Bhatta vide affidavit dated 13 Nov 19 before Badli court.

0040516980-2

**I,** Hemlata W/o Sh. Ashwanti Kumar R/O-G-71, Data-Ram-Society, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed the name of my minor son's Ansh aged about 12-years and he shall hereafter be known as Ansh Bhardwaj.

0040520276-8

**I,** Hemant Gautam S/o Gyan Chand Resident of C-16 Budh Vihar, Badapur, New Delhi-110044, have changed my name Hemant Gautam To Hemant Kumar.

0040520319-8

**I,** Harbans Lal S/o Late Sh. Gurbil Lal Arora R/O 16/1, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Gautam Arora. Harbans Lal and Gautam Arora are the same person.

0040520177-1

**I,** Gyan Prakash S/o Bhoia Nath R/O D-20, HAL Colony, Balanagar, Tirumalagiri, Hyderabad, Telangana-500042, have changed my minor daughter's name from Samridhhi Alias Samridhhi aged 14 years to Samridhhi Prakash forever.

0070683391-1

**I,** Gursiddak Singh Chhabra S/o Jasvinder Singh Resident of D-192, Krishna Park Devil Road, Khanpur, Dr Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi, have changed my name Gursiddak Singh.

0040520319-7

**I,** Farooq Ahmad Tench Husband of Safena Begum(Existing name of Spouse as per change of next of Kin record/ Service document) spouse of Safena Begum resident of Zangli-Kashira Tehsil /District Kupwara Kashmir have changed my name spouse name from Safena Bano

(existing name of spouse as per change of next kin record/ service documents) to Safena Begum (proposed/ adopted new name) vide affidavit dated 11th October -2019 before District Court, Srinagar Kashmir.

0020396388-1

**I,** Devendra Yadav, R/O-House.No.-D-211, Gali No.6, Om nagar, Meethapur Extn., Badarpur, NewDelhi-110044, have changed my name to Devendra Kumar yadav.

0040520275-5

**I,** Deepender S/o Preet Pal Singh R/O-179/1-B Street No.12, Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Deepender Singh for all purposes

0040520319-5

**I,** Chandali Majhi D/o Ganapati Naik R/o Kendudih, Kendudih, Sundergarh, Odisha-770013, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sharat Majhee in my Pan Number COCPM21771. The actual name of mine is Chandali Majhi.

0070683392-1

**I,** Bessy Baby D/o Baby R/O B-616, First Floor, Gate No-7, Green Field Colony, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana- 121003, my name has been wrongly written as Dollymol in Birth Record my actual name is Bessy Baby.

0070683389-1

**I,** Arun Sharma S/o Bishnu Raj Sharma, R/o A-1-232, 2nd Floor, Block-A, Safdarganj Enclave, South West Delhi-110029, inform that my name wrongly written in my LIC Policy No.441626083 as Chintamani Sarmah. My correct name is Arun Sharma.

0040520186-1

**I,** Abdul Sahzad S/o Abdul Sattar R/O H.No.1334, Gali Madarse Wali, Kalan Mahal Darya Ganj New Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Mohammad Shahzad for all purposes.

0040520152-1

### LOST & FOUND

**I,** have lost my Original Lease Deed of Plot No.G-122, Ekanki Greater Noida. Finder may contact Sanjeev Kumar Berry S/o Late Sh..S.S Berry R/o E 168-169 GF, Amar Colony, Lapjat Nagar-4, New Delhi.

0040520153-1

**I** Ramesh Chand Sharma S/o Mor Ram Sharma and Permanent Address Village Wallauh, Tehsil, Nadaun, Distt.Himarpur, Himachal Pradesh. Have Lost My Original Property Paper Society Flat No.B-58, On First Floor, Situated At Cosy Appt., Plot No.20, Sector-9, Rohini Delhi-110085.Please Finder contact above address.

0040520148-1

### LOST & FOUND

Original Allotment Agreement letter dated 20.02.2010 executed b/w M/s Celebrity Retail Pvt. Ltd in favor of Mr. Chetan Gupta and duly endorsed in Favor of Mr. Raghav Gupta for property No A/CH-604, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Tower A, Noida Sector 76 having super areas 134.29 sqmtr situated in group housing scheme Aditya Celebrity homes at Plot no GH-01/B Sector 76, Noida UP has been lost. Police complaint has been lodged with Delhi Police wide FIR No 1874925/2019 dt 13.11.19. Founder informant: 9810836118

### PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client Mangal Sen Jovyal S/o Late Sh. Ram Chander Jovyal R/O 377A, Lawrence Road, Rajokri/Faridabad of Flat No. 19A, Floor First, Block C-3, Category L.I.G. in the area of Lawrence Road, Delhi has applied for conversion of the foreclosed flat from lease hold to free hold vide Application No.0155632 Dated 13-11-2019 in DDAA. All the original documents i.e. Allotment cum Demand Letter, Possession Letter, NOC for Electric and Water connection and Site Possession Letter/ Sale Purchase documents (a GPA and Agreement to Sell of the above Flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station. Any Person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may writecontact with above named person at below Address:Phone No.9810346974 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to the property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LABH) or Director (H)-1, D-8 B-3 ECD, ADVOCATE, ENL No.287/859

## COURT NOTICE

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS (Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction)**  
**C.S.No. 922 of 2016**  
**M/S Sreedevi Video Corporation**  
Represented by Its Partner  
**Mr. Ghaneshyam Handew** ... PLAINTIFF  
Versus  
**Google India Pvt. Ltd.**  
Rep. by Its Managing Director & 28 others ... DEFENDANTS  
To, **Managator Technology Nigam Ltd. (D6)**  
Rep. by Its General Manager  
**Jeevathi Eshwari** Tsew No. 12, 124, Connaught Street, New Delhi-110001

**M/s Super South Tamil (D17)**  
401, Agarwal Golden Chambers, Fun Republic Road, Behind Rajathi Telefilms, Off Link Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai-400 053  
**M/s Bigflix (D23)**  
10, 18 Pappan Nagar Opp. Water World, Mumbai (West), Mumbai-400 053  
**Chennala Films Tamil (D26)**  
Nivarna Digital, 10, 18 Pappan Nagar Opp. Water World, Mumbai (West), Mumbai-400 053

Take notice that the above suit has been filed by the Plaintiff inter-alia for a permanent injunction restraining the Defendants, their men, agents, servants or assigns from in any manner infringing the Plaintiff's copyrights and for other reliefs and costs.

The matter was heard by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Satish Kumar on 31.10.2019 and notice is ordered to be returnable by 25.11.2019. You are requested to be present either in person or through your counsel on the next hearing date being 25.11.2019, failing which the suit will be heard and orders will be passed in your absence.

Sd/- **K.Jharibhaskar**  
Advocate  
70, Law Chambers, High Court, Chennai-600 104.

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS (ORIGINAL ORDINARY CIVIL JURISDICTION)**  
**O.P. No. 316 of 2019**  
**In the matter of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996)**  
**And Work Order relating to relating to Darjeeling dated 22.01.2015 entered into between Sterling Holiday Resorts (I) Ltd., And Mr. Dilip Kumar Singh, Proprietor, M/s Team Creative Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd.**

Represented by Its Deputy General Manager (Legal) **Mr.Ramesh Shanmugam** 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Purva Primus, # 236, Okkyampettai, Old Mahabali Puraam Road, Thorapakkam, Chennai - 600097 ...**Petitioner**  
Vs.  
**Mr. Dilip Kumar Singh, Proprietor, M/s. Team Creative, D-1781, Street-10, Sanjay Colony, Narela, New Delhi-110040** ...**Respondent**  
The above O.P. filed by our client Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd. against you for appointment of an Arbitrator. To decide the dispute between Sterling Holiday Resorts Ltd. and yourself, the Hon'ble High Court has ordered notice to you by way of paper publication.

Take notice and be present in the Hon'ble High Court on 24.11.2019 at 10.30 am or any other date when the matter is listed for hearing either in person or through your pleader, failing which the above O.P. will be heard and decided in your absence.  
**M/S SHIVAKUMAR & SURESH COUNSEL FOR PETITIONER**  
**No.215, New Addtl. Law Chamber, High Court, Chennai-600 104**

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby informed that my client Smt. Vinai Arora W/o Late Sh. Roshan Lal Arora R/o A-1/147, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi is the owner of the property No-A-1/147, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi measuring 150 sq. yds vide conveyance deed dated 03.03.2001 duly registered with Sub-Registrar-VII New Delhi. Whereas Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Rainsurroundment deed, Letter of Free Hold Lease Deed and other document in respect of Property No A-1/147, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi was lost somewhere in Paschim Vihar area, New Delhi. Police Complaint has been lodged on 31.10.2019 in this regard. In case anybody finds the said documents, kindly intimate the same to the undersigned within 15 days. It is also informed that if anybody dealing or misusing the above said Property documents, my client shall not be responsible for the same.

GURINDER SINGH-ADVOCATE  
Chamber No. 303,  
Lawyers Chambers, Delhi-54

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENT SH. CHAND S/O SH. BHARAM S/O SH. PRATAP S/O SH. MOOL CHAND R/O E-71 PRATAP GARDEN UTTAM NAGAR NEW DELHI-110089, HAVE DISOWNED DISINHERITED AND DEBARRED THEIR SON PUNIT SINGHAL FROM ALL MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES. MY CLIENTS HAVE ALSO SEVERED ALL THEIR RELATIONS WITH HIM DUE TO HIS DISOBEDIENT MISCONDUCT, DISORGANIZED AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR. MR. PUNIT SINGHAL HAS NO CONCERN WITH THE BAWANA ENTERPRISES OR THEIR PROPERTIES IN ANY MANNER. IF ANYBODY DEALS WITH HIM IN ANY REGARD, HE SHALL DO SO AT HIS OWN RISK AND CONSEQUENCES. MY CLIENTS SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ANY ACT OR CONDUCT IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER.

**NISHA SATYARTH, ADVOCATE**  
Ch.No. B-83



Adv.No:SHKM/Recr/1907

Closing Date:09.12.2019  
For remote Area: 13.11.2019



**FACULTY RECRUITMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**  
Advertisement for filling up the posts for  
S.H.K.M. Government Medical College, Nahar, Mewat



The following 44 posts are proposed to be filled up by way of direct recruitment on Regular basis:

Sr. No.	Name of Department	Professor						Associate-Professor						Assistant-Professor								
		OC	SC	BCA	BCB	ESM	PH	Total Posts	OC	SC	BCA	BCB	ESM	PH	Total Posts	OC	SC	BCA	BCB	ESM	PH	Total Posts
1.	Biochemistry																					
2.	Microbiology																					
3.	General Medicine	2						2	3	1					1#	1	2	2				4
4.	Paediatrics	1						1	1	1#						2	1					1
5.	Skin & VD															1	1					1
6.	Psychiatry	1						1	1													
7.	General Surgery								3	1					4	1	1					3
8.	Orthopaedics	1						1	1	1					2							1
9.	Anaesthesia								1	1					2		1#					1
10.	Obs & Gynae									1#					1		1#					1
11.	Radio-diagnosis	1						1	1						1	2						2
12.	Blood Bank																					
13.	CMO																					

\*PH Biochemistry=0A/0L= PH Microbiology=BLA/0L/0A/0AL

\*The vacancies are reserved for the Schedule Caste category, but with the stipulation that in case no eligible candidate are available from the Schedule Caste category, the vacancies shall be filled up from the General Category on merit. This de-reservation is one time and temporary measure. When in future General Category vacancies of such number become available in the cadre, such vacancies should be assigned to Schedule Caste category to recoup the de-reserved Schedule Caste category posts. (with ref. to Memo No. 1/65/2018-1HB-IV dated 06.11.2019)

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The application form strictly on prescribed Performance along with Demand Draft/Indian Postal Order/ Treasury Challan in Departmental Receipt head 0210, of Rs. 500/- (Rs.125/- for women candidates, Rs. 125/- for reserved category of Haryana domicile only and person with benchmark disability will be exempted for application fee), in favour of Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, Govt. Medical College, Nahar (Nuh) payable at Nuh should reach the office of Director, Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewati, Govt. Medical College, Nahar (Nuh) on or before **05.00 P.M. of Closing date i.e 09.12.2019 (13.12.2019 for remote area)** through Registered/Speed Post only.

2. The application form, eligibility criteria, qualification, experience, other terms & conditions can be downloaded from the official website of the institute **www.gmcnewat.ac.in**.

3. Eligibility criteria, qualification, and experience will be followed as per MCI guidelines.

4. Reservation as per policy of State Govt. of Haryana.

5. Number of posts may be increased or decreased or totally withdrawn without any further notice

Sd/-

Director

79180/HRY



**Service Branch : 3rd Floor, G-41, Connught Circus, New Delhi - 110 001, Phone: 011-23324230, 23324231**

**PUBLICATION SALE NOTICE**

Notice of Intended sale under Rule – 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act – 2002.  
**M/s BAJRANG ENTERPRISES (Proprietorship firm.)** 56 B/6, 2nd Floor Damodar Park Industrial Area, Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110095  
**Smt Vinod Handa (Guarantor)** Prop. No 1/6729, 3rd Floor, Built on Plot No.63, Situated at Area of Village Sikdarpur in the Abadi of East Rohas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032  
**Mortgagors Address** Sh Sumit Chand Handa (Proprietor cum Mortgagor) 56 B/6 2nd Floor Damodar Park Industrial Area, Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110095.  
Sub: Your OCC Account No.6538039910 for Limit of Rs 39,50,000/- with Indian Bank, Preet Vihar Branch  
Mr. Sumit Chand Handa, Proprietor, M/s Bajrang Enterprises availed loan facilities from Indian Bank, Preet Vihar Branch, the repayment of which are secured by mortgaged/hypothecation of certain property(ies) including schedule mention property(ies), hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". Mr. Sumit Chand Handa failed to pay the outstanding to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 14.12.2018 under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorised Officer calling upon Mr Sumit Chand Handa, Proprietor, M/s Bajrang Enterprises and others liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of Rs. 42,24,478 (Rupees Rupees Forty Two Lacs Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight only) as on 06.12.2018 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Mr. Sumit Chand Handa, Proprietor, M/s Bajrang Enterprises failed to make payment despite notice dated 14.12.2018. As Mr Sumit Chand Handa, proprietor, M/s Bajrang Enterprises failed to make payment despite Demand Notice dated 14.12.2018, the Authorised Officer took possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 30.09.2019 after complying with all legal formalities. The amount due as on 12.11.2019 is Rs 48, 36,058 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. The sale proposed to be held is by way of public tender/ auction adopting the e-auction mode. The Tender/ bid Form with the terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website <http://www.bankauctions.com> and using the provision in the system/ software, the same could be procured using the 'seal bid option' such that the activities could be done online. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website from 05.12.2019 to 16.12.2019 from 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM. The last date for submitting tender/ bids complying with all necessary terms along with EMD in the stipulated manner is 16.12.2019 by 4.00 PM. The tender/ bids shall be opened on 17.12.2019. In the e-auction mode, The inspection of the Schedule mentioned property and related documents upto date EC etc. by the intending purchasers/ bidders may be done at their expense on 09.12.2019 between 10.00 AM to 04.00 PM. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule. The sealed tenders should be accompanied with EMD taken in DD/ BPO/ RTGS/ NEFT/ Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer without time lag, failing which the tender becomes disqualified. The nodal Bank account No./IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under:  

S. No.	Nodal Bank A/c No.	IFSC Code
1	98742016189	IDIB000P156

  
The sale shall be conferred on the person making highest offer/ tender/ bid, subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. The Authorised Officer reserves right to accept or reject the bid/ tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. Once the auction/ e-auction is completed and sale is conferred on the person making the highest offer/ tender/ bid, the successful bidder will be intimated in person/ by email, as the case may be, who has to remit 25% of the bid amount (less the EMD) immediately by DD/ BPO/ RTGS/ NEFT/ Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer, failing which the EMD amount remitted will stand to be forfeited. The balance sale price shall be paid within 15 days of confirmation of sale or extended time in writing. If the balance amount is not remitted within stipulated / agreed time, the amount of 25% remitted will also stand to be forfeited. The sale is subject to confirmation by the secured creditor. The sale is made on "As is where is and As is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrances, statutory liabilities etc. "If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days prior notice. " "This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor. " "This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/ decree obtained/ to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a suit filed account).  
**SCHEDULE:**  
The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:  

Description	Reserve Price 55.00 Lacs	EMD 5.50 0Lacs	Date, time and place of sale 17.12.2019 12:00—01.00 PM E Auction	Details of encumbrances, known to the Bank, to which the property is liable NIL
Mortgaged assets: (Detailed description with the assets with boundaries)	Description of property –Prop. No. 1/6729, Third floor, Built on Plot No. 63, situated at area of Village Sikdarpur, In the abadi of East Rohas Nagar, Shadara, Delhi 110032 and bounded by: North :Prop. No 1/6728, South :Prop. No 1/6730, East : Other Property, West : Entry			
Hypothecated assets: (Detailed description of the hypothecated assets)				
** Last date and time for submission of bid through e-auction mode	16.12.2019 upto 04.00 PM.			

  
\*\* Bidders are advised to visit the website (<http://bankauctions.com>) of our e-auction service provider M/s S. C 1 India Pvt. Ltd. for auction bid form and detailed terms and conditions which are annexed to the bid form. The helpline No. 910124 – 4302020/21/22/23/24 to get assistance during the entire process is support@bankauctions.com.  

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 15.11.2019

The Authorised Officer  
Indian Bank



**टीएचडीसी इंडिया लिमिटेड**  
**THDC INDIA LIMITED**  
(भारत सरकार एवं उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का संयुक्त उपक्रम)  
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of U.P.)

CIN : U45203UR1988GOI009822

Reg. Office : Bhagirathi Bhawan, Top Terrace, Bhagirathi Puram, Tirth Garhwal, Uttarakhand-249001

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 2019**  
(under Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015) (₹. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Current Half Year Ended Year Ended 30.09.2019 (Un Audited)	Previous Year Half Year Ended 30.09.2018 (Un Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	120587	153115
2	Net profit / (loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items#)	51155	92459
3	Net profit / (loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items#)	51155	92459
4	Net profit / (loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items#)	45600	77143
5	Total comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax )]	45411	77549
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	366588	365013
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	607601	565587
8	Net Worth	974189	930600
9	Paid Up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	463352	273002
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0	0
11	Debt Equity Ratio	0.48	0.29
12	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 1000/- each ) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		
	1. Basic	124.57	211.86
	2. Diluted	124.50	211.86
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	0.00	0.00
14	Debt Redemption Reserve	2850.00	3750.00
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.25	1.22
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.96	4.25

**Note:**  
Above results have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14.11.2019.

**OTHER PARTICULARS as per Regulation 52(4)**  

Credit rating	For Corporate Bonds Series I - AA+, AA For Corporate Bonds Series II - AA+, AA
Asset cover available	₹ 2747.43 Cr. (For Corporate Bonds of ₹ 600 cr.) ₹ 3673.18 Cr. (For Corporate Bonds of ₹ 1500 cr.)
Due date for the payment of interest	<b>For Corporate Bond Series I-</b> Previous date of payment : 03.10.2019 Next due date of payment : 03.10.2020 <b>For Corporate Bond Series II-</b> Next due date of payment : 07.09.2020

Notes:

Financial results of the company have been prepared in accordance with Accounting standard (IND AS) notified under Companies Act 2013

a) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s) (NSE and BSE).

b) #- Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules/ AS Rules, whichever is applicable.

For and on Behalf of THDCIL

D.V. Singh  
(Chairman and Managing Director)

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 14.11.2019

सम्पर्क करें: THDCIL\_24X7 फॉलो करें: THDCIL\_MOP THDCIL India Limited-Official



**INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**  
(An Autonomous Body of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India)  
P.O. New Forest, Dehradun - 248 006 (Uttarakhand) India  
**Request for Expressions of Interest**  
**(Individual Consultant – Selection for Ecosystem Service Improvement Project)**

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) now invites expression of interest from eligible individual consultant for implementation of activities of Ecosystem Services Improvement Project (ESIP) in the state of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for selection of following:  
1) State Coordinating Consultant  
Details of Request for Expressions of Interest along with Terms of Reference and prescribed format for submission of Request for Expressions of Interest proposal are available on ICFRE website ([www.icfre.gov.in](http://www.icfre.gov.in)). Last Date for submission of REOI proposal is **25 November 2019**.  
Project Director (ESIP), ICFRE

**NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CELL SCIENCE, PUNE**  
An Autonomous Institute of Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India  
NCCS Complex, S. P. Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune – 411 007.  
Website: [www.nccs.res.in](http://www.nccs.res.in), Ph- 020-25708000, Fax: 91 (020) 25692259

**GLOBAL TENDER**  
**Tender Notice No. NCCS/PUR-2/2019-20**  
The Director, NCCS invites sealed tenders from the reputed eligible Manufacturers / Suppliers for following items (under Two Bid System). The Tender Documents with detailed terms & conditions is available on the official website [www.nccs.res.in](http://www.nccs.res.in) which may be downloaded by interested bidders. Any Changes in Tender Schedule, Corrigendum, Amendment, Extension of due dates etc, if any, shall be available in our website only & will not be published in the news papers separately.

Sr. No.	Tender Item	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Tender Opening date & Time
1.	Storage Server & Computer Server	28.11.2019 at 2.30 pm at NCCS, Pune.	13.12.2019 up to 02.00 PM	13.12.2019 at 2.30 PM

Sd/-

Director  
NCCS

**Leasing of 23MT parcel space in 7 RT-VP of different trains originating from Sealdah Division**  
Railway Administration invites e-Tender for 7 RT-VP in Mail/ Express trains from registered leaseholders of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway or Destination Division/Zone of the train whose annual turnover of the business during last financial year i.e. 2018-19 is not less than 2 crores. Details may please be seen at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
Closing Date of e-Tender is **06.12.2019 at 13.00 hrs**. Non transferable tender document containing detailed terms and conditions are available at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The bid for the instant tender is to be submitted through e-tendering module on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tenderers are allowed to make payment against this tender towards Cost of Tender Document and Earnest Money Deposit only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking/debit card/credit card etc. Manual payment through Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Deposit Receipt/FDR etc. is not allowed. A pre-bid meeting in regard to e-tendering is kept on **22.11.2019 at 13.00 hrs**. in the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Eastern Railway/Sealdah.  
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah

**EASTERN RAILWAY**



**URDU ACADEMY, DELHI**  
(Govt. of Delhi)



**TENDER NOTICE**  
**FOR PRINTING OF MAGAZINES**  
Urdu Academy, Delhi invites e-tender on two bid system i.e., technical bid and financial bid from reputed & experienced printers for printing of monthly magazines Aiwane-Urdu & Bachchon Ka Mahanama Umang. NIT has been uploaded. Tender form alongwith terms & conditions can be download upto 9th December, 2019 upto 6.00 p.m. either from e-procurement website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in> or Urdu Academy, Delhi website [www.urduacademydelhi.com](http://www.urduacademydelhi.com). Technical tender and declaration form with EMD (DD) Rs. 10,000/- will be submitted physically in the office of Academy and scan copy of DD will be uploaded on e-procurement website. Technical tender will be opened on 10th December 2019 at 4.00 pm in the office before the tenderers who choose to attend. Tender ID: 2019\_URDAC\_183783\_1 Interested printers may note that the Academy's printing work of magazines specifically relates to Urdu language, therefore those printers having experience of urdu printing and have some Urdu knowing staff may be preferred.  
**Secretary Urdu Academy, Delhi**  
**C.P.O. Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi- 110006**  
**Ph. 23863858, 23865436**  
DIP/Shabbardh/0993/19-20

**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR 2, PANCHKULA-134151**  
(Website: [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in))

**CORRIGENDUM**  
Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advt. No. 12/2019, dated 20.07.2019, which was published in the various newspapers and also available on HSSC Website i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) vide which online application forms were invited for various posts of Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, through the URL address i.e. <http://adv122019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx>. As per clarification given by the department vide memo No. TE/HSSC Demand/Non-Technical/Admin-IV/19025 dated 19.09.2019 in the said advertisement, "Essential Qualification" for the Post of Carpenter Instructor may be read as under:-  
**Cat. No. 16. 14 Posts of Carpenter Instructor, Practical (Re-Advertised)**  
**E.Q**  
i) National trade Certificate/National Apprenticeship Certificate in Carpenter with Crafts Instructor Training Course (CITC) in relevant trade with five years practical/teaching experience including training period:  
In case CITC course in relevant trade is not available/ introduced in any NCVT affiliated institute then the candidate must possess National Trade Certificate/ National Apprenticeship Certificate in Carpenter passed with minimum 70% marks and NCVT approved POT course, with eight years practical/ teaching experience including training period.  
ii) Hindi/ Sanskrit upto Metric Standard or higher education.  
**Note:** a) Experience should be in the concerned trade/ field in an Industrial establishment covered under Apprenticeship Act or in a recognized technical institution.  
b) In case of Ex-serviceman, Craft Instructor Training course shall be relaxed if the candidate possesses equivalent technical qualification as certified by Director General, Rehabilitation, Ministry of Defence, or Director General Employment and Training, Government of India.  
The candidates who had applied against Cat. No. 16 and not eligible, may make a written request to Commission office for fee on simple application along with proof of depositing the fee in original within 15 days from publication of this notice.  
2.it is also notified for the information of general public that in the above said Advertisement, the posts indicated Re-advertised may be read as under:  

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	New Cat No.	Old Advt. No.	Old Cat. No.
1.	Fitter instructor, Theory	6	5/2018	2
12	Foundry Man (Moulder) (Theory)	14	5/2018	26

  
The eligible candidates who could not apply earlier in cat. No. 6, 14 & 16 may now apply online through the Haryana Staff Selection Commission website i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) from 16.11.2019 to 23.11.2019 and accordingly, the closing date for deposit of fee will be 26.11.2019. The other terms & conditions of Advt. No. 12/2019 will remain the same.

Sd/-

Secretary  
Haryana Staff Selection Commission  
Panchkula

Place: Panchkula  
Dated:- 14th November, 2019  
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**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134151.**  
Website: [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in)  
**EXAMINATION NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR ONLINE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (Computer Based Test) FOR THE VARIOUS POSTS OF INSTRUCTORS, AGAINST ADVT. NO. 12/2019 FOR SKIL DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA**  
It is notified for the information of all concerned that Haryana Staff Selection Commission will hold Written Examination (ONLINE COMPUTER BASED TEST) for the various Posts of Instructors, against Advt. No. 12/2019 for SKIL DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA on dated 03.12.2019 to 10.12.2019 at various Institutions:-  

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Date, Shift & Time of Examination	Place
1.	Machinist Instructor (Theory)	12/2019	50	03.12.2019 (Tuesday) 1st Shift Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M.	As per Admit Card
	Craft Instructor (Women) Computer Aided Embroidery (Theory)		93		
	Lab Attendant (Food Production & Beverage Service) Instructor (Theory)		72	No Entry after 09.00 A.M. Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M.	
	Craft Instructor (Women) Dress Making (Theory)		82	Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	
	Craft Instructor (Women) Fashion Technology (Theory)		37		
	Draughtsman Mechanical Instructor (Theory)		45		As per Admit Card
	Millwright Mechanic (Mechanical) Instructor, Theory	-Do-	21	2nd Shift Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M. Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	
	Sheet Metal Workers Instructor (Theory)		80		
	Mechnical Refrigerator and Air Condition Instructor (Theory)		10	2nd Shift Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M. Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	
2.	Computer Instructor		09	04.12.2019 (Wednesday) 1st Shift	As per Admit Card
	Computer Operator		64		
	Librarian		03	Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M.	
	Craft Instructor (Women) Cutting & Sewing (Theory)	-Do-	46	No Entry after 09.00 A.M. Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M.	
	Draughtsman Civil Instructor (Theory)		95	Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	
3.	Tool & Die Maker (Dies & Moulds) Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	58	05.12.2019 (Thursday) 1st Shift	As per Admit Card
	Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Theory)		36	Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M. No Entry after 09.00 A.M. Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M. Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	
	Mechanic Diesel Instructor (Theory)		83	2nd Shift	
	Millwright Mechanic (Electrical/ Electronic) Instructor (Theory)		19	Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M. Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	
	Mechanic Motor Vehicle Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	74	06.12.2019 (Friday) 1st Shift	
4.	Wiremen Instructor (Theory)		17	Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M. No Entry after 09.00 A.M. Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M. Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	As per Admit Card
	Welder (Gas & Electric) Instructor (Theory)		26	2nd Shift Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M. Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	
	Instrument Mechanic Instructor (Theory)		81		
	Technical Assistant		97		
	Electrician Instructor (Theory)		23	07.12.2019 (Saturday) 1st Shift	
5.	Computer Operator Programming Assistant Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	30	Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M.	As per Admit Card
	Mechanic Computer Hardware Instructor (Theory)		40	No Entry after 09.00 A.M. Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M. Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	
	Turner Instructor (Theory)		04	2nd Shift	
	Craft Instructor (Women) Hair & Skin Care (Theory)		90	Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M.	
	Plastic Processing Operator Instructor (Theory)		34	Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	
6.	Desktop Publisher Operator (Theory)		43		As per Admit Card
	Information Technology & Electronics System Maintenance Instructor (Theory)		75		
	Interior Decoration & Designing Instructor (Theory)		91		
	Architectural Assistant Instructor (Theory)		15		
	Painter General Instructor (Theory)		73		
7.	Machinist Grinder Instructor (Theory)	-Do-	56	08.12.2019 (Sunday) 1st Shift	As per Admit Card
	Mechanic Agriculture Machinery Instructor (Theory)		87	Entry Time:- 08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M. No Entry after 09.00 A.M.	
	Carpenter Instructor (Theory)		96	Exam Start Time:- 10.00 A.M.	
	Food Production Instructor (Theory)		61	Exam End Time:- 11.30 A.M.	
	Hospitality Course Senior Instructor (Hospitality) (Theory)		57		
8.	Litho Offset Machine Minder Instructor (Theory)		28	2nd Shift Entry Time: 12.00 Noon to 01.00 P.M. No Entry after 01.00 P.M. Exam Start Time:- 02.00 P.M. Exam End Time:- 03.30 P.M.	As per Admit Card
	Mechanic Electronics Instructor (				





## RBI's CHOICE

Monetary Policy Committee must address growth slowdown even as inflation rises. It should frontload rate cuts in December

THE MONETARY POLICY Committee of the Reserve Bank of India is scheduled to meet in the first week of December. With various economic indicators indicating that growth has slowed down considerably over the past few months, the consensus so far has been that the MPC will cut the benchmark repo rate for the sixth straight time in December, bringing it below 5 per cent. It was expected that this accommodative stance would continue in the next year as well until there was firm evidence of a broad-based pick-up in growth. But the sharper than expected spike in headline retail inflation in October has complicated the policy choices before the MPC. Data from the National Statistics Office shows that headline retail inflation edged up to 4.62 per cent in October, up from 3.99 per cent in September, largely on the back of higher food inflation. This upswing, which is unlikely to reverse in the coming months, has created uncertainty over the future course of monetary policy.

The inflation data shows that food inflation has jumped to 7.89 per cent in October, up from 5.11 per cent in the previous month, driven by a surge in vegetables prices, especially of onion and tomatoes. This surge is unlikely to subside. Food inflation is likely to remain elevated over the coming months, driving up headline retail inflation. Core inflation, which is essentially inflation excluding food and fuel, has moderated further, however, signaling continued weakness in demand. In its last policy review, the RBI had lowered its estimate for growth this year to 6.1 per cent, down from its earlier assessment of 6.9 per cent. This estimate was based on growth coming in at 5.3 per cent in the second quarter, and ranging between 6.6-7.2 per cent in the second half of the financial year. But there is little possibility of the RBI's projections materialising as various high frequency indicators suggest that growth is likely to fall below 5 per cent in the second quarter. Thus, the MPC finds itself in a peculiar position of having to address the growth slowdown while inflation rises.

Going by current trends, with little possibility of a meaningful recovery in the near term, the situation warrants further monetary accommodation. So, while the MPC should carefully assess the trajectory of food inflation, its primary concern should be to arrest the slowdown. It should frontload the rate cuts in its December policy, though the magnitude of the cut will depend on the extent to which growth deviates from the RBI's own projection. The shift to external benchmarking should lead to a quicker transmission of the cuts to the broader economy.

## WHOSE FOREIGN POLICY?

Impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump may or may not unseat him. But they send out disturbing signals

THE FIRST HEARING of the impeachment inquiry being conducted by the Intelligence Committee of the US House of Representatives did not go well for President Donald Trump. Two bi-partisan career diplomats — the acting US ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, and the deputy assistant secretary for European and Eurasian affairs, George Kent — confirmed that Trump used the authority of his office to further his personal political agenda. In addition, Taylor presented new facts — a staffer from his office witnessed a phone call between Trump and the US ambassador to the EU, Gordon Sondland, where the former inquired about the progress of Ukraine's investigation into alleged corruption by the former vice president and Democratic presidential hopeful, Joe Biden, and his son.

Both de jure and de facto, the impeachment proceedings are political: They are carried out by the legislature, and in fact, are unlikely to lead to the president being removed from office, given that Republicans enjoy a majority in the upper House, the senate, which has the final say. After a whistle-blower revealed earlier this year that the US president asked his Ukrainian counterpart, Volodymyr Zelensky, to investigate Biden on charges of corruption in return for aid in its conflict with Russia, Trump's political rivals seem eager to use impeachment proceedings to embarrass the president ahead of an election year. The efficacy of the tactic, though, is questionable. While opinion polls have indicated that there is growing support for impeachment among Americans, they also suggest that there are a larger number of people who are broadly unhappy with Trump's leadership but do not support impeachment. Will the revelations and the constant attention on alleged misuse of power over the next few months shore up Trump's base and allow him to play the victim vis a vis the "deep state"? Or will they swing those on the fence towards the Democrats? So far, since his campaign in 2016, Trump seems to have been strengthened by scandals, whether over alleged racism, tax evasion or sexual harassment.

There is little doubt that the impeachment proceedings will be at the centre of the public conversation in the US till the 2020 elections. But beyond the implications for partisan politics, the hearing this week signalled a disturbing trend: US foreign policy objectives under Trump, it seems, can be all too easily influenced by domestic political vendettas. In the medium and long term, for its own strategic interests as well as stability in international relations, it is important for the US foreign policy establishment to change that perception.

## JUST SAY MOO

Because, let's face it, some hostels have it easier

FRESHLY CHURNED MILK. Check. Revenue generation. Check. Space management. Check. Subsidised hostel accommodation. Check. The genius of the Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (National Commission for Cows) might, in one fell swoop, sort out some of the woes of urban living, with their proposal to set up cow hostels in 10 to 15 specially designated areas in cities and urban centres across the country. The newly constituted Aayog, whose mandate is to ensure the sustainable development of cows, has reportedly cited the success of the rural "Gujarat model" as motivation for the coming together of private and public enterprises in this initiative and has also dangled the carrot of monetising the venture by putting to commercial use the milk, cow dung and urine. Not one to do things by halves, the Aayog has even requested the Urban Development Ministry to devise a guideline for the setting up of these cow hostels so that they can be incorporated in urban planning frameworks.

One has to admire the deep consideration of the apex advisory body, headed by Vallabhbhai Kathiria, here. Not only does the proposal take into account the unfulfilled wish of those citizens who have always wanted to nurture the *gau mata* in the city but were intimidated by a lack of infrastructure and support system, it has also kept in mind some of the key issues facing the nation at the moment — a slump in the economy, the state of public education and urban planning — from the perspective of its chief beneficiary. It is, truth be told, a win-win situation.

Perhaps, there is a lesson or two here for the good people in the Human Resource Development Ministry, whose decision to hike hostel fees and other stipulations at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi met with massive protests this week. A partial rollback has been announced but one does wonder what it takes to make a case for judicious use of resources to ensure that India's public education system remains robust and equitable. A loud and vociferous "moo", perhaps?



SANJAYA BARU

THREE DEVELOPMENTS DEFINED the narrative of "Rising India" over the past quarter century. First, India's economic rise; second, as a consequence of that rise, India's globalisation and integration into a "Rising Asia"; and third, a growing recognition that India was liberating itself from the historical baggage of its neighbourhood. Events in the recent past have cast a shadow on each of these elements and are beginning to question, if not yet challenge, the narrative of a Rising India.

The turn of the century was when a new narrative about independent India began to strike root globally. India had not only come out of a serious economic crisis, in 1991-92, but had landed on its feet in the new post-Cold War world, switching sides from an imploding Soviet Union and building bridges with a rising Asia. Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's sagacious leadership of major economic and foreign policy changes helped improve the performance of the economy and raised India's global profile. Improved government finances and a growing confidence in the Indian economy allowed Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to declare India a nuclear weapons power. Thanks to the economy's new robustness, India overcame the impact of the economic sanctions imposed by the United States, Japan and several European nations in response to the nuclear tests of 1998.

Trade liberalisation, industrial delicensing and decontrol and fiscal stabilisation contributed to an increase in the share of foreign trade and manufacturing output in national income, rather than hurt growth. This boosted investor confidence in the economy's growth potential. New firms began to come up and so did new industries. Years of quiet investment in the teaching of computer sciences had created an army of technicians that the world needed in making the transition from the 20th century to the 21st. It was called the Y2K problem and Indians were equipped to solve it. The internet was entering homes and an Indian called Sabeer Bhatia had invented Hotmail.com and allowed the worldwide Indian diaspora to re-connect and mobilise. Indian companies were quoting on the New York stock exchange and new

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sectors of a protected economy were opening up.

Taken together, all these factors made American strategic analyst, Condoleezza Rice, later to become President George W Bush Jr's secretary of state, write an essay in the highly regarded journal, *Foreign Affairs*, in early 2000, urging the US political leadership not to think of India as a neighbour of Pakistan but as a neighbour of China. While China would emerge as a "strategic competitor", said Rice, India could be the US's "strategic partner". While President Bill Clinton gave China an easy entry into the World Trade Organisation in 2000, President Bush decided to get tough and, as he told this writer once, he chose "to break a lot of China (sic) to make sure India got the nuke deal."

Two unrelated developments around that time also contributed to the positive narrative about India. First, the manner in which India responded to Pakistan's incursions into Kashmir, near Kargil, and the fact that terrorists attacking the US in September 2001 had a Pakistan connection. By 2005, when President Bush spent five days in India and five hours in Pakistan, the "de-hyphenation" of the South Asian adversaries had been completed.

Consider the events of the more recent past. For months on end in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, terrorism and Pakistan were on prime time news every single day. While the last major terror attack in India staged by Pakistan was in November 2008, the attacks across the border at Uri and Pathankot became the focal points of a sustained political campaign. Keeping terrorism in the news even when terrorist attacks are down has proved counter-productive and contributed to the re-hyphenation with Pakistan. This was only further facilitated by the decision to repeal Article 370 of the Constitution and alter the status of Jammu and Kashmir.

This in itself could have been managed if the Indian economy had been chugging along, but that was not to be. The slowing down of the economy, be it cyclical or structural, has been compounded by confused handling and mixed signals. Investors remain risk averse and consumers remain

bearish, despite bold policy moves. The widely welcomed fiscal reform has had the adverse effect of reducing the government's fiscal space, further choking off investment even in infrastructure.

Against this background, the prime minister's decision to retreat from the Asian Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations has added to a sense of siege. If India delinks itself from the Rising Asia train, would its own Rising India strategy not get derailed? Questions are beginning to be raised not just about India's growth potential and the government's fiscal capacity but also the competitiveness of the agricultural, manufacturing and even services sectors.

In the quarter century from 1991 to 2016, the US emerged as a strategic partner willing to aid India's rise. In the three years since President Donald Trump came to office, the US has signaled a change of gears, if not a change of course. While he has launched a strategy for the geo-economic containment of China, he has not taken his eye off India's trade policies nor has he been re-assuring on all of India's security concerns, with Pakistan regaining diplomatic ground lost in the aftermath of 9/11. On top of it all, global economic growth does not as yet offer much hope for India. One silver lining remains in subdued energy prices that would offer the government much needed fiscal relief.

Taken together, domestic economic management, recent political and geopolitical choices made at home, the regional and global consequences of Trump and Trumpism, the geo-economics and geo-politics of China's rise, are all beginning to pose a challenge to the extant Rising India narrative. The old narrative is taking a beating. A new narrative can only be built on the foundations of improved economic performance and better management of domestic political challenges. A return to the earlier growth path is predicated upon altering recent perceptions about India's economic prospects and policies, the political choices made and geopolitical options explored.

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GURU PRAKASH

THE COUNTRY lost two of its most prominent bureaucrats on Sunday. Much has been written and discussed about the former Chief Election Commissioner T N Seshan, but little was said on the passing away of an equally important officer, PS Krishnan. Krishnan, like Seshan, was an institution builder. He was instrumental in making the government architecture more inclusive and accessible for Dalit and tribal communities.

His monumental contributions touched the lives of millions of Dalits and Adivasis across the country. For someone who was born in Kerala and served in Andhra Pradesh, his reputation preceded him. His following among the activists committed to the cause of social justice was spread across the ideological spectrum. He will be remembered for a number of landmark initiatives like the 65th constitutional amendment that gave constitutional status to the National Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and the conception of separate financial allocation for SCs and STs through special component plans among others.

While delivering the first Ambedkar memorial lecture at the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi in 2006, he said, quoting from the observations of the working group on the development of the Scheduled Castes, "They constitute, in the main, the bedrock on which our society and economy rest. Rarely has any section of a nation con-

## AN OFFICER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

For PS Krishnan, welfare of Dalits, Adivasis, trumped ideological considerations

tributed so much for so long, in return for so little. Indian society owes the Scheduled Castes a heavy moral and material debt".

For him, social justice and national integration were two sides of the same coin. The caste-based social order was a "civilisational faultline of India" according to Krishnan. However, he rarely advocated a revolution. He remained a dedicated constitutionalist throughout his life and believed in the power of consensus building through discussion and debate. He was influenced by thinkers ranging from Ambedkar, Periyar, Gandhi to Narayana Guru and Swami Vivekananda. His wealth of experience in both activism and academia came from wide ranging interactions with relevant stakeholders from within and outside the community.

One of his most significant contributions to the Dalit movement was towards ending ideological untouchability. Throughout his public life, he shared the stage with both ardent nationalists and communists with equal aplomb if it was for the cause. For Krishnan, the cause was supreme. Many of the emerging Dalit activists and intellectuals can take this inspiration from his life. As Dalit activists, we often fall into the trap of ideological polarisation. This is a great disservice to the interests of the community. Krishnan often used to say that we must persuasively engage with people holding positions of power, influence and authority.

It has almost become fashionable in the contemporary Dalit narrative to be derivative of the upper castes, particularly the Brahmins. There are problems with the existing social order and it must undergo a transformation. Ambedkar always maintained that his struggle and resistance was not against the Brahmins, but against the idea of Brahminism that is indicative of privileged entitlements on the basis of birth. Ambedkar was financially supported by the Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad in not only his education but also in his initial employment. Krishnan too was born in an upper caste family in Kerala and his life is a testament to the idea of social integration. There are innumerable examples when non-Dalits have taken up the cause of Dalits. In his departure, Krishnan will surely inspire the next generation of Dalit activists to have a more accommodative approach in the interest of the community.

There will always be fissures in the movement. But we must remember that a single individual or institution cannot claim the sole custodianship of Dalit interests. A real tribute to Krishnan would be to make the conversation around the Dalit discourse more consultative and less confrontational in the interests of the community.

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## NOVEMBER 15, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

### PRESIDENT'S RULE

CENTRAL RULE WAS imposed on Manipur by a presidential order issued under Article 356 of the Constitution. The Manipur Legislative Assembly was also dissolved simultaneously. The decision to impose presidential rule was taken by the Centre after the Union Cabinet considered at its meeting the report of the governor which detailed the breakdown of the law and order situation and also gross maladministration, favouritism and nepotism by the state government. Elections to the Manipur assembly, which had outlived its five-year tenure, is likely to be held along with the Lok Sabha elections. Over the years, politics in Manipur has been volatile, resulting in long periods of president's rule and fre-

quent changes of government.

### BAHUGUNA MOVES

SHORT OF ANNOUNCING it formally, the CFD leader, H N Bahuguna, made it clear at a news conference that he was joining Congress (I). Indira Gandhi had visited Bahuguna's house in the morning where both had talks for 33 minutes in the presence of Kamalapati Tripathi, senior Congress (I) leader. Bahuguna was scheduled to meet Mrs Gandhi again in the night. Earlier, both the leaders had a "chance meeting" at the Shantivana where they had gone to pay homage to Jawaharlal Nehru on his 90th birthday. During their talks, Mrs Gandhi invited Bahuguna to join the Congress (I) "so that we should work to-

gether to give the country a government that should work within the Gandhi-Nehru framework".

### IRAN ASSET FREEZE

US PRESIDENT JIMMY Carter swiftly froze all Iranian government assets in America, estimated to total \$13 billion. This followed the Iranian decision to try to take the assets out of the US. The Carter order even grounds Iranian airways planes that may now be in the US until they get a licence from the treasury to depart. Carter's action was approved by congressional leaders. The Iranian finance ministry has been instructed to withdraw all Iranian deposits from US banks, the acting foreign minister, Abol Bani Sadr said.

