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# Unhappy echoes in Dhaka

Modi government's policies in J&K and Northeast will have repercussions in the neighbourhood. In Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina could find it hard to contain anti-India voices



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IT IS AN extraordinary image. Prime Minister Narendra Modi posing, not less, holding hands with Henry Kissinger, surrounded by a bevy of grinning former world leaders. For many with a memory, or an interest in Bangladesh, it also conjured a muffled, 1970s recording from the White House in India with his then boss, Richard Nixon. The pair can be heard calling Indians "b\*\*\*\*\*s" and wishing a famine on the country. This racist tirade, in which the astute Henry seems to encourage his vain boss's stale whims, erupted at a time when India was supporting the emergence of an independent, secular Bangladesh. Today, Modi's policies are arguably doing exactly as Nixon and Kissinger's attempted back in 1971 — driving religious and communal division.

Kissinger and Nixon were, of course, ardent supporters of Pakistan's military, as it and its Bengali proxies committed genocide, in erstwhile East Bengal, and in particular of its Hindus. While Pakistan split, a vindictive attitude towards India in American policy did not necessarily diminish; within only a few years, Bangladesh's independence hero, Sheikh Mujib was killed in 1975, and a pro-West/Pakistan/Chinese government took over in a coup supported by American intelligence. In American cables from that era, anti-Indian attitudes reach obsessive, paranoid levels. Military-run Dhaka immediately ramped up arms spending, from the West and from China — as the embassy and General Ziaur Rahman earnestly prepared for a fantasy Indian invasion, like schoolboys moving model soldiers about an imaginary battlefield.

Today, Mujib's daughter, Sheikh Hasina is in power in Dhaka. However, there are two mutually hostile forces which she has had to try and assuage through her long years in office: The communal/religious-right internally and New Delhi. This has not been

straightforward.

Before the Muslim Rohingya refugees crossed into Bangladesh, fleeing genocide in 2016-17, Bangladesh's borders were apparently "sealed". This long-marginalised Burmese community was not Hasina's problem, she said. However, official policy was no medicine for the sheer desperation that flooded into Bangladesh on those brutalised Burmese shoulders. "Sealed" meant little either to members of Bangladesh's security services, who were, probably, both unwilling and unable to enforce the integrity of the border.

However, Hasina's position towards the community changed, not only when her government clearly lacked the ability to physically stop the influx but also when she saw how once fierce critics of her government, the religious right, saw in this tragedy a reason to project their anger outwards. Suddenly, a strange bonhomie existed between the Islamist Muftis in Dhaka and elsewhere, and her Awami League. The enemy was no longer "Lady Hitler" as Hasina is often described by her Islamist adversaries; instead someone else, someone distant and external was. Like a feuding couple suddenly turning their ire towards the neighbours, instead of one another.

This was never Hasina's plan. She never wanted one million new residents, but as the permutations of ethnic cleansing progressed, she played it well. And, just as in Pakistan, the "out group enemy", Myanmar's supposedly Buddhist rulers, drew the brunt of the Islamists' anger — who for years tentaciously accused Hasina of being part of an "anti-Islam" conspiracy.

Indeed, this dynamic is crucial to Pakistani policy making and the Lashkar-e-Taiba owes its patronage and existence to it. It was then not surprising when Pakistani politicians started referencing the Ghazwa-e-Hind prophecy — found in the Hadiths — in response to Modi's draconian policy lurches on Jammu and Kashmir.

This prophecy was also harked to in one of Bangladesh's worst terrorist attacks — on Dhaka's Holey restaurant in 2016. The ISIS cell termed their killing spree, "Operation Ghazwa-e-Hind". The attack claimed the lives of some two-dozen hostages, including an Indian national, Tarishi Jain. Women were especially targeted with unspeakable brutality by a group of young Bangladeshis

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— who months prior had mainly been regular students — some from extremely privileged backgrounds.

This attack was not dissimilar to LeT's 2008 attack on Mumbai — an *inghimasi* attack where the assailants try to cause maximum damage over an extended period of time, with no intention of survival. Both aspired to draw a wedge between the Muslims and non-Muslims. Both viewed confrontation not only as prophesied and therefore, inherently blessed, but also targeted establishments which for them embodied secular progress or aspiration.

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In 1971, Modi's friend Henry was, instead, holding hands with the Pakistani generals, as they facilitated his then secret (and ultimately futile) rapprochement with China. Hasina will not be able to contain extremist, anti-India voices in Bangladesh for ever, especially as the Modi government's anti-Muslim agenda ramps up.

The threat of yet more desperate people fleeing into Bangladesh, means Hasina may well have to project understandable anger in Bangladesh outwards, for her government's integrity. Unlike her father, however, she has friends in China, with unmatched economic muscle. And the more Modi alienates Bangladeshis, the more the smile will grow from Beijing to the Brahmaputra.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"India can continue its brutal approach in the region for another 100 days but the result is unlikely to be different, as Kashmiris will not start treating their oppressors as their benefactors." —DAWN

## Beyond the mandate

Finance Commission is tasked with distribution of tax proceeds between Union and states. Recent amendments threaten to subvert it



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TWO RECENT AMENDMENTS to the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the 15th Finance Commission (FFC) are examined here. The first requires the FFC to examine "whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up and if so, how such a mechanism should be operationalised". The second arises from Section 83 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019 (J&K Act), which came into effect when Jammu and Kashmir became a Union Territory on October 31. It requires the President to "make a reference to the 15th Finance Commission to include the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in its Terms of Reference and make award for the successor Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir." Both these amendments are perfunctorily worded, raising constitutional and interpretational issues which the FFC may find challenging. They also work to the detriment of the states.

The use of the words "separate mechanism" points to creating a mechanism distinct from the existing one. The Constitution requires that estimates relating to voted expenditure in the Annual Financial Statement be submitted in the form of demands for grants to the Lok Sabha every year. The Government of India (GoI) submits demands for grants to the Lok Sabha under the defence and home ministries for defence and deployment of armed forces in states as an aid to civil power. The separate mechanism envisaged could be the creation of a defence and internal security fund in the public account to which their annual budgetary allocations could be credited and then spent over a multi-year time-frame without the threat of lapse. Such an arrangement already exists for a number of funds in the public account, like the National Disaster Relief Fund.

The budget provision for 2019-20 for defence and the police grant of the home ministry is about Rs 5,30,000 crore. It will be inappropriate to squirrel away one-fifth of the GoI's budget allocations into the public account for five reasons. First, escrowing such a large amount from its resources will constrain the GoI's budgetary management. Second, similar demands could arise from other critical ministries like infrastructure and health, which if agreed to, will further emasculate budgetary flexibility. Third, it will lead to lazy budgeting by the beneficiary ministries. Fourth, it violates the Government Accounting Rules 1990 (GAR), which allow for creating a fund in the public account only for the implementation of specified schemes of ministries and not for entire budgetary allocations.

tions of departments. Fifth, and most important, it violates the fundamental canons of annual budgeting mandated in the Constitution — providing for lapse of moneys budgeted but unspent during a year, and obtaining Parliament's approval every year for the Annual Financial Statement.

The use of the words "internal security" creates ambiguity. Internal security means maintaining public order and peace by tackling internal threats and upholding the law. Public order and police are part of the state's responsibility. Internal security is, therefore, as much a concern of states as it is of the GoI. The FFC will face a further challenge if such a fund is created in the GoI's public account, since it will have to decide how it will be shared with states.

The amendment relating to Jammu and Kashmir is equally troublesome. The phrase "include Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir in its Terms of Reference" is indeterminate. The ToR of the FFC has 15 clauses. In which clause and where should it be included? The names of no state or Union Territory find place in any of these 15 clauses.

It can be argued that this amendment requires the FFC to treat the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as a state for the purposes of its award. The FFC will submit its report on November 30. J&K ceased to be a state on October 31. It will no longer find a place in list of the states in the Constitution, but appear in the list of UT. The Constitution requires the Finance Commission to recommend the "distribution between the Union and states of the net proceed of taxes". No Finance Commission has ever made an award for any UT. It is not clear how the FFC can now make an award treating the UT of J&K as a state. It is noteworthy that the J&K Act simultaneously requires that the Union Territory of Ladakh be treated on par with the other UT. No case has been made for treating J&K on a different footing. Further, how can the claims of the two other UTs with a legislature — Delhi and Puducherry — which also have been demanding, for a number of years, that FCS award a share of the divisible pool to them, be ignored?

States argue that the impact of such a provision would increase the number of claimants to the divisible pool and thus reduce their individual share. It is further argued that the GoI, which derived political benefits from its decision to convert J&K into a UT should not pass on the financial fallouts of such a decision to the states. The GoI should treat the requirements of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir within the demand of the Union Home Ministry.

The FFC has been burdened with an onerous and a challenging ToR. Some state governments have complained about its perceived inequities to the President. These two amendments unnecessarily raise more challenges for the FFC. Perhaps, it should ignore these amendments and confine itself to its constitutional mandate.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### KEEP TALKING

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Listen, Mister Muslim' (IE, November 14). The reason behind the ignorance of Indians — not just Muslims — and their reliance on ulemas, pandits and political leaders is because they do not understand faith well. Superficial knowledge of their own faith and their near ignorance of the other's faith make many Indians vulnerable to manipulation by people with vested interests. The need of the hour is communication between communities — not hasty conclusions.

Afshien Rizvi, Lucknow

### RTI'S AMBIT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Letting in Light' (IE, November 14). The Supreme Court's verdict that places the Chief Justice under the RTI Act is a welcome acknowledgment of the fact that accountability and transparency are not inimical to the judiciary's independence. Let's hope this verdict is a significant step in strengthening the RTI and creates an empowered citizenry.

Divya Singla, Patiala

### SPEEDY JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The speed of justice' (IE, November 14). One of the reasons for people settling their disputes out of court is the inordinate delay in our judicial system. Victims of sexual violence are not only asked embarrassing questions but there is delay in delivering justice. This prevents other victims from approaching the courts. One of the solutions to this problem is

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to set up small fast track courts which will dispose off minor crimes. Setting up good law colleges especially in rural areas and encouraging students to take up this profession goes a long way in speedy justice.

Veena Shenoy, Thane

### JAGAN'S FAILURES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Failure to launch' (IE, November 14). When a young political leader fails to live up to expectations, it is disastrous for our democracy. A leader who wins with a massive margin can not afford to let down the voters. Some of the decisions taken up by Andhra Pradesh's last chief minister Chandrababu Naidu need to be revoked. But annulling all Naidu-era project is not justified and shows Jagan Mohan Reddy in very poor light.

Bal Govind, Noida



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THE VERDICT IN THE long-standing Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri dispute is finally out. Much to everyone's relief, the unanimous decision taken by the five-judge Supreme Court bench has been received well by the society at large. A section of intellectuals, though, have not been able to digest this unanimous decision.

This is the same group of self-proclaimed gatekeepers of Indian conscience who had failed to read the people's mood before the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls and were predicting the defeat of the nationalist forces. Now, there is a concerted attempt to create a ruckus over the unanimous decision of the apex court.

The majority of our nation has always viewed the Babri structure as a symbol of invasion by an intruder. The nation felt, and rightly so, that the Babri structure was built only with an objective to show and prove that the Mughals now had control on every

## A verdict, a test

Ayodhya ruling frames a question: What is the true idea of Bharat?

aspect of the lives of Bharatiyas, including their gods and their temples.

The judgment given by the Supreme Court has considered all the documentary and oral evidence put before it. It says that "the oral and documentary evidence shows that the Hindu devotees of Lord Ram hold a genuine, long-standing and profound belief in the religious merit attained by offering prayer to Lord at the site they believe to be his birth place. Evidence has been led by the plaintiffs in suit 5 to show a long practice of Hindu worship to Lord Ram at the disputed site." It further says: "The ASI report does find the existence of pre-existing structure. The report concludes on the basis of the architectural fragments formed at the site and the nature of the structure that it was of a Hindu religious origin."

For Hindus, a temple at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi is not an issue of mere bricks and mortar. It is an issue of the cultural resur-

gence and national identity, where Shri Ram, as "maryada purushottam", has a prime place of importance. The Ram Janmabhoomi movement is an expression of the collective consciousness of the Hindu ethos.

The real issue is how the present-day Muslims view the Babri structure. Do they consider it as their holy place? If the answer is yes, then they end up owning the barbarism of Babar and others like him. The right way for Muslims is to distance themselves from such vandalism.

Hindus have asked for a peaceful return, through the judiciary and negotiations, of only three of their holy sites (Ayodhya, Mathura and Kashi) that were vandalised. Hindus are not asking for the thousands of other temples that were plundered, looted, destroyed and mosques were built thereupon. Hindus are not even asking for any sort of compensation or restitution. Any interpretation of the Babri structure, other

than that of it being viewed as a monument of our slavery, will clearly indicate that Hindus are being asked to live with a feeling of humiliation.

The apex court's decision needs to be viewed, thus, beyond the mandir-masjid or Hindu-Muslim issue. It is about the idea of Bharat. Do we want a Bharat which represents the legacy of Babar, Ghazni and Ghori or do we want a Bharat where the legacy of the nation is represented by Lord Rama, Lord Krishna, Dara Shikoh, Kabir and APJ Abdul Kalam? The call has to be taken by Muslims in Bharat and the ball is in their court now.

The Supreme Court's decision is surely a formidable test for the judiciary, legislature and executive of the nation. But more than that, it is going to test the resilience of our social fabric.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

Review pending, scope widened

SC has deferred its decision on review of 2018 Sabarimala verdict until a larger Bench examines broader issues such as essentiality of religious practices and constitutional morality. This is what the judges said

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

IN THURSDAY’s 3:2 Supreme Court ruling on the Sabarimala case, which deferred a decision on reviewing the 2018 verdict until a larger Bench can settle key points of law relating to the right to freedom of religion, the majority verdict was written by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi for himself and Justices AM Khanwilkar and Indu Malhotra.

**What does the majority verdict say?**  
The 2018 verdict had held unconstitutional the practice of barring women of menstrual age from entering the temple. Thursday’s majority verdict has not decided the petitions seeking a review of that verdict, and has kept these pending until a larger Bench decides on a gamut of issues around religion, essentiality of religious practices, and constitutional provisions relating to freedom of religion. Given the volume of cases that the Supreme Court handles, setting up a Bench of five or more judges is often delayed.

**What issues were included for review?**  
“Concededly, 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 fireplace of an Agyari,” the judgment said.  
“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,” the court added, saying it is of the “considered view” that issues arising in these cases “may be overlapping and covered by the judgment under review”.

The CJ has the administrative power to club similar cases together. It is, however, rare for the court to pass a judicial order clubbing cases that are not listed with one it is hearing. The case concerning entry of Muslim women into mosques is listed before a two-judge Bench headed by Justice SA Bobde, while the cases relating to female genital mutilation (*Sumita Tiwari v Union of India & Ors*) and Parsi women’s rights have already been referred to Constitution Benches that are yet to be set up.  
Additionally, the court framed seven issues that could be considered by the larger Bench. They range from balancing the freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution with other fundamental rights, particularly the right to equality, to recalibrating judicial decisions on constitutional morality and essential religious practices.

**What did the court say about recalibrating such decisions?**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL MORALITY:** The court said ‘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.”  
In the 2018 Sabarimala verdict, the majority opinion authored by then CJI Dipak Misra defined ‘morality’ in Article 25 to mean constitutional morality. Article 25 reads, “Subject to public order, morality and health and to the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practise and propagate religion”.  
Referring to Article 25(1), the 2018 judgment said: “We must remember that when there is a violation of the fundamental rights, the term ‘morality’ naturally implies constitutional morality and any view that is ultimately taken by the Constitutional Courts



Devotees at the Sabarimala temple in 2016. This was before the Supreme Court lifted a ban on women of menstruating age from entering the temple. *PTI*



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must be in conformity with the principles and basic tenets of the concept of this constitutional morality.”

In the verdict decriminalising homosexuality, also in 2018, Justice Misra gave an expansive definition of constitutional morality: “... The magnitude and sweep of constitutional morality is not confined to the provisions and literal text which a Constitution contains, rather it embraces within itself virtues of a wide magnitude such as that of ushering a pluralistic and inclusive society, while... adhering to the other principles of constitutionalism.”

**ESSENTIAL RELIGIOUS PRACTICES:** “The extent to which the court can enquire into the issue of 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,” is an aspect the court wants a larger Bench to settle.

According to the essential religious practices doctrine evolved by the court in the 1950s, practices and beliefs considered integral by a religious community are to be regarded as “essential”, and protected under Article 25.

In the 2018 Sabarimala judgment, the majority opinion held that barring certain women from entering the temple owing to the celibate nature of Lord Ayyappa was not an essential religious practice. Justice R F Nariman, in his concurring opinion, had observed that when there is internal dissent on a practice, its essentiality to the religion becomes questionable.

For a reconsideration of this doctrine, a long line of case laws will have to be examined. For

example, to determine whether the Swami Narayan Satsangis could bar non-Satsangi Harijans from entering their temples, a civil court examined evidence whether the Satsang constituted a religious denomination. In *Ismail Faruqui v Union of India* (1994), the court determined that offering prayers in a mosque was not an essential religious practice of Islam and upheld the law under which the Centre acquired the disputed land in Ayodhya.

**What about issues directly relating to the Sabarimala case?**

One such question is whether the courts can allow public interest litigation “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?” Justice Malhotra, in her dissent in the 2018 verdict, had questioned the standing of an NGO that filed the

PIL. Thursday’s majority opinion said it would overlook the preliminary question of locus since the case was already before a Constitution Bench.

Another question linked to Sabarimala is whether the Kerala Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorisation of Entry) Rules, 1965 governs this temple at all.

**What is the takeaway from the verdict?**  
The court has allowed the 2018 Sabarimala verdict to continue until the larger Bench is set up and decides the case conclusively. Based on what that Bench decides, the review can be dismissed or the 2018 order can be modified. For now, the court has sown the seeds of a complex legal debate.

new and important matter or evidence which, after the exercise of due diligence, was not within knowledge of the petitioner or could not be produced by him; mistake or error apparent on the face of the record and any other sufficient reason”. The minority also said that “a review is by no means an appeal in disguise whereby an erroneous decision is reheard and corrected but lies only for patent error”.

The mere possibility of two views on the subject cannot be a ground for review. The error apparent on the face of the record should not be an error which has to be fished out and searched,” the minority said, citing a 2013 SC ruling in *Union of India v Sandur Manganeese & Iron Ores Ltd.*

The minority opinion referred to the grounds raised by the review petitioners as a mere “rehash of arguments” and “re-argument of the arguments heard and considered earlier” while dismissing them. The dissenting judges said that when the process of adjudicating a case is complete and a decision is pronounced, the decision of the Supreme Court and binds everyone. “Compliance is not a matter of option,” the judges said.

HOW MAJORITY VIEW ECHOES DISSENT OF 2018

**‘FAR-REACHING RAMIFICATIONS’**  
IN SEPTEMBER 2018, Justice Indu Malhotra said that issues in the case would have “far reaching ramifications... for all places of worship of various religions, which have their own... practices... which may be considered... exclusionary”.  
■ ON THURSDAY, the majority observed that the question of the constitutional validity of restricting entry of women in a place of worship also arises in respect of a Dargah/mosque and Agyari.

**ARTICLE 14 VS ARTICLE 25**  
LAST YEAR, Justice Malhotra had held that the equality doctrine under Article 14 did not override the fundamental right guaranteed by Article 25 to freely practise faith.  
■ ON THURSDAY, the court said the larger Bench will have to examine the “interplay between the freedom of religion under Articles 25 and 26... and other provisions..., particularly Article 14”.

**CONSTITUTIONAL MORALITY**  
JUSTICE MALHOTRA had said that constitutional morality implies harmonisation of fundamental rights, which include right of every individual or religious denomination to practise their faith in accordance with the tenets of their religion, irrespective of whether the practice is rational or logical.  
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AN EXPERT EXPLAINS

When judges decide questions of religion: Problems with test of ‘essential practices’

How review verdict differs with SC’s Ayodhya order, takes court to the domain of theology



IN ADELAIDE Co. of Jehovah’s Witnesses Inc. v Commonwealth (1943), Australia’s High Court observed: “What is religion to one is superstition to another”. The Supreme Court has once again taken up the task of defining “essential religious practices”.

The Sabarimala review has been referred to a seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court. The minority judges have correctly quoted the law on the limited scope of review to hold that neither has an error in the 2018 judgment been pointed out, nor has any new fact been discovered after the judgment. Those who are planning to seek a review of the court’s Babri judgment (November 9) must read the minority judgment in the Sabarimala review.

The two minority judges also disagreed with the Chief Justice of India on clubbing with the Sabarimala review the issues of female genital mutilation among Bohras, entry of women into mosques, and Parsi women married to non-Parsis visiting the Agyari. The minority judges are right — this case was limited to only the review of the Sabarimala judgment, and no arguments were heard on other issues.

The law and state cannot and should not tell us what is essential or non-essential in a religion. The judiciary is not supposed to take over the role of the clergy. It was only on Saturday that the court in the Babri judgment observed that it cannot scrutinise anyone’s religious beliefs. The Sabarimala reference order is inconsistent with the Babri judgment — the five judges in that case, while accepting the Hindu belief of the birth of Lord Ram at the disputed site, did not ask whether the belief about Lord Ram’s birth under the central dome of the Babri mosque was an essential practice of the Hindu religion. No one asked whether one could remain a Hindu despite not having such a belief.

The minority of Justices Nariman and Chandrachud, while rejecting the extreme plea of Sabarimala not being a Hindu temple as people of other faiths too worship there, have observed that a church remains a church despite people of different faiths visiting it. The primary reason to deny possession to the Sunni Waqf Board was its failure to prove that Muslims were exclusively praying in the inner courtyard of the Babri Masjid from 1528 to 1856. Going by Thursday’s order, even assuming that Muslims were not exclusively praying in the inner courtyard, and that sometimes Hindus too prayed there, ought not to have changed the character of the mosque.

Our Constitution combines the freedom of religion with a mandate to the state to intervene in religious affairs if social welfare so demands. The state does have the power to regulate secular activities associated with religious practice. The question is, how to decide whether an activity is religious or secular? This is important — because if it is religious, it cannot be regulated by the state.

In the *Shirur Mutt* (1954) case, the court held that “religion” in Article 25 covers all rituals and practices that are “integral” to a religion. It thus took upon itself the responsibility to determine what is integral or essential; and impliedly rejected the ‘assertion test’ of the United States under which a plaintiff could just assert that a particular practice was a religious practice, and courts would not probe any further.

This test of arriving at the definition of religion was called the essential practices test. But the exercise of determining essential practices of a religion took judges into a domain beyond their expertise. The majority of the CJI and Justices Khanwilkar and Malhotra in the Sabarimala reference has held that the correctness of this approach is to be examined by a larger Bench. However, the majority has also said that it’s the duty of the court to decide this issue in view of the obligations imposed upon it by the Constitution.

The essentiality test was crystallized in the temple entry case (1958). The court dealt with the question of whether untouchability, manifested in restrictions on temple entry, was an essential part of the Hindu religion. The court after examining select Hindu texts came to the conclusion

that untouchability was not an essential Hindu practice. In the *Sabarimala* (2018) judgment, Justice Chandrachud said that ban on the entry of women in Sabarimala is a kind of untouchability, and thus violative of Article 17. Indeed, the temple was ‘purified’ after three women made a symbolic entry last year.

Over the years, courts have been inconsistent in their application of the essentiality doctrine. Consider:

■ In *Gram Sabha Battis Shirala* (2014), a particular sect claimed that capturing and worshipping a live cobra on Nag Panchami is an essential part of their religion. They placed reliance on the *Shrinath Lilamrut*; however, the Bombay High Court relied on the more general Dharmashastra text to reject their contention, without dealing with the question that the specific religious text of the villagers prescribed such a practice. In *Sabarimala*, the court overlooked the particular practice of Ayyappa devotees and relied on the general Hindu practice, refusing to recognise them as a separate Hindu sect.

■ When a Muslim police officer challenged in Kerala High Court a regulation that did not permit him to grow a beard, the court rejected the plea by simply relying on the fact that certain Muslim dignitaries did not sport beards, and that the petitioner did not have a beard in his previous years of service. The court looked at empirical evidence of the practice, rather than at religious texts. However, despite empirical evidence to the contrary, courts have refused protection to animal sacrifice among Hindus, terming the practice as barbaric.

■ In the *Tandava dance* case, the apex court relied on the doctrine of precedent to hold that *tandava* dance was not an essential practice of the Ananda Marga faith. It also said that the faith had come into existence in 1955, while the *tandava* was adopted only in 1966 — therefore, as the faith had existed without the practice, the practice could not be accepted as an essential feature of the faith. This was a strange argument that suggested that to be essential, religious practices must remain frozen in time, with no evolution.

■ In *Ismail Faruqui* (1994), the Supreme Court dealt with the issue of the state acquiring the land over which the Babri Masjid had stood. Instead of settling the question in favour of the Centre on the principle of eminent domain, the court went into the question of whether praying in a mosque is an essential practice in Islam — and ruled that while praying is an essential practice, the offering of such prayers in a mosque is not, unless the place has a particular religious significance in itself.

It is well known that congregational prayer is central to Islam and that mosques are essential means to achieve this objective. In 2018, the court rejected a plea to review this absurd judgment. However, in the case of Sabarimala, it has agreed that the essentiality test does require a review.

Issues not before this court: 2 who differ

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WHILE THE 3:2 majority opinion on pleas seeking a review of the Sabarimala judgment referred key issues to a larger Bench, the dissent, authored by Justice R F Nariman on behalf of himself and Justice D Y Chandrachud, simply dismissed the review petitions.

**What does the dissenting opinion say?**  
Justice Nariman and Justice Chandrachud differed with the majority opinion that certain legal issues needed to be considered by a larger Bench. The judges said there is no occasion for the court to recalibrate judicial decisions on legal issues such as the essential religious practice test.  
“What this Court has before it is review petitions arising out of this Court’s judgment in *Indian Young Lawyers Association and Ors v State of Kerala WP (C) No.373 of 2006*, which was delivered on 28 September, 2018, with regard to the Sabarimala temple dedicated to Lord Ayyappa. What a future constitution bench or larger bench, if constituted by the learned Chief Justice of India, may or may not do when considering the other issues pending



before this Court is, strictly speaking, not before this Court at all,” the minority view said. “Consequently, this judgment will dispose of the said review petitions and writ petitions keeping the parameters of judicial intervention in such cases in mind.”

**Why did the minority opinion focus only on deciding the Sabarimala review?**

A petition filed seeking a review of a judgment is filed under Article 137 of the Constitution, read with Order XLVII of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013.

Quoting a previous ruling, the minority judges said: “A review is entertained on narrow grounds when there is a discovery of

new and important matter or evidence which, after the exercise of due diligence, was not within knowledge of the petitioner or could not be produced by him; mistake or error apparent on the face of the record and any other sufficient reason”. The minority also said that “a review is by no means an appeal in disguise whereby an erroneous decision is reheard and corrected but lies only for patent error”.

The mere possibility of two views on the subject cannot be a ground for review. The error apparent on the face of the record should not be an error which has to be fished out and searched,” the minority said, citing a 2013 SC ruling in *Union of India v Sandur Manganeese & Iron Ores Ltd.*

The minority opinion referred to the grounds raised by the review petitioners as a mere “rehash of arguments” and “re-argument of the arguments heard and considered earlier” while dismissing them. The dissenting judges said that when the process of adjudicating a case is complete and a decision is pronounced, the decision of the Supreme Court and binds everyone. “Compliance is not a matter of option,” the judges said.

**What did the minority opinion say on the 2018 Sabarimala verdict?**

The minority opinion on Thursday, while concluding that the review petitioners have failed to show an error apparent on the face of law in the 2018 majority opinion, also engaged with several issues that had been raised in Justice Indu Malhotra’s lone dissent in the 2018 verdict.

Justice Malhotra had held that to entertain a public interest litigation at the behest of persons who are not worshippers at Sabrimala temple would open the floodgates of petitions to be filed questioning the validity of religious beliefs and practices followed by other religious sects.

The judges reiterated that the Sabarimala case raises grave issues which relate to “gender bias on account of a physiological or biological function which is common to all women. It is for this reason that a *bona fide* public interest litigation was entertained by the majority judgment 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”.

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TOPOF THE WORLD



DONALD TUSK  
European Council President

EUROPE

UK will become 'second rate' after Brexit: EU's Tusk

Brussels: Britain will lose influence in international affairs and become a "second-rate player" after it leaves the European Union, European Council President Donald Tusk said on Wednesday. Backers of Britain's 2016 vote to exit the EU, the world's largest trading bloc, say that the country will achieve a new global status unhackled from EU rules and closer to the United States. Tusk said only a united Europe could confront an assertive China and play an effective global role. "I have heard repeatedly from Brexiters that they wanted to leave the European Union to make the United Kingdom global again, believing that only alone, it can truly be great..." Tusk said in a speech.

USA

Four injured in California school shooting

Los Angeles: At least four people were injured in a shooting at a high school north of Los Angeles Thursday, triggering a police hunt for the suspect who was later taken into custody. Police and ambulances swarmed the area around Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, 65 kilometres north of Los Angeles, after the early morning shooting sent panicked children running from the area. The suspect was described as a male Asian. Local media reports said he was 15 years old. Hospital officials said three of the four injured were in critical condition.

FRANCE

Tempers flare over rebuilding of Notre-Dame spire

Paris: The French general charged with overseeing the rebuilding of Paris' fire-mangled Notre-Dame publicly told the cathedral's chief architect to "shut his mouth" in a sign of tension over the monument's future look. General Jean-Louis Georgelin and chief architect Philippe Villeneuve are at odds over whether to replace the cathedral's spire with an exact replica, or add a modern twist. President Emmanuel Macron, who appointed Georgelin to head the project, said he is in favour of adding a "contemporary" touch. But Villeneuve insists it must be re-done exactly as it was before.

# Hong Kong students ready bows and arrows for battle with police

Violence, disruption for 4th straight day; colleges cancel classes as police, protesters clash in campuses

MIKE IVES & KATHERINE LI  
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 14

PROTESTERS ARMED on Thursday with firebombs and bows and arrows reinforced the fortifications they had built on Hong Kong university campuses in anticipation of clashes with the police, as demonstrations disrupted Hong Kong's morning commute for a fourth straight weekday.

At the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the site of battle scenes earlier in the week that evoked citadels under siege, young protesters built brick walls outside the campus entrances. On the fringes of other school campuses, students built elaborate roadblocks that some in the movement call "Stonehenges."

The protests started in June over an extradition bill that has since been withdrawn, and have morphed into broader demands for democracy and police accountability. In recent days, the locus of tension between protesters and the police has moved



Protesters during a standoff with riot police at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Reuters

from the streets to university campuses.

The police kicked off the workday on Thursday by spraying teargas at an entrance of Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Around the same time, the university sent an email to the staff urging them to leave the campus "in view of the escalating danger and a high risk

of bodily injury."

Tensions were also running high on other campuses. At least two other universities — CUHK and Hong Kong Baptist University — have already cancelled on-campus lectures for the remainder of the fall semester.

At CUHK on Thursday, protesters were seen building brick walls

## EXPLAINED As clashes move to campuses, students lose their sanctuary

THE PRO-DEMOCRACY protests in Hong Kong have, from the beginning, seen a large presence of university students. Protest strategies and ideas were discussed and formulated in campuses, which also served as peaceful sanctuaries when clashes between police and protesters raged in the streets. However, this has now changed with police entering universities and clashing with students. With campuses increasingly becoming sites of violence, many students from mainland China and foreign countries have already left Hong Kong and classes have been suspended. This is likely the result of authorities deciding to stop the student protest leaders even before they hit the streets.

around the campus entrances. "All day all night," read a slogan someone spray-painted on one of the walls, "We are gonna fight."

Across town at the University of Hong Kong, protesters used bricks and bamboo poles to erect elaborate roadblocks.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday night, the university's president urged members of the

campus not to "create any situation which will lead to police entering the campus to search, to investigate or to make arrests."

The disruptions this week are notable because they have strained the city's infrastructure for four straight workdays, forcing commuters to choose whether to go outside and risk being caught up in clashes and teargas. **NYT**

# Flood, fire and plague: Climate change in focus as world battles disasters

ROBERT BIRSEL  
SINGAPORE, NOVEMBER 14

EXTREME FLOODS in Venice, fires in Australia and even an outbreak of plague in China have been attributed to climate change this week, while researchers have warned that global warming could saddle future generations with life-long illness.

Venice declared a state of emergency on Wednesday after "apocalyptic" floods swept through the lagoon city, flooding its historic basilica and inundating squares and centuries-old buildings.

"This is the result of climate change," city mayor Luigi Brugnaro said on Twitter.

City thoroughfares were turned into raging torrents, stone balustrades were shattered, boats tossed ashore and gondolas smashed against their moorings as the lagoon tide peaked at 187 cm (6ft 2ins).

It was the highest since the record 194 cm set in 1966, but rising water levels are becoming a regular threat to the tourist jewel.

On the other side of the world, parts of Australia have been ravaged by wild bushfires this week, with four people killed and communities forced to flee the flames.

Since 2016, parts of northern and inland New South Wales, along with southern Queensland, have been in drought that the Bureau of Meteorology says is being driven, in part, by warmer sea-surface temperatures affecting rainfall patterns.

Globally, concern about effective action has surged since US President Donald Trump abandoned the international

## All In One Week 'Apocalyptic' floods in Venice, persistent bushfires in Australia and a rare plague reported in China — all of this happened within this week. Authorities have blamed these disasters on climate change.



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Paris Accord on climate change and took steps to dismantle environmental protections.

Scientists say climate change has made such storms more intense, fuelling even worse conditions when they make landfall than in the past. But they also are discovering other ways in which rising temperatures contribute to making people ill.

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An area the size of the Netherlands was hit by a "rat plague" last summer.

The wider implications for health are sobering. The *Lancet* medical journal published a study this week saying climate change was already harming people's health by increasing the number of extreme weather events and exacerbating air pollution. **REUTERS**

## SRI LANKA GOES TO POLLS TOMORROW

# Basil Rajapaksa: We stand for everyone, not just the majority



## EXPRESS IN COLOMBO

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
NOVEMBER 14

WHILE THE 2015 presidential election that saw Mahinda Rajapaksa lose power was mired in controversy for India's alleged role in helping Maithripala Sirisena win, Basil Rajapaksa — the youngest of the three politically active Rajapaksa brothers — has said that no international actor will interfere in the Sri Lankan election this time.

On Thursday, in an interview with *The Indian Express* at his office in Colombo, Basil was going through a red-coloured map on his table that showed the 160 electoral constituencies in the country. "Gotabaya Rajapaksa managed to visit 150 of them," he said, pointing out the 10 empty pockets that Gotabaya, his elder brother and the presidential candidate of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party, had missed.

Known as the chief strategist of Mahinda Rajapaksa's political victories and elections, Basil sits at his control room, a huge mansion in Colombo city with more than 100 staff who execute his strategies. "This is the main office, there are six other offices opened ahead of elections," he said.

For him, Mahinda Rajapaksa, his elder brother, is the "political leader". By the time Gotabaya Rajapaksa's candidacy was announced, Basil had little time to finalise his strategy. "Limited time was the major challenge. If it was Mahinda, he is familiar to everyone. But we wanted Gotabaya to visit every nook and corner of the country as he was being introduced into active politics for the first time, even though he is known to everyone in Sri Lanka as a (former) defence secretary and administrator," he said.

Basil laughed when asked about the challenges in handling both India and China if his party is elected to power. "Actually, we understand both countries, but they lack understanding about us. India and China are equally important for us, and India is more closer to us," he said.

Although several civil rights



Basil Rajapaksa at his office in Colombo. Arun Janardhanan

and minority groups have expressed strong reservations against the Rajapaksa family for their seemingly majoritarian stance, Basil said the party stood for everyone, not just for the majority. "Building the strong values of multiculturalism is our aim. We do not even want to use the word 'minority', but they are our brothers," he said.

Asked whether allegations of massive rights abuses during the previous Mahinda regime could still hurt them, he conceded that there may be grievances. "We can't ignore their grievances. They wanted a change in 2015 as they were not satisfied. But now they have realised that what they wanted was real change, development and a better life. They will bring us back to power as they know that Gotabaya will do it."

Did the wounds left by the war heal? Basil said wounds are to be healed. "Successful reconciliation measures taken by the Mahinda government were discontinued after Sirisena came to power. After our victory, we will take the reconciliation process to the next level, besides bringing development and jobs for Tamils in the north," he said.

Asked about the unity of the three brothers, which is unlike some Asian family dynasties that have been mired in disputes, Basil cited the example of an old tricycle. "Have you seen the old tricycle? One huge wheel in the front and two smaller ones behind it. That's how we are. Mahinda is the huge wheel while both me and Gotabaya are smaller ones behind it. We follow that principle, keeping in mind the words of Buddha that one person cannot be good at everything," he said.

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# Afghan prisoner swap did not occur: Diplomat

REUTERS  
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 14

THE PLANNED exchange of two senior Taliban commanders and a leader of the Haqqani militant group for an American and an Australian kidnapped in Afghanistan in 2016 has not taken place, a diplomat and a former Afghan official said on Wednesday.

The diplomat, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, declined to provide any details about why the planned exchange, which Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced on Tuesday, did not occur.

The US State Department did not immediately respond to a re-

quest for comment, nor did the Afghan embassy in Washington.

"We hope the Taliban immediately releases the hostages," a spokesman for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said.

He said Australia appreciated Ghani's concern for the hostages — Australian citizen Timothy Weeks and US citizen Kevin King, professors kidnapped by the Taliban in August 2016 from the American University of Afghanistan in Kabul.

The Afghan government's decision to free Anas Haqqani and two other Taliban commanders, Haji Mali Khan and Hafiz Rashid, was taken in the hope of securing direct talks with the Taliban.

## JAPAN'S NARUHITO SET FOR RITUAL THAT HAS PROMPTED LAWSUITS OVER ITS SYMBOLISM AND COST

# Japan emperor begins last accession rite: Spending the night with a goddess

ELAINE LIES  
TOKYO, NOVEMBER 14

JAPANESE EMPEROR Naruhito, dressed in pure white robes, was ushered into a dark wooden hall by torchlight on Thursday night to start his last major accession rite after becoming emperor this spring: spending the night with a goddess.

The "Daijosaï" rite centres on Amaterasu Omikami, the sun goddess from whom conservatives believe the emperor is descended. It is the most overtly religious of the series of rituals

marking Naruhito's taking over after his father Akihito's abdication.

The rite, which lasts until early Friday morning, has prompted lawsuits from critics ranging from Communists to Christians, who say it smacks of the militaristic past and violates the constitutional separation of church and state since the government pays the 2.7 billion yen (\$25 million) cost.

Legend has it that the emperor has conjugal relations with the goddess, a view put forth in pre-World War Two textbooks, an era when the emperor was considered divine. Naruhito's grandfather Hirohito, in whose name

Japan fought the war, was stripped of his divinity after Japan lost.

Today, scholars and the government say the rite involves sharing a meal of dishes from across Japan to seal the emperor's new status.

"This ritual is basically a feast involving the sun goddess and the emperor," said John Breen, professor at the International Research centre for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, who notes that most coronations have mystical elements.

"The emperor is transformed by partaking of this feast."

Preparations began months ago, with the construction of a



Naruhito on his way to attend 'Daijosaï', the most overtly religious ceremony of the emperor's accession rituals, at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Thursday. Reuters

special shrine compound within the palace grounds and, later, the harvest of rice from two fields chosen by heating a turtle shell and reading the pattern of cracks.

As an unseasonably warm night fell over Tokyo courtiers in traditional robes began to gather and dignitaries, including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, gathered at an outdoor pavilion.

Soon after, in scenes broadcast live by most television stations, the emperor, shielded by a ceremonial umbrella and preceded by courtiers holding torches, was ushered through dark wooden corridors. He was

followed by Empress Masako, in 12-layered white robes.

After disappearing behind white curtains into a dimly-lit room, kneeling by the side of piled straw mats draped in white, the emperor — accompanied only by two shrine maidens — began arranging offerings on 32 plates made of oak leaves for the sun goddess before bowing and praying for the peace of Japan.

He and the goddess were set to symbolically share rice, millet and rice wine before the roughly two-and-a-half hour ritual ends. It will then be repeated in a different shrine building, with every-

thing finishing by 3 am on Friday.

Critics note that while a Daijosaï existed more than 1,000 years ago, the current ritual largely took its form in the late 1800s, as Japan sought to unite the nation around the emperor.

Koichi Shin, 60 and head of a group suing to ban the ritual, said the rite's nationalistic underpinnings are one reason for their opposition. Another is using public funds to stage it — a complaint echoed by the emperor's younger brother, Crown Prince Akishino, who said the imperial family's private funds should be used, mandating a smaller rite. **REUTERS**



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**"CORRIGENDUM-IV"**

The date of sale, submission and opening of tender for "Procurement of 16 feet long Fibre Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Boat with seating capacity 10 persons fitted with 40HP Suzuki 2 Stroke Petrol Engine, obstruction marking Buoy, Life jackets, Ring Buoy, High beam LED Torch, Binocular, Handheld Digital Sonar for Tourism activities in Larji HEP (3X42 MW), Thaltout District, Mandi (H.P.)" against Tender Specification No. HPSEBL/SE(E)/UHL-III/Boat&Buoy(Larji)/2019-2, which was scheduled to be opened on **14.11.2019**, is hereby extended as per the following schedule:-

• Request for online tender documents:	up to 10.12.201 (17.00Hrs.)
• Issue of online tender documents (bid sheets):	up to 10.12.2019 (17.00Hrs)
• Last Date of Receipt of hard copy of EMD & Bid	13.12.2019 (17.00Hrs)
• Last date of submission of online tender:	up to 13.12.2019 (17.00Hrs.)
• Date of opening of Tender	16.12.2019 (11.00Hrs.)

The detailed tender notification and above corrigendum can be viewed/downloaded free of cost from website [www.tendrwizard.com/HPSEB](http://www.tendrwizard.com/HPSEB). All other terms and conditions will remain same.

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**CORRIGENDUM**

Subject:- Pre-bid Meeting for Tender issued vide NIT Notification No. DTE/Pur/2019-20/423 dated: 04.10.2019-Review of Specifications/Terms and Conditions for Establishment of Language Labs therof.

Based on the suggestions/queries/requests made by the Prospective Bidders during the Pre-bid Meeting held on 04.11.2019 for the Tender issued vide NIT Notification No. DTE/Pur/2019-20/427 dated: 10.10.2019 for the Establishment of Language Lab in Govt. Polytechnics under languishing Project, the following changes/amendments in the Tender are made, the Bidders are advised to Submit/Revise their Bids accordingly:-

- In Bids Cover-1 "Technical Qualification" Point (iii) instead of State Tax/GST Clearance Certificate of last Three (03) years, the Bidder shall have to submit the GST returns of preceding Eight (08) quarters (2 Years).
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 2 Teachers Console the specification shall be:-  
Operating System Windows Server 2016 OS instead of Windows 10 pro, RAM-8 GB instead of 4GB, Integrated Graphics Card instead of dedicated Graphics Card, Screen Resolution-FHD (1920x1080) or Higher, Integrated Web Cam should be HD (720P) or Higher. Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 3 Student PC the Specification shall be:-  
Integrated Graphics Card instead of Dedicated Graphics Card. 8 GB RAM minimum instead of 4GB, Screen Resolution-FHD (1920x1080) or Higher, Integrated Web Cam should be HD (720P) or Higher, only All in One (No SFF). Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 7 ITP the Specification shall be:-  
Resolution 3840 X 2160 or Higher, Brightness 500 cd/m2 or Higher, Stereo Sound within Built minimum 20 Watt Speakers 2 No. and Touch Points minimum 10 Touch. IFPD instead of FPD. Rest of the Specification shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 9 Head Phone, the Specification shall be:-  
Head Phone should be Frequency Cancellation, 3.5 mm Jack, Input Impedance 32 ohms, Frequency Response (Headset) 20 Hz to 16 KHz. Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 10 Electrical Works the Requirement shall be:-  
At least 8 Ceiling Lights of 14 Watt, 3 Out Lets minimum per Room and 2 Ports minimum for each user. In case there is no False Ceiling at the Site, simple Ceiling Lights instead of Concealed Lights shall be installed. Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 16 Net Working there should be Electric Face Plate with 2 Switches, 2 No. of 16 Ports Gigabit Networking Switches. Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.
- In BOQ for Group- A, B, C Item No. 29 Interiors, Underground/ Concealed Fitting with Vinyl Flooring. Rest of the Specifications shall remain same.

Sd/- (Dr. R.S. Sharma) KAS,  
Director,  
No. : DTE/Pur/2019-20/456-57  
Dated: 09.11.2019  
DIPU-9075/19

Technical Education, J&K,  
(Chairman SLPC)

**CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
Corporate Office, 4/1, Siri Institutional Area,  
August Kranti Marg, Hauz khas, New Delhi

No : CWC/CO-ENGG./PRESS NOTE/2019-20/ Date:13.11.2019

**PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

CWC invites online tenders from the contractors of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	Last date of on line submission & opening of tenders
1	Replacement of AC sheet roofing and internal road at CW, Shamli, BD-Saharanpur & Janta Road-Saharanpur (UP)	261.79	06.12.2019
2	Replacement of AC sheets roofing and internal road at CW, Robertsganj & Shaganj (UP)	253.63	06.12.2019
3	Replacement of AC sheet roofing and internal road at CW, Dadri (UP)	170.08	06.12.2019

Detailed Tender Notice along with conditions of contract and Notice Inviting E-Tender may be seen and downloaded from the CWC website [www.cewacor.nic.in](http://www.cewacor.nic.in) or e-tender website [www.cwceprocure.com](http://www.cwceprocure.com) or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/publish/app>. Further Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website [www.cewacor.nic.in](http://www.cewacor.nic.in) or e-tender website [www.cwceprocure.com](http://www.cwceprocure.com) or CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/publish/app> only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same

CHIEF ENGINEER (I/c)

**उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग**  
आयोग संख्या, हरिद्वार- 249404, कोल/फैक्स नं०:- 01334-244282

पत्रांक :- 76 /अध्यापन-2/ ACF/ 2019-20, दिनांक :- 14 नवम्बर, 2019

**विज्ञापित**

सहायक वन संरक्षक (प्रारम्भिक) परीक्षा-2019 के दिनांक 03 नवम्बर, 2019 को आयोजित परीक्षा के प्रश्नपत्र की चारों उत्तर कुंजियों (Answer Keys) (A, B, C & D) को उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग की वेबसाइट <http://www.ukpsc.gov.in> पर दिनांक: 15 नवम्बर, 2019 से दिनांक: 21 नवम्बर, 2019 (अंतिम तिथि एवं समय रात्रि के 23:59:59 बजे तक) तक अभ्यर्थियों के सुचनाय प्रसारित किया जा रहा है। यदि किसी अभ्यर्थी को प्रश्न पत्र की चारों सहीरेज के किसी उत्तर विकल्प पर कोई आपत्ति है तो वह आयोग की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध निर्धारित प्रारूप में ही आपत्ति अंकित कर आयोग की ई-मेल [id: ukpscanskey@gmail.com](mailto:ukpscanskey@gmail.com) पर साध्य सहित प्रेषित करें। बिना साध्य के प्राप्त ई-मेल पर कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की जायेगी।

उक्त ई-मेल के अतिरिक्त अन्य किसी ई-मेल पर, डाक अथवा अन्य किसी माध्यम से प्रेषित आपत्ति तथा अंतिम तिथि एवं समय के उपरान्त प्रेषित आपत्ति को किसी भी दशा में स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा।

(राजेश कुमार) सचिव

**COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED**  
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)

REF: MAT/CSH3/0038/19-20 Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE - DESIGN AND MATERIAL SUPPLY OF ACCOMMODATION ITEMS FOR SHIP 023 AND 024 (1200 PASSENGER VESSELS)**

- Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced firms for Design and Material Supply of Accommodation items for 1200 Passenger Vessels being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin.
- The details and conditions of the above referred tender can be downloaded from CSL website: [www.cochinshipyard.com](http://www.cochinshipyard.com) and Govt. Website <http://eprocure.gov.in>. Amendments, if any, will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders are requested to monitor the website till the due date for bid submission.
- Last date for the receipt of offers is up to 10.00 am IST on **10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. "Hindi version of this advertisement is published in the website ([www.cochinshipyard.com](http://www.cochinshipyard.com)) of CSL"

Sd/-  
Assistant General Manager (Materials)

**COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
National Competitive Bidding  
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

**EXTENSION OF TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No.e-30/2019 Date : 13.11.2019

The Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation, Coimbatore hereby invites Bids through both on-line and off -line from eligible bidders for the following works :

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate Amount Rs.	Bid Security Rs.	Period of Completion
1.	Construction of Integrated Bus Stand at Vellalore in Coimbatore Corporation	168.00 Crore	168.00 Lakh	24 Months

The Coimbatore Corporation has already issued a tender notification for the above mentioned work fixing the tender date on 15.11.2019. **Due to administrative reasons, the tender date has been postponed to 18.12.2019**

The bidder shall satisfy the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender document. The **Pre-bid meeting** held on **04.12.2019 at 16.00 hours**. The bidding documents will be available from **28.11.2019 to 17.12.2019**, and downloaded / uploaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> on or before at **15.00 Hours on 17.12.2019**, through online. Tender Submission will be closed at **15.00 hours** and opened at **16.00 hours on 18.12.2019**, through offline.

Roc.No : 2180 / 2016 / MD 4

Commissioner,  
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation,  
Coimbatore Corporation Building,  
Big Bazaar Street, Town Hall,  
Coimbatore - 641 001.

e-mail : [commr.coimbatore@tn.gov.in](mailto:commr.coimbatore@tn.gov.in)  
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Off : 0422-2396026 / 0422-2391122  
Fax : 0422-2398702

DIPRI/4332/TENDER/2019

**कार्यालय अधिष्ठाता,  
पं. ज. ने. स्मृति चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर (छ.ग.)**

Phone No. 0771-2525602, 2890001 (Fax) 0771-2523919  
E-mail-[ptjnm-mcr@rediffmail.com](mailto:ptjnm-mcr@rediffmail.com) Website-[www.ptjnmraipur.in](http://www.ptjnmraipur.in)

क्रमांक/चिकि./स्था./2019/12231 रायपुर दिनांक 11/11/19

**//विज्ञापन सूचना//**

पंडित जवाहर लाल नेहरू स्मृति चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय रायपुर हेतु शासन द्वारा स्वीकृत सेटअप अनुसार सहायक प्राध्यापक/सीनियर रजिस्ट्रार/सीनियर रसीडेंट/रसीडेंट/जूनियर रजिस्ट्रार/जूनियर रसीडेंट/प्रदर्शक/ के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति नियमानुसार संविदा से भर्ती किये जाने हेतु दिनांक 25/11/2019 को आयोजित किया जा रहा है। वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यूह की प्रक्रिया आगामी आदेश तक सतत जारी रहेगी, इंटरव्यूह बोर्ड रुम, अधिष्ठाता कक्ष में आयोजित किया गया है। रिक्त पदों का विवरण महाविद्यालय के सूचना पटल पर चप्पा किया जावेगा। आवेदक निर्धारित तिथि को कार्यालयीन अवधि में अपने आवेदन साक्षात्कार स्थल पर अनिवार्य रूप से जमा करना है। जिसमें पात्रतानुसार उम्मीदवार अपने समस्त मूल दस्तावेजों मय पासपोर्ट साईज फोटोग्राफ के साथ सम्मिलित हो सकते हैं। उक्त नियुक्ति छ.ग. चिकित्सा शिक्षा (राजपत्रित) सेवा भर्ती नियम 2012 की अधिसूचना के तहत होगी।

विभागों की रिक्त पदों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार आवेदन की जाँच कर वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यूह लिये जायेंगे।

उक्त पदों में आरक्षण नियम का पालन शासन के निर्देशानुसार करते हेतु नियुक्ति की कार्यवाही की जावेगी।

टिप :-

- वॉक इन इंटरव्यूह दिनांक 25/11/2019 को किया जावेगा। यदि उस दिनांक को शासकीय अवकाश होने पर उसी पद का अगले दिन वॉक इन इंटरव्यूह लिया जावेगा।
- रिक्त पदों की जानकारी महाविद्यालय के नोटिस बोर्ड में चप्पा किया जावेगा।
- रिक्त पदों की संख्या में कमी या वृद्धि की जा सकती है।
- वाक् इन इंटरव्यूह के आवेदन फार्म जमा करने का समय कार्यालयीन अवधि में 12:00 बजे तक निर्धारित किया गया है।
- समयावधि समाप्त होने परश्चात् आवेदन फार्म जमा नहीं लिया जावेगा।

हस्ता/-  
अधिष्ठाता  
पं. ज. ने. स्मृति चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय  
रायपुर (छ.ग.)

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**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem-7

**PRE QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT – LUMPSUM (Two Cover System)**

**Tender Notice No. 02 / 2019 -2020 / DB/ DO1/F.275/2019 / Dated :13.11.2019.**

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem invites tender for the following work, at his office upto **3.00 PM on 18.12.2019** in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put the above two covers into one common sealed cover from the experienced and 1<sup>st</sup> Class PWD competent or equal contractors as for the work as mentioned below. The tender will be opened on **18.12.2019 at 3.30 PM** by the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

**Division of Flood Surplus Water from the Mettur Dam to the dry tanks in the Sarabanga Basin in Salem District by Lift Irrigation.**

Name of work and details of EMD remittance and other details can also be available from the Government Designated website : (<http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>) and in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from the above website upto **17.12.2019 -5.45 PM.**

A pre-bid meeting will be held on **10.12.2019 at 11.00 AM** at the office of The Superintending Engineer, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage.

Any corrections / Corrigendum if any will be issued in the above web site only.

**Special Chief Engineer, PWD, WRD,  
Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem-7.**

DIPR / 4336 / TENDER / 2019

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, PATNA**  
(An autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
Website: <http://www.aiimspatna.org>

**NOTICE** Date: 15.11.2019

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna invites **ONLINE APPLICATIONS** for the following posts on Direct Recruitment basis. Qualification and experience etc. are as under :

Advt. No.	Name of Posts	No. of Posts
24767-Audiometry Technician/2019	Audiometry Technician (ENT)	1 (UR-01)
17667-TB&CDHA/2019	TB and Chest Disease Health Assistant	1 (UR-01)

**Application fee per post :** UR/OBC: Rs. 1000/-, SC/ST/PwD/Women Candidates/EWS: Rs. 200/-  
This fee of Rs. 200/- shall be refunded duly deducting Bank Charges as applicable, if the candidate appears in the Written Examination. Last date of online submission of application form is 14th December, 2019 till 5:00 PM. The essential qualification, age limit, terms and conditions etc. can be downloaded from the Institute website: [www.aiimspatna.org](http://www.aiimspatna.org). All further addendum, corrigendum and update if any, will be available only on the website [www.aiimspatna.org](http://www.aiimspatna.org).

**Deputy Director (Admin.), AIIMS, Patna**

**DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-I  
OVER HEAD TANK : OPP. BHARTI COLLEGE  
JANAKPURI; NEW DELHI-110058  
Press NIT No 27 SW-I (2019-20)**

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old/damage and barred water line from Dashrathi Pun Metro Station to Pink Apartment, Nasirpur Mandi Road in AC-33 Dwarka under EE (SW-I)	Rs. 3817301/-	Tender ID 2019-DJB-183740-2 13-11-2019 3:17 PM onward	26-11-2019 Up to 3:05 PM
2.	Imp. Of W/supply by Replacement and P/L 200mm dia and 100mm dia Water Line from Kailash Puri Road to Gali no.4 Geetanjali and connecting lanes in Dwarka constituency AC-33 under EE(SW-I)	Rs. 2867815/-	Tender ID 2019-DJB-183740-3 13-11-2019 3:17 PM onward	26-11-2019 Up to 3:05 PM
3.	Imp. Of W/supply by Replacement and P/L 150mm dia and 100mm dia Water Line in Gali no.39 Indra Park to RZ-26/93 Panchal Play School and P/L 100mm dia by removal of Dead ends in RZ-5A to RZ-17A in Gali No.5 Raghu Nagar and RZ-42 to RZ-7 Shankar Park in Dwarka Assembly AC-33 under EE(SW-I)	Rs. 2793335/-	Tender ID 2019-DJB-183740-4 13-11-2019 3:17 PM onward	26-11-2019 Up to 3:05 PM
4.	Imp. Of W/supply by Replacement and P/L 150mm dia and 100mm dia Water Line from Nasir Pur Road Pand T Block Road Barat Ghar to RZ-1A/230 to Aaina Beauty Parlour P&T Block Dayal Park and connecting lanes in Dwarka Assembly AC-33 under EE(SW-I)	Rs. 3522283/-	Tender ID 2019-DJB-183740-5 13-11-2019 3:17 PM onward	26-11-2019 Up to 3:05 PM

NIT along with all the terms & conditions is available on DJB Web Site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 527/2019-20

Sd/-  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW) I**

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UTILITY OF ODISHA**  
Registered Office : IDCO TOWERS (IInd Floor), Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751002  
**OFFICE OF THE Sr. GENERAL MANAGER, ELECTRICAL CIRCLE NO.-II,  
Baramunda, BHUBANESWAR**  
Phone 2354775, 2354863, Fax : 0674-2354775

**Letter No.- Tech./2601 (7) Date- 11/11/19**

**TENDER CALL NOTICE**

For and on behalf of CESU the undersigned invites sealed bids on bidding system from qualified and eligible bidders, who comply to the terms and conditions for the following work on turnkey/ single source basis in Deposit work.

Brief Description of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs)	Last date & time for submission of bid	Date and time of opening of bid	Non refundable Cost of Bid document in Rs
1	2	3	4	5	6
Dismantling and new construction of electrical utilities to facilitate construction of Shree extra Setu & Jagannath Ballav pilgrim centre at Puri under electrical section Paschimadwar	65,09,605 + 18%	65,096.00	1.00 P.M of 25.11.2019	4.00 P.M of 25.11.2019	15000.00 + 12% GST

Sale and downloading of tender documents starts from Date **25.11.2019**. For details please visit our web site : [www.cescoorissa.com/](http://www.cescoorissa.com/) [www.cesuodisha.com](http://www.cesuodisha.com) on or after Date **11.11.2019**.

Pre bidding meeting will be held on dt. **25.11.2019 at 3.00 P.M.** on the office of SR.G.M.E.C.II, BBSR

The prospective bidders are requested to follow the above CESU website time to time for any Clarification/ Corrigendum/ Addendum against the referred Tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or whole of the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
Sr. General Manager (Elect), EC.II, BBSR

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SOUTHERN CIRCLE, RURAL WORKS, SUNABEDA**

**E-Procurement Notice**

1. Name of the work: Construction of Roads under UPANTA (05 Nos)  
2. Class of contractor: "B", "A" & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority .  
3. Estimated cost: Varies from Rs.133.72 Lakhs to Rs.388.51 Lakhs (Approximately)  
4. Details projects as perAnnexure attached:-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Southern Circle, Sunabeda	SERW/SCSD - Online - 08/2019-20	20.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M.	10.12.2019 up to 5.00 P.M.	09.12.2019 up to 2.00 P.M.	11.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in)  
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web sites.

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Superintending Engineer,  
Southern Circle RW: Sunabeda.

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,  
P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE**  
Phone: 9437086137, e-mail- [eepphbs@gmail.com](mailto:eepphbs@gmail.com)  
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (Online Mode)**  
**Invitation for Bids (IFB) dt. 13.11.2019**

The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Double cover system in ONLINE mode only.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Bid- Identification No.	Value of Work (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding	Last date and time of seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
1	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Basudevpur Municipality for Universal water supply coverage.	EEPHBLS-17 dt. 13.11.2019	164.68	03 (Three) calendar month	11.00 Hrs of dt. 18.11.19	17.00 Hrs of dt. 30.11.19	17.00 Hrs Of 26.11.2019 11.00 Hrs Of 02.12.2019
2	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Dhamnagar N.A.C for Universal water supply coverage.	EEPHBLS-18 dt. 13.11.2019	147.54	03 (Three) calendar month	11.00 Hrs of dt. 18.11.19	17.00 Hrs of dt. 30.11.19	17.00 Hrs of 26.11.2019 11.00 Hrs Of 02.12.2019

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

**Name and Address of the officer inviting bid:- The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division,  
Balasore - 756056, Odisha, Phone: 9437086137**

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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer

**WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION**

**VARIOUS ELECTRICAL WORKS**  
(Electrical Department) E-Tender Notice No.: Sr.DEE/AD/33(19-20) dttd: 11.11.2019 Sr. No. (1) Tender No. : EL-50-1-ADI-T-75-2019-20 Name of work: Ahmedabad Division: Electrical work in connection with providing RO plant with pump bore & RCC overhead tank to provide portable water to passenger & staff. Estimated Cost : ₹ 55.66/747/- Earnest Money : ₹ 1.11,300/- Sr. No. (2) Tender No.: EL-50-1-ADI-T-76-2019-20 Name of work: Replacement of water coolers on age cum condition basis of Ahmedabad division. Estimated Cost : ₹ 25,29,192/- Earnest Money : ₹ 50,600/- For All Tenders : Date & Time of submission : Not later than 15.00 Hrs. of 10.12.2019 Date & Time of opening : 10.12.2019 at 15.30 Hrs. Address of the office: Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, DRM Office (WR) Near Chumunda Bridge, Opp. G.C.S Hospital, Naroda Road, Ahmedpura, Ahmedabad-382345 Website details: [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) 273

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**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY  
E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender Notice No:- S N T-JU-35-2019-20 Open E-tender is invited by DRM(S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work, details as below. **Name of Work :** Provision of coach guidance system, Digital Clock as per RDSO specification at PF 1 & 2, SLD& and At a



Q2: VODAFONE POSTS INDIA'S BIGGEST EVER QTRLY LOSS OF ₹50,922 CR; AIRTEL LOSS AT ₹23,045 CR

# Airtel, Vodafone Idea combined loss at ₹74K cr

Companies make provisions for charges based on the SC's definition of what constitutes adjusted gross revenue

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, NOV 14

INDIA'S TELECOM crisis has deepened with two leading companies — Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel — coming out with a huge combined loss of Rs 73,967 crore for the September quarter of the fiscal 2019-20, threatening the ability of the two firms to “continue as a going concern”.

Vodafone Idea (VIL) alone posted a net loss of Rs 50,922 crore for the second quarter, the highest ever net loss reported by a company in India. The company's performance took a hit on account of an exceptional charge of Rs 25,680 crore it took during the quarter, due to the recent Supreme Court ruling on adjusted gross revenue (AGR).

The company has made provision for potential payments that it will have to make to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). VIL accounted for the estimated liability of Rs 27,610 crore related to licence fee and Rs 16,540 crore related to spectrum usage charges up to September 30, 2019, including the interest, penalty and interest thereon of Rs 33,010 crore.

Bharti Airtel on Thursday posted its biggest consolidated net loss at Rs 23,045 crore for the July-September quarter on the back of provisions for the licence fee and spectrum usage charge (SUC) based on the definition of the Supreme Court of what constitutes AGR.

The company made an exceptional charge during the quarter of Rs 22,394 crore (net of tax), which comprises a charge on account of licence fee and SUC of Rs 16,815 crore and Rs 11,635 crore, respectively.

Vodafone said in a statement, “It is to be noted that our ability to continue as going concern is dependent on obtaining the reliefs from the Government and positive outcome of the proposed legal remedy.” Vodafone Plc's CEO Nick Read said on Tuesday that the situation in India had reached a critical stage, and had added, “If you're not a going concern, you're moving into a liquidation scenario — can't get any clearer than that.”

“The management is reviewing its options and remedies available, including but not limited to filing petitions before the Supreme Court and also seeking other reliefs, with others affected

EXPLAINED

## Supreme Court AGR order impacts telcos' books

WHILE THE adverse Supreme Court judgment last month on the longstanding adjusted gross revenue (AGR) case came as a big blow for telecom operators in India, the impact is now being seen in their books.

Vodafone has recently said that the value of its joint venture in India has come to zero on various factors including the judgment. The losses posted by the two telecom operators indicate the struggling state of the firms, which now are seeking relief from the government.

in the industry, from the government. As on the date, the management understands that the government has formed a high level committee of secretaries across ministries, to assess the stress in the industry and recommend suitable measures,” Bharti said in a statement. Airtel has raised doubts over its ability to continue as a “going concern”.

Airtel MD and CEO, India and South Asia, Gopal Vittal said in a statement, “On the AGR verdict of the Supreme Court, we continue to engage with the

government and are evaluating various options available to us. We are hopeful that the government will take a considerate view in this matter given the fragile state of industry”.

During the preceding quarter, Bharti had posted a net loss of Rs 2,866 crore.

Vodafone, along with other incumbent operators, was slapped with a massive licence fee and spectrum usage charge of more than Rs 40,000 crore, after the SC ruled that telecom operators would have to pay

their licence fee and spectrum usage charge based on their gross revenue, which would include even revenues from non-telecom licence business. The total industry due as a result of it went as high as Rs 1.33 lakh crore. The Supreme Court has given the companies three months time to pay the dues. However, the government has set up a secretaries panel to see what kind of relief package can be drawn up by the government for the financially stressed telecom operators.

Vodafone further said that through Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), it has made representations to the government to provide relief to the telecom sector. The relief sought, includes request to not press for the AGR liability payment and grant waivers, not levy SUC on non-licensed revenue / income, reduction of licence fee and SUC rates, use of GST credit for payment of government levies and allow payment to be made in installments after some moratorium and grant a moratorium of two years for the payment of spectrum dues beyond April 1, 2020 up to March 31, 2022.

Ravinder Takkar, MD-CEO VIL, said “We are in active discussions with the government seeking financial relief following the recent Hon'ble Supreme Court ruling. At the same time, we remain highly focused on rapid network integration and 4G coverage and capacity expansion in our key markets”.

In the June quarter of the current fiscal, Vodafone reported a net loss of Rs 4,908 crore. VIL had reported a net loss of Rs 5,004.6 crore at the end of December quarter, and a net loss of about Rs 4,974 crore in the year ago September quarter.

Vodafone's operational metrics in the second quarter continued to deteriorate as customers continued to leave the network. In the September quarter, VIL's revenue declined 3.8 per cent sequentially to Rs 10,840 crore, impacted by seasonal and by severe floods in company's major markets.

The company's subscriber base stood at 303 million (VLR basis) versus 322 million in the preceding quarter. In terms of the operating metrics, VIL recorded ARPU of Rs 107 versus Rs 108 in Q1FY20.

# Telecom losses spook bankers; call for govt intervention

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WITH LONG-TERM liabilities of Rs 104,402 crore and short term borrowings of Rs 4,120 crore as of March 2019, Vodafone Idea Limited may throw up a new challenge for banks and financial institutions saddled with recovery of huge non-performing assets (NPAs).

Sources in the banking and mutual fund (MF) industry say that if the telco fails to recover from the lows it has hit, it may put additional burden on banks and other financial institutions and it is time for the government to look at the issue as the issue of India's telecom industry.

On Thursday, while Bharti Airtel announced a loss of over Rs 23,045 crore for the quarter ended September 2019, Vodafone Idea announced a record loss of Rs 50,922 crore for the quarter.

Bankers are concerned over the current development and say that any relief for the telecom sector will not only help the sector players but even the banks are awaiting relief for the sector due to their huge exposure.

Even debt MFs, having an aggregate exposure of around Rs 3,500 crore to Vodafone Idea, are a worried lot. Top officials with two leading MFs said that the Centre will have to intervene.

According to bankers, the situation is serious in the telecom sector with major ramifications for the banking sector. “If telecom companies go bankrupt and end up in the NCLT, the banking sector will be hit hard. Banks have a huge exposure in the sector. We're hoping for the best,” said the top official of a state-owned bank.

“The sector will need relief from the government. If the sector doesn't get support, we don't know what's going to be the fate,” he said.

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pling with the delinquencies in the financial sector, in the wake of the collapse of IL&FS and payment issues in DHFL.

Bankers said the situation in the telecom sector is worrisome, complicated by the recent Supreme Court ruling on AGR. “If there's liquidation, we don't hope to recover much from the telecom companies,” they said.

The head of a leading MF too said that “the telecom industry woes have reached a situation where the government needs to step in and somehow try to manage the situation. Otherwise, it may lead to more pain for banks and economy.” He added that telecom companies have got spectrum and they have customers, but the problem they face is on the front of pricing. “If they can, somehow, send an impression that they can command a higher price for their service, that would go a long way in helping their cause,” said the CEO of an MF.

Analysts said it would be tough for telcos to raise fresh resources in view of the huge losses. While promoters are unlikely to inject more funds, banks will not extend fresh loans in the wake of the crisis situation, they said.

PROJECTS REAL GDP GROWTH OF 5.6%

# Moody's cuts India forecast for 2019: ‘Slowdown lasting longer than expected’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

AFTER DOWNGRADING India's outlook to 'negative' from 'stable' earlier this week, Moody's Investors Service on Thursday slashed India's economic growth forecast to 5.6 per cent for 2019, saying India's economic slowdown is “lasting longer than previously expected” and the Centre's measures “do not address the widespread weakness in consumption demand”.

“We have revised down our growth forecast for India. We now forecast slower real GDP growth of 5.6 per cent in 2019, from 7.4 per cent in 2018. India's economic slowdown is lasting longer than previously expected,” it said. On October 10, Moody's had slashed India's growth forecast for FY20 to 5.8 per cent from an earlier estimate of 6.2 per cent. Last week, it downgraded India's outlook to negative from stable. In October, Moody's had attributed the deceleration to an investment-led slowdown that has broadened into consumption, driven by financial stress among rural households and weak job creation.

India's economy grew 5 per cent year-on-year in the June quarter, its weakest pace since 2013, which had prompted a slew of interest rate cuts by the Reserve Bank and forcing the government to cut corporate taxes sharply.

The second quarter GDP data will be released later this month. Data released on Monday showed factory output — Index for Industrial Production (IIP) — contracting by 4.3 per cent in September.

On Tuesday, SBI Research too sharply cut its GDP forecast for the full year to 5 per cent. It attributed the lower projection to the plunging automobile sales, deceleration in air traffic movements, flattening core sector and declining investment in construction and infrastructure. Japanese brokerage Nomura expects GDP to grow at 4.9 per cent for the year to March, the lowest projection so far.

In its Global Macro Outlook 2020-21, Moody's on Thursday said economic activity in India will pick up in 2020 and 2021 to 6.6 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, but the pace will remain lower than in the recent past.

“India's economic growth has decelerated since mid-2018, with real GDP growth slipping from nearly 8 per cent to 5 per cent in the second quarter of 2019 and joblessness rising. Investment activity was muted well before that, but the economy was buoyed by strong consumption demand. What is troubling about the current slowdown is that consumption demand has cooled notably,” it said. The Modi government has undertaken a number of measures to arrest the growth slowdown. In September, it announced a cut in the corporate tax rate to 22 per cent from 30 per cent. It also lowered the tax rate for new manufacturing companies to 15 per cent to attract new foreign direct investments. The tax rate reductions bring India in line with rates in other Asian countries.

## ONGOING CASE DAIICHI SANKYO-RANBAXY

# Entities told to give proof of no pending liabilities towards Singh brothers

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## The high court direction potentially opens Gurinder Singh Dhillon and his family to further scrutiny

THE DELHI High Court Thursday directed companies and persons who allegedly owe monies to former Ranbaxy promoters Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh to provide documentary evidence — including income tax filings, bank statements and balance sheets — to support claims that they have no pending financial liabilities towards the brothers. The HC direction potentially opens Radha Soami Satsang Beas (RSSB) chief Gurinder Singh Dhillon and his family to further scrutiny, as Dhillon had — in an affidavit filed with the HC on November 12 — claimed to have returned all the money he had borrowed from the Singhs and that, instead, the brothers owed him over Rs 70 crore.

The court also allowed Japanese drugmaker Daiichi Sankyo to send questions related to these transactions to over 50 such firms and individuals, or garnishees. They will then have to compulsorily answer those questions. Justice J R Midha has also asked the garnishees to submit documentary evidence if they contest claims of loans made to them by RHC Holding Pvt, a firm controlled by the Singhs.

Daiichi on Thursday also claimed that the garnishees had not complied with all earlier court orders to disclose “all their dealings and transactions” with the Singh brothers, their family members, and the firms controlled by them. The HC has given the garnishees four weeks to file said the affidavits. Daiichi is seeking over Rs 3,600 crore in damages from the Singhs for allegedly concealing information regarding wrongdoing at Ranbaxy when they sold it to Daiichi for \$4.6 billion in 2008.

RHC Holding had, in October, told the HC that its subsidiaries had “huge receivables” from Dhillon and his family. The RSSB head, however, has denied these claims. Instead, he has alleged that the holding company is yet to pay him over Rs 70 crore, loaned to the Singhs upon their request in 2011 after his sons sold some of their shares in Religare Enterprises.

“In summary, over the

course of 2011-2015, out of the surplus of Rs 103.5 crore with Respondent No. 19 (RHC) ... the Deponent (Dhillon) and his family drew only Rs 29.38 crore, leaving a balance surplus of Rs 74.12 crore,” Dhillon said in his affidavit. “These amounts have never been repaid,” he added. Dhillon has also alleged that the Singhs used bank accounts owned by his family to conduct circular transactions over Rs 600 crore, the purpose of which was “unknown” to them.

A group of companies comprising Best Healthcare, Fern Healthcare, Modland Wears, Best Health Management, Devera Developers, Vitoba Realtors and Adept Lifespaces, “from time to time ... moved money between themselves”, the affidavit read.

“These transactions essentially involved transferring money from one subsidiary to a bank account of the Deponent and/or his family members and then transferring the same money, either on the same day or shortly thereafter, to another subsidiary of the group or usually to Respondent No. 19 itself,” it stated.

“The transactions carried out by Respondent No. 19 resulted in GP (Gurpreet Singh Dhillon) and GK (Gurkirat Singh Dhillon) receiving funds from various companies controlled by Respondent No. 19, which were immediately transferred to Respondent No. 19,” Dhillon's affidavit added.

Between 2011 and 2016, RHC's subsidiaries had transferred Rs 292.91 crore and Rs 428.59 crore, respectively, to Dhillon's sons Gurpreet and Gurkirat. Of this, Rs 291.70 crore was transferred back from Gurpreet's account and Rs 427.78 crore from Gurkirat's account to RHC or one of the other subsidiaries, the affidavit claimed. Queries sent to RHC and Dhillon's lawyer remained unanswered by press time on Thursday.

# ‘Number of Indians buying properties in London rises 11% during 2018-19’

During the year 2018-19 ended June the number of Indians buying properties in London has increased 11 per cent because of discounted prices, according to a report by property consultant Knight Frank

### ULTRA HIGH NETWORTH INDIVIDUALS (UHNWIS)

21 per cent of UHNWIs showed interest towards purchasing homes outside of their domicile country, out of which 79 per cent wanted to invest in the United Kingdom (UK)

DISCOUNT OF ABOUT 20%, taking into account the currency and price movements in prime central London in the period between the EU referendum and October 2019, has benefited Indian buyers

LONDON has always been a hotspot for Indian investors due to its economic and political importance

LONDON PROPERTY MARKET continues to remain one of the preferred destinations for wealthy Indians

Main regions of interest for Indian homebuyers are:



13 %

Overall transaction volumes fell to 104 from 120

11%

Year-on-year increase in the number of Indian homebuyers in prime London markets in the 12 months to June 2019

2.06 BILLION POUND The amount spent by global buyers in London in the year to May 2019 in terms of super-prime properties, or homes priced above 10 million pounds, marginally higher than 2.05 billion pound in the previous 12 months

# Deadline for GST annual returns extended; FM to seek opinion of experts on Saturday

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THE GOVERNMENT, for the fourth time, extended the deadline for annual returns and audit reports under Goods and Services Tax (GST) for 2017-18 and 2018-19, the first two years of the rollout of the indirect tax regime.

As a part of the ongoing efforts to address concerns raised on the process of filing GST returns, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has also invited experts from five different domains, including tax practitioner associations, MSME sector, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, on Saturday.

Citing challenges being faced by taxpayers in filing of returns, the Centre said it has inter-alia allowed the taxpayers to not provide split of input tax credit availed

## The earlier deadline for filing of GSTR-9 and GSTR-9C for 2017-18 was November 30, 2019, while that for 2018-19 was December 31, 2019

on inputs, input services and capital goods and to not provide HSN level information of outputs or inputs. “The Government has decided today to extend the due dates of filing of Form GSTR-9 (Annual Return) and Form GSTR-9C (Reconciliation Statement) for Financial Year 2017-18 to 31st December 2019 and for Financial Year 2018-19 to 31st March 2020,” a Finance Ministry release said.

The move comes at a time when GST revenue has declined

below last year's levels. Though the Centre said this would simplify the process for taxpayers, as per tax experts, tax authorities would find it tough to match information provided by taxpayers in order to detect evasion.

GST collections in October contracted by 5.29 per cent to Rs 95,380 crore from Rs 1,00,710 crore in the year-ago month, marking the third instance of a contraction since the July 2017 rollout of the indirect tax regime. This was also the third straight month when GST mop-up remained below Rs 1 lakh crore.

“Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) today notified the amendments regarding the simplification of GSTR-9 (Annual Return) and GSTR-9C (Reconciliation Statement) which inter-alia allow the taxpayers to not to provide split of input tax credit availed on inputs, input services and capital goods and to not to provide HSN level information of outputs or inputs, etc. for the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19,” the release stated.

GST was introduced in June 2017, but a proper invoices matching system never took shape. The annual return GSTR-9 was expected to be a step in that direction as it would have complete details of every transaction made by a taxpayer during the year.

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# Fund ‘misappropriation’ at Religare Finvest: ED arrests Malvinder Singh, Sunil Godhwani

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) Thursday arrested former promoter of Religare Enterprises Ltd (REL) Malvinder Singh and the firm's former chairman and managing director Sunil Godhwani, in a money-laundering case related to alleged misappropriation of funds of Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL).

The ED took the two men in its custody to Tihar Jail. However, they will not be produced before a Delhi court, due to the ongoing lawyers' strike. It is expected they will be produced before a metro-

“It is very strange that the ED has not arrested Shivinder in the case. I have no idea about the approach they have applied”

MANU SHARMA  
MALVINDER SINGH'S COUNSEL

politan magistrate in the central jail itself, since undertrial prisoners are not being produced by the police due to the strike.

The Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police had earlier arrested Malvinder and his brother Shivinder, along with three other

accused — Godhwani, Kavi Arora and Anil Saxena — who held “important managerial positions in REL and RFL”, for alleged diversion of public money “in clandestine manner for their own benefit.”

The ED had informed the court about the arrest and urged a production warrant. Both Malvinder and Godhwani are accused of laundering money, punishable under sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, the agency said.

However, the court directed that the accused be produced either physically or through video conferencing at central jail itself, due to the ongoing lawyer's strike.



\*Indian basket as on November 13, 2019



## CBDT mops up ₹6L cr in direct tax collections so far this fiscal

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THE GOVERNMENT has so far mopped up Rs 6 lakh crore, or less than 50 per cent of the total tax collection target of Rs 13.35 lakh crore, for the current fiscal year, said Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman P C Mody.

Efforts are being made to achieve the target set in the Budget, Mody said after inauguration of the Taxpayers Lounge at Pragati Maidan here.

“During the beginning of the year, we were given the tax collection (target) of Rs 13.35 lakh crore. Of this, we have already collected Rs 6 lakh crore so far,” he said.

Refunds due to the tax payers are done swiftly, he said, adding that the refunds have gone up 20 per cent compared to the last fiscal year.

“Efforts are made towards tax collection and I have full confidence that we will reach the target set in the Budget,” Mody said.

He also said that the tax payer services is one of the focus area of CBDT. Keeping this in mind, a member has been appointed for tax payer services.

**IN CONNECTION WITH PROBE AGAINST IL&FS**

## ED likely to attach assets of three borrowers of IFIN

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THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) is likely to provisionally attach assets worth about Rs 1,600 crore belonging to three borrowers of IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN), in connection with its money laundering probe into the collapse of IL&FS, said sources.

Sources said that the agency is looking to attach a Rs 1,000-crore plant of ABG Shipyard in Gujarat, a few properties belonging to Nikhil Gandhi-promoted SKIL Infrastructure and Viren Ahuja-promoted Flemingo Geowork.

Emails sent to SKIL Infrastructure and Flemingo Geowork Infraprojects Pvt Ltd remained unanswered.

ABG is currently under liquidation under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

The ED probe has found that third-party lending by IFIN to companies like ABG Shipyard and SKIL caused a loss of Rs 2,000 crore to IFIN, the non-banking financial arm of the IL&FS Group.

Earlier this year, a report by the Serious Fraud Investigation

**Sources said that the Enforcement Directorate is looking to attach a Rs 1,000-crore plant of ABG Shipyard, a few properties belonging to SKIL Infrastructure and Flemingo Geowork**

Office (SFIO) found several lapses in 13 loans of around Rs 1,080 crore granted by IFIN since 2010 to the ABC Group, promoted by Rishi Agarwal.

The probe agency has termed a few of these transactions as an “evergreening exercise”, where the ABG Group used some money borrowed from IFIN to prevent its accounts from turning into non-performing assets (NPAs).

The SFIO report said that, in 2017, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its report on IFIN for fiscal 2015 had red flagged insufficient security cover in terms of exposure to ABG International, and its group firm Onaway Industries.

However, it was only in

September 2018 that IFIN classified its loan to ABG Shipyard as an NPA.

The ED has alleged that in case of Flemingo Geowork, IFIN lent over Rs 500 crore to it for an infrastructure project, of which about Rs 9 crore was allegedly routed to Ahuja’s personal bank account.

The ED has alleged that more than Rs 5,000 crore of shareholders’ money has been laundered by IFIN. The agency has, so far, provisionally attached assets worth Rs 150 crore of IFIN’s top five in the board of directors.

The IL&FS Group has total liabilities of Rs 91,000 crore. The SFIO has found several irregularities across corporate governance and financial parameters that led to a default crisis at IL&FS.

The alleged financial irregularities at IL&FS came to light in September 2018, after some group entities started defaulting on debt repayments.

The entire group has been defaulting on repayments since then. The government subsequently superseded the company’s board and appointed a new management to work on a resolution plan.

## Promoters’ feud has ‘zero impact’ on IndiGo, says CEO

*New Delhi:* Amid an ongoing feud between IndiGo’s promoters, CEO Ronojy Dutta on Thursday said there is “zero impact” on the carrier right now as they are on the same page over the airline’s strategic direction.

The differences between the co-founders and co-promoters — Rakesh Gangwal and Rahul Bhatia — came to the fore in July after Gangwal sought market regulator Sebi’s intervention to address alleged corporate governance

lapses at the company.

They are the promoters of InterGlobe Aviation, which operates IndiGo, the country’s largest airline in terms of domestic market share. About the feud, Dutta said as far as the airline is concerned, it was only directly involved in the Related Party Transactions (RPTs).

“That has been resolved completely...Now that RPTs have been removed from the table, we have no more interest in this matter,” he told *PTI* in an interview.**PTI**

## Union Bank posts ₹1,194 cr Q2 loss

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STATE-OWNED UNION Bank of India on Thursday reported a net loss of Rs 1,194 crore for the July-September quarter as against a net profit of Rs 139 crore in the same quarter of 2018-19 as provisioning increased during the quarter.

Total income for the September quarter rose to Rs 10,556.57 crore from Rs 9,438.26 crore in the same period a year ago, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

Its provisioning for bad loans

## Wholesale inflation at 0.16% in Oct

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WHOLESALE INFLATION slipped to about a three-and-a-half-year low of 0.16 per cent in October on account of a decline in prices of manufactured goods though food products remained dearer, the government data showed on Thursday.

The previous low was in June 2016 when the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was a negative 0.1 per cent.

In September this year, the WPI-based inflation was at 0.33 per cent, while it stood at 5.54 per cent in October 2018.

The rate of price rise for food articles was 9.80 per cent during the month, while for non-food articles it stood at 2.35 per cent, showed the data released by the commerce and industry ministry.

The wholesale inflation in potato remained in the negative zone at 19.60 per cent (from - 22.50 per cent in September).

However, for vegetables, the inflation jumped to 38.91 per cent in October from 19.43 per cent a month ago, while that for pulses, it remained elevated at 16.57 per cent as compared with 17.94 per cent.

jumped to Rs 3,328.30 crore for the quarter from Rs 1,710 crore parked aside for the same a year ago. Overall provisioning was Rs 3,858.75 crore as against Rs 1,715.55 crore.

The asset quality of the bank continued to remain in the bad territory as the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) stood at 15.24 per cent (Rs 49,850 crore) of the gross loans at the end of September 2019, as compared to 15.74 per cent a year ago. Recovery and upgradation during July–September 2019 increased by 69.2 per cent to Rs 1,303 crore as against Rs 770 crore in the June quarter. Net NPA ratio

stood at 6.98 per cent as of September 2019 as against 7.23 per cent in June 2019 and 8.42 per cent in the same period as last year. Provision coverage ratio improved to 67.75 per cent as on September 30, 2019 as against 65.88 per cent as on June 30, 2019.

Domestic advances increased by 2.5 per cent to Rs 309,449 crore as of September 2019 from Rs 302,007 crore a year ago. Retail advances grew by 15.7 per cent to Rs 59,335 crore from Rs 51,270 crore a year ago. Net interest income for July-September 2019 increased by 16.5 per cent to Rs 2,906 crore from Rs 2,494 crore for July-September 2018.

## Discussions on to find solution for Manesar plant, says HMSI

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE MANAGEMENT at Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) is looking for a resolution to their standoff with the trade union, the firm’s senior vice-president—sales and marketing, Yadvinder Singh Guleria said on Thursday.

Around 2,500 contract workers at the company’s Manesar plant have been on an indefinite strike to protest against retrenchment of over 200 such workers last week, when, on Monday, all “normal operations” in the plant were suspended without citing a date for its resumption.

“Discussions are going on (for a resolution to the issue) ... their (contractual workers’) tenure was over, so they were not employed further,” Guleria told reporters.

On Wednesday, a few hundred workers sat in protest outside the plant, while around 1,500-1,800 — the workers’ claimed — protested inside the plant premises. Most, they said, have been working at the plant on contract basis for at least eight years. The protests continued on Thursday, with the workers demanding their dues be paid. “We

have given the most important years of our lives to the company.”

Prior to the laying off this month, 700 contractual workers had been let go in August.

“We had been earning Rs 14,000 per month since 2014 without any revision. Now they’ve told us that they’ll call us back ‘when they require our services’. They regularise 50 most senior contract workers every year, but they haven’t done that in the last two years. Nobody got the Diwali bonus this year. They must regularise all contract workers now; we won’t move from here until they do,” said Manas Ranjan Tripathi, who had worked at the plant on a contract basis for a decade.

Protesting workers are receiving support from the 1,900 regular workers at the plant.

HMSI has cited low production and low demand for two-wheelers as the reason for the layoffs. However, the protesting workers say they do not buy that argument. In an earlier statement, an HMSI spokesperson said, “Based on demand fluctuations and production adjustment, 200 contractual members whose term had been completed are relieved from their work.”

## India Pavilion at Expo 2020 event in Dubai to have ‘future’ as theme

**DIVYAA**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

WITH 192 participating countries, more than 50 international cuisines, 60 live events and an expected 25 million visitors — the upcoming Expo 2020 in Dubai is turning out to be among the biggest international events held in this part of the world. The 192-country participation surpasses the 180-nation commitment made in Dubai’s 2013 host bid, say its organisers.

“Expo 2020 will move away from traditional geographical clusters and band together countries facing similar challenges within the three subthemes: opportunity, mobility and sustainability,” said Sanjive Khosla, chief commercial officer, Expo 2020, who was in Delhi on Tuesday.

Every participating country will have its own pavilion for the first time in the 168-year history of World Expos. While many have already revealed the design and theme, others are giving final touches to their concept, ahead of the six-month-long event, which kicks off on October 20, 2020. For instance, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Pavilion will showcase the Kingdom’s rich heritage and openness to businesses and tourists, while the UK Pavilion is inspired by a project from the late scientist Stephen Hawking. The India Pavilion — being supervised by FICCI — will be based on the theme of future, adds Khosla.



**Expo 2020 CCO Sanjive Khosla (left) and Dubai Tourism COO Issam Kazim. Amit Mehra**

the Expo ... When we started off many years ago with the Dubai Shopping Festival, it set the scene for Dubai to attract visitors for a specific event.”

At any given time, someone comes to Dubai, there is always some celebration, he added. For instance, we celebrate Diwali in a big way, and as soon as it’s over, there’s the UAE National Day celebrations, followed by Chinese New year, he remarked. He spoke about new attractions for repeat visitors in Dubai, including the adventure activities in the Hatta area, the new offerings for art and culture aficionados in the old part of the city, and new restaurants.

“Besides, there’s always the retail calendar which pulls a lot of visitors from India,” said Kazim. The World Expo is one of the world’s oldest and largest international events, taking place every five years and lasting six months. The first World Expo was London’s Great Exhibition of 1851. The Expo 2020 theme, ‘Connecting Minds, Creating the Future’, is based on the belief that innovation and progress are the result of people and ideas coming together.

## Boeing drops system used to build 777 jets

*Bengaluru:* Boeing has abandoned a key automation system used to make fuselage sections for its 777 jetliners amid reports of reliability issues, and will instead partially switch back to mechanics, it said Thursday.

The company began to build 777 fuselages in 2015 in an upright orientation, with robots drilling holes and installing fasteners, an initiative known as fuselage automated upright build (FAUB).

The world’s biggest plane-maker said it had stopped using the system which, according to industry sources, caused problems with reliability and rework issues. **REUTERS**

## Ford to use Mustang name for e-SUV

**REUTERS**

BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 14

Ford Motor Co will use the Mustang name, previously reserved for a muscle car, for an electric sport utility vehicle (SUV) that customers in the United States, Canada and Europe can start ordering on Nov. 17, the company said on Thursday.

Ford confirmed its new electric SUV will be called the Mustang Mach-E ahead of a debut event scheduled for Los Angeles on Sunday. Until now, the Mustang name has been used only on a line of sporty coupes associated with Detroit’s 1960s muscle car era.

The SUV will be among a more than dozen all-electric automobiles the company plans to launch by 2022 with an investment of \$11.5 billion as it moves away from traditional gas-powered cars. In April, the No.2 US carmaker invested \$500 million in Rivian and said it planned to use the Michigan startup’s platform to build a new Ford-branded electric vehicle.

**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**  
(Of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

### TENDER NOTICE

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Sl. No.	Name of work:	NIT No. & Date	Last date of submission of Offer
A.	"Construction of H.L. Bridge over river Hansua at 0.5KM on Keradagada - Chandanpur - Ekamania Road in the District of Kendrapada.	B&R/ HO / RWCB / RCC-BRIDGES / TD / 51017 / CW / 01 Dated: 18.11.2019	09.12.2019 within 5.30 P.M.

Interested Bidder(s) have to enroll & register with the Government e-Procurement System and download the Tender document through logging on to <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in CPP Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and in Company's Website <http://www.bridgeroof.co.in>.

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Sl. No.	Description of work and NIT No.	Tender Document available on B&R's Website	Due Date of submission of Bid
1.	Execution of RCC bored cast-in-situ vertical piles and its associated works on labour contract basis in connection with Fabrication, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Mild Steel Vertical Storage Tanks, Petroleum Product & Fire Hydrant Piping, Construction of Plant Buildings and allide works for the upcoming Petroleum Storage Oil Terminal at Asanur, Tamil Nadu.	15.11.2019	29.11.2019

NIT No.: B&R/ MDS/ IOCL - ASANUR / 51177 / BAL PILING WORK dated 15.11.2019

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**VISVESVARAYA JALANIGAM LIMITED**  
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri, Tumkur Dist-572132 Ph: 08137- 282112  
E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com

**ADDENDUM DATE : 13.11.2019**  
**(Through E-procurement system)**

The works called in Tender Notification No:10, 11, 12, & 13 Dated: **30.09.2019** and Corrigendum Notification No: 10-1, 11-1, 12-1, & 13-1 Dated: **23.10.2019**, Dates are modified as below.

Sl No	Calendar of Events	As Per corrigendum 10-1,11-1,12-1&13-1	As per Addendum
1	Last Date for submission of completed e-tendering documents (cover:I&II) through e-portal.	<b>07.11.2019 up to 4.30PM</b>	<b>16.11.2019 up to 4.30PM</b>
2	Date & time of opening of technical bid (cover-I) by Superintending Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Circle No1, Tumkur.	<b>11.11.2019 After 4.30PM onwards</b>	<b>19.11.2019 after 4.30PM onwards</b>

**Note:** The other Details mentioned under Bid document remains unchanged.

**Sd/-** Executive Engineer, V.J.N.L., YP Division No.4,Madhugiri.

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**L. No.1057(3)/UPLDB/AES/SS-VBPTK/2019-20, Date: Nov.,14, 2019**

**Short Term Tender Notice**

Uttar Pradesh Livestock Development Board(U.P.L.D.B.) is a registered society under the Society Registration Act, 1860 established as per Govt. of India directives is inviting online tenders through e-procurement system from reputed manufacturers or Authorized distributor of a manufacturer for approval of rates for procurement of Visual Bovine Pregnancy Test Kit for A.I. programme (Sexed Semen) the year 2019-20 & 2020-21.

No. & date of Tender	Tendered Items/ Instruments (As per details given in the tender documents)	Cost of Tender document (Rs.) (Tender Fee+GST) Non-refundable	Earnest Money (Rs.) (Refundable)	Availability and start date & time for on-line Submission of e-Bids	Last Date/ time for online submission of filled e-Bids	Opening of online Tenders (Technical bids)
No.1057(3)/ UPLDB/AES/SS: VBPTK/2019-20, Date:Nov., 14, 2019	Visual Bovine Pregnancy Test Kit (As per Specifications given in e-Tender)	23250.00 (19700.00+ 3550.00)	132500.00	15.11.2019 05:00 P.M. and 15.11.2019 5:30 P.M	04.12.2019 upto 3:00 P.M.	04.12.2019, 3:30 P.M. onwards

The complete e-tender details will be made available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> as per information given in above table. Any corrigendum/amendment in this notice of e-tender document shall be uploaded and informed on e-procurement website only. UPLDB reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids without assigning any reason and decision of UPLDB shall be final and binding. It is also to inform that those tenderers who are registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation(UPLC's website: [www.uplc.in](http://www.uplc.in)) for e-tendering and having digital signatures in reference with this office memorandum No.54/UPLDB/AES/E-Tender Pranali/2017-18, Dt. 13.04.2017 or registered with UPLC till 03.12.2019 and having valid digital signature, shall be eligible to participate in the e-tender.

**Prof. Shiv Prasad, Chief Executive Officer**



SAUDIA ARABIA

# Thinking only positive thoughts

Saudi Arabia should listen to critics of its reform programme. Instead it locks them up



The first Future Investment Initiative, in 2017, was a coming-out party for the economic-reform programme of Muhammad bin Salman, the crown prince. Reuters/file

INSIDE AN ornate conference hall the boss of a \$100bn tech fund spoke to rows of empty chairs. Then he briefly fell asleep. Outside the hall Anthony Scaramucci, the colourful financier who lasted ten days as Donald Trump's communications director, dispensed questionable political analysis. An American company hawked jetpacks. A robot urged passers-by to tickle her head. "It will make you feel better," she said.

This was the third Future Investment Initiative (FII), Saudi Arabia's flagship business conference. The event, which wrapped up in Riyadh on October 31st, attracted some 6,000 guests. That made Saudi officials feel better. The first FII, in 2017, was a coming-out party for the economic-reform programme of Muhammad bin Salman, the crown prince. But the second, last year, was overshadowed by the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist, by Saudi agents. Top executives stayed away.

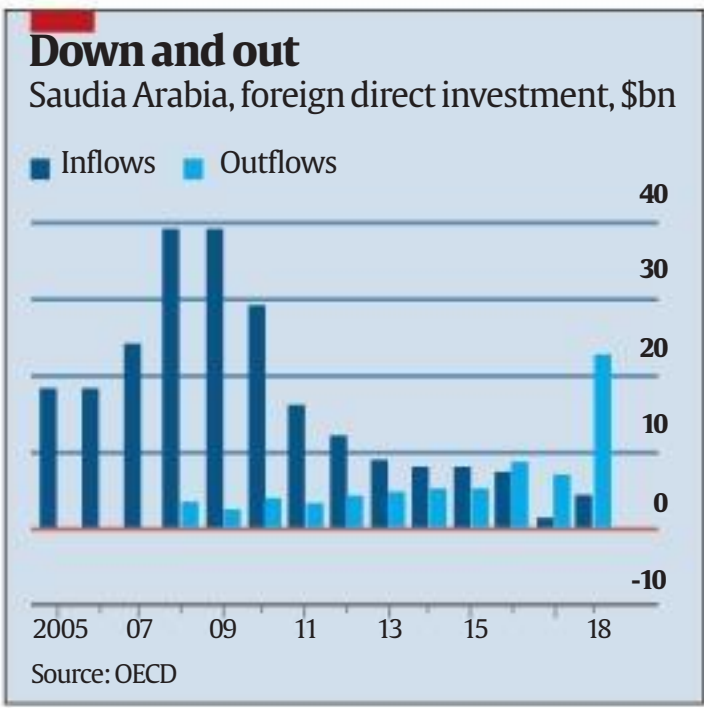
They had no qualms about attending this year's event, where officials pushed a narra-

tive of progress. Many guests argued that the kingdom had learned a lesson from the furore over Khashoggi. It is true that Saudi agents have not dismembered any journalists in the past 12 months. But this reflects conquest, not contrition: critics have been cowed into silence. On November 6th two employees of Twitter were charged in America with using their access to help Saudi Arabia spy on dissidents. Determined to stifle dissent at home and whitewash its image abroad, the kingdom has deprived itself of valuable input on a bold but flawed reform agenda.

To be sure, there are positive signs. Non-oil growth has ticked up and unemployment down. Officials at the FII were eager to talk about the kingdom's jump in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index (it rose 30 places, to 62nd). Riyadh, the dour capital, has loosened up in ways unthinkable five years ago. A cultural festival hosted performances of the "Wizard of Oz", a remarkable sight in a place that long prose-

cuted people for "witchcraft". In September Saudi Arabia began issuing tourist visas to citizens of dozens of countries.

Saudi Arabia signed \$20bn of deals at the FII. More than half of that, though, came from



a single \$11.5bn joint venture to build power plants and other infrastructure in the western city of Jizan. Such projects tend to create few jobs for Saudi nationals. Though inward foreign direct investment (FDI) more than doubled last year, to \$3.2bn, it is still far below the levels of a decade ago. Many of the attendees at the FII were keen not to invest but to win state contracts.

After a contraction in 2017, the Saudi economy is growing, with non-oil GDP up by 2.9% in the second quarter of this year (though weak oil revenue left overall growth at 0.5%). So the finance ministry says it will stop priming the pump and reduce spending by 3% in 2020. But it is hard to say what is "non-oil" growth in a country where even sectors such as construction rely on oil-funded government spending.

On the kingdom's most important priority, creating jobs for citizens, progress is both visible and slow. Young Saudis welcome guests to hotels and brew lattes in

cafés, unimaginable sights in most Gulf countries. But unemployment among nationals remains above 12%. Executives grumble about ever-higher fees for employing foreign labour. In September the cabinet waived such fees for five years in the manufacturing sector, which employs 645,000 migrants, 10% of the total foreign workforce. The concession was a sign that many Saudi firms cannot turn a profit with costlier local labour.

While inward FDI was modest, more than \$21bn flowed out of Saudi Arabia last year, much of it through the Public Investment Fund (PIF), a sovereign-wealth vehicle controlled by an ally of Prince Muhammad. The PIF hopes to earn big returns abroad and use them to bankroll diversification at home. But it has made some bad bets, particularly its \$45bn investment in SoftBank's Vision Fund. On November 6th the firm announced an \$8.9bn quarterly loss for the fund, much of it due to the troubles of WeWork, an office-rental startup.

The PIF may soon receive a fresh infusion

of capital from the initial public offering (IPO) of Aramco, the state oil giant. On November 3rd the Saudi market regulator approved the offering. Saudi Arabia is keen for local investors to buy a piece. It has encouraged banks to finance such purchases, despite concerns this will tie up liquidity and deter other lending.

Many Saudis are eager to buy shares, seeing it as both a lucrative opportunity and a patriotic duty. Yet this could turn Aramco into a political problem for Prince Muhammad. He believes it should be valued at \$2trn. Banks working on the IPO think it is worth much less. There could be a backlash if locals pile into an overpriced offering and get burned. But few Saudis dare raise such concerns in public. An economist who questioned the IPO was jailed last year. "You can't do business here if you're not seen as loyal," says a businessman. "You can't question the narrative."

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CHARLEMAGNE

# The risks of forgetting

How genocide denial warps Turkish politics

MIXING POLITICS and history is perilous. David Rieff, the author of "In Praise of Forgetting", argues that the commemoration of past wrongs can become a moral cudgel, cynically weaponised over and over again for political ends. That is certainly how Turkey's government sees it when foreigners refer to the deaths of over a million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman forces in 1915 as genocide. On October 29th America's House of Representatives voted to do just that. Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, was furious. "Countries whose history is stained by genocide, slavery and exploitation have no right to give lessons to Turkey," he fumed.

The vast majority of scholars, as well as nearly 30 countries, agree that the massacres and forced deportations of the Armenians did amount to genocide. But the House resolution seemed to be motivated less by the desire to reprimand Mr Erdogan. For decades American lawmakers had stopped short of recognising the genocide to avoid damaging relations with Turkey, a crucial NATO ally. This time relations are already at rock bottom. Earlier this year Turkey bought a Russian missile-defence system, which could allow Moscow to spy on American war-planes. Last month its army invaded northern Syria to attack Kurdish fighters there who have been close American allies in the battle against Islamic State. Small wonder American attitudes to Turkey have hardened. Less than an hour after the genocide bill passed, the House voted in favour of economic sanctions against Turkey. (To become law, these would have to clear the Senate and

**Turkey has always denied the genocide, insisting that the number of Armenians who perished is much lower than most records suggest, and that far more Ottoman Muslims were killed during the war. Erdogan's government has occasionally referred to 1915 as a tragedy, but has never cared to distinguish between perpetrators and victims**

Donald Trump's desk, which is unlikely.) Politics was the main reason why America did not recognise the genocide in the past, and why it has done so today.

Turkey has always denied the genocide, insisting that the number of Armenians who perished is much lower than most records suggest, and that far more Ottoman Muslims were killed during the war. Mr Erdogan's government has occasionally referred to 1915 as a tragedy, but has never cared to distinguish between perpetrators and victims. Turkey today is home to about 50,000 Armenians, practically all of whom live in Istanbul, which was mostly exempted from the mass deportations. Few of them dispute the basic facts of the genocide. But many have been reluctant to enlist in the global recognition campaign.

Starting in the early 2000s, a series of seminars in America and Europe brought together diaspora Armenians and Turkish Armenian intellectuals. The former tended to focus entirely on the past and on the genocide. The latter preferred to discuss the present, and the challenges facing Turkey and its minorities. One of the Turkish Armenian participants, a journalist named Hrant Dink, argued that genocide resolutions by third countries have done more harm than good, provoking a nationalist backlash and hindering Turkey's democratisation. "We must separate history from politics," he wrote at the time. "Let us not try to resolve our historical disputes before resolving our political ones." A few years later, Mr Dink was gunned down outside his office in Istanbul by a teenage Turkish nationalist.

Remembrance may be fraught with risks; but the dangers of forgetting are higher. Taner Akcam, a Turkish historian, once wrote that the genocide has become his country's "collective secret". Schoolbooks in Turkey continue to teach that the death marches were a necessary and proportionate response to attacks on Turkish villages by Armenian rebels. Those Armenians who died during the war, one claims, died as a result of "transportation difficulties, adverse weather conditions and epidemic diseases".

Turkey's rejection of the genocide label is only part of the problem. A bigger worry is its refusal to accept any responsibility for what happened. For successive governments, condemnation of the events of 1915, whether as genocide, a war crime or ethnic cleansing, has been out of the question. The past has been sanitised. "There have been no massacres and no slaughters in our history,"



US President Donald Trump and Turkish President Recep Erdogan at the White House on November 13. Reuters

Mr Erdogan said a few years ago.

The notion that the Turkish state can do no wrong has also left a mark on the present. No major Turkish news outlet can report on the dozens of civilians killed during the country's Syrian offensive. Turks who openly oppose the invasion risk prosecution. This is largely because Mr Erdogan seeks to stifle most forms of dissent, but also because the legacy of 1915 has made some topics especially taboo. The Turkish state and army are beyond reproach; suggestions to the contrary border on treason. Mr Dink believed Turkey needed to become a fully-fledged democracy before it could face up to the genocide. But

perhaps Turkey needs to own up to the genocide before it can become a democracy.

**Reversion to type**

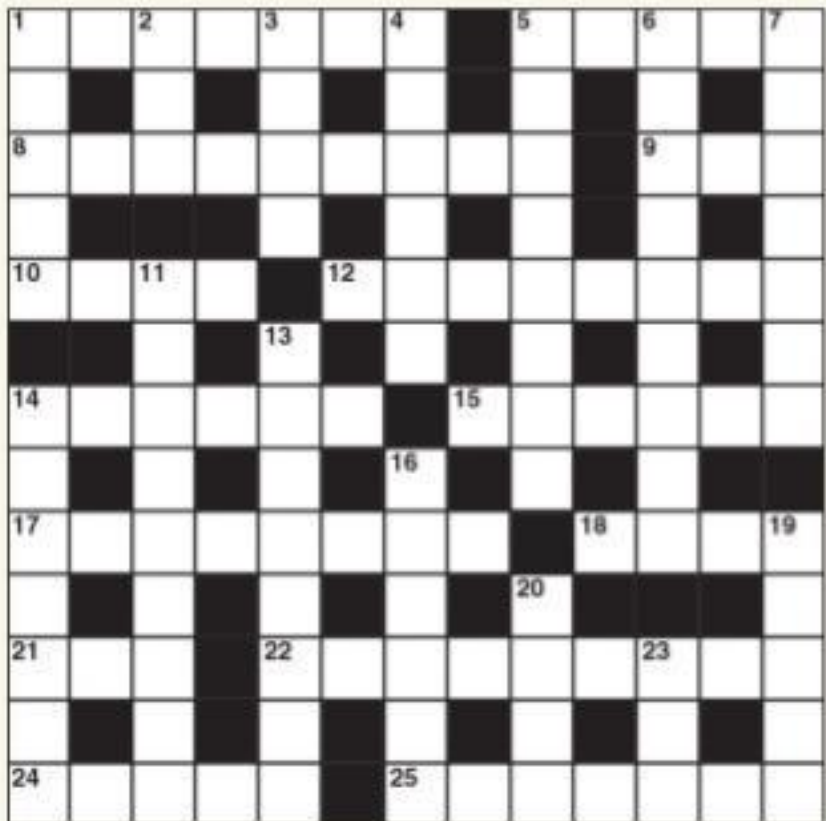
Ironically, it was Mr Erdogan who once offered the best chance of progress. Turkey and Armenia launched talks to renew diplomatic relations and reopen their borders in 2009. Five years later Mr Erdogan made history by offering condolences to the victims of 1915 and their descendants. But the talks have since collapsed, and the government is now as snarlingly nationalist as any of its predecessors. Two years ago parliament passed a law to punish lawmakers who mention the geno-

cide. Last month the authorities banned a conference on Armenian culture in Anatolia. Since a coup attempt in 2016, many of the liberals who encouraged Turkey to come to terms with the genocide have been silenced or forced into exile. Exposing or dwelling on another country's past wrongs is bound to create friction, and might even be counter-productive. But covering them up is an offence to the dead and a disservice to the living. As Turkey may realise one day, the genocide is not the only stain on its history. So, too, is the century of denial that has followed.

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CROSSWORD 3863



- ACROSS**
- 1 It comes last, locked in reverse (7)
- 5 Works for a model employer? (5)
- 8 Self-employed swimmer in France (9)
- 9 Be sorry for a bit of cruelty (3)
- 10 Study a book about publicity (4)
- 12 Belief about men in the building (8)
- 14 Eaten away in fact or deed possibly (6)
- 15 Drive to a meeting place? (6)
- 17 Increase in work for the summer (8)
- 18 Goddess being encored (4)
- 21 But homeward bound is the vessel (3)
- 22 Carriage entrance (9)
- 24 Establish one's innocence but get bound over? (5)
- 25 Coming to no conclusion (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 Delay and yield to another's wishes (5)
- 2 Prosecute for wrong use (3)
- 3 How else to get cooked fish? (4)
- 4 Ted gets man to order a bicycle (6)
- 5 Keep making jam (8)
- 6 Form of greatness for soldiers (9)
- 7 She is given two articles set in a case (7)
- 11 A bad olive, perhaps, needn't be selected (9)
- 13 He's been willing to try to set up a roster (8)
- 14 It's lace made for use in many undergarments (7)
- 16 Spirit in an army or in one man (6)
- 19 Locations for tourist attractions, we hear (5)
- 20 Second hand employed (4)
- 23 Poem due to be heard (3)

Solutions Crossword 3962: Across: 1 Resolute, 5 Abel, 9 Clang, 10 Shadows, 11 Instrumental, 13 Endure, 14 Ganges, 17 Struggling on, 20 Brindle, 21 Imbue, 22 Easy, 23 Stagers. Down: 1 Race, 2 Stained, 3 Light Brigade, 4 Toss-up, 6 Boost, 7 Little, 8 Cave painting, 12 Sensible, 15 Goodbye, 16 Albert, 18 Rails, 19 Bees.

JUMBLD WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

\_\_\_ is the mother of necessity - Thorstein Veblen (9)

**PSEIO**

**BETUNN**

**ILMIT**

**ACIUNV**

SOLUTION: PSEIO is the mother of necessity - Thorstein Veblen

SALUTE THE SOLDIER



RFN ROSHAN RAI

On 15 Nov 2006 No - 9424796F Late Rfn Roshan Rai of 1/11 GR had made supreme sacrifice during OP Rakshak (J&K) in Nov 2006.

Colonel 11 GR & Sikkim Scouts and All Ranks

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)

For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer(Freight, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-tender for following work from experienced and capable tenderers. 1. **Tender No.:** 197-S/175/Hiring-Vehicle/TKD/19/MC-IV 2. **Name of work:** Hiring of Multi-utility Vehicle i.e. TATA XENONISUZU D-max or equivalent-Higher version at Wagon Care Centre, Tughlakabad for Two years, 3. **Advertised Tender Value:** Rs. 18,32,962.56/- (including GST & ECC) 4. **Earnest money in favour of Sr.DFMNR, New Delhi:** Rs. 36,700/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS) 5. **Date & time of submission of tender bid:** Up to 26.12.2019 at 12:00 hrs. 6. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). No. 197-S/175/Hiring-Vehicle/TKD/19/MC-IV Date: 13.11.2019 3658/19

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Operations Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the following work

1. <b>Name of work with its location</b>	Hiring of 01 no. Photocopier Machine with networking connection through PC for a period of Three years in SWR Cell, Operating Deptt., DRM office, New Delhi
2. <b>Approx. Cost of work</b>	Rs. 2,29,950/- + GST as applicable
3. <b>Earnest Money</b>	Rs. 4,600/-
4. <b>Date &amp; Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender</b>	15:00 hrs on 10.12.2019
5. <b>Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen</b>	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

No. Optg-Photocopier-14-2019 Date : 13.11.2019 3660/19

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT-II) WZ UNDER DABRI FLYOVER (BETWEEN PIER NO. 3 TO 5), NEW DELHI-110058

No. E.E. (Project-II)WZ/TC/2019/20 Dated : 13.11.2019

**NIT**

Online tenders are invited for the work of (I) I/S of internal roads by providing TC emulsion, BM, BC and levelling of side berms by CC and paver block for Janakpuri South Block-C1 Block:H.No. C1-78 to C1-209; Janakpuri South Block-C1A Block: H.No. C1A-49 to C1A-154; Janakpuri South Block-C1A-83. H.No. C1A-93B to C1A-113 ABC, H.No. C1A-110 ABC to C1A-122 ABC, H.No. C1A-13 ABC to C1A-31 C. H.No. C1A-15 ABC to C1A-45; Janakpuri South C3 Single Storey Block : H.No. C3-365 to C-347, H.No. C3-312 to C3-354, H.No. C3-319 to C3-332, H.No. C3-372 to C3-438, H.No. C3-385 to C3-406. H.No. C3-408 to C3-430. H.No. C3-58 to C3-89, H.No. C3-85 to C3-99, H.No. C3-100 to C3-134; Janakpuri South C5 Part 1 Block: H.No. C5A-25 to C5A-66, H.No. C5A-19 to C5A-94, H.No. C5A-125 to C5A-143, H.No. C5A-103 to C5A-71, H.No. C5A-45 to C5A-36, H.No. C5A-26 to C5A-103, H.No. C5A-54 to C5A-154; Janakpuri South C6A Block : Gate No. 1 6A to C6 103A, H.No. C6A 19 to C6 B-175, H.No. C6A 45 to C6A-48, H.No. C6A 11 to C6A-14, H.No. C6A 19 to C6A-26, H.No. C6A 95 to C6A-98, in Ward No. 16-S, Janakpuri South in AC-30, West Zone (II) I/S to internal roads of Hastsal by providing TC emulsion, BM and BC from solanki property near solanki chowk to H.No.-54 near community hall Hastsal Village, Chandana Devi Hospital to H.No.- WZ-53 Near Shubh Nursing Home Hastsal Village, Service Road Near Chandana Hosp. From Chandana Hosp. to A/4 Hastsal Village in ward no. 021-S, Hastsal in West Zone. Tenders will be opened on 02.12.2019 at 3.30 P.M. Estimated Cost : (I) Rs.1,77,90,400/- & (II) Rs.64,18,400/-. For detailed NIT or any change in schedule/corrigendum please refer to: <https://tenderwizard.com/> SOUTHDMCETENDER. R.O. No. 101/DP/IS/2019-20 E.E. (Project-II), WZ

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



**SUDOKU 4030**

**Difficulty Level 5s**  
**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

**SOLUTION SUDOKU 4029**

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**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU PWD / WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
Superintending Engineer, PWD, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem-7  
Tender Notice No. 03 / 2019 -2020 / DB/ DO1/F.275/2019 / Dated : 14.11.2019

On behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the under signed has invited sealed tender for the following work Upto 3.00 p.m. on 27.12.2019 from the Registered Contractors of Public Works Department.

**Name of Work : TWO COVER SYSTEM - PREQUALIFICATION AND PRICE TENDER IN SEPARATE COVER Sarabanga Basin Division, Salem:** Diversion of Surplus Water from Kattaru in Chinnakalayan Thekuvadu Village at Kalkaravallu to Kanakol Reservoir in Pethanaickanpalayam Taluk of Salem District.

**Approx. Value of work (including GST):** Rs.604.00 Lakhs. **E.M.D. (including GST):** Rs.3,12,000/- **Period of Contract:** 18 Months (including Monsoon period), **Class of Contractors eligible:** Class I. Rs. 75.00 Lakhs and above in State Level, **Cost of Tender Schedule (including GST):** Rs.15000 + 1800

1. Tender Schedules will be available in this office during working days & hours of the tenders schedule sale period.  
2. E.M.D. and Cost of Tender Schedule to be submitted to the credit of: Executive Engineer, PWD, WRD, Sarabanga Basin Division, Salem 18.11.2019 to 26.12.2019 upto 5.45 PM  
3. Tender Schedules sale period : 3.30 PM on 27.12.2019  
4. Tender opening date:  
5. Contractors pre qualification and eligibility, Tender Schedule and other conditions can be downloaded from the following web site at free of cost. The addenda and corrigendum to be made by the Department upto the last date and time of downloading should also be downloaded and incorporated. Web site address: <http://www.tntenders.gov.in> & <http://www.tenders.in.gov.in>  
Special Chief Engineer, PWD, WRD, Upper Cauvery Basin Circle, Salem -7.

**Forensic Science Laboratory, Mahanagar, Lucknow - 226006**

No. -FSL-ST-TENDER/19-20 Dated: November, 2019

**e-Tender Notice**

e-Tenders are invited from the registered tender from the below mentioned instrument from Forensic Science Laboratory, U.P., Mahanagar, Lucknow.

Sl. No.	District	Tender No.	Instrument Name	Qty.	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Cost (in Rs.)	Duration of Work
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Lucknow	FSL-ST-TENDER/19-20	Leica FSC Microscope (Servicing & Replacement of Parts)	01	3500/-	600/-	Conditions Apply

Bid Documents available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and <http://uppolice.gov.in> from Date: 18.11.2019 to 17.12.2019, which uploaded up to date 17.12.2019 at 12:00 hours. Technical bid opening date 17.12.2019 at 14.00 hours. Tender related more information is available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and <http://uppolice.gov.in>

Sd/- (Shahab Rashid Khan)  
Superintendent of Police/Assistant Director  
Uttar Pradesh Police Computer Centre, Lucknow

UPID NO.-145477 DATE - 13.11.2019  
WWW.UPGOV.NIC.IN

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD**  
TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-ELG-T-18-19-20RE-TEN1 Date: 07.11.2019

**E-Tendering Tender Notice**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) North Central Railway, Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of work with its location & Completion Period	Approx. Cost of the work (₹)
1	AGC-ELG-T-18-19-20RE-TEN1	Agra Division:- Hiring of One No. NON AC (Commercial) motor vehicle make: TATA SUMO/Bolero/Xylo/Tata Movus Model not earlier than 3 years and in good working condition including driver, fuel & Lubricant, Minor/major repairs, toll & parking charges and maintenance charges etc. for official use in Agra Division by (DEE/G/Agra) for a running upto 2000Kms. per month. (Nature of work: 24 Hrs. per day without any holiday/rest) for a period of 21 months as per terms and conditions. Completion period 21 months.	6,44,445.27

For full details & submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)" up to 16:00 Hrs. on date 05.12.2019. 1632/19(K)

**E-Tender Notice No.: Sr. DEE/RS/ELSCNB/2019-20/ET-08 & 09** Dated: 08.11.2019

**E-Tender Notice**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/RS/North Central Railway/Kanpur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following open E-Tender for the following work up to Tender Opening Date & Time. The details of the tenders are as under:-

Tender No.	Name of work	Advertised Value (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Completion period of Work	Tender Document Cost (₹)
ELS-CNB-2019-20-ET-08	Repair/Reconditioning and overhauling of main Compressors of ELGI-make TRC-1000 MN UG for WAG-7 & WAP-4 Locomotives of Electric Loco shed, North Central Railway, Kanpur, Qty. 50 nos.	35,56,597.50	71,100.00	24 Months	3,000.00
ELS-CNB-2019-20-ET-09	Conversion of the CBC coupler uncoupling arrangement from bottom operated to top operated system in locos as per RDSO Modification Sheet No. RDSO/2016/EL/MS/04 54 Rev '0' dated 29.04.2016 & materials required as per CNB drg. A/12015/CNB/2512/5026/Coupling, Alt.A at ELS/CNB, Qty. 80 nos. WAG-9 Locomos.	11,01,944.00	22,000.00	12 Months	2,000.00

**Tender Opening Date & Time:** 04.12.2019 at 11:30 hrs. for each tender. **Note:-** 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tenders is available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to due date & time of tender opening. 2. Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids, shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Offer rates quoted in the form of e-tender schedule & duly signed digitally shall be Final. No other documents related to offer rates shall be entertained. Tenderers are advised not to attach any document related to offer rates (except undertaking(s) asked). These documents shall be treated as NULL and void and shall not be considered for evaluation of offer. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice has also been uploaded on [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in). 6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 1634/19(K)

**North central railway** [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in)

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
Financial stars are highlighted once again today, and it does seem that you'll have a very brief window of opportunity during which you may make an extremely shrewd move. Aside from that, you may now expect a brief burst of passion in one special relationship.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
The Moon is a friendly planet for Taurus, prompting, as it does, the sort of delicate and lazy mood which you find so comfortable and reassuring. Aside from over-sensitivity there is little to disturb your equilibrium. By the way, if someone tries to convince you that they're absolutely right, remember that you've only got their word for it.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Someone still does not understand that you have ambitions which must be achieved, or at least appeased. Neither do they fully realise the depths of your financial insecurity, nor your dreams of future prosperity. Be patient and give them time to come round.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
Today's lunar alignments are supportive and energising, and should enable you to keep up to schedule and achieve most of your goals. First among your current plans should be holiday and travel arrangements. Actually, long-distance contacts are as likely to involve work as pleasure.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
Professional decisions should now become much easier and before another week is out you should have a far clearer idea of your wants and ideas. Your immediate concern, though, is probably financial. That's a good enough reason to get all your affairs in order.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
You may try to go easy on yourself; no matter what pressures you're under, you really should let go and enjoy yourself. Partners have much to teach you about letting your hair down, sowing wild oats and generally being irresponsible. Indulge yourself for a change. You deserve it.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
Partners are still a little confused, so wait another few days before attempting to resolve personal differences. At the moment, the longer you delay your first move, the more information will be available and the easier everyone will find it to reach a reasoned agreement.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
The Sun and Saturn are in a delicate relationship, signifying that practical and routine affairs should pass fairly smoothly. Yet you share with other people a tendency to petulance and a profound willingness to chance personal battles. But is it really worth the risk? Think about it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
Get on with family arrangements while you can. If you are true to the Moon's delicate and emotional spirit, then you will accept new responsibilities and even treat colleagues at work as if they are part of one vast extended family. Every word of encouragement will be appreciated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
Venus, the emotional planet, is creating personal doubts, but is still inclining you towards domestic entertaining and family gatherings. At work, you should consider fundamental issues and make personal relationships your priority. For a start, pay due respect to people in authority.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
You must try not to alienate colleagues or close associates who have supported you through family or professional struggles. One particular aspect is endowing you with business skills. Someone may even get the idea that you are something of a financial wizard.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
You would be well advised to agree to differ over a financial or property matter. The fact is that you know what you want — and partners know what they want — and there is no point in coming to blows. I can see no reason why you shouldn't all be part of a better world.

**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**  
E-TENDER NOTICE

Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 hours on 16.12.2019 as below:- **Tender No. :** E-81 **Name of Work with its Location :** Miscellaneous repair & maintenance of track works under ADEN/N.W.Rly./Ratangarh. **Approx. Cost of Work :** Rs. 6399092.41 **Earnest money Rs. :** Rs. 128000/- **Tender No. :** E-82 **Name of Work with its Location :** Supply of drinking Water to Gang huts, L-xings, gate lodges, stations and labour working in the section of ADEN/Sirsa. **Approx. Cost of Work:** Rs. 1143548.64 **Earnest money Rs. :** Rs. 22900/- **Note:-** Other term & condition will be shown on N.W.Rly. website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 1182-DI/19

Contact help line no. 138 for general complaints

**भारतीय विमानचालन प्राधिकरण AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**  
TENDER NOTICE

**Tender ID: 2019\_AAI\_28217**

Airports Authority of India invites item rate tenders through the E-Tendering portal by Asst. General Manager (Engg - Electrical), AAI, NSCB Airport on behalf of Chairman AAI from the eligible contractors for the work of "Construction of 3 Hangers for C Category aircrafts connecting apron and taxi line (Narayanpur Side) at NSCB Airport Kolkata. SH: DISTC of Motorize, Sliding Gate" for an estimated cost of Rs. 5,68,26,120.00/- (excluding GST) with a period of completion 12 (Twelve) Months including 04 months considered for rains. Last date and time of submission of e-bid document is 10.12.2019 upto 1800 hrs. For detailed information log on to CPP e-procurement Portal reference <https://etender.gov.in/eprocure/app> or [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero). Further clarifications / corrigendum if any will be notified through e-procurement portal at <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IX, I&FC Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15 Rohini, New Delhi- 110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:-

1. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/43/2019-20 **Name of work:-** Construction of streets and side drains from primary school to old bus stand village Badli in Badli A.C.05.

**Estimated Cost:** Rs. 52,20,687/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,04,414/- **Period of completion:** 04 Months

Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 18.11.2019.

(Tender I.D.- 2019\_IFC\_183533\_1) **Note.** 1- The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

DIP/Shabdarth/096/19-20



AROUND TOWN



### Rethinking Ram

PRABHASH CHANDRA'S docu-fiction film, *Mera Ram Kho Gaya*, follows the lives of three friends, a potter and his donkey, and a group of tribal devotees, Rammamis. The film will be screened at Barefoot Theatre space, Shahpur Jat, 6 pm on November 16. Entry free.



### Life Ties

A SOLO show of paintings by Suryasnata Mohanty, will be on display at the Convention Foyer, India Habitat Centre, today. Her acrylic works, painted using a knife and occasionally a brush, on canvas, presents monuments and ancient temples.



### Ripe in Time

FASHION BRAND Raw Mango is hosting a mela to showcase its festive collection of saris, along with designs by clothing brands Norblack Norwhite and Itoh. On November 16 and 17, at Raw Mango, Lodhi Colony.

### Box-office Hits

NAVRASA DUENDE World Movie Festival in its fourth edition presents films by Francis Ford Coppola; Yasujiro Ozu; Rainer Werner Fassbinder; Satyajit Ray; Carl Theodor Dreyer and Quentin Tarantino this weekend. Tickets on *Bookmyshow*.

### Karna's Tale

A PLAY written and performed by Mahmood Farooqui, *Dastan-e Karna Az Mahabharat*, draws from the Persian translation of the epic. On November 16, at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, 7 pm.



The sense of order in the house is at the centre of the film, *House Arrest*; its writer and co-director Samit Basu (below)

# Built to Order

Writer Samit Basu on his cinematic debut, hikikomori and the possibility of an Indian *Game of Thrones*

EKTAA MALIK

IN TODAY'S supremely connected world, where Hootsuite, Slack and email accounts run our lives, the need to disconnect has never been more pertinent. In *House Arrest* — the latest original film by Netflix — the protagonist Karan (Ali Fazal) does just that. "This idea has been in the making for several years. I started writing seven years ago. The concept of people staying home, ordering in, watching films and not stepping out unless strictly necessary isn't common in India, but is quite acceptable in East Asia, Japan, Korea, and China. People are coming to terms with digital addiction, the hikikomori phenomena basically," says novelist Samit Basu, the writer and co-director of *House Arrest*, which streams today on Netflix. Hikikomori is a Japanese lifestyle trend, which the film touches upon, where young adults isolate themselves to severe degrees and withdraw from society. The film clocks 24 hours within a typical Delhi flat.

*House Arrest* is the screenwriting and co-directorial debut of Basu, who has several novels, graphic novels and children's books to his credit. "I wanted to be a writer since I was born and wanted to make a film since 2001. I was asked to write a single-location murder mystery for *House Arrest*, but I don't take well to instructions, so I wrote a single-location rom-com. It was a challenge, as we didn't have even a vaguely romantic backdrop," says Basu, 39. "I felt this film would be a small one, and then it blew up with Netflix coming on board. And with Shashanka Ghosh as co-director, we also had recognisable names like Ali, Shriya (Pilgaonkar) and Jim (Sarbh).



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SAMIT BASU

The film scores high on detailing, with quirks and idiosyncrasies of the lead characters revealed subtly. We get to know about Karan's obsession with order and precision in the way he places things around the house — abstract figurines, paintings on the walls, tower of playing cards and marble checkers. The house is almost like a character in the film. "The sense of order in the house is the core of the film, as the romance is essentially about two people who find themselves in the middle of chaos and repeated intrusions of very real situations,"

says Basu, who divides his time between Delhi and Mumbai. "The house was designed to look like a place where you can recuperate. I think we go through a churning in our late twenties, early thirties, where our worldview shifts," he says.

In a nod to Basu's area of expertise — science fiction and fantasy — we also see holograms in the film. In the middle of Karan's serene blue sitting room, we see a full blown Punjabi-wedding sangeet materialise. "Everyone thought that as this was a single location shoot, it would be easy, but it wasn't. No one in the crew had done this before. I used the holograms because I wanted to get some variety in the single location, by effectively cramming in another location within the given space. On stage we do it with two lights and a prop, but here cinematically, it worked. We have had people apparating since the eighties in the *Ramayana*," says the Presidency College graduate. "Indian films have been defying physics for a long time, so technically they are sci-fi. We are breaking the emotional reality of the universe, so every show and film we bring out is different."

Basu, one of the most popular writers of India to explore science fiction and the fantasy genre, is hopeful of an Indian *Game of Thrones*. "We have such a strong viewing culture and a star-driven one. So, yes it will happen, but I can't predict when. At least we have the material. When I started there was none, or I didn't know where to find it. Things take time, remember even the *Lord of the Rings* films came out 50 years after the book, and Terry Pratchett is getting adapted now. Similarly, for *Game of Thrones*, (George) Martin had been writing it for a while before it got picked up," says Basu.



## How It All Began

Photographer Gus Coral's rare photos of the English rock band The Rolling Stones and their first concert tour in 1963 will be on display at The Curtain in London this week. One such is of the band members pooling in money for a taxi ride.

## And Then There Were More

RED PANDA, a new imprint for children, is set to make its debut in January 2020, from the publishing house Westland. Covering both fiction and non-fiction, the imprint will cater to early readers, young adults and those in between. The first book from the imprint, out in January, will be a picture book, *Happy Birthday, World!* by the timeless Ruskin Bond (pictured)



and illustrated by Maya Ramaswamy. Other titles from the imprint, headed by Vidhi Bhargava, will include *A Flight of the Arconaut* by Sophia Khan and *Gravepyres School for the Recently Deceased* by Anita Roy, both for young adults. Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's now-acclaimed goat *Poonachi* will also feature in a cameo.

# Moving Through the Aisles

The India Art Festival brings together works of the masters and up-and-coming artists

VANDANA KALRA

AS THE air quality in Delhi remained in 'severe' category, art enthusiasts, with their masks on, were seen entering a hall at Thyagaraj Sports Complex on a smoggy Thursday morning. Welcoming them were over 4,500 works by over 400 artists that comprise the fifth edition of The India Art Festival in Delhi. "The art market is going through a metamorphosis in this decade. It has made big and small art fairs create a richer, deeper dialogue," says festival director Rajendra.

The showcase features works of prominent artists alongside the up-and-coming. If the booth of Baroda-based Exclusive Art Gallery only has prints and serigraphs of MF Husain, right at the entrance is a stall by The Lexicon Art Gallery that is showcasing works by masters such as Manu Parekh, Thota Vaikuntam, Satish Gujral and Jogen Chowdhury. Also attracting attention at the stall is Ashish Singh Tyagi's *Gyan Mudra - Krishna*, an acrylic on fibre sculpture, in the shape of a hand mudra, with Krishna as the central protagonist.

Having participated in the event last year as well, Kapil Sharma of F&P Art Gallery notes how he brings a selection to the festival that best represents his art. One of the artists participating in the festival with a solo booth, Mumbai-based Sushma Bengani hopes to impress viewers with her works in resin. Working in the medium since three years now, she says, "I have shown at previous editions of the festival in Mumbai, and the response encouraged me to come to Delhi as well. I have heard that the Delhi market is very good."

Also a repeat exhibitor at the festival, Vinayak Bhandari from Udaipur has dedicated his stall to Pichwai art this year. "People are increasingly getting interested in traditional art," says Bhandari. Dehradun-based Pritam Mehta, meanwhile, was seen explaining to curious visitors the process of pyrography — a technique of burning wood with special handheld tools to create patterns. His wall art and tables in camphor wood and European beech wood focus on themes



(Top) Ashish Singh Tyagi's *Gyan Mudra - Krishna*; drawings of visually-impaired children, mentored by artist Shivani Bharadwaj *Abhinav Saha*

from nature. If artist Suresh Nair has acrylic paints for the visually-impaired, with each of the 10 colours in a set having a unique fragrance, for instance vanilla for white and lime for yellow, for artist Shivani Bharadwaj the festival is a means to take drawings of visually-impaired children to the public. Conducting workshops with blind students, between the age of 5 to 15 years, at the Janta Adarsh Andh Vidyalaya and Institution for the Blind in Delhi, she is teaching them how to draw. "These children have never held a crayon but are extremely keen to learn," says Delhi-based Bharadwaj. Each artwork at her booth also shares details about its creator. *The festival is at Thyagaraj Sports complex till November 17, 11 am to 8 pm. Entry free*

# What's the Good Word

Shashi Tharoor and Kunal Kamra team up in a new stand-up comedy show that goes on air today

EKTAA MALIK

WHAT'S THE one thing that comes to your mind when you have someone like Shashi Tharoor in conversation? English words, that one cannot pronounce. That was like the elephant in the room, so those jokes had to be said," says Kunal Kamra, stand-up comic, and now mentor to Tharoor, Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram. They are paired up for *One Mic Stand*, a stand-up comedy limited series which streams on Amazon Prime today.

The five-episode show brings together famous names from different fields and pairs them with prominent artistes in the Indian stand-up comedy space. Actor Taapsee Pannu is paired with Angad Singh Ranyal; actor Richa Chadha with Ashish Shalkya; music director Vishal Dadlani with Rohan Joshi; and YouTube star Bhuvan Bam had Zakir Khan as his mentor. "We have a unique set of celebrities who are attempting stand-up comedy for the first time in their lives. Five of the most popular comedians in India have been carefully selected and paired with these celebrities keeping in mind unique connections, similar ideologies and personal background," says stand-up comic Sapan Verma, the host

and creator of *One Mic Stand*. Kamra explains that there was no specific brief in place for Tharoor: "Tharoor's voice fits the set that we put in place. It's tailor-made for him. He has a sense of humour, and secondly he wasn't conscious of how saying a particular joke will make him look."

We hear Tharoor turn to his childhood, as he elaborates on his love for complex English words. "I had a normal childhood like all of you guys. My parents embarrassed me too when guests came over and said Shashi, Uncle ko angrezi bolke sunao na," he says, to loud guffaws from the audience. He continues, "And I go daddy please, I can't entertain this. Pardon my recalcitrance."

This is a new step for Indian comedy, where we have recognisable faces attempting to have a laugh. In the West, we do have Roasts, and with the White House Correspondents Dinner, even the US President's not spared. "We should not compare the Indian comedy scene to what's in the West. We should start our own traditions. I just hope this is a step in the right direction, and people appreciate it more than they criticise it. So other headline political leaders are happy collaborating with comedians, maybe then the stigma that 'we just make jokes' goes away," says Kamra.



Shashi Tharoor (top); Kunal Kamra



(Above left) Rajendra Mehta; (L-R) Anup Jalota, Chandan Dass, Talat Aziz, Nina Mehta, Penaz Masani, Mehta and Pankaj Udhass during Music India Limited's ghazal festival, Khazana



says. "It was to be sung solo, in a certain style. Rajendra *bhai* broke those barriers," says Udhass. Nina Mehta has passed away a couple of years ago.

Rajendra was a Partition refugee and came from a Sikh family. He moved to India from Lahore, where he would read the daily Urdu newspaper to his blind grandfather. Knowing how to read and write Urdu helped later in Lucknow, where the family finally settled. Lahore and Lucknow were culturally rich and Rajendra's first brush with the ghazal was through a concert by playback singers Talat Mahmood and Sudha Malhotra. That's when he decided to learn the basics and nuances of the genre. The city's popular ghazal singer Yunus Malik taught him. Rajendra would per-

form at ghazal mehfil in the city while working with LIC on the side to make ends meet. He moved to Mumbai in the '60s after a transfer and began performing there with wife Nina. "The two had a niche audience. He had a very good knowledge of poetry. In fact he'd speak quite a bit during his concerts. Nina ji would often tell him 'Rajan *baatein kam, gaana zyada*'. But he did the way he deemed fit," says ghazal singer Talat Aziz.

At the height of its popularity, the ghazal was being diluted and had to adapt to survive. It soon changed from a genre rooted in the cultured set-up of old nobility and embraced the masses. "Ghazal *ka beda gark to humne hi kiya hai*. We made it lose respect by giving in to everything that the audience

demand. We are to be blamed for shifting it to five-star hotels and auditoriums, to *maidans* and now nowhere. The days of the *mehfil* are gone," Rajendra Mehta had told this reporter once.

While he found fame in Mumbai and other pockets of the country where the ghazal was loved through cassettes and shows, it mostly eluded him. "He refused to change much. And that probably was a factor," says Udhass. If Mehta was alive, he would have smiled ear to ear and quoted one of his favourite couplets: *Shohratein har ek ke muqaddar mein kahan hoti hain/ Tum ye har roz naya bhes badalte kyun ho* (When is fame in everyone's destiny/ Why do you take up a new disguise everyday).



# Child's play on Children's Day

Clinical India bowl Bangladesh out for 150 on Day 1 of the first Test in Indore; Agarwal, Pujara start well

**SANDEEP DWIVEDI**  
INDORE, NOVEMBER 14

DAAL KACHORI with ketchup for Rs 40, three theplas with pickle for Rs 60, free drinking water, free wifi and 10 Bangladesh wickets. At the Holkar Stadium, on Day 1 of the India-Bangladesh Test, Indore couldn't have asked for more.

Bangladesh 150 all out, India 86/1 — was expected but still an exception.

While enjoying affordable but sumptuous meals and posting stadium selfies on WhatsApp groups without network issues, close to 13,000 fans got to watch Virat Kohli's redoubtable winning machine from up close as they looked all set to crush another visiting team.

The Indians put up the kind of show that gives teams new laudatory prefixes. In days to come, ruthless and relentless can possibly be the adjectives of choice for those mentioning India in cricket conversations. In the early part of the last decade, the Australian Test side used to infuse a mix of fear and awe among opponents. At least at home, an invincible halo seems to be forming around India.

The World No.1 Test team and the overwhelming favourites to win the series against this struggling and depleted Bangladesh side, found a way to enhance their aura even on a day that was far from perfect. As the happy bunch of Indians walked towards the dressing room after the quick kill, one could see a new narrative growing around Kohli's men — they can trample you even when the rub of the green goes against them. They have conquered the uncontrollables.

This Indian team no longer conspires with curators. Pitch manipulation now seems so 2017s. In 2019, even losing the toss doesn't seem to matter; neither do dropped catches and the early loss of an opener. On a day when four regulation catches went down and Rohit Sharma was out cheaply, there was talk about the magical spell of India's pacers and the bite that Ravichandran Ashwin got from a pitch that had pace and carry.

The fall of Bangladesh's wickets was a sort of synopsis package that gave a glimpse of what has been best about the Indian bowling unit over the last few years. There was the brutality of the two skiddy quicks who operate in the high 140s — Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav. And there was the subtle subterfuge and delightful deceit of the old hands — Ishant Sharma and Ravichandra Ashwin. Here's looking at the four wickets that show the diversity of the Indian bowling and how entertaining they look as a unit.

The most sensational dismissal of the day, and significant in terms of the balance of the game, was that of Mushfiqur Rahim — Bangladesh's top scorer at 43, bowled by Shami. After a series of away-going balls, Shami bowled his special in-cutter, the one that comes in like a bus at breakneck speed and takes a sudden sharp turn.

## Seamingly unplayable

Shami's seam position brings back memories of Sreesanth. There are a few minute differences though. Sreesath's seam position had a slight tilt. Shami keeps the seam upright for his deadly nip-backer. He also gets greater deviation, as compared to Sreesanth, and this was what foxed Mushfiqur. The ball moved in unexpectedly to hit the top of off. The stumps didn't go flying but what made the wicket spectacular was the ball, after hitting the top of off-stump, going over the wicketkeeper's head and clearing the boundary at first bounce. Was this Thomson, were we at Perth?

Ishant's wicket of left-handed opener Shadman Islam was for the connoisseurs, who turn up at the stadium with binoculars and switch on the television an hour before the toss to listen to pundits. This wicket had an extended plot line where Sharma worked on drawing out the batsman, giving him a false sense of confidence.

Like he has done regularly of late, Sharma switched to round the wicket against the two left-handed openers from his first over. After feeding the two with



## BENGAL 1, BANGLADESH 0

Mohd Shami celebrates after taking the wicket of Bangladesh's Mushfiqur Rahim on Day One at the Holkar Stadium. Shami's 3-wicket burst floored the visitors. *PTI*

## The fall of Bangladesh's wickets was a sort of synopsis package that gave a glimpse of what has been best about the Indian bowling unit over the last few years.

length balls outside off stump, he changed the line slightly and bowled close to the batsman. Shadman's eyes lit up. Here was a ball that could get him runs.

With most fielders bunched behind the stumps, a poke to cover would take him to the non-striker's end, a safe haven given the brutal consistency of the Indian pacers. But it was a con-ball — just that bit shorter than the batsman expected and deviating away. That's a trick Ishant has mastered while playing county cricket in England. Shadman edged the ball to the wicketkeeper and walked back defeated and dejected.

Ashwin's wicket of Mominul Haque was probably the most difficult of the day. The Bangladesh captain might not be his team's top-scorer but easily looked the most organised batsmen of the team. He had a very relaxed and easy stance, played with soft hands and knew where his off stump was. He had a charming way of leaving Ashwin's balls. Like a hand-fan, he would unfurl his bat from off to leg when he saw the ball wasn't on the stumps. He had style, and looked like a batsman with refined grooming.

But after facing 138 balls, Ashwin, finally, forced him to play a false stroke. He got him with an undercutter, the ball that straightens and skids. When Mominul got one of these, he played it like a regular off-spinner, thinking that it would go away. It didn't and the Bangladesh captain had to suffer the embarrassment of leaving a ball headed to the stumps.

The final wicket of the Bangladesh innings was also a visual delight. In the past, there have been those who have labelled Umesh Yadav as a tearaway pace who didn't understand the subtleties of pace bowling. Yadav 2.0, while being consistently quick, also uses his wrist to fox the batsman.

There was a unique aspect to his dismissal of Ebadot Hossain. Generally, batsmen get squared up when the ball moves away from good length and a decent height. Here was a batsman squaring up to a full ball that hardly took off. The last-minute tweak by Yadav's supple wrist made the ball move away and hit the stumps. As the pacer finished his muted celebration, Kohli gave him a thumbs-up. The job was done without much fuss.

India's innings would also start in style with Mayank Agarwal hitting the first ball for four. Later, Cheteshwar Pujara would hit three in one over. At stumps both were nearing their 50s and in the dressing room waits world cricket's big draw, Virat Kohli.

On Day 2, many more Indoris will flock Holkar Stadium, to drain the data and watch the Indian batsmen, with theplas and some lip-smacking pickle.

## Dravid cleared of conflict of interest

**PTI/ENS**  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

IN A relief for former India captain Rahul Dravid, the BCCI ethics officer DK Jain on Thursday dismissed the conflict-of-interest complaint against him, saying it was "bereft of any merit".

"I have rejected the complaint. Rahul Dravid doesn't have conflict of interest," Jain told PTI after issuing the order. "I am convinced that on facts at hands, a case of conflict of interest as enshrined in the Rules is not made out. Resultantly, the complaint is dismissed being bereft of any merit," read Thursday's order.

MPCA life member Sanjiv Gupta had filed a complaint against Dravid, alleging conflict of interest in his current role as Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) and being an India Cements employee.

Jain had conducted a second round of hearing on Tuesday when Dravid was repre-

## Re-run of play: Demolition job, frame by frame

**SRIRAM VEERA**  
INDORE, NOVEMBER 14

THERE IS more than one way to prise out a wicket, as the Indian bowlers — and fielders — showed on the opening day.

## Rohit, Jinks change Kohli's mind

India started off with a square leg and a mid on in front of the wicket for the two left-handed Bangladesh openers but Sharma had other ideas. He wanted a short-leg catcher and turned to Kohli and gestured a potential inside-edge and pointed that the square-leg fielder can come in and the mid-on man can move to his left. Over the years, Kohli has shown that he is a captain who listens, and he immediately made the move. Soon after, the ball was clipped by Shadman Islam but it just about eluded the short-leg fielder.

Sometime later in the spell, Kohli sent Sharma from the slip region to short mid-wicket to Imrul Keyes. It was a puzzling move as there was enough movement on offer and the seamers were repeatedly slanting it across Keyes. Why would you not want a left-handed batsman play across the line? Soon, Rahane walked over to Kohli and gestured that Sharma be brought back to slips and Kohli yet again agreed. With more men in the slip cordon, the gully moved a touch to his left and Umesh Yadav produced a kicker that Keyes

jabbed straight to Rahane at gully.

## Ashwin's twin set-ups

Mominul would later say he made a "tactical" error but it was well induced by Ashwin. A few balls spun past the bat before he went for that straighter one — the one where he holds the ball between his thumb and forefinger. The bounce depends on where it lands — it bounces if it's on the seam and skids if it's on the side of the ball, but it does come in with the angle. Mominul wasn't alert, shouldered arms, and heard the death rattle behind him. It was ironical considering until then Mominul had shown exemplary judgement of the off stump, to seam and spin.

Mahmudullah, whose white-ball game seems to have affected his Test game, had decided that he was going to get outside to counter Ashwin. Try sweep as much as possible and if it's a straighter one, then his movement towards off could help him negate. But it exposed his stumps a bit too much. Ashwin was careful enough to not show his cards too early, and started a few from outside the off-stump. Suddenly, he squirted one on the middle-stump and it beat the attempted sweep to clatter the middle stump. Ashwin uses the thumb-forefinger grip often these days, not just to left-handers but to right-handed batsmen as well. He should have had Mushfiqur Rahim with that but Rahane, who dropped three catches at first slip, was surprised

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B'DESH, 1ST INNG **150 IN 58.3 OV**

<b>S Islam</b> c †Saha b I Sharma	<b>6</b> (24b, 1x4)
<b>I Kayes</b> c Rahane b Yadav	<b>6</b> (18b, 1x4)
<b>M Haque</b> b Ashwin	<b>37</b> (80b, 6x4)
<b>Mohd Mithun</b> lbw b Shami	<b>13</b> (36b, 1x4)
<b>M Rahim</b> b Shami	<b>43</b> (105b, 4x4, 1x6)
<b>Mahmudullah</b> b Ashwin	<b>10</b> (30b, 1x4)
<b>L Das</b> c Kohli b I Sharma	<b>21</b> (31b, 4x4)
<b>MH Miraz</b> lbw b Shami	<b>0</b> (1b)
<b>T Islam</b> run out	<b>1</b> (7b)
<b>A Jayed</b> not out	<b>7</b> (14b)
<b>E Hossain</b> b Yadav	<b>2</b> (5b)

■ **Extras:** (lb 3, w 1) **4**

■ **Fall of wickets:** 1-12 (Imrul Kayes, 5.6 ov), 2-12 (Shadman Islam, 6.6 ov), 3-31 (Mohammad Mithun, 17.6 ov), 4-99 (Mominul Haque, 37.1 ov), 5-115 (Mahmudullah, 45.1 ov), 6-140 (Mushfiqur Rahim, 53.5 ov), 7-140 (Mehidy Hasan, 53.6 ov), 8-140 (Liton Das, 54.1 ov), 9-148 (Taijul Islam, 56.4 ov), 10-150 (Ebadot Hossain, 58.3 ov)

## ■ Bowling:

<b>Ishant Sharma</b>	<b>12-6-20-2</b>
<b>Umesh Yadav</b>	<b>14.3-3-47-2</b>
<b>Mohd Shami</b>	<b>13-5-27-3</b>
<b>Ravichandran Ashwin</b>	<b>16-1-43-2</b>
<b>Ravindra Jadeja</b>	<b>3-0-10-0</b>



Zayed dismissed Rohit Sharma for 6.

INDIA, 1ST INNG **86/1 IN 26 OV**

<b>M Agarwal</b> not out	<b>37</b> (81b, 6x4)
<b>R Sharma</b> c †L Das b A Jayed	<b>6</b> (14b, 1x4)
<b>C Pujara</b> not out	<b>43</b> (61b, 7x4)

■ **Extras:** **0**

■ **Fall of wickets:** 1-14 (Rohit Sharma, 7.2 ov)

## ■ Bowling:

<b>Ebadot Hossain</b>	<b>11-2-32-0</b>
<b>Abu Jayed</b>	<b>8-0-21-1</b>
<b>Taijul Islam</b>	<b>7-0-33-0</b>

with the pace and height.

## Shami's crack of doom

It was the battle of the opening day. Rahim had got over his initial nerves and settled in pretty well, in control of his back-foot punches and stretched drives. The ball too had lost its shine, but Shami lit up the arena with his skill. Such is his skill, that he can operate at two contrasting levels: as a skidder and as a heavy-ball exponent. He pinged the outside-off corridor before he stunned Rahim with a cracking nip-backer. It wasn't as devilish as the one he bowled to the West Indian Shai Hope in the World Cup, but it was pretty close. This one was delivered from slightly wide of the crease but it cut back in like a crack of doom — and Rahim couldn't do much as the ball nipped in to hit the top of off.

## Jadeja 'strong-arm' tactic

Two runs seemed to be on when Taijul Islam squirted a ball to the deep backward square-leg, but he had not factored in the fastest arm in world cricket today. Jadeja rushed to his right near the boundary, swooped on the ball, and till that point, the batsmen looked safe. But then came the throw — rapid, at the stumps, on one bounce that made Wriddiman Saha's job easy. Easily the best all-round fielder in the Indian team, in combination with that deadly arm, he is everywhere. The only real estate he doesn't own is the slip cordon and it would be interesting to see how he adapts if he ever gets down there.

## Shaw's exile ends on Sunday, against Assam

**Mumbai:** The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) selection committee has picked Prithvi Shaw for their last league game of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy against Assam on Sunday. It will be Shaw's first competitive outing since May as the opening batsman returns after serving a ban for a doping violation. "Shaw has been selected for the last league game. As his suspension gets over on November 15 midnight, he is eligible to play the November 17 game," MCA secretary Sanjay Naik told *The Indian Express*.

Shaw was handed a back-dated eight-month suspension by the BCCI this July after his urine sample from a Mushtaq Ali Trophy match held in February 2019, returned positive for Terbutaline, a banned substance. He was mandated to serve at least half the ban period. It is learnt that Shaw was informed that he would be part of the Mumbai team way before the selection meeting took place. The talented batsman has been training at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru. **ENS**





# Injury-time goal saves India the blushes

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
DUSHANBE, NOVEMBER 14

INDIA ESCAPED with a 1-1 draw after an injury-time goal saved them the blushes against lower-ranked Afghanistan in their FIFA World Cup Qualifier match here on Thursday. The result meant the 106-ranked India remained winless in their qualifying campaign so far.

When the visitors seemed headed for their second defeat, substitute Seiminlen Dounge1 (90+3) provided India with a life-line, outjumping his markers to head one into the far post.

Afghanistan had taken the lead through Zelfagar Nazary's strike (45+1), putting India on the backfoot. India remained at the fourth position in Group E with three points from four matches, while Afghanistan continued to be on the third with four points. Starting the away game, being played in extremely cold conditions at the Central Republican Stadium, on a bright note, India conceded a goal in the first half's injury time (45+1).

Afghanistan went into lead after a fine move saw David Najem play a square ball to Zelfagar Nazary at the centre of the box, and the mid-fielder's attempt breached the Indian defence before finding the back of the net. It wasn't really a home match for Afghanistan either, but wins here against Cambodia and Bangladesh, followed by draws with Tajikistan and Jordan have given them much-needed confidence ahead of the clash against Igor Stimac's 106-ranked India.

And the 149-ranked Afghanistan carried that confidence into the game on a chilly evening when the temperature dropped to nine degree celsius. The hosts looked the better of the two sides in the first half and the goal, in the added time of first session, was not inappropriate.

On and off, Afghanistan managed to put pressure on the Indian defence manned by Mandar Rao Desai, Adil Khan, Rahul Bheke and Pritam Kotal. With their enterprise, the likes of striker Ahmad Omran and mid-fielder Faysal Shayesteh kept India on their toes, forcing Bheke and Adil to make a few clearances in the first quarter. India looked to take on the opposition but they could not create any clear chances, and the couple of half chances in the opening minutes failed to test the Afghan custodian.

There was a change straightaway for India after the break as Stimac substituted Mandar with Farukh Choudhary. The visitors showed urgency and looked desperate for an equaliser. They had a chance in the 58th minute but skipper Sunil Chhetri's header off a cross from right back Pritam Kotal was saved by Azizi. At the other end, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu made a diving save. While he will be disappointed to end the match in a stalemate, Stimac's decision to bring in Dounge1 in place of Kotal paid dividends.

Stimac made three changes to the line-up that drew against Bangladesh last month, starting with Kotal, Brandon Fernandes and Pronay Halder in place of Anas Edathodika, Anirudh Thapa and Manvir Singh.

## AIFF gets broadcaster for I-League

*New Delhi:* The All India Football Federation has signed a three-year deal with Lex Sportel Vision Pvt. Ltd. to broadcast the Hero I-League on DSport starting 2019-20 season. The 13th edition of I-League is scheduled to commence from November 30, featuring 11 teams and 110 matches. Separately, the AIFF has commissioned Instat Limited – an Ireland-based company to produce a feed of the live audiovisual coverage for the broadcast on DSport.

Instat will produce all 110 I-League games with an eight-camera setup. AIFF's agreement with Instat Limited will run for three years.

The I-League for the past two seasons was broadcast on Star Sports. However, as per the request of the I-League clubs, the AIFF and FSDL (Football Sports Development Limited) negotiated the deal with the new broadcast partner, providing exclusive rights for on-air and digital content. FSDL will also contribute partly to the cost of production.



## SUPER SUB

Seiminlen Dounge1, who came on late in the second half, rescued a point for India. The 1-1 draw against Afghanistan meant India remained winless in their 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifying campaign. India will next take on Oman in Muscat on Tuesday. *AIFF*

# Golfers mask their agony

Players at Asian Tour event brave toxic smog; After delayed start, organisers may make it a 54-hole affair

TUSHAR BHADURI

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

IT WAS conditions in which any type of outdoor activity was hazardous, let alone high-level sport. Visibility was down to a little over 100m and the air quality index was going off the charts. In this situation, starting the first round of the Panasonic Open India at 6.40 am was highly optimistic. The tournament finally got underway at 11 am, after a delay of more than four hours.

Playing sport in the National Capital Region in early winter is not an advisable option, and it was proved once again at the Gurugram's Classic Golf and Country Club. Only 60 of the 126 players in the field teed up on Thursday with the rest beginning on Friday. With daylight fading earlier at this time of the year, there was no possibility of the full field being in action on the first day. Those who played on Thursday will have Friday off.

With the smog and low visibility unlikely to relent at least for another day, there is a possibility that the Asian Tour event would be reduced to a 54-hole affair. Only on the weekend is there a possibility of some respite with the wind expected to pick up.

It is the first time the tournament has moved out of the Delhi Golf Club. Though there were no withdrawals. Several players, mostly foreigners, were seen donning face masks and many openly complained of a burning sensation in their eyes and itchy throats. Golfers had to use eye drops at regular intervals.

"It was tough due to the smog, I couldn't even see where our shots were landing if it was anything beyond 150 yards," Jeev Milkha Singh told *The Indian Express*.

The poor visibility because of the smog made it tougher for Singh because he is short-sighted. Indian golfers, at least those who hail from North India are aware of the conditions in Delhi and the adjoining areas



The scheduled 6.40am start was delayed to 11 am due to poor visibility and severe pollution. Shiv Kapur had to start at the 15th hole.

at this time of the year, but were still left a bit unprepared as were the organisers.

"A couple of days before the tournament, we thought the situation will improve, but obviously it didn't," a player said. The air quality index in Delhi hovered around 463 at one time on Thursday, while it was 447 at Gurugram. An AQI between 400 and 500 comes in the 'severe' category.

## Tweaked schedule

The organisers had no option but to tweak the schedule and format of the \$400,000 tournament. "Due to poor visibility and weather conditions, the Tournament Committee has made the following decision: Round 1 Tee Times will now be based on a 4 tee shotgun

start with a start time of 11:00 am (Thursday)," Panasonic Open India said in a statement. "Players originally in the Round 1 Afternoon session will now tee off on Friday 11:00 am based on a 4 tee shotgun start."

It also necessitated some situations hardly sen in tournament golf.

"I have never started from the 15th (hole) in a tournament. (Waiting for long) was obviously unnerving, but don't think it's the first time this has happened. Have played golf enough to know this can happen," former winner Shiv Kapur, who started with a five-under 67 round to be tied third, said.

Thailand's Itthipat Buranatanyarat shot to the lead with a 64, but even he had a few problems on the opening day after starting

on the sixth hole. "I just needed to wear a mask and apart from that, it was business as usual. There was a long wait and it was almost after four hours that I got to tee off," the winner of three tournaments on the Asian Development Tour, including once this season, said. "I couldn't really see where the ball was beyond 250 yards as I'm short-sighted so I had to rely on my cadie's advice. But overall, it was okay. I managed to play well despite everything and I'm very proud of myself."

With even schools ordered closed due to 'emergency' levels of pollution, smog and poor visibility, holding an elite sporting event in the NCR at this time of the year was sure to prompt raised eyebrows.

Less than two weeks ago, the Twenty20 International between India and Bangladesh at the Feroz Shah Kotla went ahead, but not before there were calls to move the game elsewhere because of the hazardous air quality. A Test match against Sri Lanka in December 2017 was interrupted several times with a few visiting players complaining of breathlessness and nausea.

Some had to leave the field briefly and one even threw up in the middle. There is always a question mark over Ranji Trophy matches being scheduled in the Capital at this time of the year.

Not just cricket, Indian Super League football matches have also been affected. And the Pamasonic Open India is not the only golf event to fall foul of he bad air. The Women's Indian Open, a Ladies European Tour event, was once held in Gurugram at around this time with the players having to compete in conditions clearly hazardous to health.

A large part of the field at the ongoing tournament consists of Indian golfers, but those coming from places like Sri Lanka, Australia, Korea, United States and England would hardly be used to the high levels of pollution.

# AITA picks 8-member squad for Pakistan tie

SHAHID JUDGE

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 14

THE INTERNATIONAL Tennis Federation (ITF) is yet to confirm the venue for the Pakistan versus India Group 1 Davis Cup clash, but All India Tennis Association (AITA) has announced a team for the tie.

AITA's selection committee met Thursday and have picked a list of eight players for the two-day event scheduled on November 29-30. Normally, teams pick a squad of five players and a reserve for a tie that includes four singles and one doubles rubber.

But the Indian federation has picked two more players to encourage lower ranked players who had made themselves available when it was expected to be held in Pakistan. Now though, those players were not in contention to make the squad of five as the top players are back in the team since the ITF shifted to tie to a neutral venue.

The squad of eight now includes singles players Sumit Nagal (ranked 127), Ramkumar Ramanathan (190), Sasikumar Mukund (250), Saketh Myneni (267) and Sidharth Rawat (517), along with doubles specialists Rohan Bopanna (38), Leander Paes (101) and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan (111). From this list however, Nagal, Ramkumar, Mukund and Bopanna had declined to play the tie should it have been held in Pakistan due to security concerns, while the remaining made themselves available to travel across the border.

"It's a larger squad than we normally have, but the AITA took into consideration that some of the players had made themselves available even to go to Islamabad. We did not want to overlook their commitment to playing for the team, so they will be travelling at the AITA's expense," says Davis Cup coach Zeeshan Ali.

"Now we're waiting for the ITF to inform us of the venue. At the moment, all these eight players will be travelling wherever the tie is held."

On November 4, the ITF had declared that the tie would be shifted out of Islamabad and will instead be played at a neutral venue. The Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) meanwhile appealed against the verdict and the final decision about where the tie will be held is expected to be made on November 18.

"If it is Pakistan, then at that point in time the selection committee will again meet up and find out from the players as to who is available," Ali says.

Earlier, when the tie was to be held in September, the AITA had announced a strong team of Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Ramkumar, Myneni, Bopanna and Divij Sharan along with Mukund as reserve player.

Once the Kashmir issue arose though, all except Myneni declined to travel to Pakistan. In place of the top ranked players, the AITA drew up another list of players who agreed to play if the tie was to take place in Islamabad – including Arjun Kadhe, N Sriram Balaji, Sidharth Rawat, Manish Suresh Kumar, Vijay Sunder Prashanth, and the 18-time Grand Slam winner Paes.

## Preparatory camp in Delhi

It is learnt that the AITA plans on holding a preparatory camp in New Delhi ahead of the tie, and all the players who had made themselves available to play in Pakistan, even those who didn't make the squad of eight, have been invited to attend. The tie also marks the return of Paes into the Davis Cup fold after Sharan, who along with Prajnesh, are unavailable for the tie due to family reasons.

The 46-year-old, who holds the world record of most number of doubles wins in Davis Cup – 43 – may potentially be paired up with Bopanna for the sole doubles rubber. The two stalwarts share an acrimonious relationship, but Ali is confident the pair has what it takes to form a formidable partnership. "At the end of the day, they are both professionals and they set aside their differences for the team," he adds. "They have done it in the past against China (2018), South Korea (2016) and Serbia in Bangalore (2014)."

## HONG KONG OPEN

# Srikanth advances, Sindhu, Prannoy get knocked out

*Hong Kong:* World champion P V Sindhu exited the \$400,000 Hong Kong Open in the pre-quarterfinals but Kidambi Srikanth made the quarters for the first time in seven months after claiming a thrilling win in men's singles here on Thursday. It was also curtains for H S Prannoy and Parupalli Kashyap after they suffered contrasting losses in the second round.

World No. 6 Sindhu went down 18-21 21-11 16-21 to world number 18 Busanan Ongbammrunghan of Thailand in 69 minutes to continue her recent dismal run in international circuit. It was her first loss to the Thailand player in 11 meetings. Sindhu, who claimed the World Championships gold in August, has made early exits from a series of recent tournaments in China, Korea and Denmark.

Earlier, former world number 1 Srikanth, who slipped to the 13th spot in the latest BWF rankings this week, emerged as the only Indian survivor after notching up a 21-11, 15-21, 21-19 win over compatriot Sourabh Verma in the men's singles second round. Srikanth had last reached the quarter-finals at the Singapore

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Open in April. The Guntur shuttler, who received a first-round bye from world number 1 Kento Momota of Japan, will face Olympic champion Chen Long of China next. Earlier, HS Prannoy suffered a 12-21, 19-21 loss to sixth seed Indonesian Jonatan Christie in the second round. Former Commonwealth Games champion Kashyap played his heart out before going down narrowly to world number 2 Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei 21-12 21-23 10-21 in a match that lasted exactly an hour.

In other results, fourth seeded Japanese pair of Arisa Higashino and Yuta Watanabe beat Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa 21-19 21-12 in 42 minutes in the mixed doubles. **PTI**

## SYED MUSHTAQ T20

### GROUP B

#### RAJASTHAN THUMP UP

*Thiruvananthapuram:* Medium-pacer Deepak Chahar (3 for 46 and 13 not out) starred in Rajasthan's five-wicket win over Uttar Pradesh in a Group 'B' match of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 cricket tournament here on Thursday. The right-arm seam bowler, who has been in superb form of late, having bagged a hat-trick in the India versus Bangladesh T20 international on Sunday last and taking four wickets in an over in the previous match against Vidarbha, took three wickets in four balls to help restrict UP to 164/9 on Thursday. Rajasthan rode on Rajesh K Bishnoi's unbeaten 87 to secure a five-wicket win in 17.2 overs.

Sent into bat by Rajasthan, the UP team's cause was helped by Rinku Singh's quickfire 50 from 29 balls (4 fours, 2 sixes), which helped it recover from a poor start. Left-arm medium-pacer Khaleel Ahmed, who was also part of the India team which beat Bangladesh in the recent T20 series, rattled UP early with two wickets including that of Akshdeep Nath. Deepak Chahar, bowling the 20th and final over, had Moshin Khan caught

by CP Singh from the first ball.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Uttar Pradesh 164 for 9 in 20 overs (Rinku Singh 50, Saurabh Kumar 33, Khaleel Ahmed 3/34, Deepak Chahar 3/46) lost to Rajasthan 166 for 5 in 17.2 overs (Rajesh K Bishnoi 87 not out, Moshin Khan 2/28). Rajasthan: 4 points, UP: 0.

#### WALK IN THE PARK FOR TAMIL NADU

*Thiruvananthapuram:* Tamil Nadu made short work of minnows Manipur, winning by nine wickets. Three-wicket hauls by left-arm pacer T Natarajan and leggie M Ashwin helped Tamil Nadu bundle out Manipur for 55 in 18.4 overs. Murali Vijay hit three fours and three sixes in his 14-ball 33 before being run-out as Tamil Nadu reached the target in 4.1 overs.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Manipur 55 in 18.4 overs (T Natarajan 3/7, M Ashwin 3/8) lost to Tamil Nadu 58 for 1 in 4.1 overs (M Vijay 33). TN: 4 points, Manipur: 0.

#### KERALA WIN REVENGE TIE

*Thiruvananthapuram:* Hosts Kerala posted a 26-run win over Vidarbha as skipper Robin Uthappa led the way with a blistering 69 (39 balls, 2 fours, 5 sixes). Vidarbha leads the points table with 16 points (4 wins) despite the defeat with Tamil Nadu (12 pts)



Delhi opener Shikhar Dhawan was dismissed for a duck. *PTI*

and Kerala (12 pts) in pursuit.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Kerala 162/7 in 20 overs (Robin Uthappa 69 not out, Sachin Baby 39, Darshan Nalkande 3/34) beat Vidarbha 136/ 7 in 20 overs (Akshay Wadkar 29, AK Karnewar 28 not out, Sandeep Warrior 3/29). Kerala: 4 points, Vidarbha: 0.



# IOA wants to host 2026 CWG but remains firm on boycotting next edition

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 14

THE INDIA Olympic Association (IOA) went into the meeting room with the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) squabbling on a boycott. Somehow, at the end of it, they ended up expressing interest to host the very event they wanted to snub. Whether it was the CGF officials pulling off some sort of a salesman trick or their IOA counterparts shooting from the hip, one can't say.

But even as the impasse continues over India's participation in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and beyond, IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta announced they are considering a bid for the 2026 edi-

tion. "We are willing to host 2026 CWG. We will first take approval from the (IOA) executive board and general assembly. Then we will approach government. If they allow, we can host the Games," Mehta said.

The declaration surprised CGF president Louise Martin and CEO David Grevenberg, who shared the stage with Mehta at a media briefing after the meeting on Thursday. Even IOA president Narinder Batra, sitting next to Mehta, looked a little perplexed. No one offered an immediate response to it, with a few other IOA members saying it was Mehta's 'personal opinion'.

The same was said in June as well, when Mehta floated the idea of India boycotting the 2022

Games because the organisers excluded shooting, a sport where the country wins the bulk of its medals. The stray remark by the IOA secretary general snowballed into a major controversy. And when the IOA's president suggested that India should withdraw from the Games for good, the CGF top brass was forced to undertake a trip to Delhi to broker peace.

The CGF hoped they would explain the rationale behind shooting's exclusion and also remind the IOA that Mehta and then president N Ramachandran were among the representatives of 71 Commonwealth nations who agreed to keep shooting in the 'optional sport category' in the CWG during a meeting in 2015. "It is dis-

appointing because it was a unanimous decision. But we are where we are right now," Martin said.

Multiple options were considered on Thursday to appease India. The CGF has suggested that the Commonwealth Shooting Championship, which will be held simultaneously, offers world ranking points - that call, however, will be taken by the International Shooting Sport Federation. The IOA, on the other hand, has demanded that the medals won by shooters at the Championship be counted in the CWG medals tally.

A lot of vague scenarios but at the end of the meeting, two things were clear: shooting will not be a part of the 2022 CWG, against India's wishes and the IOA has not withdrawn its boycott threat, con-

trary to what the CGF hoped.

But India did soften its stand, with Batra saying 'boycott was not an appropriate' word. "It should have been 'withdrawal'. It was a successful and productive meeting but the proposal of withdrawal from 2022 CWG still stands," he said.

Batra said the bigger concern for him was the short gap between the Commonwealth and Asian Games. The Asiad, he said, assumes significance for a lot of sports where Olympic qualification berths are up for grabs. "You can't expect an athlete to peak today and then again after 32 days, given that is the gap between the 2022 CWG and Asian Games," he added. "It's not that CWG medals are not important, they are. So are

Asian Games, which is also an Olympic qualifying event for some. And how do I increase my Olympic medals if we have to bid for the 2032 Olympics? We keep everything in mind."

The IOA has already expressed interest to host a bunch of events, including the 2026 Youth Games, 2030 Asian Games and 2032 Olympics. Mehta's announcement that India will also bid for the 2026 CWG means the country has now thrown its hat in the ring for almost all multi-discipline events during that cycle. At the moment, however, confusion prevails over whether the IOA wants to boycott the CWG or host it. Perhaps, they feel the safest way to ensure shooting returns to the CWG programme is by hosting it.



IOA president Narinder Batra with CGF counterpart Louise Martin in New Delhi on Thursday. CGF

## Captain Sparv ready to lead Finland to the promised land

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AFTER 17 years of service in his nation's colours, Finland captain Tim Sparv is on the cusp of doing something that no senior male Finnish footballer has managed - leading his side to the finals of a major soccer tournament. A win against Liechtenstein in front of a capacity crowd in Helsinki on Friday will guarantee the Finns, better known for their prowess at winter sports such as ice hockey and cross-country skiing, a berth at Euro 2020.

"It's hard to put it into words. It's just amazing the opportunity that we have -- a home game against Liechtenstein, the stadium is going to be packed. It's hysterical in Finland right now," he told Reuters in a telephone interview.



Sparv's Finland are a win away from securing a spot in the finals of a major football tournament for the first time. Reuters

Finland took part in several Olympic soccer tournaments, but few Finnish fans count that as an achievement.

Instead, they have waited patiently to take their place among the footballing nations of the world, with Sparv cheering them on from the terraces before first lining up for them at under-15 level in 2002 and then for the senior side for the last decade.

"It was a dream of mine to represent the national team when I was growing up. If you were a young Finnish footballer back then, you looked up to Sami Hyypia, Jari Litmanen, Antti Niemi, Jussi Jaaskelainen - it was a big deal for me when I first came into the national team in 2009.

"These guys were still there, so it was a fantastic opportunity for me to learn from guys who had played in big clubs, won Champions Leagues. That was pretty cool. You have to remember, this was the golden generation," the midfielder explained.

bring Finland to a championship, so I think it was a surprise and maybe a disappointment for many that they never managed it." The names and clubs of the current squad may be less well-known -- Sparv plays for FC Midtjylland in Denmark -- but a combination of defensive organisation, team spirit and the goals of striker Teemu Pukki, who plays for Norwich City in England's Premier League, have put them on the brink of qualification. "Pukki brings that X-factor, the simple playing philosophy that everybody knows has helped us. He's been so amazing for us," he said of the 29-year-old Pukki, who has netted seven of Finland's 12 goals in qualifying.

"We know that if we create a chance for Teemu, he'll score nine times out of 10. He's really developed into a star player."

Citing his side's defensive stability and Iceland's recent success in qualifying for Euro 2016 and the 2018 World Cup as sources of inspiration, Sparv said Finland's heart and togetherness would see them through.

"Everybody plays for the flag on the front of the shirt, rather than the name on the back. You can see that the players in the Finnish national team love the team. No-one creates any issues or problems," he said.

Armenia and Bosnia could still pip the Finns to second place, but not if Sparv's side beat Liechtenstein, a team with no wins and only two points and two goals scored so far in qualifying. "I can't imagine what it will be like if we win. People have been talking about these final two games for weeks," Sparv said. "We still have some work to do, but it's going to be a big party all over Finland if we make it." **TV:** Live on Sony ESPN, 10:30 pm onwards.

**REUTERS/AP**  
LONDON, NOVEMBER 14

DEBUTANT STEFANOS Tsitsipas crushed defending champion Alexander Zverev 6-3 6-2 on Wednesday to book his place in the last four of the ATP Finals with a match to spare.

The 21-year-old, the first Greek player to qualify for the elite eight-man season-ender, backed up his opening round-robin win over Daniil Medvedev with another virtuoso performance at the O2 Arena and is yet to lose a set. His emphatic victory secured a top-two place in the group and left Zverev, world number one Rafael Nadal and Medvedev scrapping to join him in Saturday's semi-finals.

A year ago Tsitsipas was winning the NextGen title in Milan -- the ATP's showcase event for up-and-coming players -- and in his two matches so far in London he has bolstered the impression that he has the game to start collecting Grand Slam titles.

His swashbuckling all-court game, with a booming serve, aggressive groundstrokes, deft volleys and silky movement have made him an instant crowd favourite at the O2 Arena.

All those weapons were on display against Zverev in what was the youngest, in terms of combined age, match at the ATP Finals since Andy Murray played Juan Martin del Potro in 2009. Zverev's last three matches at the O2 were straight sets victories over Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Nadal -- a trio with 55 Grand Slam titles between them.

But the form of Monday's group-stage win over Nadal deserted him as Tsitsipas, with whom he is said to have a frosty



Despite reaching the semifinals, Stefanos Tsitsipas said he will not take his foot off the pedal against World no 2 Rafael Nadal on Friday. Reuters

relationship, beat him for the fourth time in five matches.

Tsitsipas broke in the eighth game when Zverev opted to follow in a weak second serve and made a mess of a low volley.

From that point on it was one-way traffic.

Zverev's level tailed off alarmingly in the second set and Tsitsipas wrapped things up with an ace. Tsitsipas later revealed he had needed a painkilling injection in a

foot injury.

Yet despite having already reached the semis, he will not take his foot off the gas against Nadal on Friday when he could knock the Spaniard out.

"I'm going to give it my all. I'm going to try to give my soul, and I think it's also a very good challenge for me in order to prepare for more difficult matches in the semi-finals," he said. "It's going to educate me, and I'm going to try to get and absorb as

much as I can from that."

### Consolation win

Matteo Berrettini will leave the ATP Finals with a victory after beating Dominic Thiem 7-6 (3), 6-3 on Thursday.

The match was essentially meaningless as Thiem had already qualified for the semifinals after winning his first two round-robin matches, while Berrettini had no chance of advancing after two losses.

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Thiem didn't play anywhere near as well as in his wins over Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic but came from a break down to force a tiebreaker in the first set. However, Berrettini raced out to a 6-1 lead in the tiebreaker and converted his third set point with an ace.

In the second set, the Italian broke for a 4-2 lead and served out the match at love, sealing the win with a forehand drop shot.

Berrettini surprised many just by qualifying for the year-end event for the world's top eight players, and said he enjoyed the experience despite the early exit.

"It was a great week," Berrettini said. "For sure being here wasn't a goal at the beginning of the year. It's just crazy that it happened."

After hitting 50 winners in his three-set victory over Djokovic on Tuesday, Thiem finished with just 13 in this match.

"Of course I felt a little bit the two first matches, and then also it's a bit of a tricky situation to know that I'm already through," the Austrian said. "Of course I was still trying to win that match 100%, but also, in the same time, I knew in my head that I have to take care for Saturday, because obviously it's the way more important match there."

### Zverev denies using phone

ALEXANDER ZVEREV denied using his cell phone during his match against Stefano Tsitsipas after videos of him appearing to fiddle with something inside his kit bag emerged on social media. *The New York Times* writer Ben Rothenberg was among the first to share a clip of Zverev's alleged misdeemeanour: "Tennis Channel catches Zverev apparently using his phone during last changeover, nice spot. Very much against the rules. Zverev was not particularly slick about the phone use either. He's down a double break in this set, so it hasn't much helped," he Tweeted. According to the laws, players are not allowed to access any electronic device during matches. Zverev, however, vehemently denied the allegations and said it was probably an "empty bottle". "My cellphone? My cellphone was within the locker room, truly. My cellphone was within the locker room. I at all times depart it there. I don't know what they noticed, but it surely was undoubtedly not a cellphone," he told reporters at the post-match conference. On further probing, Zverev said: "A water bottle? Empty water bottle possibly?"

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All concerned are hereby informed that the Judicial Inquiry so set up, is operational with effect from 15.11.2019 from Ground Floor, C-Wing, Vikas Bhawan-2 Civil Lines, near Metcalf House Delhi-110054.

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